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## THE GRIM REAPER.

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

### SAMUEL C. KLINE.

Samuel C. Kline died at his home in Belfast township, Thursday, May 13, 1915, after a somewhat protracted illness resulting from a complication of diseases. The funeral took place last Sunday, the Rev. J. C. Garland conducting the services, and interment was made in the cemetery at the German Baptist church on Pleasant Ridge, of which church Mr. Kline had been a consistent member for a long time.

The deceased, a son of Samuel Kline, Sr., was born on the farm now owned by A. W. Deshong in Licking Creek township, and would have rounded out seventy-five years, had his life been spared until next October. He was married to Miss Jane Fohner, who survives, together with the following children, namely, Berkeley H., who owns the home farm; Will, residing near Shady Grove in Franklin county; Samuel in Waynesboro; Floyd, Riley, Annie and Effie—at home. The deceased has four brothers living—T. Riley, Shady Grove, Franklin county; Harvey in Oklahoma; James G., Alpha, N. J., and John G., near Saluvia.

Mr. Kline was a most excellent citizen and will be missed, not only by his immediate family, but by a large circle of other friends.

### PHILIP LOCKE.

Philip Locke, possibly the oldest person in Huntingdon county, died at his home near Shade Gap on May 5, 1915, aged 97 years 9 months and 26 days. He died of extreme old age, apparently without disease or other ailments. He had the use of his mind to the last and was moderately active until he was ninety-five years of age.

Mr. Locke was a farmer all his life and spent his early life in the same community and perhaps on the same farm. He leaves a nephew, William Locke, aged 84 years. William is still cultivating his farm much as he did fifty years ago.

### LAUVER.

Carl infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Lauver, of Big Cove Tannery, born on Thursday April 29th and died on Tuesday, May 11th.

Funeral services conducted by the Rev. A. Dotterman. Interment at Union cemetery.

### Swords, Versus Pruning Hooks.

Shortly after the opening of the European war, all of our arms and ammunition factories were deluged with orders from that country. That the orders might be filled promptly, these factories called upon manufacturers of other goods to use their machinery to do such work on gun making as might be done in their shops. For instance; over at Waynesboro, the Landis Tool Company that makes automatic grinding machinery, was asked by the Winchester Arms Company to take their rifle barrels in the rough and grind them to size. Hundreds of other factories were pressed into service to make, or to finish, some part of a gun. The Diston Saw Works, near Philadelphia, has been called upon by European nations to make swords and bayonets along with the manufacture of its instruments of peaceful industry. In the latter instance, the biblical "beat the sword into a pruning hook" has been reversed, and many a piece of fine steel that should have gone into a pruning saw is now being beaten into a sword with which to reach the vitals of some poor fellows who have probably, left their own pruning hooks far back on the slopes with "the old folks at home."

## "AULD ACQUAINTANCE."

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

Lewis Clark, South Glastonbury, Conn., sent us a dollar a few days ago, and the Fulton County NEWS will keep him in touch with the doings of his home county during the next year.

Willard Plessinger, Julesburg, Colo., gets a big dollars worth of satisfaction out of the NEWS every week. He says he is glad we are, at last, getting a railroad—"the real thing." He says they have had a nice winter, and the summer weather since is ideal. Colorado has been having good crops right along, and the prospects are fine for a bumper this year. "Sunny Colorado is THE place, in my estimation," says he "and I think it would be for a lot more of my Fulton County friends, if they were only to see it."

A recent letter from Rev. S. B. Houston, formerly pastor of the Associate Presbyterian church in Ayr township, states that he has removed from North Topeka, Kansas, and taken work as pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian church in Connellsville, Pa.

### The Thompson-Ellenberger Nuptials.

Announcement of the marriage of Miss Nell Gertrude Thompson, of Tyrone, and Dr. J. W. Earl Ellenberger, of Wilkinsburg, Pa., has been made by the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Thompson. The ceremony was performed Wednesday afternoon, the 12th inst. in Sunbury, Rev. John Henry Daugherty, pastor of St. John's Methodist Episcopal church in that place, as well as a former pastor of the contracting parties, reading the service. After a brief honeymoon trip to eastern points of interest, Dr. and Mrs. Ellenberger will be at home to their friends at 813 Wood street, Wilkinsburg, Pa.

