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## THE GRIM REAPER.

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

### MRS. D. E. STRAIT.

Josephine E. (Chesnut) wife of David E. Strait, died at her home near Laidig, Sunday evening, February 6, 1916, in the thirty-first year of her age, from an acute attack of pneumonia. The funeral took place yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, the services being conducted by her pastor, Rev. Reidell, of the M. E. church, and interment was made in the cemetery at Hustontown.

The deceased was the eldest daughter of James M. and Malinda Chesnut, and she was married to David E. Strait in McConnellsburg by Rev. Chas. M. Smith, of the Reformed church, on the fifth day of April, 1905. Besides her husband, she is survived by five children, namely, McClellan, Arthur, Bertha, Sara, and Robert. Her parents are both living and the following brothers and sisters: DeKalb, Frank, Emma, Nora, and Junie.

### Recent Weddings.

#### FISHER—MANN.

Mr. Andrew A. Fisher and Miss Anna Mann were married in Philadelphia February 2, 1916. The groom is a son of Mrs. Sadie Fisher of McConnellsburg, and the bride a daughter of Mr. C. H. Mann, a former resident of Saluvia, this county, but now living at St. Cloud, Florida. Miss Anna was living in Philadelphia at the time of her marriage. Mr. Fisher is an efficient conductor on the Pullman lines of sleepers running out of New York, and enjoys a good salary. The bride is a lady of refinement and culture, and is a favorite of many McConnellsburg friends who will join with the News in wishing her deserved happiness in her new sphere. Immediately after the marriage ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher went to Port Trevorton, Pa., to visit the groom's brother Ben, and on Saturday of last week, they went to Philadelphia where they are now at home to friends at 2041 Arch Street.

#### MAUN—WEBSTER.

Norris C. Maun, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Maun, McConnellsburg, and Miss Bess Webster, of West Newton, Pa., were married in Cumberland, Md., on Saturday, January 22, 1916. The groom is head miller with the B. L. Sampson Milling Company of West Newton, and the bride a winning young lady, has been a very efficient stenographer. The happy young people have the best wishes of their numerous McConnellsburg friends.

#### CLEVENGER—DAVIS.

William S. Clevenger and Mrs. Nellie A. Davis were married at Crystal Springs January 29, 1916 by Justice of the Peace Frank M. Lodge. Mr. Clevenger is a well known farmer near Crystal Springs, and the bride (widow of the late John D. Davis, of Licking Creek township) resided near Amaranth. The News joins many friends in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Clevenger a long prosperous life.

#### SOWERS—KEYSER.

Elmer Sowers, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Sowers, and Miss Gertrude Keyser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Keyser—all of Ayr township, were married in Hagerstown Monday, February 7, 1916. The wedding party was taken to Hagerstown and brought back to McConnellsburg by Ira Diehl in his touring car.

#### Severe February Storms.

Forecaster Foster predicts severe February storms for this section of the state. Cross-continent disturbances are forecasted from the 9th to the 13th, warm wave from the 8th to the 12th, cool wave from the 11th to the 15th.

## OUR DISTANT FRIENDS.

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

**WILLIAM HESS, Three Springs:** Here's another dollar. I am not sure just when my subscription runs out, but I do not want to take any chances on missing a single copy. We love to get the NEWS at our house.

**B. F. DANIELS, Hancock:** Enclosed I am sending money order for two dollars—one to pay up the year just past, and one to pay ahead a year. We get two other papers, but the NEWS is the one we always read first.

**F. C. MUMMA, dealer in fine groceries, Wilkingsburg, Pa.:** I see by the label on my paper that if I don't soon pay up, I will be on the DISHonor roll, instead of the honor roll. So, find enclosed two dollars to pay-up, and boost-up, the NEWS.

