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COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The Usual Grist of Orphans' Court Business. J. W. Hoop Took His Place on the Bench.

The January Term of Court convened in the Court House at ten o'clock Tuesday morning, President Judge, S. Mc. Swope, and Associates, D. T. Humbert and J. Wesley Hoop on the bench.

The following accounts were then taken up:

First and final account of Hays Morgret, administrator of Herbert Morgret, late of Belfast township, deceased. Confirmed, and Frank P. Lynch appointed auditor to distribute balance.

First and final account of Hon. Jno. P. Sipes, administrator of Sarah M. Sowers, deceased. Confirmed and J. Nelson Sipes, Esq., appointed auditor to distribute balance in the hands of the administrator.

First and final account of Thos. S. Metzler administrator of the estate of Alexander Skipper, deceased. Account confirmed.

First and final account of Miss Elizabeth Bender, administratrix of the estate of Hon. Wm. H. Bender, deceased. Confirmed and Hon. S. W. Kirk appointed auditor.

First and final account of Jno. A. Irwin, administrator of Mrs. Barbara Houpt deceased. Confirmed.

First and final account of J. A. Henry, trustee to sell the real estate of John G. Stanson. Confirmed.

First and final account of John W. Gordon and W. Scott Gordon administrators of Wm. Gordon deceased. Confirmed and S. W. Kirk appointed auditor.

First and final account of V. R. Sipes, administrator of T. Reilly Sipes, deceased, confirmed.

Account of Chas. J. Deneen, guardian of Miss Samantha Deneen deceased, confirmed.

First triennial account of S. B. Woollet, committee of Joseph Thomas, a lunatic. Approved and ordered to be filed.

First triennial account of M. R. Shaffner, Esq., guardian of Esther Houck, a minor child of Isaac Houck, deceased. Same approved and ordered to be filed.

The granting of liquor license was then taken up. The propriety of the District Attorney in handing up petitions for those who desired license to sell liquor was questioned by the Bar Association, and the matter was presented to the Court by J. Nelson Sipes, Esq. The point argued was, that it might place the said District Attorney in a rather embarrassing position if he should be called upon to prosecute one of his clients. The Court said there was no necessity for an order at this time, but intimated significantly, that this practice would not be likely to prevail in the future.

Licenses were then granted to the following persons: George Rexroth and Harry Hammil, McConnellsburg; Robert W. Broadbeck, Burnt Cabins, and Charles S. Wilson, Fort Littleton.

W. C. Davis vs. Blaine Hertzler substituted statement filed.

Estate of Joseph H. Snyder, deceased. Inventory and appraisal filed unless exceptions be filed within twenty days.

Hon. Peter Morton in trust for certain creditors vs. A. M. Garland. Auditor's report confirmed.

Estate of Amos T. Mellott, deceased. Report of Auditor confirmed.

Estate of Joseph A. Shaw, deceased. Report of Auditor referred to M. K. Shaffner, Esq., that further testimony may be taken.

Estate of William J. Layton, deceased. Rule on heirs. Heirs called, and none appearing, Nancy Layton was appointed trustee to make sale of real estate, and to give approved bond in the sum of \$2500.

Estate of Chas. Deshong, de-

LITTLE BOY KILLS BIG BEAR.

Martin Sipes, 15-Year-Old Son of V. Reamer Sipes at the Toll Gate, Hunts Big Game.

Last Saturday after dinner had been served, Martin, son of V. Reamer Sipes at the toll-gate up against the mountain on the pike west of Foltz, asked his father to let him spend the afternoon down at Foltz. The father did not see just how it would be much to the boy's advantage to go down there and loaf around, and so denied the request, whereupon the boy suggested that he would take the gun, and go up into the mountains. He went, and had not been gone very long, until he returned to the house as pale as two ghosts, and excitedly asked, "Where's Papa? I have found a whole denful of bears." The father returned with the son, thinking that in the boy's excitement, a "coon or a possum looked as big in the darkness of the cave as a cinnamon bear; but when the more experienced eyes of the father peered into the darkness of the recess in the mountain and saw six eyes shining as bright as the planet Venus on a frosty night, he realized that they had ahead all the fun they were looking for.

