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THE GRIM REAPER.

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

WILLIAM H. WALTERS.

Wm. H. Walters a well known resident of Brush Creek Valley, sustained a very painful, and as it proved a very serious, accident on Monday of last week. While walking on the porch of his home he had the misfortune to step and fall heavily upon the floor, completely severing the femur bone from the socket and terribly crushing the entire pelvic bone. Dr. J. G. Hanks, was hastily summoned and gave all surgical assistance possible.

At first it was not thought serious, but it later developed that some internal injury had been sustained, and despite all that could be done by human hands death came, as a relief to the scorching pain, Thursday, January 7th, at 10 p. m.

Mr. Walters was born in Franklin county, Pa., August 5, 1842. His father removed to Harrisonville, Fulton county, where his father died.

Mr. Walters went into the Civil war at an early age, and served two enlistments; first, for 9 months in the 126th P. V. L., company G.; second, for 3 years or during the war in Co. L. 22, P. V. Cavalry. He served his country faithfully and was honorably discharged. He then returned to the farm near Akersville where he died as above noted, aged 72 years, 5 months and 2 days. In politics, he was a life long republican and was always known for his honesty and integrity.

He was a member of the M. E. church for nearly 50 years and his life was an open book. He was a member of the G. A. R. post at Everett who assisted by camp 69 S. V. of Breezewood, had charge of the funeral which was conducted by his pastor Rev. R. F. Hilbisch, interment at Akersville M. E. cemetery, Sunday, March 11, 1864 he was united in marriage, to Charlotte Barton who died about five years ago. To this union were born 9 children 7 boys and 2 girls.

He is survived by 6 sons and 2 daughters. J. B. and Emma wife of C. W. Thomas, of Six Mile Run; Elisha of Flemington; Calvin, of Altoona; Ross H., S. E., L. H. and Rachel wife of Wilson Conner of Akersville, also one brother, Frank Walters, of Pitcairn, and two sisters, Mrs. W. M. Figard, of Six Mile Run, and Mrs. J. M. Lehman of Johnstown.

Mrs. J. R. FOSTER.

Mary Frances, wife of J. R. Foster, died at her home in Altoona, Pa., Thursday, January 7, 1915, aged 62 years, 10 months, and 15 days. She leaves to mourn their loss, the husband and the following children; E. G. Knobsville, Pa., Mrs. Veda Ryder, Three Springs, Pa., Mrs. Olive Lockard, Mrs. Mary White, J. Esley, and Elsie—all of Altoona; one brother, A. G. Edwards, Enid, Pa., and two sisters—Mrs. Chloran Miller, Sixmile Run, Pa. and Mrs. Ella Lockard, Enid; also, the deceased is survived by fourteen grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at her late home on January 9th by Rev. Winey of the second U. B. Church. She was born in Wells Valley, Fulton county, Pa. February 22, 1852, and resided there until 1901, when she with the family removed to Altoona. She was a good and loving wife, and kind and affectionate mother and was loved and respected by all who knew her, as was attested by the hundreds of neighbors who called and gave their expression of sympathy during her sickness and death. Her life has left a more lasting monument to her memory than shafts of granite.

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"AULD ACQUAINTANCE."

Bits of News and Gossip Extracted from the Letters from Our Distant Subscribers.

Mrs. John H. Porter (Ella Irwin,) Wellington, Kansas, says, "It is about time for me to be sending you a 'long green,' as you call it, or you will forget to send me my good old home paper." The Editor is trying hard to make the NEWS a "good old home paper," and it does him good to hear expressions of appreciation.

In a letter renewing his subscription to the NEWS, W. M. Cunningham, Jerome, Idaho, sends holiday greetings to all his Fulton County friends, and wishes them all a happy and prosperous year.

Mrs. George Condon: "I am sending you a dollar for the Fulton County NEWS for one year. I am from old Fulton county. My name was Kesselring. I am at the Allegheny County Industrial Training School for boys. We get plenty of good things to read, but nothing takes the place of the 'old home paper.'"