### Ladies Win Prizes.

Last summer, the NEWS offered two prizes for historical articles bearing on the pioneer days of Fulton county. To the oldest citizen who wrote, we promised to send the paper for the remainder of his or her life. To the second oldest, for five years. We received several and published them. The first prize went to Miss Sally Wible who makes her home with her niece, Mrs. W. Scott Brant, near Dane. Miss Wible is familiarly known to many as "Aunt Sally." If Aunt Sally lives until the seventeenth day of next July, she will be eighty-nine years of age. She has been confined to bed since December 1914, but she retains her faculties and was able to dictate some interesting stories of things that took place at the time when the old Chambersburg and Bedford turnpike was the main artery of commerce between the eastern sea coast and Pittsburgh and the West. In those days, the road that is now known as the Lincoln Highway presented more picturesque scenes than its successor, the Pennsylvania railroad does to-day, owing to the modes of travel. The second prize went to Miss Elizabeth Bailey, of Thompson township, who celebrated her eighty-sixth birthday on the thirteenth of last December. Miss Bailey described many customs that surely would seem strange to the young people of to-day.

Two coincidents appear in these letters—both ladies are cripples, Aunt Sally having received a hard fall in December 1914, from which she has not recovered, and Miss Bailey never recovered the full use of one of her ankles injured fifteen years ago. The other coincident is, both are maiden ladies, and their long, well-spent lives, may be due to their freedom from the care of a cranky man whose eccentricities might have shortened their lives. From this we reason, like Uncle Rastus, that many ladies of sixty or seventy years of age might be now nifty or a hundred if they had never married. Leap year girls will please take notice.

### Very Cheap Water Power.

An inventor is demonstrating at Frederick, Md., that electricity may be generated cheaply by water power without the use of a dam. Almost any small stream may be harnessed to furnish light for farm houses, or to pump water. A V-shaped float is anchored on the stream, with the wide end up-stream. At the down-stream end of the V which is not closed is a water wheel which operates a small dynamo, a small pump—or both—while the float support the dynamo and pump. These mechanically inclined will readily see that great force can be obtained, and that the increased rapidity of flow will prevent freezing at the wheel.

## Costly Fires.

This office is in receipt of carefully compiled statistics concerning the damage by fire to our forests. In making public this information, it is with the hope that private citizens may get awake to the necessity for better protection against this useless waste—something that affects the welfare of every man and woman in the State. Fires not only destroy standing timber, but entirely prevent re-forestation. They destroy our water sources by burning up the sponge that holds back floods instead of permitting the surplus water to filter away gradually during dry months. They make impure what little water remains to find its way under ground to our wells and springs. Space forbids further elaboration.

The Department of Forestry reports 1,101 forest fires in Pennsylvania during 1915. The causes are given as follows: Railroads, 274 fires, doing \$185,000 damage; brush burning on dry or windy days, 105 fires, doing \$35,000 damage; incendiary, 102 fires, doing \$98,000 damage; carelessness of hunters, fishermen, and campers, 136 fires, doing \$108,000 damage; miscellaneous, 37 fires doing \$52,000 damage; unknown, 382 fires, doing \$365,000 damage.

Department officials say that reasonable care would have prevented practically all the fires except those caused by lightning and a few which started from burning buildings.

The department is anxious that citizens should demand of their legislator an increase over the beggarly amount (\$45,000 every two years) for protection, to at least \$100,000.

New York, which protects about the same forest area as Pennsylvania, appropriates a cent an acre each year for prevention and extinction, and the average fire covers only 33 acres; Pennsylvania appropriated only three tenths of a cent per acre, and its average fire is ten times as large—it being 300 acres for Pennsylvania.

### Florida Letter.

Mr. Charlie H. Mann, of St. Cloud, Florida, writes the NEWS that he is gradually recovering from his long siege of typhoid fever. He has found the long, hot, inland summers of southern Florida a disappointment, but thinks the winters are charming. He has built a comfortable home, planted many shade trees, and otherwise provided for future comforts; but he hopes to sell and go farther north in the state and nearer to the sea coast where ocean breezes will take the place of the burning stillness that frequently takes place on summer days where he is now.

