

The Fulton County News.

VOLUME 3.

McCONNELLSBURG, PA., MAY 22, 1902.

NUMBER 36.

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON STATE

Bert Alexander's Impressions of the Big Bend Country.

DAVENPORT, WASHINGTON, MAY 11.
EDITOR NEWS: Although the "News" is almost a week old when it reaches me, I greatly enjoy it.

I cannot tell much about Washington, as I have only been here about a month. Of course, all is not sunshine here, and many people who come here meet with disappointments—especially if they have had high expectations. About 99 per cent of those who have come here and staked themselves down and have remained a year or so, are very enthusiastic over the "Big Bend" country. The best testimony in favor of any place is the spirit of content among its people; and I am free to say that I have never found a locality whose people were so well satisfied with their prospects.

That people here do some complaining is true. This is not heaven; for people get sick here, a bad liver causes impatience, and people are not always in harmony with their neighbors; but there are fewer who fail—fewer who quarrel—and less demand for liver pills, than any place I have ever been.

The prospect for the wheat harvest is good. Wheat is the principal crop, as it is too cold for corn. Frosts come here every month in the year. Wheat sells for 52 cents a bushel, potatoes, \$1.25; coal \$6.50 a ton, and wood \$4.50 a cord. I said wood, but really it is pine, about such as is used in Ayr township for burning limekilns.

This section is not so good a place in which to get work as it was a year or two ago. So many people have come in from other places. I have met here people from almost every state in the Union, and Pennsy has her full share of representatives. I have, however, not met any Fulton county people.

Davenport is a hustling little town of about 15,000 people, good schools, eight churches. The Presbyterians are building a 7000-dollar church. Last you may get the impression that everybody goes to church and drops a nickel into the collection basket every time it is passed around, I will say that there are five saloons here—all doing a thriving business, and drinking and gambling go on day and night, week days and Sundays.

I peeped in one night and saw as much money piled upon a gambling table, as they have in the coffers of the Fulton County Bank. Last Sunday afternoon there was a baseball game between the clerks and the business men. The result was 10-11 in favor of the business men. The Davenport band enlivened the occasion with music.

Now, if any one comes out here with the expectation of getting a homestead, he will be fooled. Of course, there are plenty of homestead claims lying around loose, but they are "no good." They are what is called here "Scab" land and lies well, but all gravel—not a bit of soil—and nothing grows on it but sage brush and wool grass. Cultivated land brings a good price.

I am not trying to make you believe that Davenport is the whole thing. This town lies in the Columbia river basin, and in the eastern part of the state. The whole state of Washington is as large as Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Fulton county, and "then some."

A. C. ALEXANDER

Among those from this place who attended "May Meeting" at Tonoloway last Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. David E. Little, Wilbur Grissinger and the Misses Lottie and Lola Little, Robert M. Downes and Miss Mertie Bender, Robert Shimer and Miss Mary Largent, James P. Waltz and sister Miss Esther, Colonel William Bishop, David Thomas and his sister Miss Rachel, and Alex Sloan.

Carlton Lawson Coulter.

The subject of this notice was born at New Grenada, October 21 1880, and died in Pittsburg May 14, 1902, after an illness of five weeks of typhoid fever.

He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Coulter of Pittsburg, his mother, Minnie, being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cunningham, of New Grenada.

He was a typical young man, and his life was full of promise of success and great usefulness, and his demise, as he was just entering upon the threshold of manhood, is crushing to his parents and friends.

At the age of 13 he became assistant ticket agent at the Fifth Avenue station of the P. R. R. at Pittsburg, which position he held for six years; and during his spare hours, he made himself master of the art of stenography and book keeping. At the time he was stricken down with the fever, he was Paymaster of a coal company, Private Secretary of the Superintendent of the Electric Plant at McKee's Rocks, and during the extra hours, kept the books for another firm.

He possessed those traits of character that made his services valuable to his employer, and that would have won for him position and influence.

It is not always easy for us to understand the workings of Providence; but they are always right.

Kelly.

Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Kelly of this place died at the Cooper House in this place, about 10 o'clock Monday night.

