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DEATH CAME SUDDENLY

J. Conrad Died from Effect of Stroke While Ploughing at Home Near Carlisle.

Relatives here were greatly shocked Monday afternoon upon receiving a telegram stating that James Johnston Conrad had died suddenly.

Mr. Conrad was a son of the late Daniel and Rebecca Peoples Conrad and was born on the Alex Patterson farm in Ayr township, on the 25th day of July, 1854. On the day of October 1879, he was married to Miss Sarah L. Fryman, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Fryman of Ayr township. After living in the Cove several years, he purchased a farm in Cumberland county and moved there with his family and in that county he resided until the time of his death which occurred about 2 o'clock, Monday afternoon, April 23, 1917. He had been in usual health and Monday forenoon was ploughing with a riding plow in a field near the house. About ten o'clock, he went to the house for a drink of water and returned to his work. Some time afterwards, Mrs. Conrad noticed that the team was standing and Mr. Conrad was lying on the ground by the side of the plow. She went out and found him unconscious. He was taken to the house and a physician summoned. The doctor said Mr. Conrad had sustained a heavy stroke of apoplexy. He was beyond the help of medical assistance, and passed away about two o'clock, never having regained consciousness.

The funeral will take place tomorrow morning, when the remains will be taken in a funeral coach to Union cemetery in Ayr township, where a short service will be held at the White church, Rev. J. L. Grove.

Mr. Conrad was a consistent member of the United Presbyterian Church and a most excellent citizen. He is survived by his wife, three daughters and a son, namely, Nora, wife of Tucker, New York City; Lois, wife of Niles Weary, near Carlisle; Miss Lena at home and Miss Carlisle. John P. Conrad and Mrs. S. A. Nesbit, McConnellsburg, are brother and sister of the deceased.

Found Dead in Bed.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Mellott at Postoria, Ohio, was visited on Friday morning of this week when the discovery was made that their little daughter, Helma May, aged 2 months and 5 days, was dead in bed. The child was apparently in the best of health the evening before and was a great shock to the parents. The parents, accompanied by Mrs. Mellott's sister Miss Daisy, brought the remains to the home of the mother's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Mellott, Pleasant Ridge, from which place a funeral took place Sunday afternoon and interment was made at the Sideling Hill Christian church. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. T. J. Hand, of Needmore.

Woman Caught Fire.

William Kline, of Mercersburg, R. 3 while engaged in some rubbish at her house was badly burned. Her hair caught fire. She sustained burns on her arms and legs. She was at the time of the accident had presence of mind to throw herself on the ground and roll. She was thus able to extinguish the flames.

Time Extended.

Mr. L. Leo Heyn, one of the Heyn Brothers who will erect the big hotel on the mountain east of town, was here Monday asking the Tuscarora Land Company for an extension of time in which to begin work on the enterprise. By the terms of the agreement with the Land Company, work was to begin on the hotel not later than June 1, 1917, and be completed not later than June 1, 1918. But conditions have changed very greatly since those articles of agreement were signed. Our country has been drawn into war, the munition plants have drawn heavily on the supply of labor, and now, with the call for volunteers to the army, with a prospect of draft—no contractor is willing to be bound up to do anything—even if he were to be given two or three times a reasonable price for the job; hence, the Land Company granted an extension of the time for the beginning of the work. Should the war close, and the country settle down to normal conditions, the Heyn Brothers are ready to push the work to a speedy completion.

Miss McIlvaine 85 Years Old

Miss Lottie McIlvaine quietly celebrated her 85th birthday anniversary at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Noggle near Everett on Monday of last week. Her friends remembered her with letters of congratulation and card messages, which she very much appreciated. "Aunt Lottie, as she is familiarly known to a host of admiring friends is still bright and cheery and in full possession of her faculties and never tires of recounting incidents of her early life. Her mind is well stored with happenings of by gone days. She is a daughter of the late John McIlvaine who for many years conducted the hotel on the Chambersburg and Bedford turnpike at the east base of Rays Hill one of the most famous hostleries between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

Had Their Nerve With Them.

Last Sunday morning Daniel McQuade and family came to town for Sunday school at the United Presbyterian church in their automobile. When they came out to go home they were surprised to find their automobile missing. Some boys had "borrowed" it and gone out on a joy ride, and were having such a good time that they did not get back quite soon enough.

It might be well enough not to leave valuable packages in automobiles left standing on the streets in the evening. A gentleman was seen rooting around through a car last Saturday evening, and when he found that his actions were being observed remarked that he thought it was Bert Hann's car. Of course, the mistake might easily be made for the car had about a hundred empty milk bottles in it.

Had Nice Trip.

