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THE GRIM REAPER.

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

JACKSON B. RAMSEY.

Jackson B. Ramsey died at his home at Franklinville, Huntingdon county, Pa., on Tuesday, March 16, 1915 aged 89 years, 11 months, and 5 days. The funeral took place on the following Thursday, and interment was made in the Church of God cemetery at Walnut Grove. Mr. Ramsey was born in this county on the 11th day of April, 1826, and would only have had to live 26 more days to become a nonagenarian.

Mr. Ramsey enlisted in Company K, 22nd Pennsylvania Cavalry on the 18th day of February, 1864, and was mustered out of service on the last day of October, 1865. He was the father of our townsman, Jeweler and Grocer D. R. Ramsey, and leaves besides, the following other children: Fannie Osborn, of W. Va.; Henry, Mount Union; Scott, of Fort Littleton; Taylor of Waynesboro; Sadie, of Altoona; Elmer, of Franklinville; Nellie Little, of Ohio, and Bruce, of Clear Ridge.

HENRY LAYTON.

At his home in Bethel township, Henry Layton died suddenly on Monday evening, March 22 aged 66 years, 3 months, and 28 days. Mr. Layton was born in Whips Cove in 1848, was the son of Joseph Layton, deceased, and was the last of a large family to pass away. About 1874 he married Eliza Jane Yonker, who still survives him. To this union were born three children; Albert Russell, now of Hancock, Md., Mrs. Lemuel Smith, Siding Hill Pa.; and Mrs. A. C. Garland, Le-masters, Pa.—all of whom remain to mourn his loss. He is also survived by three grandchildren.

For some years he had been subject to stomach trouble, and for about three weeks previous to his death he had been complaining, and undergoing medical treatment. But no one thought that he was seriously ill, and his death was a great shock to his family and friends. He was able to be up and about to the very last.

Some years ago he united with the Christian Church. The funeral services were held on Thursday morning, conducted by Rev. A. G. B. Powers. He was laid to rest in the cemetery at Cedar Grove.

ANDREW FEIGHT.

Andrew Feight died at his home in Belfast township, Monday March 29, 1915, of pneumonia, aged about fifty years. Funeral was held on Wednesday, interment being made in Friends Cove, Bedford county. His wife who survives him, was Miss Elsie Clevenger. There were no children. Mr. Feight recently removed from Bedford county to Belfast township.

Program for W. C. T. U.

Franchise Meeting.

A W. C. T. U. Franchise meeting will be held on Monday evening, April 5th, at the home of Miss Jessie Sloan at 7:30 o'clock.

1. Singing—Pennsylvania State Song.
2. Bible Reading—Gen. 1:26-31.
3. Prayer.
4. Reading of minutes.
5. Essay—Meta Fryman.
6. Singing—Some Glad Day.
7. Address—Miss Mary Seylar.
8. Discussion—How Can We Help to Win in 1916?
9. Business.
10. Temperance Doxology.

Pres. MRS. WINNIE KENDALL.
Sec. Miss META FRYMAN.

Mrs. Geo. W. Sipes and Mrs. Geo. N. Sipes near Hustontown, spent the time from Friday until Monday in the home of the former's granddaughter Mrs. John Summers at Thomastown, and with other relatives and friends.

Recent Weddings.

CROMER—WIBLE.

A very pretty wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Wible, near Cito in Ayr township, at high noon on Wednesday, March 31, 1915, when their daughter Miss Estella became the bride of Robert B. Cromer, son of Ex-County Commissioner and Mrs. Daniel W. Cromer, near Fort Littleton. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. V. Royer, of the Methodist Episcopal church, McConnellsburg, in the presence of members of the immediate families and about twenty-five other invited guests.

The bride and groom are excellent young people, and will immediately take charge of the farm of the groom's father and will leave the honeymoon trip off to some time when spring farm work is not so pressing as now. The NEWS extends congratulations and hearty good wishes.

KITZMILLER—BEDFORD.