For several years she had her home with Mr. and Mrs. Funk, and several weeks ago along with most other children of town had measles. During the illness of her brother Bruce whose death occurred last week, she was at the home of her parents helping to take care of him. The shock occasioned by his death was too much for her enfeebled body and the immediate cause of her death was nervous prostration.

Funeral took place from the Cooper house, Wednesday afternoon, at 2.30.

Her age was 15 years, 3 months, and 1 day.

The sympathy of the whole town goes out to the afflicted parents who have been called on to part with two of their children within a week.

Wells Tannery.

W. H. Baumgardner represented our Castle of K. G. E. at Shamokin last week.

Mrs. Florence Blackmore of Pittsburg, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. McGatherty of Altoona, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Meredith of this place.

Hon. S. P. Wishart and daughter Miss Alice attended the Sunday school convention at Riddlesburg the 17th inst.

Margery Sipe is visiting her aunt Mrs. Quinter of Huntingdon.

Miss Eliza Lensch spent Sunday with her parents at Riddlesburg.

Mr. John B. Foot and son Amos are visiting friends here. Mr. Foot is 82 years of age and the father of the Evangelist Foot Brothers.

Hon. D. H. Patterson is expected to be one of the orators here Memorial day.

Sideling Hill.

Job Hill has commenced to repair his barn.

Walter Weicht has lately purchased a new sawmill and engine.

"Success to you, Walter."

Bert Carnell who met with a severe accident a short time ago is slowly recovering. Bert is a bright boy and we hope he may yet recover.

Quite a number of the young people attended May Meeting last Sunday.

Elliot Akers has made his daughter a present of a very fine organ.

Mt. Airy school closes next week, and both teacher and pupils will be sorry to part after a very pleasant term.

ANOTHER CHAPTER.

Editor Barron Continues His Reminiscences. Starting Our Newspapers.

EDITOR NEWS: I have read with pleasure the articles in this week's News by T. J. Thompson and a writer whose name does not appear to his article. I wish he would have given his name so that I might recall who was my opponent that night in the spelling match at the Dutch Corner. I remember the night well. We had lots of fun, and I have often thought of it since. But I will speak of the winter I taught at the Vallance school house in another article. I wish now to go on from where I left off in my last article.

The last subject I was speaking of was the lawyers and the first county officials of Fulton county. The writer in this week's paper is right about the first sheriff being Mr. Barnhart. David Fore was not elected till afterwards as I now recollect. I am not clear as to who was the first Representative, but think it was Wm. P. Schell who became Speaker of the House while he was in the legislature. John Cessna was also elected Speaker while he served from Bedford county. There was also one or two lawyers that I think I did not mention in my last article. One was E. G. Day, who came up and located there from Frederick, Md. He was a local M. E. preacher, and taught the school the first year or two, and I was one of his pupils. He was a man of somewhat stern appearance but kind to his pupils. He was elected Prosecuting Attorney after, I think Wm. P. Schell had served a term. I never heard what became of him. He had a son named Charley that was near my age. The other Attorney that I remember, was a Mr. Bonnett. I forget his first name. My recollection is, that he died while I lived there. He came from Bedford. He was a very quiet, unassuming, young man, well liked but very bashful—too much so for a lawyer. He dressed well and used to wear a black satin vest, which was very much in vogue in those days.

Mr. Thompson speaks of the marriage of John H. Filler to Louisa Bohn, and her untimely death. I remember her well as a most amiable and lovely young lady, but I remember her sister Mary, better, as she was one of my school mates and about my age, and also her step-sister Susan White who, I think, married Col. Boyd of Franklin county, and

New Grenada.

May—Warm and dry. Hay and grain scarce and high.

George Myers has moved from Robertsdale to house of N. H. Alloway near Waterfall, the late residence of A. W. McClain.

The telephone wire is now being strung from here to Cassville.

Mrs. Reeder of Shermans Valley, has rented the Austin Stevens place in our valley and will move thereto.

Dr. R. B. Campbell of our town accompanied by his brother, Dr. William C.,—of Mt. Union, took a spring outing, visiting the cities of New York, Buffalo, Newark, Philadelphia and arrived home last Saturday.

H. C. McClain started for Erie, Monday morning to represent Waterfall Lodge No. 773 I. O. O. F. at Grand Lodge.

James Chesnut and wife visited our town last Saturday. Jim called G. H. McCoy's sale and in the evening sold some scraps for the Odd Fellows, while his better half visited friends. The joke was Jim could not persuade "Flick" to shake hands with his wife.

