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

MRS. ALEXANDER MAYNE.

Mary Hoover, wife of Alexander Mayne, passed away suddenly at their home at Fort Littleton, Wednesday evening, January 19, 1916, aged 78 years, 9 months, and 15 days. The funeral took place Saturday afternoon, the services being conducted by her pastor Rev. A. S. Luring, of the M. E. church, McConnellsburg, and interment was made in the cemetery at Fort Littleton.

With the exception of having been troubled some with neuralgia, Mrs. Mayne was in about her usual health and Wednesday evening was resting on a lounge in the sitting room. Noticing a slight call Miss Annie went to her mother and found that she was passing away. It is believed by her physician that she died as a result of an attack of neuralgia of the heart.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Mayne is survived by the following children: Mrs. Minnie Buckley, and J. Frank Mayne, Shelby Iowa; George, Altoona, Pa., Thomas and Samuel, Duncannon, Pa. Rev. Charles, Griswold, Iowa, and Miss Annie at home. Mrs. Mayne has two brothers living—John Hoover at Hustontown and Christopher, near Burnt Cabins.

Her sons are all present at the funeral; although, on account of delay in travel, the funeral services were partly over when Charlie and Frank reached there.

MRS. SARAH GARLAND.

Mrs. Sarah Garland, widow of Benjamin Garland late of Belfast township, deceased, died at the home of her son-in-law and daughter Stillwell and Ettie Truax on the old Preacher Correll place near the Brethern church in Belfast township, on Tuesday evening, January 18, 1916, in the 72nd year of her age. The funeral services conducted by Eld. J. Calvin Garland, took place on the following Thursday, and interment was made in the cemetery at the Sideling Hill Baptist church.

Her death was entirely unexpected. She went to bed a little earlier than usual, and soon thereafter some of her women friends called and Mrs. Truax told them to just step into her room as she was just resting in bed in an adjoining room. As her bed was approached she threw up her hands, and passed away apparently without a struggle.

The deceased was a daughter of the late Isaac Mellott, who years ago lived on Pleasant Ridge on what is now the John Bard farm. She was married to Benjamin Garland, who passed away a few years ago, and the following children survive, namely, Lizzie, wife of David Garland, Need more; Jennie, widow of David Hill, near Sharpe; Ettie, wife of Stillwell Truax, at whose home Mrs. Garland died; and John Garland and Charlie Garland, both living in Belfast township. She is survived by one step-daughter Emma, wife of Mason Mellott.

Mrs. Garland was a consistent member of the Christian church for many years, and her first thought in life was to be useful to those about her, and she was never more contented than when able to do something to add to the comfort of those with whom she mingled.

GILBERT MELLOTT.

Gilbert Mellott died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mellott, in Ayr township, Wednesday, January 19, 1916. The deceased was subject to epilepsy all his life and a few days ago was attacked by grippe, which was the immediate cause of his death. If he had lived until February 9th, he would have attained the age of 17 years.

Besides his father and mother

OUR DISTANT FRIENDS.

Interesting Extracts from Letters Recently Received from Former Fulton County People.

SADIE BUCKLEY COOLIDGE, Smith Center, Kans.—Here's a draft that will put me in the '17' class. As you know, I am one of Fulton County's daughters, and I am always glad to get the NEWS and learn about my old home people and their doings. It is the first paper I pick up when the mail is brought to our house about noon each Sunday.

MISS ELIZABETH COMERER, Philadelphia.—I am enclosing a money order to advance my subscription into 1917. We look forward to the coming of the NEWS each week with eager anticipation. Kindest regards to all our Fulton County relatives and other friends.

HARRY DAWNEY, Chicago.—The NEWS is a welcome caller every Saturday morning. What is the matter with our friends up about Hustontown that nobody sends in the happenings any more? Get busy. Good way to let the people know you are still on the map. We have had some very severe winter weather. Love to all our Fulton County friends.

Much Sickness.

The many friends of Mrs. M. D. Mathias will learn with sorrow that she is lying dangerously ill at her home at Hustontown. She has pneumonia and congestion at the base of both lungs. She has the care of a trained nurse and Dr. Robinson, and it is hoped that she may speedily recover. All Fulton County is in the throes of grippe and pneumonia. It was said Tuesday morning that thirty-five persons in McConnellsburg were confined to their rooms on account of grippe. Aaron Martin, who has pneumonia in the Cove, is holding his own, with the hope that he may soon be on the road leading to recovery.

