### January 1914

The Mifflinburg Telegraph newspapers of January 2 and January 9, 1914 were full of local, as well as national and international news.

# In the county

The Union County Anti-Saloon League Delegate Convention held a meeting for delegates from the churches of Union County at the Presbyterian Church of Lewisburg on Tuesday, January 13, 1914. "The sense of the moral imperative should come upon the churches of Union County to use their power to eliminate the saloon and to send a man to the next Legislature true to the interests of Home Rule on the Liquor question." Each church was entitled to send the pastor and two delegates. "Men, as delegates, should be sent, if practicable." The organizers were I.P. Patch, W.M. Rearick and Bromley Smith. [The Anti-Saloon League coordinated the rural Protestant movement against alcohol. Prohibition, the ban on the sale, production, importation and transportation of alcoholic beverages was in place in the US from 1920 to 1933.]

# Weddings

The White Deer valley saw two weddings at residents' homes in early January 1914. Charles A. Shireman, of Allenwood, wed Florence L. Miller at her parent's home, the Rev. S.F. Tholan of the Lutheran church officiating. Chas. S. Winner, of Montoursville and Sarah Wertz of White Deer were married by Rev W.W. Closer at Augustus Wertz's home.

In Limestone Twp., Mr. and Mrs. Frank Buoy hosted the wedding of their daughter Harriet to Frank Anderson by Rev. H.L. Gerstmyer. Mr. and Mrs. Wm Bingaman's home near Laurelton was the site of the wedding of their daughter Ida May to Lester Elmer Johnson by Rev. Arthur C. Harris and Rev. A.R. Turner. After a short trip, they plan to live with Mr. Johnson's parents.

Clarence Lockhoff and Florence Shultz, both of New Columbia, were married at the Grove Presbyterian parsonage by Rev. W.K. McKinney.

On Dec 24, 1913, John Wm. Shower and Jennie Irene Spotts, both of Lewisburg were married by Rev. R.L. Gerhart at the Reformed parsonage. On Dec. 29, Chas. F. Hironimus of Weikert and Amelia May Jones of Seanor were married by Rev W.H. Brown at the Evangelical church in Lewisburg.

There were two holiday weddings: Hayes Aurand of Lewisburg and Margaret Peters of Sunbury were married the evening of Dec 25 by Rev. Jno. Torkington at St. Mark's Church in Sunbury.

Lester Q. Wilson of Mifflinburg and Lena Shannon of Mazeppa were married on Jan 1. by Rev. S. Fox at the parsonage in Mifflinburg.

#### **Deaths**

Moses Kostenbader, 76, died at his home at Kelly Crossroads due to the infirmities of old age. His wife died 42 years before. They had two daughters and two sons. Burial was in White Deer Cemetery.

Mrs. Jane Eyer, formerly of New Columbia and widow of Michael Eyer, died at her daughter's home in Barnsboro, Cambria County. Her body was brought to New Columbia for burial in the Highland Cemetery.

James Reibsome, a veteran of the Civil War, died at age 75. Formerly of New Columbia, he had lived with this sister in Pottsgrove. He was buried in the White Deer Cemetery.

### In the US

The Postmaster General announced that **parcel post rates would be further reduced** – to meet the demand for efficient and economical service – and weight limits were increased so that a heavier package could be shipped for less cost. For example, a package sent some distance from the local post office might cost six to nine cents for the first pound, plus two to eight cents for each additional pound.

Automobile manufacturer **Henry Ford gave away \$10,000,000** (about \$235 million today) to his employees, saying, "Good will is about the only fact there is in life. A man can win almost anything and if good will doesn't come with it, it won't amount to much......There's economic benefit in the plan. If men will work better in the hope of something, how will they work with that something actually in hand....We will benefit, and anyhow, we would have the satisfaction of making 20,00 men prosperous and content rather than making a few slave drivers in our plant millionaires...."

### In the world

The city of **Kagoshima**, **Japan**, population 60,000 was buried under up to six inches of ash from the eruption of a volcano on the nearby island of Sakura in the south of Japan. Earthquakes and a tidal wave added to the disaster, with many buildings collapsed and thousands killed or injured. Survivors said "the eruption started suddenly with columns of thick, black smoke and flame." Later "the volcano resembled an enormous set-piece of fireworks, glowing from the foot of the mountain to the summit...emitt(ing) thunderous explosions."

Martial law was declared in **South Africa** in response to the Trades Federation call for a general strike in sympathy with railroad workers.

# **Read All About It**

Local newspapers, from New Berlin publications of 1834, to Lewisburg papers of 1847 to 1952 and the Mifflinburg Telegraph from 1862 to 2002 are on file at the Union Count Historical Society office.

