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

HIRAM CLEVINGER.

Hiram Clevenger, one of Fulton County's sterling citizens, died at his home on the State Road in Taylor township, Thursday, April 30, 1914, aged 69 years 5 months, and 29 days. The funeral took place on Saturday and interment was made in the cemetery at Fairview church. The sermon was preached by a former pastor, Rev. W. M. Cline, of Fort Littleton, Rev. McKechnie, and Rev. Benson, of Hustontown being present and assisting in the services. For many years Mr. Clevenger had been and active member of Harrisonville Lodge, No. 710, I. O. O. F. and a large number of the members of that fraternity were present, and participated in the ritualistic services at the grave, as a last token of love and respect for their departed brother.

Besides being a pillar in the Order he loved, he was a pillar in the Methodist Episcopal church, and for many years was the superintendent of his local Sunday school and the class leader in his home church.

The deceased was a son of Abraham and Lydia Clevenger and one of a family of fifteen children, all of whom grew to manhood or womanhood except one, who died at the age of ten years. Six brothers and sisters survive him, namely, Frank, living in Palestine, Texas; Jacob C., Washington, D. C.; David, Cumberland, Md.; Tenie, wife of George F. Metzler, Harrisonville; Sadie, wife of Amos C. Palmer, Sedmore, and Lou, wife of Judge Peter Morton, McConnellsburg.

Hiram Clevenger was twice married. The first time to Miss Sadie Stevens, who died about 9 years ago. To this union three children survive Albert, residing in Seattle, Wash.; James, Edward, and Margaret (Mrs. H. Bowen,) Pittsburgh. His second marriage was to Miss Alice Falkeld, who survives, together with the following children, Harney, Alice, and Olive, at home, Sarah, wife of Albert C. Marshall, Lexington, Ky.; and Marjorie, Pittsburgh. The children were all home except Albert and Sarah's husband. The large number of sorrowing friends at his funeral bore testimony to the esteem in which he was held by his acquaintances.

MRS. DENTON HENDERSHOT
Sarah A., wife of Denton Hendershot, died at her home in Pigeon Cove, last Saturday, aged 41 years, 10 months, and 21 days. Dr. C. L. Funk conducted short services at the house on Monday, after which the remains were taken to the Presbyterian church at Warfordsburg, the funeral services preached in that church by Rev. Lewis, of the M. E. church, and interment was made at the cemetery at the church.

Mrs. Hendershot was a daughter of the late ex-County Commissioner Lemuel Hill, and is survived by three sisters and one brother—Mary, wife of Ezra Mellett, of Bethel township; Elizabeth, wife of Frank P. Lynch, Esq., McConnellsburg; Emma, wife of Simon Fix, Hustontown, and George F. B., Sideling Hill postoffice.

About 44 years ago, she was united in marriage to Denton Hendershot, who survives, together with the following children, namely, Ellsworth and John, Ayr township; Edward, Licking Creek township, and Estella, and Lemuel at home.

Mrs. Hendershot was an exemplary member of the M. E. Church for 30 years, and a faithful wife and mother.

MRS. LEMUEL P. KIRK.
Mrs. Alice D., wife of Lemuel Kirk, died at her home in Pigeon Cove, Tuesday, April 28, 1914,

Commencement of The 1914 Class.

The commencement exercises of the McConnellsburg High School graduating class of 1914 were held in the auditorium of the school building on the evening of April 30. The rostrum was very tastefully decorated with evergreens interwoven with the class colors of blue and gold, with a beautiful background of potted plants and blooming shrubs. The class flower was cream roses. Across the back of the stage was the class motto worked in eighteen-inch letters of gold on a ground of blue. The ladies of the class were dressed in pure white, and each carried an armful of cream roses. The lights were just right to blend the scene into a harmonious picture of youth and happiness.

Promptly at the hour of eight, the class filed to seats in the center of the stage, followed by Prof. J. S. Heiges, dean of the State Normal School at Shippensburg; Prof. C. E. Helman, their teacher; and B. C. Lamberson, County Superintendent, Rev. R. E. Peterman offered the invocation.