Miss Annie Ott, returned to the home of her father Mr. John Ott, East Lincoln Way, last Friday evening after having spent eight months visiting friend in the far west. She left McConnellsburg by automobile with D. A. Washabaugh and family last August, and went with them as far as Waterloo, Iowa. From there she went by train to Greene, Iowa spending four months with her brother Paul and family. With friends she went to Riverside, Calif., and from there visited other points of interest by automobile, including the Panama Exposition at San Diego. While Miss Ott very much enjoyed the wonderful sights of California, she was very glad to get back to the good old Keystone state.

Mrs. Elizabeth Mellott and son of Andover were in town Monday.

EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY.

Harry Linn Received a Hundred Dollars As Result of Injury Sustained Last Fall.

That employers of laborers, with the exception of farmers under certain conditions, are liable to pay for any disability that may come to their employees while in the discharge of their duties, is now well known. The legislature of the State has made up a schedule of prices to be paid by the employer, from which there is no escape, if solvent. To provide against what might be a serious burden, insurance has been provided, whereby for a fixed charge, the Insurance Company assumes to pay all claims that may arise.

Last fall Harry Linn, a carpenter of this place, was working on the railroad station at the east end of town. On the 18th of September he stepped on a nail, which caused the foot to swell, become very painful, and completely disable him from doing any work until the 7th of February; from that time he was partially disabled up to the 21st day of this month.

Harry was employed by Harry Atkinson, who had a subcontract under D. W. Faust & Son. D. W. Faust & Son were subcontractors under Walter Patterson.

After Harry Linn found that he was disabled, he applied to Mr. Atkinson for the monetary relief provided by law, but failed to get a response from Mr. Atkinson. Some three or four weeks ago, Harry, through his attorney Frank P. Lynch, Esq., brought suit before the Referee of this territory, Mr. Joseph Snyder, of Altoona, against Mr. Atkinson, and also against Mr. D. W. Faust & Son. Neither Mr. Faust nor Mr. Atkinson had taken out any liability insurance. At the hearing before the referee it was shown that Harry Atkinson was insolvent. Then the next step was to get it from the Fausts. The claim was \$103.00. Faust's attorney offered to settle the claim for \$100.00 which was accepted. Had the Fausts been insolvent, the claim would have been carried on back against Walter Patterson, who carried liability insurance.

From this it may be gathered that a contractor is liable for the employees of his subcontractors, if it should happen that the subcontractor is insolvent. Had Mr. Atkinson been solvent, then he would have had to pay Mr. Linn, but would have had no recourse against the Fausts.

Another point to be gathered is, that where an employer does not protect himself with employer's liability insurance, he must go down into his own pocket if any of his employees become disabled.

Hunters' License Fees.

The Supreme court has handed down a decision requiring county treasurers to pay into the treasuries of their respective counties the fee allowed for the collection of the hunters' license. The treasurer received ten cents for each license. This would have gone to the treasury had not the taxpayers contested the bill, and the Supreme Court now directs that the money shall be paid into the treasuries of the counties instead of being retained by the treasurers.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson L. Nace motored to Washington last Saturday spent the time until Monday morning in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall McKibbin, when they returned to McConnellsburg having had a very delightful outing.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Woollett and Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Kirk motored to Bedford last Sunday and called on their old friend William Stuckey who is in very poor health.

Religion, Withstanding Cynicism, Has Survived Through the Ages. Go to Church.

A GREAT number of the people who GO TO CHURCH are men and women with the WISDOM OF YEARS AND EXPERIENCE. Many young people who seem to REJOICE WHEN THEY ARE CALLED CYNICS not only fail to GO TO CHURCH, but flippantly refer to the movement. One great writer said, "WHO ARE A LITTLE WISE THE BEST FOOLS BE." Another said, "A LITTLE LEARNING IS A DANGEROUS THING." Churches have survived through the ages. One hates to think what would become of this world without churches and religion. The churches TEACH RIGHT-EOUSNESS. And yet there are some young people who are disposed to take lightly this splendid GO TO CHURCH movement. Happily they are in the great minority, and it is certain that they will soon be moved by the AWAKENING OF RELIGION over the land. In many churches in the west preachers report a SPLENDID ATTENDANCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

THE DAY IS GONE WHEN IT CAN BE SAID THAT THE CHURCH IS ALL RIGHT FOR OLD WOMEN AND CHILDREN. GO TO ANY OF THE GREAT CITIES IN THE COUNTRY AND NOTE THE REAL BIG MEN, THE MEN YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW, AT DIVINE SERVICE. THEY ARE PROUD TO BE SEEN IN CHURCH. NO, INDEED, THE CHURCH IS NOT FOR THE OLD AND THE WEAK. IT IS FOR THE YOUNG AND STRONG. IT IS FOR EVERYBODY, FROM THE HIGHEST TO THE LOWEST. PRESIDENT WILSON HAS EMPHATICALLY GIVEN HIS APPROVAL TO THE GO TO CHURCH MOVEMENT.

