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## THE GRIM REAPER.

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

WILLIAM BEIDLEMAN.

A telegram to Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Stevens Tuesday afternoon, brought the sad intelligence of the death of William Beidleman at his home in Harrisburg, which occurred at 11 o'clock on that day. Mr. Beidleman was Assistant Superintendent of the Harrisburg Branch of the Swift Pack Company, and was held in high esteem by the Company in whose employ he had been for several years. Last spring his health began to fail and he went to the German Hospital, Philadelphia for treatment. His ailment was diagnosed as Cyst on liver, and little encouragement was held out for a permanent cure.

About twelve years ago he was married to Miss Virginia Doyle, daughter of Cornelius and Sadie Kishmuth Doyle, who survives, together with one son Charles and about 10 years.

Mr. Beidleman was a Mason, a DeMolay Woodman, and a Knight Pythias, as well as a consistent member of the Lutheran church. He was a most excellent citizen, and his wife and son have the sincere sympathy of many McConnellsburg relatives and friends. Mr. Beidleman was aged about 36 years.

J. R. MCKELVEY.

John R. McKelvey, County Treasurer of Huntingdon county, died at his home in Mt. Union Sunday evening, September 1914, at 6 o'clock, of congestion of the lungs, catarrhal trouble and general breakdown from work. He was aged about 50 years.

His wife was Miss Hester R. Edwards, daughter of Joseph and Margaret Edwards, both deceased, of New Grenada. He is survived by his wife and by one Charles, also by his aged mother, an invalid, who has been visiting her home with her son's family at Mt. Union.

The funeral services were held at his late home on Market street at 2 p.m., Wednesday, conducted by his pastor, Rev. George W. Todd, Interment in Union cemetery. Cromwell of Masons attended the service in a body and conducted a beautiful ceremony at the cemetery.

Mrs. REBECCA BARTON.

Rebecca Barton, an aged highly esteemed lady of Six-mile Run, died at her home in place on Thursday morning, about 8:00 o'clock. She was 70 years and was the widow of a man who preceded her to the grave about eleven years ago. She was born in this town.

Mrs. Barton is survived by two sons and one daughter, Mrs. and Wilbert Barton, of Six-mile Run; George W. Barton, of Ligonier, Ohio, and Mrs. Barber, of Six-mile Run.

## Painful Accident.

Robert Diehl met with a very painful accident while making a visit to David Garland's on the 1st of August. While manipulating the lever to lower the one of the swords broke, the weight caused the lever to break, one of his arms was severed at the wrist, and badly bruised. Robert's brother Ed "Johnny on the Spot" for he had up his new Ford, and Robert off to Dr. McElroy, and soon had the arm reduced. Robert, however, was "out of business" and neighbors were not the kind of fellow stick when he had an arm, so they turned him in his buckwheat, hauled him, and saw to it that the neighbors made the applebutter. Mr. and Mrs. Diehl are thankful to these good

## Volume XVI.

With this issue the FULTON COUNTY NEWS enters upon the sixteenth year of its existence, and this is a reminder that the Editor is fifteen years farther down in the afternoon of life than the summer of 1899, when he circulated among the citizens of this county for the purpose of finding out how many persons would be willing to take and pay for a newspaper, if he should receive sufficient encouragement to establish one.

When 380 persons had signified their willingness to take the paper from the post office for at least ten weeks at a cost not to exceed ten cents, or three months for a quarter, a modest printing outfit was ordered, and on the 20th day of September 1899, an edition of 480 papers was run off and mailed out. The 380 people who started with the first issue, were pleased and stayed on the job, while others came, and soon the subscription list ran up to a point that gave assurance that there was plenty of room in the County for the FULTON COUNTY NEWS, and now it has a circulation far in excess of any other paper in the county and more than double that of the average of weekly newspapers in Pennsylvania.

The Editor has merely done his best to give the people of Fulton county a clean, well printed newspaper, that would contain an epitome of all the news happenings in the county, as well as an outline of all the principal news events of the State and Nation. In addition to this, especial attention is paid to everything that will be helpful to the business interests of the County. Then, the Sunday school, the Church, and the cause of temperance come in each for its full share of attention, while a clean, wholesome story is kept running for the benefit of those who may have time for it. In fact, it has been the aim of the publisher to make each issue of the NEWS of value and interest to every member of the family; and, the fact that the NEWS is found in more than two-thirds of all the families in Fulton County, is an evidence of the appreciation of effort to make it worth while.

