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THE GRIM REAPER.

Sketches of the Lives of Persons Who Have Recently Passed Away.

HENRY WILLIAM TRUAX.

Henry William, son of Daniel and Etta Truax, was born at Pleasant Ridge, this county, on the 29, 1875 and died in Dayton, Ohio, Thursday, December 12, 1913, aged 38 years, 5 months, and 14 days.

He was reared with Christian parents during his early boyhood days, he became a devoted religious life and lived until its mortal end. He entered upon a life of service as a teacher in the schools of Pennsylvania for sixteen years of age, and steadily rose to prominence in educational work of his native state, being at one time principal of the State Reform School at Morgantown, Pa.

He was energetic and ambitious to succeed in his chosen life-work, he made a higher preparation and endeavorment for it, and graduated from that institution in 1899.

His fine qualities both as teacher and superintendent soon found recognition in the great educational work of Ohio.

He rendered most efficient services as principal of the Lewis schools in 1898-99, principal of the Germantown high school for one year, and superintendent of Springboro high school for three years. In all this work he maintained a high standard, and sought to raise the school to the highest grade.

In the fall of 1913, he retired from the educational work and returned to Dayton, and there engaged in the real estate business for three years; then transferred his business to San Antonio, Texas, and returned to Dayton in 1911, where he again engaged in real estate and mercantile business.

His meager outline of facts serve to indicate the strenuous activities of this very energetic and efficient man. Nor are these facts all that deserve mention. More than all these and more than all these possible, was he a man himself.

On June 7, 1900, he was married to Miss Cora Miller of Lewinsville, Ohio. As a true and loving husband and father, and a loving mother, this happy home life was continued until death.

He left three children, Noah, Miriam Grace, and Sara Etta, were always the objects of his solicitous care and kindness. He leaves a wife, mother and children, a priceless heritage of tender memories, tearful sorrows, triumphant hope, and abounding faith.

A FRIEND.

HOUPT.

David Merrill Houpt, son of David and Mrs. Paul Houpt, of Andover, died on Monday, December 13, aged 3 months and 11 days, caused by a severe attack of whooping cough and pneumonia. Interment in the cemetery at Andover, services being conducted by their pastor Rev. E. J. Hays.

MATILDA HOLLINSHEAD.

Matilda Hollinshead, daughter of the late Eld. Joseph H. Hollinshead, of Belmont township, died at the home of her son Joseph H. Hollinshead at Foltz, Franklin county, last Saturday morning, December 28, aged 82 years. The funeral was held at Foltz on Tuesday.

When George K. Nelson of the town of Belmont went to do the feeding he found one of his horses dead. He found the night it had gotten down and foot over the halter strap as the colt rising three years ago had purchased from Mr. Mellott near Sipes Mill in Belmont.

Farmers' Institute.

Could we publish full reports of all the good things said at the several institutes held in the County this winter, it would require all our space for months. Needmore was the only one from which we received anything except mention of the program. At that place the following local talent lent vim and good feeling to the occasion by entertaining the audience, on several occasions.

Messrs Frank Rank, president of the County Association, and H. L. Peck, Sec. Elder Funk frequently led in devotional exercises. Some of the songs rendered by the audiences were: "Old Folks at Home," "America," and "Old Oaken Bucket." Two duets by the Misses Estelle and Katharine Hart. Song by the Misses Lanehart, Mellott, Powers and Garland. Rev. John Mellott gave a little talk on the value of the institute, and, after the singing of "God be with you 'til We Meet again," dismissed the audience.

What Rev. Mellott said about the value of the institute we do not know; but can imagine that he advised his hearers to go to their respective farms and take an inventory of methods and practices and if not found to be in accordance with what those practical, farmer-speakers recommended, to immediately set about to change their program.

Journal's New Home.

George A. Fleming, editor and publisher of the Mercersburg Journal, has leased the Dufferin building on east Seminary street, and will move the office equipment of his paper into it as soon as suitable arrangements can be made. A cylinder press and other improved machinery will be added to meet the requirements of business. The people of that enterprising town should appreciate this move, and give to Brother Fleming that support that is due the man who, from weekend to weekend gives the best of his thought and energy to the building up of his town and the protection and advancement of the interests of its citizens. In return every citizen of the town should give his hearty support and patronage to the Journal; for a stranger invariably sizes up a town by the appearance of its newspapers.

We Have Them, Too.

Human nature seems to manifest itself in similar manner everywhere, and in Oklahoma "a little more so." A recent number of The Oklahoma Farm Journal, a splendid, semi-monthly, published by John Fields, formerly of this place, contains the following which reminds us of the "Hullless Oats," and other sharpers who have "worked" some of our citizens.

