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## THE GRIM REAPER.

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

### BARNEY.

Glen Willis, son of J. S. and Alice Barney died at the home of his parents in Clearville, Pa., Thursday, February 5, 1914, aged 11 years, 1 month and 24 days. Glen was a bright boy, a faithful attendant at Sunday school, and a studious boy in the day school. His teacher and his classmates sent to Cumberland and bought flowers to place upon his casket as a slight token of their affection for the boy. Father, mother, 3 brothers, and 2 sisters mourn his loss. Loving hands and sad hearts laid his little body away in the cemetery at Rockhill on the 7th. Rev. W. C. Garland, of Cumberland, Md., conducted the services.

### LEVI KEEFER.

Mr. Levi. Keefer, an aged and respected citizen of Thompson township died on Monday of last week with cancer, he having been a great sufferer for many years with that dreadful disease, aged about 75 years. He leaves to mourn his departure an aged wife, one daughter, Mrs. Carl Lanehart, of the Little Cove, and seven sons, Lewis and George of Hancock, Md.; Johnson A., of Sharpe, Pa.; Edward and Amos, of Franklin county, Pa.; and J. Calvin and Neal, of Tiffin, Ohio. He was buried Tuesday in the cemetery adjoining Rehoboth Church on Timber Ridge.

### JAMES R. NOBLE

James R. Noble a son of the late John Noble, of Cassville, Huntingdon County, Pa., died at Tampa, Florida, January 18th, whether he had gone in search of health. Mr. Noble for years had been a resident and prominent business man of Belle Fourche, South Dakota. Mr. Noble was aged about 53 years and leaves a wife and three children. He was a cousin of Mrs. Geo. W. Hays and Geo. A. Harris of this place.

### Blames the Groundhog.

Summerfield, Ill., Feb. 15th.

DEAR EDITOR:—In reading the Fulton County News, I see so many letters written by Pennsylvanians that I thought I would write a few lines telling you about my chickens. I have 4 old hens and 5 pullets, and during the month of January, 1914 they laid 102 eggs for me. I feed corn, wheat, and some scraps.

We had fine weather all winter up to Groundhog Day, and since that day when he saw his shadow in great shape, we have had all kinds of winter weather. Just now we have a deep snow and very cold weather. I am the only Pennsylvanian in this community and I look anxiously for the coming of the Fulton County News as I would a letter from dear old Fulton.

MRS. ADAM SHAFFER.

### Governor Hawley of Idaho.

Woman suffrage has proven successful in Idaho in so many ways that I cannot particularize. Elections are quiet and orderly, and the character of the candidates is scrupulously scanned. Tremendous interest is taken by the women through their various organizations in all legislation relating to the welfare of children and the uplift of humanity, and their demands the legislators always give heed. Through enfranchisement, woman's influence is greatly augmented.

### Only Forty-Eight Years Ago.

Abraham Lincoln never said "Hello Central," never dodged an automobile, never held a strap on a trolley car, never pushed a button for a light, never heard a phonograph and never posed for a motion picture, and yet Abraham Lincoln died only forty-eight years ago.

## An Outbreak of Glanders is Checked.

Something over a year ago a carload of twenty-six horses was shipped from a Western State into Columbia county for public sale.

These horses at that time were all in an apparently healthy condition and thus were sold to various farmers and horse men throughout that community. In a short time, however, several of these horses began to show symptoms of glanders, a dangerous infectious disease, thereby jeopardizing the health of hundreds of horses in neighboring Counties, as each horse in the car was undoubtedly a source of infection. Glanders is communicable to man and, as in horses, the disease is fatal.

Following the development of these cases, agents of the State Livestock Sanitary Board began to make a thorough investigation. By the tracing of all animals in this shipment, by the testing of these and in addition all exposed animals with mallein, an efficient diagnostic agent, and by an examination of blood samples collected from the horses and submitted to the Board's laboratory, nearly all of the twenty-six, besides other horses, in all thirty-three, were found to be infected with glanders.

