OUR HISTORICAL

REVIEW

Missionaries.

STRANGE INDIAN BELIEFS

Were Slow to Accept the New Religion-Attached to the Customs and Tra-Given to Idolatry.

XXVI.

The Revd. D. Brainerd visited Shamohouses, and, as nigh as I could learn, [Memoirs of Brainerd. about seventy souls, old and young, belonging to them.

Here also, soon after my arrival, I "After the defeat of Braddock, in 1755, visited the King, addressing him with the whole wilderness from Juniata to ble, from wet to dry, and there will be plenty expressions of kindness; and after a few Shamokin was filled with parties of for all to live. Wheat is all harvested and words of friendship, informed him of my hostile Indians, murdering, scalping, hauled in; the heads are well filled and will design to teach them the knowledge of and burning. These alarms broke up per acre. The oats crop, with some farmers, hear. I then preached; and continued of that year fourteen persons were killed throughout. If the month of August is not too ing very destructive to the latter. there several days, preaching every day, by the savages in the Penn's creek setas long as the Indians were at home. tlement, and their bodies were horribly heavy rains. Hay was a heavy crop and all And they, in order to hear me, deferred mangled. A party of 46 persons, led by was harvested without a drop of rain; a twothe design of their general hunting, John Harris, came up to bury the dead,

ed. I then asked the King, if he was willing I should visit and preach to them party of Indians had attacked the inhabitants at Mahanoy creek, carried off were a failure but the later crop may be better He replied, he should be heartily willing 25 persons, and barnt and destroyed if the weather is favorable. Apples are about for his own part, and added, he wished their buildings and improvements. the young people would learn, &c. I then put the question to the rest; some answered that he would be very glad, and none manifested any dislike to it.

my past labours and fatigues; but about to enjoy. shall, I trust also "be willing to spend and be spent," if I may thereby be instrumental to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to

I shall now only add a word or two respecting the difficulties that attend the Christianizing these poor pagans.

In the first place, their minds are filled with prejudices against christianity, on account of the vicious and unchristian behavior of some that are called christians. These not only set before them the worst examples; but some of them foreseeing, that if those should be converted to God, "the hope of their unlawful gain," would thereby be lost.

Again, these poor heathens are extremely attached to the customs, traditions, and fabulous notions of their fathers. And this one seems to be the foundation of all their notions, viz : that "it was not the same God made them, who made the white people" but another, toms of the white people. Hence, when was formerly a tailor. With the great they frequently reply, that "they will live as their fathers lived, and go to their playing a cornet. In this instance, if ed with rust throughout; it headed very rapidly fathers when they die." And, if the Byers does not toot his own horn, no and is short in straw, although some farmers miracles of Christ and his apostles be one else will do it for him. mentioned, to prove the truth of Christianity, they also mentioned sundry miracles, which their fathers have told them were anciently wrought among formed church of Central Pennsylvania the Indians, and which Satan makes will be held at Island park, near Sunthem believe were so. They are much bury, Thursday, July 23. Prominent attached to idolatry; frequently making Reformed ministers will deliver addresses tatoes yield above the average, but the late feasts, which they eat in honor to some and Fisher's orchestra will render music. unknown beings, who they suppose, speak to them in dreams; promising

fairs, in case they will sacrific to them. They oftentimes also offer their sacrifices to the spirits of the dead; who, they suppose, stand in need of favours from the living, and yet are in such a state as Difficulties Encountered by Early that they can well reward all the offices Abundant Harvests Prevailed in of kindness that are shown them. And they impute all their calamities to the neglect of these sacrifices.

Furthermore, they are much awed by those among themselves, who are called pow-wows, who are supposed to have a Potatoes and Apples will be Scarcepower of enchanting, or poisoning them ditions of their Forefathers- to death, or at least in a very distressing manner. And they apprehend it would be their sad fate to be thus enchanted, in case they should become Christians.

