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FINE MILLINERY, FANCY CHINA AND LADIES' WRAPS AT MRS. DARTT'S.

ANOTHER PASSES AWAY.

One More of North Cambria's Oldest Citizens Dies.

James McCans, one of the oldest and best known citizens of Clearfield township, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. J. Dietrick, of Carroll township, Sunday evening after an illness of short duration, at the age of 82. The disease which called Mr. McCans home was due to a complication of ailments, superinduced by his advanced years. Deceased is survived by the following children: Albert and Philadelphia; James of Crosson; Robert and Ben of Phillipsburg; Sister Martina, of Greensburg and Mrs. J. J. Dietrick, of Carroll township.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday morning in St. Mary's Catholic church of Patton, Rev. Father Edwyn officiating, assisted by Fathers Ludden, of Ebensburg, and Rea, of St. Augustine, after which the remains were taken to the church cemetery of the latter place and laid to rest.

Mr. McCans was one of the pioneers of Cambria County having settled here in 1838, when the county was nothing but a vast wilderness. He helped to construct the old Portage railroad, when laborers were paid but 90 cents a day for such work. He was a man who commanded a large circle of friends.

The Last Meeting.

To-night the Democrats of Patton hold a big meeting in the Goldstein Hall, while to-morrow evening the Republicans hold one. Those will doubt be the last in Patton during this campaign.

FOR RENT.—The Mrs. Ryan Farm, containing 50 acres. Reasonable terms. For particulars call on Martin Link, Patton, Pa.

An Old-Fashioned Dinner.

The Ladies Aid Society of Patton M. E. church intend giving a grand dinner—one of the old-fashioned kind—on Thanksgiving Day, November 29, 1900. Now we all know how much better we enjoy a good dinner when some one else cooks it. Turkey and sauce with all the side dishes will be provided. Full particulars and rates will be announced later.

MRS. W. H. SANDFORD, Pres.
MISS MINNIE SPOTSWOOD, Secy.

NOTICE!

Special Bargains

—IN—

COUCHES, TOILET SETS, AND MATTINGS,

Couches 4.99, 6.50, 10.00, 12.00 and \$15.
Toilet Sets—the best at the least money.

Mattings at cost while they last.

Rugs—quite a large line to select from.

Heating Stoves—the largest line in this end of the county at lowest prices. Red Cross, Etc.

Imperial Red Cross, Capello and Columbian Choice Ranges—all guaranteed.

A full line of General Hardware.

Very Respectfully,

J. E. Kirk Hdw.

& Fur't Co.,

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Gleaned Here and There by the "Courier" Reporter.

WE HAVE A RICH CO.

Some Interesting Figures from the Secretary of Internal Affairs for 1900.

That Cambria is a rich county and constantly growing in all directions is handsomely shown by the reports made from year to year to the Secretary of Internal Affairs. That concerning assessments for 1900 shows the following:

Number resident taxables, 24,314.
Number acres cleared land, 141,880.
Number acres timber land, 261,500.
Value of all real estate, \$26,594,200.
Value of real estate exempt from taxation—churches, schoolhouse, etc., \$1,445,200.
Value of real estate taxable, \$25,149,000.
Number of horses over the age of four years, 7,440.
Value of same, \$204,415.
Number cattle over the age of four, 7,027.
Value of same, \$107,180.
Value of occupations, \$2,207,850.
Aggregate valuation for county purposes, \$27,683,315.
Aggregate amount county tax at three mills, \$83,005.
Aggregate amount mortgages, judgments, etc., taxable for State purposes, \$1,978,845.
Amount State tax at four mills, \$7,913.

The report to Secretary of Internal Affairs of "Taxes Collected" for year ending May 31, 1900, shows the following:

Amount collected for support of the poor, \$19,291.84.
Amount collected for roads, streets, and bridges, \$126,470.81.
Amount collected for school purposes, not including appropriation from State, \$192,427.83.
Amount collected for all other purposes, \$248,413.85.
Of the above there was collected from personal property, \$14,417.38.
Collected from corporations, \$57,864.84.
Collected from licenses, \$67,257.25.
Collected from real estate of railroad corporations, \$3,632.31.
Collected from real estate of other corporations, \$88,737.35.

