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RECORD OF DEATHS.

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

JESSE H. WOODCOCK.

Jesse H. Woodcock, a veteran of the Civil War, and one of Taylor township's highly esteemed citizens, passed away at his home on Thursday morning of last week. The funeral took place last Saturday morning, the services being conducted by Rev. B. M. Reidell, of the M. E. church, and interment was made in the cemetery at Hustontown. Mr. Woodcock was born in Baltimore, Md., September 5, 1840; hence, he was aged 77 years and 22 days.

Early in the war of the Rebellion he enlisted and became a member of Co. F. 2nd Maryland Infantry, and served through the war being discharged in 1865.

Shortly after the war he was married to Miss Mary E. Lamberson, of Taylor township, who survives, together with the following children: Minnie, wife of Edward Bradnick, Hustontown; Rebecca, wife of Harry Artman, Shirleysburg; Arthur Woodcock, Mt. Union; Elizabeth, wife of H. M. Covert, Rock Hill Furnace, Huntingdon county; Sergeant John H. Woodcock, 107th Field Artillery, Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., and Andrew and David at home. There were two grandchildren. Mr. Woodcock has been in ill health for several years, but during the last two years, had been practically helpless.

MRS. MARGARET SOUDERS.

Mrs. Margaret Souders, widow of the late Arthur V. B. Souders, died at the old homestead in Taylor township, since the death of her husband which occurred on the 6th of September. A neighbor going to her home last Sunday afternoon was shocked to find her dead. She had not been very vigorous health, being troubled with angina pectoris. Her funeral took place Monday afternoon and interment was made in Union cemetery by the side of her late husband. Mrs. Souders is a daughter of the late Samuel Weller and was aged 78 years, 1 month, and 11 days.

DANIEL CALVIN ELVEY.

Daniel Calvin, son of Walter Elve Thomas Elvey, died at the home of his parents last Saturday, aged six weeks and two days. The funeral took place Sunday afternoon and interment was made in the cemetery at Bethlehem.

Red Cross.

In addition to the names published in the NEWS of Sept 13th, following have been added to the Red Cross auxiliary: E. E. Fraker, Fields, Mrs. James Steverson, John Martz, John Martz, J. DeKalb Orth, Mrs. S. Doran, Lloyd Kerlin, Gilliland, Mrs. H. S. Clyburn, Mona Metzler, J. C. Peterson, Mrs. J. C. Peterson, Mary Corn D'ran, Esther Welsh, Reese, Hon. and Mrs. Chesnut.

Band Concert.

Treasurer Orphans' Home en route to Johnstown, Pa., arrived at McConnellsburg, Pa., Saturday evening, October 8th, and will give one of their popular concerts in the Auditorium at that evening. Admission to the public is invited to attend and enjoy the music. The band, while composed entirely of boys, has a state-wide reputation, and is well worth

Felton--Pee.

The parsonage of the M. E. church in this place on Monday, the Harrison Felton and the Pee--both of Everettsville, Pa., were united in marriage by Rev. Edward Jack-

Women as "War Workers."

Travelers over the P. R. R. in Cambria county have witnessed an unprecedented condition—that of women who have laid down the burden of domestic cares for that of track work on the railroads.

A few weeks ago the Johnstown officials of the P. R. R. Co., advertised for women to work on the tracks, it being absolutely impossible to obtain enough men. The first experiments were made out of Conemaugh and Portage—18 women being placed at work at Portage and 10 at Conemaugh. The railroad people report that the experiment is a success. Of course the women cannot lift heavy rails and do other heavy work of that character. But in shoveling, sweeping, filling, etc., they are faithful and industrious. As "war workers" they are showing their patriotism.

The women enjoy their work and are paid over \$2.00 a day. The railroad company is at present seeking more women for similar work. Nearly 500 women have applied for work on the P. R. R. at Harrisburg.

Stricken in the Field.