Lastly, the manner of their living is kin in 1745 and 46. In his Journal, p. likewise a great disadvantage to the ers, a complete report of the condition of 176, he says: "In the beginning of Oc- design of their being christianized. They the various crops throughout the county, tober last (1744) with the advice and are almost continually roving from place as furnished us by our competent corps direction of the correspondents for the to place; and it is but rare, that an op. of correspondents. In it there will be Indian mission, I undertook a journey to portunity can be had with some of them found much to comfort our farmers, as Susquehannah. And after three days for their instruction. There is scarce this season, all products considered, tedious travel, two of them through the any time of the year, wherein the men there have been goodcrops. There are wilderness almost impassable, by reason can be found generally at home, except some failures, but nothing compared of mountains and rocks, and two nights about six weeks before, and in the sea- with the drouth that is prevailing through lodging in the open wilderness, I came son of planting their corn, and about the great agricultural districts in the to an Indian settlement on the side of two months in the latter part of the sum- West, which is already advancing the

Loskiel tells of the disastrous effect Pennsvalley: of the defeat of Braddock :

which they were just then entering upon, and afterwards came to Shamokin, the field, and a four-norse foad from eight to twelve. Potatoes will not yield well, and many where they were received civilly but people will have to buy before next year. When I had preached to the Indians coldly, and remained all night. Andrew There are no huckleberries and there will be several times, some of them very frankly | Montour, the Indian interpreter, warned | no apples at all; all other fruit will be plenty. proposed what they had to object against them against returning by a certain and jealousies they labored under: and Four of the Harris's party were killed,

Booming Town.

Among the towns in the interior part of the state that are on a boom there potatoes and corn good, cherries and huckle-There were sundry other things in are few that have a brighter outlook berries plenty-although the cherries had to be their behavior, which appeared with a than just that of Clearfield. At present picked before they were real ripe as they were comfortable and encouraging aspect; there are new lines of transportation that, upon the whole, I could not but re- being built to the town, and in addition joice I had taken that journey among several important new industries have the farmers are obliged to thresh before they them, although it was attended with been started there and others are in can get all into the barn. Hay was good, plenty many difficulties and hardships. The contemplation that will be sure to emmethod I used with them, and the instru- ploy considerable labor. The present tatoes fair, but need rain-bugs plenty, cherments I gave them, I am persuaded were activity in the bituminous coal fields ries and apples a complete failure, the early means, in some measure, to remove makes that a live centre for trade. In their heathenish jealousies and prejudices consequence, the real estate people are against christianity; and I could not but laying out new sections to be added to hope, the God of all grace was prepar- the town and there will be a large ing their minds to receive the "Truth as amount of new building there in the it is in Jesus." If this may be the happy coming year. We wish our good neighconsequence, I shall not only rejoice in bors all the prosperity that they are

Killed Near Howard.

Saturday night Bernard Bland, of near Howard, and a companion boarded the aging and there will undoubtedly be only a Bald Eagle valley passenger train to come to the dance at Agar's grove. The young man was on the rear platform. When the conductor came out Bernard swung himself around to the side of the car, when he was struck by a cattle guard, and fell to the ground, about a quarter of a mile below Howard station. He was found shortly after by men who were walking up the track. He was taktake pains, expressly in words, to dis- en to his home, where he died about 3 suade them from becoming christians; o'clock Sunday morning without recovering consciousness. No bruises were found on his body, and no bones were broken, but he was injured internally. He was about 18 years of age.

Must Toot His Own Horn.

Frank Byers, of Williamsport, has a bass horn over six feet tall and its great bell is more than three feet in width. Not one musician in a hundred can prowho commanded them to live by hunt- duce any tone upon it, much less extract ing, &c., and not to conform to the cus- music from its cavernous depths. Byers they are desired to become christians, horn he can execute the most difficult

Reformed Church Reunion.

The fifth annual reunion of the Re-

Trinity M. E. congregation, of Lock them success in hunting, and other af- Haven, will go to Hecla Friday, 26th.

CENTRE COUNTY CROP REPORT

Most Sections.

WHEAT AND CORN ARE GOOD

Wet Weather last Spring Injured Some Products -Berries and Small | peaches, plums, grapes, etc., good. Fruit Abundant.