ELECTION NEWS.

Don't fail to get the PATTON COURIER next week for all the election news. Arrangements have been made to publish a complete telegraphic page devoted to the returns exclusively.

Passed the Fifty Mark.

John A. Blair, former Register and Recorder, and later Sheriff, of Cambria county, with his estimable wife, Monday at Ebensburg celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The golden wedding festivities were participated in by all their children, with the exception of one son, Joseph Blair, who is a resident of Elyria, O., and who was unable to be present. In the morning the venerable head of the family attended services in the Holy Name Church of Ebensburg, which were conducted by Rev. Father Ludden, the pastor. Mr. Blair is in good health, but his wife has not been so fortunate and is confined to her home with a severe attack of rheumatism and a general breaking down of the system.

A Narrow Escape.

Mrs. A. W. Patchin, Mrs. Harry Dowler and Mrs. Bonine and daughter were driving over from Patchinville on Monday and when they came up to the crossing below the Midway hotel their horses started at the local freight which was coming up and began to back and plunge. Mrs. Dowler jumped out and was holding her own horse, when the other horse started to back. Its buggy down over the bank, and by great exertion and presence of mind she managed to get hold of this horse also and so held both horses until the train was past. It was only by Mrs. Dowler's prompt action and presence of mind that a bad smashup was averted.—(Gen. Campbell Journal).

Foot Ball Game.

There will be played on the Ball Ground, Nov. 8, 1900, a game of Rugby Foot Ball, between the Patton High School and the Starlights. Both teams have been put through some hard practicing as both sides are anxious to win. All are invited to come as the game will be well contested. Game called at 3 o'clock.

ALL GOES TO GIVE THANKS.

President's Proclamation Being November 29th for the Purpose of Thanksgiving.

The President's proclamation of Monday, issued from the State Department and fixing the annual Thanksgiving Day is as follows:

"It has pleased Almighty God to bring our Nation in safety and honor through another year. The works of religion have everywhere been manifest. Our country through all its extent has been blessed with abundant harvest. Labor and the great industries of the people have prospered beyond all precedent. Our Commerce has spread over the world. The lives of our official representatives and many of our people in China have been marvellously preserved.

"We have been generally exempt from pestilence and other great calamities, and even the tragic visitation which overwhelmed the City of Galveston made evident the sentiments of sympathy and Christian charity by virtue of which we are one united people.

"Now therefore, I, William McKinley, President of the United States, do hereby appoint and set apart Thursday the 29th, of November next, to be observed by all the people of the U. S. at home or abroad, as a day of thanksgiving and praise to Him who holds the nation in the hollow of His hand. I recommend that they gather in their several places of worship and devoutly give Him thanks for the prosperity wherewith He has endowed us from seed-time and harvest, for the valor, devotion, and humanity of our armies and Navies, and for all His benefits to us as individuals and as a Nation, and they humbly pray for the continuance of His divine favor, for righteousness and peace in all our ways.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the U. S. to be affixed.

"Done at the city of Washington this 29th day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred, and of the independence of the U. S. the one hundred and twenty-fifth.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

John Hay, Secretary of State."

Died at Lawton.

Joseph Noll one of the oldest residents of Cambria county died one day last week, at his home in Lawton, at the age of 89 years. He was born near Konitzburg, Md., and received his education in a private school near the present site of St. Mary's College, when he later learned the carpentering trade. When 22 years of age he constructed the first Catholic church there. A short time later he was called to Lotto, where he designed a church. He afterwards located in Northern Cambria county permanently, where he erected a number of Catholic edifices. Among them were the convent of the Sisters of Mercy of Loreto, which was erected in 1852, and the Union school house in Ebensburg. He left the contracting business in 1858, and for many years was engaged as a farmer. In his early days he knew President Andrew Jackson. William Henry Harrison and James K. Polk, and he frequently delighted his hearers by reciting reminiscences of the Presidential trio. Mr. Noll was twice married, both wives being dead. The surviving children are: Attorney James Noll of Carrolltown, Mrs. Demetria McGonogh, of Allegheny township, and Mrs. Charles Miller of Ashville.

Forger at Work.

