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Hen. Wolf's Fatal Ride.

FROZEN STIFF IN THE NUMBING COLD.

The following article appeared in the Philadelphia Press last Tuesday. It is dated at Bloomsburg, and purports to be written by a special correspondent. We know nothing of the facts, and cannot vouch for its truthfulness. The story is given just as we get it.

BLOOMSBURG, Jan. 20.—"This year tarnation cold weather minds me of suthin that happened in the Winter of '61, a few miles up the creek when Hen Wolf war found friz to death longside the road, where he had fell fm his horse, arter ridin' ten miles fer a doctor to 'end me."

The speaker was old Silas Woods, who lives with his aged wife in a small log house along Fishing Creek, in the northern part of this county, as he addressed himself to two travelers who had stopped to "warm up," after a fifteen mile ride over rough roads, with the thermometer down close to zero. The old man extended the two benumbed strangers a hearty welcome. The abode is primitive in nature, and looks as though it had stood the storms of at least three decades. Yet inside it was toasting warm, made so by a rousing fire that blazed on the big hearth in the wall.

"Yaas, as I war a-sayin'; this year night 'minds me for all the world of the one whyn poor Hen friz to death for my account," continued the old man and as his wife was busy "setting out" something for the strangers to eat, "Si!" evidently concluded that it was his duty to entertain their callers, so went on with his story.

"You see, it was this way. Thirty years ago these year hills war mostly covered with thick hemlock and pine timber. Me and Mariar there had only bin married a short time afore, and as our little clearin' down here along the creek didn't give us more'n a good livin', we concluded that durin' the Winter we would go up into the woods and I'd make shingles. Well, Mariar, she was kind o' skittish like and lowed it would be rather nice to have someone besides ourselves to live with us, and so I got Hen Wolf to g'long. He war about my age, an all-fired good feller, and a mighty hard worker. I reck'ned that if we contracted together makin' shingles, it would go better hitched double than t'would in single harness. So airly in the Fall we two went up the creek here high onto eight miles, where we 'stablished a camp and hammered together a sort o' shanty to live in. We built her so's Hen would have a mighty snug place to sleep, up under the rafters, and Mariar and me had of the rooms down stairs for our sleeping quarters. Then we built a small shed for the horse, which we had to have to drag the shingle blocks to the shaver, and when that war done we went down and brought up Mariar and a big tub of provisions. Oh, we war fixed for a long stay, and everything went along sailin' to away in the winter."

Just here there is evidently a break in the story, either by the correspondent or the printer, but we infer that Silas got hurt and that Hen went for a doctor, and failed to return, and Silas and his wife became alarmed at his absence. Then the story goes on.

AN EMPTY SADDLE.

"All of a sudden we heard old Fan winner. She was just outside the door, and Mariar hurried out. She called 'Hen,' but nobody answered. 'Thar under the trees stood old Fan, but Hen war nowhar to be seen. The horse was covered over with froth that war frozen into a sheet, showin' that she had run a long distance. Where war Hen? That war the question now, for both of us feared that suthin had happened. But, hopin' that he would come along soon, Mariar led old Fan over and put her in the stable; then with lantern in hand brought the saddle back into the house. When she slung the saddle down in the corner suthin' like bottles jingled, and when she examined she found two bottles of medicine in the saddle pouch. Sure enough, Hen had reached the doctor's, and suthin' or nuther must o' happened him on the way back, but what that could be we must bide our time and see.

"In one of the bottles war liniment to wash the injury, while in the other war a stimulant for me to take, so Mariar set about fixin' it up accordin' to directions, all the while wonderin' what had become of Hen. She couldn't leave me to go down the road through the woods to look fer him, for I war gettin' sort o' flighty and needed all her attention so all

that could be done war to wait fer mornin'; fer then surely somebody would come up to the cabin, as they likely heard o' my accident down to the village.

A STIFF CORPSE BY THE ROAD.