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Bedford in Shippensburg on Wednesday, March 24, 1915, when their daughter Miss E. Corinna, was married to Mr. F. Roy Kitzmiller, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Kitzmiller, also of Shippensburg. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. W. Snyder, pastor of Memorial Lutheran church. The bride, who is one of Shippensburg's popular young ladies, was attired in a beautiful dress of shadow lace over white crepe de chine, with bride's veil, trimmed with orange blossoms and carried a bride's bouquet. Miss Rose E. West, dressed in an attractive pink dress, acted as bridesmaid, while Misses Elizabeth Bashore and Jess Bedford acted as flower girls. The groom was attended by Carl H. Clippinger, as groomsmen.

The room in which the ceremony took place, was tastefully decorated, the color scheme of white and pink being predominant throughout, laurel and carnations being made use of profusely. The ceremony was witnessed by about fifty invited guests, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Little of McConnellsburg. Lohengrin's wedding march was played by Miss Jennie F. Bross. After congratulations and best wishes had been extended, an elaborate wedding dinner was served and later the couple left for Eastern cities on a wedding tour. The presents received were beautiful and numerous.

The bride's parents are natives of this county, and Mr. Bedford, who is now a successful merchant, made his first venture at Clear Ridge, and was in business at Foltz for several years. The NEWS joins in best wishes and congratulations.

ROHRER—ROHM.

Mr. Kime Rohrer and Miss Lotie Rohm were married at the home of the bride's brother, Walter Rohm at Mapleton, Pa., at 3:30 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, March 17, 1915, the ceremony being performed by Rev. H. B. Ritter, pastor of the United Brethren church in the presence of a number of relatives and friends. William Rohrer, a twin brother of the groom, and Miss Viola Neice were the attendants. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. William Rohm, of Mount Union; John Hann, grandfather of the bride, of Saluvia; Mrs. S. B. Neice, Miss Tillie Neice, Mrs. Charles O'Conner and Howard Neice, of Mapleton. After the ceremony and congratulations a splendid wedding dinner was served the party by Mrs. Walter Rohm.

The bride is a daughter of Taylor and Mary Belle Hann Rohm, and a grand-daughter of "Uncle" John Hann, near Saluvia, in whose home she grew from the time she was but a few months old at the death of her mother, until she had reached young womanhood. The groom is a fine young man and the happy couple start out in their wedded life with the best wishes of their numerous friends. They will reside in Mapleton.

SERVED ALMOST 18 YEARS.

Sylvester B. Woollet Retired from the McConnellsburg Postmastership Wednesday Evening.

On the first day of August 1897 Sylvester B. Woollet succeeded the late W. S. Dickson as postmaster at McConnellsburg, and on the first day April 1915, after a period of service of 17 years and 8 months, he was succeeded by Prof. B. C. Lamberson. At the time Mr. Woollet took charge it was a fourth class office, and the postmaster's income was \$600.

Fourth class postmasters are paid as follows: As long as the cancellation of stamps amounts to no more than \$50 a quarter, the postmaster gets all of the amount for his pay. As the amount of cancellation increases, he is paid a per cent., so that at the time Mr. Woollet became postmaster, his percentage would indicate that the office was can-



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celling from \$1,000 to \$1,200 worth of stamps per year. Six years ago the amount of cancellation brought the postmaster's share up to \$1,000 and as this is lowest salary for a third class office, the McConnellsburg office was changed to that class. Instead of depending on the cancellation of stamps for his pay, the third class postmasters are paid according to the amount of sale of stamps, and the sale of stamps at this office has increased year by year and Mr. Woollet has, during the past six years, been granted four increases of salary and at the time he retired from the service, was receiving \$1,400 a year. Mr. Woollet informs us that the increase of sales of stamps is still going on, so that it will be but a short time until the salary will be \$1,500. The yearly sale of stamps at this office now runs between \$3,000 and \$3,500. In addition to this salary, third class postmasters receive additional allowances for clerk hire. McConnellsburg is the only third class postoffice in the County. All other postmasters in Fulton county are paid according to the amount of stamps cancelled.

Mr. Woollet passed his 77th birthday on the 21st day of last December. At the time this picture of him was made he was about sixty years of age. Those who know him best now, would not take him to be any older than he was at that time. From post-office inspectors, directly, we learn that his accounts with the department have been exceptionally satisfactory, and his record as postmaster stands with the highest.