### The Girls Won.

Mrs. Aaron Martin's class of fourteen boys, and Mrs. C. B. Steven's class of ten girls—all of the M. E. Sunday school, had a friendly contest during the month of January for best attendance. While the attendance of both classes was good, the girls won by a close margin. The forfeit for the losing side was an entertainment, refreshments and service to be furnished at the Parsonage. Accordingly, the boys "paid up" bravely and royally entertained the little maidens last Tuesday.

### Believes Crop Ruined.

D. M. Ridenour, a well-known fruit grower, believes the peach, plum, and cherry crops of Washington county, Md., have been damaged to the extent of thousands of dollars by the warm spell "I have been a fruit grower for the past forty years," said Mr. Ridenour, "and from the condition of the buds of these three varieties of fruit, it would indicate that when the late frosts come, a large quantity of the buds will be caught unprotected and killed."

## SCHOOL DIRECTORS CONVENTION.

Thursday Afternoon and Evening, and Friday Forenoon, February 17th and 18th.

The school directors of Fulton County will convene in the Court House in McConnellsburg, Thursday, February 17th at 1:30 p. m.

Feeling that the people of McConnellsburg and vicinity have not heretofore understood that this is an educational meeting which all are invited to attend, we are placing on this program an invitation to all to attend its sessions, and especially do we invite you to attend the lecture on Thursday evening.

Dr. C. H. Gordonier of the Millersville State Normal will be with us on Thursday and Friday and will also deliver a lecture in the Auditorium on Thursday evening.

While this lecture is humorous, it contains material for thought, and will delight all who avail themselves of the opportunity to hear it.

The lecture is FREE.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Discussion: "School Visitation by Directors"—U. G. Humbert, John S. Deshong, G. A. Harris, Lewis D. Wible and M. A. Barkman.

Address—Dr. C. H. Gordonier: Subject—"Rural School Problems."

### THURSDAY EVENING.

Instrumental Duet.

Vocal Solo—Miss Emily Greathead.

Instrumental Solo—Miss Minnie Reiser.

Quartette—Miss Greathead, Mrs. George W. Reiser, Messrs. Runyan and Reiser.

Lecture—Dr. C. H. Gordonier: Subject—"Fire."

### FRIDAY FORENOON.

Discussion: School Sanitation—Prof. Clem Chesnut, Dr. J. W. Mosser, T. S. Hershey, W. R. Myers, and Harry Henry. Address, Dr. Gordonier: Subject—"Public Sentiment." Business Meeting. Adjournment.

### Lost Life in Hotel Fire.

Paul Hendricks aged 21 years, son of Rev. Dr. Hendricks, of the Reformed church, Chambersburg, lost his life in a hotel fire in Atlantic City last Friday morning. Paul was boarding at the Hotel Overbrook when shortly before daylight a fire broke out in the great building, and Paul was one of the first to be about the business of saving lives. Being an athlete and a perfect specimen of physical manhood, he succeeded in carrying seven people down rope ladders from upper stories in the hotel and directed fourteen others to the way of safety. Returning to save one more, Paul was not seen alive again, and it is supposed he was overcome by smoke or fell to death with a floor dropping. Paul's father, Dr. Hendricks is well known in McConnellsburg, he having preached in the Reformed, and in the Presbyterian, church, on more than one occasion.

### Grip Causes Suicide.

Franklin P. Lloyd, 65 years old, a widely known cigar manufacturer and farmer, of York county, committed suicide Thursday afternoon, following an aggravated attack of grippe which continued for three weeks, by shooting himself in the abdomen and slashing himself across the throat, severing the windpipe. Either wound would have been sufficient to produce death.

### Shot a Wildcat.

Floyd, son of Daniel McQuade, of Ayr township, was hunting in the Meadowgrounds last Saturday when the dogs treed a wildcat. When Floyd approached the tree the cat leaped to the ground, but the dogs closed in on it and up another tree it went. By this time Floyd was within shooting distance and killed it.

