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THE GRIM REAPER.

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

MRS. ELIZA MICHAELS.

Mrs. Eliza Michaels, mentioned in the NEWS, died at the home of her son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Hays, Thursday evening, July 5, 1915. Her remains were taken to the family home in Everett and the funeral conducted by Rev. Cole, of the M. E. Church, was held on Sunday and interment was made in the Everett cemetery.

As has been previously told in the NEWS, Mrs. Michaels came to McConnellsburg from her home in Everett on Saturday, July 10, and stood the trip remarkably well. The following Thursday afternoon while in conversation with her oldtime friend Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher Woollet, she was stricken with paralysis, and was practically helpless from that time until the end came three weeks later.

"Grandmother" Michaels as she was affectionately known by a large circle of friends, was the oldest and last surviving member of the family of John and Louisa Kee Keepers. Not long after the Revolutionary War, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Michaels, pushed his way across the Tuscarora mountain from the eastern part of Pennsylvania, and opened up a clearing and developed what was known years ago as the Keepers farm along the State Road in Taylor township, and now owned by the Meliuses. The grandfather was accidentally killed by a falling limb while at work in the woods. With the passing away of Mrs. Michaels all of her father's family are gone. Mrs. Michaels, the oldest child, was born on the 20th of November, 1822, and hence was aged 92 years, 8 months and 16 days.

The deceased was the widow of Samuel Michaels, who served as sheriff of Fulton county from 1853 to 1856. About thirty years ago, with her daughters Sadie, Maggie and Alice, she removed from McConnellsburg to Everett, where she spent the remainder of her days. She is survived by the following children, namely Miss Sadie, Miss Alice, and Miss Maggie at home; Louisa, wife of James H. Irwin, Washington, D. C.; Emma, wife of David S. Snider, Peoria, Ill.; Jennie, wife of Geo. W. Hays, McConnellsburg, Pa., and Hoyt, Swissvale, Pa.

The Harvest Home Picnic.

The weather on last Saturday was ideal and a large number of people turned out to attend the Harvest Home picnic in Sloan's woods. Many families from surrounding territory autoed to the Cove to meet old friends that day. Dr. Conrad of the State Agricultural Department, spoke on the history and management of dairy cattle. In a second speech the Doctor made a strong plea for the silo as a means of conserving stock food. He offered to come to the County at any time to help any one to select and erect a silo. Mr. Parker R. Skinner, instructor in the Soldiers Orphan School at Scotland, made an interesting address. Miss Mollie Seylar, leading Suffragist in this county, in addressing the crowds advanced the subject of Votes for Women. Music and speaking by others furnished entertainment throughout the day.

Soldiers' Reunion.

The annual Soldiers' Reunion will be held at Hoops Grove, Friday, August 27th. George W. Smith will furnish all old soldiers, their wives, and widows of old soldiers with a good dinner. Good speakers have been provided and there will be lots of music by the Band. Everybody take a day off and let it be the biggest day of the year.

From the Battle Front.

Thornton Carson is a son of the late Morris Carson deceased who a few years ago went to Canada from St. Paul. When the war broke out in Europe, Thornton went with the Canadian troops to help the Allies and in the terrible fight at Ypres in April, he almost lost his life by the poison gas dealt them by the Germans. His company was almost entirely annihilated. In a letter to his uncle T. Erskine Carson of Baltimore, under date of July 30th, Thornton writes that he has almost recovered from the effects of the gas, and that when he next goes into battle, he and his comrades will be supplied with cloth helmets that have glazed eye holes, and will also have respirators—both for protection against the gas. He said that the soldiers receive good food and plenty of it. To keep the field camp hospital secure against attack, parties are sent out in turn to dig trenches as soon as they have recovered sufficiently to work. He expected his turn to come soon. The letter contained acknowledgment of many little luxuries sent him by home folks. But these extras do not always reach the boys when they are far to the front and in the thick of the fight.

Save Seed Potatoes.

