

INTERESTING PARAGRAPHS

Of Local and General Interest, Gathered at Home or Clipped from our Exchanges.

CONDENSED FOR HURRIED READERS

Rev. Horace N. Sipes and family, of Blairsville, are visiting relatives in McConnellsburg.

Mrs. Earl Martin, of Chambersburg, has been visiting in the D. E. Little home during the past ten days.

We profited by a pleasant call from P. B. Foreman, of Laidig, who with John Raker, near Dane, was in town yesterday.

Preaching at the M. E. church next Sunday at 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Preaching and communion services at Cito at 3 P. M.

Miss Mary K. Hoke left yesterday for Lewistown, where she will visit for a few days and go to Latrobe, to be gone about three weeks.

Miss Harriet A. Sloan is spending two weeks visiting in the home of her cousin, Maria Dick-Alexander, in Washington.

Ex-Sheriff J. J. Harris recently bought the grocery stock of the late D. R. Ramsey and placed it in his restaurant in his hotel on West Lincoln Way.

Mrs. Rosa Clark who spent the past three months with her sister in Bedford county, returned to her home at Burnt Cabins during the early part of this week.

Dr. Mosser has a pet on the back of his neck that, he says, any one may have not only free of charge, but the proverbial five-dollar chromo will go with the pet.

A. L. Wible, on Monday, bought the Selsor property on East Market Street from D. E. Little, and will get possession of the property at once.

Miss Jean Johnston returned to Shippensburg Normal last Tuesday after having nursed her mother, Mrs. J. K. Johnston, who has been quite ill for three weeks.

Perhaps no one was really happy, but if any were happy over the situation last Tuesday morning, it was the plumbers who found many jobs repairing frozen pipes.

In the grip of the grippe, rheumatism and pip, that's how our ole town is to-day. But Doc don't over charge and our woodpile is large, so we'll try to be happy and gay.

The first regular overland mail communication between San Francisco and the East was established by pony express in 1860, the charge for postage being \$5 for half an ounce.

Rev. Horace Sipes, formerly of this place, but now of Blairsville, Pa., is assisting Rev. Luring in revival services every night at the M. E. church. Good interest is manifested in the meetings.

Born, recently, to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ott, Ayr township, a little girl. To Mr. and Mrs. Dale Garland, Ayr township, a boy, and to Mr. and Mrs. Simon Daniels, Licking Creek township, a boy.

Last Monday, Walter Peck and Will Mellott, of Belfast township, hitched up the Peck Ford and started for Hagerstown on a scouting expedition for cattle. On Tuesday they went home by way of Mercersburg and McConnellsburg. Cold? Not a bit—the icy wind was a tonic.

Editor-in-Chief B. W. Peck, of the NEWS, fell a victim to the very thing he warned against last week, namely, pneumococcus, and he is now in its vise-like grip. Several of the office force are in the same fix. But what's left of us will get a paper out this week or know the reason why.

You may trim your grape vines now. Select the branches wanted, cut off its branches to within one or two buds of the main stem, draw them carefully away so as not to break off the desired buds, and fasten the vines to frames with soft material that will not cut the bark when winds sway the vines.

Daniel Ralph, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. Peck, of Pecktonville, Md., is passing through a siege of typhoid fever at the home of his parents. He has been confined to the house since the first Monday after Christmas, but the disease is yielding to treatment, and it is hoped that when the regulation twenty-one days shall have passed, that complete convalescence will set in.

Nurrah for Rev. Seville!

That the older country church districts are nurseries for development and well-being of city churches should be better recognized by the latter. Indeed, some of them could well afford to support struggling country churches that send efficient members to the ministry, or to hold responsible positions as workers in city churches. Fulton county churches have surely sent their share. As a sample, we quote from a recent issue of the "Lutheran Church Work and Observer": "Rev. C. W. Seville, Minneapolis, Kan., has sent in over two hundred subscriptions to the General Synod's weekly paper during the three years of its existence." In another column we find "Rev. C. W. Seville has increased the membership of his charge 116 per cent. during the past twenty months." Mr. Seville is a McConnellsburg boy.

Trouble Ahead.

The NEWS received a straight tip last Monday that the ladies who have been of marriageable age for several years are going to form a union of some kind for the purpose of promoting unions of another kind. This is leap year, and when we remind the men who have been of marriageable age for a longer time than said ladies think proper, they will readily "smell a mice." Gentlemen, the recent suffrage campaign has brought to the surface certain characteristics of the heretofore gentler sex that, we fear, are going to make trouble among some of our easy-going single men, and we sound this warning that said single men may either take to the tall timber in time, or prepare to fight from ambush.

Educational Meetings.

The 7th local institute of Taylor township, was held at Wintergreen, January 14th. Teachers present were: Ollitpa Keebaugh and Lillian Laidig from Taylor, and Glenn Laidig from Dublin. Also, Mr. Cook, one of the directors. The following topics were discussed: 1. Personality of Teacher. 2. Regular Attendance, How Secured. 4. Home Study, Value of and Amount Required. A good literary program spoke well for teacher and school. Next institute to be held at Gracey, in two weeks. Lillian Laidig, acting secretary.

Turkeys.

New York state poultry raisers say that we should make use of natural conditions found here to raise turkeys on our hilly lands. They claim that adjoining land owners should combine and have a central incubating station and provide on a large scale to care for young poults until all danger for wet weather is past. After that a paid overseer could follow on horse back like cowboys work, to care for the branded flocks of thousands of turkeys until market time.

Donation.