William S. Hunter is located in our village as a dentist, and has opened up his Dental Parlor on the first floor of the P. O. S. of A. Hall. He is now in shape to look down in the mouth and make a draw.

her brother John D. Bohn. Mary Bohn visited at my father's in Iowa some two or three years after we left McConnellsburg. I wonder if any of these are living now.

Perhaps the most interesting event to me upon the erection of the new county was the arrival of the two newspapers in the town. The first to come was, The Fulton Democrat followed in a short time afterward by The Fulton Republican. James B. Sanson was the proprietor of the Democrat. He had started the paper in Bedford a short time before and was bucking against General Bowman with his Bedford Gazette. When McConnellsburg became a county seat he removed his paper there. We boys were watching for the first edition to come out and to see them run off the paper. I was there at the "bornin" of the newspaper. None of us had ever seen a printing office before, and it was a great sight to see them working off the paper on the old hand press.

From that time on I was a frequent visitor at the Democrat office and there is where I got my first inspiration to become an Editor, and I never did feel satisfied till I became the owner of a printing office. But I didn't know as much about delinquent subscribers then as I do now, or about working day and night without pay to help people get into fat offices and never get any myself.

Jim Sanson, as we called him, had a brother named Joe who worked in the office, who with Wilson Evans who worked in the Republican office were special chums of mine and my brother Will. Included in the crowd was also Peter A. Reed who clerked for his brother Jacob. Many a jolly evening have we spent in one or the other of the printing offices, and they come back to me with vividness as I recall them.

Jas. B. Sanson removed to Indiana county and published the Indiana Democrat for a number of years, and died there. Joe was, the last I heard of him, one of the proprietors of the Altoona Tribune; Peter A. Reed was in Tyrone, but I have not heard of him for a long time; Wilson Evans, I heard, died many years ago; W. H. Barron is living at Raymond, Mo., and I am here, alive, and thankful for the years vouchsafed me, and the blessings of health and ability to work still continuing with me.

Brush Creek.

The farmers are all busy.

Mr. Frank Spade and wife visited Mrs. Spade's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bard recently.

C. D. Hixson and family, and Mrs. Louisa Hixson spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Anthony Spade Sr. a short time ago.

D. O. Miller and wife and Mrs. Martha B. Layton were calling on Benson Hawks and family.

Ed N. Lodge expects to go to Ohio to school in the near future.

Alex Mills of Everett was calling on his parents Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Mills a few days ago.

J. D. Smith planted a fine young orchard this spring. John knows a good thing when he sees it.

Miss Grace Smith went to Everett a few days ago.

Miss Flora Smith still continues ill.

Christ and N. B. Spade are peeling bark for C. D. Hixson this spring.

Mrs. Louisa Rudolph.

Mrs. Louisa, wife of Harry Rudolph of Reading, Pa., died on Monday of last week after a three weeks' illness of pneumonia, aged about 53 years. Deceased was a sister of Liveryman John Sheets of this place, and Ex-sheriff Daniel Sheets of Mercersburg. She moved from McConnellsburg about twenty-five years ago.

Spade-Smith.

At the M. E. parsonage at Bedford, on Wednesday 14th inst., Mr. W. L. Spade of Pittsburg, and Miss Daisy Smith of Whips Cove were united in marriage. The happy couple left on Saturday for Pittsburg where they expect to make their home.

Knobsville.

Mrs. Sylvina Fore is sick at the home of her daughter Mrs. Samuel Cromer at Ft. Littleton.

Mrs. Wm. Reagle and five-year-old daughter Lorilla, of Elmira, N. Y. came last week to spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Greer, Sr.

Miss Lillian Fleming spent the past week visiting friends here.

Prof. T. S. Hershey, accompanied by Miss Celia Brubaker, spent a few days this week with her sisters at Hancock.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tice spent Saturday and Sunday with his daughter Mrs. Daughenbaugh at Orbisonia.

Russel Rowe and Mrs. Stains of New Grenada spent Saturday and Sunday with their uncle Henry Rowe and family.