If you are one of the young men who has been reached by the GO TO CHURCH appeal and now regularly attend church, you are to be commended. But you can do more. You can induce that friend of yours who is inclined to cynicism to join the GO TO CHURCH throng. Argue with him. Plead with him. Show him the right way. If you do this, you'll be doubly rewarded.

Get him to GO TO CHURCH next Sunday.
Get him to GO EVERY SUNDAY.

Adjourned Court.

At an adjourned Court held on Friday of last week when Judge Donald P. McPherson with his associates, Wm. B. Stigers and William Mellott appeared on the bench at 2 p. m., the following business was transacted: Hon. Charles Walter, Attorney for Lemaster National Bank, presented petition of R. D. Garrett, Receiver, for permission to compromise claim against Harvey Cooper, and the Court made the order as prayed for.

In the estate of George Fraker, deceased, the Administrators made return of order of sale of real estate to R. R. Sipes at private sale, and the sale was confirmed by the Court.

In the estate of John J. Gordon, deceased, the inventory and appraisal of property set apart to the widow was presented and confirmed nisi, to be confirmed absolutely unless exceptions are filed within 20 days.

In the estate of John R. Paylor, deceased, inventory and appraisal of property set apart to the widow was presented, and the same order made.

The report and distribution made by the Master, in the equity case Annie Shimer, et al. vs. Mary Seylar was confirmed nisi, to be confirmed absolute, unless exceptions are filed within ten days.

In the matter of the dissolution of the Green Valley Fruit Company, the decree was made dissolving the corporation as prayed for.

In the case of D. H. Fraker et al. vs. David M. Barnett, No. 61, January Term 1917, a motion was made for judgment, and order made as prayed for.

In the estate of Elizabeth Lewis, deceased, a petition was presented asking permission to pay certain money into court, and the order was made by the Court.

A letter from George W. Heimbach, Progress, Pa., states that he is having a public sale on the 28th of this month, and soon thereafter, he and his family in Empire Six will make a journey through the southwest part of the country. They expect to pass through McConnellsburg, and, of course stop to see their friends.

Delegates to the annual suffrage spring conference at Harrisburg passed a resolution urging the President, Congress and the Pennsylvania Legislature to prohibit the use of grain for the manufacture of liquor during the war and to conserve the same for food.

Capital Punishment Remains.

The House of Representatives at Harrisburg has decided that the death penalty is to remain in Pennsylvania, and the decision has been reached by a decisive vote. For some time there has been an agitation for the abolition of capital punishment in this State, and it seemed to have a considerable sentiment behind it, but when the test came it was shown that a large part of this was manufactured sentiment. Quite a respectable number of people are opposed to what they call "legalized murder," just as there are a considerable number who are opposed to war and who refuse to serve in the army and even try to influence others to follow their example. But it will be noticed that these people expect to be protected in their lives and property. They would feel cruelly wronged if members of their family were murdered in cold blood and the State did nothing toward bringing the criminals to justice.

Perhaps the most compelling force in the retention of the death penalty in Pennsylvania was the horror at Eddystone. That brought many members to their senses. It compelled them to think, and the more they thought the less they were inclined to give immunity to murderers. One may regard that terrible tragedy either as an accident or the result of a plot. If a plot is finally proven in a court of law, who would have the plotters escape the fate they deserve? So, regarded in this light, it was impossible to abolish the death penalty at this time. It is interesting to note that only nine of the forty-eight States have abolished the death penalty. They are Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota and Wisconsin. In a number of others it is optional whether first degree murder shall be life imprisonment or death. The choice is left with the jury. But for the present the sentiment of the Keystone State seems to be decidedly in favor of the death penalty for premeditated murder.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Ex-County Auditor William Wink and son George of Belfast township were in town Monday afternoon. William insists that he had nothing to do with unhitching Christ Deshong's horse at the Dunkard church. He says he went to church with the preacher, staid in the house and listened to the sermon, and went home with the preacher.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Mellott and daughter Miss Daisy, and Mrs. Roland Sharpe and daughter Mabel, of Pleasant Ridge, spent a few hours in town last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. Spangler, of Hancock, spent a few hours in town Monday.

Where Shall Taxation Fall.

The government rightly plans to raise a large share of the war cost by taxation. Everyone naturally will want some one else hit. But there are certain general principles that everyone should assent to. These are that wealth should pay in proportion to its ability, and that special taxes should be laid upon play rather than on work and business upon luxuries rather than necessities.