For a full hour and a half the large audience was entertained by what was pronounced one of the best prepared and most happily rendered program of graduating exercises ever listened to in McConnellsburg. When Prof. Heiges began his address to the class he paid a high and sincere compliment to the young ladies and gentlemen for the evident degree of thought that had been expended on their respective parts.

The Professor's theme was announced in the form of a question: "Are You Ready to Pay the Price?" In well chosen sentences he explained to them that the price of all achievement is work. "Genius" may flash for a day; but "work" attains the goal. Piano recitals were given at intervals by Miss Olive Pittman and Miss Gertrude Sipes.

At the close of the class exercises Prof. Lamberson addressed the class in behalf of the teacher and directors, and presented each member of the class with the long coveted and well earned "sheepskin" which, we are sure, brought to the hearts of the recipients that feeling of satisfaction not measured by the gold standard. Benediction by Rev. J. L. Grove.

Off For Mexico.

W. Pierce Hamill a sailor on the Battleship Texas left the New York Navy yards on last Friday for the west coast of Mexico to protect American property there. The Texas the largest battleship in the U. S. navy, has a picked crew from the Idaho, and should give a good account of herself against any foe. She carries ten 14-inch guns which have a range of 21,000 yards. Mr. Hamill has been in the service for over two years, and is a first class machinist mate.

aged 69 years, 2 months, and 7 days. The funeral was held last Friday, the sermon being preached in the Presbyterian church at Warfordsburg, by Rev. C. K. Lewis of the M. E. church, Hancock, Md., and interment was made in the cemetery at the church.

Mrs. Kirk was the youngest daughter of George E. Chesnut, deceased, who, years ago, lived on the old Chesnut homestead between Warfordsburg and Hancock, and is survived by one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Hedding, of McKeesport, and one brother, G. W. Chesnut, near Warfordsburg. She is also survived by her husband and the following children, namely, Mrs. F. C. Bare, Fort Littleton; Mrs. Frank Remsburg, Hancock; Grove C., Philadelphia; and Lemuel G., and Miss Berdie, at home.

In the death of Mrs. Kirk, the husband has lost a faithful wife, the children a loving mother, and the community, one of its most highly esteemed neighbors.

SUPERINTENDENT ELECTED.

J. Emory Thomas Won on First Ballot. Term, Four Years. Salary Fifteen Hundred Dollars.

Notwithstanding the almost incessant pourdown of rain Tuesday, fifty-three of the sixty school directors of this county assembled at the Court House at 1:30 o'clock for the purpose of electing a County Superintendent of Schools to serve during the ensuing four years.

The convention was called to order by the present County Superintendent, B. C. Lamberson, and an organization was effected by the election of Dr. J. W. Mosser, of McConnellsburg, president, T. Scott Hershey of Dublin,



PROF. J. EMORY THOMAS.

secretary, and Levi Keefer, of Ayr, and Harlan Wishart, of Wells, tellers. The next important item of business was a motion which was unanimously carried that the convention sit with closed doors. This was a polite notice to your reporter to "went" and he "went."

It leaked out, however, that three candidates were nominated, namely, Horace M. Griffith, of Wells; Harper P. Barton of Taylor, and J. Emory Thomas, of Ayr. These gentlemen were all graduates of the Cumberland Valley state normal school, and are all able school men; but the fact that Mr. Thomas was the oldest in point of age as well as in point of service in the schools of the County, and that he had been turned down in a previous contest for the office, a majority of the directors present felt that the election was now due him, and the vote after one ballot, stood; Thomas, 39; Griffith, 8; and Barton, 6.

J. Emory Thomas was born in Ayr township nearly 47 years ago, and has been a resident of that township all his life. He has taught 25 years, seventeen of which were in McConnellsburg, thirteen of these seventeen years he was Supervising Principal.