"I tell you, gentlemen, that war an awful night. What with worryin' 'bout me and 'bout Hen it mighty nigh made Mariar crazy; and I believe to this day that that's wat started the gray hair on her head so early in life. Well, mornin' came at last, and about 9 o'clock we heard the tramp of horses outside. On lookin' out Mariar spied a man on horseback comin', and behind him close war two men in a sled with two horses hitched. The man on the horse war the doctor, and the two men were a couple of friends from the village. When the sled drew up to the door Mariar saw suthin' a layin' in the bottom all kivered up with a quilt. It war long and looked like the form o' a man. It didn't require the word from the men to tell her that it was the body of poor Hen, for she knew it without hearin' it from them.

"Yaas, it war him. They had found him frozen stiff in the road about two miles down in the woods, where he had evidently fell from old Fan as she plunged along, and bein' stiff from the cold he warn't able to take care of himself, and died.

"Well, poor Hen war taken back to the village, and that afternoon, after bundlin' me up accordin' to the doctor's instructions, they hauled Mariar and me down from the woods too. I didn't go back to that shingle job till next Spring, and then it war only long enough to help load the ones we had made. And now, men, is it any wonder that this cold weather 'minds me 'f the night when Hen Wolf war friz to death on my account?"

Kellar's

The illusion on which Keller has been working for some months was presented at Egyptian Hall, and pronounced the best of the many mystifying tricks that famous magician has invented. He calls it Flyto, and a more incomprehensible optical delusion has never been presented. An open cage built of slats and standing on slender legs, entirely clear of the stage, is rolled to the footlights. A lady enters, curtains are pulled down and raised instantly, and in her place an English army officer in full uniform is found, the lady at the same time appearing at the street door of the hall. Then the cage is by means of ropes pulled up fifteen feet above the stage, and a smaller one takes its place. In this the lady is placed. Again the curtains are drawn for a moment, and the lady is found in the large cage suspended in mid-air. How the changes are made is the mystery, as both cages are in full view of the audience and have no visible place of egress. Many other tricks and illusions make up a wonderful programme.—Philadelphia Times.

Prof. Kellar will play in the Opera House Friday Evening, February 3rd.

THE UNION EVANGELISTIO SERVICES.

It is but two weeks until the Union Revival meetings planned by the Pastor's Union begin. They will be held in the Opera House as last winter, it being the largest room accessible and will begin February 12. The five churches taking part in the movement will hold a week's union services preceding, beginning Monday evening, February 6th in the Baptist church, to be led by the pastors in town.

Rev. Culler, a Lutheran minister in Burlington, Iowa, in a letter to Mr. Hileman says concerning the Evangelist who leads the meetings. "We had Rev. Davidson with us during the month of November 1891. Five churches united in our city in the good work viz: The First Presbyterian, First Methodist Episcopal, Christ's Protestant Episcopal, The United Presbyterian and our Trinity Lutheran. He is a man of lovely spirit, plain and sound in his preaching and teaching and very conservative in his methods. He did us much good in this city. His words were above reasonable criticism. The pastors who joined in the work here were brought closer to our Lord and to one another through his presence and work."

Such a testimonial voluntarily given to a man as yet a stranger coming to work in our midst with the pastors for the good of the community is very assuring.

The back of winter seems to be broken, but it is not too late for it to mend again. Don't put away your heavy clothing just yet.

THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

'Tis education forms the common mind. Just as the twig is bent the tree is inclined.' This being the case every fair minded man will favor all proper means that may be made use of to promote a sound healthy education.

A moderately good education is almost as essential to the healthy moral development of the man, as wholesome food is to a healthy physical development. I said almost; I meant just what I said. We have all known men of whom it could not be said, they had a moderately good education, who were to use a modern phrase, level headed men; and from a moral standpoint were head and shoulders above some who were graduates of our best institutions of learning. But unwholesome food never does produce a healthy physical man.

Healthy food may be eaten to excess and thus become injurious. Education may be carried to such an extreme as to be injurious to the individual and to the body politic. People are not all possessed of such mental capacity as would enable them to make good use of a first class education; even if by cramming process it could be drilled into them.

A certain English king who had been under the tutelage of the famous George Buchanan, and was more noted for his great learning (not wisdom) than any of his predecessors had been, was by his admirers called a second Solomon; but by those who viewed him from a more impartial standpoint, he was pronounced the most learned fool in the kingdom. I mention this to illustrate my theory, that great learning is not at all times beneficial to the individual nor will it at all times enable him to command the respect of his fellow men.

