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### Letters From Dr. James B. Neal.

ON BOARD S. S. TUNG CHOW, Sept. 19, 1893.  
We are lying here in the river about ten miles below Shanghai waiting for a tide to take us over the bar so before we sail out into the China Sea I wish to write you a little letter to go back from Chefoo which we hope to reach day after to-morrow, that is in forty-eight hours from here. We have had a very pleasant though hurried stay in Shanghai. We found a pile of letters awaiting us in Shantung, from friends in Chenanpo all bidding us welcome back. It really has seemed so nice to be back once more in China during these past few days. I realize more and more how much I like China and the Chinese and am glad to spend my life among them; to me they are certainly an attractive people.

We had such a nice cabin boy on board the Empress, (all the "boys" as they are called, were Chinese) who amused us very much with his fluent English, of which he was very proud and kept us in a good humor with his never failing cheerfulness and willingness to do anything we ask him to do. He was so interested in Mrs. Dentz and in us when we reached here and so afraid we might forget or lose something belonging to us. Though we called him "boy" he was over thirty and had two wives; he told me his father took his first wife so he had to get another.

But to return to our stay in Shanghai. Saturday afternoon Mrs. Dentz took Mrs. Neal and I out for a drive and they two afterwards went out to do a little shopping while I wrote letters. In the evening Mrs. Neal and I went to see Mr. and Mrs. Fitch, and Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh and spent a very pleasant evening. Sunday we spent quietly, attending Union church at 11 a. m. where we enjoyed the service very much; at 6 p. m. we went with Mrs. Dentz to the English Cathedral for service; nearly all the evening services in Shanghai are held at 6 p. m. before evening dinner. The services there we did not enjoy so much as nearly everything was chanted and we could not understand what was sung, but the sermon was an excellent one by venerable Archdeacon Moale, one of the best and most earnest Christian men in Shanghai.

Yesterday (Monday) I was very busy all day running around arranging about our steamer to Chefoo, doing errands, etc. We had several calls from friends during the day and evening and came on board our boat about 10 p. m., setting sail early this morning.

Col. Deaby arrived from Peking at noon and I saw him at dinner in the evening. He does not think there will be retaliation on the part of the Chinese and all Americans driven out of China, if the Geary law is not repealed, as in driving out the missionaries they would be expelling their best friends. Eight bells has just struck (twelve o'clock) and we hope to get away soon.

CHEFOO, Sept. 21.  
We arrived here about 7:30 this morning and were met by our agent Mr. Smith on the boat and by Mr. Hays at the wharf. Mrs. Neal and I are here at Mr. Hays' and Miss Poin-dexter at Dr. Nevius' house. We do not yet know when we shall get off from here.

CHEFOO, Sept. 25.  
We are hoping to get away from here to-night on a little steamer which runs up the coast as far as a place called Yang Kia Ko, about three or four days journey from Chen-anfoo. From there we are still uncertain whether we shall take carts and mule litters overland to our destination or go up by small native boats. The river, at the mouth of which we leave the steamer, is the same one on which we lived while in the famine region some years ago, so we know what the native boats are like and are a little afraid they may be too small for comfort, especially if we should have rainy weather; it is raining steadily this morning. By going this route instead of going all the way from Chefoo by cart and mule litter, we hope to save a week so as to reach Chenanfoo in time for next Sunday, that is by Oct. 1, instead of a week later, as we had expected to do. We will both be glad to get to the end of our long journey, and be settled down once more in our own quarters. We are sorry however, to miss seeing the friends at Tung Chow and Wei Hien, as we do not pass through the place by this route. Mr. and Mrs. Hays with whom we have been staying here have been very pleasant and cordial, and we have enjoyed seeing them, but shall be glad to again be moving onward. We were invited over to Dr. Nevius' house on Friday and on Saturday Mrs. Hays invited all the Pres-

byterian community here on the hill to her house; we had a pleasant evening each time.

The boxes of hardware, glass, door and window frames for our house sent from Bloomsburg, and shipped from New York in June, are here, and will go up with us to Chenanfoo, but the lot of boxes sent last, which I packed at home, will probably not be here until some time in November. With our own goods, fifteen boxes of drugs ordered by Dr. Van Schoick, and other things for Misses Hamilton and Murray, we shall have our hands full going up.

We have just had word that our steamer may not leave until the rain is over, so we may not be able to get off to-day, but we still hope so, as any serious delay will prevent our getting to Chenanfoo by next Sunday.

We long for news from home, but shall have to wait, I fear three weeks more, as we shall go faster into the interior than letters can come.

