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## THE GRIM REAPER.

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

### JACOB A. TRUAX.

Jacob A. Truax died at his home at Breezewood, Bedford county, Friday night, April 23, 1915, aged 60 years, 11 months, and 16 days. The funeral took place on Tuesday, services being conducted by his pastor, Rev. C. W. Sechrist assisted by Rev. J. D. Frum and Rev. C. F. Weise, and interment was made in the cemetery at the Rays Hill Lutheran church. The immediate cause of his death was sciatic rheumatism which affected the muscles of his heart, and death came suddenly.

Mr. Truax was a son of Andrew and Elizabeth Winters Truax, and was born near Dott, in Bethel township, this county. He was married to Miss Jennie Wilt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Wilt, of Breezewood, who survives the loss of a devoted husband. Mr. Truax is also survived by two full brothers—Upton, near Breezewood, and Simon, residing at Peabody, Kansas. There are living six half-brothers and two half-sisters, namely, Howard, Robert, and William, Peabody, Kans.; Clinton, Harry, and Nellie, residing in California, and Hayes and Mary, in Colorado. Mr. Truax was a member of the Lutheran church for thirty years and a member of Breezewood Castle, No. 322, K. G. E., and altogether a most upright and reliable citizen. He was a miller by trade, and conducted the mill at Emmaville for three years, after which he purchased the George Wilson farm near Emmaville, where he remained seven years, then removing to Breezewood, where he successfully conducted a temperance hotel.

### JOHN A. ALEXANDER.

John A. Alexander, vice president and general manager of the A. B. Stove Company and of the A. B. Enameling and Foundry Company of Battle Creek, Mich., died in that city on Thursday, April 8, 1915. He had formerly been connected with the American Stove Company of Cleveland and St. Louis. He had just returned from California where he had been for three months on account of illness.

Mr. Alexander was born in Chambersburg in 1868, and hence was 47 years of age. He is survived by his wife, his father Wm. Alexander, of Lehmaster, Pa., and by three brothers and three sisters, one of whom is Mary A., wife of David Rinedollar, near McConnellsburg.

Entering the stove business as a young man, he acquired many friends throughout the United States and Canada, was one of the founders of the A. B. Stove Company, and largely responsible for the erection of the plant in Battle Creek.

John's early school days were spent in the Back Run school.

### JOHN J. McDONALD.

John J. McDonald died at his home near Saluvia, April 22, 1915, aged 46 years, 4 months, and 1 day. Funeral was held on the following Sunday. Rev. E. J. Croft preached the funeral sermon in the Green Hill Presbyterian church to a large audience. His text was Psalm 90:12. Interment was made in the cemetery near by. The cause of his death was tuberculosis of the lungs.

Mr. McDonald was twice married, the first time in 1894 to Clara E. Davis, daughter of Chas. and Elizabeth Davis, and to this union was born a daughter, Clara who survives him. His second marriage was to Myrtle Aller, near Knobsville. He had one full brother David who died some years ago. One sister, Louie now lives somewhere in the West. Ten half-brothers and sisters, born to his father's second wife, are living and scattered through-

## TAKEN TO HOSPITAL.

Donald Polk Thrown From Horse Last Sunday on West Side of Scrub Ridge. Jaw Broken.

Donald Polk, aged about sixteen years, son of Seymour Polk, lives in the old Hessler home with Miss Fannie and her mother on Timber Ridge. Last Sunday in descending Scrub Ridge mountain between Christ Deshong's and George W. Morton's, his horse, perhaps, stubbed pitching Donald violently forward to the ground. It was found that the young man was seriously injured and he was taken to the Hessler home by Mr. Morton. Frank Skiles, a neighbor who owns an automobile proffered his services and brought the young man to town, turned him over to Dr. Mosser, who at midnight with O. L. Greathead, hurried him on to the Chambersburg hospital. An examination showed that Donald's lower jaw had been fractured on both sides, and he was left in the hospital for further treatment.

Dr. Palmer, of the hospital called up Dr. Mosser by phone Tuesday and told him that Donald's jaw had to be reset, and that while the young man was not very comfortable, by patiently waiting, the jaw would become all right. As it is now, the jaw is held rigid by bandages, so that Donald cannot speak, chew any food, nor move the jaw in the slightest manner. All the nourishment he will get will be liquid which must be administered through a tube.

out the United States including Florida and Texas. They are Martha Mellott, and George, of Saluvia; Lake, Calvin, Robert, Thomas, Bertha, Cora, Ella, Carrie, and Edith.

J. J. McDonald was a son of James McDonald, now of Travese City, Mich, by his first wife, Rachel Lake. When quite young John's mother died and his grand father Jacob Lake, near Sipes Mill, took and reared him.