The bride is a graduate and postgraduate of the Tyrone High School, and since her graduation therefrom has been associate editor of the Tyrone Times, of which paper her father is editor and publisher.

Dr. Ellenberger is a graduate of the Tyrone High School and of the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. Following his graduation from the latter place, he served one year a resident physician in the Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh. He then located in Altoona, and became established in a nice practice, which he surrendered to accept an offer from the State Department of Health to become a member of the Medical Staff at the Cresson Tubercular Sanatorium, which he accepted, and where he remained for a couple of years. At present he is located in Wilkinsburg, where he enjoys a growing private practice. He is also a member of the medical staff of the state Tubercular Dispensary in Pittsburgh.

### Mr. Deshong's Soybeans.

When Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Deshong, who live north of Needmore, were shopping in town last Saturday, they told us that they had been raising soybeans for two years and that they heartily endorsed all that the NEWS has been saying about the beans. Last year they had two loads of bean hay; everything on the place, from hogs to horses, prefer the coarse bean stalks to the choicest timothy. Mr. Deshong said that he had a lot of bean hay from which the chickens had eaten all the leaves. He offered the stalks to cattle and horses and they quit eating other hay to eat the bare bean stalks. He is convinced from trial that there is more nutriment in bean hay than any other kind he can raise, and he is anxious that we urge other Fulton county farmers to plant soybeans.

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## EARLY MORNING FIRE.

**H. S. Daniels' Fine New Dwelling Narrowly Escapes Total Destruction Last Friday Morning.**

About four o'clock last Friday morning, Mrs. H. Scott Daniels was awakened by smoke in her bedroom in their residence on west Market street McConnellsburg, and went down to the kitchen which she found densely filled with smoke, and fire blazing in the wainscoting near a corner in the room. She called her husband who came at once and the two began a battle with the flames. It seemed for a time they would be successful, but finally they had to call their neighbors, who were yet sleeping. Judge J. W. Hoop was their nearest neighbor, and when the Hoops were aroused, it took but a few minutes to spread the alarm. Messengers were sent for the hose reel, and in a very short time, a stream of water from the nearest plug was playing on the fire, and soon had it under control. The furniture, carpets and all the other household goods possible, were hurriedly set out of doors, but the throwing of water through the house, and the handling of the furniture incident to natural haste, meant much damage. The kitchen, the rooms above the kitchen, and the back part of the main building were practically ruined.

We are informed that there is sufficient insurance on the property to cover the loss; but money can not make good the inconvenience, the physical and mental strain that is always incident to an experience like that.

Mr. Daniels was completely overcome by smoke before the firemen arrived, and fell to the floor of the kitchen where he was discovered by his wife who assisted by Miss Sallie Hoop, dragged his limp body from the burning room. Soon afterwards, Mrs. Daniels collapsed from shock, and both are still confined to bed at Judge Hoop's their next door neighbor.

### Had Narrow Escape.

One day last week, while Miss Lolo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Deshong, near Needmore was burning caterpillars' nests by burning them with an oil-soaked cob fixed on the end of a pole, the oil can exploded with a report that, Mr. Deshong said, was as loud as the report of his big twelve-bore gun. Fortunately, the can was practically empty and no oil splattered her clothing; otherwise, she would have received perhaps, fatal injuries. Miss Lolo was slightly burned on one arm. The bottom of the can blew out and struck her body. The loud report brought the family rushing to the scene. Miss Lolo didn't want the printer to hear about the accident, as people would say she was careless; but she wasn't, for she was exercising much care; but—well—the can exploded despite carefulness, and she wants other young people to know that empty coal oil cans will explode.