Our good friend W. S. Mellott, of Sipes Mill, called at the NEWS office for a little chat while in town Monday. Of course, a "7" on his label will look good to him for a year.

he is survived by three brothers and three sisters, namely, Rosetta, of Chambersburg; Viola, of Shade Gap; May, Ernest, Donald and Rudolph, at home.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Friday at 10 a. m. and interment was made in Union cemetery.

HENRY TROTT.

Henry Trott, the last of the name of one of Fulton County's old families, died at the old Trott homestead on Cove creek, just below Dennis Everts' Mill in Thompson township, on Tuesday of last week, aged about 75 years. For several years Henry had lived with his nephew George W. Bishop on the old home farm, and death came as a result of a complication of diseases incident to advancing years. The funeral conducted by Rev. A. R. Carland of the Christian church, took place on Thursday, and interment was made in the cemetery at Antioch.

LAURA E. DENEEN.

Mrs. Laura E. Deneen, wife of Albert Deneen, died at their home in Belfast township, January 15, 1916, of tuberculosis, aged 39 years.

Interment was made in the Buck Valley M. E. cemetery, services being held by her pastor, Rev. John B. Artemas.

Besides her husband, she is survived by the following children: Ada, Roy and Cletus, at home, and by two brothers, Charles J. Deneen, of Panama, and Edmund G. Deneen, in the West. Mrs. Deneen was a daughter of David D., and Samantha E. Deneen, of Union township.

HOW THEY COUNT A MILLION



Did you ever stop to think just how long it would take you to count a million? Suppose you started in and counted at the rate of 100 a minute for twenty-four hours steadily, do you think that would do it? No, indeed! If you counted at that rate every minute of each twenty-four hours for seven days, you will just about reach that figure. There are other places besides Wall Street and the Treasury where big figures are in constant use. One of these places is in the State Department of Health. Perhaps you have noticed the bacteriological analysis of milk or water in which it was stated that there are so many bacteria per cubic centimeter, 800,000 perhaps, or 1,250,000. A cubic centimeter, by the way, is about half a thimbleful. In the laboratory which Commissioner of Health Dixon has established to give free service to the physicians of the state, every day there are analyzed from eighty to a hundred specimens of water or other material, which require the counting of several hundred thousand of these minute forms which are not even visible to the naked eye. According to the table which we have set out above, this would be quite a job. As a matter of fact, like Columbus' egg trick, it is simple enough when you know how. The glass plates which are used to grow the colonies of bacteria in the incubators are taken out and placed on a piece of cut glass which is divided into small squares, so many to the inch. Under a high-power magnifying glass, the bacteria colonies in several of the squares are counted, then the number is multiplied by the total number of squares covered.

CHURCH DYNAMITED.

Mormon Church in Buck Valley Totally Wrecked in Early Hours of Last Thursday Morning.

During the past forty years, Mormon Elders have made periodical trips through this section of Pennsylvania with the purpose of sowing the seeds of doctrine peculiar to Mormonism, or the Church of the Latter Day Saints, as they prefer to be called. It was in the beautiful little valley in the southwestern part of Fulton county, that the seeds showed the first signs of germination, which was about 35 years ago. So delighted were the Elders at this sign of life, that nothing was left undone to care for the tender plant, and to broaden their field in that section.

At that time the field was occupied by Protestant churches—the Christians, the Methodists, the German Lutherans, the Presbyterians—all having comfortable houses for public worship, and the introduction of Mormonism in a field already occupied, was looked upon with disfavor by a very large number of the inhabitants of the Valley. It was not, however, until last summer, that it was decided that a Mormon church should have standing room among the other churches of the Valley, and the few families who by this time had become bold enough to take a public stand for the new faith, contributed of their means, and a building about 28x40 feet was begun. It was located near the post office of Lashley, and near the old Grange Hall, on the road leading from Lashley to Harmonia school house. The building of the new church progressed without incident until last Thursday morning about 1:30 o'clock, a shock like heavy thunder caused windows to rattle, and its reverberations rolled sullenly from mountainside to mountainside, causing the peaceful citizens to arise in fright. With the dying down of the distant reverberations, everything was quiet and nothing to disturb the darkness of the night.

Those living in the immediate neighborhood of the new church were led to what, in the evening, was an almost completed structure, and there they found that a quantity of dynamite had been placed so carefully, that when it exploded, the building was blown

PROTECTION IS WIDE.

