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THE GRIM REAPER.

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

REV. JOHN H. BARNEY.

Rev. John Henry Barney, of the Christian church, well known in this county, died at Clearville, Bedford county, Saturday afternoon, April 3, aged 75 years, 8 months, and 30 days. The funeral took place on Tuesday attended by a very large number of sorrowing friends.

Rev. Barney was married twice and to his first wife, one son is living, Joseph Barney, of Clearville, with whom the father had made his home for some time. Mr. Barney's second marriage was with Miss Elizabeth Pittman daughter of the late Matthew and Louisa Pittman, who years ago, lived on their farm south of Big Cove Tannery. To this union one son is living, Prof. John Willis Barney, a graduate of Elon College, N. C., and at present taking a theological course in a college in New York.

Early in life Mr. Barney entered the Christian ministry, and for many years was recognized as a power in the pulpit. During the period of the Great Rebellion, he enlisted in the United States army and rendered valiant service for his country. Less than three months ago (January 14th) the NEWS published the story of Mr. Barney's life in verse a copy of which is now, no doubt in the hands of many of his friends. The edition is exhausted, and no more can be furnished.

W. H. CUNNINGHAM.

William Houston Cunningham died at his home in Engle vale, Kansas, on Sunday morning, March 28, 1915, aged 87 years, 11 months, and 7 days. In his earlier life he resided in New Grenada, this county, and he was a brother of the late J. G. Cunningham, at New Grenada, Aunt Rachel Bergstresser, of Waterfall, and Joseph Cunningham, of Fort Littleton. He was married to Amanda Stunkard, a sister of Mack and Ferg, and away back in the sixties he removed to Kansas, where he spent the remainder of his life—his wife dying several years ago. He will be remembered by the older people about New Grenada, Wells Valley, and the lower part of Huntington county as a jovial, whole-hearted companion, and he had a host of friends.

EZRA MELLOTT.

After a lingering illness, Mr. Ezra Mellett, one of Bethel town ship's highly esteemed citizens, died at his home near Franklin Mills on Monday evening, March 29, 1915, aged 74 years. The funeral took place on Wednesday, and interment was made in the cemetery at the Presbyterian church at Warfordsburg.

The deceased was a son of Benjamin Mellett, Esq., and owned and lived upon part of the old homestead. He was married to Miss Mary, eldest daughter of the late ex-County-Commissioner Lemuel Hill, who survives, together with the following children, namely, Clayton, Howard, and Jennie wife of Riley Lynch—all of Bethel township. Mr. Mellett is survived by one sister, Esther, wife of Amos Layton.

ROBERT H. SIPES.

Robert H. Sipes died at the home of his brother E. A. Sipes in Martinsburg, Blair County, Pa., on Friday, March 26, 1915, age 76 years. Mr. Sipes was the pioneer marble and granite man in this county, and conducted the business at Sipes Mill years ago. He was a son of the late Emanuel Sipes and was born in the business at Martinsburg, Pa., but during the last five years he was unable to work because of an affection of his throat, which eventually caused his death.

"Bob" Sipes, as he was familiarly known to his many friends was a sculptor of more than ordi-

SHOCKING DEATH.

Clothing Takes Fire from a Burning Brush Heap in Field and Child Burns to Death.

A most distressing accident occurred in Union township, near the Maryland Line, one day last week, when a little daughter, aged 6 to 8 years, of Mr. and Mrs. William Morrison, lost her life.

Mrs. Morrison is a daughter of the late Daniel Smith, and the Morrises live on the old Smith farm. On the day of the accident, Benjamin Stoner was ploughing one of the fields on the Smith farm, and had some brush burning. The little Morrison girl was in the field and got so near the fire that her clothing became ignited. Mr. Stoner saw her clothing take fire and ran to the child's rescue, but the child being on the opposite side of the fire from Mr. Stoner, and ran screaming in the opposite direction, he was not able to reach the child until the flames had done their deadly work.

The heartbroken parents have the sympathy of every one in this terrible bereavement.

Dwelling House Burned.