### Hendershot--Morton.

Mr. Lemuel H. Hendershot and Miss Bessie L. Morton were quietly married at the Lutheran parsonage in Clearspring, Md., on Wednesday of last week by Rev. W. K. Diehl, of the Methodist Episcopal church. The bride is a daughter of Judge and Mrs. Morton, McConnellsburg, and one of the County's successful teachers. The groom is a son of Denton Hendershot, of Bethel township and owns a good limestone farm eight miles west of Hagerstown upon which he and his bride will live. Lemuel's sister Stella, who had been keeping house for him, has gone West to make a visit among her relatives and other friends, after which she will return and make her home with Lemuel and Bessie.

## NORTH DAKOTA LETTER.

**Miss Lillian Fleming, Formerly of Clear Ridge, Describes Western Life As She Sees It.**

A long and interesting letter from Miss Lillian Fleming gives a history of the difficulties met in building the great Northern Pacific railroad, and how that portion of the country through which it passes rapidly developed. Our business men have claimed much space this week for advertising purposes, so on that account we cannot print this part of the letter.

Miss Fleming says: "The state is primarily adapted to wheat culture. Sowing began about April 5th. Rainfall has been too light for successful farming this spring. During the winter, all the houses had storm windows on. In these storm windows there is a small ventilator in the frame by which fresh air may be admitted by hoisting the inside window and opening the ventilator. They also bank the houses in the fall. Some tack some kind of heavy paper against the house, and then put earth against that. Some are banked up to the first windows. When spring comes the storm windows are replaced by screens.

"I have not yet learned to like the water in this state. Much of the water here contains alkali, and some of it tastes salty. On the fifth of May, it stormed and snowed all day, froze icicles, and on the morning of the sixth there was some snow on the ground. But it was soon a thing of the past, the wind soon dried up the mud, and the roads now are in fine condition, and those who have autos are making good use of them.

"One day last week, three Indian women drove up, tied their team and came to the schoolhouse door, offering beads for sale. During the winter when the weather was not too severe, I could see horses and cattle turned out on the prairie providing for themselves. They would gather near and around hay and straw stacks also would paw the snow off and eat that coarse grass. This made the chores lighter when a man could have the stock turned out of the barn. Here they do not burn lime, nor use fertilizer—the land does not seem to need these things. But I presume when this soil has been cultivated as long as that of Pennsylvania, it may also need some fertilizer. Farmers have a special plow (grass-hopper plow—so called) for breaking new land that had been broken for the first time and I could not imagine what they had been doing.

"In the early fall I passed a place where there stood an old sod house and sod barn. No one lives in them now as they have nice buildings on the place."

### Directors Do Not Agree.

Knobsville is to have a new school house. The directors of Tod township could not agree on the site. Some of them want to erect the building on the old grounds, while others claim that a new site should be selected with more play ground. M. I. Kast, an architect from the Department of Education at Harrisburg was called to this place last Monday. He and Dr. Mosser went to Knobsville, and after viewing the old site, and that of some proposed locations, Mr. Kast expressed his opinion that it would not be wise to place the modern structure on the old grounds. He pointed out to the directors that since the old grounds contained but one-fifth of an acre, it was too small. He told the directors that there was no longer any doubt that agriculture would be made a part of the common school curriculum in the very near future, and that in addition to spacious play grounds needed at all schools, ground would be needed for the demonstration of scientific agriculture.

## HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1915.

**Commencement Last Wednesday Evening in Auditorium Consisted of Splendid Comedy.**

The McConnellsburg High School class of 1915 began their graduation program on Sunday evening, May 7th, when Rev. A. S. Luring, pastor of the M. E. church, preached the baccalaureate sermon to an appreciative audience in the Auditorium.