One proposal is to tax advertising. That places a direct tax on the selling of goods. The business men no doubt expect to take their share of the burden, but it would be equally fair to tax every employer for the number of salesmen employed. Either proposition would hamper business, tend to restrict trade, and would impair the economic soundness of the county.

Another proposed tax placed contrary to the principles enumerated above would be to raise letter postage to three cents. This would hit business concerns heavily and would be an impost on work rather than luxury. So far as heard from, however, no one has objected to tax on picture post cards.

The more legitimate subjects for taxation are luxuries like liquor, tobacco, soft drinks, candy, chewing gum, and a wide range of notions, and frivolities which people can easily do without. The amusements of the people are a legitimate field for assessment, including theaters, baseball games, movies, all entertainments for private profit, country clubs, billiard rooms and bowling alleys, and all kinds of sporting events.

It is not a hardship to the people to have to cut down their expenses a little in these respects. It of course means higher prices on all such diversions and luxuries. But if the people will but restrict themselves a little, their expenses will be none the greater. War is serious business, and we must all expect our daily habits to be affected. Large incomes must of course pay a heavy tax, and the people of wealth expect it.

Auto Driver Killed.

W. S. Swope, aged 23 years, whose home was in Hummelstown and who was employed as a bank clerk in Harrisburg, was instantly killed in an automobile accident near Shippensburg, last Sunday evening. His companion, Miss Anna Stroup, aged 19 years, of Oberlin, was seriously hurt. Miss Stroup is a senior in the C. V. Normal School. She had been home for the week-ending and young Swope was bringing her back to school in his Overland touring car. He was driving along at a moderate rate of speed, when he started to turn out to pass a horse and buggy. In the buggy were Harry Cocklin and Miss Mary Miller, both of whom live near. Just then Harper Hershey came along, pushing a baby carriage. The carriage scared Cocklin's horse and it made a sudden jump, right in front of the approaching auto. The horse was badly hurt and the force of the collision jammed the steering wheel into Swope's abdomen. This injury and a fracture of the skull caused death. Miss Stroup's skull was also fractured and although she was not rendered unconscious at once, she was dazed.

Miss Stroup was taken to the Harrisburg Hospital on the C. V. train and it is believed she will recover.

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KEYSTONE OF THE ARCH

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

The perfect manifestations of life can only be had with a harmonious performance of all the functions of the body. This is so from the lowest forms of life up to the complex and wonderful creation of man.

Now when we are confronted with war and its accumulated horrors, we must use every effort to throw off the insidious hold it gradually gets upon our nervous systems, destroying the harmoniousness of the vast number of active little cells that go to make up our physical and mental bodies.

If the balance and harmony are once destroyed, our digestion weakens and this robs the body of nourishment, which is followed by general loss of strength.

The heart muscles consequently suffer and weaken and when this pump fails to send the exhausted blood cells through the lungs for purification and recharging, the physiological process fails in its purpose.

The break up of the general balance and harmony causes the body to lose its resistance to disease germs. The result is general weakening of the individual and often death, neither of which we can afford at any time let alone in time of war, every preventable measure must be taken to guard against the inroad of disease.

Today we cannot help but feel our great responsibilities and make sacrifices for that which has given us our national pride and freedom. We must, however, at the same time be careful not to break up unnecessarily the harmony of our social and other everyday occupations.

The greatest measure to help us carry our burden during war is to keep busy in some well directed path of work that will produce those things most essential to a successful warfare and turn our minds from those horrors that otherwise would break up our nervous force.

If war becomes long-continued it may be that a revolutionary state may occur, where our occupations will have to be changed: giving up the easier ones to the weak, and shifting those that are more laborious to the strong. These changes, however, at the present time can be effected more easily than ever before in the history of the world, because of the many kinds of modern occupations which permit of selection to accommodate those of different capabilities. Whatever may be the disturbance, we must keep busy. We must not think too much of "what might happen" and keep it ever before us destroying that balance and harmony necessary for health.

Clarence Little, aged 19, of Chambersburg, riding a motorcycle, crashed into an approaching automobile on the crest of the bridge across Back Creek on the Lincoln Highway, three miles west of Chambersburg last Sunday morning about ten o'clock. Clarence, who was seriously injured, was taken to the Chambersburg hospital where it was found that his left leg was broken and his skull fractured. His motorcycle was completely wrecked. The front of the automobile was badly damaged and the car had to be towed into Chambersburg.

The United States leads all countries in the consumption of sugar with an annual average of 3,492,000 tons during the 10 years 1904-1913. The annual consumption in this country is nearly one-fourth of the world's production.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Shaffner spent last Saturday in Chambersburg.