The Editor wishes to thank the friends of the NEWS everywhere for the many kind words of encouragement, and the substantial patronage accorded, and it is his hope that the paper may continue to hold the friendship and support of its patrons during the year just entered, as in the past, and add to its already long list, many new names.

## Too Many Churches.

An exchange gives off the following:

Let somebody propose a school house for every street corner, with geography a specialty in one, arithmetic in another, history in a third, reading in a fourth, and so through the curriculum. The vote would be unanimous to send the proposer to an insane asylum.

The difference between the creed of Reformed, Christians, Methodists, Baptists, Lutherans and Presbyterians is far less radical than the difference between history and penmanship, or arithmetic and geography.

If children do not become confused, but many readily acquire knowledge of all these things under one roof, why does each slight shade of a religious belief require a costly individual plan for its dissemination?

Having a church at almost every corner is one way to create church debts, to make little congregations, to pile up huge operating expenses and generally divert the fire of religious endeavor.

John Souders raised the frame of a nice new barn on his farm near Thomastown Saturday. About fifty neighbors assisted, and there were no accidents.

## Robbers About.

Shortly after midnight last Saturday, some one set a ladder against the back part of E. R. McClain's house and climbed to the upper porch. At about 1:30, Miss Olive Rotz called the family and told Mr. McClain that some one was trying to get into the second story. It is supposed that the would-be intruder heard the conversation and skipped off, as no one could be seen when Mr. McClain investigated. However, next morning a short ladder was discovered leaning against a porch post, and, as ladders are not in the habit of walking about alone at night, it is reasonable to suppose that Miss Olive was not mistaken when she made her report that a man was trying to get in. A disappearing German siege gun now awaits the next one who disturbs slumber at that house.

Some time during the latter part of last week some one who was too thrifty to take time to raise his own potatoes, "raised" about seven bushels from the pile in George W. Sipes' wagon shed.

Perhaps it was the same party who felt the need of grease in which to fry the Sipes tubers that lifted a nice ham from the larder of William Woodall last week. Or, was it the set of thieves that is operating down about Andover, in Licking Creek township?

## For the Temperance Element.

Rev. J. V. Royer was the delegate from the County Local Option League to the convention at Harrisburg last Thursday. About nine-tenths of the counties of the State were represented by about three hundred delegates. The convention was held in response to a call of fifty leading temperance workers of the State to meet in Harrisburg and select a ticket of temperance men from the candidates named by the Republican, the Democrat, and the Washington party tickets, the candidates endorsed were Vance McCormick (Democrat) for Governor, and Gifford Pinchot (Washington) for United States Senator. Other candidates endorsed were: Lieutenant governor, William T. Creasy; secretary of internal affairs, William N. McNair congressman-at-large, Anderson H. Walters, Arthur R. Rupley, Henry Watson and Lex N. Mitchell. Creasy and McNair are Democrats. The candidates for congress-at-large are Washington party men.

## Set His Bed on Fire.

On the 10th of this month the home of Roy M. Daniels, of Thompson township, might have been destroyed by fire but for the prompt discovery of the blaze and the fortunate presence of help.

Mrs. Daniels had put their little son, Wilson Riley Daniels, to sleep in the afternoon, and placed the little fellow in his cot. When he awoke he went to his father's coat and took out a box of matches and began playing with them. In a short time he had set fire to a bed, and the flames were rapidly spreading.

The mother arrived on the scene in time to rescue the boy, and she immediately cried for help to Chester Rider, of Hancock, who was passing. Mr. Rider rushed into the burning room and threw the bedding out of the window and extinguished the fire before more serious damage occurred.

## Soldier's Reunion in Everett.

The reunion of the 22nd Regiment Pennsylvania Cavalry, will be held at Everett on Thursday, October 8. Arrangements have been made to entertain the veterans in a hospitable manner. Mr. J. W. Snyder is the only survivor of the regiment residing in Everett.—Everett Republican.

[If we are not mistaken, there are several members now living in Fulton county to whom this item will be of interest.—Editor News.]

## A HEAVY HANDICAP.

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

In all of our schools there are children, who to use the small boys expression are "blind in one eye and can't see out of the other." Unfortunately often the children themselves are not aware of it nor are their parents and teachers.

Near sighted children struggle to see the blackboard from their benches in the rear of the school room and far sighted children in the front rows endeavor in vain to get distinctly the image on the board immediately before them.

Children with an astigmatism in one or both eyes are made unaccountably nervous and irritable by the constant demands upon their imperfect vision. Persistent headaches are often caused by such imperfections.

