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## THE GRIM REAPER.

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

### LEVI SMITH.

Levi Smith died of paralysis at his home in Whips Cove, Thursday, April 23, 1914. Mr. Smith was a son of the late Rev. John Smith, and was born in Bedford County, March 8, 1828, hence he was aged 86 years, 11 months, and 15 days.

Mr. Smith joined the Christian Church at an early age and was a consistent member for some 60 years, and was a trustee at Jerusalem church in Whips Cove, of which he was a member.

Levi Smith was married at an early age to Miss Martha Jane Mills daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Mills of Bedford county, to which union were born ten children five of whom are living.

The funeral was held Saturday, April 25, at the Jerusalem Christian church, Rev. J. R. Logue officiating and the body was laid to rest in the cemetery adjoining the church.

A beautiful character was Levi his life was an exemplary one, which any one could safely follow. His death has cast a gloom of sorrow over the whole neighborhood, as he was a friend of all who knew him.

In all his social life, he demonstrated the heroism of a true Christian man.

He is survived by his wife and five children, namely, Dennis living near Hancock, Md., Lizzie, wife of Simon Clabaugh, of Le Mars, Iowa; Rebecca, wife of John Engle, Locust Grove Pa.; Mary, wife of Aaron Layton, Locust Grove, Pa., and John, Clearville, Pa.; also by one half sister, and three half brothers, namely, Lizzie Smith, wife of Joseph Smith of Northraft; Elisha Smith, of Robinsonville; Will Smith of Keyser, W. Va., and Dennis Smith of Virginia; also 44 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren.

### MRS. J. ALFRED SPIES.

Mrs. J. Alfred Spies died suddenly at her home near Harrisonville, April 21, 1914, aged 57 years, 11 months and 5 days, during the evening of the day in which she died she appeared in her family, and to a friend whom she had entertained, as being in usual health. A few minutes before time to begin preparation for the evening meal she complained of not feeling well, and went to her bed to lie down until supper was ready. In about fifteen minutes afterwards a member of the family went to her room and found her in a dying condition, and in a few minutes more she passed peacefully away. We have not been able to learn what was the direct cause of her death, but it is supposed that it was from heart failure.

Mrs. Spies's maiden name was Agnes Bruner. Early in her childhood days she joined the M. Church and remained a consistent member until she received the call to come up higher. Her husband and five children survive her. Her pastor Rev. E. Croft, conducted the funeral services on the following Thursday, and interment was made in the cemetery at Siloam M. E. church.

### WILLIAM S. DIEHL.

Wm. S. Diehl, the youngest son of the late Boston and Emmaline Diehl, died at his home in Whips Cove, on April 19, 1914, aged 39 years, 4 months, and 15 days. He died of tuberculosis, after a lingering illness. Everything, including treatment at a hospital, was done to save his life; but to no avail.

To those who knew him, he was a kind friend and neighbor, and a loving husband and father.

Several years ago, he bought the William Hart farm, more recently owned by Cornelius Diehl, and being an intelligent, wide-

## Byers Arrested in Ohio.

Deputy Sheriff A. D. Hohman arrested H. Clyde Byers, in Canton, Ohio, last Thursday morning and brought him to McConnellsburg Friday, where he entered bail for his appearance at October court, and departed for home the same day.

Mr. Byers and wife were residents of McConnellsburg, they leaving here in the spring of 1913. They kept house in the brick building now owned by D. A. Nelson on west Marketstreet. His family consisted of himself and wife—the latter not being in very good health, they took into their home Rose Houpt, and orphan a granddaughter of the late Rev. Wolf of the Reformed church, and a daughter of the late Valentine Houpt. Mr. Byers conducted a barber shop and poolroom while in McConnellsburg. Shortly after Mr. Byers had removed from town, information was made against Mr. Byers by Rose Houpt charging him with fornication and bastardy and attempt to commit abortion. A n unsuccessful attempt was made to secure the arrest of Mr. Byers, by Sheriff J. J. Harris and Deputy Hohman, for the reason that they did not succeed in locating their man.

