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## RECORD OF DEATHS.

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

### MRS. C. E. BENEDICT

From the Shelby (Iowa) News.

Caroline Elizabeth Hofford, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Hofford, was born January 29 1832 near Philadelphia, Penna., and passed from the earthly to the heavenly life in the quietness of the Sabbath morning November 5, 1916, in Shelby, Iowa, in her 85th year.

All her life was spent in Pennsylvania, till 1907 when she came with Dr. D. A. Hill and family to Shelby where her home has been since. On November 3, 1852 she was united in holy matrimony to Dr. D. T. Benedict. This union continued unbroken until 1862, when Dr. Benedict, her husband was taken from her side by death's call.

Mrs. Benedict was the mother of six children: C. R. Benedict, deceased three years ago; Mrs. J. L. Buckley and Mrs. D. A. Hill of Shelby; F. C. Benedict, of Honolulu; D. P. Benedict, of Omaha B. A. Benedict, deceased almost five years ago. There are also twelve grand children and four great grandchildren, among the number bereaved by her death.

A good many years ago she gave her heart in surrender to Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour and in faith in Him and in the expectation of eternal life she passed away. She identified herself with the Methodist Episcopal Church in Shelby in 1909 and remained in that fellowship till her death. For months she has not been well and for weeks has been bedfast and has suffered much as the advance of old age and infirmities of the flesh have come on.

The funeral services were held in the Methodist Church on Monday at two o'clock in the afternoon and were conducted by the pastor, Rev. D. J. Shenron. The burial took place in the Shelby cemetery.

### DR. D. A. HILL

From the Shelby (Iowa) News.

David Alexander Hill was born January 29, 1837 near Inverness, Canada, and departed this life November 7, 1916, at Shelby, Iowa, aged 79 years, 9 months and 9 days.

His early life was spent in Canada. In 1863 he came to the United States, taking up the study of medicine at Ann Arbor University, Ann Arbor, Michigan, from which place he graduated. For a few years he practiced medicine in Missouri and Ohio. In 1870 he removed to Fort Littleton, Pa., where he had a large country practice. In 1907 he retired from active professional work and removed to Shelby, Iowa, where with his family he lived until his last sickness.

In 1881 he was united in marriage to Aura E. Benedict. Four children were born to this marriage. The deceased is survived by the widow and three children: Carolyn B., wife of W. D. Morton, of Omaha; Frank R., of Sioux City, Iowa; Charles Rush, at home, two grand children, also two brothers and two sisters living in Canada.

Dr. Hill was a member of Fort Littleton Lodge I. O. O. F. for many years. About forty years ago he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was faithful in all services and faithful to the last.

The funeral services which were held at the home in Shelby, Thursday afternoon, were conducted by his pastor, Rev. D. J. Shenron. The burial was in the Shelby cemetery.

MISS SARAH CATHARINE WISHART  
Miss Sarah Catharine, or as she was more familiarly known among her friends, Miss Kate Wishart, died at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Louise Wishart (widow of the late John A. Wishart) at

## Bob Fisher Crossed Atlantic.

Mrs. (Dr.) J. W. Mosser received a letter Tuesday from her brother, Robert A. Fisher, post marked Bristol, England, November 1, 1916. Bob stated in the letter that on October 16th, he sailed from Newport News, Va., on the steamship Baron Polsworth, carrying 1,000 tons of coal, 2,500 bales of cotton and 1,000 fine mules. During the voyage they encountered two fierce storms. Their propeller blade was broken in mid-ocean, necessitating repairs. They met no sub-marines, but two ships that sailed two days later from the same port were torpedoed. There were sixty men aboard Bob's vessel. He said that if he ever reached the good old United States again, he would not go on a similar trip.

Wells Tannery, Monday morning, November 12, 1916, aged about seventy years. The funeral conducted by her pastor, Rev. Dr. Dalling, of the Presbyterian church, took place Wednesday and her remains were laid to rest in the old Presbyterian graveyard in the Valley, beside those of her parents and some of her brothers and sisters.

Miss Kate was a daughter of John and Rachel Wishart and belonged to one of Wells Valley's oldest and most highly esteemed families. Of the ten children born to John and Rachel Wishart, but one now remains—Mrs. Susan Horton, Elkins, W. Va.

