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## AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.

### Dr. Swartzwelder and Herman Hege Hurt at Mercersburg Last Friday Evening.

An accident which was serious enough, but which might have been much worse, happened to Dr. J. S. Swartzwelder and Herman Hege, both prominent citizens of Mercersburg. The gentlemen named, in Mr. Hege's Ford touring car, started to Chambersburg last Friday evening to bring to his home from the hospital Mr. R. A. Skiles, who had been in that institution for treatment. While descending the grade preparatory to taking cemetery hill at the south end of Mercersburg, Mr. Hege gave the machine just a little more gas, to get a good start to make the grade on high, and suddenly the machine went bad, switched wickedly, leaped high into the air, turned a complete summersault, and tossed the occupants many feet upon the hard pike. That they were not both killed outright is a miracle; but both men were able to arise, and were taken to their respective homes. Mr. Hege's right arm was broken, his cheek bone crushed, and he was badly cut about the head. Dr. Swartzwelder was injured in the back, and suffered a number of bruises more or less painful. Both gentlemen are getting along as well as might be expected, and will be all right again as soon as Nature has time to repair the damage.

## The Fly Evil.

Flies are one of the most aggravating pests of the farm home during the summer months. They are worse in the country than in the cities, for little provision is made to keep them under control except to put screens in the windows and doors. We have been in farm homes where there were no screens. There is no reason why the fly evil should not be greatly abated in the country as well as the town. It should be remembered that flies breed in stable refuse, kitchen garbage and in privies. So one of the first things to do is to make some provision to protect these places from them. Stable refuse can be treated with acid phosphate, placed in a covered receptacle or in a dark place unhailed to the field. Stable windows and doors can be screened, and privy vaults should be similarly protected. Care should be taken that no refuse matter of any kind is left standing around. And, of course, the windows and doors of the house should be carefully screened, many contagious diseases are disseminated by flies, so it is in the interest of health as well as comfort that methods of fly protection should be adopted.

## Thirty-One Rattles.

What would you do, if you were in the woods and a rattlesnake should march right up to you and shake thirty-one rattles in your face? Well, Henry Minch, who is working in the lumber woods in "Oregon," that vast forest lying just north of the Mountain House on Rays Hill, at a string of thirty-one rattles in this office, with the statement that rattlesnakes were as plenty there as grasshoppers in a hayfield. We turned the string of rattles over to George Groth, who has them on exhibition.

The County Commissioners are in session last week. A letter to them from the Huntingdon County Commissioners advising that owing to the heavy Court expenses connected with murder cases, Huntingdon county will not be able to bear its share of the cost of a new bridge at Mill Mills this year. This will be a great disappointment to many of our citizens in the north end of the County.

## Sipes--Deshong.

A pretty wedding was solemnized last Saturday at the home of Rev. W. R. Truax, when Miss Georgia Deshong became the bride of Mr. Wilbur Sipes. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. R. Truax in the presence of a few invited friends. Saturday evening the bride and groom at the home of the bride's father, Mr. B. F. Deshong, were given an old-fashioned serenade, which was much appreciated, especially the gentlemanly conduct of the participants.

A reception was given at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Sipes on Sunday, when about thirty invited guests assembled to wish the bride and groom a long, happy, and prosperous life. The dinner consisted of turkey and chicken, with all the "trimmings," together with a generous supply of ice cream, lemonade, cakes, pies, etc. Among the guests present were Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Sipes, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sipes—all of Poltz, Franklin county.

## Charles Kreps Suicides.

Charles Kreps, who was employed by the Singer Sewing Machine Company in Philadelphia, was found dead in the office of that company last Thursday afternoon. A revolver in his hand and a wound in his head told the story—suicide.

Kreps was a son of Jacob Kreps, the well known undertaker of Mercersburg. He was 28 years old. After being employed in Mercersburg as a sanitary inspector, some years ago he went to Philadelphia and was employed on the trolley road there. He lost a leg in that service and later went on the vaudeville stage, doing a comedy sketch with his wife. His father went to Philadelphia and brought the remains of his son to Mercersburg, where the funeral was held last Saturday. It is said that Charlie was led to commit the rash act because his wife had left him a few days before.

## Orator of the Day.

Fulton County people will be gratified to learn that Parker R. Skinner, a former Fulton county boy, son of the late Captain Geo. W. Skinner, has been invited, and has accepted the invitation, to be the orator of the day at the Annual Reunion of the Veterans' Association of Fulton County, to be held at Hoo's Grove, near Harrisonville, on Friday, the fourteenth of August. No man was more popular with the masses of the people of this county than the late Captain Skinner, and his voice was heard many times from the platform at the Reunion grounds; hence, to have his son, who is one of the most gifted young orators of Franklin county take his place, is regarded as very fortunate by the managers of the Association.

