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FROM CHINA.

Very Interesting Letter from Ida Deavor Lawton.

The writer of the following letter, Ida C. Lawton, is a daughter of J. A. Deavor, of Warriors, Huntingdon county, Pa., died March 9, 1884. His wife preceded him some ten years, there was left to survive Ida C. and Olive G. The girl went to Kansas to live with her uncle, and died there. The one left of this family was Miss Rice. She graduated at Williams, Pa., and took the first honor in her class of June, 1896, at Greenville State Normal school. August of the same year, she was being there over a year, she was married to Rev. W. W. Lawton of South Carolina, and for she had to pay back to the Methodist Mission \$400, being first year's salary, and \$500 more. Consequently she is in Baptist missionary work with husband at this time.

SHANGHAI, CHINA. August 26, 1900.

OUR FRIENDS—

We are still waiting and wondering what next? Since the Min-affirm that the government and not the Boxer movement is responsible for the present state of affairs, we feel sure the powers will not patch up a peace which will permit the troubles again in the years to come. The Empress Dowager will her clique will need to be "boxed." Officials who encourage such barbarism has been practiced during a few months need some lessons in how to treat foreigners. John Chinaman has his superiority for so many centuries, that people of all other nationalities are to him "foreigners." Only the religion of the East can change his heart and change his ideas permanent-

ly. We must remember this is a new nation when passing judgment. They can understand but know nothing of what it means. There are thousands of foreigners here who have come to preach Christ or represent Him in any way.

John Chinaman is not always as though this were his for the foreigner. I have seen him so unjustly treated as to his own blood boil. The Chinese are not the leaders in this movement, but those members of the Foreign Legation who lost their heads because those who opposed the movement were Chinese. The head all her clique are Manchus and the biggest rascals of all.

The foreign diplomats have no doubt had their eyes well opened during their two months imprisonment while being fired at with shells. I dare say they will not sit by with folded hands while the Emperor were deposed now. If at least they could have added to their experiences by having traveled with one of the parties who suffered so much in the interior, we would feel sure of such things in the government of the East that the safety of any one in the interior would be assured for centuries to come.

The story of a party who reached Kow August fourth, tells many have endured in many of the Empire. At Ping Shan province the magistrates had been very friendly to the foreigners there. June 25 we were surprised to learn that the governor of the province had issued a proclamation ordering all native Christians who had not renounced their faith, to be killed, and their magistrature bringing all his proclamations of peace taken down. In the morning a mob began an attack on the homes. They fled toward the north, but had only gone several miles, when they met a native Chinese fleeing south, who said

all the mission premises in the direction in which they were going were being destroyed. The road to Tientsin was impassable on account of Boxers, and Shan-tung province equally dangerous. Their only alternative was to go south to Hankow, across Honan and Hupoh.

The party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Saunders and four children, Mr. A. Jennings and Miss Guthrie and were joined by Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cooper and two children, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Glover and two children, Miss Rice, Miss Huston and Miss Gates from other points in Shan-tung. The whole party had one wheelbarrow load of bedding and clothing. They had not gone twenty miles south when a mob overtook them and demanded money which they did not have. The mob then tore their bedding to pieces and stripped them of every thing leaving them nothing, ladies and children alike, but a single pair of native drawers each. At this place the native Christians and servants were lost. They fear all killed. The foreigners were then driven along the road with clubs.

One said, "The blazing sun burned us to the bone and some of us had not so much as a piece of a rag to wet and put on our heads." At every village they entered they received blows and curses. The mob from one place not leaving until a mob from the next place met them. For days they only food or drink was from the filthy pools by the roadside. After traveling several days Miss Rice and Miss Huston sat down by the roadside saying that they could not travel a step farther. A rain storm came up and in the mob the party were separated from those ladies and could not return for them. The magistrate at the next city sent back for them. Miss Rice was already dead but Miss Huston lived for several days, with her skull fractured and the brain exposed. They were in the hands of the Chinese for seven days. When the beating and horrible treatment did not crush out life, a heavy cart was driven over the body of one lady.