"The drouthy season of 1913 developed an unusual crop of 'experts' who have 'discovered' new varieties of 'fodderinkum' and have the 'seed' for sale. Such schemes are usually temporarily profitable, to the fellows who work them. Since farming is always more or less of an experimental proposition, farmers generally have a disposition to 'try' new things. And that is why the 'dinky bird' sings so gleefully in the 'amfalula tree.'"

Recent Wedding.

LYNCH—HANKS.

Mr. Scott Lynch and Miss Margaret Hanks were united in marriage on Sunday, December 21st, by Justice of the Peace George Miller, at his office in Buck Valley, this county.

SHOPE—GRESS.

Mr. Herbert Shope, of Saltillo, and Miss Rosella Gress, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gress, of Knobsville, were married on Wednesday, December 24th, by Rev. J. V. Royer, at the M. E. parsonage, in this place.

Our New Burgess and Council.

On Monday, January 5th, the day set by law, Burgess W. H. Nesbit will turn over the books of that office to Burgess-elect, William A. Sloan, who, together with the new Town Council, will take the oath of their respective offices on that day. Speaking for Mr. Sloan, he desire the News to ask the help of every citizen in giving the town good, clean government. Mr. Sloan did not seek the office of Burgess; indeed when he found his name on the ballot, he did what he could to discourage his election; but his friends thought otherwise, and made him Chief. His reason for not wishing to assume the responsibility is, that he is in frail health, and prefers to avoid any activity, detrimental to his physical condition. However, Mr. Sloan assures us that he will do all within his power to give the town a clean administration. His life among us as merchant, farmer, justice of the peace, assistant postmaster, and of late years, retired, exemplary citizen, fits him admirably to understand our needs and enforce the borough laws. We predict for him a noble administration.

The new Councilmen who will take oath of office on that day are A. U. Nace, D. E. Little, J. A. Irwin, R. C. McQuade, and A. B. Wilkinson. What we might say of any one of these gentlemen would apply with equal force to all of them. They are men in whom we have greatest confidence to legislate for the greatest good of the greatest number.

We bespeak for the new body the hearty support and co-operation of all who have the good of the old Burg at heart.

Birthday Party.

On Saturday evening, December 13th, a large number of friends surprised Mrs. J. E. Grissinger, Ayr township, when they called to celebrate her 29th anniversary, bringing with them many beautiful and useful presents. A beautiful dinner was served at 9 o'clock, and at a late hour, all wished Mrs. Grissinger many happy returns of the day and departed for their several homes. The guests were: Mrs. J. C. Maun, sons John and Don; Mrs. Christ Shimer and Paul; Mrs. Ralph Reed and Guy; Mrs. R. N. Shimer and Marlin; Mrs. Addie Largent; Misses Emma and Elizabeth Doyle; Miss Murnie Rummel; Miss Samantha Mellott; J. Scott Alexander; Mrs. D. L. Alexander; Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Glazier; Russell, Kennet and Thelma Glazier; Miss Dotte Richards; Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Comer; Mr. and Mrs. Ahimaz Clevenger; Calvin, Jacob and Kathryn Clevenger; Mr. and Mrs. John McLucas; Mrs. Harry Gress, and Jessie and George Gress; Scott, Virginia, Rebecca and Bertha Tritle; Mr. and Mrs. James Gordon and George and Virginia Gordon; Thurman Nesbit, Wilbur Peck; Mr. and Mrs. Reed Grissinger; Elwood Grissinger; Mrs. Rush Jackson, of Chambersburg; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Grissinger and family.

Woman's Work.

Improved farming is all right, but we fail to see where it has "improved" the woman's end of the business. She is still wading after the wood and water and doing more of her share of what should be man's work, same as in Revolutionary days. The stock has running water in the yard but the old wheezy pump, fifty yards from the door is "good enough" for the "wimmin'." The woodpile under the old tree also seems good enough. The wife cannot slave in this old fashioned way and raise the kind of boys described by Prof. Menges at the institutes, and which we must raise in order to have them intelligent enough to grasp "improved" ideas. A little easing up on the demands of the mother now would show up in the next generation of motherhood, also.

Farmers' Wives.

One thing we are sure of that the average farmers' wives are not getting their share of the improved farming we hear so much about in this enlightened day. We cannot see that the wood and water are furnished to the stove and kitchens in any improved manner. The duties of properly raising a family of young children, together with women's household work, would drive the average "lord of Creation" to drink.

The Forestry Department's policy is to make the forests of value to the people in every possible way. A large part of this value is in the production of available timber. The department, while it takes waste land and reforests it has never held that the reserves should never be touched with an axe, and it has always permitted the removal of defective or mature trees when a fair price is paid.

HAD NICE TRIP TO WASHINGTON.