While at work drilling in grain in one of the fields on his farm in Wells Valley on Tuesday of last week, Harry Gaster had a stroke of paralysis which affected his left side. Being entirely incapacitated for work, he lay there several hours, unable to make his condition known to his family. At last his wife seeing the team standing was led to go to the field. Roy Witter of Waterfall was passing in his automobile, and he assisted in getting Harry to the house. Dr. Campbell of Mount Union being phoned for went at once and gave Harry the necessary medical attention. It is believed that if no looked for complication arises, Harry will come around all right again.

Western Visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Daniels, of Blue Mound, Ill., and Mrs. J. J. Palmer, and S. L. Wink, of Needmore, were in town a short time last Thursday afternoon. Mr. Daniels is a native of this county—a son of the late Daniel Daniels and a nephew of Associate Judge John Daniels of Franklin Mills. His mother was a sister of Dennis Morgret and Mrs. Maria Palmer. He left this county fifty-nine years ago—just a good time to get a good grip on the best part of the Praire State. He brought his wife, a native western woman, just to prove to her that there were hills in Fulton County higher than the Court House in Springfield.

Turned Turtle.

About four o'clock last Friday morning two men in a Buick had an accident at the Thomastown turn on the Lincoln Highway a mile and a half west of McConnellsburg. Not being familiar with the road, the car shot across the way, through a fence, and landed "wrong side up." The men came to McClain's garage, and in a short time Ned Mellott was on the ground with a truck and a stout rope, and the machine was placed on its "feet" and brought to town. Outside a crushed top and windshield, the machine was not greatly damaged, and the men fortunately escaped without serious injury.

Fire Trip.

The first six days of last week were spent by Mr. and Mrs. Max H. Sheets and Mr. and Mrs. F. McNaughton Johnston, McConnellsburg, and ex-Sheriff and Mrs. Daniel Sheets, Chambersburg, in a motoring tour, which included Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and the Lancaster County Fair. They made the trip in Max's Overland-six with Max at the wheel, and didn't have a minute's machine trouble—not even a puncture.

CAMP HANCOCK.

Extracts From Letter from Ben W. Fisher to His Uncle and Aunt Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Woollet.

Sept. 22—Camp Hancock is a dandy place. The soil is all sand, and the water 100 per cent. pure. Our mess halls are clean and sanitary, and we have electric lights. We have a schedule of intensive training to cover a period of sixteen weeks, before we cross the pond, unless the orders are changed—which is very likely to occur, so far as the motor ammunition train is concerned; for none of that branch has left for foreign service. This branch of the service (to which I belong) is a new one in the army.

Our company consists of 35 enlisted men and a first lieutenant. Pennsylvania sends twelve companies. In each company are first-class mechanics and two assistants. I was appointed assistant mechanic last Wednesday. We do not drill as much as the infantry, and other branches. We average about four hours a day, with a half-holiday on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and all day Sundays—unless on guard duty which comes every 12 days. A lot of the boys, including the Lieutenant, are sitting around in the mess hall discussing the possibility of going to France. Some are anxious to go; others are not; but, there is not one who would accept an honorable discharge and go home. Our meals are good. We get good "grub" and all we can eat. For supper we had hominy cakes, potatoes with milk, iced-tea, and canned peaches for dessert. There are about 28,000 men here, including the officers.

The cotton fields are white, and the planters are busy with the picking. The migratory birds are just beginning to return from their summer vacation in the North. We can go to Augusta, which is about two miles distant from our part of the camp, for five cents.

Tomorrow (Sunday) open air services are held, and we go to Sunday school in the morning. In the afternoon, we do our washing. I will have two pairs of trousers, underclothes, handkerchiefs, and socks to wash. I was going to wash this afternoon but it rained.

Ben W. Fisher,
Camp Hancock,
Am. Train Georgia,
Truck, No. 4.

Weld's House Afire.