Mr. McDonald was for some time purchasing agent and manager of a hard wood manufacturing plant at Jamestown, N. Y., got a good salary, and saved considerable money, which he invested in a farm at Eden, Md. His health failing, he was advised by his physicians to go to the mountains, and in consequence, sold his farm there, came to Saluvia, and purchased the 738 acre farm known as the Reamer place on the pike at the foot of Sideling Hill, to which place he removed from Maryland last spring.

Mr. McDonald had no church affiliations, but was respected as a good, quiet, unassuming citizen. A few days prior to his death, he spoke to his wife and daughter of his approaching death, and said that he had no fear, and was ready and willing to go.

### J. A. S.

### WILLIAM H. FOFF.

William H. Foff, a native of Germany, died at his home in Union township, April 17, 1915, aged 50 years, 8 months, and 9 days. He was buried in the cemetery, at the Lutheran church of which he was a member. He lived alone, and was found by neighbors shortly before his death, suffering greatly from a bowel trouble. He is survived by one brother, Charles, of Richmond, Va., and by a half brother, Joseph Potter, Buck Valley.

### CAPTAIN McDOWELL.

Captain John S. McDowell, who served in the Civil War as Captain of a Company in the 77th Pennsylvania Volunteers, died at his home in Smith Center, Kansas, last Saturday, aged 73 years, 8 months, and 24 days. He was a resident of Fort Littleton several years ago, and a brother of Emma, the wife of Wm. Cline, and Belle, wife of Wilson L. Cline—both now deceased.

## AUTOMOBILE BURNED.

Was Descending East Side of Cove Mountain Last Sunday When Gasoline Tank Took Fire.

The Elmore Garage Company of Greencastle kept a big six-cylinder Franklin for hire. Last Sunday morning Fred Baker, of Chambersburg hired the machine to bring a party of friends, three women and two men to McConnellsburg. Earl Pentz, of the garage came along to do the driving and the trip to McConnellsburg was made without incident. Returning they crossed the mountain on the Chambersburg pike, and when about a mile and a half this side of Fort Loudon, the machine suddenly caught fire. Fortunately it was discovered and the occupants of the car were able to get out of the danger zone before the gasoline exploded. There were about 20 gallons in the tank this went off with a bang.

After the explosion, Chauffeur Pentz bravely set about saving some of the parts. He took off three of the wheels, the Klaxon horn and lamps before he was compelled to stop working because of the fire. The machine was entirely consumed.

It is thought that the fire started when the gasoline tank leaked a little and the heat from the foot brakes ignited the fluid.

## A Word to Correspondents.

Almost every week we receive letters from correspondents telling all the news except that of deaths. Since no more important news can happen than that of a death, we often wonder why our regular correspondents do not tell us of the same—tell us at least, who died. This gives us a chance to learn the particulars in time for publication in case our correspondent cannot give all of them. The moment you here of a death, take one of the stamped envelopes we furnish, or call us by phone at our expense, tell who died, when he died, age, and as much as you can about the deceased; but by all means tell us promptly that a death has occurred, and who it was. For this reason we furnish stamps.

### Hann--Mellott.

On Sunday, April 25, 1915, at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. J. C. Garland united in marriage Mr. Jacob Amos Hann and Miss Dovie Mellott. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Mellott, near Sipes Mill, and the groom, a son of Mr. and Mrs. David Hann, of the same township. The contracting parties are two of Belfast township's most estimable young people and start out in their married life with the best wishes of their numerous friends.

### The Sick.

Mrs. S. B. Woollett, who has suffered for four weeks with gripe and pneumonia, is better and for several days has been able to take and retain a little solid food, and her many friends are hoping that she will speedily recover.

Mr. Morrow G. Kirk is recovering from the terrible burns he received about four weeks ago. Parts of some of the burns were very deep, and these are still very sore. Friends hope to see him out soon.

Miss Mary Stouteagle was seriously ill latter part of last week; but she is better.

C. Wilson Peck, who had been confined to his home since last October, was able for the first time to walk from his home on east Market street to the NEWS office on Monday.

Earnest Sprowl, mercantile appraiser, came over from Wells Valley last Saturday to meet any who might wish to take appeal. As none appeared, all must be satisfied with the appraisal.

## AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION.

M. S. McDowell, of State College, Explains What Work Agents of the School Perform.

The following letter was written for publication in the NEWS by M. S. McDowell, Director of Agricultural Extension, State College, who is anxious that all farmers should know the benefits to be derived by the employment of a representative of our Experiment station to live and work among them.

Pennsylvania has fourteen extension representatives in the field, and after July 1st, work will be in progress in not less than twenty counties.