JAMES B. NEAL.

### HOUSE BREAKING.

A man about thirty-two years of age, giving his name as John Jacob Astor, was arrested Tuesday morning about three o'clock, at William Gigger's hotel on East street, charged with breaking into the house of Ambrose Hile, in Catawissa township, on Sunday afternoon. After ransacking the house of Mr. Hile, the thief carried off about ten dollars in paper money and coin. It was reported on Monday morning to John S. Williams, and he was requested to keep a close lookout for a party of whom a description was given. About five o'clock Williams saw a man answering the given description, made himself acquainted with him and by six o'clock was in the fellow's confidence, and made an appointment for a meeting at the Central Hotel in the evening, when Williams was to give him a good time. The appearance of the man and the possession of a pocket-book well filled with money convinced Williams that he was the guilty party. In the evening Williams reported to the justice who advised him to go to Catawissa township and get the parties to come over and lodge information. Upon the return of Williams with Mr. Hile and others, the service of Policeman Thomas was secured and the arrest made at Gigger's hotel, and brought to the office of Guy Jacoby, Esq. Two boys, Orval Stackhouse and Benjamin George, of Catawissa township, were present, and immediately identified the man as the one whom they saw Sunday afternoon in the vicinity of Hile's house. The man was ordered searched and in his possession were found about three dozen keys of various kinds, two small burglar's tools, a new razor, small bed clock and a pocket book containing seven dollars, forty one and one-half cents, in dollars and small change. Mr. Hile identified the copper half-cent by the date 1893, and by two black marks on the back of the same. The boys identified the man by the blue flannel shirt, black suit with sack coat, derby hat, and large rip in back part of right pant leg. The man gave his name as John Jacob Astor, of Fifth Avenue, New York, and protested his innocence to the last.

There were four other houses entered in the neighborhood of Mr. Hile the same Sunday afternoon, and this man is supposed to be guilty party. The credit of the arrest of this man should be given entirely to Mr. Williams, who proved a good detective.

### LATER.

Mr. and Mrs. Miner Munson, were before Squire Jacoby on Thursday morning and identified keys, money and clothing. After some delay the prisoner finally owned up having entered Mr. Munson's house, and said he saw jewelry, revolver and other valuable articles, but didn't want them; all he took was money and door key. Six houses were entered.

The prisoner said his name was not Astor but he might as well leave it be that, it was a good name.

### Muncy Borough Enlarged.

Judge Metzger has made a decree extending the boundary lines of Muncy. One hundred acres have been taken from Muncy Creek township, extending the borough limits almost to the Reading Railroad. About one hundred voters are added to the borough. The decree was made upon the favorable report of the auditor appointed to inquire into the matter of the annexation.

Dr. C. S. O'Brien who died at his home in Benton last week Thursday, was buried on Sunday. Rev. John Rockwell officiating. He was thirty one years of age and leaves a wife and one child. He was a successful physician and had a large practice.

### OLLIE TORBETT JONCORT.

The Institute Course at the Opera House closed last week Thursday evening, with the concert by the Ollie Torbett Company. The house was packed to the doors and most of the numbers were greeted with applause. Though Miss Torbett is not the equal of a number of violin virtuosos who have appeared from time to time in this place, she is still a most excellent player on the king of instruments, and her playing was listened to with much pleasure. Both of her solos were encored, and she responded with selections calculated to please the popular taste. Her obligate to the tenor solo was also rendered with much grace and expression. Miss Torbett was assisted by Mr. Isidore Moquist at the piano, and the gentleman also played two solos; he is a finished pianist, and displayed an intimate acquaintance with the technique of the instrument, especially on the Liszt Polonaise. He responded to an encore each time.

The Luteman Sextette of male voices filled in the remainder of the programme, with a selection of a varied character. The audience was evidently pleased with their singing, as evinced by the frequent recalls. The program was not a classical one.

### A NEW CAMPMEETING.

A union of the circuits of Town Hill, Muhlenburg, Salem and Shick-shinny has been formed for the purpose of establishing a camp meeting to be known as the Huntington Valley Camp-meeting Association. A permanent organization has been effected by the election of the following officers: P. C. Wadsworth of Town Hill, president; Jesse B. Dodson of Salem, treasurer; and R. M. Tubbs, Shickshinny, secretary. An application has been made for a charter. The trustees of the Patterson Grove not giving any satisfactory terms for their place it is quite possible a new site will be selected. A new site has been offered, but not yet accepted. The first camp-meeting will be held next season commencing August 21.