## Ritchey--Foor.

At the home of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Foor in Rays Cove, at 6 o'clock last Sunday evening, Miss Edith Foor, for three years chief operator of the Bell Telephone Company, at Breezewood, and Ross Ritchey, an employe in the Ashcom store in Everett, were married by Rev. T. P. Garland, of Needmore. The attendants were Miss Mazie Foor and Mr. Warren Snyder. After the ceremony a sumptuous wedding dinner was served after which the happy couple left for an extended honeymoon trip. After their return they will be at home to their friends in Everett.

## What Pennsylvania Has.

According to the census of 1910, Pennsylvania had 9,256 bakers, 9,090 clergymen, 10,401 bartenders, 9,951 male school teachers, 9,761 insurance agents, 11,291 commercial travelers, 5,860 shoemakers, 6,095 female farm laborers.

## SOLITARY CONFINEMENT.

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

From the earliest period in which men have imprisoned their fellows, solitary confinement has been considered an extreme punishment. The thought of being shut off from intercourse with mankind like "a toad in a stone" while the world moves on would appall the stoutest heart.

Those who suppress their emotions to too great a degree shut themselves off and are shut off from all sympathy. They condemn themselves to solitary confinement.

Man has been referred to as a sociable animal. Following the arrival of a state of civilization which made them safe and possible we have had the enormous growth of cities. This herding together of millions of the world's inhabitants, is an evidence of the unquerable social instinct.

Most of the efforts which are being made to induce emigration "back to the land" include some plan for social intercourse in the rural communities. The desire for the society of mankind is inextinguishable. Cultivating those qualities which tend to make association with our fellow creatures agreeable is not alone a duty but an accomplishment of the greatest possible individual benefit.

It may seem some stretch of the imagination to say that the instruction of children and grown-ups as well, in unselfishness, sympathy, modesty, tolerance and courtesy may serve to keep them sound of body and mind.

However, these are qualities which raise us in the esteem of our associates and their appreciation is a factor of no small importance in maintaining mental health and efficiency.

## Lost Jewels.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Andrews and daughter Miss Elizabeth, of New Bethlehem, Pa., were members of an automobile party that swung up before the Fulton House about five o'clock last Sunday evening and alighted for dinner. Upon leaving their car Mrs. Andrews discovered that she was "a h y" a handbag containing about three thousand dollars worth of jewels. The daughter had been the custodian, but the bag was gone. Thinking that perhaps they had left the bag in the Hotel Hamilton where they had stopped for luncheon, they rang violently on the telephone, but, of course, the line was out of commission. Then a messenger was rushed to the telegraph office. Hotel Hamilton had not seen the bag. Just then it came to the mind of the young lady—who did not seem to see why so much fuss should be made about a trifle—that she had the bag in her hand while sitting on a lumber pile near Foltz, waiting for the chauffeur to adjust some tire trouble. Acting upon this clue, the machine was at once rushed to the board pile seven miles away across a 1300-foot mountain, and when the spot was reached, they were rewarded by finding the bag there patiently waiting to rejoin the party. It was good luck, for scores of persons had passed the spot without having noticed the valuable bag.

## A Riddle.

Here is a riddle which is very simple, but is understood by but very few:

If a train starts from Chicago at the rate of thirty miles an hour and another train starts from St. Louis going at the rate of forty-five miles an hour and the entire distance is 300 miles, which train will be the farther from Chicago when they meet?

Answer.—The train from St. Louis, of course, as the other train is between it and Chicago.

## TAKE CANCER IN TIME.

### Thousands of Deaths Might Be Prevented if Prompt Action Were Taken.

The following article is not an advertisement, but is an extract from an article in the Journal of the American Medical Association, and is published in the hope that it may prevent some one from delaying in case it is found that cancer is developing. The article says that cancer causes thousands of preventable deaths because people do not seek surgical treatment in time, even after they know they have the disease. Surgeons with practices so extensive that their reports furnish a reliable guide have shown that cancer patients even after discovering some suspicious symptoms wait on the average a whole year before they seek treatment. To control the disease with our present knowledge the first thing to do is to eliminate this fatal delay. To do this it is necessary to understand why patients are so loth to seek examination. A misapprehension which constitutes one reason for reluctance to consult a physician in time, is the notion which still prevails that cancer is a constitutional disease caused by some poison in the blood. Those who hold this mistaken opinion commonly believe that the disease is hereditary and in a vague way they think there must be some taint handed down from one generation to another which causes cancer to flourish in certain families. Such misapprehension combined with the notion which has long prevailed that cancer is incurable and that it is of no use to try to have anything done for it, accounts for the extraordinary delay of the sufferer in seeking relief in some cases. A further probable cause is the fact that cancer in the early stages is relatively painless. Many a surgeon has wished that cancer in its early manifestations might cause the sufferer half as much trouble as the toothache, in which case the patient would surely be driven to seek relief in time. Cancer is at first a local growth and not a general disease of the system. This fact is of the utmost importance, since it holds out the high hope of cure if the malignant growth is removed before it has time to spread to other parts of the body. Cancer appears in other places because small particles or cells are carried away from the first site and start new growths elsewhere. The great hope of cure therefore lies in removing cancer entirely from the system before it has a chance to spread from its first foothold.