John Lehmaster and wife of Marks, Franklin county, spent a couple of days recently with Mrs. Lehmaster's father D. E. Fore.

Scott Bishop is working for David Brubaker.

Mrs. Minna Baker was shopping in McConnellsburg Monday.

Mr. Wm. Polk who has been very ill this spring, is, we are glad to note, able to be out again.

John Sherman and daughter Miss Dora, spent Saturday and Sunday with his brother-in-law, George Mock in Franklin county.

Henry Rowe spent Monday night with his aged mother in Wells Valley.

Samuel Cromer spent Sunday with Wm. Greer Jr.

Grant Baker was in Belfast and Brush Creek township last week looking up his political friends.

John and Katie Campbell are in Everett at present.

Ivy Lehmaster of Bridgeport, is spending sometime at the home of her grandfather, Daniel E. Fore.

Miss Myrtle Kelso spent Sunday with Miss Boyd Sherman.

Looked Like A Big Fire.

Last Monday, as the morning train pulled into Mercersburg station, great excitement was caused by great clouds of smoke pouring out of all the windows and doors of one of the cars.

A bucket brigade was quickly formed and the Fire Department called out but by this time the train had stopped and it was learned that every man in the car was smoking a "Bedford Sport", Toby which is noted for being the best, largest and freest smoking penny Toby made. "Bedford Sports" Tobies at all dealers.

Big Cove Tannery.

Austin Carbaugh and family were visiting at G. W. Deshong's Saturday night.

Cleveland Peck was visiting his sister Mrs. Frank Deshong Saturday.

The preaching at W. McEldowney's Saturday evening was well attended.

There will be a festival in Jack Craig's woods along the road leading from Geo. W. Deshong's to J. L. Richards for the benefit of the new church on the 23 and 24 of May.

Lillie Cooper and Florence Carbaugh were very pleasant visitors at Mrs. G. W. Deshong's last week.

Mr. Edward Simpson and Miss Lillian Pott went to May Meeting at Tonoloway last Sunday.

David Lauver will finish the wall of the new church Wednesday.

There will be preaching at Geo. Deshong's May 25 at 10:30 and at J. L. Richards at 2:30 and 7:30.

Col. Wm. Bishop sold his house and lot on Water Street Tuesday to Hull and Bender for \$775 cash.

Wall paper from 2 cents a roll up. Thompson & Stech.

ANOTHER ACCIDENT IN THOMPSON.

Jacob Hess Fell from an Apple Tree and Was Seriously Injured.

Last week one day Mr. Jacob Hess of Thompson township, met with an accident which nearly terminated his existence on this terrestrial sphere. He had climbed up into a large apple tree to destroy the nests of caterpillars that are threatening destruction to the fruit crop. Owing to the fact that the limb on which Jacob risked his avoirdupois, which is by no means light, was defective, it broke off and Mr. Hess went crashing down through the limbs and foliage of the tree head foremost, alighting on the hard ground ten or fifteen feet below where the limb had broken off. Mr. Hess was picked up in an unconscious condition, a physician was summoned, who found that Mr. Hess had sustained serious internal injury. The doctor is giving the case very careful attention and hopes to be able to bring Jake through all right.

Saluvia.

Miss Sadie Stewart, is spending this week with friends in McConnellsburg.

Miss Mary Daniels of McConnellsburg was visiting her mother Mrs. Christina Daniels last week.

Miss Ada Hockensmith of Saltillo is visiting her cousin Miss Dora Deshong and other friends in this vicinity.

The Epworth League at Green Hill has been reorganized: President, H. Elmer Deshong. They meet every Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Mahala Deshong and daughter Miss Dora who had been spending several weeks with Mrs. Deshong's son Edward, of South Fork, returned to their home last Friday.

Mrs. Mahala Mellott, widow of Jesse Mellott, deceased, the oldest lady in Licking Creek township, died at the home of her son-in-law Ahimaz Truax, Friday morning, aged about 86 years. Mrs. Mellott, had been an invalid for several years of infirmities due to old age. She was a sister of D. S. Mellott, Saluvia, and Miss Zilla Mellott of Mercersburg. Her remains were interred in the Sideling Hill Baptist cemetery Sunday morning, May 18, 1902.

Hustontown.

