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THE GRIM REAPER.

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

SUSANNAH SLUSHER PALMER.

Susannah Slusher Palmer, widow of the late Joseph Palmer, died at her home just across the river from Mount Union, Pa., at 1 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, January 13, 1914.

Mrs. Palmer was borne in Monroe county, O., December 27, 1831; hence, at her death, she was aged 82 years and 17 days. She was a daughter of Samuel and Lydia Slusher. Several years after the death of the father, the Slusher family came to Pennsylvania and settled in this county.

On the 19th of August, 1858, the deceased was married to Joseph Palmer, of Belfast township, this county, and to this union were born twelve children, of whom ten are living, namely, James G., Fairfield, Iowa; Amanda, wife of Harry E. Spangler, Wells Tannery, Pa.; Ellen, wife of S. M. Sharpe, Tyrone, Pa.; S. Bennett and Lewis, Hiawatha, Kans.; Howard, Robinson, Kans.; Edward, Centerville, Ind.; Louise, wife of C. R. Stunkard, Trafford, Pa.; John and Lorenzo V., at home. Charles C. and D. Allison died after having reached manhood. She is survived, also, by 23 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Palmer was the last surviving member of her father's family. After marriage she and her husband went to housekeeping in this county and remained here until 1897, when they removed to Huntingdon county, her husband dying just a few years ago.

In early life she united with the Sideling Hill Christian church, but in later life transferred her membership to the Primitive Baptist church. The funeral was held from the Baptist church at Mount Union on Thursday afternoon, and interment was made in the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

Mrs. Palmer was a faithful and devoted wife and mother, and left to her children the heritage of a long life of patient, gentle, unselfish Christian service. When the end came, she slept peacefully away, without the least indication of suffering, her death being due to the infirmities natural to advanced age.

MILLER.

Death entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Miller in Whips Cove, on Thursday morning, January 8, 1914, and with only a few days notice, claimed a loving daughter, Sylvia Pearl Miller, aged 6 years, 8 months and 17 days. Eleven days previous to her death she attended school, and got a cold and sore throat. Everything was done to relieve the little one of her suffering but Croupous Pneumonia laid hold and in a few hours time accomplished its fatal purpose. This is another illustration of the uncertainty of death, and leads us to think that—"Life is like a vapor suspended in the skies, appearing for a moment and then away it flies."

She leaves to mourn her loss a father, mother, three sisters, Bessie, Ada and Florence, and one brother Stewart. Funeral conducted by Rev. J. R. Logue. Interment at Zion church Bedford county, on Saturday afternoon.

Farmers' Car in Bedford.

News readers in the western part of the County will be interested to know that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will run one of their Agricultural Exhibit cars over the Bedford Division on February 2 to 19 inclusive. Beginning at Claysburg on February 2 and 3, the car will proceed to cover the line from there to Cumberland, Md., stopping at all stations. The dates set for the town of Bedford are February 9 and 10.

Hens.

A record of a flock of hens kept at Brookside Farm, gives some facts that may be of interest to many of the readers of the NEWS.

The conditions are a good blue-grass and timothy range, a sheltered southern exposure, a house divided by a wire partition into laying and sleeping quarters, and a rude shed for cold or rainy weather.

The hens were fed their grain on the sod during the summer, in their laying quarters during the winter, and made to scratch for it in a bed of leaves.

Their rations during most of the year 1913, consisted of whole wheat and corn, with bran and corn meal fed as a dry mash. Water and milk were supplied abundantly and were warmed in winter. Oyster shells and gravel were supplied regularly.

The flock consisted of seventeen grade Leghorns, which number was increased to twenty-five by adding a number of pullets and disposing of the oldest hens.

Now, as to results: the flock paid in chickens sold and eaten, together with the egg product, a net gain over all expenses of \$36.00.

During the latter part of the year, the hens were fed in quantity about as follows: Wheat and corn whole in the scratching pen along with refuse vegetable scrap as they were made day by day.