## Farm Notes.

In looking over L. H. Wible's January crop and Livestock Report we notice that an unusual number of his correspondents complain that dogs have driven many farmers out of the sheep industry—men who otherwise have farms suitable for profitable growing of wool and mutton. This leads us to remark that on February 20th a new law goes into effect, namely, that constables will be required to kill all dogs not bearing a license tag or suffer a fine of \$2 for each neglect of duty.

22,000 farmers in the State are using automobiles for business or pleasure. The number in Fulton county is said to have doubled during the year 1915. Total for the State indicate about one auto for each ten farmers. Fulton county farmers have one for each 16 of their number.

The total number of milch cows in the State increased about one per cent. during 1915, but the average value decreased a trifle. Ten years ago there were 1,102,000 sheep in the State, while in 1915 there were but 806,000. The number of hogs compared with a year ago is about the same with prices a little lower. Horses are about holding their own in numbers and price.

Total value of all livestock in Pennsylvania is estimated at \$167,843,000. Summing up Mr. Wible's report for Fulton county, we find few important changes in the general prosperity condition as compared with a year ago.

From government bulletins and other sources, many of our readers have learned the average price of lands in the counties of the State. The price of unimproved land ranges in price, according to these reports, from \$20 per acre in Fulton and Potter counties, the price increasing as large cities appear, until we reach Delaware county where the price is given at \$240. To our mind, these figures are of little value since limestone and poorer qualities of land are included in the average. We think we struck a better plan three years ago when we took fifty improved farms lying in the county outside of Big Cove and advertised for sale by one of our real estate agents. The average price asked at that time for the fifty improved shale and slate farms was \$11.50 per acre. We do not have figures for Big Cove limestone farms.

### Temperance 5,500 Years Ago.

A foreign exchange has this interesting paragraph: "There is still in existence an Egyptian papyrus of the date of 3500 years before the Christian era, which, contains the following caution: 'My son, do not linger in the wine-shop or drink too much wine. It causeth thee to utter words regarding thy neighbor which thou rememberest not. Thou fallest upon the ground, thy limbs become weak as those of a child. One cometh to trade with thee and findeth thee so. Then say they, 'Take away the fellow, for he is drunk.'" This is believed to be the oldest temperance lecture in existence.—The Christian Herald.

### Hold-Up at Carlisle.

A daring holdup was perpetrated Saturday evening at the edge of Carlisle. Harry Shultz, who lives on the Carlisle road, was returning home and had three small children with him in the carriage when he was held up by a colored man, opposite the almshouse. The man stopped him at the point of a gun and made Shultz surrender his money, which amounted to only \$1.80.

The holdup man then commanded Shultz to drive slowly as far as the United States avenue and at the point of his revolver made his escape. Several suspects were picked up during the night by the police, but they could not be identified.

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## PNEUMONIA.

Issued by the United States Public Health Service. For the Readers of the NEWS.

Ten per cent. of the deaths in the United States result from pneumonia. It is estimated that during the past thirty days this rate has been doubled in some sections. Tuberculosis and heart disease, each causing one-ninth of all fatalities, are the only diseases which outrank pneumonia among the legion of the men of death, but in certain cities pneumonia is steadily increasing and even has surpassed the mortality from tuberculosis. Seventy per cent. of all cases occur between December and May. It is distinctly a cold weather infection, seemingly brought by wintery blasts, but especially prevalent during the winter season only because its victims are rendered more susceptible at that time by exposure, debilitating influences and the presence of predisposing infections.

Pneumonia principally affects those at the extremes of life, but no age is exempt. It is invariably a germ disease. The predisposing and exciting organisms are so numerous that it would be futile to attempt their enumeration. Many of them are constantly present in the mouths and throats of healthy persons and it is only through the aid which we unwittingly extend to them that they are transformed from harmless organisms to one of man's most powerful enemies.