Miss Wishart, early in life, gave her heart to God, and it can be truthfully said of her, as it was said of Dorcas of olden time, "she was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did." She had the most solicitous interest in the welfare of everyone within the circle of her acquaintance, and she will live in the memory of a multitude of friends.

## MRS. BENJAMIN F. WIBLE

Mrs. Matilda Heck Wible, wife of Benjamin F. Wible, died at Knobsville, this county, Monday morning, November 13, 1916, aged 83 years, 10 months and 4 days. The funeral, conducted by her pastor, Rev. Edward Jackson, of McConnellsburg, took place yesterday morning, and her remains were laid to rest in the family plot in the cemetery at Knobsville.

Mrs. Wible was born in Huntingdon county. On the 19th day of February, 1856, she was married at Three Springs to Benjamin F. Wible, who survives her, together with the following children: Mrs. W. Scott Brant, A. Lincoln, B. Frank, Lewis H., David, Harvey and Olin, all of whom reside in this county, except Lewis, who is the Statistician in the Department of Agriculture, Harrisburg, Pa., and H. Olin, teaching in the Industrial Reformatory at Huntingdon. There are thirty-four grand children, of which twenty-nine are living, and thirty-seven great grand children. With the passing away of Mrs. Wible, the last member of her father's family has gone.

At the age of 12 years, Mrs. Wible identified herself with the Methodist church, and for a period of more than three-score years-and-ten she was an exemplary Christian—one of those good old-fashioned Methodists who are not ashamed of Jesus.

On account of advancing age she and her husband disposed of the farm and went to Knobsville, where they made their home with their son Frank. Last Sunday Mrs. Wible in her usual health attended Class at the church nearby and greatly enjoyed the services. In the evening she, together with Frank's family, started to go to church to hear a sermon by their pastor, Rev. Jackson. As she was descending the steps leading from the porch at their home, she fell, her head striking the concrete walk. She was picked up unconscious, remaining in that condition until 5 o'clock next morning when she passed away.

## Eggs Dollar Dozen.

W. T. Wittman, of the State Agricultural Department, states that a Jersey Shore Pa., man has a contract with a New York family to supply the latter with twelve dozen strictly fresh eggs every week from November 1st to next April 1st, at \$1.00 per dozen. Other poultrymen have similar contracts, the price ranging from 62 cents to 67 cents per dozen. These wealthy families are willing to pay these prices for the certainty of receiving not only new-laid eggs, but eggs of good flavor, and that have been kept clean and wholesome by proper care. Suppose that dollar-a-dozen family should drive through Fulton county in their auto. Suppose we met them in the road with a basket of eggs and offered them at only 50 cents per dozen. They would laugh at us and drive on. Why? Because how were they to know that our nice-looking eggs did not contain pin-head blood spots caused by letting the hen keep them warm too long, or from having been kept in a warm room?

## Had A McKinley Souvenir.

Merchant A. N. Witter, of Waterfall, besides having shown ability in the successful management of his own affairs, has always manifested an intelligent interest in public affairs. In the presidential contest in 1896, Mr. Witter was a great admirer of William McKinley and after the returns were in and the election of Mr. McKinley was assured, Mr. Witter wrote Mr. McKinley a letter of congratulation. A very few days later the mail brought to Mr. Witter the following personal acknowledgement which Mr. Witter now prizes very highly:

"Mr. McKinley begs to acknowledge the receipt of the recent favor of Mr. A. N. Witter, and to return sincere thanks for his generous congratulations and expressions of good wishes." "Caston, Ohio, November 18, 1896"

## That Petticoat Fraud.

That petticoat fraud has reached Fulton county. Several weeks ago the NEWS took pains to warn its readers against answering letters containing an offer to send a \$4.50 petticoat if the recipient of the letter would write five letters to friends, and, in addition, send the Minneapolis firm a dime. A lady in this county informs us that the fraud has reached Fulton county. We are sorry. But as each lady lost but a dime and the postage, and has learned a lesson, it may result in shielding them from greater frauds in the future. Of course, nobody got a petticoat for ten cents.

