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## THE GRIM REAPER.

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

### MRS. R. H. MYERS.

Huldah Rebecca McMillian was born near Danville Knox County, Ohio, July 13, 1849, and departed this life in Mansfield Ohio, January 13, 1914, at the age of 64 years and 6 months.

She was married to Richmond H. Myers, a native of Thompson township, Fulton county Pa., October 25, 1856 at Mt. Holly, Ohio To this union five children,—2 boys and 3 daughters were born to bless their home, and comfort them in their declining years, all of whom survive the deceased.

Mother Myers, as she was known to everybody, was a woman possessed of many noble traits of character. No one who went to her home asking alms, was turned away empty handed. In times of sickness and death, she was always ready to assist and comfort those in sorrow and affliction.

She was one of the Charter members of the Congregational Church at Lucas, Ohio, and was a consistent member until death. She was a member of The Ladies Aid Society of this church, and was always found at her post of duty with that organization. She was also President of The Women's Christian Temperance Union at the time of her death, and was always found ready to take up the battle against Intemperance.

Mother Myers was afflicted with rheumatism for nearly four years, which developed into dropsy and caused her death.

After a short service at the home at 253 East Fourth St., Mansfield Ohio, she remains were taken to her old home in Lucas, Ohio, where services were conducted from the Congregational Church by her pastor, the Rev. C. L. Shelby, after which her body was laid to rest in the family lot in the I. O. F. cemetery to await the call on the resurrection morning.

### ABRAHAM WAGNER.

Abraham Wagner died at his home in Knobsville Saturday morning, January 24, 1914, aged 76 years, 10 months, and 7 days. The funeral services, conducted by Rev. J. L. Yearick, of the Reformed church, McConnellsburg, took place at 10:30 o'clock, Monday morning, and interment was made in the cemetery at Knobsville.

The deceased was a son of John Wagner, and was born and spent almost his entire life on the Wagner farm, about a mile and a half south of Knobsville, on the Cove Road. Selling the farm a few years ago, he moved into the village of Knobsville. His wife, who was Miss Rosanna Barnaker died about four months ago.

From early manhood, Mr. Wagner was a member of the Reformed Church, and his honorable consistent life was testimony of the greatest value to the cause of Christianity. His death was due to a complication of ailments incident to advanced age. He was confined to his bed only about two weeks.

Mr. Wagner is survived by the following children, namely, W. Howard, Harrisburg; George E., Newville; John C., Guilford Springs; Clara, wife of Jacob L. Finiff, Hagerstown; Elsie at home; Charles, Mercersburg; Annie, wife of Rev. E. J. Croft, Dane; Emma, wife of Elmer Glunt, Knobsville, and Cyrus, residing on the D. M. Kendall farm in Ayr township.

The deceased leaves three brothers; Riley and Aaron, residing in Indiana, Samuel, living at Maurertown, Va., and one sister Mrs. Katie Cowan, Neelyton; Pa.

### T. SPEER DICKSON, ESQ.

Thomas Speer Dickson, Esq., died at the Jefferson hospital in Philadelphia at noon, Monday,

## Serious Accident.

William Naugle met with a serious accident on Tuesday of last week while butchering hogs for William Seiders, east of Knobsville.

While taking down a hog, after cutting the tendon on which it hung, it slipped, and when Mr. Naugle tried to catch it, he accidentally ran the point of the knife into his wrist, severing the ulnar artery. To check the flow of blood, Mr. Linn Alexander bound the arm tightly, with a belt, above the wound. It was several hours before Dr. Mosser arrived, who found the man too weak to stand the operation of taking up the ends of the artery without the use of ether. Dr. Robinson was then called to assist and the patient was treated and made as comfortable as conditions permitted.

January 26, 1914. The funeral will take place to-day from his late residence, 502 South Forty-ninth street, Philadelphia.

Mr. Dickson was a son of John and Eliza Speer Dickson, and was born in Wells Valley, this county about 65 years ago. For several years after reaching manhood he taught successfully, both in this state and Ohio. On the 16th day of March, 1886, after having successfully, passed an examination before a committee composed of the late Captain Skinner, John P. Sipes, and M. R. Shaffner, he was admitted to the practice of law in the courts of Fulton county, Pa. Later he removed to Delaware county, where for several years, he was editor of the Media Ledger, and County Solicitor, and was influential in political circles.