This week we present a feature that should be of special interest to our readport from their various sections:

EAST BRUSH VALLEY.

dry corn will be an extra good crop, although horse load sold at from six to ten dollars out of the field, and a four-horse load from eight to

christianity; and so gave me a fair op. road. They disregarded his advice, ceptionally fine crop as it stood in the field, Wheat in this part of Brush valley was exportunity for using my best endeavors and were attacked by a party of Dela- and promises to yield heavy when threshed. to remove from their minds those scruples wares in ambush at Mahanoy creek. Harry Royer had about the finest wheat, on the lot of Thos. Royer. Corn is in good conwhen I had endeavored to answer their four were drowned in crossing the Susdition and promises a large crop, depending on objections, some appeared much satisfi. quehanna, and the others barely escaped. was good: timothy stood high while the clover ed. I then asked the King, if he was Previous to this, on the 18th October a suffered from the drouth of last year. Small a failure. Cherries were plenty, pears and plums are scarce, and other smal! fruit is an ordinary yield.

WOODWARD.

The wheat is better than for many years, the hay crop was very good, apples will be scarce, rottening, grapes will not be plenty. FIEDLER

Wheat was very good in this valley; some of for all, oats and barley good in grain, but short in straw, corn promis-s to be a good crop, pohallstorm is the principal cause, berries an ordinary yield.

AARONSBURG.

The wheat crop just harvested has been one of great magnitude, the yield having been extraordinary in this immediate vicinity; hay has also turned out very well. The yield of oats, however, will not be so large, but the crop will be an ordinary one. Corn in this section looks very promising and in all probability there will be a large yield. Fruit, in general, has been plenty and we do not know of any one thing that has been a failure. The outlook for apples this fall is not very encourhalf crop. Other fall fruit, such as peaches, pears, grapes, etc., we will have in abundance, providing nothing unforseen happens it.

MILLHEIM AND PENN TWP. The wheat and hay crop is good, in fact is No. 1, the oats will be about two thirds of a crop, on account of the wet and cold it got rust, a great deal was stunned and has smut. The barley crop is almost an entire failure, especially the beardless, some of which is not worth cutting. The prospects for corn and potatoes were never better; the plants have a splendid color and if the rains keep up the yield will be large. Cherries, plums, peaches and berries are a full crop, in fact, the one-half of the cherries went to waste; the apple crop is almost an entire failure; the wheat yield will be from 15 to 30 bushels per acre.

COBURN. General conditions: much cooler and more week. The rain was sufficiently great to wash crops to some extent in several places, and was unfavorable for wheat on shock. A very large portion of the wheat has been cut and most of it housed. Pasturage is very thin on some farms, due to lack of rain. Among some of the best wheat fields in our section was that of J. W. Meyer's. Wheat and rye: Practically the entire crop is cut and was a fair yield, but frequent showers are causing some to sprout, some was damaged by Hessian fly and rust but | crops throughout. in most cases the crop is considered good in this section. The rye is cut and housed, the will have a good crop. Hay: The hay crop was the best, giving above the average yield. Farmers will not be compelled to feed straw this winter as they did during the last winter months. Corn: The greater part of the crop made good growth, has a good color and looks well; in some low land it was flooded and is over the wheat fields we find the wheat not small, but a fair crop is expected if not too dry planted will do for seed for next year; the potatoes were damaged some by the bugs and crop will be fair. The indications are that we by the lightning and found dead in the those in swamps were flooded, and rotted after | will have an immense vield of potatoes, both being planted. Fruit: Apples will not be so plenty, as they still continue to drop. Plums

and peaches will be above the average crop. Boob's peach orchard in High valley will have a good yield. Pears will not be plenty. There will be an abundance of grapes.

SOBER. Crops are good; we have good farms here at Penns creek and very good farmers too. The hay crop was good and the wheat crop is very heavy, potatoes, oats and corn are all good, cherries were plenty, the apple crop will not

be so good. GREGG TWP.

Wheat is a good crop, corn is good with prospects for a large crop, oats is poor, two thirds crop; rye, good crop; apples are a failure. Potatoes, not a fair crop; barley, a failure.