Mrs. Robert Speer, of Saluvia visited her parents for a few days during the past week.

Mr. Clyde Harris the popular salesman of Carlisle, Sundayed with his many friends at this place.

Rev. Jackson, will preach a Memorial sermon in the U. B. church next Sunday. He promises his congregation something in a sermon of this kind that will be of great benefit. It is hoped he will have a good turnout.

The American Telephone and Telegraph Company, have added four more wires to their new line which makes a good appearance, if not a benefit to Fulton county.

Mrs. O. E. Hatch of Philadelphia, is visiting at the home of her parents, Rev. E. Shoemaker, for a few weeks.

The citizens of our town should be complimented on the improvements about their homes which adds very much to the appearance of the town.

Mr. Thad Shoemaker was present at the naphtha explosion which occurred in Pittsburg last week in which 600 lives were lost.

Mr. Ross Johnson who is employed at Waynesburg Green county, is very dangerously ill with blood poison which was caused from a cut by a razor.

A correspondent of the Perry county Times has this to say about destroying caterpillars:—

The plan used here to destroy caterpillars is to take lime and prepare a common whitewash, tie a cloth to the end of a pole, dip it in the liquid and either thrust it in the nest or saturate it with it, and it will bring the answer every time. It is not injurious to the trees like burning.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT STEAM SAWMILL.

Wm. F. Golden Struck by Flying Timber, Lives but 10 Minutes.

While offbearing on a steam sawmill operated by James E. Mellott on the site of the old tannery at Franklin Mills last Monday afternoon, W. F. Golden was struck in the left side by a small piece of lumber thrown out by the saw and died in ten minutes.

Mr. Golden was one of Bethel township's best citizens, an elder in the Presbyterian church, and a man who enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all who knew him.

He leaves to survive him a wife and seven children. Interment at the Presbyterian church, Warfordsburg, Wednesday afternoon. He was aged about 45 years.

Thompson.

Dennis Everts is in a fair way to recover.

James Funk is sick.

Miss Emma Pittman, who has been with her aunts in Illinois and Kansas a couple of years, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Rhoda Gregory.

Mr. and Mrs. Weaver and Mr. and Mrs. James Shives—all of near Hancock visited their nephew Dennis Everts last week.

May Meeting was well attended.

Rev. Ott will preach at Zion next Sunday at 10 o'clock.

Adjourned Auction.

S. M. Robinson will continue the Auction begun last Saturday evening on next Saturday evening, the 24th inst., as only about one-half the goods were disposed of.

Pertinent Paragraphs.

Rev. Dr. W. W. Dalbey occupied Dr. West's pulpit in the Presbyterian church last Sunday evening. Rev. A. G. Wolf was also present, and assisted in conducting the service.

Geo. B. Daniels Esq., is in the city of Erie this week representing McConnellsburg Lodge No. 744 I. O. O. F., in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. From Erie George will go to Niagara Falls, and take a ride over the famous "Gorge Route."

A very pleasant social affair occurred on the 10th inst., at the home of Mr. W. H. Decker in Whips Cove. It was a birthday party given in honor of Mrs. Decker. A splendid dinner was served at noon, and about 36 guests partook, and spent the afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Decker.

Memorial services will be held at Asbury church, Green Hill, Friday, May 30, at 10 o'clock. Jno. P. Sipes, Esq., and others will be there to deliver addresses.

Communion services at the Green Hill Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at 10:30. Preparatory services Saturday afternoon at 2:30.

It has been observed while plowing for several weeks that the seventeen year locusts are working to the surface. When this county was visited by the locusts in 1868 great damage was done to fruit and forest trees, especially to chestnut trees.

Somebody gets this off on a candidate: "He kissed the babe and rubbed the heads of Sam and Sue, he swore the twins were beautiful and wished he had two—but that don't count. He asked about the corn bread which he vainly tried to chaw, and forthwith begged the recipe; of course that tickled ma—but that don't count. But just before he left he stopped and winked, closed up his jaw, and took out behind the barn he took a drink with pa—and that's what counts."

Gitr Wanted.

A good girl or widow lady for general housework in family of five. Good wages, and transportation to place of employment. Reference required. Address, J. W. Sznour, Yeagerstown, Pa.