

Echoes From the Past

Fifty Years Ago

Among the strange things we see and read of in the newspapers the one we publish below takes the lead. The article, appeared in the Philadelphia Times of this week and has been copied far and wide by other journals.

The article speaks of a religious sect that exists in our community dissolution of this old globe next and is preparing for the general year (1890). The article, as far as we have been able to ascertain, is a gross exaggeration upon the fair name of Centre County. Our people do not believe in anything of the kind, unless there may be one or two individuals with which their peculiar opinion—and which they are certainly entitled to hold. Following is the article:

"Bellefonte, Pa., July 19.—It has lately been rumored around here that there is throughout Centre County, as well as in Bellefonte, a certain mutual organization that preaches and is preparing for the end of the world, which they confidently believe will be next year.

"Throughout this county alone, from the most accurate data possible to obtain, it is safe to estimate that there are at least 1,000 and possibly 2,000 adherents of this strange organization. The organization it can be termed. So far as we were able to penetrate into their workings, no real perfected organization with officers and appointed head could be found, but simply a mutual association which works in great secrecy and which looks to the most pronounced one in their midst as the proper one to lead.

"The majority of the adherents are professors of Christianity, and members of different denominational churches, and no special church is represented more than another. The Bible they take for the foundation of their belief is well founded.

"Most prominent among the events brought up to prove their faith is the recent multiplicity of floods and fires, with wars and rumors of wars, the increase of crime and disaster and the uprising of prophets and false teachers. The only man who could be prevailed upon to say much about the association and belief was C. D. Miller, a wealthy farmer, and one of the strongest adherents in the belief.

"I believe the world will come to an end in 1890, and there are hundreds of others—more than a thousand perhaps—throughout the county who believe the same thing. This belief has sprung up solely from the teachings of the Bible, and every day is made more plain and convincing by the events occurring around us," Mr. Miller declared.

"When asked as to when he first believed the end of the world would be in 1890, he replied: 'As far back as 15 years ago I prophesied that the end of the world would be in 1890, and that as it neared that time the prophecies in the Bible would be fulfilled and made very plain to everyone.

"Mr. Miller could not definitely say just why the year 1890 was set as the time for the end of the world, but in some unaccountably way felt certain that was the time. Mr. Miller is a well informed and intelligent man, and is thoroughly sincere in what he teaches. The believers' mode of work is to preach

to their friends. The only object in view, so far as can be learned, was to have all prepared spiritually. In some places churches have taken up the idea and preachers are discussing over the theme to their congregation."

FIRE AT SPRING MILLS:
Last Friday morning at about 4 o'clock the family of I. J. Grenoble at Spring Mills, was awakened by smoke in the building. Upon investigation it was found to be in the wall of the warehouse and was soon extinguished. At 8 o'clock the same morning fire broke out at the same place but was put out without doing any further damage.

Mr. Grenoble then locked up his store for the day or until the insurance men could meet and adjust his loss. At 4 o'clock fire again broke out in an immense blaze and the entire building was burned to the ground.

The building was owned by W. F. Reynolds, of Bellefonte; the Grenobles, John Rossman, Adam Bartges, and Henry Krumrine, with I. J. Grenoble as manager.

The insurance on the building is \$1,000 in the Centre Hall Co.; and \$3,200 in other companies. Store and stock in Centre Hall Company \$2,000; in outside companies, Mrs. Grenoble had \$673 on furniture. The total insurance is \$12,873.

This store stood high on the hill and quite handy to the large Spring Mills hotel. It was a large building two stories high and includes a dwelling, store-room, ware-house and a public hall, used by the Reformed congregation as a place of worship.

A brutal fight occurred in town last Saturday afternoon. A young man by the name of John Wian was sent for by the Steel boys. When he met the Steel party, consisting of three brothers, a quarrel was started which resulted in a rough and tumble fight out of which John came with his eyes blackened and a piece chewed out of his left ear. The three Steel boys had evidently pitched in to him and used him badly.

Someone has taken the trouble to find out how far a farmer has to walk to put in and attend forty acres of corn. To plow a corn field with a 16-horse three-horse plow he travels 350 miles; to harrow the ground thoroughly before planting, he walks 50 miles; to cultivate it afterwards he will have to travel 300 miles making a grand total of 700 miles, with the gathering.

Dr. S. S. McCormick, of State College, has created in Hubertsville, this county, the Dr. is a man of rare ability and promises to rank among the first in his profession, having graduated with the highest honors of his class. We wish him success.

The Bureau of Information, Johnstown, had made a painstaking survey of the population of the city, before the great flood, and a similar survey after that catastrophe. Final figures revealed that 6,111 persons were unaccounted for.

The bodies of two of the victims of the food in Nittany Valley Clinton County have never been found. They are those of Miss Alice Rine, who was drowned at Mackeyville, and one of the Cole children, drowned at Flat Rock.