He afterward removed to Philadelphia, where he practiced law, and conducted a real estate business until his health failed. A year or more ago, he suffered a slight stroke of paralysis, and during the last several months, suffered from inflammation of the bladder. Two weeks ago he went to the Jefferson hospital for treatment, and at noon last Monday, was sitting in an easy chair apparently comfortable, when death came suddenly as a result of dilation of the heart.

Mr. Dickson is survived by his widow, who was Laura C. Horton, sister of E. A. Horton, of Wells Valley, and by the following named children; Miss Honore C., at home, Luna, wife of E. A. McMillan, and Blaine and Emmett—all of Philadelphia.

### NELLIE E. NORTH.

Nellie Elizabeth, aged 14 years, 6 months and 4 days, only daughter of John and Alice North, died at the home of her parents, on Thursday morning, January 15th. She had been a sufferer from diabetes for two years and apparently seemed no worse until the afternoon of the day previous to her death when she sank into a heavy sleep. Dr. Mosser was summoned and used every means to arouse her but all to no avail. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. Himes in the M. E. Church at Burnt Cabins, Sunday 2:30. Interment was made in the cemetery at Burnt Cabins. Nellie was a sweet girl and will be sadly missed. She is survived by her parents and three brothers, Roy C., of Burnt Cabins; Libert, of Waynesboro, and Ralph at home.

### B. A. DEAVOR.

Benjamin A. Deavor, a veteran of the Civil War, and a well known citizen of Taylor township died at his home near Hustontown, last Sunday night at 10:30 o'clock, aged 70 years, 8 months and 18 days. The funeral took place at 10 o'clock, Wednesday forenoon, and interment was made at Hustontown.

The deceased was a son of the late Adam Deavor, of Taylor township, and is survived by five brothers and two sisters, namely Rev. E. A. Deavor, Mifflin, Pa.; Rev. J. D. W. Deavor, Sunbury,

## MIDWINTER WEDDING.

Delightful Social Occasion at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Kendall.

A very pretty wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Kendall, of Ayr township, when their daughter Miss Dessie became the bride of Mr. Alvey Mellott, son of George F. and Malinda Hess Mellott. The beautiful and impressive ring ceremony which gave legal sanction to the betrothal of these excellent young people, was performed by Rev. J. L. Grove, of the United Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. R. E. Peterman, of the Lutheran church. The wedding march was played by Miss Esther Kendall, niece of the bride in a charming manner. After the ceremony and congratulations, refreshments were served to about fifty guests, and later the happy couple started on their honeymoon trip.

After the first of April Mr. and Mrs. Mellott will be at home to their friends on the farm where the bride's parents spent most of the years of their married life, and which was recently purchased by the groom.

Pa.; Dr. Tennyson L. Deavor, Syracuse, N. Y.; J. C. Deavor, Eastern Shore, Md.; Jacob Deavor, Waterfall, Pa.; Mrs. W. C. McClain, and Mollie wife of Andrew Chilcoate, of Robertsdale, Pa.

The deceased is survived by his widow, Nancy, who was a daughter of the late Abram King also, by the following children: Ida, William and Frank.

Mr. Deavor went to the Army in 1864 as a substitute for Hon. George A. Smith, of Tennessee, and served as a member of Company A, 58th regiment, Pa. Vols. and was honorably discharged from service on the 13th day of June, 1865.

Last Saturday morning he went to the barn to assist in the work, and had a stroke of paralysis, which resulted in his death the following Sunday night.

### MRS. ELIZABETH FOSTER.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stevens Foster, widow of the late Septimus Foster, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Rider on Friday, January 23, 1914, after an illness of three weeks with pneumonia and other complications.

The deceased was the daughter of William and Elizabeth Woods Stevens, and was born January 13, 1843 near Clear Ridge, this county. She was married to Septimus Foster, who died in 1890.

Mrs. Foster is survived by the following children: Austin H., Wm. R., and Laura Foster Rider—all of Wells Valley, and Arthur C., of Altoona.