Constables, Jurors, Witnesses and All Other Persons in The Employ of State, County or Township.

The Workmen's Compensation Board adopted a ruling requiring the State to pay all compensation liabilities caused by the injury or death of public officers in any county who are on the payroll of the State. County officials who are paid directly or indirectly by counties or by any officer thereof for services to the county are to be paid by the county. This ruling includes all deputies, clerks, assessors, constables, jurors, witnesses for the State in criminal cases and like classes of employees.

Another ruling adopted is that the owner of a threshing machine doing work on a farm not his own, for hire, is liable to his engineer and those helpers whom he employs to run the machine. This ruling is also to apply to the owner of an ensilage cutter or any similar machine.

The first two cases under the compensation law to be settled without the assistance of a referee were reported by the Midvale Steel Company. In the first case Ashby Pearly will receive \$6.28 a week during disability for not more than five hundred weeks, and in the second case Fred Purchap will receive ten dollars a week for not more than five hundred weeks. Both were injured about the legs.

E. J. Cal Garland spent a few hours in town Tuesday and called at the NEWS office to say "Howdy" to the editor.

to atoms. The steel shingles covering the building were scattered over acres of ground and the timbers were shattered into kindling wood and scattered to the winds.

In order to bring the perpetrators to speedy justice, bloodhounds were secured and placed upon the job; but when they followed a trail to a stream, they could go no farther, and another trail followed to a much traveled highway was lost.

It is said that there are about thirty persons in the Valley that are willing to admit their identity with the new denomination, and just what steps will be taken to punish the dynamiters and rebuild the church, we are not informed.

OUT-DOOR SLEEPING.

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

That which is looked upon as a fad to-day becomes the necessity of to-morrow. This is largely the case with out-door sleeping.

With the beginning of the active campaign against tuberculosis but a few years or so ago, out-door sleeping was recommended for those suffering from tuberculosis and others whose general physical condition seemed to warrant it.

These pioneers were looked upon by their friends and neighbors with interest and they openly expressed belief that if they survived this exposure, which was doubtful, they would soon tire of the experiment anyhow. As a matter of fact there are a hundred open air sleepers to-day where there was one a decade ago and it is no longer limited to those who are in ill health.

All who have tried open air sleeping are enthusiastic about it and they constitute an ever growing group.

A sleeping porch is coming to be looked upon as an essential part of the home. Whole families have taken to sleeping in the open and have been so benefited by it that they would never consider anything else.

The proper garb to insure warmth despite the temperature is essential. With a warm room for dressing accessible there is no reason why this invigorating and stimulating custom should not continue to grow in popularity.

Many men and women who of necessity must spend their working hours in-doors can obtain during their rest at night, at least a portion of the out-door air that Nature intended us all to have.

Sleeping porches can be constructed on the most modest homes at a comparatively small cost; and, in the majority of instances they can be guaranteed to save their cost in doctor bills. The change from sleeping in closed warm rooms to out-door sleeping must be brought about gradually, giving Nature time to meet the new conditions. The very old or very young demand more protection than the adult in the prime of life.

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FARMERS' MEETING.

The Institute Held at Clear Ridge Last Week Was Much Appreciated by That Community.

As was announced in the NEWS, the first sessions of the Institute were held at Clear Ridge on Thursday afternoon. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the County Chairman, Frank Ranck, the institute was called to order by W. R. Fields, chairman of the local committee, who made a short opening address, and after appointing Mr. C. R. Shore to serve as secretary of the meetings, he introduced Mr. M. H. McCallum, one of the State workers, who spoke on the Forms and Uses of Lime. The speaker imparted a great deal of information in such an easy, practical way, and answered a number of questions so entirely satisfactorily that every one present felt very greatly repaid for the time spent in attending the session.

Mr. Umholt, another of the State workers, spoke upon the subject of Getting Eggs and Caring for the Layers. Mr. Umholt is an expert poultryman and not only knows how to do the thing himself, but he knows how to tell others in such a way that they are not afraid to try for themselves.

Thursday evening, Mr. Umholt discussed the subject, The Farmer and the Farm Flock, or Possibilities of Poultry on the Farm. If only people could realize what they miss by staying at home when there is such a feast of good things for them—free, without even having to ask for them—the house would be so crowded that an overflow meeting would have to be held.

Things Worth While on the Farm was then discussed by Mr. McCallum, who was followed by Mr. D. H. Watts, on Education.