Modern Etiquette

1. Is it permissible for a dinner guest to mention any preferences in foods?
2. When a hostess and three guests have sat down for a game of bridge, and a fifth friend drops in, what should the hostess do?
3. What is the symbolism of lilies-of-the-valley?
4. Who are the first to leave the church when the wedding ceremony is over?
5. When introducing two persons is it all right to say, "Mrs. Davis," this is Mr. Norton, Mrs. Davis?"
6. Isn't it poor manners for one to sip coffee or tea while food is in the mouth?
7. When a woman is playing golf with a man, should she drive first, whether the honor is his or hers?
8. Why is it necessary for a woman traveling alone, when registering at a hotel, to use the prefix Mrs. or Miss?
9. Is it permissible for a man to use perfume?
10. What is a good toast to offer to a bridegroom?
11. How should the napkins for a luncheon party be folded?
12. What is the French phrase for "My dear"?

Answers at bottom of column.

Sunday School Lesson

ASA: A LIFE OF TRUST.

International Sunday School Lesson for July 23, 1939.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Help us, O Lord our God; for we rest on Thee."—II Chron. 14:11.

(Lesson Text: II Chron. 14, 16).

As we learned in our lesson last week, the immediate result of the seven tribes in the North—known as the Northern Kingdom—to return to his allegiance. This was unsuccessful and Jeroboam succeeded to the throne of the prophet Shemaiah, who warned him not to make war on Jeroboam and the Northern Kingdom.

When Jeroboam realized what had happened, he sought to forget the ten tribes in the North—known as the Northern Kingdom—to return to his allegiance. This was unsuccessful and Jeroboam succeeded to the throne of the prophet Shemaiah, who warned him not to make war on Jeroboam and the Northern Kingdom.

After reigning for seventeen years over Judah, Rehoboam was succeeded by his son, Abijah, who continued the policy of his father, permitting idolatry in its worst forms, and through his own example, leading the people into all sorts of heathen abominations. His three brief years on the throne of Judah were chiefly occupied in warfare with Jeroboam. It is said that Abijah "walked in all the sins of his father," Rehoboam.

Upon the death of Abijah, his son, Asa, came to the throne. His reign began during the last year of the reign of Jeroboam and during his long reign of forty-one years, there were eight kings on the throne of Israel. The first ten years of Asa's reign were peaceful and were spent in strengthening the defenses of Judah, both physical and spiritual.

Realizing the need for reform, Asa, fired with religious zeal, led his people in demolishing the foreign altars, breaking down the pillars and destroying the idols. After doing this he called upon the people to seek Jehovah, the God of their fathers, and to obey his laws and commandments.

Also strengthened were the defenses of his kingdom. The larger cities were "fenced" or fortified and a large army raised and prepared. Under leadership of Asa, the people became quiet, the kingdom prospered and was strengthened. History shows that when a people in truly following God, they are thrifty, industrious, active and prosper both materially and spiritually, as a people and as a nation. It is also pertinent to remark that the rapid growth and development of this country in so short a period.

Our Weekly English Lesson

Words Often Misused

Use O in direct address. Oh, to express emotion. "O John, is that you?" "Oh! Why did you do that?"

Do not say, "Numerous books were on the shelves." Say, "Many books were on the shelves."

Remit is not a general substitute for send. In commercial usage, remit means "to send back," such as money in payment of an account.

Do not say, "That child spoke to me." Say, "That child there," or merely, "That child."

Do not say, "He claims that Darwin was wrong." Say, "He maintains (or asserts) that Darwin was wrong."

One remembers many things at all times, but makes a conscious effort to recollect a certain thing. I remember Helen's party, but I can't recollect the names of certain guests.

Words Often Mispronounced

Valiant. Pronounce val-yant, both a's as in at, second a unstressed.

Hydrangea. Pronounce hi-dran-jee-ah, as in high, first a as in, e as in me unstressed, second a as in ask unstressed, accent second syllable.

Bronchitis. Pronounce bron-kittis, o as in on, first i as in kite, accent second syllable.

Obesity. Pronounce ob-eh-si-tee, e as in dea, accent second syllable.

Inexorable. Pronounce in-ek-ap-ri-ka-bil, both i's as in it, accent second syllable.

Forum. Pronounce the o as in four, not as in for.

Words Often Misspelled

Wherewithal; only one l. Fusillade; one s, two l's. Pavilion; only one l. Tucson (Arizona); not Tucson. Holocaust; observe the four vowels. Vassar (College); two s's, and, not, er.

Word Study

"Use a word three times and it is yours. Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Words for this lesson:

APOLLOQUE; a fable or moral tale. (Pronounce ap-ol-log, a as in at, first o as in obey, accent first syllable). "He always managed to introduce a few interesting apoloques in his lecture."