After breakfast Tuesday morning, Mrs. Howard Weld, East Lincoln Way, washed the dishes, turned out the blaze in the oil stove (as she supposed) put on her wraps, and went to visit her sister Mrs. Lear in the country. Mr. Weld was about the barn attending to his stock. About 7:30 o'clock, Mrs. Wm. Kennedy, whose kitchen is just across an alley from the Weld house, noticed smoke escaping from the windows of the Weld house and called the attention of her husband to it. Mr. Kennedy ran across to the back door and discovered that the inside of the kitchen was all ablaze. An alarm was made, active work begun, and the fire extinguished, but not until it had badly damaged the house and furniture.

The fire in some way had been communicated to the oil tank of the stove which had burst, scattering the kerosene all over the room. The damages, we are informed, is covered by insurance.

Waste.

Approximately 20 per cent. of each potato pared by the ordinary household methods is lost in the process. The loss includes much and sometimes all of the portion of the tuber containing important soluble salts. Potatoes that are boiled and baked in their skins lose practically none of their food value.

The Food Problem.

"Raise hogs, more hogs, and then more hogs" was the message emphasized by Mr. Herbert Hoover in his address before the conference on food saving held under the direction of the State Committee of Public Safety at the Bellevue Stratford hotel in Philadelphia last Saturday, at which Fulton County was represented by Mr. W. R. Sloan, Executive Secretary of the County Committee of Public Safety. The Allied countries, because of their lack of fodder, have killed off most of their cattle and hogs, he pointed out, and the necessity of animal fats is the big problem now facing the food administrators.

The people of this county do raise hogs. Every year we hear of this, or that, person slaughtering, or selling, a large number of hogs—or of some person killing a special prize porker that is a record breaker for weight. But if we want to do our share in winning the War we must out do our former efforts along this line. Why pay ten cents or more a barrel for hauling corn to the railroad warehouses, as many farmers did with their last year's surplus crop, when it can be turned into the finished product right on our own farms, with far greater financial returns.

Lauver--Pott.

At the Lutheran parsonage at Silver Run, Md., by Rev. A. G. Wolf, formerly pastor of the Lutheran church in McConnellsburg, Mr. James Alvey Lauver, of Mercersburg, Pa., and Miss Lillian Pott, of Crestline, O., were united in marriage. The ring ceremony was used. The bride was given away by her brother J. William Pott, and his wife, Mrs. Mary E. Pott was matron of honor. The bride was beautifully attired in a white silk crepe de chene, trimmed in mosquito and silver lace.

The bride is a daughter of the late Jacob Pott, of Big Cove Tannery and a grand-daughter of the late Rev. Lewis Chambers. She graduated last May from the Woman's Hospital, Philadelphia. The groom is the eldest son of Adam and Lucy Lauver, of Franklin County, and a prominent farmer and stock dealer in the community.

After refreshments served by Miss Ruth S. Wolf, the bridal party left amidst showers of rice for their future home in Franklin county.

State Agricultural Notes.

According to estimates the spring count of surplus honey in colonies in Pennsylvania was 28 pounds as compared with 50 pounds a year ago.

It is estimated that the Pennsylvania commercial onion production will reach 102,550 bushels as compared with 75,000 bushels last year.

The condition of field peas, field beans, tomatoes and cabbage throughout the State is reported as considerably above the average. Cabbage is an especially large and good crop.

Although buckwheat in the northern section of the State was damaged by the frosts early this month, the indications point to a crop of over 6,000,000 bushels this season.

The apple crop will be considerably below that of last year's, growers reporting the late crop below the general average for the past ten years.

Estimates place the wool production in the State slightly above that of last year and show that a wonderful impetus has been given the sheep industry which formerly suffered a loss of about three per cent. annually.

The barley crop is above the average and estimates place it at 371,000 bushels as compared with 300,000 last year.

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SHOULD EXERCISE CARE.