For a small town, this is a "long-hour" office. First mail leaves at 5 o'clock a. m., and the last mail arrives at 9 p. m., so that the actual working hours are fifteen, for it is about ten o'clock at night before office can be closed. But Mr. Woollet leaves the service with the best wishes of thousands of friends for the efficient manner in which he conducted it. For about ten years, William A. Sloan, Esq. was assistant postmaster, and for the remainder of Mr. Woollet's time he has been ably assisted by John P. Conrad Esq.

Since not more than a score of patrons have been added to this office, it is a matter of interest to

More Hard Cider.

Sometime ago we published a letter from a Licking Creek township sufferer in which the writer complained bitterly because intoxicating hard cider was being sold to drunkards in his district. We have before us another letter of the same kind, from the same locality. The letters were intended to give publicity to feelings against the man, or men, who are selling the intoxicant. We are always willing to assist in maintaining high standards of morals in the County; but in this particular instance, newspaper publicity could not reach and reform the individual who, for such small gain, would debauch his neighbors. But there is a remedy, and the punishment provided for breaking the liquor laws of the State is severe. The offender is not handled by sympathetic friends in court. The offenses in this case seem so gross that we wonder that the authorities have not been notified. If the wife, mother, daughter, or sister, of the victim of the seller of hard cider would make information against the latter, she could feel certain that the community would be quickly rid of the offender; the County would utter never a complaint for having to pay his board in the penitentiary for a number of years, for a term in that institution would be the inevitable outcome of a complaint from any suffering woman.

Ours is the land of the free and the home of the brave, and there is nothing upon the statute books of Pennsylvania to hinder any man from making all the cider he wishes to make; nor to hinder him from keeping it in the cellar until it becomes as hard as Pharaoh's heart; nor to hinder him from drinking the hard cider and becoming as drunk as two owls, provided, always, that he does not let any one see him while in an intoxicated condition; for it is an offense against the law to get drunk, and any person so doing, is liable to arrest and fine; and provided further, that the maker of the cider does not sell nor give the said cider to any one else.

If he do, he is liable to prosecution, fine, and imprisonment just the same as for handling whisky without license. Now, there is plenty of law, and all you have to do is to point out the offender to the District Attorney and he will do the rest. Get busy. It don't do any good to "jaw" about a thing.

Mrs. Anna Cobaugh (formerly Miss Anna Heinbaugh) of Chambersburg, is spending a few days in the home of D. L. Alexander in East End.

determine why the office receipts have almost trebled during the last eighteen years. During recent times a second assistant became necessary in order that the great bulk of mail might be handled quickly. The parcel post increase does not account for the phenomenal growth in the business of the office, although that has added greatly to the amount of matter handled. The increase grew as steadily before the introduction of the parcel post a year ago. The rapid growth of the office can be nothing more than an index to the change in modes of living. It clearly indicates that people now spend three times as much for postage as they did eighteen years ago. We live better. Intelligence among the masses has increased. The demand for modern conveniences grows with improved facilities for the enjoyment of the good things of life.

The present incumbent, Prof. B. C. Lamberson possesses the qualifications necessary to the successful administration of the office, and there is no reason why McConnellsburg may not have a service equal to the best in towns of its size.

FIRST OF APRIL.

The Time in the Year When Many Persons Make Change in Place of Residence.