The proposition is now being agitated to have our common schools kept open eight months in each year. I take the position that this is a longer term than is good for the pupil, and consequently an unwarranted expense upon the tax payer. Eight months is a longer time in my judgment than young pupils should be confined to their books at one time. A shorter term with healthy and useful employment between terms would give us young men who did not need to spend so much time during their college course at boat racing, foot ball or base ball exercises to develop their physical powers.

Eight months each year for fifteen years, the time that children are of legal school age, amounts to ten years attendance at school. Time sufficient to obtain a classical education, if the pupil has the mental capacity and disposition to reach so high a standard.

But few of the men most eminent for their learning have had the advantage (or perhaps I should say disadvantage) of so long a term of school. Amongst our educated men those who have had to exercise both body and mind in securing their education, have proved most useful in their various callings. Their early struggles have taught them that difficulties may be overcome; and that a determination to succeed in their undertakings, usually overcomes all obstacles.

Rev. R. H. Conwell told in his lecture of a hero in private life who had to work his way to obtain an education. He adds that students who have to work usually excel in their studies, and the pupil who has to buy his own books will know better how to take care of them.

Now such talk does not exactly fit in with the theory, that children should be kept at school eight months in the year and their books furnished at public expense. But it does agree with what must be the result of every candid man's observation.

But suppose that I am mistaken, suppose that it is right and proper to keep our school open eight or nine months each year, and that parents do to justice to their children, must give them the benefit of this arrangement. The question then arises, is it practicable? Can our people all afford it?

To answer those questions I suggest, that those who favor this departure, sit down and count up how well they with an income of two or three hundred dollars a year, could afford to feed and clothe a family of children, buy the necessary books and pay the additional tax that would be required to keep the schools open so long a time. If after solving this problem, they still favor the proposed change, I think, they ought to be willing to have their salaries reduced to the above named figure.

But the advocates of this new departure tell us, that this increase in the school term is to be brought about without any increase in our local tax. This may for the present be true, but there is something else equally true,

which they intentionally or by oversight neglect to tell, viz, that all money appropriated by the state for any purpose, comes out of the people, and that it does not make much difference to those who have it to pay, which pocket it comes out of, or by what means it is extracted.

Legislators who appropriate money for public use, have never been known to supply it from their own pockets.

So far as I know, they have never been accused of so doing. But I have heard insinuations that they sometimes take advantage of their official position to "feather their own nests." Such insinuations are of course unjust to the patriotic men who compose our state or national legislatures, and are only indulged in by persons of a cynical disposition. But they have hardly a right to complain, as the fact that they collect more from the people, than is needed to administer the affairs of state has, to say the least a suspicious look. Some are inclined to think, that their prime object in so doing is not that they may return it to them again. And if that were the real object, plain people are at a loss to find any good reason why it should pass through so many hands (each taking a liberal slice for his trouble) before those paying get the benefit thereof.

For my own part I have been kept so busy providing the wherewithal to keep body and soul together, and paying my taxes, that I have not had time to give the matter very careful study, and should like to have it explained, why things are thusly managed.

It is not necessary at this stage of writing, to mention that I am not a literary man, and that in taking up literary work I have got out of my usual rut.

I am or rather was at one time something of a machinist. I learned while at that business, that the more complicated the machinery for doing a certain part or amount of work the more power it took to move it, and the more expensive it was to operate it counting motive power and wear and tear by friction &c.

By analogy I conclude that the more hands our money has to pass through, before it gets to the place of using it, the more it will lose by friction, corrosion or otherwise, mostly otherwise. Hence I do not believe that it is good policy to send our money around by Harrisburg, that we need for our public schools. Nor do I believe that those who are so free with their advice as to what is for our best interest, are better judges of our needs than we are ourselves. Our country is not yet so harmonized, that the same rules or regulations are adapted to all portions of it.

Farmers are aware that ground that has been cleared of stumps and stones, can be seeded with a drill and harvested with a self-binder, but new ground must be worked on the old plan. Before we adopt new theories, we had better be sure that our country is ripe for them.

OLD FOGY.

MILLVILLE.

Rachel S. Eves and sisters have sold their home at Shady Nook to Andrew Carr of Dutch Hill for fifteen hundred dollars.