B. W. Truax, D. V. M., Burr Oaks, Kans., Urges Caution in the Selection of Western Sheep.

Recently I observed in an issue of the NEWS that a number of farmers contemplated sending a representative west to purchase sheep for breeding purposes, so as to enable them to adequately stock their farms with this practically indispensable animal. With the interests of my home folks always uppermost, I wish to express a few words of caution in their selection, so as not to acquire any animals afflicted with parasites or any contagious or infectious diseases, to which sheep seem to be very susceptible.

Many of the sheep ranges are infected out West with parasites to such an extent, that it is no longer profitable for the owners to breed sheep and consequently they are disposing of these herds of diseased animals so the would-be purchaser should exercise great care to avoid selecting any affected ones and also all apparently healthy animals if they originated on infected premises, as they may be afflicted in a latent form which sometimes is the most dangerous owing to its insidious nature.

Would time permit me, I would enumerate and briefly describe, some of the conditions to guard against, but it would require a rather extended article; so I will simply reiterate my previous statement:—Be careful to secure only healthy stock animals as a healthy herd of sheep and a diseased herd represent respectively profit and loss.

Family Reunion.

A very enjoyable family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Deshong, Worton, Md., formerly of Pleasant Ridge, Friday, September 28th, this being the 39th anniversary of their marriage.

Their entire family consisting of four sons and four daughters, with the majority of each of their families, representing four states were present for the occasion.

Those present for the reunion dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Sipes, daughter Ethel and grandson Donald, of Harrisonville; Mrs. P. S. Deshong and daughter Mary, of Needmore; Mr. and Mrs. Jos. W. Deshong and sons Roy, Claude and Paul, of Hagerstown, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Garland, son Ralph and daughters Evelyn and Sarah, of Hagerstown; Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Oscar Deshong and sons William and Irvin, of Worton, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse J. Hurd, daughter Blanche and son Jesse, Jr., of Chestertown, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Deshong and daughter Geraldine, of Wilmington, Del.; Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Deshong and daughter Dorothy, of Carneys Point, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Thos. R. Starr, Pomona, Md.; Mr. P. B. Foreman, of Laidig, Pa.; and Elder Wm. Alexander, of Elsmere, Del.

It is interesting to note that on their 39th marriage anniversary Mr. and Mrs. Deshong's children with husbands and wives, grandchildren and great-grandchildren total 39 and there has never been a death in the family.

The Lincoln Highway.

Highway Commissioner J. Denney O'Neal has announced that he will keep open the Lincoln Highway the coming winter for the passage of truck trains east and west through Pennsylvania. The department has allied itself with the national defense commission, said O'Neal.

Approximately 200 trucks will pass over the Lincoln Highway each day for a long time, the commissioner has learned, thus relieving thousands of freight cars.

District Sunday School Convention.

The conventions for the current year will be held as follows: District No. 1 composed of Wells township, will hold its convention at the Valley M. E. church, Time, not named. District No. 2, composed of the townships of Brush Creek and Union, will have its convention at the Whips Cove Christian church, Saturday afternoon, October 6th beginning at 1 o'clock; for Bethel, Thompson and Belfast, at the M. E. church at Needmore, beginning at 7:00, Saturday evening of the same day. District No. 4, Licking Creek, Taylor and Dublin, at Hustontown M. E. church, Sunday afternoon, October 7th beginning at 1:30, and at the Lutheran church, McConnellsburg, Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

All officers, not only of the District organizations, but of the County organization are earnestly requested to attend these meetings, as well as all Sunday school teachers, and every one in sympathy with the cause.

Twenty Millions.

A few years ago, people thought in terms of hundreds and thousands; now, in terms of millions and billions. That the Methodist Episcopal Church is keeping pace in the march of time, is shown in the fact that this year the Church is raising an annuity fund of \$20,000,000, that it may properly care for its aged and wornout preachers. The apportionment to our local church is \$28 00; Last Sunday morning Mr. J. C. McKeown, a prominent business man of Waynesboro was present at the time of the morning services and presented the matter to the congregation. When the contribution was counted it was found that twenty-eight dollars had been given and half as much more. Mr. McKeown is an active worker in his home church, and a very forceful speaker and pleasant gentleman.