### McHugh Swiped the Grip.

A peddler named P. Brockmeyer, of Bayonne, N. J., entered the Lehigh Valley station at Centralia on Tuesday and after leaving a valise containing \$200 worth of watches, jewelry, etc., on a seat, went to the ticket window. His back was turned to the valise for only a few seconds, but when he turned again it was gone. He reported the loss to agent John J. Laughlin, who at once left his office and made a hurried circuit of the station with excelent success. In the distance Laughlin saw a man hurrying away with a valise. The agent and peddler gave chase and after a hard run for about half a mile they succeeded in overtaking the man, who surrendered the satchel. As his home is so far from this region, and as he was overjoyed over the recovery of his valise, the peddler refused to prosecute. The man who stole the valise was one John McHugh, a resident of Centralia. Peddler Brockmeyer is very thankful to agent Laughlin for his efforts in securing the return of his property. —Ashtand Advocate.

### CHURCH REOPENING.

After being closed for three months for repairs, the audience room of the Lutheran church will be reopened next Sunday with appropriate services.

In the morning Rev. J. Yutzky of Susquehanna Synod will preach a sermon suited to the occasion. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be addresses by the visiting pastors and the dedication proper. In the evening at 7 o'clock there will be a Praise service with other interesting exercises. It will be a great day for the Lutheran church of Bloomsburg. The music will be a prominent feature of all the services and will be in charge of Prof. Niles assisted by the male choir.

### TRAINS WILL NOT BE RESTORED.

The petition referred to last week, asking the Reading Railroad Company to restore the 6:10 a. m. train and the 11:25 p. m. train, so that a trip can be made to Philadelphia and back the same day, was sent to the company, and the following reply has been received from L. E. Sweigard, General Superintendent.

"I am in receipt of petition signed by yourselves and others, relative to restoring certain trains on the Bloomsburg Branch, and in reply thereto, regret to say that we cannot do this." That settles it.

Uncle Tom's Cabin to-night.

### A CHILD HORRIBLY TORTURED BY AN ALLEGED WITCH DOCTRRESS.

#### BLEED ALMOST TO DEATH.

A horrible instance of cruelty to and probably fatal mutilation of a young child by a witch doctress, came to light last Saturday at Kingston. The parents of the child, Mr. and Mrs. John Moore, live at Malby, a small mining settlement in Kingston Township, where they keep a saloon. Their 8 year old daughter Annie, has since an attack of illness three years ago, had epilepsy and despite the best of medical attendance continued to grow worse.

Last week Wednesday an Arabian woman, a peddler, called at the house while the child was in a fit, and told the mother she could cure her. The husband was called and a bargain made that \$300 was to be paid the woman if she was successful. The Arabian who claimed to be a witch doctress, said the child was possessed of an evil spirit, but that it would be driven out by her methods. She placed the little one in a chair and spent half an hour in weird incantations over the smoke of a green plantain placed on a pan of burning charcoal.

Then she heated a wire to a glowing red in the charcoal and after shaving the child's head, burned a great cross through the scalp to the bone, the marks extending from the back of the neck to the forehead and from ear to ear. The struggles and shrieks of the little one were terrible, but no one interfered as the woman said it was the evil spirit crying out. Then seven white beans were placed in the burned cavities and the head wrapped in cloth.

The next day the hag burned similar crosses in each arm above the elbow, and cut the radial artery in the right wrist allowing the child to bleed nearly to death. The third day was to be the crucial one, as announced by the woman, and on this day she slit the child's tongue about half an inch deep in three places, "to allow the devil to escape." On that night the child had another fit and the sorceress said she would have to burn the feet.

Before she had a chance to do this an inkling of the matter reached outsiders and a doctor was sent to examine the girl. He found her in a dying condition from loss of blood, and the burns which had never been dressed. The injuries were dressed and restoratives administered by the physician, who after warning the parents to keep close watch of the witch doctress, left in search of a warrant and officer. He returned in an hour with both, but the hag had taken alarm and fled. An active search is being made for her. The child is in an almost hopeless condition. The parents will be arrested and the child taken to the hospital.