## C. V. S. N. S. Notes.

The football game between our team and the Millersville Normal team was well played. Mr. Gordon Charlton, of Bethel township, played center in our team. The score was 15-0 in favor of the C. V.

The regular debate of the Normal Literary was given by Miss Kathryn Hoop, of Harrisonville, Miss Springer and Denver Evans, of Thompson, and Mr. Stahle, of Buck Valley.

Miss Crystabel Lamberson, of Hustontown, rendered a recitation in Society, Friday evening. Mr. Vernon Wink, of Hustontown, was elected Critic of the Normal society.

## Specializing in Agronomy.

State College, Pa., Nov. 14.—Fulton county is represented at the Pennsylvania State College by G. L. Reiser and M. C. Morton, both of whom claim McConnellsburg as their home town. They are both registered in the school of agriculture, where they are specializing in agronomy. Reiser is a senior, and will be graduated next June. Morton is a member of the sophomore class.

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## CLEANLINESS VS. PYROMYELITIS.

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

It used to be the custom for housewives to cleanse their home twice a year and now advanced sanitation requires that the home must be kept clean at all times.

The benefit of cleanliness about the home reflects both upon the physical health and the morality of our people. The necessity of cleanliness in our homes has become so manifest that it is not worth while to dwell further upon it.

During the recent battle against infantile paralysis, we took two small towns which were badly infected with the disease and had the homes cleansed, insect life destroyed, food kept clean and no garbage, ash piles or manure was allowed to collect. The streets and alleys were made clean in each town and infantile paralysis rapidly disappeared. The cleaning up of the municipalities seems to run parallel with the subsiding of the disease.

The fact that the disease spreads at times beyond the boundary lines of these dirty breeding places is no argument against the theory of cleanliness as a preventive of infantile paralysis. At present it is well to look upon filth and insect life as factors taking a large part in permitting the so-called plague to invade our homes.

There has been much said upon the possibility of an epidemic next year. This will not necessarily follow. It might, however, and certainly it will come back some day.

Cleanliness regarding our children, homes, stables, yards and towns as well as guarding our houses from all kinds of insects life must be insisted upon by each individual citizen and by those in charge of the health and cleanliness of our towns, country, villages and homes.

## "Mixing With Men."

Under the above caption the "Woman's Journal and Suffrage News" of November 4th, contains an answer to the question "What Will Happen if Women Go into Politics and Mix With Men?" The writer calls attention to the fact that these same men and women meet together many times a year, and engage in the same interests, not only in private life, but in public relations. They meet on equal footing at fairs, civic clubs, on school committees, at church business meetings, they own stock in corporations, hold office in banks, insurance companies, and, in addition, he adds "Women are already allowed, and encouraged, to take part in all the public, conspicuous, time-consuming and nerve-racking part of the campaign—to attend public meetings, write to the newspapers, argue with the voters, and travel about the country making public speeches. The only thing from which they are debarred is the quiet, modest, simple, inconspicuous casting of a vote, which involves about as much time and 'publicity' as mailing a letter at the post office."

## Big Car Load.

Sunday of last week, a car load of Licking Creek township people went to Chambersburg, stopping at Tuscarora Summit to inspect the new pleasure grounds. If Licking Creekers call the following a "car load," and if they demand of the new railroad freight and passenger cars of proportionate size, we shall look for some big business out of that country after the McConnellsburg and Fort Loudon Railway is finished. Names of people in the car are: Daniel Mumma, Miss Anna Oyer, Garfield Shives, Miss Emma Hess, Frank Hess and son Charlie, Harry Deshong, William Batdorf, Bruce Souders and Charles Oyer

## Controlling Fire Blight.

"Fire Blight at the present time is our most destructive disease on apple, pear and quince trees," says Sheldon W. Funk, farm adviser of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. "It is a bacterial disease and spraying is of very little practical value, the only method of control being to cut out and hew the diseased branches. Fire Blight works in a number of different ways on a tree and is known under several names. When working on the branches it is frequently called Twig Blight, on the blossoms, Blossom Blight, and when on the trunk at the base of the tree, Collar Blight.