Holding the gun steady for the bright eyes, the trigger was pulled, the report of the gun went echoing down the mountain side, while within the cave was a coarse vicious growl, and out came rolling two cubs, which scampered away down the mountain side. The mother bear, although seriously wounded, followed closely after her cubs, and put her persecutors to flight. Martin, however, was making good use of the time while retreating—for he was reloading his gun, and when he had it ready, he turned on the pursuing mother bear, and gave her a lead that put her out of business.

The father tried to capture the cubs, but they succeeded in getting away from him, and running over toward Loudon, fell in with a large male bear, that conducted them to a place of safety.

Martin is very proud of his first scalp, as the bear killed was a fine one.

Inventory and appraisal approved, unless exceptions be filed within 20 days.

Estate of James T. Connelly, deceased. Inventory and appraisal approved unless exceptions are filed within twenty days.

Return of order of sale in estate of Margaret Henry, deceased, confirmed.

Petition of Harvey Lynch, of Belfast township, asking permission to resign as supervisor. Permission granted by the Court.

In case of A. E. Berkman vs. Wm. N. Stetler. Rule to show cause why issue should not be framed. Rule dissolved for want of an answer. Issue to be framed as directed by law.

In matter of Ida Jenkins vs. Thomas J. Jenkins. Libel in divorce. F. P. Lynch appointed Master.

Viewers to lay out a public road in Ayr township reappointed as at October term, 1908.

Inventory and appraisal in estate of Abraham Plessinger ordered to be recorded unless exceptions are filed within twenty days.

Petition of citizens of Bethel township for taking of a vote to change the system of road taxes. Petition filed, an election authorized, and 30 days notice of the same to be given by publication.

Estate of David G. McDonald, deceased. Order of sale awarded.

Inventory and appraisal in estate of David G. McDonald, approved, unless exceptions are filed within twenty days.

Dr. D. E. Fisher vs. Mary H. Fisher. Divorce granted.

At 12 o'clock court adjourned until the third Monday of March, at 2 p. m.

REV. GEO. B. SHOEMAKER.

Writes Interesting Letter From His Home in Shell Rock, Iowa.

EDITOR NEWS:—Three months of the conference year have passed, and it seems but a week or two since we were in session at Mount Vernon. There has been so much to do, and I have been so busy, that time has passed rapidly. We were pleased to be returned to this charge for another year, and the people were pleased to have us return. The year's work, thus far, has been satisfactory, with developments in all lines of work, which we hope, under the blessing of God, will continue.

The weather up until the present, has been delightful; but little snow, no very severe cold, beautiful days, and magnificent moonlight nights—until we almost felt we were in California or Florida. But, yesterday, a cold wave struck us, and this morning the thermometer registered 20 degrees below zero, and this, with a stiff wind, makes it very cold. We comfort ourselves in the midst of the cold, that it is making ice for our cooling in the heat of next summer.

This last season has been a very favorable one for crops in Iowa. Every thing was in abundance. Corn, however, is king. Farmers harvested anywhere from fifty to seventy bushels of good corn to the acre, and could sell it from the field at fifty cents per bushel. One man in Iowa, a renter—sold his share of his corn in the field for thirty dollars an acre, and took that money and went west and bought land at fifteen dollars an acre. In this way, he got two acres of land for the crop on one acre. Why, even the parson's bees did well. They stung him good a few times, but they made him one hundred and fifty pounds of honey. If they live through he will have four colonies to start with in the Spring; and, it may be that, before the season is over he will have more than he knows what to do with.

Shell Rock and vicinity have had five accidents this fall from threshing and shredding machines. In one week a son and a father were injured by the same threshing machine. The father's arm had to be amputated, and the son's arm was permanently injured. Three other men were terribly injured shredding corn fodder—in each case losing a hand or part of a hand.

We spent our Christmas at Waterloo, at the home of our youngest child. All the family were there and we had a delightful time.

On the last Sunday in November we celebrated the Tenth Anniversary of the dedication of our church and on Monday and Tuesday following entertained the Cedar Falls District Conference in its Fifty First Semi-Annual Session. It was a great day for our church in Shell Rock.

