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Another Chapter About the First Immigrants

GERMANS AND SCOTCH IRISH

Acts of Parliament that Caused Many to Come to America—Unsettled State of Affairs in Europe Caused Others to Leave.

XXII.

The Germans immigrated into the North American colonies, at an early period. At the close of the xvii. and beginning of the xviii. century the influx of Germans was great. As we have already seen, a respectable number arrived a year or two after William Penn first landed in this country. A number of them settled in the state of New York between 1709 and 1714. In 1709 above 600 Germans arrived, and settled in North Carolina. From 1730 to 1750, many Germans settled in South Carolina. In 1733 a large number settled in Georgia. A band of them was led to Georgia by Colonel Oglethorpe. In 1735 there was a German settlement formed at Spotsylvania, Virginia. In 1739, a respectable number of them settled at Waldborough, in the state of Maine, who numbered in the course of thirteen years about 1500 souls. The greatest immigration was, however, to Pennsylvania. The descendants of the Germans in Pennsylvania were estimated in 1772, to exceed 75,000 souls. At present, the descendants of German settlers are very numerous in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, New York, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, Wisconsin, Iowa. They are the most numerous of all the immigrants to America that are not of British stock—including those who immigrated with the present century and their descendants, their number is not short of five millions.

A brief history of the rise and progress of the charitable society, carrying on by a society of noblemen and gentlemen in London, for the relief and instruction of poor Germans and their descendants, settled in Pennsylvania, &c., published for the information of those whom it may concern, by James Hamilton, William Allen, Richard Peters, Benjamin Franklin and Conrad Weiser, Esquires, and the Rev. William Smith, Trustees General, appointed for the management of the said charitable scheme.

For several years past, the small number of Reformed Protestant ministers, settled among the German emigrants in Pennsylvania, and finding the harvest great, but the laborers few, have been deeply affected with a true Christian concern, for the welfare of their distressed countrymen, and the salvation of their precious souls. In consequence of this, they have from time to time, in the most solemn and moving manner, entreated the churches of Holland, to comiserate their unhappy fellow Christians, who mourn under the deepest affliction, being settled in a remote corner of the world, where the light of the gospel has but lately reached, and where they are very much destitute of the means of knowledge and salvation.

The churches of Holland, being accordingly moved with friendly compassion, did from time to time, contribute to the support of religion in these remote parts. But in the year 1751, a very moving representation of their state having been made by a person, whose unwearied labors for the benefit of his dear countrymen, have been for some years conspicuous, the states of Holland and West Frisland, granted 2,000 guilder, per annum, for five years from that time, to be applied towards the instruction of the said Germans and their children, in Pennsylvania. A considerable sum was also collected in the city of Amsterdam, and elsewhere, and upon a motion made by the same zealous person, the Rev. Mr. Thomson was commissioned by the Synod of Holland, and Clergy of Amsterdam, to solicit the friendly assistance of the churches of England and Scotland.

IRISH OR SCOTCH IRISH. The name was used to designate a numerous and honorable people, who immigrated to the Province of Pennsylvania at an early date. Whence this term is derived, the following historical notice, will serve to explain: During the reign of Charles I., in the year 1641, October 27, the massacre of the Irish Protestants occurred, in Ireland, where, in a few days, fifty thousand were inhumanly, without regard to sex, age or quality, butchered; and many fled to the north of Scotland, from which country the north of Ireland had been colonized by Protestants.

An act was passed by Parliament, (the act of uniformity) 1662, requiring all ministers and churches rigidly to conform to the rites of the established church, which occasioned two thousand ministers

(called Non-conformists) to dissent and abandon their pulpits. This act affected Scotland with equal severity. In 1691, the Toleration act was passed, under which the dissenters enjoyed greater privileges; but, in the reign of Queen Ann, (1704-1714) the Schism Bill, which had actually obtained the royal assent, alarmed the dissenters much—the provisions of that bill were, that dissenters were not to be suffered to educate their own children, but required them to be put into the hands of Conformists, and which forbade all tutors and school masters being present at any conventicle or dissenting plan of worship.

These difficulties and the unsettled state of affairs in Europe, drove many of the more quiet citizens from their native home, and of this number were those, and descendants of those who had fled from the north of Ireland to Scotland, as well as genuine Scotch.

Such as came first, generally settled near or about the disputed line between Maryland and Pennsylvania, if we except those who settled in Donegal township, Lancaster county, and those of Craig's and Martin's settlements in Northampton county.

