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## HOT WEATHER IN THE CITY.

While our Fulton county people have been sweltering through the hot wave of the past ten days, our city has been one of comfort compared with that of those whose homes are in a crowded city.

The following from Mr. C. W. W. of Philadelphia, brother of the editor, is a strong picture of what hot weather means in the city. We wonder if he would not like to quench his thirst at the local Spring? He says:—

"Those who have lived in this muggy atmosphere for the past few days, and have pursued their usual work, may, indeed, feel themselves equal to any other class of mortals in any climate, as physical endurance is compared. Night brings our only relief, and, then, the thermometer hangs at 90 or above. And away along until midnight, the great crowds of young and old among the park, the public squares, and wharves for a few moments of something better than the burning, scorching breath of the streets; and, then, the great heat lies down—anywhere, to catch a little sleep.

The sights in the overcrowded slum districts are sadly touching because of the vast numbers of little children who are ill-fed, dirty and sick, and whose wailing sobs and cries are never hushed—day nor night—in such close quarters. For miles along the streets, stretched the thousands of wretched occupants of wretched tenements—men, women and children—with only an apology for clothing, both in street and on sidewalk. Shaggy dogs with red tongues protruding, an unclean goat, and a litter of watermelon rinds, banana rinds and decaying vegetation of all kinds, send a sickening odor into the air.

Last Saturday and Sunday the official thermometer registered more than 100 degrees in the shade; and, while the writer is writing up the unpleasantness of life in the city during a hot summer, recollections of cool springs and streams and shady mountain retreats of old Fulton, to make the situation all the more intolerable.

To add to our misery, our homes are made more uncomfortable at night by the swarms of mosquitoes that bite you almost through your shoes. Streets at night are almost deserted, and business is mainly at a standstill. That air is circulating, is as hot as dry as though blown across sun-scorched arid desert; and, instead of being refreshing, only parches and dries the throat and nostrils.

There are free piers on the river fronts for those who can get there to enjoy the cool night breeze, but the folks for whom the piers were really intended, sit on walks and cellar doors at home."

## GEM.

Mrs. Rachel Brant and her sister, Mrs. Jennie Johnston, spent Sunday at W. H. Peck's. Miss Ada Hill was called here last week on account of the serious illness of her brother John Peck McKee's. Both Mrs. McKee and John are rapidly recovering.

Mrs. Philip Gordon is convalescing from an attack of fever. Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Truax are Robinsonville visiting Mrs. Truax's son, G. Johnson Mellott. Our young folks attended the funeral at Needmore Saturday evening.

Mr. John Funk and family are returning to Covolt.

Mr. James A. Stewart, of Needmore Hill, was a business visitor here on Monday.

One of the latest fads of cyclers is to take a piece of brown paper over the lens of their lamps and cut it so as to represent eyes, nose and mouth. This produces a peculiar spectacle.

## GEORGE W. HIXON DEAD.

From The Everett Republican.

George W. Hixon, proprietor of Hotel Hixon, died on last Friday afternoon, aged 48 years, 2 months and 5 days.

Mr. Hixon came to Everett in 1895 from Waynesboro, Franklin county, where he had been engaged in the hotel business for several years. He purchased the Palace Hotel here from the late H. Clay Lashley and remodeled the building and made a number of noticeable improvements.

The deceased was a son of the late Joshua Hixon, of Brush Creek Valley, Fulton county. He was born and reared on a farm. He was of a kindly disposition and made many friends, enjoying an extensive acquaintanceship in Fulton, Franklin and Bedford counties. He was twice married, the first time to Miss Sarah Cowan. To this union six children were born, four of whom are living. She died in 1887. In 1879 he was united in marriage with Miss Luetta Skinner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Skinner, of Dry Run, Franklin county. This union was blessed with three children, all of whom are living. He is survived by his wife and the following named children: Olive, wife of Fillmore May; Maud, Patience and David, and Beatrice, Lulu and Joe.

Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at his late residence, conducted by Rev. G. G. M. Brown, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, and were largely attended. A large delegation of Everett Lodge F. & A. M., of which order deceased was a member, attended the funeral. Interment was made in Everett Cemetery.