POTTER TWP. Wheat good: nearly all cut and some hauled n. Rye very good, hay is in abundance : more hav than for years, plenty of grass to cut yet and hay to make. Barley, oats, corn and potatoes are promising a fair crop. Apples will be very scarce, the trees had been very full but are dropping very fast. Peaches are promising a pretty fair crop. Other fruit in general is promising to yield a fair crop, therefore we will have a "year of plenty"

LINDEN HALL.

The wheat will hardly be an average crop; it was injured by the fly last fall and again this summer. Among the best might be mentioned the George L. Potter farm farmed by James Searson. Hay has yielded fairly well, but a phone pole fracturing several ribs. good deal was destroyed by the rains and the Susquehanna river, called Opehol- mer, from the time they begin to roast market price of wheat and corn. The good stand but are very rusty and may be hamping; where were twelve Indian their corn, until it is fit to gather in." following is what our correspondents reconsidering the late planting, is growing at a rapid rate indicating a fair crop. Potatoes also are growing nicely, although some plants failed to make their appearance on account of 2 30 p. m., and at Centre Hall at 7 30 the wet condition of the soil after planting. p. m. The obnoxious beetle is up in arms to destroy the plant, and where it is not met and defeated will do much damage. Apples are not far short of a failure, and we predict that "snitzing christianity. He hesitated not long be- the mission at Shamokin, and the will be short on the stock, while some fields falling off, such as peaches, plums and the fruit parties" will be scarce. The indications are fore he told me, that he was willing to Brethren fled to Bethlehem. In October will yield abundantly, barley will be short of the vine, but the large grape beetle is prov-OAK HALL.

The wheat in this vicinity is an excellent crop, also the oats, hay a fair crop, prospects are good for corn and potatoes, apples scarce. tion as supervising principal of the school also charries, grapes, berries and pears are at Gettysburg, Pa., which he has pro-

FAIRBROOK.

good, with the exception of the oats and barley. The farmers began making hay about the usual time and a very large crop was stored away. The clover hav was scarce, as the drought last summer killed the young plants, but the timothy was exceptionally good. D. G. Meek of this place had a field of pure clover hay and it was a sight to see-undoubtedly the best field of clover hay in this section. E. E. Musser, G. thus stop the petty thieving. B. Campbell and Frank Bowersox had some excellent fields of hay-clover and timothy mixed. The fair estimate of the wheat crop is crop for several years in this section. Campbell and Fulcaster was also good. The wheat was injured by the Hessian fly. The late sown wheat was injured jess than that sown early. Where the commercial fertilizers were used the wheat was considerably better, the heads being better filled than where there crop than there is this year. There seems not to be any difference between the early and late planted corn now. Capt. J. M. Kepler has the best corn fields in this section, G. B. Campbell has one field nearly as good as Mr. Kepler's. The oats crop will not be a large one here, as it suffered injuries from rust, which cause was due to the damp, cool weather; the straw is very short. The barley also is affected in the same manner; in many fields the straw is too short to cut with a binder. The potato crop will be a good one if nothing interferes with its further development. The apple crop is almost a failure in this locality; the cause in a good many orchards is that the trees did not bloom. This was due to the non-activity of the protoplasm, which some climatic change brought about. The peach crop will be a large one this year. George Bollinger expects two thousand bushels in his orchard alone. There will not be many plums or pears. The berries of all kinds are very plentiful,

Nittany valley:

NITTANY AND VICINITY.

Wheat is very good through this valley; some of the farmers have finished hauling in. Hay crop is excellent, considering the dry spell last spring when the grass seed was sown. Corn ooks very promising, potatoes and oats look crop. Cherries were very plentiful and much fruit went to waste, peaches and plums will be very plentiful, huckleberries are being brought home from the mountain by the bushels. The gardens are excellent, in fact everything is full crop, and the people are glad of it.

MIDDLE WALKER.