Boy and Girl Corn, Potato, and Canning Club Champions of Several States.

Over 75 farm boys and girls who as members of agricultural clubs have led their States in the production of corn, potatoes, cotton and tomatoes and in the home canning of their own garden produce, spent from December 11 to December 18 in Washington. The trip to Washington, the expenses of which were borne by individuals and civic, commercial, and agricultural organizations in the States, who are proud of the agricultural achievement of their sons and daughters, was one of the many rewards of these little champions. The boys and girls visited many points of interest in and about Washington, were received by many Government officials and obtained their coveted diplomas from the Secretary of Agriculture. The work done by these children was under the direction of the Office of Farmers' Cooperative Demonstration and the Office of Farm Management.

Of the corn club boys, Walker Lee Dunson, of Alexander City, Tallapoosa County, Ala., not only leads the country, but has broken the record for corn production. Walker raised 232.7 bushels on a single acre, at a cost of only 19.9 cents per bushel. This exceeds the previous record of 228.75 bushels, at a cost of 42 cents per bushel, held by Jerry Moore, of South Carolina. The second corn club boy this year is J. Jones Polk, of Prentiss, Jeff Davis County, Miss., with 214.9 bushels, raised at a cost of 21.4 cents per bushel, and the third was J. Ray Cameron, of Hinton, Lenoir County, N. C., with 190.4 bushels, raised at a cost of 33.25 cents per bushel.

Of the girls, the leader in canning and tomato work is Miss Clyde Sullivan, of Ousley, Lowndes County, Ga., who put up 2,464 cans out of a yield of 5,354 pounds of tomatoes. The second place will probably go to Miss Lizzie Kelley, of Union, S. C., with a yield of 4,375 pounds of tomatoes, and third place apparently will go to Miss Lucy F. Bale, Augusta, N. J., who raised 3,980 pounds of tomatoes. Agnes Friedell, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, with 3,403 pounds, and Isabel Davis, Summerfield, Marion County, Fla., are also among the girls who have high yield for their tomato patches.

Retiring Burgess.

In an interview with retiring Burgess, W. H. Nesbit, he being a very modest man said he would not make a set speech for publication, but that we might say what we pleased about his administration, as he has a clear conscience so far as his life in office is concerned. Taking him at his word we have tried to think of something mean to say about him, but failed.

Next to an editor, a Burgess holds a position in which it is hard to please everybody. Fortunately for Mr. Nesbit's peace of mind, he does not care a rap for what the restless portion of our citizens may think of any of his actions, as long as he feels as he does that he did his duty. This happy faculty made Mr. Nesbit a good Burgess, and we can think of no act of his with which any one could find fault. Perhaps the ones whom he called down upon them the weight of the law feel "sore," but even they would not dare to say "out loud" that they did not get their desserts, or that Mr. Nesbit showed any fear or partiality in administering the law. Being mayor of any small town where opinions differ in almost as many instances as there are citizens, makes it necessary for that official to keep a thick lining in the back of his coat and follow his own judgment, which, in ninety-nine cases, prove best for the town.

We feel safe in saying that Mr. Nesbit will leave the office of Burgess next Monday with the good will and respect of the citizens of town and vicinity. In laying aside the office of Burgess, Mr. Nesbit will not cast away his interest in public welfare but will devote his time to studying the needs of his agricultural customers and how he may best serve them with improved machinery, as well as continue to support good town government.

Incubators and Brooders.

Mid-winter is the time when many begin to study catalogues of incubators and brooders with a view to raising chickens on an easier plan than the old hen route. To all who intend to buy these machines we take the liberty of giving some advice gained from personal experience. First.—Make up your mind that you will believe what the manufacturer says about paying attention to what may now seem to you like useless care—it will save you humiliation and loss later. Second.—Do not buy low-priced machines—the best are the cheapest. Third.—Do not set the incubator where a draught will strike it. If one end stands near a cold wall, that end of the machine will not hatch well, because the inside temperature will be lowered one or two degrees. This cannot be overcome by raising the temperature of the whole machine, as the extra, necessary degree will make the other end too hot. Fourth.—If you have little children, and cannot put the machine where you know they never will touch it—save your purchase money and let the old hen continue to raise your chicks. A hat or mittens carelessly thrown on the delicate heat regulator will roast the eggs in five minutes. Fifth.—Follow the directions and never for one moment imagine that you can omit one little item. It is because of the violation of the first and fifth caution that some have concluded that incubators and brooders are a delusion.