Some time during Wednesday night of last week, Mrs. John Mumma's house near Laidig was discovered to be on fire, and the family had barely time to escape before the floors collapsed, and the whole interior became a mass of flames. It was impossible, therefore, to remove any of the contents of the house which, with a nearby smokehouse and its contents were consumed. We have been unable to learn the amount of loss; but we understand that there was some insurance. Owing to the progress made by the fire before it was discovered, its origin cannot be determined; but it is supposed that it was due to a flue or stovepipe connection.

Mrs. Mumma's neighbors and friends immediately began making preparations to build her a substantial house, and probably, by the time this reaches our readers, she will have had erected a house that will provide temporary shelter at least. On account of the shock occasioned by the fire Mrs. Mumma has been seriously ill since that time.

Mrs. Mary E. Mellott and her son Simpson, of Hustontown, were in town attending to business last Saturday. Mrs. Mellott has recently purchased the H. E. Palsgrove property, and moved into it from the Will Laidig farm northwest of Hustontown. She has also bought the Charlie Hoover lot, and her husband, Charles Mellott, has bought the Dan Bishop property—both in Hustontown. Mrs. Mellott is planning to take a trip west this summer.

nary ability. He was a genius, was possessed of an affable disposition and it was a pleasure to know and converse with him. His death will be regretted by a large circle of friends.

SYLVESTER SHIVES.

In the Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, on Thursday, March 25, 1915 Sylvester Shives, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Shives of Pleasant Ridge, this county, died of erysipelas of the lungs, aged 30 years, 5 months, and 17 days.

The deceased was married to Miss Bessie Carter, Wyand, Ill., who with two children, Madelyn and Carter, survive; also, by his parents and the following brothers and sisters: S. L. Shives, Greencastle, Pa.; Earl S. Shives, Oakland, Ill.; D. G., H. D., and Mrs. W. B. Deshong, Pleasant Ridge.

His remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Wyand, on Sunday morning, March 28th. He had not been back to this county since he went west in 1907.

RAILROAD RUMBLES.

Preliminary Work Nearing Completion. Woods Full of Contractors Anxious to Get the Job.

Beginning where we left off last week, we are able to say that the tedious task of completing the work of the surveyors, so that contractors may know what cuts and fills are to be made as well as whether the grading is in rock, or of more easily removed earth, and the getting ready of other data, has moved forward as fast as those in charge can push the matter. Calculations have reached a point so that many contracting firms, are sending representatives here to look over the field and obtain information upon which the base bids to build the road. From President Post we secured a partial list of the construction companies that have men on the ground this week. They are Mr. James A. Bennett, of the firm of Bennett and Talbot, Greensburg Pa.; a man from F. B. Beasman and Co., Baltimore, Md.; one from H. C. Brooks and Co. Martinsburg, W. Va.; one from Phillipsburg Construction Co., Yonkers, N. Y.; A. A. Read, of the Read Construction Co., Hazleton, Pa.; Ellis D. Thompson, of the Ellis D. Thompson Co., Philadelphia. Mr. Klingensmith, of the firm of Furguson and Edmondson Pittsburg, who was here last week, will return accompanied by Mr. Edmondson for further data.

The gentleman who has been assisting Mr. Post with an expert's experience, Mr. Samuel E. Shearer, of Charistown, W. Va., will remain until the road is completed. Some of the firms have expressed their willingness to take heavy assignments of bonds as part payment for their work of construction. From the foregoing, our readers may learn that there will be no lack of bids to build the road.