This movement is an effort to place in as many counties as possible men with a thorough, practical, and fundamental knowledge of agriculture to co-operate with the farmers individually and through their organizations towards the solution of farm problems. Its purpose is to make the best agricultural information of the day common and applied knowledge. The representative becomes the link which more closely connects the farmer with his Experiment Station. Their activities are wide.

The men who serve in this capacity do not pose as knowing all about agriculture. They serve rather as students and helpers. They spend their time studying the farming interests of their respective counties both from the standpoint of production and of distribution. They study the plans, methods and practices and aid in improving them when this can be done. They bring from farm to farm information as to the best methods practiced by farmers in the different localities and the results obtained by the Experiment Stations. They study the marketing and transportation conditions and aid in bettering them whenever they can. They also conduct county-wide movements, such as campaigns for special purposes. The up-building of the soil by the proper application of manure and fertilizers; the testing of seed corn; the renovation of old orchards; the proper use of spraying materials to destroy insects and prevent plant disease; the promotion of the livestock industry through the use of pure-bred sires; the increase of breeding herds and community breeding; the organization of exchange bureaus for feeding stock and pure seed; the planning of balanced rations for farm animals, the making of surveys of the cropping systems and business management of the farm; are some of his activities.

The organization of breeding associations; cow testing associations; and other producing associations; the organizations of boys' and girls' clubs and contest work in corn, tomatoes, pure-bred livestock, etc., are other lines of activity, some of which are undertaken by every agent. In addition, these extension representatives may be active in other ways, such as promoting good roads, better rural schools, more social life, and better conditions in general. In all this work the agent cooperates with existing county agricultural organizations.

Each man emphasizes some special line of work and makes that his leader. Its nature necessarily depends largely upon the needs of the county. The work also varies with the character and personnel of the bureau backing him. As no individual can be a specialist in all lines of agriculture, each one calls upon the specialists of the College, when help is needed. All the men are in close touch with the College at all times and do their work under its direction and supervision.

The prime requisites for an extension representative are that he must have been brought up on a farm, or have spent the

## HAVE YOU NAMED YOUR FARM?

The movement to have every American farmer select a name for his farm and use the name as a trade mark, is meeting with great success in some parts of the country. Many of our exchanges have published lists of the names selected for the farms of their neighborhoods, the publication acting as a sort of patent or copy-right. It has been said by some unthinking persons that the plan is not American, but a little reflection will convince anyone that the point is not well taken. Washington called his home "Mt. Vernon," Jefferson, the great democrat, named his place "Monticello" and any schoolboy can give you a dozen other instances.

So name your farm and put the name out where everyone can see it. Make it a Trade Mark. A well known, advertised trade mark is worth thousands of dollars to the owner. Your farm and its products are your stock in trade. Name them and you have added real hard cash value to everything you sell. Choose a name well suited to surroundings, a name that will tell in its very sound some of the characteristics of your business home; then come to us and have letterheads made for your correspondence with the name of your farm on them and your name and your wife's name and your postoffice address beneath. Of course you want your wife's name on your stationery. She is your partner and the best and the truest, and the hardest working, and the most interested party in the whole concern. Once you were glad to get the chance to endow her with all your worldly goods, now make your promise real. Here's how your letter head might look:

EAST VIEW FARM,  
James and Mary Smith,  
Proprietors.

Warfordsburg, Penna. Fulton County, R. F. D. No. 2.

If you like you can have a slogan, or a motto or a stock phrase under the farm name like this:

SHADY ACRES,  
Poultry, Eggs, Butter, Fruit, Berries,  
"BEST BY TEST."

J. and M. Smith, Managers, Warfordsburg, Penna. Fulton County.

## RAILROAD NEWS.

Bids for the Construction Opened Tuesday and Contracts Awarded to Hazleton Company.

At a meeting of the directors of the McConnellsburg and Fort Loudon Railway Company, held in this place Tuesday, five bids for the construction work were opened and considered. The bid of the Reed Construction Company, of Hazleton, Pa., was accepted, and Mr. Reed is expected here to-day to sign the contract to clear the right-of-way, grade the roadbed, lay the ties and rails, and erect the poles to carry the feed wires. Representatives of rail mills are here to bid for the furnishing of the steel rails. A contract for 12,000 ties and 300 poles was let Tuesday to A. B. Rider, of Fort Loudon. This supply of ties and poles will reach from Fort Loudon to the old toll-gate on the Loudon pike.

As to the day to be set for the formal beginning of construction work, it will depend upon Mr. Reed to determine how soon he can get ready; but it is thought that one week will be sufficient time, and the directors feel sure that it will not be later than May 15th.

greater part of his life on the farm, that he have a broad fundamental education, that he be a good organizer and that he have a strong, pleasing personality.

One or two days a week are usually spent in the office where farmers can call in person or by telephone. The balance of the time is spent in the field.