Mrs. Foster was converted in 1878 and united with the United Brethren Church, and has ever since been a faithful member always taking active interest in church work. She was always ready to lend a helping hand in time of sickness or distress. She leaves a large circle of friends and acquaintances, and will be sadly missed. Her funeral was conducted by her pastor Rev. L. Benson at the U. B. church on Sunday the 25th. The music was furnished by the Chamberlain Quartette, of Coaldale. It can be truly said of her, "She has fought the good fight, she has kept the faith."

### REV. DR. MILLER.

Rev. Alexander Ready Miller, D. D., who for fifty years has been a prominent figure in the Methodist Episcopal Church in this State, died at his home in Lewisburg, Pa., on Friday of last week, and interment was made on Monday at Lewisburg, where he had been serving as pastor of the Beaver Memorial church. During the Civil War, Dr. Miller served as chaplain of the 202d P. V. I. He was a cousin of Mrs. S. B. Woollet and of Mrs. John P. Sipes, of this place. He was aged 78 years, 10 months and 2 days. He was married to Sadie A. Hartley, of Bedford, in 1866.

## A Review of the License Court.

MY DEAR MR. EDITOR:—With a native desire for the good name of Fulton County, and being interested in the cause of temperance, I learn with regret through the columns of your good paper, that your recent Court granted several licenses for the sale of liquor, even in the face of the prayers and protests of your intelligent, upright and christian people. That such should be the case, is certainly a matter worthy of comment; moreover, there is indeed something strange about the decision of our court when dealing with the liquor question; for example, in one county, Judges who are intelligent, sober and just, conduct the license court, deliberate upon the liquor question, then balance the scale of justice, and refuse to grant a license for the sale of liquor. This decision meets the approbation and plaudits of the best people, and the Judges retire with the consciousness that they have done their duty, acted wisely and that their decision will tend to promote sobriety, prosperity and happiness. In another county, Judges presumably of equal intelligence, sobriety and honesty assemble the license court, deliberate upon the liquor question, then poise the scales of Justice and decide in favor of liquor license. Have they acted wisely, and will their decisions tend to sobriety, prosperity and happiness? Do they receive the approbation and plaudits of good citizens? Do they retire with a consciousness of a duty righteously performed? If so, why the necessity for all the talk about interpretations of the law, provisions of the law, requirements of the courts not being in accord with sentiment, etc.—all of which are taken by intelligent and thinking people as a subterfuge.

Another feature of the license court that relates particularly to McConnellsburg, is the fact of a remonstrance by the best people against the granting of liquor licenses, reciting the facts that the sale of liquor would not contribute to the welfare of your citizens, religiously, morally, financially or otherwise. After these declarations of protest follows a sort of an apology to the parties against whom the remonstrances were filed.

When intelligent, sober and christian people realize the evil consequences of the sale of liquor in their midst and do all they can to prevent it, yet notwithstanding, some parties by virtue of the license foist this evil upon them, who should make the apology.

The individual who seeks liquor license has in mind the sale of liquor, otherwise he would not want the license; and the sale or use of liquor in any town or community means intoxication in all its phases, from mild exhilaration to the dead drunk. The sale of liquor is a detriment to every trade or business outside of the bar-room; the man who uses liquor not only spends his money for that which is not meat, but sooner or later he is rendered less efficient for useful employment; this, of course, diminishes his earning capacity, hence he has less money with which to buy necessities, conveniences and comforts of home. In support of this, just ask your banker, your drygoods dealer, your shoeman, your grocer, your butcher or your real estate man how the drinking man contrasts with the industrious and sober man, and their answer will be; No comparison—the sober man is a promoter of trade, the drinking man a hindrance to trade.

### OBSERVER.

Mrs. H. B. Trout entertained a number of her friends at dinner, at her home "The Willows," recently. The guests were treated to a sled ride, as Hal holding the reins on one of his splendid teams, and his driver, on another, conveyed the guests to and from "The Willows" in two big sleds.

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN NEBRASKA.

Interesting Letter From Hon. D. Webster Baker Former Fulton County Boy.

BENEDICT, NEBR.,  
January 20, 1914.