The promoters of the road have asked us to make an appeal to those who are in any manner discouraging interest on the part of home people. It is desired to make the road a home-owned road as far as possible. But many are holding back because of persistent discouragement on the part of others. It has been explained a number of times that this road differs in every point from any that we have ever tried to get in the past. A big electric motor-locomotive if that makes it clearer—will haul regular freight cars that will be taken from the Cumberland Valley railroad tracks and brought here. These locomotives run uphill and downhill same as automobiles. Further—as to whether a road will pay, there can be no question about that. There may have been a time when easy-going citizens could not have been awakened to patronize a railroad in the County, but that day is past. Our young men will no longer stand for being hemmed in by walls of mountains in order to make a living on the farms. Time and again we have been reminded that more than twice as much produce should originate here if the younger generation could be induced to remain and build up the farms. Then, too, the inevitable increase in population would call for industries that would be natural to this community. Do not forget all these things; and if you are not interested in seeing a railroad come into this County, these men who are working so hard to secure one ask you in all fairness not to throw cold water on the project. No one need put money into it if he do not wish to do so. Outsiders whose business it is to deal in such paper will have to take the bulk even if home folks invest. It is, therefore, not so much home capital, but home enthusiasm, that the promoters seek. All "knocking" by home people has to be overcome in the minds of strangers who come here to invest, and it is this influence that you are asked to eliminate.

COUNTY AGRICULTURIST PROBLEM.

W. C. Patterson Enters a Plea for Farm Counselor. Points out Advantages and Gives Proof.

Every business of magnitude has hired experts whose duty it is to devote their whole time to furthering the efficiency of their employers machinery and employees. No detail that makes for better conditions is too small to be overlooked. Through the work of these men, employers add thousands of dollars to their profits that could have been gained in no other way. To tell of the benefits of their expert supervision would crowd out the balance of this article. No farmer can, alone, employ such talent; but the combined farmers of a county can do so at a much lower cost per individual than can the owners of manufacturing plants. Counties are asked to pay but a small portion of the cost. The State and Federal Governments pay the balance. It is to secure a man for this county that Mr. Patterson, of Ayr township makes an earnest plea. His letter follows:

"Fulton county looks forward proudly to possessing a railroad within another year. Ours is a farming county almost exclusively. Are we to only keep up our present rate of production in corn, wheat, hay, and potatoes? These, with our bright boys and girls, are about our only exports. Why cannot we use more of these products to better advantage at home? Only one half of our cleared land is being tilled. The rest has been impoverished by these very exports. Why not make our soils deeper and richer by marketing on the hoof? Why do whole communities fail to sow cloverseed in sufficient quantities? Why is it that many farmers fail to breed their cows because there is no bull in the community? Why do no farm papers come to a rural postoffice patronized wholly by farmers? Is it any wonder that many of our brightest boys have left our farms?"

One section of our county, that is fairly well farmed, is almost entirely in the hands of young men. Another section is held largely by old men who farm by old fashioned methods. They buy their fertilizer by weight. They test it by smell, and they pay the dealer a handsome profit when they could buy it through cooperation.

We come back to the first worry. What is the railroad going to haul? Few of us know. A. B. Ross could tell us if he had time. The railway men could tell us if we ask them. We could help each other if we were more accurate and business like; but that is not what we are here for. Our great need is for a County Agriculturist who should spend his whole time in promoting agriculture, organizing corn clubs, canning contests, advise as to rotation of crops, improvement of roads, &c. &c.

"A number of these agents were in attendance at State College during Farmers' Week at the last holiday season, and from one of these men I learned that Chester, Blair, Montgomery Mercer, Butler and Berks counties were all represented on that occasion to the number of 48 boys and girls in corn and other clubs, and that they beat the old-line farmers "all to a frazzle." Blair county is a frozen-up section on top of the Allegheny mountains; but it contains Altoona a metropolis of 125,000 inhabitants. These people had to be fed and they called on the Federal government and State College, for aid. R. B. Dunlap was made County Agriculturist. This young man got busy right away to produce more, to bring the producer and the consumer closer together, and to organize corn clubs. One of his boys raised 144 bushels of ear corn on an acre of land. 100 boys in Fulton county could do as well as that if they knew how

"AULD ACQUAINTANCE."

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

Mrs. Jennie Mellott writes us to change the address of her paper from Richland, to Ollie, Iowa.

Mr. Andrew Daniels, Pawnee Rock, Kansas: Please find enclosed a dollar to renew my subscription for another year. I am 86 years of age, and stay in my house all alone; but take my meals with my daughter-in-law and grandchildren. I do not know whether my life shall be spared that I may read your paper another year or not; but if I do not get to read it, some of the rest can.