All diseased animals were destroyed and thorough disinfection was carried out in all stables and on all premises where these animals were found and thus the horse owners of that community were relieved from any further loss.

### Stuck in Snowdrift.

On last Monday night as Ben McLucas was on his way from Mercersburg with the mail that arrives here at 9 o'clock p. m., he struck a big snowdrift across the road near the Trogler farm on this side of Mercersburg, and broke the tongue out of his sled. Not being able to make repairs immediately he was obliged to seek shelter for self and horses for the night at the farm house. With the temperature at or near zero, and the loose snow now flying and piling up in drifts, it would have been a risk of life to enter the mountains at that time of night, a good thing that the accident happened near shelter. This is the second time within a week the mails have been unable to cross the Cove mountain on account of drifts.

### Miss Seylar President.

At a meeting of the W. C. T. U. on Tuesday evening, Miss Mollie Seylar was elected president to succeed Mrs. S. B. Woollett, who was the first president of the local union. The members wanted to elect Mrs. Woollett for another term, but she felt that she was not physically able for some of the activities required, and insisted upon her release. Miss Seylar is at the head of the Woman Suffrage movement in this county, and as the two organizations are working hand in hand in opposition to Sir John Barleycorn's domination of the affairs of this country, it seemed fitting that Miss Seylar should be president of the W. C. T. U.

### Want Lincoln Way.

A campaign to induce the Lincoln Highway Association to include in its coast-to-coast route both Baltimore and Washington, as well as Hagerstown, was begun in earnest in Washington when a delegation representing the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association, headed by Senator John Walter Smith, conferred with District of Columbia Commissioners Newman and Siddons.

Daniel Baer, former landlord at Fort Loudon, is sojourning in Florida, and expects to remain there during February and perhaps longer, finding the warm and sunny southland more to his liking.

## CLEAN HANDS.

Little Talks on Health and Hygiene by Samuel G. Dixon, M. D., LL. D., Commissioner of Health.

Keep your hands clean! It is not without reason that the expression "his hands are clean" has grown to be a synonym for moral as well as physical cleanliness.

The hands are the part of our body most frequently in contact with infected and unclean materials. Unless precautions are observed until they become a habit this will lead to the conveying of disease germs to the mouth either directly or by the handling of food or anything we put into the mouth.

Keep soap and a good stiff bristle brush always convenient and make it a rule to wash your hands thoroughly before each meal. Before preparing food or serving it.

After the necessary toilet attentions.

After attentions to the sick and the handling of articles in a sick room.

It is a common thing to find secondary causes of typhoid and other diseases which have resulted from the failure to observe the latter precautions. And if the nurse must act as cook some disinfectant such as a 2 per cent. carbolic solution should be used as well as thoroughly scrubbing the hand with plenty of soap and warm water. The nails should receive particular attention.

Washing the hands is one of the simplest yet most important of the precautions which one can take to insure avoiding disease.

### March 8 to 15.

Ho, Superintendents! Attention, Again! Are the teams ready for the Big Week? There is a way in shaking hands by giving a grip of welcome. It is called the automobile grip. It beats the pump-handle grip all hollow.

There is a way to make a person feel he wants to belong to a Sabbath School. If you do not succeed in getting "the hardest one in the community to get" for your Sunday School by sending a squad of a half a dozen with the "I mean it" grip after him or her then tell me at the Convention next May. Some schools use the following plan to get ready for the canvass in March. Members of all the teams or squads come together at a home, have a good time, and drill each other on just what to say when they will go out to ask the people to unite with the school. Its great fun to go after some one for the Sunday school. County Convention at Cito, next May.

Secretary.

### Watch For Seed Frauds.

There are some parties defrauding farmers up in New York state by selling them adulterated seeds. Generally these men practice their nefarious business in districts far away from towns large enough to operate a seed house, because farmers there are more or less accustomed to order seeds shipped in. There is no telling when the pest may appear in this county—nor would it be his first trip if he came.