Not less than \$2500 is necessary the first year. This covers the salary of the representative, office and traveling expenses.

The funds are provided co-operatively from Federal, State and county sources. In a general way, plans provide for the payment of salaries from Federal and State funds leaving the necessary traveling expenses to be paid by the county. Frequently office room is furnished in the court house, thus reducing the expense. The amount of local expense varies with the county from \$600 to \$1500. Two years ago a law was passed authorizing County Commissioners to contribute not to exceed \$1500 for this work. In all the counties now organized the Commissioners are contributing. Funds may be provided by voluntary contributions.

## Banks Pay Three.

Four years ago, the McConnellsburg postoffice was made a postal savings deposit office. Exp. postmaster Woollet kept up the formal reports during all that time without receiving a single applicant to start an account. A few days ago, the Department concluded that further work on the part of this office along that line was useless, and all papers were ordered returned. Postal deposits receive but 2 per cent. interest, while banks pay 3, and this is probably the reason why no deposits were made here. In other towns, the patrons of postal savings department seem to be chiefly foreigners.

## County Gets \$2,000.

It will be seen by Mr. McDowell's letter elsewhere in this paper, that by July, twenty counties in the state will have secured Farm Counselors—or Extension Agents as they are now called. The State, and United States government, jointly pay the salary, and the county pays expenses, which in our case, would amount to perhaps, 25 cents per farmer. For every year that a county postpones the securing of one of these agents, it loses not less than \$2,000, and in some cases, \$5,000. It is like losing money because we would not stop to pick it up in the road.

## Schoolhouse Burned.

On Thursday afternoon of last week, Alexander Mellott, of Thompson township, was cleaning out an old fence-row, preparatory to resetting the fence, and was burning the brush. It being a very dry afternoon, the wind carried sparks into the roof of Center schoolhouse, several hundred yards distant from the burning brush, and set the building afire. Efforts were made to save the building, but outside of getting out some of the furniture and the library, the property was a total loss.

Since the English government has taken over all kinds of factories and converted them into places for making ammunition and other war material, it has been noticed that the presence of one or two half-drunken men can cause a great loss of daily output. Where all the men are compelled to keep perfectly sober, the average output, and earnings, have nearly doubled.

## RAW FOODS.

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

This is the season when the amateur gardener's eyes are delighted by the rows of summer vegetables that are poking their greenleaves above the warm earth. The season for raw foods has already arrived.

Lettuce, water-cress, radishes, parsley, cucumbers, leeks, berries and many other toothsome growing things burden the market stalls and tempt the housewife after the winter menu of canned vegetables.

A certain percent. of raw foods is an excellent stimulant to the appetite and a wholesome change at this season of the year. Care should be experienced, however that they are properly cleansed before being eaten. Often the laborers in the truck gardens and those who handle the truck before reaching the consumer are careless in the use of dangerous fertilizers and some pick and pre-prepare the vegetables for market who are also careless to a degree that is almost criminal.

All vegetables to be eaten raw and berries, even at the risk of slightly injuring their flavor should be thoroughly washed before being eaten.

Gardens should be fertilized with care. No night soil should be used on truck gardens from which the produce may be served uncooked. Watercress must not be grown in polluted streams. Watercress from polluted streams often produce epidemic of typhoid fever. Bananas should be thoroughly washed as soon as they come into the hands of the consumer, so that the dirt taken on during transportation will not be conveyed to other edibles.

## "When the Railroad Comes."

In addition to last week's suggestion that packing boxes could be profitable made in this county after suitably shipping facilities have been secured, may be enumerated many small articles that are made of wood; and by getting into touch with users, many profitable hours could be spent during slack times making them for these people.

Manufacturers of planes and saws use tons of apple wood and they must depend for their needs on small quantities purchased wherever they can be found. Many an old apple tree log goes to the fire, that might otherwise have been used for planes, or for saw handles.

Walnut billets, perhaps no larger than 2x2x6 inches find ready sale to dealers who collect them until sufficient quantity has been secured, and they are then shipped to foreign manufacturers of furniture. We have seen hundreds of hollow logs sawed up into commercial-sized billets and sold at a good profit. Another walnut product are knotty, curly pieces that may be used for gun stocks and butts because of the beautiful grained wood.

Of course, every body knows of the demand for good hickory and oak for spokes and felloes. Turned table legs find ready sale in quantities. Then, there is the question of wooden handles for the foregoing articles might be turned, or split out, during winter months, in little shops on the farm.

Of course, the proper thing to do would be to get into touch with your customers, then make the articles to their specification. The objects of our articles is merely to suggest and to leave then accomplishment to the tastes and resources of the producer. German countries, and German communities in this country, are given to making many extra dollars by watching up opportunities as suggested.

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