In addition to this, the following mixture was fed as a dry mash, all the hens would clean up until next feed:—

15 lbs. corn meal.
10 lbs. bran.
2½ lbs. oil meal.
12½ lbs. beef scrap.
½ lb. salt.

The corn, or wheat, was fed about 4 o'clock in the afternoon according to weather conditions.

The beef is a commercial feed, is obtained through a supply house, and costs \$2 a hundred.

The average number of eggs laid per week during December and January to the present time, is from three to four dozen.

The above ration is a modification of the famous Cornell Ration.

Octogenarians.

Last Sunday marked the eightieth anniversary of the twin brothers John and Jacob Gordon, living near Big Cove Tannery, and to recognize the event and to congratulate the "boys" a number of their friends and neighbors called, and a nice dinner was served. Their pastor, Rev. Powers was present and conducted appropriate religious exercises in which gratitude was expressed to God who had been so gracious to the "twins" during their long life. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. John Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gordon, Mrs. Margaret Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. George Lynch, and their children, Helen and Maye; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Gordon and children George and Virginia, Hilda Glenn, Frank McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Gordon, and children Roy, Kenneth and Margaret; Mr. John J. Morton, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gordon and children Harvey, Charles, Rachel, and Josephine; Mrs. Eli Largent and son Harry, Mr. and Mrs. "Dick" Wilson, Wilbert Mann, Harry Bergstresser, Isaac Peck, Herman Richards. A coincidence was the fact that Luther Gordon was born on the same day of the same month as was his father John Gordon, but 47 years later.

Farm Credit Bill.

A farm credits bill was introduced in the House by Representative Bathrick of Ohio, last week. Under the terms of the measure a new bureau in the Treasury Department would loan sixty per cent. of the value of farms on mortgages at four per cent., the money to be obtained by issuing three per cent. government bonds

Court Proceedings.

In the Estate of Job Clark, deceased, Auditors' report confirmed.

Return of sale of real estate by H. L. Wishart, guardian of minor children of John A. Wishart, presented and confirmed.

In the estate of W. H. Nelson, deceased, exceptions to the auditor's report were dismissed and the report confirmed.

Account of S. B. Woollet, Com mitte of Joseph Thomas, was amended and confirmed.

In the matter of the petition of Mrs. Ida Gipe for an order to sell real estate. Hearing was continued until March Term.

H. L. Wishart vs. Nellie Wishart, Alias Subpoena in Divorce awarded.

In the matter of the petition of Mrs. L. C. Wishart, widow, for allowance for support and maintenance of minor children, the Court allowed \$100 per year until further order of the Court.

In the estate of Ephraim Mel-lott, deceased, order for sale of real estate for payment of debts allowed.

The Chambersburg Trust Co. was appointed guardian of Mark Swartz and George Swartz, minor children of Maggie Swartz, deceased.

Return of Order to view a private road in Tod township was presented and confirmed ni si.

Report of viewers, appointed to view a public road in Bethel and Union townships, was presented, and appointment of F. M. Taylor as of viewers revoked, and F. P. Plessinger, substituted, and order continued.

In case of Jacob Powell vs. William Barnhardt et. al. Replevin. Leave granted for Henry Barnhart and Cecil Barnhart to become defendants.

In the assigned estate of Wm. Kuhn, report of auditor confirmed.

In the estate of D. C. Fleck, deceased, auditors report confirm ed.

First and final account of J. A. Mason and W. F. Bridges trustees of J. T. Bridges, for benefit of creditors. Confirmed and Hon S. W. Kirk, appointed auditor.

First and final account of Margaret Gress, Administratrix of Adam Gress, deceased, presented and F. P. Lynch, Esq., appointed auditor to pass on exceptions and make distribution.

First and final account of I. B. Lake, and Roy C. Cromwell, Adms. of the estate of Jonas Lake deed., confirmed and S. W. Kirk, Esq., appointed to make distribution.

First and final account of John Mentzer, Admr. of H. H. Hertzler, deed., was confirmed and M. R. Shaffner, Esq., was appointed auditor to make distribution.

First account of John P. Sipes, and S. W. Kirk, assignees of Frank P. Lynch, presented and J. Nelson Sipes, appointed to pass on exceptions and make distribution.