## LICKING CREEK.

Mrs. T. Riley Sipes is still very sick.

Dr. and Mrs. Soffel, Mr. Frank Mumma and his sister-in-law Miss Nannie Sipes, who had been spending some time at the home of Mrs. Susan Sipes, returned to Pittsburg last week.

Mr. Weath, and Misses Lewis and Fisher, passed through Licking Creek township Saturday on their way to Wells Valley camp.

The people of this community are making great preparation to entertain the people at Christian Conference at Siding Hill Christian church, which commences 21st of August. It will continue until after Sunday, August 27.

Rev. Seibert preaches at Si-loam on Sunday evening, August 26, at 7.30. Come one and all.

Mr. Cecil Sipes burnt a lime-kiln last week.

Miss Nettie Minick spent this week with her cousin, Miss Bessie Hampton. Miss Bessie has been suffering with a very sore finger.

Miss Dot E. Deshong, who has been spending the summer with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Deshong, returned to her home this week at Hustontown.

Mr. R. R. Sipes has completed his new house.

Dr. S. S. Hoop is expected every day. He is going to have a store house and a dwelling house built on the Hoop place. It will be quite an improvement.

Mrs. Martin Reed, who has been ill for the past week, is better.

Miss Linna A. Deshong has spent a few days with the family of Mrs. Hoop and Mrs. Reed sewing.

Mr. David Sharpe, who has been attending school at Needmore, had to return home on account of sickness. Hope he will be better soon.

Wedding bells will be ringing soon near Harrisonville.

Mr. Charley Wink is walking on tiptoe as a little stranger has come to his home to stay.

On account of press of work this week we are obliged to carry over the remainder of the article on Mrs. Sterrett's school until next week.

## TO PERSIA.

Rev. Charles Reade Pittman Goes to Persia as a Missionary.

Rev. Charles R. Pittman, son of the late Jacob S. Pittman and his widow Mrs. Sarah Pittman of this place, leaves this (Thursday) morning for New York, and on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock he will sail on the steamer Mesaba of the Atlantic Transport Line for London, England; thence he will go across the continent via Berlin, Germany; Warsaw and Moscow, Russia, to Tabriz, Persia, where he will be stationed as a missionary under the direction of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian church.



Persia is about fourteen times the size of the state of Pennsylvania, and lies in the southwestern part of Asia. Its population, however, is only about one-half more than Pennsylvania, owing to the fact that much of its area is a desert. About one-third of the population consists of wandering shepherds. The country lies about a thousand miles north-east of Palestine, and Charley will be about ten thousand miles from home.

The city to which Mr. Pittman goes, contains a population of from 150,000 to 180,000.

Persia is one of the oldest countries in the world; and it was within its borders, that many of the incidents of the Old Testament occurred. The religion of the people now is principally Mohammedan, and the government despotic—the lives and property of the subjects being in the hands of the ruler called "Shah."

Although Mr. Pittman is but a young man of 26, he has spent about nine years of his time and more than two thousand five hundred dollars to prepare himself to go to those people, carry to them the Bible, and tell them the story of the cross. He has dedicated his life and talents to this work, and all the remuneration he is promised in this world, is his expenses.

He is a graduate of Easton Academy, of the classical course in Lafayette College, and of Princeton Seminary. In addition he took a two years' special course in Philosophy at Princeton.

At the close of his first year in college he was chosen with others to represent the Lafayette College at a Conference for college students conducted by Mr. Moody at his home in Northfield, Massachusetts.

At this conference the subject of Foreign Missions was made the most prominent theme. The Student Volunteer Movement was then in its infancy, and college men and women by the scores—and even hundreds—were volunteering to go to the foreign field.

Mr. Pittman was impressed with the facts that there was a great disproportion between the number of ministers in the home land and in the foreign field, and that all souls are equally precious in God's sight, no matter what color the persons possessing them may be, and that all have an equal claim upon the Gospel and an equal right to it; and, especially, that the Gospel was not given to the Anglo Saxon race to keep to themselves, but that over eight hundred years ago Christ gave the specific command to

pass it on to others and we have not done it.

On his way home from the Conference, he signed the pledge card of the Student Volunteer Movement which reads: "It is my purpose, if God permits, to be a missionary;" and during the six years since that has been his one purpose.