Under the new school code, the term is now four years, and the minimum salary, fifteen hundred dollars a year. Mr. Thomas is the fourteenth Superintendent in a period of sixty years, his predecessors having been Ross, Robinson, Smith, Gray, Davis, Woodcock, Winters, Woodall, Barton, (J. F.) Peck, Chesnut, Barton (C. F.), and Lamberson.

VISITING CANDIDATES.

McCormick, Creasy, and Berry Addressed Large Audience in Court House Monday Evening.

Word reached this place last Friday morning that Vance C. McCormick, Wm. H. Berry, and Wm. T. Creasy would arrive here in time to speak in the Court House on Monday evening. The telephone lines were immediately pressed into use to spread the news in the country, and handbills were hastily printed and distributed. Unfortunately for many living in the country, word did not reach them in time to come to town; and in addition, a hard rain set in about the time others would have started. As it was, the court house seats were all comfortably filled by eight o'clock Monday evening, when the meeting was called to order by Mr. George A. Harris, and Hon. John P. Sipes was made chairman. Without loss of time Mr. Sipes introduced the speakers for the evening. "Farmer Bill" Creasy was first to speak. He is candidate for Lieutenant Governor, and if elected, will be Speaker of the Senate. He told of sixteen years experience in the House, and of the many irregularities practiced in the Senate, and now, if elected, he would continue the same tactics he now advocates as Chief of the State Grange.

Mr. McCormick spoke next. He reviewed the efforts of the Democratic party to release itself from the clutches of bi-partisanship. He explained the weakness of the Democratic party prior to the formation of the progressive wing. He said it was because of the power of the monied interests in the two old parties, gained by working hand in hand for selfish purposes. He said that it was to replace the party standard that he begged for the defeat of any and all bi-party candidates.

Wm. H. Berry then took the floor and summed up the arguments of his colleagues. He went back to the campaign of 1895 and reminded his hearers of how W. J. Bryan went up and down this broad land with the Constitution under one arm and the Bible under the other and applied the torch that lighted the fires of reform that have since swept the country, setting two classes into fierce opposition, until, in 1912, this country witnessed the greatest political upheaval in its history. The central thought of the three speakers was the elimination of bi-partisanship from Pennsylvania politics, claiming that until this is accomplished, the masses will not realize the benefits of the revenues of the State for the betterment of our roads, the dissemination of agricultural information as prepared by our State Experiment Station, and the honest administration of affairs in the interests of the common people.

Good for Cholera Too.

Last week we told our readers how to prevent the disease known as blackhead, in turkeys, by letting them eat all the sour milk they want. Make the milk sour as possible by keeping it warm for several days. Mrs. W. Scott Brant informs us that the soured milk is good also for cholera in chickens. The way to treat fowl is to pen them up in clean quarters as soon as possible after they show symptoms of the disease and not permit them to have a morsel of any other kind of food and drink, except soured milk, until they get lively again. When chickens have cholera the passage from the craw to the gizzard closes, and more solid food cannot pass through. The clabber serves as food, drink and medicine. We might add that soured milk clabber is one of the very best summer foods for human beings, also, and is highly recommended by physicians.

Dwelling House Burned.

The dwelling house of Mrs. Amanda Lynch, widow of Monroe Lynch, near Cedar Lane schoolhouse in Belfast township, was totally destroyed by fire on Friday night of last week. The house was occupied by Mrs. Lynch and her son Harvey. The fire was discovered about two o'clock Saturday morning, but it had gained such headway, and the water supply so meager, that there was little chance to save the household goods, most of which were destroyed. It is said that there is a small amount of insurance on the property.

Rev. M. Spiese has been conducting with much success a series of revival services at New Grenada. It is said to be the greatest spiritual awakening in that place for twenty years.

BE CAREFUL OF FERTILIZER.

Orchards May Be Greatly Damaged by Wrong Use of Such Material.