James Logan, writing of them to the Proprietaries, in 1723, says, they have generally taken up the southern lands, (meaning in Lancaster, towards the Maryland line,) and as they rarely approached him to propose to purchase, he calls them bold and indigent strangers, saying as their excuse, when challenged for titles, that we had solicited for colonists, and they had come accordingly. They were, however, understood to be a tolerated class, exempt from rents by an ordinance of 1720, in consideration of their being a frontier people, forming a kind of cordon of defence, if needful. They were soon called bad neighbors, by the Indians, treating them disdainfully, and finally were the same race who committed the outrages, called Paxtang Massacre. The general ideas are found in the Logan M.S.S. collection. Some of the data are as follows:

"In 1725 James Logan states that there are so many as one hundred thousand acres of land, possessed by persons, (including Germans,) who resolutely set down and improved it without having any right to it, and he is much at a loss to determine how to dispossess them.

"In New Castle government there arrived last year (1728) says the Gazette of 1729, forty-five hundred persons, chiefly from Ireland.

"In 1729, Logan expresses himself glad to find that the Parliament is about to take measures to prevent the too free emigration to this country. In the meantime the Assembly had laid a restraining tax of twenty shillings a head for every servant arriving; but even this was evaded in the case of the arrival of a ship from Dublin, with one hundred Catholics and convicts, by landing them at Burlington. It looks, says he, as if Ireland is to send all her inhabitants hither, for last week, not less than six ships arrived, and every day two or three arrive also. The common fear is, that if they continue to come, they will make themselves proprietors of the province. It is strange, says he, that they thus crowd where they are not wanted. But besides these, convicts are imported hither. The Indians themselves are alarmed at the swarms of strangers, and we are afraid of a breach between them—for the Irish are very rough to them."

"In 1730, he writes and complains of the Scotch Irish, in an audacious and disorderly manner, possessing themselves of the whole of Conestoga manor, or fifteen thousand acres, being the best land in the country. In doing this by force, they alleged that it was against the laws of God and nature, that so much land should be idle, while so many Christians wanted it to labor on, and to raise their bread, &c. The Paxtang boys were great sticklers for religion and scripture quotations against "the heathen." They were, however, dispossessed by the sheriff and his posse, and their cabins, to the number of thirty, were burnt. This necessary violence was, perhaps, remembered with indignation; for only twenty-five years afterwards, the Paxtang massacre began by killing the Christian unoffending Indians found in Conestoga. The Irish were generally settled at Donegal."

Mr. Logan, says Watson, writes in another letter, "I must own, from my own experience in the Land Office, that the settlement of five families from Ireland gives me more trouble than fifty of any other people. Before we were broke in upon, ancient Friends and first settlers lived happily, but now the case is quite altered, by strangers and debauched morals, &c. All this seems like hard measure dealt upon those specimens of "the land of generous natures," but we may be excused for letting him speak out, who was himself from the Emerald Isle, where he had of course seen a better race.

Settlements were commenced in Cum-

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VARIETY OF COUNTY NEWS

Items of Interest Gathered From All Sections

SHORT AND TO THE POINT

What Transpired Worthy of Brief Mention, the Past Week—News From Over the County—For Hasty Readers—A New Department.

Francis Reed, who resided at Point Lookout, near Philipsburg, died on Wednesday last, aged 61 years.

One night last week dogs got into Geo. Dale's herd of sheep on his farm at Dale's Summit and killed 19 and wounded 10.

"Squire Nathaniel Bierley, of Milesburg, went to Coburn Monday 10th where he will spend two week's instructing the band in that place.

Misses Sarah B. Harter and Olive Cora Miller, two former Millheim girls, are numbered among those who graduated from State College last week.

Bald Eagle Grange, No. 351 Patrons of Husbandry will observe Memorial Day in their hall at Milesburg on Sunday June 23 at 2 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Rev. C. H. Russell, the new pastor of the Lutheran church at Philipsburg, has taken up his residence there with his family and began his pulpit services last Sunday.

Among those who graduated at Central Pennsylvania college, New Berlin, this year are William Robert Homan, of Farmers Mills, and Calvin Crawford Mizener, of Loganton.

Geo. and Wm. Corl, of Pine Hall, start for Lynchburg, Va., where they will spend part of the summer months, and then visit other cities of interest in that state before returning home.

Al Harter and W. C. Kraker, of Coburn, who went to West Virginia, found a tract of 800 acres in Pocahontas county that pleased them, and they purchased it. The new firm will be known as Harter Bros. & Co.