The "News" is always welcome, and is read through and through by each member of the family. We are pleased to have C. C. Campbell, son of Robt. Campbell, now of Tennessee, and cousin of Mrs. Shoemaker, move from Illinois and locate in Iowa, within easy reach of Shell Rock. We anticipate having more than one pleasant visit with him and his family.

Very truly,
GEO. B. SHOEMAKER.

Jan. 6, 1909.

Mr. Clayton J. Brewer, of the Cove, called at the News office last Saturday and arranged for the advertising of his sale. Owing to impaired health, Mr. Brewer feels that he owes it to himself and to his family that he should retire from farming and rest up, and hence will in a few weeks, have a big public sale. Mr. Brewer has one of the best stocked and otherwise equipped farms in the Cove, and his sale is likely to attract a large crowd of bidders.

DO WE WANT A RAILROAD?

Promoters Say That It is Up to the People of Fulton County Whether or Not a Road Shall Be Built.

You're from the "County without a Railroad" is the jeering remark that we must listen to with a smile, when we go out among our more progressive neighbors. Of course, we smile and seem tickled to death with the compliment, but behind the smile is an inflation of cuss words that put to the test the stability of our vest buttons.

We are told now that that stigma may be removed—that a real live railroad with its tschoot-tschoo wagon is in sight, and it is ours only for the asking.

We do not want to lose sight of the fact that Fulton county is so situated geographically, that railroad propositions are not coming down the pike every day. Just to the south of us are the trunk lines—the Baltimore & Ohio, and the Western Maryland, or Wash. Just beyond our northern border is the great Pennsylvania. The Cumberland Valley to the east, and the Huntingdon & Broad Top and the Pennsylvania to the west of us, furnish facilities for north and south traffic outside of this county. Hence, if capitalists risk money on a Fulton county proposition, it must be with the expectation that Fulton county can furnish sufficient traffic, to cover current expenses.

It is the resident of Fulton county that feels the need of a railroad. Thousands upon thousands of dollars are lost to the property owners of this county every year because we do not possess a cheaper method of transporting our products. It costs Fulton county farmers more now to put a bushel of wheat into the warehouse at Mercersburg, than it costs the Illinois farmer to put his wheat upon a vessel at Atlantic tidewater. McConnellsburg people pay 75 cents to ride to Mercersburg—ten miles, when for 60 cents the Mercersburg people can board a train and ride to Chambersburg, a distance of 21 miles—or forty-two miles round trip—for sixty cents.

Now, taking it for granted that we need no argument to convince us that a railroad would be a good thing for the County, we are authorized to say that Capital is ready to build a railroad by which McConnellsburg would be connected with the Pennsylvania railroad, if—yes, you should expect that there is an "if" in it—Fulton county will give them the ground on which to build it, and the necessary grounds in McConnellsburg for terminal purposes.

This proposition is only open for a short time, and whatever is to be done, must be done quick. There are plenty of other propositions elsewhere, that are just as attractive to capitalists as the building of a railroad in Fulton county, and unless the people of this county shall show their appreciation by meeting the requirements of this Company, we shall turn down the proposition and go onward another decade in our old way.

Say, are you for it, or "for'nust" it?

SAWED HIS THUMB OFF.

Boyd Elvey Lost the End of His Thumb in an Accident at W. S. Clevenger's Factory, Monday Morning.

The fates seem to "have it in" for our young friend Boyd Elvey. Some time ago, while working on J. Nelson Sipes' new porch, a piece of timber struck him, causing him to fall and severely injure himself. Last Monday morning he was engaged in the factory of William S. Clevenger, and while operating one of the circular saws one of his thumbs was drawn in to the rapidly revolving saw and, in an instant, he was minus the end of that useful member. This made business for a doctor, but it is a little hard on Boyd, who is an industrious and energetic young man, and who will not especially enjoy this enforced vacation.

CHRISTMAS DINNER.

Rev. John S. Decker Tells of Day Spent Delightfully at Geo. B. Hockensmith's.

DEAR EDITOR:—Thinking that perhaps a short communication from me at this time might not find its way to the waste-basket, I shall proceed to give a brief account of a social affair in which many former Fulton county folks participated to their great enjoyment. Mr. and Mrs. George B. Hockensmith, who formerly resided in Licking Creek township, but now live in Ollie, Iowa, issued invitations to all their relatives who were within easy reach, to an old-fashioned Christmas dinner.