EDITOR NEWS:—I see by the subscription label on my paper that my time has expired, hence I am sending one dollar to keep the paper coming another year.

I observe that my old friend, W. L. Berkstresser, of Jacobs, Pa., writing in the issue of January 8th, endeavors to draw me into a discussion of the question of state taxation for the support of the public schools. I must, however, ask to be excused from attempting to write upon that subject. It is so long since I lived in Pennsylvania that I am unfamiliar with local conditions as they now exist; and, furthermore, our school system differs from yours in so many particulars that I could not write upon the subject from our viewpoint in such a manner as to be easily understood by your people.

I may say, however, that we have had, for a few years, a system of extending State aid, in limited amounts, to weak school districts. This law was framed to apply to the sparsely settled districts in the sand hills region of our state where the amount of taxable property is inconsiderable. We have, also, a state appropriation of usually, about one dollar per pupil to all school districts which comply with certain requirements.

The signification of the term "school district" is not the same with us as with you. Here the territory embraced by one school, whether employing one teacher or several, is a school district. Each city, with such outlying territory as may be added to it for school purposes, is a school district, and is governed by a Board of Education composed of six members. Each county (and village) district has a board of three members.

This system of ours has some glaring defects. Some country districts are large and can maintain good schools with a reasonable tax levy; some are small and have small and poor or indifferent schools; and there are often gross inequalities of taxation in neighboring districts. Many think a radical change is needed but legislatures are slow to enact laws which would be certain to provoke fierce opposition.

The system is old and was handed down to us from Territorial days. Our city and village schools and high schools are excellent, though costly; but our country schools have not kept pace with the march of progress.

I have gone into one phase of this question farther than I intended at the outset, but I will let it go at this.

Very truly yours,

D. W. BAKER.

## Fifty Years Without Legs.

Joseph Jones died at the home of his son Frank in Franklin county last Saturday night, aged 78 years 8 months, and 13 days.

During the Civil War he enlisted in the 11th Penna. Cavalry, Co. H Volunteers and during an engagement had both legs shot off. He was picked up on the field and taken to an emergency hospital. Amputation was performed, with the hurry incident to surgery on the battlefield. But Mr. Jones had a strong constitution and he survived the great shock and returned to his home, where for fifty years he enjoyed life and living on the farm. He got a good pension from the government.

As it was too wet to plough Saturday, Abram W. Deshong took the day off and come to town. He and Nelse Daniels returned home from Johnstown last week where they had been spending some time. They did not hear Billy Sunday.

## Of Interest Here.

In another place in this issue will be found an article giving the values of farm animals in the United States. All such reports during recent years have shown a steady decrease in cattle intended for slaughter. There are a number of reasons for the decline. The closing of free ranges in the West is not the only reason. There are more farm animals on these same grounds than when they were used to produce beef cattle. The increase consists of horses and dairy cattle, owing to the local growth of population and demand for horsepower and dairy products. Conditions there, are now much the same as in the farming districts in the East. Irrigation, too, has changed much of the onetime range into corn land; and it has been our experience that where corn can be grown with good profit, it is not good policy to grow very many steers for beef purposes, it being cheaper to purchase them of grass land owners. Many of the cows now on Western land are not of the beef type, as was the case when owners took no interest in dairy products. The cow raised the calf, and gave it the frame and constitution demanded by the corn belt men who purchased it to fatten for market.

True, there are limited districts from which reasonably good beefs are sent to the slaughterer direct; but the amount cuts a very small figure in keeping prices down. The principle we have striven to hold before the attention of owners of hilly districts in this County is, that the amount invested per head in land here—say at \$12 to \$20 per acre—is less than the amount per head necessary to grow a steer "out west." The \$2 and \$3 land we read about twenty years ago, did not afford as much pasture as now grows on the side of our Scrub Ridge. It was really dear at the price mentioned. At least \$40 worth of it had to be purchased to support one cow, and \$40 worth more for each of her offspring as it was weaned by her.