Petition of supervisors and citizens of Licking Creek township for a public road to be laid out, was presented, and the Court appointed the following viewers: M. R. Shaffner, Frank P. Plessinger and W. B. Ranck.

School Statistics.

The statistical portion of the report of Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, shows 13,302 school houses, and 36,607 schools an increase of 888. There are 8,222 male teachers and 29,624 female teachers. The average length of the school year is 8.58 months, an increase of one-tenth of 1 per cent a month.

The number of pupils enrolled during the year was 1,343,055, an increase of 20,801, and the sum total of salaries, \$23,485,825.86 an increase of 1,348,139.49. The cost of the school houses erected was \$8,060,063, and increase of \$750,535.

PROF. KALBFUS' LETTER.

State Zoologist Makes an Appeal for Help in Feeding Our Wild Birds.

"Pity the needy and the helpless these cold days," is an expression often heard, and some of those voicing this sentiment mean just what they say, and stand ready to do what they can for those who may be suffering. To many men these words are meaningless, and so long as they themselves are well fed and clothed they care not what may happen to others.

To be wet and cold and starving is indeed a terrible thing for any creature, and perhaps there is some excuse for men who almost rebel against God when such conditions are forced upon them. Have you ever seen men on the verge of starvation? Have you ever seen four-footed animals and birds starving? If not, you may well bless God for sparing you this ordeal. I come to you now in this letter in behalf of the birds and beg of you to do something for them. They are wet, and cold, and helpless. The snows have fallen. The birds have no stored supplies. They have no fellows, who better off than they, might give them even crumbs from their table. They have no organized charities to whom they can turn for succor. They must have help or they will surely perish.

Grain scattered for Bob-White or other game birds, a lump of suet or fresh pork hung up in some place where the downy woodpecker or the kinglet or the nuthatch may find it; crumbs and small seeds for the little ground feeding birds, will surely be appreciated by them in this their time of need, and will bring to you a return through the life-work of these birds that cannot be expressed in words or figures. You may not be able to do much in yourself, but you can do some little thing.

Respectfully yours,
JOSEPH KALBFUS,
Secretary, Game Commission.

Bank Directors and Officers.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the banks last week, the following persons were elected:

Fulton County Bank: Geo. B. Mellott, C. R. Spangler, Jno. A. Irwin, A. U. Nace, S. R. Cromer, W. M. Comer, D. A. Nelson, Oliver Hill, D. A. Washabaugh, W. Scott Palmer, and Geo. A. Harris. President, Geo. A. Harris; Vice President, C. R. Spangler; Cashier, Wilson L. Nace.

First National Bank, McConnellsburg: John P. Sipes, B. Frank Henry, Peter Morton, D. L. Grissinger, John A. Henry, S. W. Kirk, Tobias Glazier, D. W. Gress, Dr. J. W. Mosser. President, John P. Sipes; Vice President, B. Frank Henry; Cashier, Merrill W. Nace; Teller, Geo. S. Grissinger.

First National Bank, Three Springs: C. F. Weise, G. W. Barnett, R. P. Smith, Clay Park, B. H. Shaw, H. G. Cutchall, John Cohick, Frank Wible, and Scott Wible. C. F. Weise, president, and Allen Cutchall, cashier.

Recent Wedding.

HOLLINSHEAD—CORRELL.
Miss Jessie Correll, daughter of Mrs. S. N. Bumgarner, of Belfast township, was married at Hagerstown, Md., on Monday, January 12, 1914, to Mr. John Hollinshead.

OYLER—WOODAL.

Miss Retta Woodal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Woodal, near Fort Loudon, Pa., and Mr. Samuel Oyler, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Oyler, of this county, were married at the Lutheran parsonage last Friday evening by Rev. Robert E. Peterman. The young people have the best wishes of their numerous friends.

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Sabbath Observance.

