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THE COLUMBIAN.

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

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A CORRECTION.

TO THE COLUMBIAN.

Not that it is very important, but that the facts may be known and noted, permit me to correct a notice in *The Columbian* of last week, concerning myself:

John G. Freeze was born at the mouth of Loyal Sock creek in Lycoming county, at the grist mill of Gen. Burrowes, on Nov. 4, 1825.

In the course of time and its changes, we found ourselves at Kownover's Mills, at what is known as Exchange, but almost all of which has been built since our advent.

But Exchange being the oldest point at which our recollections of places are comparatively definite, our excursions are to that point.

The birth place of Mrs. Freeze having been at Washingtonville, a few miles below Exchange, we were accustomed, in our annual drives, to take in both places, and frequently to add a friend or two to the excursion, and thus enliven the occasion and increase its pleasures.

J. G. F.

New Rugs from Old Carpets.

"In almost every home there are usually to be found some carpets that because of either shabbiness or extreme ugliness have been banished to the attic," says *Woman's Home Companion* for September. "These can be turned into a most attractive kind of rug. The carpets are sent to the maker, who has them cleaned and raveled and then woven into a soft, fluffy surface of nondescript tone, with a border of contrasting color. These 'fluff rugs' are among the best of the cheap rugs and do not look cheap at all, and it is a pleasant surprise to see how many useful and charming rugs can be made from a seemingly hopeless old carpet. To have them made costs about one dollar a square yard, making the twelve-by-nine size cost twelve dollars. The maker usually pays express charges one way.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Z. Schoch, and Mrs. William Leverett took a run to Eagles Mere on Sunday with C. W. McKelvy in his Pullman touring car.

If you have a Democratic friend or neighbor who is sick, or away from home, or negligent in such matters, see to it that his name is upon the Registry before the list closes on Wednesday, September 1st. This can't be attended to after that date.

WILLIAMS GROVE PICNIC.

Reduced Rates via Pennsylvania Railroad. For the Grangers' Picnic at Williams Grove, Pa., August 30 to September 4, the Pennsylvania Railroad will sell excursion tickets to Williams Grove from stations in Pennsylvania and from Baltimore, Elmira, Frederick and intermediate stations on the Northern Central Railway, August 24 to September 3, inclusive, good to return until September 7, inclusive, at reduced rates.

The bull fights of Spain and Mexico are sacred concerts when compared with the automobile races of the United States. In the 300-mile race at Indianapolis during the past week, seven lives were lost.

And yet we refined and enlightened Americans shrink with horror from the barbarous amusements of the Latins.

Sept. 1st.

Do you ask why we point to that date? If you are not Registered on or before that time, your vote may be lost. It is the last day that you can Register, if you are a voter in a country or Borough district. Don't fail to attend to this matter at once.

THE STROLLER.

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The sight, therefore, of a cabin, here, no sir," answered the woodman who appeared from behind the building, "but ye kin try the spring, sir."

"We ain't got very good water, here, no sir," answered the woodman who appeared from behind the building, "but ye kin try the spring, sir."

The spring proved to be a frog pond, alive with the amphibians, and green on the surface. Disappointed and still thirsty, the pair trudged onward to Lake Jean, thence up the mountain to the Lookout.

This is a wooden tower built by Colonel Ricketts on the highest point of North Mountain. Probably no view, in Pennsylvania, at least, is more extensive than that which stretched out before the Stroller and his companion when they reached the top of this tower. To the north and west were the chaotic ridges of the North Mountains; to the south lay the valley of Fishing Creek; while to the east the lowlands ran off to the Susquehanna and beyond, showing up the greens and browns, darkened here and there by cloud-shadows.

After feasting their aesthetic sense, the physical sense reminded the travelers that they had eaten nothing for seven hours, so they turned their attention to the package with which Mine Host at Central had supplied them.

"Shades of Buddha!" groaned the Stroller between his parched lips, as the wrapper fell from the lunch. "More ham, and no water."