The next corps of school teachers for Millheim are: High school—Prof. H. C. Rothrock; Intermediate, W. E. Keen; Second Primary, Miss Lyle McCloskey; First Primary, Miss Florida Duck. Salaries from \$32 to \$55.

At the election of the State College trustees on June 11th, the popular granger, J. A. Herr, of Cedar Spring, who has filled the office of trustee for eighteen years with great credit to Clinton county, was defeated by one vote.

James, the nine year old son of John Keliker, formerly of Snow Shoe, but recently removed to Karthaus, fell into Mosquito creek a short time ago and was drowned. The body floated out of the creek into the river and was found near Tinker.

The Lock Haven fire department was called out Thursday morning to extinguish the flames that were burning a car loaded with charcoal near the P. and E. freight station. The car was destroyed. It was going to Curtin Station. How the fire started is not known.

Prof. E. S. Ripka, of Centre Hill, and Miss Lulu May Byers, of Chambersburg, were married last week at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Byers, of St. Thomas. The groom is principal of the Chambersburg Business College, a flourishing institution.

Among the victims of the Fort Royal, Layette county, coal mines disaster, on Monday 10th, in which sixteen persons lost their lives, were Taylor Gunnsauls and his son Taylor, of Snow Shoe this county. The remains of the elder Gunnsauls were brought home and buried in the Moshannon cemetery Friday. The body of the son has not yet been recovered from the mine.

IN ADJOINING COUNTIES.

Although criminal court has just closed in Clearfield county, there are now thirty prisoners in the county jail at Clearfield.

Mrs. Carrie M., wife of Alexander Wayne, of Lewistown, died Monday 10th after an illness extending over a period of several years.

James Freed, an employe of the Mann Edge Tool company's works, at Lewistown, had both legs broken Wednesday 12th by a large grindstone falling on him.

The Centre and Clearfield Street Railway company is the name of a new electric company that is to build a trolley line in Philipsburg. The road is to extend from Houtzdale to Morrisdale.

The Christian Endeavors of Clinton county, has 18 societies in the county with a total membership of 976. In addition to these the 8 junior societies and 1 intermediate have a membership of 336.

There are a good many sick cattle in Licking Creek valley, Millers Co., and several head have died. It is thought

that they eat laurel or some poisonous weed which causes the sickness and some people think they have some disease.

The mining record has been smashed at Windber, the Berwind-White mines there turning out 970 cars of coal Saturday and Monday, 8th and 10th, aggregating 11,750 tons for the two days, the largest amount ever taken out at Windber.

R. M. Bailey, of Williamsport, president of Central Pennsylvania Telephone company, is suffering from a stroke of paralysis, his left side being affected. Two or three weeks ago he was slightly stricken and Sunday he had another attack.

The DuBois Express states that Contractor Walsh, employed in the construction of the new railroad at Clearfield, was frightfully injured in an explosion Monday 10th. One eye was torn out, his hand blown off and other injuries sustained. He will hardly recover.

Dr. Sebold, at one time a prominent physician of Union county, died at Hartleton early Sunday morning 9th of infirmities incident to old age. He was about 90 years of age. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. C. C. Catherman, of Hartleton, and Mrs. John Catherman, of Virginia.

The discovery has been made that what is supposed to be natural gas bubbles up from the bottom of the river below one of the piers of the Lock Haven bridge. A number of persons watched bubbles as they came to the surface of the water and concluded natural gas caused them to rise.

The thirty-second annual convention of the Cambria county Sunday school association will be held Thursday and Friday, June 20 and 21, in the Methodist Episcopal church at South Fork. An interesting programme has been prepared. Sessions will be held in the morning, afternoon and evening of each day.

Squire M. D. Rocky, of Tyersville, is suffering from a paralytic stroke. He was stricken a few days ago while in the stable. This is the 'squire's first illness in many years. He is 89 years old and hasn't a grey hair. Mr. Rocky is known to scores of readers of the Centre Democrat, especially in Penn and Brush valleys.

F. J. Laughlin, a traveling representative of the McCormick Harvesting company was attacked by highwaymen at Falls Creek, Clearfield county, Monday night of last week, and roughly handled. The robbers only secured a small amount; in their hurry overlooked a large roll of money Mr. Laughlin carried in an inside pocket.

The excavations for the north abutment of the new railroad bridge at Queen's Run, will go to a depth of thirty-two feet or more before solid rock is reached. On the south side it will only be necessary to go two or three feet as solid rock is on the surface. When completed, the new bridge will be one of the finest on the P. & E. system.