WHEREAS, The Supreme Ruler of the Universe called for our midst our friend and brother B. Frank Mentzer; Therefore we bow in humble submission to His will who doeth all things well. Resolved, That the charter of our Camp be draped in mourning for sixty days. Resolved, That by his death we have lost a true and faithful member; that by these means we express our sympathy to the bereaved friends. Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the friends of the deceased brother, that they be printed in our papers, and that they be recorded in our Camp W. C. No. 609, P. O. S. of A.

J. C. MCGOWAN,
W. B. FRAKER,
JOHN MENTZER.

Christmas Dinner. A bountiful Christmas dinner was served on Christmas Day, to many friends, at the home of Rev. John Mellott, Pleasant Ridge. The dinner consisted of turkey, pies, cakes and the many little side dishes that garnish a dinner of turkey. Pleasant conversation and music was then the order of the day until about 3 o'clock, when Mr. Garland read a scripture lesson and offered a parting prayer. All then wished the Reverend gentleman and his family many more happy days like that, and departed for their several homes. The following guests were entertained, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Garland; Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Truax; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Mellott; Miss Martha Skiles; Frank Skiles; Roy Truax; Maud Hill and Jessie Truax.

GOES SOUTH. P. N. Baumgardner, of Bedford, traveling salesman for the DeLaVal Cream Separator company, has accepted a transfer of territory and will have his headquarters at Macon, Georgia. His territory will embrace the States of Georgia and Florida. He and Mrs. Baumgardner will leave for Macon next week. They are spending the Christmas season with their parents here and at Wells Tannery. We congratulate Paul on his promotion, which is deserved, he being a hustling and courteous gentleman.—Saxton Herald.

Week of Prayer. Union Services will be conducted in the churches of town during the week of prayer commencing in the Lutheran church, Monday January 5th, at 7 p. m., and continuing each evening as follows: Tuesday in the Reformed church, Wednesday in the M. E. church, Thursday in the U. P. church, and Friday in the Presbyterian church. Each pastor will have charge of the meeting in his own church.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful Outing.

Harvey A. Black, of Ebensburg, is spending the holidays among relatives in this county.

Rev. J. C. Garland and Sheridan Hann, near Pleasant Ridge, spent a short time in town last Monday.

Miss Mary Jane Johnston, who this year teaches in New Jersey, spent the holidays with relatives in the Cove.

Mr. Paul Ott came home from Iowa last week to spend the holidays with his home folks, John Ott and family.

Civil Engineer Francis M. Taylor, of the State Highway Department, spent the holidays with his family in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hockensmith of Saluvia, spent last Saturday in McConnellsburg and took dinner at the Washington House.

Miss Ella Kendall, of Philadelphia, is spending the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Kendall in the Cove.

Nick Roettger returned to Hagerstown Monday morning after having spent several days with his family of east Walnut street.

William W. Dalbey came over from Chambersburg on Christmas and took dinner with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Dalbey.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmer McCune, of Mercersburg, spent Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Little, Mrs. McCune and Mr. Little are brother and sister.

Charlie McCurdy, wife, and son of Hagerstown, came to McConnellsburg last Wednesday and spent the time until Saturday with Mrs. McCurdy's brothers and sisters.

C. R. Brown, Taylor township, dropped some "long green" on our desk the day before Christmas. Mr. Brown said he wanted the printer to enjoy Christmas same as other people. Good boy!

Hon. Harry A. Thompson, of Tyrone, spent a day or two last week with his sister Miss Minna D. Thompson in this place, and entwined digits with his many old time friends in the town of his boyhood days.

Mr. C. H. Kendall and daughter Miss Lillie, and his granddaughter Katharine, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Russell Kendall—all of Altoona, spent the time from Friday until Monday with relatives in the Cove and in town.

Mr. Emory Booth, of Altoona, true to his custom of the past fifty years, spent part of Christmas holiday week in McConnellsburg. Mr. Booth told a News reporter that he would annually patronize a limekiln to improve his farm when the opportunity is offered.

Miss Barbara Martin, Tyrone spent the time from Christmas until the following Tuesday in the home of her mother Mrs. Lydia Martin in the Cove. On her way to McConnellsburg, Miss Martin stopped in Philadelphia long enough to help distribute gifts to four thousand poor children.

Mrs. A. M. Seavey (Minnie Comer) of Dixon, Ill., felt that her Christmas gifts to her mother this year would not be complete without a copy of the FULTON COUNTY NEWS for 1914. Mrs. Comer will be better remembered by her schoolmates in McConnellsburg as Kate Irwin, and her address is 921 Mississippi St., Dixon, Ill.

Mr. William M. Patterson, of Pittsburgh, dropped into the home of his parents, Hon. and Mrs. D. H. Patterson, at Webster Mills, Christmas, in time to get a seat at the first table at dinner. The quantity that he ate on that occasion had nothing to do with his staying until Saturday before returning to the Iron City.