At 9:30 Friday morning was taken up the subject Legumes; Their Relation to Crop Production. The next subject, The Farmer and Good Roads was taken by D. H. Watts, and Mr. Umholt finished the session with Failures or Mistakes in Chicken Farming.

At 1:30 Friday afternoon Miss Heintzman of Harrisburg was introduced, and spoke on Woman Suffrage. She is a fine speaker and her address was well received. Another address on Progressive Poultry Farming by R. M. Umholt; one, on Home Mixing of Fertilizers by Mr. McCallum and one on Soils and Plant Growth by D. H. Watts, ended the Friday afternoon session.

Friday evening, after a Round Table talk, Mr. D. H. Watts gave his popular lecture on Farm Buildings and Blunders after which the institute adjourned sine die.

The instructors are all men who understand their business, and should they, perchance, come this way again bearing similar messages, they will meet with a hearty reception from those who heard them. Those who did not hear them, of course, do not know what they missed, and "where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise."

The attendance would have been much better if it had not happened to strike a period of such unseasonable weather. Everybody had the grip, and the roads were just abominable.

The sessions were much enlivened by good music furnished by an orchestra composed by C. R. Shore, Miss Minnie Grove, and Floyd Fleming.

The Chairman of the Committee extends his thanks to those who so generously assisted him, and to Mrs. B. S. Winegardner and Calvin Baker for boarding the lecturers.

Miss Katie Fore had the misfortune to sprain one of her ankles last Saturday; while not a serious accident, it will somewhat impede her usually active locomotion for a few days.

SALVIA SUMMARIZINGS.

The Woolly Worm Indicates That We May Get Enough of Winter Before the Season Ends.

Many people in this section base their weather predictions on the appearance of a certain woolly worm. Last fall there were thousands of these woolly worms crawling on the ground. All of them that your scribe observed closely were similarly marked, viz., a narrow black belt at the head, a narrow white belt in the middle, and a wide black belt at the tail. In the parlance of the weather prophet, the black belt at the head indicated quite a rough cold spell at the beginning of the winter such as we had the last of November and running well through December. The white belt in the middle indicated a mild, warm, rainy, soft spell such as we have had through January, with the exception of a sudden, sharp injection of a cold wave which we had last Monday and Tuesday. The wide black belt at the tail end of the worm tells us to look out for bleak, rough, cold, severe wintry weather during February and March.

Mrs. Bert Hann visited Mrs. J. A. Stewart's family last Friday.

Charles W. Schooley had a dangerous attack of heart disease last Sunday, but was a little better Monday.

A. J. Sipes is busy hauling limestone from the Big Cove for a kiln this spring.

Mrs. Beckie Mort, nee Daniels, formerly of Salvia but now residing at North Point, is reported as dangerously ill of Bright's Disease and Dropsy. Her brothers Mason and Oliver went to see her last Saturday.

While during the winter, Fulton County people are ice-bound much of the time, and may expect to be snow-bound before ploughing time, a correspondent of "ye scribe" writes that truckers down at Miami, Florida are planting potatoes, and have already marketed thousands of baskets of strawberries. A great country, this!

The revival services at the Asbury M. E. Church as noted in the NEWS last week, were continued nightly during all of last week, and Sunday and Monday nights of this week. Sinners are apparently taking no interest spiritually in the wooings of the Holy Spirit or the earnest calls of the pastors or the pleadings of friends. We fear that it will be, as with our antediluvian friends who scoffed at Noah's preaching for one hundred and twenty years; when a certain storm came along, there was not standing room on the tops of the mountains and a mighty bunch of them drowned. May God's Spirit move mightily upon our friends; and may the day not come when they shall cry out in their anguish, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and I am not saved."

Tracked The Trackers.

During the skiff of snow a few days ago, a constable of Belfast township discovered that a deer was being tracked by certain bipeds who like the odor of stewed venison, and he proceeded to take the trail of the trailers near Frank Layton's sawmill, and followed it cautiously away into the fastness of Town Hill, when it became necessary for him to return home. Had the constable overtaken the trailers it might have been embarrassing for them to give a very satisfactory explanation of their purpose in following the deer.

George Fegley, of Pleasant Ridge, was in town a few hours Monday. His brother John went down to Waynesboro with the sawmill mandrel to have it overhauled preparatory to moving down on the John Garland tract where they will cut out a nice lot of lumber.