

INTERESTING PARAGRAPHS

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

CONDENSED FOR HURRIED READERS

R. R. Hann and son Carl, of Salvia, were in town attending to matters of business.

Mr. W. M. Lodge and family of Saxton, spent a few days during the past week in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Booth, of Altoona, are spending a few days this week with relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland A. Sharpe and daughter Mabel, of Pleasant Ridge, spent a few hours in town Tuesday.

Rev. Croft will preach at Mt. Zion next Sunday at 10:30; at Needmore, at 3:00, and at Bedford Chapel, at 7:15.

Mr. Ben Shimer and family spent Christmas in the home of Mrs. Shimer's sister, Mrs. J. M. Myers at Mercersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Reisner, of Hagerstown, spent Christmas in the home of Mrs. Reisner's mother, Mrs. Josephine Sloan in this place.

Mrs. Chas. F. Ehalt returned to her home at the Fulton House last week after having spent some time visiting her daughter in Texas.

City Superintendent, Harry E. Gress, of Monessen, Pa., stayed a day or two in McConnellsburg enroute to the State Teachers' Meeting at Harrisburg.

Miss Mildred Reisner, of Hagerstown, was a guest in the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Reisner from Saturday until Tuesday morning.

H. C. Miller and John A. Brown of Burnt Cabins, called at the NEWS office while in town last Saturday and gave the editor a little substantial encouragement.

Dr. Clarence N. Trout and family, of Red Lion, Pa., came to town last Saturday to spend a few days in the home of the Doctor's mother, Mrs. Matilda B. Trout.

William M. Patterson, with the Frick Lindsay Company Pittsburg, came home last Saturday evening to spend Christmas with his parents, Hon. and Mrs. D. H. Patterson.

Wilbert D. Peck, who is completing his junior year at the Lebanon Valley College, is spending a few days of his winter vacation among his Fulton County relatives and friends.

Russell Runyan, Civil Engineer in the employ of the Lake Shore R. R. Company, with headquarters at Pittsburgh, spent a few days during the past week in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Runyan.

We had a very pleasant call Tuesday from our old friend Allison S. Greenland, of Wells Valley. While Mr. Greenland has passed his three-score-years and ten, he is in fine physical condition and looks like a man much younger in years.

J. D. Finley, of Burnt Cabins, was a pleasant visitor in town last week. He informed us that Mrs. Geo. W. Doran, who had the misfortune to fall while ascending the stairs, at her home, is recovering from what might have been a very serious accident.

Elmer Suders spent a few days visiting his mother and sisters in this place. Elmer is a progressive farmer and coal operator in the western part of the State. He says Fulton County farmers could dispose of their potatoes at \$2.50 a bushel if they would take them out to his town.

Among the teachers home for the holidays are Miss Emma Sloan and Miss Carrie Greathead Johnstown, Pa.; Miss Ethel Hays, Pleasantville, N. J.; Miss Elizabeth Taylor, Sunbury, Pa.; Russell Nelson, Princeton, N. J.; Miss Ada Rexroth, Newtown, Pa.; Miss Zoe Mason, Akron, O.

Rev. and Mrs. Geo. M. Shimer, formerly of this place but now residents of North Bend, Pa., announce the engagement of their daughter Sarah Lillian to Mr. Arner L. Ferwiler, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Miss Lillian is coaching in the Grammar School at Hightstown, N. J. Mr. Ferwiler is instructor of Chemistry at Carteret Academy, Orange, N. J.

Miss Rose Fisher of Chambersburg, spent Christmas with her home folks in McConnellsburg.

Harvey Clevenger and family, of Cossart, Pa., spent their holiday vacation with relatives in this county.

Mr. Aaron Martin, a student at Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, is spending the week with his home folks.

Hon. and Mrs. D. A. Nelson went down to Newville Monday and ate their Christmas dinner at the home of their son William.

The NEWS office was favored yesterday with a pleasant call from Misses Margaret Kirk and Ruth Lyon—both of Hiram, Pa.

Maurice B. Trout, with the S. S. White Manufacturing Co., spent Christmas in the home of his mother Mrs. Matilda Trout.

Max Irwin a travelling salesman for a drug firm, is spending a few days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Irwin.

Mr. James S. Brattan, formerly with the NEWS, now of Harrisburg, is spending a few days with friends in McConnellsburg this week.

Dr. R. B. Campbell and family of New Grenada were present at the Christmas dinner at the home of Mrs Campbell's mother, Mrs. M. E. Lodge.

Miss Anna Reisner will resume her work as Teacher of Domestic Science in the public schools at McKeesport after the close of the holidays.

Joseph B. Doyle, of Harrisburg spent the time from Saturday until Tuesday in the home of his father M. F. Doyle and other relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson, of Chambersburg spent the time from Sunday until Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Largent.

Prof. Robert Cunningham, a member of the faculty of a popular academy in Hoboken, N. J., spent a few days during the past week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Irwin.