"Some varieties are far more subject to this disease than others; trees growing too vigorously are also more liable to attack and where Fire Blight is prevalent, it is important not to feed the trees too heavily with manures or other nitrogenous fertilizers. Endeavor to keep the trees growing well without forcing them. In the case of pears and quinces it is oftentimes wise to grow them in sod.

"In the past, summer cutting of blight has been advised but experience has taught us that this is usually not successful and the practical time to cut it out is during the fall or winter. This month is a good time of the year to do it because the blighted twigs can easily be found. The essential point to remember is that the blighted branches should always be removed before the spring of the year. At this time the blight bacterium becomes active and you will notice a sticky material exuding around the old blight cankers. This material is filled with blight bacteria, bees and other pollenizing insects work on it and in that way spread the disease to the twigs and blossoms. In cutting out the blighted wood be sure to cut at least six inches behind the dead portion.

"To cure the cankers on the trunk or larger limbs of the tree, cut out all of the diseased bark and paint over with lime and sulphur."

## Civic Club Supper.

The ladies of the Civic Club will give a chicken supper next Saturday evening in the Lutheran parsonage, beginning at 4:30. Price 25 cents. All Civic Club funds are used for the betterment of conditions of public interest to McConnellsburg and community. Contributions to this supper were made by people living in the neighborhood of town, as well as those living in town. The town and the community have a common interest in public welfare. Let all who can, come and take supper which will continue until all have been accommodated.

## Suffrage Rally.

There will be a Suffrage Rally on Friday afternoon, November 17th, from two until four o'clock, at the home of Miss Mollie Seylar. All ladies interested in "Votes for Women" are cordially invited to be present to see the handsome decorations sent from Chambersburg. A good program has been arranged and light refreshments will be served.

## Farms Increased in Value.

Carefully compiled reports during the years 1910 to 1915, indicate that the value of tillable farm lands lying along permanently improved market roads, increased from one to three times the cost of improving the roads. An increase of only a few dollars per acre would be necessary to cause the foregoing effect on value.

## Mellott-Snyder.

Mr. Orgen Mellott, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Mellott, and Miss Annie B. Snyder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Snyder—all of Knobsville—were married November 9, 1916, by Rev. Edward Jackson, at the M. E. parsonage, in McConnellsburg.

## Beef Cattle Good Investment.

We have just read that a western packing company has sixty refrigerator ships chartered to carry beef to the armies of Europe while the present war lasts. This suggests other facts concerning the cattle situation in the United States, and, especially, in Pennsylvania and all the eastern states. The NEWS readers have been told how beef-type herds are decreasing in the West—not that there are fewer cattle, but they are now of the milk and butter type to supply the demands for those articles because of the rapid settling up of western country by farmers who cultivate the ground instead of pasturing it. But even the later type has not kept pace with the increase of population all over this country. Consequently, there is a relative scarcity of cattle, and the big packers are looking to South America for supplies. This means that low-priced cattle can never again be known in this country, and slowly—but surely—the truth is being driven home to a slow-thinking public that instead of spending \$12.50 an acre in labor and material to raise ten barrels of corn worth \$10, these same lands will be used to grow more cattle to sell on the hoof to feeders in the corn belts who cannot afford to give over their cornlands to pasturage.

The NEWS intends to help our State Agricultural Department in the education of the public to the importance of the cattle business to the East, and at the same time, teach truths concerning care of pastures, because our thin, worn-out soils are not now adapted to abuse of over-pasturing without the addition of lime and fertilizers, and occasional re-seeding without breaking the steep hills with plows.

## Busy Biddie Brings Riches.

Last week we published statistics showing the enormous sum of money received by residents of Fulton county for eggs. The amount seems beyond belief, but let us see about that.

If 1,000 farmers keep 60 hens each, they have together, 60,000 hens. For the United States, each hen averages 70 eggs per year. Fulton county hens are as good as the average, so they must lay 4,200,000 eggs, or 350,000 dozen, which, at 20 cents a dozen, are worth \$70,000. But more than 1,000 farmers keep 60 hens each, making it very plain that Fulton county sells between \$100,000 and \$150,000 worth of eggs every year.