When digging potatoes, save for seed the hills that please you. Like produces like, and there is no other way to determine which potato will reproduce prolific crops. A hill with but a few potatoes in it will generally reproduce itself if you happen to select seed from it next year while the tubers are in the bin. By the same token, when you plant potatoes that you know came from prolific hills, you may reasonably expect to get more potatoes from them. It is the same with corn. Seed from stalks that produce two ears is likely to show two ears to the stalk next year. You cannot select such seed from the crib. Two 7-inch ears to a stalk beats one 8-inch ear "all-hollow." Select the seed corn while gathering the crop this fall if you want two ears to the stalk.

Uncle John Hann Hurt.

This office is indebted to Uncle John Hann near Saluvia for a box of fine plums. He has loads of them this year. While in the office on Monday with the fruit, he showed us something that was also purple; but it wasn't plums. It was a frightfully bruised foot. On Tuesday of last week, he attempted to get into his buggy at Bert Hann's store, when the horse started and threw him under the vehicle. One wheel passed over his groin hurting him very much. His right foot then caught between the spokes and his leg was carried around to the axle, thus locking the wheel. He was dragged in this position across the road on his back and he is minus some skin on the backbone. Fortunately no bones were broken.

Recent Weddings.

SIPES—STRAIT.

At the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. John Mellott, on Sunday, August 8, 1915, Mr. Martin A. Sipes and Miss Libbie B. Strait were united in marriage. The bride is a daughter of Joseph Strait, near Needmore, and the groom, a son of Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Sipes, near Foltz. The happy couple are estimable young people and have the best wishes of their numerous friends.

DOUGLAS—WINTERS.

Mr. Ora Douglas and Miss Mattie Winters were married in Hagerstown on Wednesday of last week. The groom is a son of Watson Douglas, and the bride, a daughter of George A. Winters—all of Thompson township.

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ONE YEAR'S WORK.

County Superintendent Thomas Submits Report of Condition of Public Schools in Fulton County.

In submitting this report, it must be admitted that some very discouraging conditions were met during the school year, but as a whole I feel that the school work has made progress. Sentiment in our county in favor of better school buildings and equipment, and in favor of better teachers is certainly increasing. This sentiment is not confined entirely to those persons who have children to send to school, but in very many cases to persons who have no children, and who act with unselfish motives to promote the cause of education in such a way as to give the boys and girls of the present the necessary education which the future will so much demand.

In our preliminary meetings, which meetings were held at two points in the county before the opening of the school term for the purpose of discussing questions vital to the opening and to the first few weeks of school—while the discussions were most interesting, lively and beneficial to those present—we are sorry to state that a number of teachers were absent from both of these meetings. This is one of the things discouraging to a county superintendent.

Another means for promoting advancement and professional growth is our local institutes. Each of six of the districts in the county held these institutes on alternate Friday evenings during almost the entire term, scarcely a teacher missing one of these meetings. The time was spent in discussing educational questions which very materially increased educational sentiment in those districts and gave renewed inspiration to teachers to do better work. But again we met with discouragement from some of the teachers of the other six districts who gave local institute work little consideration and for this reason left sentiment in the district in which they taught about as they found it. May those teachers see their mistake during the coming year and make use of these excellent means for promoting professional growth.

Still another medium promoting professional growth was given to the teachers. Our last County Institute adopted in its Teachers' Professional Reading Course "James' Talks to Teachers." This book was not only to be read but to be studied by the teachers. All our teachers have been examined in this text but we are sorry to say that we found some teachers who knew nothing about its contents. I hope that all teachers hereafter will familiarize themselves with the professional reading matter adopted at our County Institute.

An evidence of increased school sentiment in our county is an increase in the number of our students attending the different State Normal Schools. Fulton County during the year that just closed had a large enrollment of students at State Normal and the enrollment of the coming school year promises to surpass that of 1914-15.