According to the wishes of the County Sabbath-Association, the pastors throughout the County will devote one Sabbath in January to the discussion of the Sabbath Day, admonishing their people to observe the day in accordance with Scripture, and in giving such instruction and advice to their congregation as may seem necessary in their respective localities. That the proper observance of the day is beneficial to mankind, both physically and spiritually, cannot be denied if the matter be viewed from no other standpoint than that of experience. On last Sabbath Rev. J. L. Grove of this place, discussed the subject, basing his remarks on what purely scientific discoveries prove. He showed in this manner how one day of rest in seven is a physical necessity so that the restoration of expended energy may be secured in order to maintain the proper balance in man's health. He showed how scientists have proven that a day of rest every eight or ten days will not suffice, and how one day in less than seven works equally harmful results.

God in His wisdom, knowing our frame, appointed one day in seven to be observed in order that man's highest physical and spiritual natures might be developed. This principle being recognized as good, by both Church and State, it is very reasonable therefore, that the letter has sufficient grounds for the regulation of the citizen's observance of one day in seven, commonly called Sunday.

To Raise More Steers.

Every now and then we hear of something that inspires the Agricultural Editor of the NEWS to again take up the argument for more cattle raising in the hilly parts of our little, mountainous county. Having spent many years in the western cattle country, and having studied the subject of cattle raising from actual practical work, we feel competent to speak intelligently upon the subject as it applies (or should apply) to this particular spot.

After years of personal talks with men, and after repeated articles in the News, we are still confronted with the same old excuse "I cannot raise corn to fatten them." Men, men, this is the very reason why we claim you should raise the steers we are begging for, that you may sell them to corn growers who depend on others for feeders.

Why are you wearing yourself out by trying to raise ten barrels of ear corn to the acre when, by less than half the work you would raise all the pasturage and forage crops necessary to clear you more money per acre? It costs every cent of \$10 to raise ten barrels of corn (when that is all you get per acre) but if those acres were producing some of the well known forage crops there would be some profit, minus a four-horse load of drudgery. Calf raising will also have to be "learned over" by a lot of people. We know from experience that many of our so called mountain cattle do not bring the same price as cow-raised calves, where farmers buy steers to feed over winter. In the first place, the frame and constitution is lacking, and a trial of half a car of these cattle along side of half a car of western steers of equal age will convince any man that our eastern, pot-bellied steers will hardly pay for the feed they eat, while the other pen will show a profit. We know that Fulton county is adapted to raise even better feeders than "out west." This is why we feel constrained to keep harping on the subject, for the News is very much in earnest in its desire to stand for the best things for the County.

Mrs. James Sipes, whose illness was reported, last week, is improving.

To Get Winter Eggs.

The very first thing that is absolutely necessary in order that pullets may lay during the winter is proper age. The Rocks and some others that naturally begin laying at from six to eight months must be hatched in February and March. If they are hatched earlier than this and raised under fastest growing conditions, they will moult early in the fall and not recover from the "shock" in time to regain vitality for winter laying. The only guide is, that you hatch them in time to come to full vigor and activity just before the cold weather, sets in. If you keep a breed that matures in 4½ or 5 months, let the hatch come in April or May.

Now then—granted that you obeyed the law of Nature up to this point, the next step is to keep the peeps from getting chilled for as short time as one minute until all danger of cold is passed. Chicks that have been chilled will not always die, but if you will toe mark them so as to be able to trace their history, you will find that few of them afterwards amount to much; they seldom ever pay cost of keep.

After the chicks are hatched, keep them growing to beat the band: stunted peeps are as bad as can be. At all times and especially as the pullets near the full feather stage, feed them a variety of food, always including best qualities beef scraps, with an abundance of good water. Roosting places must have plenty of fresh air, but above all things, no draughts. Think of the good rich food a hen must eat in order to lay her own weight in eggs in one month! Think, too, of the impossibility of her doing this if she is not comfortable every minute in the day and night! Hens, hogs, or any other creatures, will starve to death if confined where no other food but corn can be found. Winter egg-laying hens demand the green stuffs, animal or insect matter, and all the varieties of food that make hens lay in summer time. As the time will soon be here when you will want to set eggs for next winter's layers, we recommend that you begin now to get ready for it.

Will Raise Fish.