Rev. C. W. Summey, Apollo, Pa., a boyhood schoolmate of the Editor in one of Hiram Winter's schools, in sending his check for two dollars to advance his subscription, says, "I enjoy the visits of THE NEWS so much. It keeps me informed as to what is occurring in the old home. Wishing you and all my friends a happy and prosperous New Year, I am, Yours truly."

Gilbert Rice, Tiffin, O. "We certainly enjoy the weekly visits of the NEWS as it seems like a visit from a friend at home. December, 1913, was a genuine winter month here, with a fine sledding snow during the greater part of the month. Since the beginning of the new year we have had beautiful weather. The coldest night we have had this winter was that of Christmas eve, when the mercury touched 15 degrees below zero. Wishing the editor and all the readers of the NEWS a happy and prosperous year, I remain yours truly."

Peter Scheidelman, Knoxville, Ill. "We are having lots of snow. Our coldest weather has been 20 below. The corn crop was not very good in this section last summer—dry season and hot winds did the mischief. No apples. Oats and wheat good. Lots of cholera among hogs last summer, and foot and mouth disease among the cattle. I sold \$1100 worth of hogs in 1914 from 12 brood sows. We like it better here than in Fulton county, but, O, we miss those buck-wheat cakes!"

Harry Boerner, Shannon, Ill.: My mother and myself cannot do without the NEWS, for it is like receiving a letter every week from our dear old home McConnellsburg. We find a great many strange names in the paper, but there are many people in that town and neighborhood that I still know, and many that are mentioned in the paper that I had forgotten about. We are now in the midst of winter. The mercury has been down as low as 18 below. I want to thank you for the little mention you made of me and my affliction in the NEWS a year ago. From that, mother and I received a great many letters and post cards from friends as far east as Philadelphia and Washington, and as far west as South Dakota, and we did certainly enjoy hearing from so many of our oldtime friends again. Our farmers had great crops last summer, but during the last month or two, they have had a sore time with that dreadful malady among stock, The Foot and Mouth Disease. There have, at least, been a thousand head of cattle and hogs killed in this immediate neighborhood, and others are still being slaughtered. For one man were killed 136 head of cattle and 150 hogs that were almost ready for mark-

et. They tore all the stalls and mangers out of his barn and burned them; and, also, burned some of his fences. On other farms the cattle were so badly diseased that the froth ran out of their mouths and froze into long icicles, and when they coughed, parts of their tongues would fly out. Mother has been in good health this winter, but during the past two months I have suffered much pain from my old disease, rheumatism. There is not an hour that I do not suffer pain. Kindest holiday greetings to all our old friends,

PIONEER STORIES.

Interesting Reminiscences Related By Daniel E. Fore, Esq., of His Experiences in the Far West.

When our reporter called on Mr. Fore this week for another story, he found the venerable gentleman reading a daily newspaper with the aid of glasses. Mr. Fore informed our scribe that he would soon be 88 years of age; and, that while he kept a pair of eye glasses within reach in case the print was very fine, he had never found it necessary to use them while reading ordinary print. Mr. Fore keeps posted on current topics, and he is planning a trip to Iowa and Colorado next summer. Letting his mind drift back to the youthful days he spent in Iowa, the hero of our stories said that Jefferson county, Iowa, numbered among its citizens many families from Fulton county, Pa. Asked to name some of them, Mr. Fore said that he could recall family names, but that he could not always be sure of the given names of heads of families and others who helped settle Jefferson county. Beginning with his own family name he said that his brother Jacob had preceded him to Iowa about four years. Among the families from Big Cove who went about that time, he could recall those of John Linn, Jugtown, From McConnellsburg were: Jake Richard, Samuel and Thomas Alder, who lived where Mr. Geo. W. Hays now resides. The first of the Alders to go to Iowa was Richard. He went hunting one day, and kept on hunting until he reached Jefferson county, Iowa. He then persuaded the others to follow. Ludwig and William Cunningham, location in town forgotten; William, Henry, and Lee McGraw who lived where the Racket Store is located; some people named Parks, Jacob being one of them, removed from a farm on the west side of the Ridge; Joe Slates and others who lived up against Cove mountain, north-east of where Judge Morton now lives; John and Sam Charlton who lived on what is now Clark McGovern's farm north of town. The Charltons were millers by trade, and operated a grist mill at that point. Conrad Orth, a Mr. Erb, Lewis Hoopengardner, and a Mr. Eshleman who lived where George Mock now lives, were others named by Mr. Fore.