The class of five passed successfully the rigid examination and all received exceptionally high marks. The graduates are: Olive Lodge, Mildred Mock, Esther Kendall, Dorothy Hamil, and Mac Morton. The class departed from the customary formal graduating exercises and gave a play called "A College Town," instead. They were ably assisted in the play by twelve other pupils of the High School, namely, Lucille Grissingier, Bertha Tritle, Samantha Mellott, Mildred Hixson, John Maun, Raymond Grissingier, Ross Hamil, Kenneth Glazier, Peter Morton, Guy Reed, Paul Ramsey and Walter Johnston. The play was held last Wednesday evening before a crowded house. On the following Friday evening the play was repeated. The total amount for tickets sold was \$71. The presentation of diplomas by Director Dr. A. D. Dalbey, after the play was over was the only formal feature.

Prof. H. P. Barton principal of the schools, informed us that all five passed close examinations, and that each was entitled to nearly perfect marks.

### For Pure Water and Plenty of It.

Mr. C. R. Forbes, of the Division of Engineers of the State Board of Health, Harrisburg, Pa., was in McConnellsburg last Monday and at his direction surveys of the channels leading from the several springs along the mountain side to the reservoir of the McConnellsburg Water Company were made by engineers F. M. Taylor and son Earl. It is the intention of the State Board of Health to see to it that pipes are laid from these springs to the reservoir; that the springs shall be properly walled to prevent contamination, and that the surface wash from the highways and hollows shall no longer be piped into McConnellsburg and sold for pure water.

### Perdew--Hess.

At the parsonage of the Methodist Episcopal church in this place on Monday, Rev. A. S. Luring united in marriage Miss Sarah Maymie Hess, of Dickeys Mountain, this county, and Mr. John D. Perdew, of Clearville, Bedford county. The bride is a daughter of the late B. F. Hess and his wife Catherine McEl-downey Hess, of Thompson township, and the groom is a son of the late Jesse and Annie Gordon Perdew, Southampton township, Bedford county. The bride is an excellent young woman, and the groom an industrious young man employed in the Gibbony Planing Mill at Everett, in which town Mr. and Mrs. Perdew will go to housekeeping.

### Civil War Horse Still Survives.

The oldest horse that served the country in the War of the Rebellion is still alive, at the age of 53 years, at Horseheads, N. Y. It is owned by P. A. McIntosh who is also a veteran of the same war. To prove his assertion Mr. McIntosh shows the government brand on the animal's hip, which reads "I. C., 1865." Horse and man served in the same regiment. Although bent with age, his hair turning gray and his teeth becoming worn the old warhorse is still able to eat 12 quarts of oats and take his master to town several times a week. It is estimated the animal is at least 53 years old. Farmers say the average life of a horse is about 15 years.

## Railroad News.

Hull & Bender informed us that on Tuesday of this week they telegraphed for axes of a certain specification with which to begin the work of clearing the right of way for the McConnellsburg and Fort Loudon railway. At the railroad office in this place we were told that orders had been received from the contractors to put a force of men to work to clear the right of way. Monday of next week is the nearest date upon which they can start the men to work after having received the axes and tools.

About a dozen automobiles have been secured to take the board of directors and a delegation of citizens to Hagerstown next Saturday to inspect the great electric plant at that place. From that point the visitors will go to other points to see the big electric motors at work on the Hagerstown and Frederick railroad between Frederick and Myerstown where they haul freight cars over an eight per cent grade two per cent greater than at any point on our road. The management informed our reporter that between sixty and seventy men are expected to go from here with the party. They also said that applications for work would be received at the Company's office in town.

### The Summer Normal.

The summer normal school conducted by Professors H. P. Barton and W. H. Ranck is now in full swing and the usual number of students enrolled with more to come in. The following list shows the names of those already enrolled:

Ayr—Hazel McQuade, Josephine Gordon, Hazel Garland, Lydia Humbert, Geo. A. Smith and Elias Lynch.  
Belfast—Etra Waltz, Levi Garland, Webster Mellott, Floyd Hart, John Morton, Venona Mellott, and Hobart Truax.

Bethel—Clara Norris, Frances Norris, Gladys Charlton, and Reed Bishop.

Brush Creek—Walter Barkman and Roy Plessinger.  
Dublin—Esther Welch, Gertrude Gelvin, Raymond Cromer, and Emma Kerlin.