"Make a noise like a spring, and you'll feel better," remarked Billy encouragingly. They finished the meal and started on the last stage of the journey, back toward Lake Jean, then down the ravine through which flows the headwaters of Fishing Creek. Nothing but a tangle of huge logs piled in confusion in a dry water course, with here and there a sluggish pool, gave indications of the torrent which had coursed through the ravine before the drought.

On down they rambled, down a thousand feet, until they reached the valley where the Stroller rejoiced at the sight of a cold spring which he proceeded to drain.

The afternoon was well advanced when a distant whirr told them that they were nearing the saw mill at Jamison City, having put twenty miles behind them since early morning. Entering that village, they mingled with the natives until train time.

As the Stroller settled himself into a seat in the B. & S. coach and started back toward his desk, he murmured to himself those words of Byron, "To me high mountains are a feeling, but the hum of human cities torture."

A New Way to Can Tomatoes.

Last summer I tried a new method of canning tomatoes, and it proved so satisfactory that I want to pass it on. Seal and peel the tomatoes as usual. Have the cans sterilized, place the raw tomatoes in them whole, pour in boiling water to fill the cans, running a knife around in the cans, so that all the crevices are filled, then put on the cover. Place the cans in a boiler or large vessel, pour in boiling water till it reaches the neck of the can, put the lid on the boiler, wrap it with a blanket or rug, and leave until the water is cold, which will be next morning. The cans are then ready to put away. I did not lose a can out of forty quarts. When the cans were opened, the tomatoes were whole and firm enough to slice easily. *Woman's Home Companion for September.*

Farmers' Picnic.

The seventeenth annual reunion of the farmers of Columbia and adjoining counties will be held at Grass Mere Park, on Thursday, September 2nd, 1909. The public is cordially invited. Two good speakers have been secured by the Grange and will be present to deliver appropriate addresses. All who desire can secure a good dinner on the grounds for 50 cents. Other stands will be on the ground where sandwiches, coffee, ice cream, soft drinks, etc. can be procured. A good band will be in attendance. Two games of base ball will be played; morning between Benton and Berwick; afternoon between Benton and Nanticoke. For special trains, rates and other information see posters.

Marriage.

Mr. D. Terwilliger of Scott Township and Miss Daisy E. Kelchner of Orangeville were married at the home of the bride on August 21 by Rev. A. Houtz.

THE HARTER FAMILY.

Dr. T. C. Harter read an interesting paper at the reunion of the Harter family a couple of weeks ago, his subject being, "The Immigration of the Harters." He said in part:

"Coming now to the immigration of Harters. Nearly all the Harters have immigrated from Rotterdam, Holland, the largest city in Holland; population 136,230.

The commerce of the country was one time the most important in the world. The stock to which the Harters belong is the Teutonic stock, a term now applied to the high Germans, including the German inhabitants of upper and middle Germany. The Hollanders are known in history as the most intelligent, the most ingenious, the most skillful and industrial set of people on earth. From 1682 to 1776 Pennsylvania was the central point of immigration from Germany, in 1682 the first settlement took place in Pennsylvania. The earlier settlers of Pennsylvania were composed of Germans, French and Swedes; the period from 1702 to 1727 marks an era in the early German immigration. Between forty and fifty thousand left their native country to immigrate to America.

In 1712 they purchased a large tract of land from William Penn, which is now known as Lancaster county.

From 1735 settlement in Pennsylvania multiplied rapidly, and extended over vast regions west of the Susquehanna River, (the name Susquehanna meaning a long and crooked river.)

Hundreds fell victims to the hatchet and scalping knife of the savages, along the Susquehanna River. Some of our ancestors were massacred by the Indians, and for that reason I never had any love for an Indian. They are treacherous and never to be trusted. My own experience in New Mexico proved it to me.

So the Germans, Swedes, Dutch and French formed a large portion of the first settlers of Pennsylvania.

It is a historical fact that each generation has had a Martin Harter. Martin Harter No. 1, who immigrated from Holland in April 6, 1706 and bought a tract of land in Northampton county, now Lehigh county, died in the year 1800 and is buried in Heidelberg cemetery, Lehigh county. He was ninety-four years old.