There was also a "colony" of Pennsylvanians from the neighborhood of Cassville, Huntingdon county, who settled in Jefferson county at the time of our story. Among them were James and Billy Frazier, Wash and Abram Hannawalt, Archie Green, and Wash and John Vance. We have no doubt that the NEWS goes to some of the descendants of these families, and that the foregoing history, brief as it is, will be read with interest by some of them. We feel sure, too, that some of the relatives and friends of these people, who have remained in old Fulton county, would be glad if the former would send word to them through the NEWS, giving briefly, such news of themselves, as friends would like to hear. We would be pleased to receive and to publish short sketches of the lives of these early settlers.

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FARMERS' WEEK.

Feast of Good Things Long to Be Remembered by Pennsylvania Agriculturists at State College.

The Farmers' Week at the State College during the holidays of 1914-15, will long be remembered by the more than nine hundred farmers, (in many instances, accompanied by their wives and children) who took advantage of the free instruction, and the reduced railroad fare, to better fit themselves to grapple with the many intricacies of agricultural life. Each one of the sixty-seven counties in this commonwealth sent an average of more than thirteen farmers to this great School-Convent; and, while it was attended with some expense on the part of those who went, each returned full of enthusiasm, new ideas, and greater love for farm life. It is to be regretted that not more of our own people took advantage of the opportunity, only one, Mr. W. C. Patterson, of Ayr township, being in attendance; but Mr. Patterson is as generous as he is enthusiastic, and he has kindly consented to give the readers of the NEWS the benefit of some of the things that were interesting to him. The following is written by Mr. Patterson, and he has promised to give us another article next week.

"State College, Center county, Pa., was the place, and the faculty of the College and the people of the Village were the hosts. Good weather prevailed during most of the week, and the register showed the names of about nine hundred farmers, many of whom were accompanied by their wives and children. Although the men were largely in the majority, the program contained much of value for the women, in the way of lectures, and demonstrations in Domestic Science, which, had the audiences been larger, would have been of inestimable advantage to the housewife, and to the prospective housewife.

A special program was arranged for the boys and girls, about 100 of whom were present. This program was under the care of E. K. Hibshman of Agricultural Extension work and included, besides reports of Boy's Corn Clubs and Girls Canning Contests, vegetable and poultry raising, very interesting data from the County Superintendents of School and the County Agents of Agricultural Extension. It seems unfortunate that none of our home boys or girls was among the contestants for prizes. Aileen Fell, a 13-year-old girl, of Mercer county, this state, was the prize-winning contestant a year ago, she having raised a bumper crop of corn on an acre of land. This season she distinguished herself by raising 67 bronze turkeys out of a hatch of 100. She was introduced to an audience of about 1000 and pleasantly told the story of her achievement.

The Agricultural Extension County Agents are young men who have taken a course of training at State College, or at other Agricultural Schools, and they are located, generally, in the county seat of the county employing them. Their duties are to visit farms by invitation, or without, ask questions, get information, advise, diseases of crops and stock; and to organize corn clubs. C. S. Adams, Agent from Berks county, had charge of a lot of boys including J. R. Shuman, 13 years of age, the State prize winner, who raised 90 barrels of corn per acre. David Wilson, 12 years of age, was the prize winner from Chester county. He raised 62 barrels. J. C. Jackson 12 years of age, under adverse conditions, raised 53 barrels. C. H. Yoder, 13 years of age, son of a Berks county Dutchman said "I cultivatet my corn ven it was in tassell, allretty. That made it grow!"

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JANUARY COURT.

It Took Just Seventy-five Minutes to Clean Up All the Business of the Quarter.

