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RECORD OF DEATHS.

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

GEORGE WILDS.

George Wilds was born at Littleton, after an illness of a few days of pneumonia. General took place yesterday. George Wilds was a son of Mr. and Elizabeth Finley and was born on the old farm, just west of Fort on, now owned by J. D. Wilds. The date of his birth is October 16, 1838; hence at the time of his death he was 78 years, 5 months, and 30 days. Mr. Wilds was a veteran of the Civil War, he having been member of Company H, 22nd Regiment, Pennsylvania Cavalry. He was married to Miss Rachel B. Woollett, of McConnellsburg. She died about forty-five years ago. Three children were born to them, two of whom are named, "Bennie" residing in Iowa, and "Billy," at Fort on.

Many ways George Wilds was a citizen—honorable, courteous and gentlemanly. He is known for the statement that he never took a drink of whiskey or tobacco in any form. At his last illness, when very ill, his physician suggested a little whiskey might stimulate action, when he looked at the doctor and said, "So far I kept the promise I made my mother that I would never drink whiskey, and I believe I can break that promise now."

April Our War Month

One of the chief wars in the United States of America has been involved, began in the month of April. The battle of Fort Mifflin was fought on April 19, 1775, beginning the war of Independence. Fort Mifflin was fired upon April 12, 1863. McKinley issued a call for volunteers to engage in the Spanish war on April 23, 1898.

April events in America history were:

April 11, 1783—Congress proclaimed an end of the war of British.

April 30, 1803—Treaty with France for the purchase of Louisiana territory.

April 21, 1836—Battle of San Jacinto ending the Mexican attack on the conquest of Texas.

April 14, 1846—Beginning of the war between the United States and Mexico.

April 9, 1865—Civil war ended with the surrender of General Lee.

April 22, 1917—Congress meets in session "to receive a communication concerning grave of national policy."

April 6, 1917—Congress approved resolutions against President Wilson signing the day.

Last Week's Hancock News

Rudolph Spangler, who was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company at Sparrows Point, died from Saturday evening Monday with his parents and Mrs. C. R. Spangler.

W. F. Sappington, on Monday took his brother Walter, who recently suffered a stroke of paralysis and whose health is impaired by other ailments, to the John Hopkins Hospital.

Mrs. L. B. Mellott and Helen, Needmore R. R. Mr. and Mrs. Howard and son Boyd, of Needmore R. 2, were in town last week attending George C. Truax. Mrs. George C. Truax and Mrs. L. B. Mellott and Howard Truax are sisters.

LATE WAR NEWS.

Germans Losing Heavily. Submarine Attack Near New York. 7000-Million War Loan.

Along a 150-mile front battle-line the French and British are pushing back the German armies in a titanic struggle for the mastery of the western front.

Stepping into fray after the British had hammered the German lines in the Arras region to bits for a week, the French struck along a 25-mile front along the Aisne carried the German positions to an average depth of from two to two and a half miles captured more than ten thousand prisoners and maintained all the ground won. Monday night after the great success of their initial rush General Nivelle's forces occupied themselves with consolidating their new positions and resisting German counterattacks. All these assaults were repulsed and in the Aisles region, west of Craonne, the Germans suffered heavy losses. Their total casualties, all told in the first twenty-four hours' fighting are estimated at 100,000 men.

In Mesopotamia the British have advanced further up the Tigris to within little more than ten miles of Samara, seventy miles north west of Bagdad where another battle apparently is impending. Little resistance has been offered by the Turks in their retreat.

A German submarine gave fire Tuesday on the steamer Smith 100 miles south of New York missed it by about 30 yards and immediately ducked. The presence of enemy submarines in American waters indicate that threatened German submarine blockade of American Atlantic ports has begun.

Congress has authorized a seven-thousand million dollar war loan, 3000 million of which is to be placed in the hands of the allies. The loan is made in the shape of 3 1/2 per cent. bonds, and every patriotic citizen is asked to chip in. The security is as good as gold.

The United States will be ready within 24 hours to place three billion dollars to the credit of the entente allies and to spend four billion toward America's part in the war.

Clarence, Brooks, and Horace Sipes, of Pittsburgh, and their sister Minnie (Mrs. Kellar) of Washington, D. C., were in town last Saturday attending the sale of real estate belonging to the estate of their father the late J. Nelson Sipes. Clarence and Brooks made the trip in Clarence's Willys-Knight coupe.

MRS. B. M. COX



Mrs. B. M. Cox, wife of Capt. B. M. Cox, who commanded a company of Illinois volunteers in the Civil war, who has applied for a pension in San Francisco. Cox was a law partner of Abraham Lincoln when Lincoln was a struggling lawyer in a little Illinois town.