The reason why so many people came to believe that cancer was a blood disease is because it was observed to come again in the same or other parts of the body after having been apparently cut out. It was natural to assume that when the disease kept coming back in this manner there must be some taint in the blood. The trouble was that in earlier times cancer was not really cut out. Surgeons then did the best they knew how, but without the advantages of modern methods they were unable successfully to exterminate the disease even in its incipient and local stage. This was principally because they did not operate extensively enough. The microscope has now shown us the paths by which cancer cells start their invasion of the body and modern surgeons are repeatedly successful in removing the disease once for all. Cancer is not a blood disease, and there is no conclusive evidence that it is hereditary. Many efforts have been made to show that the disease is transmitted from one generation to another or that at least a certain susceptibility to cancer is thus passed on. The evidence on this point however, remains insufficient. On the other hand, there is much statistical and experimental evidence to show that heredity plays a very small part if any, in the development of cancer.

## PROTECTING INFANTS FROM BLINDNESS

### Half the Blindness due to the Inflammation of the Eyes of Infants.

Harrisburg, Pa., July 28th.—Mrs. B. F. Winfield, a midwife of this city, was sentenced to fifteen days in jail and to pay a fine of fifty dollars by Magistrate Charles E. Murray for failure to observe the provisions of the Act passed by the last General Assembly requiring that midwives report all cases of ophthalmia neonatorum in infants attended by them. It is understood that the Bureau of Medical Education and Licensure will take action toward revoking of the License of this midwife for failure to protect the child under her care as required.

It has been estimated that half of the blindness in the United States is due to inflammation of the eyes of infants following birth. This condition is one which can ordinarily be remedied if promptly reported and the case treated by a physician. The failure to secure proper treatment is certain to result in blindness or serious defects of vision in a large percentage of the cases.

The State Department of Health has furnished every physician, nurse, midwife and health officer in the Commonwealth with copies of this Act and a pamphlet setting forth its vital importance. Every effort will be made to follow up failures to report cases for every such failure is almost certain to add to the army of 70,000 blind in the United States, half of whom owe their misfortune to ignorance and carelessness which this Act was designed to correct.

## Sympathy for the Teacher.

One of our public school teachers who has had experience, handed us a copy of the Lock Haven Times which contained a good description of what a teacher must expect from those who thoughtlessly imagine that vacation time is all pleasure for the teacher and that teaching is a "soft snap."

"There is a popular impression that this long vacation makes their job a soft one. But many of them spend the vacation helping mother in the kitchen, and in most cases their summers are apt to be laborious.

The parents turn over their children much as they would check their babies at a day nursery. It gets them out of the way, leaving mother free to go to the bridge party. Some parents can only partly control their own little flocks. Yet they expect a teacher to take 40 of these unbridled little wills, reduce them to an orderly discipline, keep them sunshiny and working, and turn them out equipped with the fundamentals of daily life.

At home the cross grained habits of children are excused on the ground that they are nervous, or that they inherited these traits and are not to blame for them. When the teacher undertakes to reduce the youngsters to order, the children are irritated at unfamiliar restraints. If a \$10 a week teacher does not display the diplomacy and self-control expected from a \$5,000 executive the parents petition for their removal.

In large towns the teacher lives an isolated life. Low salaries keep her moving from place to place. Social success is a matter of give and take, and as she has no favors to offer, her engagements are apt to be limited to church socials.

"The blooming girl who enters the school room at 20 frequently comes out at 30 with a thin, pale, drawn face. The teacher renders an incomparable service. She is entitled to high honor. It is a pity that parents do not make more effort to welcome her, and make her life more socially agreeable."

## Part of Highway Report.

Estimates sent to the newspapers by the State Highway Department for road repairs place the sums necessary to repair the sample pieces of roads made several years ago at from \$600 to over a \$1,000 per mile. The only piece of road mentioned in this county is the one in Bethel township, three miles of which now require \$8,539.33 to resurface. The Commissioners say that, in view of the lateness of the season and the vast amount of work to be done in filling up holes, cleaning out ditches, culverts and gutters, and shaping up and rolling the highways, the State Highway Department has decided not to begin resurfacing on State Highways until the general condition of the roads has been improved. A fact not generally understood is that the automobile license money is the only fund available for repairing, maintenance or construction of State Highways. There is an unexpended balance for the maintenance and repair of State-Aid Highways and the State Highway Department has been working on these roads. The amount of State-Aid maintenance money now remaining is about \$25,000.