INTIMIDATE; to affect with fear; to deter, as by threats. "How gullible one harbored in the conscious breast, intimidates the brave, degrades the great."—Johnson.

INORDINATE; not restrained by prescribed rules or bounds; excessive. "Her vanity was inordinate."

PATRIMONY; an inheritance from a father or an ancestor. "Examine not the pedigree nor patrimony of a good man."—Proverb.

JURISPRUDENCE; the science of law. "In civil jurisprudence it too often happens that there is so much law there is not room for justice."—Colton.

NONCHALANCE; want of enthusiasm or interest; jaunty unconcern. (Pronounce non-ah-lans, first a as in ask unstressed, second a as in an unstressed, accent first syllable). "He received the news with perfect nonchalance."

LITTLE NITTANY

Last week callers at the John Dullen, Sr., home were Ellis Watson and Dollie Thomas of Lock Haven, and Mayme Haeger of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. David Heichel and sons, Glen and Carl and Mrs. Blaine Heichel and children of Michigan, called on Orvis Clark and family on Sunday.

Among those who visited at the Elizabeth Delaney home were: Mrs. Carl McKinley and son Paul, Mrs. Hannah McComings, Mrs. Howard Schenck and daughter Agnes of Howard, Clarence and Verna Dullen of Williamsport, Margaziet Butler and Boyd Butler of Mill Hill, and Freda Loyard of Castanea.

Jess Probst and Jennie Moore of Lock Haven, were supper guests at the Orvis Clark home.

Mrs. Annie Dullen, Mrs. Orvis Clark and daughter, Martha, visited Thursday evening with Mrs. Dullen's sister, Mrs. D. A. McDowell, who has been confined to bed for several years.

Miss Maxine Dullen is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Lilah Eck near Williamsport.

Twenty Years Ago

Jared Harper underwent an operation at the local hospital for the removal of his right eye. Sight in the eye had failed about two years previously, and the operation was advised when Mr. Harper began to suffer considerable pain in the eye.

The tailor shop of William H. Derstine was closed on July 1, and he has retired from active business life, having passed his 76th milestone. Mr. Derstine learned the tailoring business as a young man and followed the trade all during his life.

While Harry Shultz was helping to make logs on the Reish and Weaver lumber job in Miles township, he accidentally cut his left thumb off at the first joint and almost severed his index finger. At about the same time John Ocker, who was employed on the Thompson lumber job, cut a deep gash in his foot.

Abner Hassenplug, G. G. King and Andrew Rote, all of Spring Mills, were injured when a load of hay that was being taken to Mr. King's barn and on which they were riding, upset on a rough spot in the field. Hassenplug's leg was broken and King was painfully bruised. Rote's injuries were of a minor nature.

The contract for carrying the mail between Rebersburg and Coburn was awarded by the postoffice department to Robert C. Brungart, of Rebersburg, for \$474.50 for a year. Harry Confer, who had the contract, demanded more pay because of a change in the route. As a result new bids were asked for and Brungart was the successful bidder.

A Hudson car owned by Percival Rudy, of State College, which was stolen from the Nittany Garage set forth: L. M. Marks advanced the foremost elements of his battalion, dressing and evacuating the wounded under machine gun fire for the period of 12 hours. On September 29, when his aid station was shelled, several patients and attendants being killed and wounded, this officer, though himself wounded, remained at his post caring for patients who had received fresh wounds, and assisted in their evacuation.

Those who attended a surprise party held in honor of Mrs. William Owens, of Zion, were: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Armstrong and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Krape and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Sunday and family, Mary and Howard Struble, Mrs. Edward Witmer, Mrs. Reuben Kamp, Mrs. Annie Fleming, and daughter, Rebecca, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Owens, Calvin Grifer and

COUNTY ITEMS

Probably the oldest citizen of Millheim borough at the moment, Mrs. Agnes Stover, mother of Jeweler R. S. Stover, celebrated her 90th birthday last Thursday. Mrs. Stover enjoys fairly good health for one of her advanced years.

Harry N. Meyer, of the Rogers Apartments, on South Spring street, Bellefonte, has been awarded the 25-year service Certificate of the American Surety Company of New York. It was summoned, Mr. Meyer was appointed agent for the company on August 2, 1913.

The Bear Meadows hunting camp, formerly known as the Riley camp, located on Laurel Run in Bear Meadows, and destroyed by fire about two years ago, is being rebuilt. Timber is being sawed at the mill at former Camp 62. Local members of the club are George and James Seanson and William McClinic.

E. A. Day returned to Millheim from his home in Emporium, last Wednesday. He was accompanied by his daughter, Marjorie, who will stay with him here for several days. Mr. Day, a West Penn Power Company employee, suffered a fractured skull in an accident while at work about two months ago, but is now back on the job again.

Miss Jean Cable, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cable, of Millheim, underwent an appendectomy last Friday morning in the Lewis-Hospital. Several months ago, she received surgical treatment in the same institution for the drainage of an abscess on the appendix and the operation performed last week completes the recovery and will soon be home again.

F. V. Goodhart and Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick last Monday conveyed Barbara Potter, Rean Engart and Taylor Potter to a Presbyterian camp for juniors for a two weeks period, located about seven miles out from Mt. Union. The site was a former CCC camp, not dismantled when discontinued as such. It is said to be well equipped for the use it is being put to by Presbyterian leaders. Like in past years, Rev. Kirkpatrick will be an instructor, having selected as his topic "The Presbyterian Church."

In decrees, handed down last week, Judge Ivan Walker granted the petitions of the township supervisors in Benner and Huston townships, for the vacation of one road in each township. The road in Benner township is 1820 feet in length and is located about one and a half miles southwest of Pleasant Gap, while the road in Huston township to be vacated is located near Williams Run and is 1046 feet long. A hearing on the petitions was held July 2 to court here but no protests were made.

Roy Whitmyer, accompanied by Miss Catherine Mohrman, both of Baysport, L. I., were visitors in the Millheim vicinity during the past week, guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Breon. Mr. Whitmyer, a son of James and Olivia (Dinges) Whitmyer, both deceased, and both former residents of Penn township, is a tenor singer of considerable reputation. He sang with several groups over national radio bookups, including the Goodrich Silvertown Chorus, and just recently with the Oklahoma University A capella choir. The latter organization is touring at the World's Fair.

Phillipburg has elected Ray Bright, of Spring Mills, to teach Vocational Agriculture in the Phillipburg high school, bringing the teaching staff up to forty-three. Mr. Bright is a graduate of Penn State, previously having graduated from Gregg Vocational and has had two years experience in teaching. In addition to teaching Vocational Agriculture, Mr. Bright will teach Social studies. The young man is a son of George W. Bright, formerly of Potter township, but now of Aaronsburg. Mrs. Bright is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Zabler of Gregg township. The couple with their five-year-old son will move to Phillipburg from Spring Mills before the opening of the coming school term.

The fight that ensued on the bridge in Coburn on the evening of June 30, between LeRoy Mersinger and Dick Welch, both of Coburn, was dismissed by "Squire J. R. Miller after two hearings, held on July 1 and July 2 and the costs of the action were placed on the defendant—Dick Welch. The fight, which is said to have attracted several scores of citizens in the Coburn area, according to testimony, was started when Welch struck Mersinger. Other testimony brought out that the men had had some difficulty at the Brand Service Station, above Coburn, Welch accusing the other of tripping him. Mersinger, a big man, fell in the action at the bridge, and struck his head against the concrete abutment, cutting an ugly gash. Part of the Squire's decision contained the instructions to Welch to pay the cost of treatment for Mersinger's head.

The summer home being built on the south side of the east end of Tussey mountain by Dr. and Mrs. J. V. Foster of State College has been named "Thunder Hill," for an estate in southeastern Pennsylvania by the ancestors of the couple on settling there some years prior to the Revolutionary War. The second story of the structure is well toward completion. An elaborate stone chimney with fire-places on both floors, will embellish a large porch on the east side on the ground floor. The extension will have a large bowl with a fountain. The views from the various windows of the "Thunder Hill" cottage are past description, the view from Old Nittany being the only one comparable to it. Without shifting one's eye to look through Georges Valley to the mountains at Woodward, the view greatly widening below Egg Hill to take in much of lower Penna. Valley. All of the section west of Egg Hill and upper Brush Valley may be scanned, while the mountain scenery presents a glorious sight. Dr. and Mrs. Foster are much pleased with their holdings, and vision developing it to become a real beauty spot, with many square miles of valley lands and mountains to form a panorama.

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Answers to Modern Etiquette

1. No. He should accept what is offered, and under no circumstances make reference to some kind of dish partial to him. That would be the height of ill-breeding.
2. The hostess should either invite the guest to take her place, or suggest some other game such as hearts or rummy, in which five persons can play.
3. Perfect purity.
4. The ushers escort to the door all the ladies who are in the first pew, the bride's mother, the groom's mother, then the other ladies who are in the first pew on either side of the aisle.
5. No. It is altogether unnecessary to mention the names twice.
6. Yes, very.
7. No. The woman should insist on the man driving first if it is his honor.
8. So that the hotel attendants shall know how to address her.
9. It is considered effeminate for him to do so.
10. "Here's to the health, wealth and happiness of the bridegroom. He is leaving us for a happier life, but we shall never leave him."
11. They are folded like a handkerchief in four folds, or in any simple way with the monogram displayed in the center.
12. Ma chere. Pronounce ma-shair, first a as in ask, second syllable as shere, accent last syllable.

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