Christmas day arrived in due time (I believe this time Christmas fell on Friday, the twenty-fifth of December), although the days crept very slowly by, especially to us after we had received our invitation.

The weather was neither as pleasant as we had been having, nor as we have been having since; for the day dawned bleak and cold, with a strong northwest wind blowing; but what did that matter when there was a big, fat roasted turkey with all the customary accompanying "trimmings" awaiting one at the other end of the road?

The weather kept no one away; and we found that when we had all arrived and had counted noses there were thirty-two of us; that is, if we missed no noses in the counting. The following, besides the host and hostess, were present: T. Irwin Sipe, wife and family, of Richland, Iowa; Irwin Mellott, wife and family, of Richland; William T. Decker, wife and family, of Hedrick, Iowa; Chester Hockensmith, wife and family, of Ollie; Harry Denisar and wife, of Ollie, and Mrs. Denisar's brother, of Cameron, Illinois; Howard Mellott, of Ollie; G. Leslie Decker, of Omaha, Nebraska; Rev. Thomas Pettit, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of Ollie, and myself and wife.

When the dinner hour finally arrived, and we were permitted to surround the table which was groaning beneath its load of good things, we proceeded forthwith to satisfy the cravings of hunger, not forgetting, however, to thank and praise our Divine Master for the event which made this day possible with its festivities and joys. The day, however, was not one of unalloyed pleasure for the assembled company; for about three o'clock in the afternoon was received the news of the dangerous illness of the wife of Leonard C. Mellott, of Packwood. The company soon dispersed there after, not forgetting, however, to vote Mr. and Mrs. Hockensmith to be royal entertainers; and with the wish in mind, if not expressed, that at some future time they might undertake the same thing in our behalf.

I am glad to be able to report that at this writing Mrs. L. C. Mellott is slowly improving.

Now, Mr. Editor, this letter has reached such dimensions that I am afraid it is not for what is to follow it would find a place only in the waste-basket. But here is the one redeeming feature:

Enclosed with this had one dollar (\$1.00) for which please extend my subscription to the NEWS one year.

Yours very sincerely,
J. S. DECKER.

Packwood, Iowa,
January 4, 1909.

Annie Nannetta Yeakle, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Yeakle, formerly of this place, but now residing in Mercersburg, died at their home in Mercersburg on Friday evening, January 1st. Funeral services held Monday forenoon by Rev. Oyer, and interment made in Fairview cemetery at Mercersburg. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of their Fulton county friends.

TROUBLES NEVER COME SINGLY.

William C. Harris Killed in Oklahoma by Blowing Out of Cylinder Head of Locomotive.

But a few hours had elapsed from the time the last sad rites were performed at the grave of the late John S. Harris, whose interment took place in Union Cemetery last Saturday a week, until a telegram was received by George A. Harris, brother of John S. Harris, that William C. Harris, another brother, had been killed at Chickasha, Oklahoma.

William, who was born at the old Harris homestead at Spring Tannery, in Licking Creek township, went West about twenty years ago, and soon thereafter secured employment on the railroad, and for several years was a switchman in the employ of the Rock Island railway. His duties required that he should ride on the pilot of the engine while shifting in the yards, and attend to the opening and closing of the switches. This he was doing about 4:30 o'clock on the afternoon of the 2nd of January, when without a moment's warning, the cylinder head blew out of the engine, and his body was hurled forward on the track, from which he sustained such severe injuries that, although taken to the hospital and receiving the best of surgical attention, he died a few hours later.

George A. Harris and John P. Sipes left here at noon on the following Tuesday, and reached Chickasha, a distance of over 1500 miles, in time to see William buried, the interment taking place at Chickasha.

William was aged about 48 years—was an employe that enjoyed the highest confidence of his employers, and the respect of his fellow employes. He was married to a Miss Deal, of Madison, Iowa, who died about fifteen years ago, leaving a daughter then about one year old, who still survives.

The many friends of the widow and mother, Mrs. L. E. Harris, of this place, extend profoundest sympathy in this hour of sore trial.