Dora Moyer of Bloomsburg spent last week in Millville and Pine Summit visiting relations and friends.

R. B. Grimes' youngest child has been quite sick for a few days with pneumonia.

The Unityville Odd Fellows have invited the Millville lodge to pay them a fraternal visit Saturday night the 28th including their wives.

The Methodist meeting that has been in progress for two weeks past closed on Sunday night with 5 additions.

Mianda, wife of H. J. Robbins is on the sick list.

Charles Brink who has been confined to the house for a few days with a bad cold is now going out again.

V. C. Oblosser has been at his old business for a few days driving the bread wagon.

A. Y. P. S. C. E. was started here recently, with Grant Johnson as president.

Wm. H. Shaffer moved last Monday by rail to Hartley Hall, where he is employed on the R. R.

Mrs. Pars McKee of Watsonstown spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. E. B. Hogue.

Word reached this place the fore part of the week that Martha Vander-slice of near Philadelphia had fallen and broken her hip. She and her daughter resided here for some time.

Pork is scarce and high. It is 8 to 9 cents a pound at wholesale.

Agricultural Society Meeting.

Pursuant to notice the annual meeting of the Columbia County Agricultural, Horticultural and Mechanical Association was held in the Court House Bloomsburg, January 21, 1893, and was called to order by Ellis Eves, the President of the Society. H. V. White was chosen as chairman of the meeting, J. H. Aikman and C. M. Terwilliger were made secretaries, and A. N. Yost reading clerk. Minutes of last annual meeting Jan. 16th, 1892, were read and approved.

The roll of membership showed 168 life members and 64 annual members in good standing. Upon calling the roll of membership 118 life members and 48 annual members responded to their names. Treasurer's statement for the year 1892 was distributed to the members present on printed slips, reading there of on motion, was dispensed with. The following is a synopsis:

	TREAS. DR.
To balance from last settlement.....	\$ 1453 58
To Proceeds of Bonds sold.....	18600 00
To income from Fair Oct. '92.....	8919 80
	\$ 28973 38
	TREAS. CR.
By old bonds redeemed and interest.....	\$ 5641 25
By Amt. paid for Real Estate.....	9125 25
By Amt. new buildings and improvements..	6192 19
By Amt. coupons paid... 474 32	
By Premiums paid.....	3210 15
By Expenses of Fair... 2397 62	
Balance.....	1932 60
	\$ 28973 38

On motion the chairman declared the meeting ready to proceed, with the election of officers. Ellis Eves and John S. Mensch were nominated for president. Mr. J. Mensch declined to be a candidate, where upon the Chairman was directed to cast the ballot, and Ellis Eves was declared elected president.

M. C. Vance, R. W. Smith, J. O. Warner and A. B. Hartman were nominated for Vice President. On motion the nominations were closed. The chairman was again instructed to cast the ballot, and the nominees were declared elected. J. T. Reeder, A. C. Creasy, Levi Fester and Ellis Ringrose were nominated for Executive Committee. C. L. Hartman and Howard Eves were appointed tellers.

A. N. Yost was nominated for Secretary, and there being no other nominations the Chairman was instructed to cast the ballot.

A. N. Yost was declared elected. Thos. Webb and W. C. Richart were nominated for Librarian.

W. H. Stahl and Dr. J. R. Montgomery were appointed tellers.

Jan. C. Brown was named for Treasurer and he being the only nominee, the Chairman was again instructed to cast a ballot, whereupon he declared J. C. Brown elected Treasurer.

G. E. Wilbur, J. M. White and D. A. Hess were nominated for Auditors. The Chairman was instructed to cast the ballot, whereupon G. E. Wilbur, J. M. White and D. A. Hess were declared elected.

The several boards of Tellers made report as follows: For Executive Committee. J. T. Reeder had 134 votes, A. C. Creasy had 147 votes, Levi Fester had 151 votes and Ellis Ringrose had 42 votes. Messrs Reeder, Creasy and Fester were declared elected.

For Librarian Thos. Webb had 109 votes and W. C. Richart had 49 votes. Thos. Webb was declared elected. Isaiah Hagenbuch offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved. That the action of the officers in the purchase of additional grounds for the use of the Society and the improvements made thereon, are approved by this meeting.