Mrs. E. F. Chesnut, Cumberland, Md.: Here's another dollar for another year. The NEWS comes "like a letter from home."

Mrs. Bessie (Smith) Stiver, Lansing, Mich.: Find enclosed a dollar for another year's subscription to the FULTON COUNTY NEWS. I guess I am a little behind in sending it, but better late than never. I can hardly wait from one week to another to get the paper.

Mrs. Mary (Kendall) Shoap, Pennington, N. J.: Find enclosed a dollar for the NEWS. I cannot get along without it. We enjoy every line of it. "It is like getting a letter from home."

Mrs. Annie Bergstresser, Three Springs, Pa.: Enclosed, I am sending a check to advance my subscription to the FULTON COUNTY NEWS. Fulton is my home county, and while I do not now live so far away, yet, were it not for the NEWS, I would not hear of the deaths, the marriages, and the thousand-and-one other things of interest, that take place among the people I know so well.

H. M. Everts, Marshalltown, Iowa: I am enclosing a dollar for one more year's subscription to the NEWS. It would be hard to get along without it, as it is BETTER than a letter from home, for the home folks would not know all that is going on, and if they did, they would not have the time to write it to me. We have had a pretty long cold winter. The mercury is 20 above this morning (March 29th). We do not see any of the hard times that some people are talking about. Our farmers are getting more for their produce now than for years, and our public works are running right up to the minute. I suppose you know that Iowa is to become a "dry state" after the first of January, 1916. After that time, there will not be a saloon in the State. God speed the day when there will not be a saloon under the stars and stripes.

M. M. Brakeall, Dravosburg, Pa., is much interested in Fulton County's prospect for a railroad, and hopes the time will soon come when strangers will not have the opportunity to poke fun at the natives for belonging to a "county without a railroad."

James A. Funk, Tiffin, O.: Looking at the label on my NEWS this morning, I found it was about time to "come across" with some of the long green. The NEWS is very much appreciated by our family; it often brings us glad tidings from our old home; other times sad tidings as it tells of an accident, or the death, of some dear friend. In this connection, I must tell you that our youngest son, Arnold Funk, is expected home from the Mercy Hospital to-day, where he underwent an operation for chronic appendicitis on the 22nd of March. He got along so nicely that the doctors are allowing him to return home.

or had a county agriculturist to tell them. It is cheaper to have a man like one of these than to do without him. M. S. McDowell, of State College, will tell you how to get the man."

W. C. Patterson.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

Harry Plessinger Died from Injuries Received by Loaded Wagon Passing Over His Body.

Harry Plessinger, farmer, residing about three miles southwest of Needmore, took a load of crossties to Hancock on Friday the 29th day of March. Returning home that night, he was sitting on a box with his foot on the brake lever while descending a hill near Calendine Fisher's. By a sudden jolt, he was thrown from the wagon, falling in front of one of the hind wheels which passed over his body, injuring him very seriously. The team passed on leisurely and went home. When the family discovered that Harry was not with the team, they started to find out what had happened, and met J. Calendine Fisher and one of his sons taking the injured man to his home. It is said that Harry had lain in the road an hour or two, before he was found.

Dr. Fisher was summoned, and rendered all the assistance possible, but the poor fellow was so seriously hurt, that he died last Saturday, and the funeral took place Tuesday, his remains being interred at Pleasant Grove.

He was a son of Amos Plessinger, and was married to Miss Blanche a daughter of Joel and Sarah Ellen Plessinger Layton, who survives, together with two children—Frances and Queen. He was aged 38 years, 10 months, and ten days. He was not a member of a church, but had intended to join the Christian church at Easter.

Recent Weddings.

WEST—REEDER.

The marriage of Ethel L. Reeder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Reeder of Dane, Pa., and Adam West was solemnized Tuesday afternoon, March 30, at four o'clock, at the home of the groom near Fayetteville, Franklin county. The bride entered the parlor on the arm of the groom to the strains of the Lohengrin wedding march, played by Miss Gertrude Sipes, of McConnellsburg. Rev. Cuddy of Fayetteville, performed the ceremony. A delicious supper was served after congratulations. A number of beautiful presents were received.