Deaths.

Mrs. Wm. J. Henry.

After a protracted illness of typhoid fever, Mrs. Wm. J. Henry died at her home in Taylor township, January 4, 1909, at the age of 35 years 1 month and 28 days.

The subject of this notice was a daughter of James Kerlin, of Clear Ridge, and the father though, at the age of 93, attended the funeral.

Some twelve years ago, she was united in marriage to William Henry, also of Clear Ridge, at which place they have since lived. She was a kind and loving mother ever ready to lend a helping hand when needed.

Mrs. Henry is survived by her husband, and daughter Velma; by three brothers and three sisters—John P. and Albert, of Clear Ridge; Mack Kerlin of Gracey, Mrs. Ephraim Anderson, of Clear Ridge, Mrs. Jas. Stevens, of Fort Littleton, and Mrs. Geo. Myers of Mount Union and by a wide circle of friends.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. W. M. Cline, at the Clear Ridge M. E. church of which she has been a consistent member for a number of years.

Her remains were laid away in the cemetery at Clear Ridge. The number of friends who attended the funeral, show the esteem in which she was held.

JESSE PAYLOR.

Mr. Jesse Paylor, one of Thompson township's highly respected citizens died at his late home December 8, 1908, aged 73 years, 4 months, and 8 days.

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ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful Outing.

NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Mr. B. I. Reeder, of Hiram, Pa., spent Sunday and Monday in Holidaysburg and Bellewood.

Ezra Heefner from Petersburg, is spending a few days with his mother Mrs. Lyda Heefner at Hustontown.

J. B. Mellott, D. D. S., who lives at the Cross Roads in Belfast township, was in town attending to business, Monday.

Miss Pearl Laidig of Hustontown, has gone to Jeannette to visit her sisters, and from there she expects to go to Sterling, Ill., to visit her brother, Harry Laidig.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Deshong and daughter Ethel, of Sipes Mill, came over to Frank Mason's last Saturday. Sunday Mr. Deshong returned home, and Ethel and her mother are spending a few days with Mrs. Mason.

Miss Mazie Mellott, who had been spending several weeks in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Mellott, returned to Philadelphia, last Saturday, where she is employed with the firm of Hays & Akers, who are in the wholesale millinery business.

We are glad to note the industrial world is again resuming its former activity; especially is it so with the railroads. Lewis and John McQuade, of Altoona, who had been spending a prolonged vacation with relatives and friends in this place, received word to report at the Altoona shops at once, and assume their former duties in the shops. They both reported for work New Year's day.

GOOD SHOWING.

County Auditors Find the Real Indebtedness of Fulton County to Be Less Than \$1200.

While a full statement of the receipts and expenditures of the County for the year ending January 9, 1909, will be published in a few weeks, the following will show in a general way how the County stands, financially.

The County Treasurer is charged with \$22,152.65. He paid out \$20,996.72, and hence has \$1,155.93 in the treasury.

The County owes Jonas Mellott \$1,000; Albert Plessinger, \$1,270; First National Bank, \$1,500, and J. W. Abl, \$136.50—a total of \$3,906.50. Against this, the County has assets, including the amount in the Treasurer's hands, amounting to \$2,724.44, leaving the County's real indebtedness, \$1,182.06.

Before retiring from office, the old Commissioners fixed the rate of tax for the current year at 5 mills. Mr. Nesbit thought the rate should be four, and so voted, but his colleagues felt that a five mill tax would be needed, if the old score was to be wiped out.

LANDED NICE POSITION.

L. H. Wible, Esq., Has Notice of Appointment to a Desk in the State Treasurer's Department Harrisburg.

The many friends of Lewis H. Wible, Esq., will be pleased to learn that he has received notice from State Treasurer, John O. Sheets, that Mr. Wible has been assigned a desk in the Treasurer's Department at Harrisburg at a nice salary, and that he shall take charge of the position on the first of next month.

Mr. Wible is the second Republican to receive an appointment in any of the state departments in the history of the county—the other being that of James Pott, who, many years ago had a position in the Land Department.

Mr. Wible writes a very pretty hand, and possesses the necessary qualifications for first class clerical work.