It is a pretty good rule at all times not to be on the lookout for something for nothing; or, at least, for too low a price. Good seeds never need to be peddled about; there is always a market for them by a cheaper method. Indeed, it is not necessary to peddle any staple. Sometime a man will call on you with a meritorious article, but when fraudulent, there are certain earmarks that should tell you that "something is wrong." Never give notes to strangers.

Prothonotary B. F. Henry had to climb fences and take a circuitous route to reach the Court House last Tuesday morning, on account of the snowdrifts, but he got there all the same.

## STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

Report of Meeting in Harrisburg January 28 to 30, by Delegate From This County.

EDITOR NEWS:—By your request I send you a brief report of the meeting of the State Board of Agriculture which met at Harrisburg, January 28, 29 and 30th. Members who have attended such meetings, before declare it was the most interesting meeting of the State Board they have attended.

The Secretary of Agriculture, Hon. N. B. Crichfield, who has charge of arranging the program for these meetings, conceived the idea of inviting the heads of all the departments in the State Capital to make a report of their special line of State business. Each department responded willingly and gave interesting statements of work being done along their line. Governor Tener, who is President of the State Board of Agriculture, presided at the opening session, and made an address on general topics of interest. The Governor paid special attention to the road question and requested the Board to suggest some feasible plan by which ten millions of dollars could be raised for building roads each year. This subject was discussed to some extent, and a committee was appointed to suggest some probable plan to get money for road improvement and report at the meeting of the Board at Stroudsburg next May. Dr. C. J. Marshal, State Veterinary, made a report on control of contagious diseases of animals—such as Tuberculosis, Rabies, Hoof and Mouth disease, Glanders and others of like nature. Prof. Surface showed lantern slides of the parasite which is putting the San Jose scale out of business in several counties, and it is expected to exterminate it entirely in the State. I have not the time or inclination to mention all the reports from the different departments; but will refer to the Auditor General's report of the duties of his department. All vouchers drawn on the State Treasurer must have his approval before money can be drawn on them. Of course, Mr. Powell was asked why he would not allow the State Highway Department to use the automobile license fund for road improvement as intended by an act of the Legislature. Mr. Powell is the live wire of the Harrisburg combination, and quoted law at a 2-40 gate. Had a good sized law library brought in and two of his clerks to find acts and sections while he read and explained. According to his interpretation of the law, the automobile license fund cannot be used until the Legislature names a specific sum in round number of dollars; and that cannot be done until the Legislature meets again. Mr. Powell declared the State Highway Department had a large sum of money on hand when they stopped work last September and could not see any reason for stopping. He seemed to place the blame on Mr. Bigelow, when he remarked "if Mr. Hunter had been at the head of the Department such conditions would not have existed." Mr. Hunter was then called in to explain why they stopped work when they had a good sum of money on hand. Mr. Hunter explained the appropriations, with the Automobile License fund added, was to be used in two years—one half each year. In September more than one-half the appropriation had been used and eighteen or nineteen State Aid contracts had been let to be paid for out of the balance. They then found Mr. Powell refused to let the automobile license fund be used and they were obliged to stop work so they might have some money for maintenance fund for 1914. There will be but a small amount of money for use this year unless Mr. Powell will allow the automobile license

## A NERVOY WOMAN.

Mrs. Jesse Hurd Slashes a Negro With a Butcher Knife, Who Enters Her Home.

[The Mrs. Jesse Hurd in this article is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Dishong, formerly of Licking Creek township, but for several years residing in the Eastern Shore, Maryland. The article is copied from last Saturday's Kent County (Md.) News, and is as follows:—Editor.]

"Another startling occurrence has stirred the people of this community. Mrs. Jesse Hurd, a young wife with two children, 3 and 1 year old, who resides with her husband on the Geo. H. Watts farm, about two miles from Chesertown, had an encounter with a burly negro Saturday evening about 9 o'clock and drove him bleeding from her home.