Martin Harter No. 2 moved from Lehigh county to Luzerne county in the year 1800 and bought six hundred and two (602) acres of land, which was deeded by Samuel Mefflin to Martin Harter, of Nescopeck, Luzerne county on June 24, 1802 for \$1466.67. This Martin Harter No. 2, whom all the Harters spring from in this section of the country. In Lehigh county there is what is known as the Fenstermacher House. On this building is marked 1793, and Andrew Harter's name appears marked Sept. 24, 1742, also Martin Harter, Sept. 21, 1732.

At a meeting of the board of the Provincial Council held at the Court House in Philadelphia, Sept. 21, 1727, 109 Palatines appeared. These with their families, about four hundred persons in all, were imported from Rotterdam, Germany. The word "palatine" a name formerly given to upper and lower Holland, —the word signifies a high dignity, sovereign or higher class of Hollander. Rotterdam, then the largest city in Holland is a great commercial center. The population of Rotterdam at that time was 136,230.

In the reign of Queen Anne, about the year 1709, many Germans came to New York, who bought a tract of land from the English Government, after they had lived there for some time, built houses and improved the land. Their liberties were interfered with and they were deprived of part of their land. This aroused the Germans and they returned violence for violence to those who robbed them of their possessions, but the English Government punished the Germans. This enraged them and they left New York and went to settle in Pennsylvania. The Germans then wrote to their friends and advised them if they intended to come to America not to go to New York. This advice had such an influence that the Germans who afterwards came to America avoided New York and always came to Pennsylvania.

The Germans are among the first who fought for the Reformation, and stood by Martin Luther in his fight for Christianity. Another great Dutch scholar, and a great friend of Martin Luther was Erasmus, one of the vigorous promoters of the Reformation, and he prepared the first Greek Testament. A bronze statue stands on the market place at Rotterdam, to his memory.

Again as to the Harters: I do not know of one Harter that is a

drunkard. They are not inclined to strong drink, but hearty eaters, and am inclined to think that some of them eat too much. They are great hunters, and good marksmen a jolly, and as a rule, good natured set of people.

Farmers Advised to Raise Terrapin.

The *Philadelphia Public Ledger* says:

William E. Meehan, State Fish Commissioner, has a new industry for farmers which they may fall back upon in lean years. He was seen at his home in Germantown yesterday, and talked enthusiastically about raising a certain product which would rise above drought and could not be drowned. Such a product is none other than freshwater terrapin, which is about the only farm product that can be said to come under the supervision of the Fish Commissioner.

Already there are terrapin farms in Maryland, and one is said to be run by a woman, who is doing proverbially "well." But these farms are for salt-water terrapin—the diamond back—which are becoming so scarce that Mr. Meehan thinks there is ample room for the fresh water variety to slip into the market and bring a good price. He says that even now when you think you are eating diamond back and paying the price there is an even chance that you are eating green legs, which are the freshwater variety.

He said he began to think along this line two years ago, when he took into consideration the growing scarcity of the salt-water terrapin and wondered what could be got as a substitute. Also, the freshwater species was growing scarce, because the American public was so easily fooled that certain restaurant keepers called green legs diamond backs. He said that when it became known that green legs tasted like diamond backs the handwriting was on the wall for the green legs.

So, as Fish Commissioner—and this was two years ago—he impressed into service a lake, which was located in the vicinity of Torresdale, and began to experiment with the propagation of green-leg terrapin. But he made the mistake of surrounding the lake with sand and green legs dislike sand. Consequently, that year's work was a failure.

But this summer he found another lake, also in the vicinity of Torresdale and tried his luck with red legs. It seems that red legs are more heady than green legs and more easily procured, and they taste about as much like the expensive diamond back as green legs do.

This year he eliminated the sand and accepted nature's handiwork as a boundary for the lake, which was yellow clay and grass. And Commissioner Meehan announces that the experiment is an unqualified success, that the red legs have laid, and for all he knows have hatched as well. He will be able to know whether or not they have hatched next year as the young have such a fondness for the depths of the pond that they refuse to come to the surface even for a sun bath.