"A short horse is soon curried" and the business in the average term of Fulton county court is soon disposed of. Fulton County has but two "jury courts" in a year—March and October, and it not unfrequently happens that the jurors have but little more to do than sign the payroll and go home. Courts are expensive necessities in any county, and the taxpayers have cause for real gratitude, when the business is transacted with the minimum of time and cost. Just seventy-five minutes elapsed on Tuesday morning between the time the crier announced his oyez! oyez! until in the same sing-songy tone he declared the court adjourned. President Judge S. Mc. Swope, and Associates, W. B. Stigers and Wm. Mellott, were on the bench. The following is an outline of the business disposed of by the Court.

Petitions were presented by W. L. Cunningham, and W. W. Cessna, setting forth their resignations as supervisors of Wells township, which were ordered to be filed by the Court.

In the matter of the estate of John Oakman, late of Licking Creek township, deceased, widows appraisal was approved and ordered to be recorded unless exceptions be filed within 20 days.

In the estate of Jonas Mellott late of Belfast township, widows Appraisal, approved with usual order.

In the estate of Alvin K. Alexander, late of Ayr township widows appraisal, approved and like order made.

In the estate of Benjamin Bollinger, late of Taylor township, widows appraisal, approved with usual order.

In the estate of J. E. Grissing, late of Ayr township, widows appraisal, approved and usual order.

In the matter of the order of sale of real estate of Geo. Schetrompf, late of Union township, deceased. Return of sale of real estate, continued.

Return of sale, in the estate of Abram Fox, deceased, was confirmed.

In the matter of the estate of Samuel Smith, late of Brush Creek township, deceased, the return of order of sale was confirmed.

In the estate of W. B. Anderson, sale of real estate was confirmed as made on order of the Court.

Edward Palmer was appointed guardian of Marcus A. Markley, a minor.

Joseph Woodcock was appointed guardian of Robert and Glenn Lockard.

In the matter of the estate of Levi Smith, late of the township of Brush Creek, deceased, a rule was awarded on the heirs to take or refuse to take the real estate of deceased at the appraised value.

The account, of J. C. and M. B. Baker,—as stated by M. B. Baker,—administrators of the estate of A. F. Baker, late of Wells township deceased, was confirmed. In the same estate, the petition of the Administrators was presented asking their discharge and the discharge of the sureties on their bond. Order made as prayed for.

A license was granted Harry Hamil proprietor of the "City Hotel," in McConnellsburg, also to R. W. Broadbeck, proprietor of the "Mansion House" in Burnt Cabins, also to Charles R. Witsel for the "Wilt House" in Port Littleton, and to Calvin Little, of the "Fulton House" McConnellsburg.

Petition of Nellie Wishart, was presented asking permission to take testimony, out of the state in an action pending in our court. The matter was argued at bar,

THE PENNSYLVANIA FARMERS LIVING.

Interesting Comparisons Made by the United States Department of Agriculture on Cost of Living.

Careful observation on forty-three farms in Pennsylvania, to find the actual cash value of the cost of board and lodging for each member of the family, shows that it is \$157.44. The average size of the farms investigated was 77 acres. The average membership of the families was five. The cost of board was found by putting a market value on every potato, egg, hog, chicken, vegetable, pound of butter, quart of milk and mess of beans that were taken from the farm for food. To this was added the market value of every cent's worth of things that were traded at the store for food, and again, to this, was added any cash that was spent for food. In other words, if every cent's worth of food that found its way to the farmer's table had been bought with money, it would have cost an average of \$75.40 for each member for one year. In the same manner the cost of fuel was found to be \$8.83, light \$1.21. But this was not all. The cash value of lodging was found to be \$31.00, a figure which included interest, depreciation and repairs. And if the house work had been paid for in cash, it would have cost \$41.00 per member. Cost of living on a farm can be estimated one way only, namely, put a market value on every stroke of work done, exactly as would be the case if you did it for some one else, instead of for yourself. The total cost per member was found to be as follows:

Food.....	\$75.40
Fuel.....	8.83
Oil.....	1.21
House rent.....	31.00
House labor.....	41.00
	\$157.44

Districts in other states were studied in the same manner, and it was found that Pennsylvania farmers raised a trifle over half the food they consumed, while some southern states raised more than three quarters of all they ate. The fact that southern states are farther from markets, and have longer summers, accounts, in part, for their raising more of their own food. But Pennsylvania is behind every state in the Union, except Vermont, in producing food for the family on the farm. The average for the United States being two thirds.