A few evenings ago the Lutheran parsonage was the scene of much activity and good cheer when a large crowd of membership quietly walked into the front door and presented their pastor and family with a New Year remembrance. The table and chairs and floor of the kitchen groaned under the weight of the pleasing gifts for the family larder. The pastor and family hereby express appreciation of the happy event.

Mock-Niller.

Mr. Rolla Mock, son of Mrs. Lizzie Mock and Miss Dorothy Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Miller—all of Burnt Cabins, were united in marriage January 15, 1916, at the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev. W. R. Byers, in Burnt Cabins.

Meeting of Stockholders.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Valmont Telephone Company will be held at the Company's Office in McConnellsburg, Pa., January 29th 1 p. m. for election of directors.

B. W. PECK, Secretary.

Notice.

All those who have watches and clocks at D. R. Ramsey's for repairs, will please call for them on or before February 1st, or they will be otherwise disposed of. BERTHA RAMSEY, Admx. 2t.

His Hens Laid Well.

Mr. E. M. Gress, of Edgewood Park, Pa., sent the NEWS the following account of his experience with twelve hens during one year. Part of his letter follows: "My mother, Mrs. George Gress, who lives in Wells Valley, gave me twelve Brown Leghorn pullets (not thoroughbred) which were hatched in May, 1914. I brought them to Edgewood Park, a suburb of Pittsburgh, the last of August. They began to lay on November 6th, and from that time until November 6, 1915, one year, they laid 2,026 eggs—an average of 168½ eggs per hen. The value of the eggs at current prices was \$61.73, and the cost of the feed exclusive of some table scraps, was \$27.50 for the year mentioned. The foregoing is not a fair account, for I did not have twelve hens all that time, having begun to dispose of them in September, 1915, to make room for some pullets I brought from Fulton county last August, so that by November 6th, when the year was up, I had but few of the original flock. It is my opinion that it does not pay to keep hens the second year when they have laid well during their first year. I think there is only one good year's laying in a hen. "In general, the feed for these hens was, with some little variation, as follows: Whole wheat in the morning thrown into four to six inches of straw litter. At noon, a warm mash, and in the evening, whole corn, with a little wheat or oats mixed with it occasionally. Dry bran and grit were constantly before the hens. A little sprouted oats were fed when snow covered the ground, and an occasional head of cabbage was given."

Children's Pets.

Luther Burbank, the wizard who gave us so many new varieties of fruits, flowers and plants, voices his sentiments in favor of children's pets in his system of "Training the Human Plant." Mr. Burbank says: "Every child should have mud pies, grasshoppers, water bugs, tadpoles, frogs, mud turtles, elderberries, wild strawberries, acorns, chestnuts, trees to climb, creeks to wade in, water lilies, woodchucks, bats, bees, butterflies, various animals to pet, hayfields, pine cones, rocks to roll, sand, snakes, huckleberries and hornets, and any child who has been deprived of these has been deprived of the best part of his education. By being well acquainted with all these they come into the most intimate harmony with nature, whose lessons are, of course, natural and wholesome."

Court Proceedings.

In the Court of Quarter Sessions held last week, the following items of business were disposed of, in addition to those given by the NEWS last week:

The rule on heirs in the estate of Mahlon Barton, late of Brush Creek, being returnable at 10 A. M., the heirs were called, and Mahlon H. Akers, a grandson of the deceased, handed up to the Court the highest sealed bid \$3,255, for the real estate and it was awarded to him by the Court. The Court appointed John R. Jackson, Esq., auditor to make distribution.

In the estate of John B. Alexander, late of Wells township, the petition of the Administratrix was presented, asking for an order to sell real estate for payment of debts. Order awarded.

In the matter of the estate of George C. Fraker, late of Dublin township, deceased, the sale of certain tracts of real estate was confirmed and the order as to tracts unsold continued.

In the case of Russel Carbaugh vs. Elizabeth Carbaugh, for divorce, Hon. S. W. Kirk was appointed master to take testimony and report the facts.

In the estate of D. R. Ramsey, late of the borough, widow's appraisalment filed and ordered to be recorded unless exceptions are filed within twenty days.

In the estate of D. F. Chesnut, writ of partition awarded by the Court.

In the case of Edward Fyler vs. Mary Jane Fyler, a subpoena in divorce was awarded.

The Court appointed Hon. John P. Sipes trustee to sell the real estate of Benjamin Bolinger, deceased.

The petition of W. H. Williams, guardian of minors of J. N. Hixson, deceased, was presented asking permission to invest funds of wards at a rate of interest not less than five per cent. Order made as prayed for.

In the estate of John A. Long, deceased, a writ of partition was awarded.

The Court awarded a subpoena in divorce in the case of Jane Seville vs. Franklin Seville.

The petition of Jane Miller, now Ricker, was presented asking that a judgment of T. Scott Hershey, against her be opened. Rule awarded and issued and service waived by attorney for the plaintiff.

In the estate of John McDonald, late of Licking Creek township, order of sale of real estate continued.

In the estate of Joseph Laidig, deceased, widow's appraisalment filed and ordered to be recorded unless exceptions are filed within twenty days.

The return of viewers to vacate

a public road in Bethel township, was confirmed.

First and final account of Alexander Mellott and G. B. Mellott, administrators of Jonas Mellott, was confirmed.

Account of S. D. Mellott, trustee to sell the real estate of J. F. Mellott, deceased, was confirmed.

Account of S. W. Anderson, administrator of Wm. Anderson, late of Wells township, confirmed and M. R. Shaffner was appointed auditor to make distribution.

Frank Hess was appointed constable of Belfast township, and Jacob Miller constable of Brush Creek township.

The Court appointed Henry C. Demming official stenographer of the Court.

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