To show their preacher, Rev. Ed Jackson, that they had no ill feeling towards him the Methodist congregation at their Sunday school Christmas entertainment Monday evening, presented him with a purse containing thirty good plunks.

Mr. N. E. Hoover, who is spending a few days in the home of his father John Hoover at Hustontown, was a pleasant caller at the NEWS office Tuesday evening. Norris is holding down a nice position as inspector of shells in the ordinance department of the Westinghouse Works Pittsburg.

Two automobile loads of Wells Valley people were in McConnellsburg Tuesday. The first was Mr. and Mrs. Levi Johnson, accompanied by A. S. Greenland, Henry Wingard, and Wm. Stunkard; the second, was William Sprowl and son accompanied by Miss Alice Wishart, and Mr. Harlan L. Wishart.

Mr. C. L. Henry, of Clear Ridge, called at the NEWS office a few minutes while in town last Saturday morning. Mr. Henry, who is a carpenter is working at Woodvale, and helping to build twenty houses and a Catholic church. The mine troubles have been settled and every thing is booming again. Miners are getting 87 cents a ton and carpenters get from 25 to 40 cents an hour for a nine hour day.

In the past ten years death has been unusually active among the physicians of Chambersburg. Dr. W. F. Skinner's death bringing the total up to eleven men. The list, alphabetically arranged, shows that these names: Paul P. Allen, H. X. Bonbrake, B. Bowman, H. C. Devilbiss, David Maclay, J. C. Montgomery, P. B. Montgomery, R. W. Ramsey, John P. Seibert, W. F. Skinner, L. F. Suesserott.

Among the students home for the holiday vacation, are Willis Daniels, and Charles and Hillary Ehalt, of St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Md.; Maudleen Stevens, Dorothy Hamil, Esther Kendall, Olive Lodge and Dorothy Kirk, Shippensburg; Fred Fisher, Lancaster; Russell Stevens, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; Raymond Grisinger, Carlisle; Mary Irwin, Hood College; and George Reisner, State College.

Miss Mary H. Baumgardner, teaching in Chester County, is spending her holiday vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Baumgardner, East Market Street.

Rev. C. W. Bryner, pastor of the Houtzdale M. E. Church, was married a couple of weeks ago to Mrs. Edith Chilcote Bard, of Orbisonia. District Supt. S. C. Evans, of Tyrone, performed the ceremony. The bridegroom is well known in this community, being at one time pastor of the M. E. Church in this place.

Miss Barbara Martain, one of Blair county's live wire teachers spent two days of her holiday vacation in Philadelphia assisting her friend Mrs. M. W. Ketchum in their annual distribution work to the worthy poor of that City, after which she ran up home and spent a day or two with her mother Mrs. Lydia Martin in the Cove and then back to Harrisburg to the State Teachers Convention, thence back to her desk in the Nealmont school near Tyrone.

Frank S. Greathead, of Kelso, Washington, is spending the holiday season at the old home in this place. Mr. Greathead is a son of the late Jno. W. Greathead deceased, and is a traveling salesman now holding down a lucrative position with the Willies Overland Automobile Company. Frank learned the mysteries of the Art Preservative in the Democrat Office away back toward the close of the last century and won local fame by feeding two forms on the press at the same time.

Ramsay-Brown.

A quiet little wedding took place at the home of E. L. Wible on the evening of the 24th inst., when Henry L. Ramsay and Miss Currence Brown, both of Maddensville were united in marriage by Justice J. S. Mort. The groom is a son of R. E. and Jane Ramsey and the bride, a daughter of Geo. W. and Sara Brown—all of Maddensville. The young couple have the best wishes of their numerous friends.

BRUSH CREEK.

Happy New Year to all!

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Deshong and son Richard, of Andover spent Sunday in the home of M. E. Barton and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Grove who had been spending a few days with relatives in the Valley, returned last week to Amaranth, and after a short stay there they will leave for Kansas where they expect to reside.

George Barton left last week for Ambridge, where he has obtained employment.

A teacher has been secured for Emmaville school left vacant by the resignation of S. E. Walters.

Mrs. Emma Gariand and daughter, of Whips Cove visited in the home of her sister, Mrs. Maggie Barton last Sunday.

A number of patrons attended the Christmas exercises held at Buffalo School last Friday afternoon. The program was interesting and well rendered, which speaks well for teacher and pupils.

Mr. James Akers is spending sometime with his grandmother Mrs. J. K. Jackson, while his grandfather is away at the hospital.

Miss Blanche Sharpe returned to Ambridge a few days ago where she has employment in the home of Mr. Pfeifer instead of Dr. A. N. Mellott as was stated in the Democrat last week.

A nice spike buck was killed by W. L. Duval of Akersville one day during the hunting season. Several other hunters were in the crowd.

The Old Song.