Recently Deputy Hohman received a tip that Mr. Byers was in Canton, O., in the real estate business. He at once went to Harrisburg and procured the necessary papers from Governor Tener; then, went to Columbus, O., and their received supplementary documents, which enabled him to make the arrest in Ohio and bring the prisoner to Pennsylvania. Mr. Byers' father-in-law, who owns property in Greenburg, Pa., came with the Deputy and Mr. Byers to McConnellsburg, and offered to bail Mr. Byers in the sum of fifteen hundred dollars. After District Attorney S. W. Kirk satisfied himself by telegraphing that the father-in-law was "good" for the amount, the bail bond was executed, and the prisoner given his liberty.

## Washington House Closed.

Unlike the river, the affairs of men do not go on forever. The famous old Washington House temporarily closed its doors to the general public last Saturday evening, and on Tuesday the familiar oval shaped sign was taken down. For thirty-four years Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Woollet have entertained the public at that old Corner, and there will be much disappointment throughout the County when patrons learn that their favorite stopping place is closed. Mrs. Woollet does not feel equal to the endless task of superintending the hotel any longer, and they are offering the house for sale. It is too good a stand to remain closed very long, and we predict that it will again be opened by some enterprising party who will continue to cater to the needs of the traveling public including the many summer boarders attracted to our mountain village. Woollet's will live privately in the building until it is sold or rented.

awake farmer, made many improvements about the old homestead.

He is survived by his wife Nettie and little son Curtis; also, by his mother and two brothers Robert and Edgar A., who reside in the Cove.

The funeral discourse was preached by Rev. A. G. B. Powers, at the Whips Cove church, and interment was made in the cemetery at the church, on April 22nd.

## MRS. WARNER.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lockard Warner died at her home in Toledo, Ohio, April 7, 1914, after an illness of about two months suffering from stomach trouble and advanced age, she having reached almost the four-score limit.

She left one son, Howard M. Warner, also of Toledo, Ohio.

## GEORGE SHOEMAKER'S LETTER.

Backward Spring in Iowa. Only One Other Fulton County Man in His Town.

Sumner, Iowa, April 23, 1914. My last letter to the NEWS, brought me three letters, from persons who had lost my address and who wanted to communicate with me. One was from Pennsylvania, one from Washington, D. C., and one was from Tennessee. So the "NEWS" though issued among the hills of old Fulton reaches out near and far.

We had a very pleasant winter free from severe storms of either snow or sleet, but the winter lingers.

We have had a few warm days but no real summer time yet. Farmers here have most of their oats planted, and will begin at once preparations for planting corn. The gardens are partly made. In a sheltered spot I have lettuce, radishes, early peas and onions up. They will grow when the warm sun and rain come. Rhubarb and asparagus are peeping through the ground. The grass on my lawn was long enough, so I mowed it for the first time this week. We are having fire in the furnace every day, and have not yet adopted straw hats.

We had a smallpox scare some weeks ago, but there was no spread of the disease and all is well at present writing. The general health of the community has been good all winter.

This summer our city will put in a complete sewer system. Work will be begun sometime in May, and completed before fall. We will then be modern all over even to a saloon. Bremer County is one of the few wet counties in Iowa. Our town has one saloon. The owner pays (\$6000) six thousand dollars a year license, and then makes money. We hope to have a chance soon to vote on state-wide prohibition, when we will drive the legalized saloon out of our beautiful state.

Until this year, during all my residence in Iowa, I have never had a Fulton County boy live in the same town with me. But Sumner has a man by the name of Henry S. Stevens, commonly, in his old home, called Scott Stevens, as a resident, as well as myself. He is the son of the late Joshua Stevens of Big Cove Tannery or Webster Mills. We have had some great old visits since last October when I landed in this town. Mr. Stevens is a blooded monopolist. He has rented all the hotels in the town, and has had things his own way for some time. Like all Fulton county boys he has made good. He has a fine family of girls, owns a farm or two, drives an automobile, votes the right ticket, (I guess) belongs to the United Brethren church, and is a good citizen in general. I have not been able to figure out just why, but this week he sold out his business, and I suppose I will soon be all alone again. Well, good luck to him. I do not expect to stay forever here. It isn't the way of a Methodist. Perhaps I may land in the same town with him again. I constantly read the NEWS with much interest and while I find much that is new to me, I also see a great deal with which I am familiar.