An applicant for appointment by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions is required to do four things:

First, he is required to answer a list of questions regarding his physical, mental and spiritual qualifications for missionary service.

Second, to write a letter to the Board describing his religious experience and experience in Christian work.

Third, to give the names and addresses of eight persons, including two college professors, two seminary professors, home pastor and personal friends from whom the Board can get information concerning the applicant, and fourth, to undergo a physical examination by the family physician or a physician chosen by the Board.

After this process is completed the Board often knows more about the applicant than his own pastor or personal friends who have known him from childhood. The fact that some pious young man or woman desires to be a missionary gives no assurance that he or she will be accepted by the Board. Only about one-fourth of the applicants this year were accepted.

The Board of Foreign Missions in the Presbyterian church is composed of twenty-one members, eleven ministers and ten laymen, residing in or near New York City.

These members meet twice a month and decide all important questions concerning missionary work. They receive no compensation for their services.

The Board employs five secretaries who give their whole time to the work of the Board and receive salaries.

Rev. Thomas Marshall, D. D., is Field Secretary, Rev. A. Woodruff Halsey, D. D., is Home Secretary and devotes his time to the increase of interest and the spread of information on the subject of Foreign Missions in the home churches.

The missionaries on the Field are divided among the other three secretaries who act as the medium of communication between the missionaries and the Board at home, and who correspond with the missionaries individually as well as with the stations. The seven hundred and forty eight missionaries of churches keep these secretaries busy.

The salary of a missionary represents the actual cost of living in the country to which he goes. The salary of a married missionary in Persia is \$850.00; a single man, two-thirds, and a single woman, one half of this sum.

The expenses of a missionary going to the field or coming home on regular furlough or at the permission of the Board are paid by the Board. All the missionaries going out this year for the first time will be supported by some church or Young Peoples Society. The church which will support Mr. Pittman has not yet been designated.

As to choice of field, the applicant has the privilege of expressing his preference, but the final decision is made by the Board, and he is expected to go wherever the Board sends him.

His work will probably be itinerating and Evangelistic. He belongs to the Tabriz Station in which there are eleven missionaries; but his work will be in the outlying and mountainous districts. He will travel from village to village preaching the Gospel, establishing churches and giving assistance to those already established. He will first spend a year in the Station learning the language of the people.

It will be necessary to acquire two languages the Turkish and the Armenian. He will get his first trip home after a term of eight years. The Mohammedans are the ruling class in Persia, and are difficult to reach. Nothing less than the power of the Holy Spirit of God can do it. Work among them requires perseverance but like Paul we are debtors to bring to them the knowledge of the Gospel of salvation whether they will hear or whether they will forbear.

Persia is known as the "Land of the Lion and the Sun." Mr. Pittman goes to tell them about the "Lion of the tribe of Judah" and to point them to the "Sun of Righteousness."

## NEW GRENADA.

Camp meeting is now in full blast with dry and hot weather, and dust six inches deep?

Miss Gertrude Cook of East Broadtop, and Miss Maud Stevens, of Osbisona, were the guests, of Miss Mertie Cook part of last week.

Misses Margaret and Olive Clark of Huntingdon, are visiting the family of their uncle M. W. Houck.

T. Speer Dickson and family are visiting their many friends in the valley, also taking in camp. L. H. Wible Esq., of McConnellsburg paid our town a business call last Wednesday.

Candidate S. W. Kirk gave our town a very pleasant call Friday.

We had the pleasure of a few minutes chat with the Editor of the News, and his wife Saturday.

Dr. J. R. Hunter of Lewistown, Pa., spent Saturday with his sister, Mrs. H. H. Bridenstine.

CAMP MEETING NOTES.  
Preaching good.  
Singing, excellent.  
N. S. Edwards is chorister.  
Estimated attendance Saturday 2500.  
Hoodlums were scarce this year.

A good many people from a distance had to drive to New Grenada, a distance of a mile and a half for dinner.

Better accommodations would have come in play.

## LAIDIG.

On Friday of last week three steam threshers were at work in our vicinity, the farthest of them not being more than a mile apart.