Men who propose to fertilize orchards should be very careful, in the opinion of State Zoologist H. A. Surface, for it is very easy to harm trees with such material to an extent from which they may not recover for years. An orchardist in Elk county, who consulted Doctor Surface, at Harrisburg, about blighted trees on his place, received the following advice:

"It is evident from your letter that the fertilizer has greatly aided the blight, as you say that only orchards in that vicinity that are not affected are the ones that never had any fertilizer. I find it generally so. If an orchard is subject to blight the nitrogen fertilizer should be greatly reduced. Phosphoric acid and potash can be used, but not the nitrogen, as the nitrogen is what stimulates growth, and the more vigorous the growth the greater is the danger from blight. Barnyard manure and nitrate of soda are all right in an orchard that is not growing thrifty, and that is not subject to blight; but if the blight is present I certainly do not recommend the use of either of these fertilizers.

"Last summer near Grove City Mercer county, I saw one of the finest apple orchards in Pennsylvania that was badly blighted throughout that portion where barnyard manure had been spread in the early spring, and not at all blighted where such application had not been made. This is not because the blight is due to the use of fertilizer, but the nitrogen fertilizers all produce ranker growth, and the ranker the growth the softer the wood. The blight is always worse in soft, tender wood. Doubtless if the growth were pushed to an equal extent by cultivation the blight would be just as bad as though it were due to fertilizer.

"It should be the effort of the orchardist to use such horticultural methods as will insure a fair amount of growth, but at the same time avoid such rankness as to result in blight.

"Wherever blight occurs it should be cut out and the stump on the remaining portion of the tree sterilized. Strong limesulfur solution is as good as good as anything for the sterilization process, and is cheaper and more convenient than formalin or corrosive sublimate.

"Horticulture is an art based on science, and is the most particular and highly specialized of branches of agriculture.

Recent Wedding.

SCHOOLEY—MELLOTT.

A very pretty wedding took place on April 29, 1914, in the home of Rev. and Mrs. John Mellott, of Pleasant Ridge, when their adopted daughter, Miss Virginia Mellott, was united in marriage with Mr. Charles Schooley, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Schooley, of Harrisonville. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. J. Croft in the presence of a number of invited guests. The bride was charmingly attired, and the happy couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Waltz, of Sharpe, Pa. Mrs. Waltz is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John Mellott, and became the bride of Mr. Waltz on April 17th.

Immediately following the ceremony, the bride and groom, and the guests, were seated at the table where elegant refreshments were served. The bride received many very pretty and serviceable presents.

Mr. and Mrs. Schooley are very estimable young people, both they and their respective home families enjoying the highest esteem of neighbors and acquaintances, with whom the NEWS heartily join in wishing them the joys of a long and prosperous life.

Wilson Will Win With Waiting.

When President Woodrow Wilson issued the decree that the Western Hemisphere should rid itself of the Mexican pesthole of chronic revolution, and that this country would pursue a course toward her radically different from that which had ever before been tried, he was branded by his enemies as a "sissy," a "tut tut" man, "school teacher president," "visionary," "novice," and all the slighting terms in their vocabulary. Never has there been a president who stemmed a swifter current of ridicule, entanglement, and hindrance to the injection of righteousness into our relations with other countries. But never, for an hour did he lose sight of the path he had carefully mapped out for his course of action.

To-day we fully believe "Watchful Waiting" will win! Huerta is sick of the "mess" he has gotten both himself and the Mexican people into before the world, and he is now whining for safe conduct to some country where he may be free from it all. Our war ships are now in Mexican waters, not to fight Mexico, but to fight for Mexico. A small—very small—portion of the educated citizens of Mexico are for constitutional government "by the people and for the people," and it will be to assist this element that troops will be landed, if it come to the worst. Mr. Wilson's anger does not make everything look red before him and cause him to charge at it like a stupid bull. Instead, he maintains a calm attitude before which savagery quailed, and has won nations by the power of his will.

Family Reunion.

The six sons and five daughters, thirty grandchildren and one great-grand child of Mrs. Matilda Helman, north First street, McConnellsburg, arranged to surprise her last Saturday by having a grand family reunion to celebrate her sixty-fifth birthday. The oldest son, Mr. Bert Helman, lives in West Virginia, and has not been home for thirteen years. Not to surprise their mother to the shocking point, he and John, the next oldest son called first. This prepared the way for the suggestion by the mother that the rest be notified of the happy home coming, and the surprise considered of the fact that in a short time all were ushered in. All were present except one daughter, Mrs. Maggie Keefer, of Mercersburg, who is not well.