## Best wishes to all.

Geo. B. SHOEMAKER.

## Mellott--Truax.

A quiet wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Truax, in Belfast township, when their daughter, Miss Curtha Dale Truax, became the bride of Mr. William Blair Mellott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mason Mellott, also of Belfast township. The marriage took place on April 22nd, at 4 o'clock p. m., Rev. A. G. B. Powers officiating. Both are excellent young people, and the NEWS joins with a host of friends in wishing them a long, prosperous and happy life.

## THE FACTOR OF SAFETY.

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

The Engineer who plans a bridge or a skyscraper makes his calculations, based upon the strength of the steel, then he adds the factor of safety. After considering the breaking strain, which tests have shown material will stand, he generally multiplies this by three for additional security.

In the physical structure of our bodies there is included a factor of safety. Under all of the ordinary conditions of life this margin protects us. It takes care of the strains incidental to the rational existence for which the calculations of the Creator evidently intended us.

When the body is exhausted by over-work and under-feeding, or by dissipation and excesses, this factor of safety is so reduced that it fails to protect, and we become easy victims to communicable or organic disease.

While modern conditions of living make exceptional demands upon us, these are more than offset by the improvement in living conditions, as statistics prove that the average span of human life is being gradually lengthened. The thing which we should guard against is excessive and irrational indulgences. Ordinarily our intelligence is a sufficient guide if we permit it to govern us. It is seldom that we presume upon our strength without being aware of the fact.

Be temperate and the factor of safety will carry you through the requirements of your every-day work.

## Baccalaureate Sermon.

The baccalaureate sermon to the McConnellsburg High School graduating class of 1914 was delivered in the auditorium of the school building last Sunday evening, by the Rev. J. L. Yearick, pastor of the Reformed Church of this place. Rev's J. L. Grove, R. E. Peterman and J. V. Royer also took part in the exercises of the evening. A large choir, composed of members of the several churches of the town, with Miss Olive Pittman as pianist, rendered excellent music for the occasion.

Rev. Yearick chose for his text "He brought me into a large place." The thought running through the sermon was: Religion. The reverend gentleman explained to the class that the education they received in the schools was but the foundation of the superstructure to be erected by their own efforts. He earnestly plead with them to temper every act of their future lives with one central thought—religion—in order that they might attain the largest possible place in the shaping of human affairs in their respective spheres.

## Walked to Town.

Mrs. Aaron Morgret and her neighbor, Mrs. Margaret Richards, of lower Ayr township, spent the time from last Friday until Monday visiting the former's daughter, Mrs. Frank Gress on South First Street. While these two estimable ladies could have driven to town, they preferred to make the trip afoot. They have both passed the three-score milestone in life's pathway but they regarded the walk of eight or nine miles as pleasant recreation. The ladies called at the NEWS office Saturday morning—Mrs. Morgret to order the NEWS sent to her daughter Daisy who lives in Akron, Ohio, and Mrs. Richards to have her own name registered in the big family of NEWS subscribers.

Mr. Sloan Warthin and family, Mrs. Conrad Glazier and daughter Thelma, and Miss Esther Sloan made a trip to Chambersburg on Tuesday, in Mr. Warthin's new, forty-five horsepower Buick auto.

## A GLORIOUS DAY COMING!

Observer Rejoices in the Triumph of Science Over Old Fashioned Methods of House Cleaning.

DEAR EDITOR:—Kindly allow the writer to tell of the good news when men will shout for joy, and the good housewives will always be the sweet angels they are. Men for ages have been made uncomfortable, miserable, and wretched because the good women of the house must rule and keep up the old fashioned practice of house cleaning. The good housewife, as in days of old, still dons her dusting cap, turns up her skirt, and goes through the rooms like an avenging angel. With scrubbing brushes, mops, brooms, dusters, soap, sand, lime and step ladders, she goes forth to battle with dust, dirt, cobwebs, and vermin. The former good, sweet, angelic house wife seems to be transformed into a veritable fury-caring nothing for the comfort of her faithful spouse, ready to drive him from his throne. Men are forced to flee where they can—eat what they can get, and sleep, if they sleep at all, in cold, damp, uncongenial quarters.