The first of April brings with it the usual number of changes of residence, and we note the following; Harry Ott moves from the Glazier house in the East End into John Ott; new house; Mrs. Nettie Truax, from the Hykes property into the house vacated by Mr. Comerer; Miss Eliza Fox, from the home of her sister, Mrs. Susan Myers, into the house vacated by Mrs. Truax; David Forner, from the tenant house on the Trout farm west of town, into the house recently vacated by Miss Eliza Fox, Boyd Elvey, from the F. M. Taylor house, into his own new house in the East End; H. E. Palsgrove, from Hustontown, into the house vacated by Mr. Elvey, Wm. Bivens, from the Sipes farm east of town, into the P. P. Shives' new house; Frank Tritle, from the McGovern farm to the Sipes farm vacated by Mr. Bivens; James McQuade from one of P. P. Shives' houses to Knobsville; Herbert Helman, from the old Henry house on Walnut street, now owned by M. F. Black, into the house vacated by James McQuade; Lloyd Ray, from the house in East End which he recently sold to John Gillis, to the John Nelson farm in Tod township, which Mr. Ray recently purchased; John Gillis, from the Nelson farm into the house vacated by Mr. Ray; James P. Waltz, from the "Blue House" east Lincoln Way, to his farm in Thompson township; Leslie W. Seylar from Mrs. Nettie Alexander's house into Mrs. Hal Trout's house north Second street; C. R. Spangler, from Mrs. Trout house, to Hancock; Annie McDonald and her mother Mrs. Susan Rummell, from the John Shimer house, into the house recently vacated by D. E. Little; Joseph Sowers from the west end of the Jennie Cooper, house, into that vacated by Mrs. McDonald; Mrs. Mattie Stouteagle from the Thompson property into the rooms vacated by Joseph Sowers; Mrs. Louisa Jackson, from one of the T. J. Comerer houses on West Walnut street, into the Thompson house; Christ Shimer, from the John Doyle property at the east end of Market street, into the house vacated by Mrs. Jackson; George Steach from the "Vallie Houpt" property into the house vacated by Christ Shimer; Howard Weld, from the "Milt Unger" property, into the house vacated by Geo. Steach, which Mr. Weld owns; Amos Clouser, from the Henry Scott property at the south end of First Street, into the new house at Clevenger's, formerly used as a school room; Brice Hann, from the James Woodal house across the Bridge, into the house vacated by Mr. Clouser; A. L. Wible, from the Alexander house just east of the U. P. church into the house vacated by Brice Hann; A. J. Rotz, from one of D. E. Little's houses on E. Market Street, into his own new house, just east of the Borough; George Souders, from the Gilbert farm at the Reservoir, to the Dallas Myers farm; Clarence Cooper from the Abram Fox farm to the Gilbert farm; Cyrus Wagner, from the D. M. Kendall farm near Cito to the George Snider farm in Todd township, which Mr. Wagner recently purchased; Harvey Mellott, moves to the D. M. Kendall farm, which he recently purchased, C. C. Crouse, from the Geo. Snidnr farm to the tenant house on the Henry farm north of town; John Wagner, from the Henry house to Shippensburg; Mrs. Lottie Grissinger, from the Glazier (Hoke) farm south of town, into one of T. J. Comerer's houses on west Walnut street, with her father-in-law, Adam Grissinger; Dale Garland, from Thomas Johnson's farm, west of town, to the Glazier farm; Fred Gordon, to

Substitute for Timothy and Clover.

If the fears of many local farmers have foundation, there will be a short crop of hay in this section this harvest. From Big Cove come reports that frequent frost upheavals uprooted sufficient clover to practically destroy the crop, and that timothy suffered to considerable extent. But it is so well known that soybeans sown at, or immediately after, cornplanting time, can be made to take the place of clover and timothy, that there need be no lack of dry feed next winter. The soybean stubble may then be planted to wheat next fall. There are several other crops that would fill in with local conditions this spring on barren hayfields; but to fall back on reliable advice of our State Experiment station, three pecks of soybeans planted in rows 28 inches apart, cultivated several times in order that the stubble may be prepared for wheat by use of a harrow, seems to be the accepted course under conditions here this spring. Some corn-planters, and drills, crack the beans, and of course such seed will not grow; lookout for that. Cut for hay as soon as some of the lower leaves turn brown, and before the pods are half filled; if cut when more nearly matured, the leaves and rich seeds will drop off in harvesting. All stock—including hogs—eat soybean hay greedily, and experiment station tests have proven that the feed value of bean hay is greater than that of clover. If the enforced introduction of soybeans into a general farming scheme of the County results in establishing more general knowledge of the value of this excellent legume and soil-builder, the loss of a crop of clover and timothy hay will have been a blessing in disguise.