About seventy-five guests were present at the wedding, including the children and grand children of the groom. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Philip M. Bickle, Mrs. Geo. Zullinger, Miss Gertrude Sipes, Miss Bessie Ross, Miss Edythe Mellott, Miss Laura Kline, L. R. Evans, Ralph Evans, Cyrus Fisher, all of Chambersburg; Chas. West, Edward West, Chas. Jamison, Harry Noll, Irvin Ulrich and their families, Florence West and others.

RAMSEY—SHORE.

A special dispatch from Hagerstown published in last Friday's Philadelphia Press says that after an auto trip over the mountains, in which they were nearly frozen, Blaine Garfield Ramsey and Miss Daisy Pearl Shore both of Madsensville, Pa., were married at the Washington Square Methodist Episcopal parsonage Hagerstown, last Wednesday by Rev. Alan F. Poore.

The couple accompanied by the bride's parents left Madsensville at three A. M. in Ramsey's auto. When they struck the mountains they almost froze and suffered greatly. As it was about dawn they could not stop enroute to get warm.

When the car stopped in front of the court house at Hagerstown Ramsey attempted to get out of the machine, but his legs benumbed by the cold, refused to sustain him. He was assisted from the car into the courthouse, which had just opened and obtained the marriage license.

YEAGER—MELLOTT.

At the parsonage in this place on Monday March 22, 1915,

HEADACHE.

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

Headache is one of the most common ailments. Almost everyone, even people in comparatively good health, are subject from time to time to this malady. Because it manifests itself in more or less the same form and general locality, the majority of people are wont to believe that the source of the difficulty is located in the cranium itself. This is rarely the case.

The causes of headache are numerous and cannot be removed by the use of smelling salts, ice bags, cold towels and headache powders. Headache may come from defective teeth or eyes, from acute digestive disturbances, from a sluggish action of the liver and intestinal canal, long continued irritation of the nasal cavities, high blood pressure or other causes as widely varied as those mentioned.

Constantly recurring headaches may also be manifestations of profound systemic disturbances of some other part of the body which demands medical attention. The cause, more serious than the headache itself, should be found and cured. Often the immediate cause of headache is the over stimulation of the heart.

Undue heart stimulation accompanies a number of organic disturbances and results in abnormally high blood pressure in the brain; the majority of the headache remedies which are offered for sale contain some powerful heart depressant which brings temporary relief.

There is always danger, however, in the use by a layman of any drug which is sufficiently strong to have this result when there is some weakness of the heart. These headache cures which are indiscriminately offered do not correct the real cause of the disturbance.

Serious or even fatal results may come from constant use and they cannot effect a cure. Anyone subject to recurring headaches should consult a physician that the cause may be determined before any treatment is given.

George Reiser, student at State College, is spending his Easter vacation at home, and is practicing some of the things he learned in horticulture. The back yards of his father and uncle will be benefited by George's sleight-of-hand tricks of budding and grafting.

Mr. John H. Yeager and Miss Mollie Mellott—both of Chambersburg, were united in marriage by Rev. J. I. Yearick. After the ceremony the bride and groom went over to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Deshong, the latter of whom being the bride's mother, where they spent their honeymoon. Mr. Deshong brought Mr. and Mrs. Yeager to town last Friday, where they took transportation for their home in Chambersburg, where Mr. Yeager holds a good position as clerk in one of the stores of that town.

ALEXANDER—DOYLE.

John Scott Alexander, son of the late A. K. Alexander, and Miss Emma Rebecca, daughter of M. F. Doyle, west Walnut street, were quietly united in marriage at the M. E. parsonage McConnellsburg, by Rev. J. V. Royer, on Wednesday evening of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander have the best wishes of their numerous felicitations.

ELVEY—FIX.

At Hustontown on Wednesday, March 31, 1915, Mr. Roy Elvey, son of Daniel and Rebecca Elvey, was married to Miss Minnie daughter of Daniel and Amelia Fix. The ceremony was performed by Rev. L. Benson, of the United Brethren church.