The old songs that used to touch the soulchord of our grandparents are being forgotten in our rag-time age. When some old mother as she sits knitting the warm woolen stockings, tries to sing snatches of the songs favorite in her younger days, we seem to catch some what of their deeper and more helpful spirit. Those songs had a wealth of sentiment and human note which we do not find in our modern rag time and doggerel songs. We hope that some day the standard of public taste will rise to its former level of common sense, and even to a higher level of art as to draw out and to encourage song writers worthy of the smiles of the music. The "Tra-la boom-de-a's" are rather too rudimentary for enlightened people to applaud.

OUR DISTANT FRIENDS.

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

ALBERT HEIKES, Great Falls, Mont.—We had a very nice fall until a few days ago; we have real winter weather now. We are all reasonably well. Crops good last summer. I am sorry to hear that your railroad has had another relapse. I had hoped it would be finished by the time I went back on a visit. Next August will complete twenty years since I left McConnellsburg. I would like to see you all again.

She Likes Old Way.

It is difficult for a woman who has led an active life as house-keeper to become a passive member of her son's or daughter's home. She likes her old way best, she longs to show the younger generation how they are wasting their resources. Youth will learn only by experience. It resents interference. And so there are misunderstandings, and unhappiness results. A woman is always happier in her own home with her own income, however small it may be, than in the home of another, even of her own son and daughter, though it be a home of wealth and lavish generosity, where there is an earnest desire to make her comfortable and happy.

REPUDIATING TRADITION.

Symbolism figured above everything else in a ceremony presided over by the secretary of the interior, in South Dakota, where some Sioux Indians were admitted to full United States citizenship. Each Indian shot an arrow to typify his quitting the life of a nomad, and each put his hand to a plow handle to typify his taking up the life of a farmer. And so the antagonists of Custer repudiated every point of aboriginal tradition perhaps save one, namely, the right to be regarded as poets.

SUMMARY DISCIPLINE.

"So Crimson Gulch has experienced reform!"

"I should say so," replied Bronco Bob. "An' you bet it's the real, sincere thing. Pinte Pete an' Three Finger Sam are now in the hospital bein' probed fur bullets."

"How did it happen?"

"They would insist on playing cards on Sunday."

ITS LANGUAGE.

"A little bird has been telling me things."

"Did it tell you in pigeon English?"

NOT THE RIGHT ONE.

"That fellow's name is Lance."

"It ought to be Gunn, then, for he is either getting loaded or getting fired."

NO REFLECTION.

"You said I drank like a fish, and I never drink anything but in moderation."

"Well, neither does a fish."

SURE DEATH.

"Doctor Blank frequently accepts no fees from his patients."

"You don't say so."

"He settles with the heirs."

SHOWED AMERICAN GOODS.

At a recent cattle and pig fair in a remote part of Ireland the merchants displayed carpet sweepers, kerosene ranges, fountain pens, tools, pencils, rolled oats and automobiles, all made in the United States.

BAD ENOUGH.

"My poems are the children of my brain."

"They should be sent to a reform school."

EVIDENCE LACKING.

"My first husband had much better sense than you have."

"I can't see it. We were both foolish enough to marry you."

POLICE FORCE EXAM.

"What's a fraction?"

"A part of anything, sorr."

"Give an example."

"The sixteenth of June."

HIS EMBLEM.

"What is Harold's birth-stone?"

"Well, judging from the way he falls for any scheme, I think it must be a gold brick."

Miss Mary Cromwell arrived home last Saturday after having spent a year in Homestead.

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C. L. S. C. Program.

January 8—Roll Call. Quotations. 1. How does France regard religion?—Rev. Jackson. 2. Has the loss of the clergy's influence been for the good of France?—Mrs. Grove. 3. Each member be prepared to give an opinion on questions above. 4. Material advance in France.—Mrs. Seylar. 5. Labor movement—three minute talks—Mrs. Stevens. 6. Review of omitted subjects in Chap. X.—Mrs. McKibbin.

January 15.—1. Roll Call: Quotations. 2. Moral, Intellectual, and Religious Thoughts upon Christianity.—Miss McGovern. 3. The French school-teacher.—Miss Harriet Sloan. 4. Quiz on parts omitted in Chap. XI—Miss Trout. 5. Talks on Chap. XII—Mr. Smith.

January 22.—Roll Call: Quotations. 1. The Anti-Clericals.—Mrs. Hull. Talk: Influence of Catholicism on schools.—Anna Reisner. 3. Talk: What provision for Catholic institutions at separation?—Mrs. Sloan. 4. What can be said of Monsieur Combes Bill?—Mary Pittman. 5. Talk: Concordat.—Mrs. Mosser. 6. General Discussion of Chap. XIII.

January 29.—Roll call and quotations. 2. Talk: Tell of the French Huguenots.—Mrs. Henry. 3. Discussion of Chap. XIV by the class. 3. Symposium. Response by the class. 4. Talk: Conditions in France to-day.—Mrs. Reisner. 5. The most important thing I have learned from this book.—Class.

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