The following is taken from the Mountain News page of the Pittsburg Dispatch of Saturday, Oct. 27: "A sick forger seems to be working in this part of the State and has adopted a most novel scheme by which he is enabled to work his game successfully. He appeared at several hotels during the past few days, carrying a sample case of hardware. At each of the hotels principally in Johnstown and Latrobe, a letter had preceded the visitor. The letter invariably contained a check, which the landlord as invariably cashed. All were signed by the Enterprise Manufacturing Company of Buffalo, N. Y., which company on the presentation of the checks pronounced them forgeries. Landlord Inhoff of the Park Hotel, Johnstown, was caught for one several days ago. The forger is evidently making his way toward the Eastern part of the State."

Notice to Tax-payers.

The 1900 duplicate of State and County tax is now in my hands. All persons are hereby notified to pay same within thirty days from date of this notice. W. P. JACKSON, Collector. Oct. 15, 1900.

PATTON IS THE LARGEST.

Heads the List With 753 Registered Voters.

TOTAL NUMBER 23,380.

The Election Board in this Borough Will Have Much Work.

If the registration is any indication, a large vote is going to be polled in Cambria County this fall, since there are on the Assessor's rolls, as returned to Ebensburg, 23,380 persons entitled to cast a vote for McKinley, Bryan, or any of the numerous candidates for the Presidency and minor positions. The total last year was almost 3,000 less, being 20,702, and of this number not three-fourths voted, the highest number of ballots cast for any one office being 13,300. The vote for President in the county four years ago was 16,022. The registration for that year is not at hand.

Following are the number of voters returned in the various districts for the present year:

Altoona Township	226
Altoona Township, North	10
Altoona Township, South	10
Altoona Borough	80
Barnesboro Borough	365
East Township	311
Camden Township	422
Carroll Township	708
Carrollville Borough	69
Cross Springs Borough	69
Chest Township	132
Chestville Borough	21
Conemaugh Township, Lower	118
Conemaugh Township, Upper	370
Cross Township, No. 1	110
Cross Township, No. 2	107
East Taylor Township	124
East Taylor Township, No. 1	134
East Taylor Township, No. 2	243
East Taylor Township, No. 3	138
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The Population of the Country.

The official announcement of the total population of the United States for 1900 is 78,286,220; of which 74,627,907 are contained in the 45 States representing approximately the population to be used for apportionment purposes. There is a total of 134,158 Indians not taxed. The total population in 1890, with which the aggregate population of the present census should be compared, was 63,629,756. Taking the 1890 population as a basis there has been a gain in population of 14,656,464 during the past 10 years, representing an increase of nearly 21 per cent. Pennsylvania has a population of 6,301,343, a gain of 1,043,315 since the 1890 census.

Curious Coincidences.

The Tartans owe their alphabet to Christian missionaries known as the Nestorians.

This year's list of accidents in the Alps numbers 79, of which 53 resulted in instant death.

Scotland has had a wonderful bearing catch this season, 320,400 crabs, vaulted at over \$1,500,000. This is a record for all Scotland.

The assessed value of Toronto is \$238,854,144, an increase of \$3,218,125 over last year. The population is 190,943, an increase of 6,136.

London has seen the biggest dog show of the century at the Alexandra Palace. It was held by the Ladies' Kennel Association, with 6,000 entries and \$50,000 worth of prizes.

MR. THROPP WITHDRAWS.

Withdraws His Nomination Papers and Leaves the Field Open to Evans.

Congressman Joseph E. Thropp, after a long and well fought battle, has withdrawn from the contest and bows to the will of the machine.

During the memorable fight which this action brings to a close, he has in no single instance failed to maintain his character as a gentleman and an honorable man. Not as an honorable politician alone, but as a gentleman demanding only his rights. That it was an unfair and dishonorable fight, only those in whom the very web and woof of machine rule dominate, will gain say. Congressman Thropp's attitude has been one compelling the respect of every right thinking and honest man, and a careful canvas of the county previous to his withdrawal, disclosed men in all positions from the humble mountaineer to the busy merchant, who were outspoken for him and for manly stand he took in the contest.

It is well said that Congressman Thropp never forgets his friends, and to-day there are innumerable citizens in the Twentieth District who can thank him for the positions they hold.

Few men have gone to the