Emma Laidig, who has spent the summer in Trough Creek, and May Laidig, who has spent nearly a year in Chambersburg, are visiting their mother, Mrs. Maria Laidig.

Etta Laidig and Sadie Hocken-smith, who have been employed in Chambersburg, are visiting their parents.

All of the above ladies attended the Wells Valley Camp meeting on Sunday.

Lawson Mumma is home from Pittsburg for a short time. Lawson has had good employment while in Pittsburg and has our best wishes for continued success.

Daniel Laidig has torn down his house, intending to build a better, if not a greater, one.

Albert King and Myrtle Shaw were married last Wednesday. Best wishes attend them.

Several of our people have been ailing the past week. Among them are Casper Brant's two little boys, Edward and Dallas.

Frank Mumma started back to Pittsburg last Saturday.

Mr. Silas Fisher and daughter of Bethel township, visited the family of their relative, Isaac Strait. They returned home on Monday.

Charlie Vores and Clarence Hoover, of Licking Creek, stopped at Clarence's home Saturday night on their way to Wells Valley camp meeting.

Those who attended the Wells Valley camp meeting on Sunday, and there were quite a number, report lots of dust and not much water to wash it down.

## MARRIED.

Our popular young Justice of the place, George A. Harris, of Licking Creek township, although in commission but a week, has already married more couples than the editor of the News did in serving a term of five years. It is, perhaps, only fair to say that the editor only married one couple and that the husband in that case, died. It was hardly fair to blame him with that but it ruined his business in the matrimonial line. Every one of George's people are living and doing well. The last knot tied by him was on Wednesday of last week when at his office at Spring Tannery he united Mr. Orville Roy Duvall, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Duvall, of Brush Creek township, and Miss Retta Elizabeth Strait, of Licking Creek township. The Fulton county News extends best wishes to the happy young couple.

## SALUVIA.

Miss Sadie Hann, who is employed in Chambersburg, is spending a two weeks' vacation with her mother, Mrs. Anna Hann.

Mr. Speer, and daughter, Miss Anna, returned home Friday evening, after attending the Presbyterian reunion at Pen Mar. They had a delightful visit with friends in the Cove.

Mrs. Effie Sheets, of Clearfield county, is visiting her father H. D. Betz.

O. E. Hann, is ill at this time. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Speer, spent Saturday night with Mrs. Speer's parents at Hustontown.

W. N. Stewart, who has been attending the Lebanon Business college, is spending a short vacation with his parents Mr. and Mrs. James A. Stewart. He has secured a position as teacher in one of the Lebanon City schools and Fulton's loss will be their gain.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Mellott is suffering from an attack of cholera infantum.

The corn, buckwheat, potatoes, and vegetables, are suffering from the continued dry weather, and a number of farmers will not get one-fourth of a crop. Wells and springs are drying up and a drink of good water is at a premium.

Mrs. Harris, and son George, spent Friday, with the family of County Treasurer Theo. Sipes.

David Sharp, who had been attending Needmore normal, was compelled to relinquish his studies on account of ill health.

## KNOBSVILLE.

Mrs. L. H. Wible, and little son of McConnellsburg, spent Monday with friends in this place.

Rev. Theophilus Wagner, spent a week recently with his aged mother, and other relatives in this vicinity.

Mr. Emanuel Sipes, of Hustontown, spent a few days last week with his brother Amos, of near this place.

Mr. Lemuel Divens, of Kearney, is spending this week with his parents in this place.

Mr. H. B. Hertzler, of Burnt Cabin, spent Sunday and Monday in this village.

Dr. Mosser and Miss Lizzie Fisher, of McConnellsburg, were callers in our town Saturday evening.

Mr. R. B. Cline, is visiting his family in this place after an absence of nearly two years.

Chas. Fore and family attended Maddensville camp Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Daisy Polk and Alice Long spent Saturday, Sunday and Monday, visiting friends in Wells Valley and attending camp. Among those from our village in attendance at the Valley camp on Sunday were Messrs. Frank Fore, Cyrus Wagner and Bert Kelso, and Misses Mary Hamill, Minnie Fore, Maggie Hamill and Effie Parson, while quite a number went to Walnut Grove.