Wheat crop never was better in Walker seasonable weather prevailed during the past | Cloyd Johnson on the Nathaniel Yearick farm township and especially in Middle Precinct. had about the finest field. Nearly all is in the barns. Hay crop was large, the corn is out in tassels and the prospects are very good now. oats are short in straw with well filled heads, wet weather in spring caused some rust. Barley very good, apples will be scarce, potatoes ordinary, but with rain following, crop will be good. Pears plums and small fruit not promising. Cherries were abundant. If we have frightened at the storm and ran away. necessary rains later farmers will have good

MARION TWP.

The farmers in this section are, not all through with their haymaking and taking in a little. The farms of Robt. McClelland their wheat. The hay, wheat, oats and corn and Fergus Potter suffered considerably. are a good crop, cherries were plenty, apples are scarce, peaches are reported pretty good huckleberries are plenty.

PLEASANT GAP.

On account of so much dry weather last summer, first class crops are scarce. To glance very favorable. Sam. Cole cut about the best the shock, but soon recovered. In Gregg very good, while in others not so good, J. C. Mulfinger cutting about the best. The oats on one of the Allison farms, was killed

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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.

Prof. Cyrus Grove, of Orangeville, Ill., principal of the school of that city, is visiting his old home at Spring Mills.

Robert Potts, aged 23 years who resides with his widowed mother in Philipsburg, had both feet cut off early Thursday morning in the Osceola railroad yard.

Mrs. Polly Royer, of Rebersburg, sustained serious injuries while leading her cow to pasture. The cow became vicious and threw Mrs. Royer against a tele-

Rev. J. Ellis Bell, presiding elder of the Altoona district, M. E. church, will ing, July 27. On Sunday July 28, 10.30 a. m., at Millheim; at Spring Mills at

Charles Hoy, a Brush valley lad who is visiting farmer Daniel Wolf, at Booneville, was bitten on the left knee by a copperhead snake on Monday 15 while picking raspberries. Bruised onions were applied to draw out the poison with good results

James Dorsey Hunter, formerly of Benner township, has resigned his posiplenty, very few plums. Garden vegetables ficiently filled for the past ten years to accept the principalship of the Hunting-The farm crops in this section are fairly don High school.

> Spring Mills residents are pestered with a sneak thief. Dr. Braught had a lot of corn stolen, Harry Musser is minus potatoes, fish and butter, and Smith Bros. a number of bushels of oats. An effort will be made to capture the thief and

John Roach sustained very serious injuries in the Ghem mine, near Osceola, about two thirds of a good crop, altho the best | Thursday afternoon. He fell under the Reliable variety was the best this year. The over his right leg, breaking it in three wheels of loaded mine cars which passed places. His head was also badly cut. He is aged about 23 years, married.

A few days ago while Frank Lohr, farmer on Squire Hoy's farm west of were no acids applied. Squire John Miller of State College, was cutting his wheat with Bock Springs had one of the best or probably a binder one of his horses suddenly sank the best wheat field in this valley. There has almost out of sight, so that it required the efforts of many men to windlass the poor brute to the surface. Owing to it being in a cramped condition for eight long hours it became paralyzed and unable to move, so that there is little hopes of its recovering.

> A bad accident befell William Fultz, Wodward. After pealing the bark off a tree on the Harter lumber job, he and his fellow workmen had started to walk away when an old dead tree, without a moments warning, fell. Mr. Harter being some distance from them saw the tree falling and gave notice, but not serts. in time for Mr. Fultz to get out of the way. One of the limbs caught him and marked the red-nosed inebriate when the hurt his head, arm, side and leg. No bones were broken, but he will be laid up for some time.

The Ferguson school board elected the following teachers: Pine Grove, grammar, William Keller; primary Kate Bolinger; Branch, Luther Fye; Kepler, John Dunlap; Tadpole, Maud Irvin; Gatesburg, Nancy Bolinger; Marengo, fine, while the barley through here is not as Guy Black; White Hall, M. E. Hebergood as some other years, but will be a fair ling; Oak Grove, A. J. Tate; Krumrine, Earl Musser; Pine Hall, N. N. Hartsock, Baileyville, grammar, Wilson Gates; primary, Annie Heberling. Mr. Stahr, of Lancaster was elected principal of the Fine Grove high school. He comes highly recommended. The Centre and Glades schools have not been supplied.