Now for the question why more people do not succeed in making the egg and poultry business a success on a large scale for longer periods than two or three years? We have given some of the reasons many times, but they will stand repetition for the sake of as good investment as poultry on the dry uplands of this county. Chief among the reasons for failure is lack of knowledge of the business. This lack manifests itself in the way coops and houses are built, the lack of care given to insure against disease; and above all, to the indifference shown in disregarding the rules laid down by those who have spent fortunes on perfecting systems that insure success. A few hens allowed the freedom of the farm will pick up a living that leaves a little margin of profit, but when the flock reaches commercial proportion, then skilled hands endowed with unlimited patience are positive requisites.

It must not be imagined for one moment that the money received for eggs is all profit. A very fair estimate of profit, even for small flocks on the farm, is at the rate of \$1 per year for each hen kept on the place. Flocks of 1,000 and over, do not always average \$1 profit.

E. W. Booth and his mother of Thompson township, were recent visitors in the home of Prof. J. Emory Thomas.

## ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful Outing.

Mrs. Sue Bivens is visiting her daughter in Ayr township.

Charles Vores and family autoed to Edenville, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bivins and daughter Helen spent Sunday at Laurel Ridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson L. Nace and daughter Helen motored to Hagerstown and Chambersburg last Saturday.

Mrs. Nathan D. Everetts, of Harrisburg, spent a few days recently with her mother, Mrs. Duffy at Webster Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Cline, of Burnt Cabins, visited the latter's sister, Mrs. Claude Stenger, Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Peter Morton and daughter Joan, visited the former's sister, Mrs. George F. Metzler, at Harrisonville, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Andrews and Mr. and Mrs. Vocht, of Philadelphia, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Groathead.

Mrs. Hester Mellott, of Licking Creek township, visited her brother, David Forner, and her daughter, Mrs. Jeff Harris, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hess and David Gregory and wife—all near Dickey's Mountain—were McConnellsburg shoppers last week.

Mrs. Martin Clevenger, of Chambersburg, was a guest of her sister Mrs. C. M. Ray and Mrs. Ralph Glenn, for a few days, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Darby and son Vincent, of Pittsburgh returned home last Thursday after spending a week in the home of Mr. C. E. Gobin.

Mrs. Harry Kunsman, and Mrs. George DeLaney, of Hollidaysburg spent the time from Friday until Saturday in the home of their uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Peck.

Walter F. Leedom, of Bristol, and Albert D. Boosy, of Philadelphia, in the former's Willys-Knight, visited Big Cove and spent a few days last week with John Nesbit and family.

Last week, Mr. and Mrs. Carson Batt, and Mr. Amos Mellott—all of Johnstown—visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Humbert, J. H. Covalt, Elmer Covalt, and H. W. Hatfield—all of Bethel township.

Last Sunday, Daniel E. Fore, Esq., and daughter Miss Katie entertained the following friends: Daniel Lamaster, wife and sons Cleneth, Randol, Dean, and daughter Evelyn, of Marks, Mr. Lamaster's mother, Mrs. John M. Lamaster.

Chas. Eitemiller, wife and daughter, Edward Cowan, Harriet Eitemiller, and Mrs. Weidlich—all of Mercersburg—took dinner last Sunday with George Comer, supper with William Brewer, and called on relatives in town in the evening.

Mr. George Rexroth and his sister Miss Margaret, returned home at the beginning of this week after having spent three weeks in Philadelphia visiting their sister, Mrs. J. K. Van Dyke. While there Mr. Rexroth took treatment for cataract of the eye.

Miss Katie S. Fore returned home recently after having visited several weeks in the following homes: Harvey Hykes, at Reid, Md.; Mrs. Margaret Hamill, Hagerstown; Miss Lottie Mosser, Upton, Pa.; Mrs. John Lamaster, at Lamaster, and Daniel E. Lamaster, at Marks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Ker, their daughter Miss Margaret, and Mr. Ker's sister Miss Mary—all of Newville, Cumberland county, accompanied by Miss Margaret Brattan, of Harrisburg, motored to McConnellsburg last Friday to visit J. S. Brattan, a brother of Mrs. Ker and Miss Brattan.