The children and families present were: Ollie Warren, wife and two children, and Harvy Helman wife and son all of Mercersburg. Mrs. Charles Tritle and son of Fort Loudon; John Helman, wife and five children, Mack Helman wife and two children, Lloyd Ray and wife, and Herbert Helman and wife—all of McConnellsburg. Miss Bessie Helman, of Chambersburg; Irvin Helman of Newville, Pa., and Bert Helman, Purgitsville, W. Va. Their pastor, Rev. J. Leidy Yearick and his wife also added pleasure to the occasion by their presence. At about four o'clock all departed for their respective homes, wishing their mother many more happy birthdays.

Dislocated His Wrist.

On Wednesday evening of last week while Ross Hamil, son of Harry Hamil of this place, was wrestling with another boy he dislocated the wrist of his right arm. Dr. Robinson rendered the necessary surgical aid. Ross will now have to be content to be a "fan" during the baseball games, until that member becomes strong enough to toss the sphere or swing a bat.

Miss Meta Fryman went to Chambersburg Friday for a few days' visit.

DEEP BREATHING.

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

We are all familiar with the sense of exhilaration which follows a deep inhalation of cool fresh air. Our lungs respond to the stimulus such as the body reacts from the dash of a cold shower.

When we studied physiology in school we were taught that in the lungs the blood is purified—washed so to speak and the impurities removed and oxygen supplied.

If this purification of the blood is to be done properly we must have pure air to breathe and must take advantage of all of our available lung capacity. A slouching carriage when walking or a stoop shouldered posture when sitting contracts the chest and seriously interferes with proper breathing. Avoid acquiring a stoop if your daily occupation is such that you must work at a desk or sewing machine. Stoop is responsible for faulty circulation of the blood and other evils beside impaired breathing.

Remember that your blood cannot be properly washed with half a lung full of air any more than you can take a proper bath in a few pints of water. Learn to sit straight and breathe deep. Fill your lungs slowly and to their utmost capacity and then slowly empty them.

Many puny children through breathing exercises and physical culture have been developed into strong, vigorous men and women.

One of the most efficacious remedies to consumption is a well developed pair of lungs.

Try It This Year.

If you are not a convert to the scientific method of handling, thin, loose soil as described below, try about ten or fifteen rows in your cornfield this year, following directions faithfully.

If your soil is shallow, such as ordinary slate and gravel lands, and has a tendency to dry out, do not use any cultivator tooth on that piece of land that will enter the soil more than two or three inches, or that will leave furrows. Cultivate the test rows in such manner that the top soil will be left as level and fine as is possible to make it. Go through it as often as crusts form after rains, merely pulverizing the crust. Do not let weeds go ahead of you and then spoil the whole trial by gouging them out with shovel plows. Make the trial honestly, and if the corn is not better on that part of the field than on the shovel-ploughed remainder, you may bring all your friends to this office and, in their presence, tell the agricultural editor to his face that he is the greatest blow-hard in Fulton county.

The supposition is that you have made a good seedbed by thorough ploughing, settled it properly, and that the test rows represent the average quality of soil in that field.

Besides having made the test ourselves, we will give you reasons for our expectations. The roots of corn are as long as the stalk. They reach across to the next row in quest of food, and when you cultivate deeper than two or three inches in thin soil, you cut off the roots, and, of course cut off some of the supply of plant food. Another reason is that when you gouge soil like that with shovels and leave furrows, the moisture escapes—could not employ a better way to dry it up. On the other hand, merely breaking the surface closes the cracks and holds the moisture in the soil, besides permitting the top soil to retain a good contact with the subsoil, thereby adding more moisture by means of capillary subsoil attraction—something that cannot take place when the top soil is kept scraped loose from the subsoil by the use of anything larger than the smallest spuds or spikes.