The presence of other diseases is the great predisposing cause of pneumonia. They prepare the soil for invasion. Holding first rank in this category is influenza, the increased incidence of pneumonia at this time being largely due to the present epidemic of la grippe. Individuals suffering from this infection are peculiarly susceptible to respiratory complication and should properly observe every hygienic rule. Inflammation of the upper air passages, pharyngitis, bronchitis, and tonsillitis, often predispose to the development of the disease, particularly among the aged and infirm. The acute contagious diseases of childhood, more especially measles and whooping cough, frequently prepare the way for pneumonia. Anyone who through neglect or carelessness permits the spread of these infections is therefore open to the severest condemnation. Exhausting disease of whatever nature, is often sufficient to so reduce our resistance that we are unable to cope with organisms which should be easily overcome and hence predisposed to the infection.

Debility, either temporary or chronic, developing from any cause, increases susceptibility. Because of this the disease most often attacks those at the extremes of life. Among debilitating influences must be mentioned cold, exposure to penetrating winds, and the chilling of body surfaces as a result of wetting.

The combination of lack of food and fatigue proves particularly disastrous during the winter season and is a condition to be avoided whenever possible. Bad housing, mental or physical harassment, and overwork are alike the advance agent of the infection. Overcrowding, in street cars, and theatres, and other public places, is unquestionably in part responsible for the spread of pneumonia in cities, as far greater opportunity is thus offered for the dissemination of the predisposing diseases through indiscriminate coughing and other means of droplet infection, as well as the directly injurious effects which inevitably result from exposure to such environment. The overheating of rooms is also seemingly harmful. Promiscuous expectoration may be, and probably is, a factor in infection and consequently should be avoided by every citizen. A remaining most

## NATURE'S ENDOWMENTS.

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

Many people make the error of looking upon health as a crude possession that Nature bestows now and again in defiance of her own laws. True, from time to time we meet splendid specimens of manhood and womanhood that apparently resist unusual hardships in an environment which would not seem conducive to good health but in Nature nothing thrives in the long run which is not given proper conditions.

Every violation of the laws of Nature makes its impression on the vitality of man who loses his resistance at every blow until the injury is so great that it becomes manifest to our grosser senses.

The maintenance of health is to-day based upon both science and art. Fortunately it is within the reach of the vast majority of our people and the man or woman who realizes the value of self control has learned the first principle.

Appreciation of the things most worth while, never comes from excessive indulgence. A rational life is fairly certain to be an important factor in health and happiness. Many a man or woman whom Nature has endowed with but a medium physique has cultivated and maintained a degree of bodily health sufficient to insure them a rational and pleasurable life. On the other hand many a physical giant has so presumed upon Nature's endowment as to have wrecked that most precious gift—a good constitution.

### Dogs and Deer.

The annual complaints that dogs are killing deer in the county have reached this office. The Franklin county papers also contain accounts of similar killings in the South Mountain. Under the law, South Mountain sportsmen are receiving a bounty of \$5.00 for killing dogs found chasing deer. The law applies to all parts of the State, and is explained by Secretary of Game Commission, Joseph Kalbfus, in the following paragraph:

"Where the bounty is claimed for the killing of a dog, we require that the claimant should make affidavit, stating when and where he killed the dog, clearly stating that the animal was not his dog, that he had nothing whatever to do with the starting and the dog when killed was in the pursuit of deer, preferably having the claimant state plainly that he saw the deer or saw tracks of the deer and knew that the dog was in pursuit of wild deer. We also require that the claimant shall send to this office with his affidavit the ears of the dog killed."

### Bedford County to Raise Hogs.

Organized with a capital stock of \$25,000 a number of Altoona business and professional men have formed a company which will be incorporated as the Pennsylvania Hog company, and will raise high grade porkers. The farm belonging to the William H. Herr estate, near Reynoldsdale, Bedford county, has been leased, and the whole tract of 471 acres will be used in connection with the business. Charles C. Wehn, of Johnstown, who has been highly connected with the National Hog company for some years will manage the enterprise.

Robert Wilkinson, of Chambersburg, spent last Sunday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Wilkinson, N. Second St.

important agent should be mentioned,—alcohol. It is in truth the handmaiden of pneumonia, and there is none more certain or more sure of success, especially if liberally and continuously used.