The year has not been barren of results. Twenty-seven pupils passed the Spring examination. Many of these have since passed the teachers' examination for provisional certificates and have been elected to teach in the public schools in the county. The teaching force, with few exceptions, did well the work put upon them. The exceptions received salary enough and too much, but the live, active, energetic teachers received too little pay. Many minor improvements have been made in school property, but we expect to see greater improvements during the coming year. We expect to have, at

least, three new school buildings erected during the present school year. These will be modern, up-to-date buildings and will, when built, reflect credit upon the school boards in whose administration they will be constructed.

Our examinations at the beginning of the year were more rigid than previously. As a result we had only enough licensed teachers to fill the schools. This eliminated what otherwise would have been low grade certificates and gave us as a result eighty-two teachers having the best qualifications of those who came before us for examination.

The County Institute held the week beginning November 30, 1914, was well attended and elicited many favorable comments. The instructors were both entertaining and practical and did much to create higher ideals in the teachers and to stimulate them to greater activity in their respective school work.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the Annual Directors' Convention was a success. A fair percentage of the directors was present. The discussions were interesting and all present went away feeling profited by this annual gathering.

The percentage of attendance of the schools of the county was good, yet we are sorry to say that some boys and girls—a part of whom are under the requirements of the Compulsory School Law—were not in attendance at any school during the year.

Our schools are all supplied with modern furniture and nearly all have slate black-boards, but still a few poor black-boards are found in the county. These should be displaced before another term of school begins. Nearly every school in the county has an American flag (all have had but we are sorry to say that in some instances it was not floated). We sincerely request every teacher who has been employed for the ensuing term to unfurl the flag in such a way as to comply with the conditions of the School Code.

As to sanitation we found conditions good in many places but there are other places in which great improvements can be made along this line. In the care of the walls and the floors of school buildings and the stoves and general conditions of cleanliness, in wall decorations and in window-shades, not only is there room for improvement but in some places urgent need for it.

In my visits I sought to impress upon teachers the sanitary and aesthetic needs of the school-room, and urged upon teachers to improve them in every way possible.

In this report, I desire to express my sincere thanks and highest appreciation to patrons, directors, and teachers, and especially to the Department of Public Instruction for the much needed help given, and to all others in sympathy with educational work for their hearty support and co-operation for which support I am placed under a great many obligations.

Respectfully,
J. EMERY THOMAS,
County Superintendent,
Fulton County, Pa.

Mrs. A. E. Riley and son Warren, of Dunlap, Iowa, arrived a few days ago, to spend a few weeks with her brothers Jacob and Amos Clouser, and sister Mrs. Vanvert Kelso, and other relatives in town and the Cove. This is Mrs. Riley's first visit in the Cove in 26 years.

On Wednesday of last week, at a luncheon given by Mrs. D. F. Trout, at The Oaks, the engagement of Miss Elizabeth Trout, of Buffalo, and Mr. Chas. Mayes, of Red Lyon, Pa., was announced.

Fred and Grace Lodge went to Bedford county last Saturday for a visit among friends.

FULTON'S SCHOOLS.

Those Who Will Have Charge of the Education and Training of Our Boys and Girls.

The following list shows the names of the schools, and the names of the teachers who will have charge of them during the ensuing year. It has been the aim of County Superintendent Thomas to keep the standard of qualification as high as the demands would permit.

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Back Run, Nellie Corbin. Road, Stanley Humbert. Jugtown, Sophia Hohman. Rock Hill, Olive Wible. Cito, Retha Mellott. Webster Mills, Martha Kendall. Conner's, Edward Keefer. Corner, Parker Crouse. Laurel Ridge, George Smith.

BELFAST

Cross Roads, Maye Pittman. Needmore, Floyd Hart. Sipes Mill, Etta Waltz. Morton's Point, Thomas Truax. Philip Morgret, Levi Garland. Cedar Lane, John Morton. Pleasant Grove, Blanche Smith. Jacob Lakes, Vernona Mellott.

BETHEL

Warfordsburg Advanced, Reed Bishop. Warfordsburg Primary, Clara Norris.