## PERSONAL.

D. B. Nace, Chambersburg, spent Tuesday in this place.

Postmaster E. R. Austin, of Saluvia, spent Monday in town.

Martin Laidig, of Hustontown, was a Friday business caller.

Misses Lillie and Daisy Amsley, of Foltz, spent Sunday with friends in this place.

Hon. S. P. Wishart, of Wells Tannery, was in Everett a few days last week.

Mr. Jesse Hixson, Crystal Springs, spent several days last week with friends in this place.

Mr. Fred Showalter of Kearney, Bedford county, was a caller in town one day last week.

Miss Emma Swartz, of Mt. Pleasant, Pa., spent a few days with the family of Daniel Mock, in Tod.

Mrs. Carrie Miller, of Chambersburg, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Stevens of this place.

After an absence of nine years, Mr. I. H. Fields, of Neponset, Illinois, is visiting friends in Taylor township.

Mr. Blaine Dickson and his sister, Miss Nora, of Media, are visiting the Misses Dickson of this place.

Hon. James Daniels and his daughter Miss Margaret, of Licking Creek township, spent last Thursday in town. Miss Dora Peck, of this place, spent a few days last week among friends down in the neighborhood of Gem.

John McQuade, of Altoona, arrived here Saturday night, and will spend a few days in the family of his mother.

Mr. H. O. Bingham and wife, of Shippensburg, were guests of friends here Thursday of last week.

D. L. Wolfinger, a prominent merchant of Chambersburg, was in this place several hours last Friday.

Mr. Harmon Park and two children, Byron and May, registered at the Washington House Thursday last.

Mr. Baltzer Cutchall, wife and little son spent a few days the past week with friends in Wells Valley.

Mrs. E. C. Trout and daughters, Misses Bess and Ella, leave to-day for Atlantic City for a ten days' stay. Virgil Floyd Sipes, a conductor on the Altoona city passenger railroad is home on a leave of absence.

Miss Julia Fisher, after spending a week's vacation with friends at Bu-nt Cabin and McConnellsburg, has returned home.

John Rotz, of Harrisburg, Illinois, is visiting with relatives in the Cove. He is a son of Samuel Rotz, sr., of Tod township.

Miss Eloise Trout, of the U. S. Pension office, Pittsburg, is spending her summer vacation with her mother, Mrs. E. C. Trout at her home near town.

Miss Alice Hamill, who spent the past three week with friends in Franklin county, returned to her home in this place last Friday.

Miss Myrtle Stouteagle of this place spent the past week with her sisters, Mrs. Conrad Glasier and Mrs. Sloan Warthin, near Webster Mills.

Charley Kelley, who has been employed in Clearfield the past few months, returned to his home in this place last Friday evening.

Charley Dunlap accompanied by his sisters Ethel and Mary spent from Saturday till Monday at camp meeting in Wells Valley.

Misses Nellie Daniels and Lois Caldwell, spent last Thursday very pleasantly out at the home of Nellie's grandmother near Harrisonville.

Miss Cora Peck, a member of the editor's family, is spending a week very pleasantly with Miss Kate Hancock at her home near Hancock.

Mrs. Cornelia Doyle, who has been spending several weeks with friends in this place, returned to her home in Harrisburg last Friday.

Miss Anna R. Mock, of Mt. Holly Springs, arrived in this place Monday for a few weeks' visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Mock.

Messrs. Charles Richards and Walter G. Gump, of Everett, made an overland trip to Franklin county last week. They stopped here several hours.

Misses Nellie and Jessie Nace, who have been spending the past month as guests of the family of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. U. Nace left yesterday for their home in Chambersburg.

Miss Ruth West, who had been spending a few weeks with her grandfather, Dr. West, at the Washington House in this place, left last Saturday for Atlantic City, where she expects to stay a few weeks.

Miss Sadie E. Sipes, of Allegheny, and her sister Miss Myrtle, of New Castle, reached the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Sipes near town last Friday. They expect to remain about two weeks.

Miss Minnie Mock, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. N. J. Snout and little daughter Eleanor, of Philadelphia, spent several days last week with their cousins, W. S. Miller, of Shireleysburg, and S. G. Miller of Shade Gap.