A big lot of rich feed in the barn next winter will offset any inconvenience in the change of crop rotation caused by the ploughing up of hayfields. There is no time to lose in ordering seed for April planting. Some farmer could give better directions than we could as to variety and place to buy seed. Also as to way of planting same. Perhaps as reliable plan as any would be to order through A. B. Ross, Bedford Pa. as he is known to all of us, and no time need be lost in hunting best variety and place to buy. It is Mr. Ross's business to know.

Postoffice to Be Removed.

C. R. Souders called a few days ago to have his address changed from Dublin Mills to Hustontown. It is reported that the Dublin Mills postoffice is to be abandoned. Mr. Souder's reason for selecting Hustontown as his address for the NEWS was because the Star Route from Hustontown to Three Springs passes his farm and the carrier can deliver at his box. Many copies of the NEWS go to Dublin Mills, and we advise that our subscribers let us know at their earliest convenience where to send the paper when that office closes.

the Johnson farm. J. Lake Garland, from the McQuade farm, near Back Run, to the Troglor farm, near Mercersburg; W. S. Clevenger, from his property in town, to the farm vacated by Mr. Garland; Walter S. Osler, from Chambersburg, into the Mrs. Nettie Alexander house vacated by Leslie W. Seylar; James Linn from Maddenville, into the Morton Building; George Rexroth and sisters, from the Annie Frey Shaffner house, into their own new house on First Street; W. H. James, from the Shaffner house on Second street, into the John Stouteagle house on Lincoln Way; Charlie Snyder, from Ayr township, into the house vacated by Mr. James; Alice Stevens, from the Dallas Myers place to Cal Summers house in Ayr township; Geo. C. Mellott, from Webster Mills, into the Little house vacated by Andy Rotz.

RACE CULTIVATION.

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

To maintain the highest degree of physical health, it must be accompanied by a healthy brain. One that can work out its own problems in early intercourse with the rest of mankind, and cooperate for the preservation of its own species. This is a law of nature.

The Teutonic writers would have us believe that war is necessary to keep up the prosperity of a healthy nation, claiming that the whole scheme of nature is to live on itself. This, however, is a mistake. Cannibalism is rare and unnatural.

The self preservation of species means the united effort of individuals to that end. When one begins to live on one's self death follows.

To modify a common but true saying, dog cannot eat dog. War kills off the healthy and broods death.

In these days of all advanced health measures, children should be taught to take plenty of outdoor physical exercise, but it should not be brutal in character. Their sports should tend to cultivate control, temperate thoughts and kindness.

As war brings pestilence the higher education should not teach the Teutonic interpretation of the laws of nature, but that it will lead to the self destruction of the species.

Wars must cease as man overcomes the brute side of his nature although he may be trained in the science of war without becoming brutal. In this twentieth century all questions between nations will have to be settled by international courts. The present war is counteracting the results of great health laws that have been enforced by spreading communicable disease and killing off the able bodied members of the belligerent nations.

To attain the highest degree of health, militarism must be crushed.

Railroad News.

That Fulton county will soon be opened up to the commercial world by a railroad looks plausible. The engineers are rapidly completing all the details connected with the surveys, and engineer A. Spotwood Dandridge reports that he will have all profile maps and specifications for building and construction about April 5th.

Mr. H. T. Klingensmith, engineer of the construction firm of Ferguson & Edmondson, railroad contractors of Pittsburg, came to town Monday. He came for the purpose of looking over the field with a view to submitting bids for the construction of our road. Our readers have had explained to them how an electric freight-hauling road is not limited to easy grades of steam roads, and in view of this fact Mr. Klingensmith, like many other visiting engineers, has said that our maximum 6 per cent. grade presents no difficulties for the construction and operation of a good road over Cove mountain.

Fort Loudon has responded freely to the help of bringing the road to that town, and citizens of that place hold much stock, and two of the Company's directors are from that town. The authorized issue of bonds will soon, we are told, be ready for purchasers, and already, dealers in this kind of paper have made many pertinent inquiries. Unlike the European field of battle, startling news cannot be obtained daily, since events do not occur so rapidly in the field of railroad work; but the foregoing is a summary of what has been done to date, and the development of this much is as much as energetic efforts could be expected to accomplish, and the efforts of President Post and co-workers have been truly energetic.