Gordon's, Virgie Gress. Alpine, Gertrude Gelvin. Black Oak, Webster Mellott. Chapel, E. Clura Markley. Franklin Mills, Earle Golden. Mt. Airy, Orben Hebler.

BRUSH CREEK

Akersville, Advanced, Ernest Walters. Akersville, Primary, Iva Hixon.

Buffalo, vacant. Emmyville, Walter Smith. Buchanan, James Stahle. Locust Grove, Roy Plessinger. Oak Grove, Walter Barkman.

DUBLIN.

Burnt Cabins, Roy J. Mathias. Mud Level, Esther Welch. Battle Ridge, Wilbert Walters. Glunt's, Erma Gress. Chesnut's, Lillian Stinson. Clear Ridge, Glenn Laidig. Ft. Littleton, Grace Piper.

McCONNELLSBURG.

McConnellsburg, High School, Easton Fox. Grammar, Joan Morton. Intermediate, Grace Lodge. Primary, Janette Stouteagle.

LICKING CREEK.

Harrisonville, vacant. Shane's, C. W. Mellott. Siloam, Ally Deshong. Compulsion, Harry Deshong. Forestdale, Thelma Metzler. Daniels, Daisy Strait. Saluvia, Edgar Hann. Vallance, Wilmer Sipes.

TAYLOR

Wintergreen, Olitipa Keebaugh. Waterfall, Roy Cutshall. Gracey, William Rank. Winegardner, Alice Cutshall. Laidig, Ethel Sipes. Hustontown, W. G. Wink. Fairview, Lillian Laidig. Cherry Grove, Ruth Lyon.

THOMPSON.

Independence, Jessie Yeakle. Center, H. W. Wink. Board Yard, Harvey Sharpe. Ditch Run, Alice Brewer. Westview, Pearl Fisher. Oakdale, Denver Evans. Bald Eagle, Rose Keefer.

TODD

Woodburn, Mildred Mock. Knobsville, John Kelso. McGovern's, Scott Alexander. Scott's, Etta Snyder. Sumner's, Rush Wagner.

UNION

Barne's Gap, Jessie Hoopen-gardner. Harmonia, Oscar Lashley. Excelsior, Lily Ritz. Cente, Nellie Morgret. Zack's Ridge, Annie Uhlig. Fairview, Gilbert Mellott.

WELLS

Tannery, Advanced, Vacant. Tannery, Primary, Jessie Cutchall. Number 2, Vacant. Number 3, Pearl Shevete'l. Number 4, Orlen Mock.

The Trend of Sentiment.

It is gratifying to note that the good people of Fulton are constrained by a spirit of righteousness to promote an organization in the several townships for the purpose of a concerted disapproval of the liquor traffic. In view of the coming primaries it is proposed that the several candidates for JUDGE shall be asked to make known their attitude on the liquor question in a plain straightforward manner, no technical evasions. In the past some of our judges, presumably for political reasons have tried to reconcile their constituents with nice talk concerning the duties of a Judge, the interpretation of the law etc., all of which is no longer a valid excuse; for the simple reason that every reader of average intelligence knows that the granting of a license for the sale of liquor in this state is a matter entirely with the Court, the duty of the Judge being to hear the evidence, consider the number and character of witnesses for and against the granting of a license, the question at issue being simply that of a necessity for the sale of alcoholic liquors as a beverage. Scientific investigation answers the question in the negative, since it has been plainly demonstrated that alcoholic beverages have no food value, nor do they possess any sustaining qualities; besides, we have the declaration of our best physicians everywhere that alcoholic liquor when taken into the system is a poison to the human organism, hence it is decidedly harmful as a beverage, and has but limited use as a medicine. In all departments of the business world is a demand for efficiency, and efficiency implies being on the alert, to think quickly and rightly, to act promptly and diligently, to grasp firmly and steadily with a skilled hand, to be guided by the clear vision of a trained eye, and verily, these qualities are the attributes of sobriety; they cannot emanate from a brain excited or inflamed with booze. The man at the wheel who has taken a drink is unsafe, his brain, in a degree, is excited, he has exalted imagination, and does not see with the normal eye. In our day of good roads, automobiles with passengers are circling in every direction; our hotels are filled with guests in quest of meals and lodging. These patrons are, as a rule, our best people—intelligent and sober—interested in pleasant surroundings, good meals, clean and comfortable beds; but not interested in the bar room. True, we have our "joy riders" who want the booze, but they are a blight to decent society and a menace on the public highway. But let us have faith, trusting that in the future when hotel men appear in court asking the privilege to sell rum, they may be manly enough to not cast a reflection on the many sober people and good people, who chance to be their guests, by telling the Honorable Court that the license privilege is for their accommodation. May they be truthful, and frank enough to tell the Judge that their desire to sell booze, is for the profit, and that their most likely customers are the "Joy Riders" the old toper, the personal liberty tippler who is likely to become a confirmed boozer and what is used at the recruiting station where young men and boys are induced to join inebriate army, to fill up the ranks as the old rummies fall by the wayside, or send their way to almshouses or asylums.