Everything belonging to the lord of the house is turned topsy-turvy. His apparel, books, business papers, and apparatus are all consigned, promiscuously, to the closet or attic, so that their bearings can't be found for months. No wonder men dread, hate, shirk, and shrink under it! The writer has just experienced the horrors of it all. Men's homes are all in disorder and confusion of battle without the slaughter. Like the old time house cleanings, the housewives go at it twice or thrice a year. They seem to delight in the gloomy riot and picturesque confusion, never thinking it would be better to keep the house clean all the time.

But joy cometh! The chariot of progress rolls on! The old customs will disappear, though conservation languish long. The old crucial house cleaning will be old fashioned before we know it. The old dusty, disease-breeding carpets are being replaced by polished floors. Every part of our houses and their furnishings will be vacuum cleaned, and this with but little effort. For those good housewives who love sweet, healthful whitewashed walls and ceilings the fine nozzle of the sprayer will do the work far more artistically than the old way.

The day—the glorious day—is coming when our homes will be clean all the time, and the good housewife a slave no more!

GIBSERVER.

## Bi-Partisan.

Some of our readers do not know what is meant when they see the term "bi-party" used in political articles in many of our newspapers and by speakers. When "bi-" is used before any other word, it means the same as "two." The term "bi-party" means, therefore, "two-party." This applies to a set of politicians composed of men from both the republican and the democrat party. They are accused of working hand in hand for the furtherance of purely personal advancement, whether their accomplishments are for the good of the whole people, or merely for things that keep them feeding from the public "crib." Both the two old parties are suffering from splits arising from this source. There are clean men in the field in both parties, but, in most cases, they are on the side of the "split" that would destroy the bi-party element. A vote at the primaries for any man who adheres to the bi-party gang would be but to help foster bad principles in government. Be sure to attend the primary on May 19th, and help destroy bi-partisanship, whether you vote with the Democrats or with the Republicans.

## War With Mexico.

Let us keep it clear in our mind that the refusal of Huerta to salute our insulted flag was not the real cause of the present relations of this country with Mexico. From time immemorial Mexico has been the scene of rapine and bloodshed. It has been the unfortunate victim of a race of men with distorted views of honor and manhood; and godless—utterly godless—except the homage paid to Mammon. Well may their whole ambition be summed up in a line from Pope. "The lust of lucre and the fear of death." A remnant of counterfeit Castilian pride, without semblance of support except arrogance, has developed a degenerate race of rulers, and would-be rulers, there that kept the population in ignorance and degradation of the most abject kind. Like the natural parasites of that tropical country, they sucked the lifeblood of their subjects equally as ravenously as did heathen kings of antediluvian days.

Revolution after revolution has been taking place there as often as some hungry aspirant for supremacy could muster enough of the wretched subjects to form the semblance of an army—they (the army) frequently preferring to follow the vicissitudes of war rather than the fruitless peonage under heartless rulers. It was to mark the beginning of an effort on the part of the United States to change conditions in Mexico that President Wilson flatly refused to recognize the last successful revolutionist who murdered his predecessor. The time had long passed when something of this kind should have been done. It remained for Woodrow Wilson, with his innate horror of anarchy and bloodshed, to sound the alarm. He did not claim to know when it would end, no one did. His old fashioned Scotch faith in a Divinity that shapes our ends led him to believe that right would triumph, and he adopted the only policy any right minded diplomat could suggest—watch and wait the Mexican's self destruction, knowing full well that it might be necessary to police the country as is now being done, but not to acquire it.

Frequent insults, murder of Americans, destruction of property, and the intolerable state of affairs at our very doors made intervention necessary. The refusal to salute our insulted flag was a mere incident in bringing about the present trouble. It is the hope of the Administration to civilize Mexico, to make her a good neighbor.