Several Lebanon County farmers have taken up the production of fish as a farming adjunct. A farm near Bunker Hill, through which runs the Swatara creek—a considerable stream—has been purchased and will be stocked with bass and other fish. Several springs on the property will be utilized in developing trout ponds. An association has been formed, to which has been given the name of Lebanon Fish Farm Company, and application will be made for a charter. Hatcheries will be established for the purpose of supplying private ponds of members with stock fish. While the main object of the association is the furnishing of the members with fishing grounds, it is expected that it will prove a profitable venture in the sales made of fish for stocking ponds and streams. Two dams in the Swatara creek will be constructed at once. The association shares are \$5 each, and nearly all have been disposed of to farmers of Lebanon county.—American Agriculturist.

Sudden Death.

Anthony Thomas, a respectable colored man aged about fifty years died suddenly Tuesday morning. His home was at the foot of Cove mountain on the Hunter Road two miles east of Webster Mills. He worked for Hoyt Glenn on the Miss Esther Sloan farm. Leaving his home early Tuesday morning he went to Hoyt's and was in the horse stable with Hoyt carrying the horses when he became sick. He was taken into the entry, but died in a few minutes. He had not been well for several days and death was the cause of heart failure.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

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

Mrs. Frank Orr, of Chambersburg, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Albert Stoner.

Mrs. S. B. Woollett took her nephew, Fred Fisher, to the Thaddeus Stevens Trade School at Lancaster, on Tuesday.

Mr. Andrew Souders was at Clearspring Md. last week attending the funeral of his brother-in-law Mr. John Shank.

Mrs. Harry Hull went to Harrisburg last Monday, where she remained for several days under treatment for her eyes.

William H. Gunnells, of Fayetteville, Pa., is visiting the home of his sister Mrs. Geo. W. Parsons, Market street, Mt. Union, Pa.

Miss Mary C. Wilkinson went back to Philadelphia last Friday to resume work in the large millinery establishment of Dannenbaums.

George B. Regi, and daughter Miss Stella, near Knobsville, were shopping in town last Monday, and paid this office a nice visit. Miss Regi was shown the mysteries of how newspapers are made.

After having spent two weeks visiting her brother Thomas Bender in New Bloomfield, Pa., friends in Chambersburg and other places, Mrs. George H. Unger of the Cove returned to her home Tuesday, much pleased with her trip.

Mr. W. H. Greathead, who had been spending a week attending the Progressive Party convention in Harrisburg, and visiting friends in the eastern part of the State, returned home Tuesday.

D. H. Fraker, near Fort Littleton, was a pleasant visitor in the Burg last Saturday. Mr. Fraker is a reader, and believes it pays much better to spend time posting up on how to farm in a better way, than to swap stories behind the village grocery stove.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Sipes and little daughter Helen, of Cumberland county, spent from last Thursday until the first of this week with Mr. Sipes' parents, Hon. and Mrs. John P. Sipes, in this place. This is Virgil's first visit home since he and his family removed to their farm in Cumberland county, ten months ago. Farm life seems to agree with them, as they are looking well.

Are Feeding Cattle.

Last fall a Big Cove farmer recommended that the NEWS advise its readers to feed the surplus grain to cattle—no matter what the price of the grain. We have since been watching the trend of events throughout the country, and find that many cattle were rushed to market, and the grain sold for cash as the quickest way to take profits. This has lead far seeing men to believe that fat cattle will be high next spring, and they are backing their reasoning by holding on to their cattle and feeding to them the grain that otherwise might have been sold for cash. One thing is sure—if manure has a cash value of an average of \$2.50 per ton, these men will have a large bank account from this source alone that will insure more grain for another year.

U. S. G. Mann, near Burlington, Colo., says they are having a pretty stiff winter. They have been feeding fifty-four head of cattle since Thanksgiving, and the prospect is good to have to feed them for some time yet. Grant must have been interested in the NEWS' report of the Old Maid's Convention in the auditorium; for he says if we send a load of those old maids that seemed so anxious to be transformed, out to Colorado, they shall be accommodated.