State Agricultural Notes.

Have you planned and made your garden?

Every home is urged by Secretary of Agriculture Charles E. Patton to go into the canning and preserving business this summer.

Twenty-seven cold storage warehouses in the State were without food products of any kind on the first of April.

More poultry and beef than usual is being held in cold storage warehouses, but large shipments of meat are being exported weekly.

Persons using back yards and lots for gardens are warned against the cut worm and the white grub. Constant cultivation is needed on lands being used for agricultural purposes after remaining idle for years to prevent large losses by insect pests.

Pennsylvania farmers have been called upon to grow corn, oats, barley, buckwheat, potatoes and the navy bean to help the food supply during the war emergency.

Peach buds in a number of sections of the State are reported to have been killed by the recent cold weather.

"How Much Wood Would a Woodchuck Chuck."

It is exactly thirteen years since we gave hospitality in this column to the query "How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood."

We then received several answers conveying the same meaning and but slightly varied in form:

A woodchuck would chuck all the wood he could chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood.

Just as much wood as a woodchuck would chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood.

A woodchuck would chuck as much wood as a woodchuck could chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood.

And we have heard of no better answer since then. Incidentally one of our readers submitted at that time another tongue-twister of the same kind:

How much dew do dewdrops drop, if dewdrops do drop dew?—Philadelphia inquirer.

Arm Broken.

In an attempt to crank his uncle Dr. Geo. M. Robinson's car Tuesday, Donald Nace, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace U. Nace, had his right arm broken between the wrist and elbow. Donald had given the engine a quarter turn two or three times without getting a spark, when he decided to churn it. The engine was not in a humor to be churned and resented the action by giving Donald a violent kick on the arm.

Howain--Sheeder.

On Saturday afternoon, April 7, 1917, Edgar Downin, formerly residing near McConnellsburg, was married to Mrs. Sarah Sheeder of Everett. The event took place at the parsonage of the M. E. church in Bedford, and the ceremony was performed by the pastor Rev. John T. Bell. It is said that the newly wedded couple expect to reside in Akron, O.

Samantha Mellott, employed in Miss Gillian's military establishment, Chambersburg, spent the time from Sunday morning until Monday morning in the home of her parents Hon. and Mrs. Geo. B. Mellott.

Mrs. John H. Brewer of Thompson township, spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin James at Sleepy Creek, W. Va.

The Country Church Is the Nation's Bulwark. Go to Church.



LARGE percentage of the big men of this big country come from small country towns. Most of the REAL BIG MEN never forget their boyhood days when they went to the SMALL COUNTRY CHURCH. The simple lessons that were taught there have GUIDED THEM THROUGH LIFE. Their lives have been clean. Clean living made for their success.

When the GO TO CHURCH campaign was launched these men took a commendable interest in it. By attending church they set a SPLENDID EXAMPLE to the careless and indifferent. When a real big man GOES TO CHURCH the act is MORE POWERFUL THAN A DOZEN SERMONS. Clear thinking people are quick to see that there is something REALLY WORTH WHILE AND SUBLIME in the church.

THE COUNTRY CHURCH LAID THE FOUNDATION FOR THE LATER SUCCESS IN LIFE. READ THE LIVES OF THE GREAT MEN OF THE COUNTRY. THEY TAKE PRIDE IN RECALLING THEIR EARLY RELIGIOUS TRAINING—THE FINE IDEAS THAT WERE INCULCATED WHEN THEY WERE YOUNG. SURELY THEY PUT TO SHAME SOME OF THE SCOFFERS AT RELIGION AMONG THE FLIPPANT YOUTHS OF THIS MATERIAL AGE. YOU CAN COUNT ON YOUR FINGERS THE NUMBER OF SUCCESSFUL MEN WHO DO NOT GO TO CHURCH.

The plea of some who have fallen away from the church is that they are TOO BUSY to attend church. Yet men whose time is WORTH \$100 OR MORE AN HOUR do not begrudge an hour or more for God on the Sabbath.

No man is too busy to attend church. If he is successful he should GO TO CHURCH to thank God for his success. If he is struggling he should ask God's help.

GO TO CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY.

The Gift of Silence

The very greatest emphasis is placed on the teaching of speech. Our schools spend their millions to teach young people how to talk intelligently and effectively. Ability to express oneself in considered one of the greatest assets of life. And yet there are many people who know how to express themselves far too well and whose principal need is to learn to keep their mouth shut.