Of three hundred thousand children inspected in the rural schools of Pennsylvania over 82,000 were found to have defects of sight which no effort had been made to correct. Nothing is more irritating or trying to the nerves than the continual strain resulting from the effort to see through imperfect eyes. To the growing child, whose brain is endeavoring to grasp new facts and solve new problems it is often times an insurmountable barrier. There are hundreds of dull children who could be cured by properly fitted glasses. Unfortunately many parents hesitate to have small children wear glasses on account of appearances or for other equally foolish reasons.

They fail to realize that often the wearing of glasses for a few years is sufficient to correct a visual error which left uncared for would continue for a lifetime.

## Recent Wedding.

### OTT—BEAL.

The Butler County (Iowa) Press, published at Greene, Iowa gives the following account of a wedding in which Paul Ott, son of Mr. John Ott of this place was one of the principals.

"The home of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman N. Beal east of town was the scene of a pretty home wedding on Thursday evening, September 3rd, when their oldest daughter, Dortha L., was united in holy wedlock to Mr. Paul Ott.

The event was celebrated at eight o'clock. At the appointed hour the contracting parties, unattended, came down the stairs to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, and were led by Rev. L. L. Lockard, pastor of the Methodist church, to the corner of the parlor where the solemn words were spoken that united for life, these worthy young people. In accordance with the wishes of the bride only the immediate relatives of the family witnessed the ceremony. Be careful; but do not stop at that; call attention of your neighbors to the necessity of caution when they light the first fire. Frequently during the summer time chimneys and flues become damaged from some cause, and the fact is not known until the house takes fire. We can think of no greater subject for consideration than the thorough inspection of flues and chimneys before starting first fires, whether we are tenants, or landlords. Do you know that yours is safe?

The bride was becomingly gowned in white silk crepe and carried a bouquet of white roses and ferns. With the exception of six years spent in California, she has lived since childhood on a farm near Greene, and possesses all the necessary qualities to grace the home of him who has chosen her for a life companion.

The groom, formerly lived in Pennsylvania but has spent the past four years in the vicinity of Greene and has proven himself to be an honest, upright and industrious young man, well worthy of the one, of his choice.

Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Ott left by auto for Charles City; thence going to Clear Lake the following day. After a brief outing they will return to Greene, and after October first will be at home to their friends on the T. B. Russell farm, four and one half miles northeast of Greene.

## Hogs in an Orchard.

"A Philadelphia lawyer" wrote to State Zoologist H. A. Surface, Harrisburg, asking, "Will you kindly advise me whether it will be safe to pasture hogs next year in a young orchard consisting of peach and apple trees, some of which were planted only last spring; others have been planted three years and a few bore this year? I have also been advised that soy beans and rape sown together furnishes sufficient pasture for hogs for the summer months without any other ration, provided they are given access to plenty of salt. Have I been informed correctly, or will hogs pastured on such food need a supplementary grain ration to insure the best growth?"

To this communication Professor Surface replied as follows: "It will be safe to pasture hogs in your orchard next year if you will watch two or three important points. One is to be sure that the hogs do not get to rubbing the trees hard, as in the process of scratching themselves. Sometimes when hogs have lice they rub against the trees, and thus do considerable injury. This damage may finally end in collar blight of the apple, and by this means hogs also aid in spreading the collar blight or collar rot, which is by far the most serious disease of the apple tree.

"Another point to watch is that hogs do not root out the roots of young trees. If there are white grubs in the ground close to the roots the hogs may root there to obtain them, and by tearing out the roots they would, of course, do considerable damage. The last point is the possible damage to the lower branches or low hanging fruit, but if such injury is observed at the beginning it is easy to prevent it from going further by removing the hogs from the orchard. On the whole, the conditions are favorable to pasturing the orchard rather than otherwise.

"It is probably true that soy beans and rape will furnish sufficient pasture to keep hogs without needing other food of any kind, or they may at least need but a small supplemental feeding of grain. Any of the legume plants, if sufficiently abundant, will keep hogs for quite a length of time without the addition of other food."

## Fire!

With no water with which to fight it, would you like to hear the cry of "Fire!" This is the time of year when fires are most frequent, because chimneys that have not been used during the summer have accumulated more or less rubbish, and when fires are started on the first cool days, the usual consequence is a blaze of greater or less proportions. Be careful; but do not stop at that; call attention of your neighbors to the necessity of caution when they light the first fire. Frequently during the summer time chimneys and flues become damaged from some cause, and the fact is not known until the house takes fire. We can think of no greater subject for consideration than the thorough inspection of flues and chimneys before starting first fires, whether we are tenants, or landlords. Do you know that yours is safe?