We have seen that the average cost of board and lodging for each member of a Pennsylvania farm family is \$157.44 per year. The investigating committee found that, with the exception of Vermont, it was the lowest in the United States. For this reason, they try to make us believe that the Pennsylvania farmer is a "hard liver," and that his family does not get its share of the good things of life. We cannot believe it, since the tables of this state may be set with a different class of food. For instance, they show that the average Pennsylvanian eats eighteen dozen eggs a year, while an Iowa individual eats 58 dozen. But their own figures show that Pennsylvanians buy more meat than perhaps any other set of farmers. Their figures also show that Pennsylvanians trade more farm products for groceries, and they will have to try again to prove to us that the average Pennsylvania farmer sets a poorer table than they do elsewhere. The foregoing figures are interesting because it enables us at a glance to see the cash value of each individual's labor to provide food and shelter for his body.

and the prayer of petitioner was refused. The Court adjourned at 11:15.

Little Talks in Samuel G. Commis.

Few people pay attention to the care of their skin. A certain number of us devote no little time to of that portion which above their collars but do not understand the real importance of the functions of the skin. We breathe through the skin. A considerable volume of oxygen is absorbed by the body in this way. Certain poisonous substances are disposed of through the pores of the skin. These poisons are eliminated through the glands in the skin passing off in perspiration.

The skin is one of the body's thermostats that automatically regulate its temperature. If the heat grows excessive the blood vessels in the skin dilate and permit the circulation of an extraordinary amount of blood near the surface. This permits the radiation of the heat from the blood and the corresponding cooling of the body and stimulates a more active combustion.

When the body is exposed to cold if the skin is properly performing its functions it will contract and drive the blood away from the skin to concentrate its warmth near the vital organs.

The ends of the nerves which give us our sense of touch are located in the skin. This sensitivity is for the continual protection of the skin. In order that these various functions may be properly carried out it is essential that the skin be well cared for at all times. If the pores are not kept thoroughly clean, the poisonous excretions instead of being expelled are re-absorbed by the blood. Such a condition also prevents the skin from absorbing oxygen as it should do when properly performing its functions. Then too, there is the question of beauty. A clean, healthy, well groomed skin is genuinely attractive.

Soap and water should be vigorously applied but no soap left on the skin after bathing. Sleep and exercise in fresh air combined with good food and plenty of water are better than all the skin foods and beautifiers and their consistent and regular use will add materially to the general bodily health and well being.

Were Arrested.

Harvey S. Bomberger of Palmyra and John Funk of Derry Church have been arrested upon complaint of the State Livestock Sanitary Board, charged with conspiracy and violation of the foot-and-mouth disease quarantine.

The accused men have been actively opposing the measures adopted by the Board to eradicate the disease in Dauphin and Lebanon Counties.

By making misleading statements Bomberger induced several farmers to oppose, for a time, the killing of infected herds which were a menace to the safety of healthy herds, but the diseased cattle were finally killed under the supervision of the State police.

Bomberger and Funk are charged with removing the milk of infected cattle from Funk's premises while under quarantine. They were each held in \$500.00 for a further hearing.

Cut Off Toe.

David, son of John Heinbaugh, near Cito, was cutting wood in the woods last Saturday, and accidentally cut off one of his big toes. Dr. Robinson was called, and he found that all but a portion of the skin at one side of the toe was severed. Having but two big toes, the young man was anxious to save the member, and he persuaded the surgeon to sew it on in the hope that it would grow fast again. We hope that he will not be disappointed, as no one has more big toes than he needs.