## Traveling in Canada.

John Henry, of Clear Ridge has been traveling in Western Canada, and returned about two weeks ago to get ready to locate in the British country north of us. He will go back to Canada in a week or two. As he looked from the window of the train he jotted down notes of the scenery. While passing through the Saskatchewan district of April 20th he described it as a wonderful country. One of the things not yet extinct before the march of civilization is the prairie chicken, great flocks of which he saw from the car window. However, that country is rapidly being settled by farmers, and stock could be seen grazing while snowbanks still remained, and well known American farm machinery was seen everywhere. Crossing into Alberta he saw the farmers ploughing and harrowing, which would indicate that it is warmer there than in southern Pennsylvania, although so much farther north. This brief description serves for the greater part of the Canadian country traversed by Mr. Henry, and the stacks of grain and hay, and the great herds of cattle impressed him so favorably that he intends to go back and try for some of the "easy money" himself.

## THE CULTURE OF ALFALFA.

One of the Plants That Will Restore Hilly Fields to a Paying Basis.

1. Kind of Land.—Any field that brings good clover which does not heave in the spring will bring alfalfa. On slate land the roots will work into the crevices, shatter the slate and make the soil deeper and more retentive of moisture.

2. Lime—Alfalfa must have lime. 50 bushels of stone lime per acre (air-slaked) gives better results than smaller quantities. If the field has been well limed within three years, drill capacity of air slaked lime, drilled in, will be enough.

3. Nurse Crop.—At best nurse crops are dangerous; usually fatal.

4. Time of Seeding.—Best results have been from seeding right after wheat harvest. Corn-stalk and potato ground may be disced or thoroughly spring-toothed for July seeding. Stubble ground may be plowed and seeded in August or early September. Late September seedings are apt to winter-kill.

5. Seed.—Use only northern grown seed; it is hardier. Turkestan seed, southern seed and scrub seed should be avoided. With high grade seed use 15 lbs. per acre; otherwise from 20 to 30.

6. Inoculation.—Always necessary; failure to do so is usually fatal. Liquid cultures now furnished by the U. S. Department of Agriculture are very satisfactory, quite as good as the soil method, with less expense, labor and danger. Cost is nothing. Write me as to this.

7. Preparation.—Deep plowing and thorough harrowing for this very deep-rooted plant. Where a sod is turned under it must be rolled to pack it down firmly.

8. Commercial Fertilizer containing 10 per cent phosphoric acid to about 10 to 12 per cent. potash, without nitrogen, will pay. It is made up by mixing 1 ton of 16 per cent phosphate with from 3 to 4 sacks of muriate of potash.

9. Selecting the Field.—Alfalfa deserves the best field on the farm. Where the farm is hilly, it is a good plan to get the hill-sides into alfalfa and farm the more level lands. Hillside farming is back-breaking work and as a rule we don't do it so thoroughly or profitably as where the work is easier.

A. B. ROSS, Shellsburg, Pa.

## Blackheads in Turkeys.

Every one who has tried to raise turkeys knows that the disease called blackhead is fatal to the fowls and frequently kills all the flock. The Rhode Island Experiment Station has experimented for several years with soured milk as a preventive. Milk is soured from twenty-four to sixty hours and placed where the birds will eat all they will every day. Begin with the poulters when they are ten days old and never stop until the turkeys are sold. Whenever possible increase the acidity of the milk by the use of Bacterium Bulgari-cum, which druggists will order for you from wholesale druggists. Feed the clabbered milk and when they are mixed together—never separating them. Never, at any time, let turkeys have quite all the food of other kinds that they will eat. Blackhead is an intestinal disease, and too much grain or other food enhances the trouble. Try the soured milk preventive. Remember, the soured milk is not a cure for black-head, but is a preventive. Keep the milk at about 105 degrees while being soured.

Colonel W. L. Moseby and daughter, Mrs. S. W. Anderson of Wells Valley, drove to this place Thursday of last week. The latter made this office a call to push her subscription date into the future.