## Two Horses With Lockjaw.

One day last week while crossing Cove mountain, one of Hoyt Glenn's horses tore a shoe loose and a nail in the shoe pierced the frog of its foot. A new shoe was put on at Mercersburg, and for several days the animal seemed all right; but lockjaw developed and it died last Friday. The horse was worth \$200. Another of his horses on his farm near Big Cove Tannery is suffering with the same thing, from having stepped on a nail, probably in the barnyard, and may die.

The amount of money subscribed by the Pleasant Grove congregation for painting their pastor's house at Needmore was \$6.50 instead of \$5.50, as reported last week by mistake.

## Farm Notes.

Do not let us forget that this is the time to select seed corn. Big ears selected from the crib next spring may not prove to be good seed. You want to know the kind of a stalk that produced the ear. If it is from a stalk that produced but one ear, and that stalk had long joints and few leaves, do not plant it, because you want corn that reproduces itself by making two healthy ears, short joints, and many leaves. Husk the selected ears from such stalks, hang them in an airy place where they will not touch each other, and where they will neither freeze nor get damp.

"As the pressure for supplies becomes greater, it becomes more evident that the world cannot afford large farms skinned over with careless culture. In an actual experiment a gain of 200 per cent. which was made in the productivity of a certain area, 100 per cent. was found to be due to better plowing and harrowing, 50 per cent. to better cultivation, and the rest to better seed."—Selected.

## The Farmers Opportunity.

No American farmer can have failed to realize that the European War has presented him with an opportunity unprecedeted and limited only by the amount of work he is willing and able to do.

The agriculture of Europe has been practically suspended. With the vast majority of her able-bodied men fighting in the various armies, Europe will be prevented from reaping this year's crops, but her demand for food will continue unabated. It is the privilege as well as the duty of the American farmer to supply this demand.

While the farmers of Europe are fighting, the farmers of America must sow and reap as they have never done before. Theirs is the part to fill with golden grain the hungry hands that will soon be stretched across the sea.

The duty of feeding famished Europe must fall largely upon American farms. It is a duty once humanitarian and profitable.

With favorable weather conditions and every farmer striving to increase the average yield of his land American's next crop should surpass even the record-breaking crop of this year.

## Extended Drought.

This county has not experienced a drought so extended or pronounced within the memory of the "oldest inhabitants." There has not been a rain sufficient to soak the soil two inches since the eighth day of May. Streams everywhere in the County are very low, or have dried up entirely.

Licking Creek is barely running from one pond to another. Tolowaway creek is dry as punk from Barnett's Run to its source. Of course, as the ponds along the creek dry up, the fish all die, and, as the water becomes low, cranes are attracted and eat thousands of fish. Many farmers are obliged to take their stock a great distance for water, or depend upon hauling a supply. The grass on the lighter land is burned to death. What is somewhat remarkable, the corn has matured and is much above the average in yield in many parts of the county.

The water in McConnellsburg has been almost to the point of exhaustion for several weeks. The town would be entirely helpless in case of fire. We note that Shippensburg is in the same condition, and has asked the fire companies in its neighboring towns to be in readiness to respond with chemical apparatus in case of fire.

Dr. A. N. Mellott and lady friend Miss Anna June Clark, of Ambridge, Pa., autoed to the County latter part of last week and spent a few days with the Doctor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George S. Mellott, near Sipes Mills.

Harvey Clevenger and his sister, Miss Alice, of Hiram, and Harvey Bohn and wife, of Pittsburgh, spent Saturday in the home of their uncle, Judge Morton, of this place. Mrs. Bohn is a sister of Harvey and Alice Clevenger.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin E. Bobbs and daughter Scottanna, Mr. J. A. Hessinger, of Beavertown, and Miss Nela Bair who is attending school in that place, autoed to Miss Bair's home on Green Hill Sunday, where they spent the day and part of Monday with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bair.

Mrs. Elizabeth McEldowney and her daughter, Mrs. Corder Snyder and the former's granddaughter Annie McEldowney, all of Belfast township, were among many pleasant callers at the News office Saturday. They were guests of Mrs. McEldowney's daughter, Mrs. Earl Morton while here.

## ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

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

Mrs. Emaline Lodge is visiting Dr. and Mrs. Campbell in New Grenada.

Mrs. Louisa Jackson is spending two weeks with friends in Franklin county.

John Mentzer and son Roy, of Burnt Cabins, greeted friends in this place Saturday.