For instance a friend who had a trained nurse in his family was telling about her peculiarities. She was wonderfully skilled in her profession, watchful, indefatigable and energetic. Yet she wearied the patients during their convalescence and exhausted the family by her endless accounts of her own experience and her personal views about life.

The practical result was that she was working for some \$6 to \$8 less than equally well trained nurses were getting. Her glib habits of speech were costing her just about a dollar a day. Perhaps it was worth that to her to be able to talk all she wanted to, yet one doubts it.

There are fellows whose power of speech is perfectly irrefragable. You simply can't shut them up. They are so friendly and helpful in many ways that you can't seem to get along without them. At the same time they distract the attention of their fellow workmen and are so much absorbed in self expression as to reduce their output of work. The practical result in their case is that they finally lose positions or are kept along at reduced salaries.

Business offices and workshops are what their name implies, and are not social centers. People with conversational gifts can find plenty of outlet for the same in club and society life. They need to cultivate that subtle sense of their surroundings that will teach them when to speak and when to keep silence.

Hammond--Runk.

A quiet wedding took place at the M. E. parsonage, Burnt Cabins on Thursday afternoon of last week when Daniel A. Hammond and Mary M. Runk—both of Willow Hill, Franklin county, were united in marriage by the pastor Rev. Ira B. Duval. They made the trip to Fulton County in an automobile and when they left for home their hearts were lighter and the parson's pocket book heavier. Mr. and Mrs. Hammond are promising young people and start out in their wedded life with the good wishes of a host of friends.

Guard Duty

A great deal of the work which our military force will be called on to do will seem pretty tedious. The soldiers will often wonder what he is there for anyway. As he marches up and down a railroad bridge hour after hour and day after day, with not a thing to arouse his suspicion or to attract his attention it will seem like a foolish waste of time and money.

There will be a tendency in the dark hours of lonesome nights to take a bit of rest ending in a snooze. That will be just the time when a plotting foe will come along with his package of dynamite. The watching of vital public works like bridges is however a real task and it will call for vigilance, particularly after the novelty has worn off. There have been enough attempts to blow up these structures already to suggest that alien enemies have their eyes on them.

For making itself effective in the great war in which it has entered, the United States needs command of all its resources. Its communications need to be prompt and complete. The destruction of a few bridges on important railroad lines or the blowing up of terminals could produce a great amount of confusion and delay. Temporary structures would have to be used and the handling of traffic would be held up. Schedules would be thrown into confusion, and the movement of supplies and troops hampered.

So wherever a soldier is placed on guard duty during this war period, he should look at his job as a real one, one calling for vigilance and one on which the country is depending. He can never know in what hour the bomb fiend may turn up. If he ever does turn up it would be at the hour when he was least expected and when his coming would seem most unlikely. One thing is sure that if these public works were not carefully guarded a lot of them would fall a mark to the active colony of bomb plotters whose plans for such attacks are no doubt already well laid.

Last Saturday week Clarence E. Colledge aged 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Colledge, near Rays Hill, and Elton Pee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Pee, at Breezewood were descending the hill on the Lincoln Highway just east of Breezewood both riding on a bicycle when the fork broke and threw the young men violently upon the roadbed. Both were unconscious for a time.

Building up a Reputation.

The essential element in making a success in the selling of retail merchandise is to build up a reputation. There are some merchants who try to build up this intangible factor of reputation by sitting down and waiting for trade to come to them. It was the old style of doing things and possibly good enough for their grandfathers. But people are not making money on that basis today.

A man who is very faithful and honest in his business may get a certain limited reputation for reliability. But even at that if he never pushes out for new business, the public impression will be that he is deathly slow. That is almost more of a hoodoo than a reputation for downright trickiness.

Even if after many years he does get a certain limited reputation he has to wait long and tedious years for it and be satisfied during the waiting time with very meagre returns.

The cheapest and quickest way to build up reputation is by means of newspaper advertising. An intelligent expense for advertising for six months will go a long way toward putting a hitherto unknown merchant on the map. People will be curious to see what his store will look like, then they will be personally interested to test out some of his offerings.