"Mr. Hurd, as was his custom left for Chestertown to bring his young sister home, the latter being employed in the Candy Kitchen. At the time he left a negro was secreted under the wagon shed and evidently had seen Mr. Hurd take some money from a hand satchel and replace the same on a peg in the kitchen.

"Mrs. Hurd was sitting near a table, close to the stove, while the two little children were asleep in an adjoining room, when in walked the negro. As he approached and reached for the satchel Mrs. Hurd grabbed up a butcher knife. The negro struck at her with an empty beer bottle which he carried in his hand but she dodged the blow. In dodging the negro she tripped over a small chair and started her nose to bleeding. This did not deter her, however, for as the negro rushed toward her she swiped him with the knife and he quickly fled leaving his hat, bottle and satchel.

"The negro was tracked by blood spots to his hiding place under the shed where he had evidently left something, then he returned and looked in the window, and went off. The noise awakened the three-year-old child who got up and came out in the room with her mother. Mrs. Hurd says the negro hearing the child returned to see who it was and let fly a brick through the window before taking his departure.

"It was after midnight when the husband returned but the plucky little wife kept up her courage all the time and was prepared for most anything.

"States Attorney Harrison W. Vickers and Sheriff Brown were at once notified and going to the scene found spots of blood in several places and tracks with blood here and there, showing conclusively that the negro had been wounded.

"Upon investigation, tracks were seen where a man had crept cautiously up the side of the fence, blood being found spattered on several boards. Tracks were also followed, showing that the man had made for the marsh on the Schaubler place.

"State's Attorney Vickers thinks that the cause of the negro entering Mr. Hurd's house was probably robbery.

"A posse led by Sheriff Brown scoured the woods near Mr. Hurd's home Tuesday, but no further evidence was found. The authorities are making a diligent search to apprehend the guilty party and he will be dealt with severely.

"Mrs. Hurd is the daughter of Mr. Simon Dishong, of near Hanesville. She is young and will weigh about ninety pounds. She has been brought up to use a pistol handily but had none in the house.

"Detective Hogans arrived from Baltimore Tuesday night and has been at work on the case with Attorney Vickers. It is thought a good clue has been found."

fund to be used.

The next meeting of the Board will be the Farmer's Annual Normal Institute at Stroudsburg, next May.

Sincerely,  
FRANK RANCK.

## Unjust Prejudice Against Bloodhounds.

Popular prejudice against blood hounds operates against the advisability of this dog as a watchdog in the opinion of the State Economic Zoologist, Professor H. A. Surface, who had one on his Cumberland county farm. To a Huntingdon county man who inquired about getting a bloodhound to guard his orchard, Prof Surface wrote:

"While bloodhounds are very gentle and affectionate in disposition, they are ferocious looking, and strangers are afraid of them. The very fact that there is a bloodhound on the premises keeps strangers away, especially after night.

"The difficulty was that some of my near neighbors and good friends hesitated to come to the place on account of the presence of the dog, and as he was of a visiting disposition, he would often go to their premises, and I fear that this may have worried them and caused them anxiety as to the safety of their families. I never had any trouble from marauders while I had this dog, yet there seemed to be an unjust prejudice against him, and finally one of the neighbors shot him. As he was off of my property at the time I have said nothing about it.

"To solve the problem further I obtained an Airdale dog, which is practically as good as a bloodhound, and is an excellent watchdog around the premises, and at the same time is of a very kind disposition toward members of the family. Neither the bloodhound nor the Airdale will be found at all cross to children."