### A Fair Proposal.

#### STETSON'S UNCLE TOM'S CABIN CO.

A reporter of—gleamed the following in an interview with the general agent of the above company, which will appear at the opera house on Friday, Nov. 24th. "This company is undoubtedly the largest and best Uncle Tom Company traveling, comprising 30 first-class artists. So complete is their scenery that the piece could be put on in a barn with better scenic effects than is produced by any other company. They have a grand double band of white and colored musicians, an orchestra of ten pieces, and one that is hard to beat. The African mandolin students with this company are the first and only colored people appearing in public and performing on the Spanish mandolin. The Lone Star Quartette is claimed to be without an equal, and the Toppies, there they have something that charms all. The Toppies are two young ladies, and their superiors in character and terpsichorean artists have not yet been produced on American stage; two Marks, the best that a good salary can secure. The street parade is the finest ever witnessed, and of the performance we can say that, if they do not give the best production of this sterling old drama ever given in this city, they will cheerfully refund the price of admission. Will any other Uncle Tom's Cabin Company on the road do this? No, because they have not the show to do so. Stetson & Co. have."

### Another Business Change.

W. H. Brooke & Co., have sold their stationery store in the Exchange Hotel building, to Mr. Slate of Williamsport. An inventory was taken this week, and Mr. Slate will take possession soon.

### BRIEF MENTION.

#### About People You Know.

Paul E. Wirt Esq., and G. S. Robins, went to New York on Tuesday.

R. E. Hartman went to New York on Tuesday to purchase new goods.

John K. Lockard was in New York this week.

Charles Watson McKelvy returned from Maryland last Sunday.

J. M. Staver took the 10.49 train on the D. L. & W. road on Tuesday for New York City.

Mr. Royal, formerly a partner of H. G. Sherwood, was in town last week, and was the guest of Mr. Sherwood.

J. R. Schuyler and C. W. Funston returned from North Carolina last Sunday. They had a very enjoyable trip.

Alfred McHenry, the prosperous and enterprising merchant of Benton, was in Philadelphia and New York this week purchasing goods.

J. G. Swank, who will be one of the county commissioners after the first Monday in January, was in town on Monday. He is a level headed man, and will make a good official.

Samuel Kressler, brother of Casper Kressler, is nearly ninety years old, and he is a very young man for his age. He is as straight as an arrow, and as active as a boy. He resides at Wilkesbarre, but came down to see his son Clark who was hurt at Espy last week by a runaway team.

C. M. Terwilliger, the present clerk to the county commissioners, is the right man in the right place. He is sober, honest, industrious, gentlemanly and obliging to everybody who has business in the office. The new board of commissioners can do no better than to retain his services.

### THE CANTATA.

A large audience was present on Monday and Tuesday nights to witness the cantata of "Jephthah and His Daughter." It was a success, and those who took part are to be congratulated. While it was given under the auspices of the Methodist choir, assistance was rendered by members of nearly all the other churches in town, thus exhibiting a feeling of good fellowship that is highly commendable. Mr. Hanly and Miss Vida Miller filled the leading roles very acceptably, and Miss Nellie Ent, Miss Williams, Miss Savage, Miss Ringrose, Mr. Colley, Mr. Yost, Mr. Yeater, Mr. Ent, Mr. Hartman, and in fact all who had leading parts acquitted themselves well. The chorus was well trained and sang in excellent time and tune. Mrs. Fred Holmes presided at the piano, and played with her usual well known skill and taste, but the piano accompaniment alone was too light for so large a hall. C. P. Elwell's orchestra played between the scenes, but were unable to play the cantata as there was no orchestra score provided. The scenery was fine, and the tableaux were beautiful. Bloomsburg is full of musical talent, and there are very few towns that can get up a better amateur musical performance. Some of the best concerts ever given here have been given by home talent. Considering the shortness of the time for preparation, and limited number of rehearsals the performance was remarkably well done.

### CHURCH DEDICATION.

The dedication of the new Reformed church at Heller's will take place December 3rd. There will be three services, morning, afternoon and evening, in which the following ministers are expected to take part: Revs. C. B. Heller of North Carolina; B. F. Hoffmeyer of Maryland; O. H. Strunk, G. B. Dechant, C. H. Brandt, D. E. Schoedler, and A. H. Houtz.

### CHANGE OF TIME.

The afternoon train on the Pennsylvania Railroad passes Bloom Ferry at 6:33 instead of 6:26, reaching Wilkes-Barre at 8:00. There are some other changes in the time from Sunbury to Harrisburg and Philadelphia, which appear in the time-table in this paper.

### DINNER AND SUPPER ON THANKSGIVING DAY.

The ladies of Trinity Reformed Church will give a Turkey and Chicken Dinner and a Chicken and Waffle Supper on Thanksgiving Day. Hence, this will be the place to get your meals instead of preparing them at home. All are invited. Dinner will cost 50 cts, and supper 25.

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