The amendment to the By-laws which was offered at the last annual meeting, and published in the several county papers in connection with notice for the present meeting, was read for final action. J. C. Brown moved, seconded by A. P. Young, that action upon the proposed amendment be deferred and a committee of five be appointed to revise the By-laws of the Association; Said committee to report at the next annual meeting, which was adopted.

The Chairman thereupon appointed J. C. Brown, T. D. Straus, Freas Fowler, Daniel Bryfogle and Dr. J. R. Montgomery such committee.

On motion of M. P. Lutz, seconded by v. M. Monroe. The salaries of all officers were fixed the same as last year. On motion adjourned.

J. H. AIKMAN, } Sec.
C. M. TERWILLIGER, }

PERSONAL.

Miss Jessie Kimble of Mt. Vernon is visiting at Mr. P. S. Harman's.

Hiram W. Thornton was in town on Monday. He is living at Albany, Oregon, and came east on a visit.

Samuel McHenry of Greenwood township, an old subscriber to this paper, was in town on Monday.

Prof. W. C. Mauser, Principal of the Orangeville Academy, was in town on Saturday. He is making a success of his school.

Joseph McDonald, a bright young man of Centralia, and a son of John McDonald, is attending the Normal this year.

R. Buckingham Esq., W. B. Taylor, John B. Casey and Charles Gilmore started on Monday morning on a trip to Rochester.

Miss Mary Clark returned home last Saturday after an absence of two weeks, during which she visited New York, Boston, and other cities with her sister, Mrs. R. C. Neal.

MRS. DAVIS' LECTURE.

Mrs. L. A. Davis has been employed by the Women's Executive Committee of Home Missions of the Presbyterian church to deliver addresses throughout Pennsylvania.

She will be in Bloomsburg the 26th, and deliver an address in the Presbyterian church at 7:30 P. M.

They cordially invite men as well as women to be present. Mrs. Amelia Robison Barber of McPherson, Kan. a former and well known resident of Bloomsburg, says: "I commend most cordially, Mrs. Davis as a very zealous, sincere christian worker. Her very existence seems to be devoted to the furthering of her master's kingdom.

As a speaker she is logical, very plain spoken and whilst her speaking is distinct and her voice pleasant, she has a retiring manner. She cannot fail to hold her audience and interest them on the subject she presents."

Meeting of Classis.

A special meeting of Wyoming Classis will be held in the Reformed Church of Bloomsburg on Thursday Feb. 2, at 1:30 p. m., to transact the following business:

1. To receive Rev. H. A. T. Benner from the Goshenhoppen Classis.
2. To confirm a call to him from the Freeland charge, and make provision for his installation.
3. To receive Rev. W. S. Stubblebine from the Philadelphia Classis.
4. To confirm a call to him from the Scranton Mission, and make provision for his installation.
5. To receive Rev. C. H. Brandt from Maryland Classis, Synod of the Potomac.
6. To confirm a call to him from the Bloomsburg Congregation, and make provision for his installation.

To hear and act upon the report of the Committee to supply Scranton Mission.

A. HOUTZ, President.

P. S. The installation of Rev. C. H. Brandt will take place on the evening of Feb. 2.

Centralia Wants It.

Centralia people are anxiously awaiting the time when they will be connected with us by the electric railway. Their desire will be granted before the summer months have waxed and waned, as we have the assurance of a leading official that work will begin on that branch early in the coming Spring.—Ashland Advocate.

George D. Butler died at the residence of his brother, Daniel Butler, on Wednesday morning at 3 o'clock from an overdose of laudanum which it is believed was taken by mistake and not with suicidal intent. He moved here recently from Danville, and was employed in the office of C. G. Barkley Esq. as clerk. He was a member of the Montour bar, and was at one time Prothonotary of that county.

The Schumann Concert Company will give an entertainment in the Opera House on Tuesday evening, January 31st. Miss Jessie Mann of Sunbury, a young lady well known here, is the solo pianist of this company. She is a thoroughly trained musician as are all the members of the company, and they will no doubt have as they well merit, a crowded house.

Mrs. John Kistler of Buck Horn will erect a double house on West street.