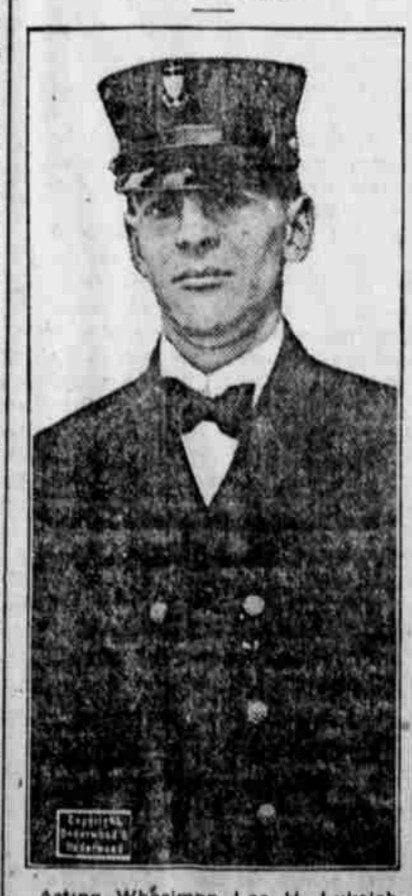
Life is short and time is money. The man who doesn't advertise may have saved a small item, just as he can always save a small item by turning some clerk out of his sales force. But he has postponed the day when his store will become well known and will acquire a reputation for business enterprise. While he is sitting still in a penny wise and pound foolish way his active competitor has got busy and is gathering in the business.

Vaughan--Kelly.

Mr. Thomas J. Vaughan, of Piteairn, Pa., and Miss Cora Jean Kelly, of Decorum, Huntingdon County were united in marriage in Cumberland, Md., March 10, 1917 by Rev. Joseph Dawson of the First M. E. church. Mr. Vaughan is a car inspector in the employ of the P. R. R. Company and Mrs. Vaughan is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Kelly, Decorum and very popular in her set. The happy couple have gone to Piteairn where they will be at home to their many friends who wish them a long, happy and prosperous life.

Thad Shimer, of Pittsburgh, is spending this week in the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Christmas Shimer.

LEO H. LUKSICH



Acting White Man Leo H. Luskich, just promoted to his present rating and shown for the first time in his new uniform, photographed outside the coast guard service station in New York, where he is assigned and where he patriotically defended the American flag from insult, knocking down a man who insulted the national colors.

INDIVIDUALISM.

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

When we talk about a representative form of government and the health of our people, we rarely stop to think of our individual part in the responsibility and efficiency of our Government and its every act.

We are all highly critical of the way in which our municipalities and our state and federal departments are conducted, without a blush at our own want of individual responsibility in governmental affairs when it is time to direct them as they should go.

The large majority of us, from the time we get up in the morning and start to look after our domestic affairs and those concerning our business or profession, until the day's end, consider no efforts too great for efficiency, let them be what they may. The large majority of our voters, however, never stop to weigh earnestly the acts of public officials day by day and add up, so that when it comes time for nominating officials, we may have a record of the men entrusted to take care of our affairs. It is rarely you meet men at the polls who can intelligently analyze the character of those who are to be voted for to take care of our lives, our health, our personal and real property, and to make use of our money, paid over to them in the form of taxes, for the upkeep of those things necessary in higher civilized life.

We should be as careful in voting for public officials as we are in selecting banks in which we propose to deposit our earnings.

The manner in which our Government is being conducted should occupy some part of each day of our lives, that we may keep in touch with public life as we do with our every day affairs, both at home and in business. If we neglect to play our part in our Government, it soon becomes empirical, or run by a few, and those who sometimes take but a selfish interest in our affairs.

This same individual indifference toward our duties as members of a representative form of government can be compared with our neglect of our individual health. We rise in the morning and formulate our daily work, looking after the social, business or professional duties; but we give little or no attention to the sanitary condition of our homes and the proper treatment of our physical and mental bodies, to place them on the highest point of efficiency.

Now, in the time of war, let us stop and deliberate and take thought as to the necessity of every individual keeping his body, physically and mentally, up to the very highest state of health, because it is the adding up of the strength of the individuals that represent the strength of our Nation.

At Shippensburg.

Greater efficiency is the watchword in educational affairs as in everything else and the standard of qualifications in teachers is each year being raised higher and higher. To conform with this condition Fulton County has twenty-five young men and women in the Cumberland Valley State Normal School getting professional training for work in the schoolroom, namely, Olitipa Keebaugh, Chrystabel Lamberson, Florence Edwards, Esther Kendall, Mayme Comer, Olive Lodge, Dorothy Hamil, Helen Charlton, Reba Charlton, Kathryn Hoop, Maudleen Stevens, Dorothy Kirk, Hazel Reeder, Hilda Reese, Hans Lamberson, Fred Lamberson, Rush Henry, Denver Evans, Gordon Charlton, Cecil Mellott, Clyde Stable, L. K. Baldwin, H. A. Brodbeck, O. V. Wink, and Kenneth Clazier.