James Everhart, manager of the Renovo steam laundry, came near meeting with fatal injuries Monday afternoon while at work in the laundry. He was engaged at a clothes wringing machine, when the machine blew up. One of the flying pieces of metal struck him in the head, inflicting an ugly wound, and another struck him in the stomach.

Paul Jackson, of Renovo, was recently put in the Clinton county jail, to await trial at court for robbing McCloskey's jewelry store in Renovo. The turnkey at the jail ordered Paul to do some work in the front jail yard. The turnkey went into the building to attend to another matter, when Paul skipped away. He went to Renovo, but later in the day escaped from the town. The officials are searching for him.

The Bituminous Street Railway Company, of Clearfield, capitalized at \$150,000, was chartered by the State Department on the 14th, to build thirty miles of track to connect Clearfield with DuBois, Falls Creek and other thickly-populated districts in Clearfield county. The same parties are also interested in the Old Town Street Railway Company, of Carversville, which was chartered to build a line seven miles long, with \$4,000 capital.

John T. Freed, a conductor in the Altoona yards, was summoned to the bedside of his brother, James Freed, who had both legs broken at Mann's Edge Tool Works at Lewistown on Wednesday. Freed was handed a telegram on his arrival there that Howard C. Freed, a freeman on the Mountain Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, another brother, who had been called there, in stepping from the engine at Callitzin, was struck by a locomotive and instantly killed.

The prohibitionists of Mifflin county have nominated the following ticket: Associate Judge, Albert Foster, Lewistown; Aaron Klingler, Milroy; prothonotary, W. T. Horton, Reedsville; register and recorder, John L. Pander, Burnham. George M. DeHass was re-elected chair-

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THOMPSON'S POSITION

An Election as a Delegate, a Vindication

HE FEARS THE PRIMARIES

His Integrity in Disrepute and Honor Assailed—the People Alone Can Vindicate His Course—It is Proper to Make the Issue.

The suggestion made last week in these columns in reference to the coming Republican State Convention has attracted the attention of numerous republicans over the county. Some looked upon it as a good-natured political jolly. There may have been a humorous vein in the article, but it was not meant as such. When you come to think over it, it is perfectly proper for Representative John K. Thompson and his friends to seek a vindication. If what the democratic and independent papers have said of him is not true he has been greatly misrepresented. In fact, his integrity and honor, which one should prize above all treasures, has been assailed in a manner to bring reproach to the mere mention of his name, and now is a reflection upon those men who were his chief political supporters and counselors in the past year.

No doubt Mr. Thompson has a defence to make and can give reasons for his course in the Quay fight, and his attitude in reference to certain legislation that we consider obnoxious, as all men do not view questions alike yet are prompted by pure motives. For the past generation no man in the state of Pennsylvania has been subject to greater censure and scolding by the press and the political stump speakers than just Matthew Stanley Quay, and to all these assaults he turned a deaf ear and sought vindication by going to the primaries of his party, then to the state convention of his party and finally at the general election, where legislators were elected on that issue in almost every county of the state. Mr. Thompson was elected in this county on the accepted theory that he was a Quay man. That was the general announcement made in the campaign. On the other hand Mr. Allison was elected as an anti-Quay man.

Under these circumstances we contend that it is perfectly proper for Mr. Thompson, at this time, to come before the people as a candidate for delegate to the coming Republican State Convention. There is very little in the mere fact of going to the state convention, but for him to ask to represent the party there, at this time, would mean that they either endorse or condemn his official career at Harrisburg. If elected, it would be a splendid triumph over those who have pointed the finger of scorn at him the past six months. Not only in Centre county, but over the entire state, the news of his vindication would be heralded by the state press, as so many have used his name as an object of contempt. If his course at Harrisburg, to his mind and conscience, was clean and honorable let him come before the people and plead his case with them. He will be given a patient, full and reasonable hearing.

The ballot box is the last resort in all such matters and the sentiment of the people is the court of last appeal for every public servant who has faithfully done his duty. Therefore it is perfectly proper, in our mind, under these circumstances, for Mr. Thompson to ask this of the party. Of course, he may not feel like doing it as there may be some uncertainty as to the result. He is ambitious to be returned to the General Assembly, and the sentiment of his party now will settle it, whether they desire his services in the future or not.

We doubt if he has the courage to make the test.

Shot at Karthaus.