"Observer."

The Fosters.

The annual reunion of the Foster family will be held in Washington Park at Six Mile Run, Pa. Aug. 26, 1915. In case of bad weather it will be held the following day. All members of the family are requested to be present and all friends are cordially invited.

MORE HASTE LESS SPEED.

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

"More haste less speed" is a venerable warning against misapplied energy. The summer season gives additional reason to consider the value of rational well directed activity as opposed to spurts of action.

The average city dweller regardless of years is apt to scurry about as if life depended upon his catching a particular train or trolley. Rushing to and fro with small consideration for those who impede his progress, he will risk life and limb to cross a street thirty seconds sooner and then gaze in a show window for ten minutes.

All this is extremely wearing on the nervous system and physically exhausting. It easily becomes a habit and if continued leads to loss of personal efficiency. A certain degree of deliberation usually insures more thoughtful and effective action and is better from the health standpoint.

To progress at moderate speed with due consideration for other people's "rights of the road" results in benefits of no small value. Your physical machinery is far more likely to successfully meet emergencies if it is not continually running on high gear.

Then too there is much in our daily round which he who runs may not read. If we are to live rationally and think broadly it is well to make one's progress through life at a moderate pace. Your scurrying busybody is selfish even though it be unintentional. To have an eye for other people's desires and ambitions and a consideration for their ideals may help us to achieve our own.

To live peacefully and to live happily materially aid in maintaining our physical health and vice versa. Progress is not necessarily measured by rapidity of action; consider the squirrel in the revolving cage.

Thrown From Buggy.

Thursday, July 27th, while Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mort, of Clear Ridge were driving to Maddensville, their horse frightened at a dead buzzard lying in the road on Mullein Hill. The animal "wheeled" in the narrow road and started back up the hill. In turning, the buggy was partly tipped over, throwing the occupants out. Mr. Mort held to the lines and succeeded in turning the horse into a pine thicket stopping it after running a short distance. Mrs. Mort escaped with a few scratches, but Mr. Mort was considerably bruised, and cut about the face. One shaft penetrated the horse behind the shoulder when the harness gave way making an ugly wound. A basket of eggs carried in the buggy was "a perfect mess." Dr. R. B. Campbell picked up the unfortunate parties and took them home in his auto. Mr. Mort was confined to the house for several days. He seems to be unfortunate, for only recently he was thrown from a load of grain severely bruised.

Mrs. Edgar Criswell (Nellie Skinner) and daughter Jean, of New York City, were registered at the Fulton House during the past week and spent much of the time mingling with their friends in McConnellsburg and the Cove.

By running a three-dollar excursion to Atlantic City last Sunday, the Cumberland Valley railroad hauled 2519 persons to that favorite seashore resort, for which the Company received in cash \$7,557.

Calvin E. Little, who recently sold the Fulton House and went to Chambersburg, has purchased the Star Theatre, in that town and took possession last Saturday evening.