Further harm done by last week's terrific thunder gust, we learn that in Ferguson the barn on Charles Behrer's farm below Graysville was struck and so badly wrecked that it will not hold this season's crops. It did not take fire. Claude Hess was mowing and his team Pierce Lytle was struck by lightning and knocked off his reaper. He and both his horses were stunned but recovered after In Harris, Mrs. Hester Long was unconscious quite a while from a bolt of lightning that struck her home. Mrs. Shirk had been out for berries and was returning home when a walnut tree nearby a cow belonging to Adam Zerby, tenant pasture.

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FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs-Selected and Original.

THE BOY NEXT DOOR.

Yells that brought to mind the savage In his war paint, all alert: Raids that oft recalled the ravage, Of some borderland expert! Hanging on to trees and fences, In his efforts to explore: Startling to a body's senses Was the little boy next door!

If a window pane was shattered, Or a missile cleaved the air, If the street's repose was scattered-Heads out peeping everywhere-Little need for explanation All had happened oft before; Mite of terror and vexation

Was the little boy next door! Cats and dogs, by intuition Knew of his approach and fled; Jaunty was the hat's position On his roguish, curly head: As with bearing independent He would bound the crossing o'er,

With good nature all resplendent Was the little boy next door! Brave, chivalric and respectful To thoold who came his way. With a sympathy regretful Toward each beggar, day by day; How the wild and tame were mingled In his nature's bounteous store; How my nerves were hourly tingled

By that little boy next door When, at sunset, homeward walking, Once I missed the children's noise; Marked their group in whispers talking, Leaving all their romping joys: Saw the snow white ribbon streaming From the house I stopped before-Tear drops on my cheeks were gleaming For the little boy next door.

George Cooper, in the Independent. WHEN FATHER SHAVES HIS FACE.

When father shaves his stubby face At nine on Sunday morn, There always steals upon the place A feeling of forlorn. An awful silence settles down On all the human race. It's like a funeral in town When father shaves his face.

He gets his razor from the shelf And strops it up and down : And mutters wildly to kimself And throws us all a frown, We dare not look to left or right, Or breathe in any case: E'en mother has to tiptoe quite When father shaves his face.

He plasters lather everywhere. And spots the window pane : But mother says she doesn't care, She'll clean it off again, She tries to please him all she can, To save us from disgrace For he's an awful nervous man When father shaves his face.

We try to sit like mummies there. And live the ordeal through. And hear that razor rip and tear, And likewise father, too, And if it slips and cut his chin. We jump and quit the place: No power on earth can keep us in When father shaves his face.

It isn't the generous fellow who gives away secrets.

The man who drives a hearse needs no rehearsal.

Some people only want the things they can't get.

The fellows who spout the most poetry seldom makes the best husband. The impartial landlady sees that all

her boarders at dinner get their just des-"This must be a cold wave," re-

bartender flagged him. Even a train of thought may be behind

Smooth as a Whistle.

"Old Motz," was the name of a brand of whiskey away back. When John Motz, pioneer and founder of Woodward, where he was a miller, storekeeper and distiller, died, some 45 years ago, thirteen barrels of whiskey, which he had stored in his barn thirteen years previous to his death, was taken in charge by his estate and the old stuff was kept in the family on account of its purity and age, and was only allowed to outsiders for medicinal purposes. Of course it brought a good price, and members of the family had it for many years in their homes. Some fifteen years after the death of Mr. Motz, the writer was offered a sip of this aged ardent by one of the Motz family, and while no other brand would have tempted our swallowing apparatus, we could not forego the rare opportunity of letting a little of this venerable liquid. then 28 years old go down, as we ever venerated and had respect for old age. It was the consistency akin to oil and smooth as a whistle.

She Wasn't Taking Any Chance.

A Kansas school board received the following letter the other day from one of the teachers: "I would like to have the refusal of the school as long as you are willing to hold it for me, though I can't say positively that I will not teach, nor positively that I will. If I am married, as I think I will be, of course I will not want the school. But you know the old story about many a slip, and I would hate to be out of a job as well as the other.