He hopes that this experiment will demonstrate that it is possible to raise red-leg terrapin, and once it is demonstrated any farmer can dig a lake and become a producer of a product quoted at \$2 a dozen. Mr. Meehan said he recently learned that there was a terrapin farm near Chestnut Hill.

North Pole Still Unfound.

The second attempt of Walter Wellman to sail over the North Pole in an airship ended in failure last week. Mr. Wellman with two companions, started from Spitzbergen in the giant dirigible balloon "America", but had traversed only thirty-two miles when a broadside wind sent the ship rolling and tumbling over the ice. The balloon and its occupants were brought back to Spitzbergen.

Mr. Wellman now states that he is more determined than ever to reach the Pole, and will build a new ship, longer and narrower than that which met disaster, and of higher speed. The next attempt will be made upon the completion of this airship.

For Investors.

Many men save part of their earnings and are then puzzled how to invest their savings. The savings banks are safe, but the interest rate seems low. Some investments offer big returns, but the risk may be great. Shrewd, careful investors are taking advantage of the reliable and accurate information furnished by the financial experts who conduct the column, "Answers to Questions from Investors," printed in *The Philadelphia Press* seven days a week.

Great Grangers' Picnic.

Williams' Grove.

The 36th Annual Great Grangers' Picnic Exhibition will be held on the "Old Camp Grounds," Williams' Grove, Aug. 30, Sept. 4, 1909. The exhibition of farm machinery, implements, etc., and live stock promises to exceed that of any former year. A splendid program will be presented in the Auditorium, Wednesday, Governor Stuart and other State officials Thursday, Hon. N. J. Bachelder former Governor of New Hampshire, and Master of the National Grange, Hon. W. T. Creasy, Master Pennsylvania State Grange, and other prominent Grangers.

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GENERAL NEWS.

President Taft denies the report that he has issued an order cutting the standing regular army from 88,000 to 80,000.

Divorces are on the increase in Canada. Proceedings are an expensive luxury up there. They cost from five hundred dollars upwards.

E. H. Harriman, the railroad magnate, has returned from Europe where he went for his health. He is said to be a very sick man.

Maria Parloa, the well known writer on domestic science, died suddenly at Bethlehem, Conn. on Sunday, aged 66 years. Her death followed a surgical operation.

Seven men, four of them deputy sheriffs, were killed in a fight with strikers of the Press Steel Car Co., at Schoeville, near Pittsburg, on Sunday. Some strikers tried to force a deputy off a street car and a shot was fired, and many strikers rushed to the scene. A dozen deputies tried to make arrests, and the fight was on. Many were wounded.

The Loaded Gun.

A Most Dangerous Thing To Have Around the Home.

The loaded pistol in the home is an object of danger, wherever it may be placed. To be of any use in an emergency it must be within easy reach. If it is within easy reach it may figure in a homicide or a suicide. The suddenly awakened person may kill a member of the household by mistake. A child may find it and explode it. If it is not within easy reach it might as well be in a shop downtown as far as resisting burglars or serving a useful purpose is concerned. If it is put away as a curiosity it should always be unloaded. If the weapon is a relic of the past, a specimen of an ancient form of gunmaking, it is just as interesting with its chambers empty as with them filled.

Of course pistols may be put away loaded with the full intention of having them safely fired or unloaded later and then forgotten. This is a matter that cannot be neglected without danger. The loaded gun is a menace to life as long as it remains loaded and within reach. Even at the bottom of a trunk it is possible cause of trouble. It behooves everybody to make sure that there are none of these hidden weapons on the premises, to be found by rummaging children or suddenly disclosed in the course of housecleaning or changes.

—*Washington Star.*

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Mrs. C. W. McKelvy and daughter, Miss Margaret, are spending ten days at Eagles Mere.

The following letters are held at the Bloomsburg Pa., Post Office. Steward Miller.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA