

PIONEER DAYS OF NEWTON CENTRE

EARLY INCIDENTS OF THE "JERSEY SETTLEMENT."

interesting Statistics and Anecdotes as Told by Some of the Old Residents-Obstacles Confronting the First Settlers of One of the Garden Spots of Lackawanna County. Origin of the "McClozky" Apple. Personal Reminiscences.

Written for The Tribune.

Mrs. Elizabeth Collum Roloson, to whom the writer is indebted for many items of interest contained herein, has been a resident of Newton Centre since 1839. She was born and reared in Sussex county, near Salem, New Jersey...

Mrs. Roloson comes of a long-lived family. Her father, Andrew Roloson, is a grandfurther at 88, and her grandmother at 87. She celebrated her 84th birthday on Feb. 26, 1899, though her appearance does not indicate it within thirty years; her hair is more black than grey...

MRS. JANE LITTS THOMPSON. One of Newton Centre's earliest residents is Mrs. Jane Thompson, daughter of Henry Litts and widow of Andrew Thompson, "Gran" as she is more commonly called and by which title she is best known...

They stopped at one Cobb's for dinner, father of the late Asa Cobb, of Mt. Cobb, and who resided near the home of the late Asa Cobb. Mrs. Thompson remembers hearing them talk of having so much bear meat, and also that they had some for dinner...

When the Rolosons came to Newton there stood upon their farm, near the site of the log house now there, an old log cabin, built by one John Blair, of whom the oldest resident still living has no definite knowledge...

AN INDIAN TRAIL. An Indian trail led from their home to Ransom, then Gardner's Ferry. The only road to Falls, where was located the nearest mill, was by a deer path and by marked trees around by the farm now owned by F. L. Thompson...

Mr. Roloson was of the political party called Democrats at the war time, though not of the "copper" hue as is reputed to some of its members. He refused to become a member of their "circle" and voiced his disapproval of the thing and general disloyalty...

THE FEDERAL UPON JACK'S HILL. They made a shot but did not kill. Next fall they must take better aim. Or they will surely lose their game. ("Jack" was a nickname bestowed upon Henry Beemer.)

When her father first settled here, Zebulon Comstock, who owned the farm now owned by D. W. La Rue, was one of their nearest neighbors, and often came with his wife to spend the evening, just run in, as it was a trifle of five miles. "Gran" said she was always so frightened at their stories that she was afraid to look into a corner for fear she would see a bear...

Just below "Gran's" present home was a large spring, now drained, known as the Bear spring, so called because in the pioneer days Zebulon and John Comstock came from Wyoming there to trap bears. She says she remembers hearing Zebulon tell her father about bringing an old horse up for bait and that they had to chop down trees to make a place for the trap. Six days later, when they returned, horse and trap had disappeared, but there was a trail of blood following which for about ten rods they found the trap and their game, a large bear. She was at this time about five years old...

Sixty-five years ago the 22 of February, 1899, Gran was united in marriage to Andrew Thompson, who died forty-nine years ago last October. His father came from New Jersey and his grandfather from Scotland. In Gran's possession is an old Scotch Bible, brought by her husband's father from his home land, it having belonged to his father. On the cover is printed and written: "Andrew Thompson, His Book Being Donated, 1761." It contains the following record: Anne Thompson, born June 27, in ye year 1782. Jennet Thompson was born May 30 2nd, 1785. Adam Thompson was born July 26 18, 1788. Andrew Thompson was borne July 24, 1788. And the record of the above Adam Thompson's family as follows: John Thompson was born April 21, 1796. Mima Jane Thompson was born June 21, 1811. Helen Thompson was born July 27, 1815. Adam Thompson was born Feb. 17, 1822. Since the death of her husband

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The Hand Writing on the Wall.

DAN. V:17-31.

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CONTEXT.—Probably forty years elapsed between the events of last lesson and the events of the present lesson. Of all that transpired in Babylon during that period one occurrence only is mentioned by Daniel: Forewarned by a dream, Nebuchadnezzar was afflicted with madness. Henry Waters owned and cleared the Robert Lewis farm. Clayfoss La Teer, who settled upon the farm known as the Roloson farm, which he partially cleared, also owned and cleared the "Ross property." Charles McClozky settled upon the farm known as the George Kern farm and brought with him from New Jersey an apple seed from which he propagated the apple known as the "McClozky" apple.

DECLINED (Verse 17).—It was a rare promise that was made to Daniel as he stood in the presence of King Belshazzar, (verse 16) trembling with fear. Costly ransom, a chain of gold about his neck, the position of third ruler in the kingdom—all these were to be given, if the writing should be correctly interpreted. Daniel knew well even a good man. It indicated the character of him who offered it, and conformed to the custom of monarchs, who he said to their vassals, were accustomed to reward any who served them. (Gen. xli: 40.) But now the nobles of the kingdom appeared, as he declined all these gifts, yet promised to interpret the writing. True, afterward he accepted, (verse 29) but he was unwilling to enter into a contract in advance, to make merchandise of his abilities which God had imparted. He desired to have all know that he was there as the mouth-piece of the Most High, and not as a hireling. By such course was lifted into a position far above all the courtiers who had gathered in the splendid palace.

HONORED (Verses 18 and 19).—Daniel preceded his interpretation by an extended reference to the honor conferred upon Nebuchadnezzar, whom he styles the father of Belshazzar, although three generations intervened. It was customary in those days to apply the name of a great ancestor to a person. (Gen. iv: 26.) Found by his father, Nebopolassar, the Babylonian empire attained its highest glory under Nebuchadnezzar. His wars against Tyre, Egypt and Judah and his alliance with the Medes and Persians, all these were mentioned. (Dan. xlii: 17.) Notice here Daniel did not exhort Belshazzar to repent and so avert impending calamity. He saw what God had decreed and knew that no change of purpose was possible.

REWARDED (Verse 29).—Belshazzar had one redeeming quality—he kept his word. Although Daniel had declined the proffered gifts of the king, they were promptly bestowed. A suit of scarlet, the royal color, was brought to him from the great wardrobe, and in this he was clad as a mark of esteem and honor. How great was his honor may be judged from the fact that these garments were made out of fabric brought by skilled workmen, dyed in liquid of immense cost. Herodotus informs us that certain persons gave their entire time to produce the material, and certain others were exclusively employed in the manufacture of the article worn. Over this royal apparel as an ornament, was cast a chain of gold, thrown about his neck, falling down over his person, the insignia of wealth. Then came the heralds, who, obedient to the king's command, proclaimed Daniel the third ruler in the kingdom. One only stood between him and Belshazzar. This, notwithstanding the sentence of God, the voluptuous ruler rewarded the man who had revealed the secret, unwelcome as were the tidings.

REPROVED (Verses 22, 23 and 24).—This reference to the career of Nebuchadnezzar was made the basis of a personal message to the king. Fully aware of all that had befallen his illustrious predecessor Belshazzar had not heeded the wholesome lesson to be derived therefrom. On the contrary his heart was lifted up against the Lord Almighty, and he had praised "the gods of silver, and gold, and brass, iron, wood and stone," and had not glorified the God in whose hands were all his ways. (Jer. x: 23.) This reproof, so simple and direct, was administered by Daniel lifted up against the king. It was an eventful moment when a Hebrew could speak thus to a Chaldean king. Going on from that Daniel arraigned Belshazzar for what had been the most impious of all his doings. He had brought the sacred vessels, the golden writing on the empty wall of Jerusalem, and from these he and his wives, wives and concubines had drunk wine. And it was for this crowning act of shame that the hand had been sent from the Lord, and it was for this reason that the inscription was made.

SENTENCED (Verses 25, 26, 27 and 28).—As the brave preacher delivered his faithful message doubtless every heart was filled with terror, and the conscience-stricken king turned his eyes to the ceiling while Daniel announced his doom. Three words only were written, in Hebrew, in Chaldean and in Greek: Hebrew characters, known to no one but to the prophet. Those words stood for Numbered, Weighed, Divided. By the aid of God's spirit Daniel was able to see whole sentences which he read out to the assembly. The days of the king's reign were numbered, and his overthrow determined. Belshazzar, the king tested in the scales of infinite justice, had been found wanting, lacking the elements of a ruler, unable to serve the high purpose of heaven in his elevation to the throne. His possessions were to be taken from him and given to the Medes and Persians who would possess them. (Dan. xlii: 17.) Notice here Daniel did not exhort Belshazzar to repent and so avert impending calamity. He saw what God had decreed and knew that no change of purpose was possible.

DEATH TO ANIMALS. Man Immune to Poisonous Vapors in Death Gulch, Yellowstone Park. From the New York Press. Out in Wyoming, in the heart of the Rocky mountains, is a little ravine, cut through volcanic rock, in which animals die. It is called Death Gulch, and it kills its victims quickly by poisoning gases that issue from its many fissures and hang about its bed to a depth of two or three feet. It is hidden away in a remote part of the northeast corner of the Yellowstone National Park, and is difficult of access for human beings. While its noxious vapors are deadly to many animals, they do not overcome men, because the vapors gather and hang close to the ground. Bears seem to be the favorite game for the denigrating agent.

The gulch is a short V-shaped ravine in the extinct hot spring region of the great lava basin of the park. Where hot water formerly gushed from the vents in the earths, poisoning gases now issue, and unless dissipated by a strong wind, these gases, being heavier than air, hang densely above the ground. A tiny stream of clear, cold water, tainted with sulphuric acid, flows down a narrow, steep channel in the bed of the ravine. A few springs so small as hardly to be worthy of the name, contribute minutely to the stream. The gulch runs down the mountain from a basin about 250 feet higher than Cache creek. Just below that point is a spot where many animals come to their end. On a recent visit to the spot scientists of the United States geological survey found the fresh body of a large silver-tip grizzly, which decomposed remains of another lying close by. Within a short radius were skeletons of four more bears and the bones of an elk. In the bottom of the pocket they found the recently dead bodies of several squirrels, rock hares and other animals, besides many dead butterflies and insects.

No sign of violence could be found upon the big bear upon close examination, a few drops of blood at the end of his nostrils being the only unusual indication. It was evident that death had come only a short time before, as the body was intact and in no way offensive. The body of a cinnamon bear nearby was badly decomposed, while the other skeletons had been stripped of flesh. It was particularly weird to find a grizzly so peacefully at rest. Even the rock is in an advanced state of decay. Close by and all around the place is vegetation. But the gulch is a desolate waste.

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