Licking Creek—Wilmer Sipes, Wilmer Mason, Thelma Metzler and Daisy Strait.  
McConnellsburg—Peter Forner and James Davis.

Taylor—Ethel Sipes, Lillian, Laidig, Ruth Lyon, Jessie Cutchall, Thad Winegardner and Howard Knepper.

Thompson—Pearle Fisher Rose Keefe, Denver Evans and Oliver Winters.

Tod—Rush Wagner and Etta M. Snyder.

Union—Annie Uhlig, James Stahle and Orben Heber.  
Wells—Araminta Duvall.

### Local Temperance Sentiment Growing.

Last week Rev. Robert E. Pterman continued his temperance lectures—a meeting was held at Knobsville, and one at Rock Hill school house. As is the custom at these meetings, an opportunity was given the audience to declare their attitude on the temperance question by rising in the presence of their fellow citizens. At Knobsville, 125 so voted, and at Rock Hill over 100 registered in like manner. At the four meetings recently held, namely at Cito, Big Cove Tannery, Rockhill and Knobsville, a total of more than five hundred fifty persons publicly identified themselves with the cause, and in some instances nearly all were men.

Owing to quarantine for foot and mouth disease, Pennsylvania livestock may not be shipped into Maryland. For this reason many Fulton county farmers who had been selling stock to D. H. Anthony, near Hagerstown, during other years, were disappointed this year because they could not sell their stock to him for his big sale in May.

## INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY.

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

When in our morning prayer we ask to be spared from sickness, let us pause to realize that health is often in our own hands to keep or fritter away.

We are often individually responsible for our personal health and in a degree for the health of those about us. In the vast majority of instances sickness is the result of indiscretion which is not unconscious though we may not stop to calculate the results.

If we know by jeopardize our individual health and risk illness on the chance that we will escape "this once," we are putting ourselves in the same category with the criminal who risks his freedom each time he breaks the law. Ethically the one is no better than the other. The man who willfully transgresses Nature's laws by excesses, may have far less self control than one who violates the penal code.

If each individual member of a community fail to exercise control in the matter of his bodily well-being it would be dangerously immoral. If we are to improve the general health of our Nation it must be thought stimulating individual citizens to appreciate their responsibilities.

Each man, woman, and child should try and measure what individual health means. He should be brought to realize how easily it can slip away never to return. A single violation of a law of Nature may mean death; or, what is worse a lingering illness.

We are vigilant in watching our money lest it slip away and leave us impoverished; and yet we are prodigal with our physical resources, forgetting that the poorest individual is he who has lost his health.

### Now for Good Roads Day.

Next Wednesday will be Good Roads Day for Pennsylvania. Our exchanges are telling of movements by supervisors and others to make a record for their respective counties. McConnellsburg citizens have subscribed money, bought oil, and oiled the Lincoln Way through town. Many have expressed a willingness to give a day's work outside of town. We feel sure that the only thing needed is for neighbors to agree to hold picnics along the road on that day and devote the time to fixing bad places. It is a busy time with farmers; but if a day's work—or half a day's work on the road near home be given, it would save time, money, and vexation during all the remainder of the summer. The scheme is no new one. It is being done in many states, and in some of the counties in this state. We want a report at once from every locality that met and made roads in Fulton county on that day.

### Discovering Corn Meal.

The war in Europe is likely to teach the Europeans the value of corn meal as human food. The demand for it has already boosted the price of corn in the American markets, and it is likely to boost it still higher. This is unfortunate for the domestic consumers of corn bread and boiled mush, but there will be compensations. After the war is over the Europeans having eaten corn will continue to eat it, and the fields of waving corn on the American farms will be transformed into gold mines. The yellow kernels will glint with the real luster of wealth. But even though corn meal is dearer than it was a few weeks ago, it is still cheaper than wheat flour. Necessity may teach some Americans that they can reduce the cost of living, even now, by using more corn meal. And that will be another form in which the compensation will manifest itself.