A man was killed at Karthaus Monday night. Two colored men, who were employed on the railroad, were playing cards in their shanty. A dispute arose, when one of the men shot the other three times, the balls entering the upper part of the body. The name of the man who was shot is Beverly. He died shortly after. The murderer, whose name could not be learned, fled to the mountains. Beverly was a middle-aged man, and his murderer is believed to be about 25 years old. The shooting occurred in Clearfield county. The colored people are from Virginia.

Another Compliment.

Last week's Clearfield Republican says: "Hon. W. C. Heinle, the senator from this district has proven himself a worthy representative of the people. He has always voted in the interest of the people and never with the gang, although he was offered \$10,000 to support the Pittsburg ripper."

RECENT DEATHS.

MRS. ISAAC HARPSTER—died at her Gatesburg home Monday of spinal meningitis. She was aged about 37 years. Surviving her are her husband and three small children, two boys and a girl.

GEORGE BATES—died two miles west of Madisonburg, on 13, and was buried on Monday in the Reformed cemetery at Madisonburg. His age was 81 years. 4 months and 24 days. A widow, his second wife nee Brungard, and five children, one by the first wife, survive.

HENRY LYTLE—A well-known citizen of Half Moon township, died suddenly Friday evening of paralysis. He had never married and lived by himself. He is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Ellis, of Baileyville; Ephraim, of Scotia; Mrs. Joseph Gray, of Philipsburg; Mrs. Catherine Chambers, of Clearfield, and John Miller of Stormstown.

J. M. MILES—died at his home in Tyrone on Sunday evening, from a complication of diseases affecting the stomach and liver. He had been in ill health a number of years. He was aged 63 years, 1 month and 13 days at death. John Mitchell Miles was the son of William and Mary Miles, and was born at Heckley Furnace, Halfmoon township, Centre county, on the 3d of May, 1838.

REV. W. H. STEVENS—A superannuated member of the Central Pennsylvania M. E. conference, died on Monday at Shelby, Iowa, aged about 70 years. While serving Bald Eagle circuit, in 1862, he recruited part of a company and became a lieutenant in the One Hundred and Forty-eighth regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, Governor Beaver's regiment. In a few weeks he was appointed chaplain, serving in this capacity until the regiment was mustered out, in June, 1865.

Edward L. Irvin Sentenced.

On Monday morning Judge Love handed down his decision refusing a new trial to Edward L. Irvin convicted at the April term of Court of causing the death by abortion of Miss Ella McWilliams, of Rock Springs. Judge Love sentenced Irvin to pay the costs of prosecution, \$500 fine and undergo three years and four months solitary confinement at hard labor in the Western Penitentiary at Pittsburg. The crime for which Irvin was sentenced was committed along about the 9th of last January, and details given in the Democrat at the time. Miss McWilliams was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McWilliams, of Rock Springs and Irvin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Irvin, of Baileyville. Reeder & Quigler, attorneys for the defendant, it is stated, will appeal the case to the Superior court. In the meantime they asked that Irvin be released on bail but Judge Love refused this request and the defendant was committed to jail.

After several day's deliberation over the question of carrying the case to the Superior Court for further hearing, the young man expressed a willingness to undergo his sentence rather than make further demands upon the resources of his parents in extended litigation. On Wednesday morning Sheriff Brungard, and Wm. Kreamer, of Millheim, acted as escort for conveying him to the Western Penitentiary at Pittsburg. He seemed calm and unmoved. To one of his friends at the station he significantly remarked that Ed. Chambers had gotten a job for him at Pittsburg. He realized what was before him, and was ready to take his punishment like a man.

Old Horse Wins and Dies.

The "Limestone Flyer" on the Petersburg cut off was beaten Thursday morning by a gray horse of doubtful age in a race from Water street to Mt. Etna. The engineer of the train saw the horse ahead on the track when he left Water street station. The frightened animal plunged ahead of the express through the fog, over crossings and bridges on the stretch to Mt. Etna, never once slackening the awful speed necessary to keep in front of the engine. At the latter station the horse swerved off the track along the old pike and dropped dead.

Work to Drive Out Tramps.

The poor directors of Lebanon county on Tuesday framed an order that tramps applying for food and lodging at the almshouse will be compelled to work in the stone quarries on the poor farm, and will be fed on bread and water. Wardens will oversee their labors in the quarries. This decision is a result of the action of the June grand jury recommending that strong measures be taken to drive the tramps out of the county.

Wreck on the Bald Eagle Valley.

An east bound freight train on the Bald Eagle Valley railroad was wrecked between Curtin and Howard, Tuesday night. A broken axle was the cause. Several cars were demolished and the track was torn up for a short distance. No one was injured.