From time to time additional authorizations will be made by the Maintenance Division for repairs on these roads. On many of these State-Aid highways the repairs are extensive including resurfacing with bituminous material and a practical reconstruction of the road to secure a better and more lasting highway.

## Ladies' Buggy Upsets.

Last Sunday evening, while Mrs. S. Kesselring and daughter Jeanette, of Taylor township, were going to the Hustontown Bush Meeting, the horse which they were driving shied at a string of automobiles, and in turning the horse back into the road, a wheel locked under the buggy and overturned it. The ladies were covered up by the top of the buggy, but were not injured, because the horse was thrown and could not rise, and, therefore, could not drag the machine, or they might have fared badly. The screams of the ladies attracted the attention of the drivers of the autos who came at once to the rescue. The buggy was demolished.

## Struck by Lightning.

Last Friday night a week a valuable horse belonging to Walker Mellott in Belfast township was struck by lightning. The horse happened to be near a wire fence during an electrical storm. It is reported, also that Mr. Mellott's silo was struck last Saturday. Just here it may not be out of place to say that farmers are not always careful to ground the wire properly in building a wire fence. It makes a little trouble to run a piece of strap-iron or a piece of wire down and under the post and connect it with the wire fence, every few rods; but not to do it, is to set a trap that is mighty dangerous for man or beast.

## Want Forbes Route.

A prominent member of the aristocratic Auto Club of Pittsburgh, told a News reporter Monday that his club had used its influence to persuade the Lincoln Highway Commission to route that road through McConnellsburg. He said that Pittsburghers consider the scenery through here the best to be found in the State, and that a majority of them preferred to stop here, because of the good hotel accommodations. Tourists from the cities delight in climbing the many mountains and high hills along the Forbes route, each summit affording a new view. They want the Highway kept as far away from smoky towns and railroads as possible.

## ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

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

Hon. John P. Sipes spent several days last week with his son Virgil in Cumberland county.

Mr. C. W. Peck and family spent a few days during the past week among relatives in Belfast township.

Miss Murnie Marshall returned home last Thursday after having spent two weeks visiting friends in Chambersburg.

Sherman, Oliver, and Ross Bard, and their brother-in-law Mr. Spade, all of Belfast township, spent Saturday in town.

Harry L. Peck, a representative citizen of the hustling village of Needmore, spent a few hours in town on business Monday.

George Croft, of Dane, went to Chambersburg Friday to help his brother, who is in the grocery business, during Old Home Week.

Ira Barnhart, one of Thompson township's hustling young farmers, spent a few hours in town Saturday, and dropped in for a chat with the editor.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hoopengardner, of Riddlesburg, are visiting the latter's father, Mr. Riley Peck, south First street, and sister, Mrs. Clyde Ott and other relatives in this community.

Our Veteran friend George W. Gilbert, of Greencastle, called at the News office Monday for a chat with the editor, and to incidentally advance his subscription. He was making a little trip down in Thompson township.

Justice of the Peace, S. W. Sal keld, of Sixmile Run, and Mrs. Rose Lockard, of Enid, drove to Hiram, and came to town with Harvey Clevenger and his sister, Miss Marjorie, in Harvey's auto Monday.

Harry Taylor and wife, of Three Springs; Dyson Fraker and wife, and Miss Emily Cromer—all of Fort Littleton, drove down to McConnellsburg last Sunday in Harry's automobile and took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Covalt, north First street.

Miss Nan Dukehart, who had been visiting in the home of Drug gist and Mrs. Leslie W. Seylar, returned to her home at Rouzerville Monday morning. She was accompanied to Chambersburg by Mrs. Seylar who is spending Old Home Week in Chambersburg the guest of Mrs. Walter Smith.

Miss Marjorie Clevenger, of Hiram, returned to Pittsburgh Wednesday, to keep house for two of her brothers, E. S. and J. L. Clevenger. Miss Clevenger was formerly engaged in the book-keeping department of the Westinghouse Company, and recently came home for a rest.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Metz, of Philadelphia, arrived in McConnellsburg last Saturday and registered at the Fulton House. Mr Metz returned home Tuesday, and Mrs. Metz is remaining a few days. Mrs. Metz will be more readily recognized by the name Annie Prosser, a former McConnellsburg girl.

Miss Blanche Patterson, of Webster Mills, accompanied an automobile party of Chambersburg people to Pittsburgh last Friday, and they were all members of a house party given by Gil Fletcher, at his summer residence near that city. She returned home Monday after having had a most enjoyable outing.

Mr. Ira L. Peck, who had been at Valparaiso, Ind., during the past three months attending the big school at that place came home last week on account of ill health. He has been elected teacher of the Battle Ridge school in Dublin township for the ensuing term. Ira's brother Wilbert, who was also at Valparaiso, is home for his summer vacation,