Raising Prices in Japan.

A bag of rice which only a few years ago cost \$1.25 now sells at \$2.50, an increase of 100 per cent. But this staple is only typical of nearly all other articles of household use. No legitimate reason exists for this increase. Rice is raised in Japan. Wages are slightly higher, no doubt, but not sufficiently so to add 100 per cent to the cost of an article of necessity. Such a raise in price of necessities is an avoidable hardship, observes East and West. The government can check it, if wisely directed. The rice market, like wheat in America, should be the last to suffer from violent manipulation. It is the food of the people and government should fix a limit for its price.

Car Burned.

The touring car of W. R. Wenger, of near York Springs, was destroyed by fire which originated when the motor backfired. Hearing a hissing noise he attempted to lift the hood of the engine when a rush of flames drove him away. The Wenger family exhausted one well of water in attempting to extinguish the flames but their efforts were futile and the entire machine was destroyed except the two rear tires.

Mr. J. W. Gibson, of Well Taney accompanied by his son Bernar who is home from Canton, O., for a few days, spent Monday in town. Mr. Gibson has two sons and a son-in-law—all of whom are now in the service of Uncle Sam. Rody is a member of Co. L, 10th Ohio, in training at Montgomery, Ala.; Bernard was drafted, but being a steel roller, he was assigned to one of Government's steel mills at Canton; and the son-in-law, J. Marlin Barley, is at Camp Meade in the Auto Eng. service.

A PUBLIC DUTY IN WARTIME.

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

It would seem as though the general public ought to be fully informed on most of the horrors of war, judging by the amount that is printed on this subject. Nevertheless, there is apparently one phase that is not generally appointed. I refer to the danger from communicable diseases acquired during the hardships of a soldier's life, especially if he happens to be taken prisoner and is thus exposed in confinement with hundreds of his mates. These diseases are carried from place to place wherever soldiers are transported, and often, when soldiers are invalided and sent home, they bring these communicable diseases with them to distribute among the civil population.

Already we have felt the lack of enough physicians to protect the health of the people at home, and the health officer is somewhat at a loss to know how to enforce his health measures.

The only solution of the problem is for the individual to give time and attention to taking care of himself. He must put himself in a receptive attitude toward the suggestions of the sanitary officer, even though he may think some of the suggestions so trifling as not to be worthy of serious consideration. There is one thing sure, and that is that he will consider it a serious matter if the disease warned against should happen to come his way.

If the writer were to think over some of the most trilling daily habits of everyone, and select the very humdrum subject of complaining about the habit many men have of drawing their trousers over their boots in undressing, instead of taking their boots off first, no doubt there would be readers who would take it as an instance of giving weight to trifles.

Yet they would be wrong. I am sure that one product of this habit is the common, yet always annoying and often dangerous boil, besides other infections that I cannot go into with the space available in these talks. A moment's thought will convince you that there is something in the theory. During a day's walking your boots have gone through miles and miles of filth. When you slip your clothing off over them, you are taking the chance of transferring to your clothes, and thence to your body, whatever disease germs your boots may have picked up in this filth.

So these "trifles" are not always trifles. If we are going to do our duty in preserving the health of the civil population, we must have less cases of sickness than ever before, because we have decidedly less doctors at home to take care of whatever comes up. Later on, when wounded soldiers come home with unsuspected communicable diseases, we must know how to do the best thing for them and the best thing for ourselves, so that we may not have here, as they have had in foreign countries, widespread epidemics among the civil population to be a drain on the vitality of our military efforts.

"Somewhere on the Atlantic."

Miss Joan Morton, teacher of the Grammar school in McConnellsburg, recently received a letter from her brother "Newt" of Company C, Tenth regiment Forestry, written somewhere on the Atlantic. Newt left with the regiment of which he is a member, a short time ago for France, and this is the first word the family has had from him. He says they have had a calm sea, a pleasant voyage, not bothered with German submarines, and none of the boys had been sea sick.