This brings us to the question so often discussed in the NEWS, namely, would it not be cheaper for our hilly districts to introduce beef strains of cattle, and raise steers in exactly the same way they did in the West? After the second year, would not her offspring sell for more money than her milk and butter; and, too, without the slavish labor of milking twice a day, and the expenditure of not less than \$10 in labor to grow \$10 worth of corn, where that amount is all the land will produce? It is being done up in the hilly districts of New York state, on land similar to Licking Creek township, and, too, where dairy products can be marketed to better advantage than is afforded to Fulton county farmers. We would be pleased if practical men who have studied Western conditions, and are also familiar with all the foregoing points, would write us their views. Remember, we are not advocating this theory—if you choose to call it such—for Cove farms where grain in abundance pays.

## Shippensburg Normal News.

We are in receipt of the Normal School Herald, for January, published by the Shippensburg Normal School. Artistically and editorially, it is a credit to the Herald office. Among the names of members of the Press Club we note three from this County: Roy Mathias, Burnt Cabins, Clyde Barnhart, of Buck Valley, class of 1915, and Glenn Lehman, of the same place, class of 1916. The Alumni has been organized by counties. For Fulton county we note the following officers, elected at the last meeting: President, W. H. Ranck, '93, Hustontown. Vice President, H. M. Griffith, '97, Wells Tannery; Secretary, Maud Rinedollar, '09, McConnellsburg; Treasurer, H. P. Barton, '11, Hustontown.

## ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

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

Geo. C. Mellott, near Webster Mills will take the examination for railway mail clerk, on February 21st, at Harrisburg.

Miss Mollie Seylar, who had been spending several weeks in Washington City, returned to her home in this place last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Corder W. Snyder were in town shopping Monday and took dinner with Mrs. Snyder's sister, Mrs. Earl Morton.

Mrs. W. S. Rinedollar spent Monday with her sister, Mrs. Edward Ross, at Riddlesburg. Mr. Ross, who was injured sometime ago, will be obliged to go to a hospital for treatment.—Everett Press.

Howard Swope returned to Foltz last Saturday on account of the illness of his mother, Mrs. Ruth W. Swope. Mrs. Swope had been very sick, but is improving now.

Mrs. Emma Rexroth, who has been spending some time with friends in Chicago, returned to this place last Friday, and will make her home with her brother and sister, Charles and Miss Mame Goldsmith.

Mr. James A. Sloan, of Altoona, Pa., spent the time from last Saturday until Monday in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Sloan, of this place. He was accompanied home Monday by his aunt, Miss Harriet Alexander.

Mr. Wm. T. Leshor, of Philadelphia, came to the Cove Monday to visit among his old-time relatives and friends and incidentally attended the Mellott-Kendall wedding. The hand of time seems to be resting lightly on our old friend, who is always sure of a cordial greeting when he comes to Fulton county.

## Ein Deutes Mittagessen.

One of the most enjoyable mid-winter social events was a "Dutch" dinner given by Mrs. Charles R. Spangler. True to the old Holland custom, Frau Spangler consulted her almanac for a cold day, knowing well that sauerkraut always tastes better when snow is flying and, she accordingly, selected last Thursday. At the appointed hour, sixteen Frauen and Fraulein appeared to greet her at her hospitable home on North Second street.

It occurred to Mrs. Spangler that it would be nice to have each one of her guests greet her in German—either a German salutation or some appropriate sentiment expressed in the German language. It happened that the first guest to enter did not possess a very extensive vocabulary in that beautiful language, and when informed that she was expected to greet her host in German, extended her hand, most gracefully and with a most assuring look of appreciation of the honor conferred by her hostess, said softly "Gott und Himmel!" Of course, she did not know what it meant, but it sounded "Dutch" and she took a long chance. Our reporter did not get Mrs. Spangler's reply to the salutation. It, too, was in German, and a lot of our readers would not know what it meant if we were to give it.

Mrs. Spangler did not ask for any more salutations in the German language. The dinner itself was great as may be inferred from the following menu: sauerkraut and backbone and dumplings, with, of course, mashed potatoes; smoked sausage and bean salad; rye bread and Sweitzer cheese; rolls, mincepie, pumpkin custard, and coffee.

After dinner the time was most delightfully spent in listening to German songs, instrumental solos on the piano, and choice selections on the victrola.

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