### Oats for Hay.

We have no doubt that there are many among our readers who could use oats straw for hay to better advantage than to let it ripen and thresh it. The writer of this article lived in Texas for a number of years, and oats cut in the dough state was the only kind of hay used in this part of the country. Oats hay not threshed, compared with timothy, contains about ten per cent. more dry matter, two-thirds more protein, and from five to ten per cent. more carbohydrates and fat. Smut, that so often renders oats straw useless and even dangerous to feed, can be controlled by first soaking the seed oats in a solution containing one pound of formalin in fifty gallons of water. Soak for thirty minutes then dry on barn floor. As this will treat nearly fifty bushels of seed, a less quantity—say half pound of formalin and 25 gallons of water, if 25 bushels of seed are to be sown. Horses in Texas, fed on an exclusive diet of half-ripe oats hay, were able to stand hard work as saddlers for the "cow punchers" as the feeding value of the oat grain in the dough state almost equals that of ripened grain, and the straw cut green and dried is relished by all kinds of hay-eating stock.

Miss Mary Strait, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Strait, of Licking Creek township, went to Ashmore, Ill., about four years ago with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Lake when the latter removed from Pleasant Ridge. Miss Strait returned about January first to visit her parents and friends in this county, and will go back to Ashmore next week. She reports that the Lake family like farm life out there, and that they are prospering, although Mr. Lake had the misfortune to lose fifty-seven hogs last year from cholera. (Better luck this year, Joe.—Editor.)

Rev. George A. McAllister, Ph. D., of Chester, N. Y., has accepted the call to become pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, Chambersburg, made vacant by the resignation of Rev. A. F. Waldo, and Mr. McAllister will enter upon the duties of his pastorate the first of April.

## ORCHARD TIPS.

Valuable Suggestions for Improving the Crops from Fruit Trees.

Many inquiries are being received at the Division of Zoology at Harrisburg regarding the treatment of fruit trees during the late winter and early spring, and the following valuable suggestions are culled from the correspondence of Prof. H. A. Surface, State Economic Zoologist, as of benefit to everyone. To an inquiry about general pruning at the present time Professor Surface replied:

"It is the proper time of year to prune apple trees, and I recommend you to go ahead with this. You can also prune pear and even grape vines during the winter, if you wish; but I recommend postponing the pruning of peach until you are sure whether or not the fruit buds are ruined. If you find there will be no crop you should much more severely than otherwise. Cut the branches away back, and by stimulating new growth you can develop new branches heavily set with fruit buds for the crop during the second summer following. By such severe pruning you would be removing only the dead buds, which would, if alive, form fruit for the next summer, but in case these are not alive they are useless, and the art of the grower should be to insure plenty of buds for the following summer. One can not consider the time proper to prune his peach trees until after the period for late spring frosts is past. If a person should prune only lightly before blooming, for the purpose of saving fruit buds, and these should afterwards be damaged he is justified in going after the trees again and pruning much more severely.

"This is an important and practical point in horticulture which I think has not been set forth in the books on this subject. At least if this be true, I have not seen it. I have made use of it very considerably in my own extensive orchards. After I found that a temperature of 35 degrees below zero had killed my fruit buds a year ago last winter, I pruned the trees back very severely by semi-topping, and this resulted in the growth of an abundance of new branches, heavily set with fruit buds that gave me a magnificent crop of peaches last summer."

### Gaining Ground.

The idea of consolidating the public schools of the rural districts will not down. Every few weeks some district bobs up with a report of having tried it, and we have yet to hear of a failure.

The children are taken to school in public conveyances, and are then put into graded schools which, we all know, afford the child better opportunity for advancement. The children do not have to sit with wet feet do not feel too tired to study, do not wear out so many shoes, and have few doctor bills as the consequence of exposure, and can attend more days during the term. The plan affords the opportunity to teach more subjects that will educate the child to stay on the farm where, if he have the right kind of education, he can live a more intelligent and happy life than when thrown among the rougher element found crowding big factories. Our wisest men grew up on the farm.

### Missionary Coming Home.

Miss Alice Wishart, daughter of Mrs. S. P. Wishart, of Wells Tannery, who is doing missionary work in India, has not been enjoying good health for some time and intends to sail for home next Wednesday. She contemplates stopping off at several places of interest in Asia, Egypt and Europe, and will be on her journey a month or more.

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