When she reached Honan a magistrate said to them, "If you had only come twenty-four hours sooner I would have killed all of you, but now the Empress Dowager says to drive you out without killing you." Each official did not want them to die in his district so sent them on to the next, some times in rough carts and some times on a wooden saddle on a donkey's back. At the last city in Honan they were given food and clothing and well cared for all the way across Hupoh. Mrs. Cooper and two of the Sanders children died from their injuries. The flesh on Mrs. Cooper's body was filled with maggots before she died.

They reached Hankow August 4. One of the Cooper children has died since. But sadder still is the way in which the native Christians suffer when they are driven out—death is their only release. Where one foreigner has perished, hundreds of native Christians have perished. Pray much that this may be the dark cloud before the dawn of christianity for their whole Empire. We feel that this time of waiting is only to prepare us for a greater work for Christ.

Sincerely yours,
IDA C. LAWTON.
Chinkiang, China.

P. S. The news last night that our grand old Nanking Viceroy, was to be replaced, make us wonder what will happen on the Yozekze now. We trust it is not true. He has disobeyed all rebellious orders from the north and kept splendid order all summer. There are now 4000 Indian troops 2000 volunteers and 32 gunboats to guard Shanghai. The papers today fear we are to have a patched up peace. America advises the evacuation of Pekin. We can only exclaim, "Ye blind, blind, blind diplomats. When will your eyes be opened!"

DEATH RECORD.

Persons Who Have Been Called to Their Final Reward During the Week.

CLEVELANDER.—Mr. Jonathan Cleveland was found dead at his home on the Tommy Runyan farm in Belfast township last Monday morning.

He had been in his usual health and had spent the day before his death visiting the family of Mr. Amos Palmer.

Mr. Cleveland was aged about seventy-two years, and was one of Fulton county's most highly esteemed citizens.

He was married to Miss Mary Palmer, daughter of Mr. Eliah Palmer of Belfast township, to whom four children were born three of whom are living—Alhman in Maryland, Martin a farmer in Franklin county and Stillwell in Waynesboro—all of whom were present at the funeral on Wednesday.

Interment at Sideling Hill Baptist church.

AHERS.—Death has again visited Brush Creek Valley and claimed for its victim an aged mother. On Friday October 19, 1900 at the home of her son, William Walters, the spirit of Mrs. Emily C. Akers took its final flight.

About a year ago Mrs. Akers fell and injured her thigh so severely that her life was despaired for a long time, but she got some better then, although she never left her bed, and a few weeks ago she became worse, and although all was done that loving hands could do death claimed her. She was 72 years old.

She was married in youth to a Mr. Walters and after his death she married Mr. John Akers. Since the death of Mr. Akers some years ago, she has made her home with her son William Walters near Crystal Springs.

She leaves to mourn her loss, three sons and two daughters and a host of friends. She was a good christian woman and bore all her sufferings with that patience that is born of the love of God.

Her mortal remains were laid to rest at the Akersville cemetery on Sunday following, Rev. Campbell of the Methodist church, of which she was a member, preaching the funeral sermon.

WATSON.—Henry Alexander Watson, eldest son of Isaac and Ellen J. Watson, of this place, died about 10.30 o'clock last Sabbath night. He was attacked in the early spring of the present year with pulmonary consumption. The best medical service and nursing possible were unsuccessful in loosening its hold. Steadily and rapidly the disease progressed, until in little over half a year it claimed its victim. He was just approximating young manhood, dying at the age of 16 years, 2 months, and 13 days. He was a boy of moral habits and religious life. When about 15½ years old, he made profession of his faith in connection with the United Presbyterian church of this place, and was regular in his attendance, both in the Sabbath school and preaching services, as long as his health permitted. He lived in much confidence, giving to those about him repeated assurances of his safety in Christ and thus affording much comfort to his bereaved and sorrowing parents.

Mr. Watson and family have been passing through very sorrowful experiences of late. Within a little over two years they have lost their three oldest children, all of the same disease. They have but one child remaining—youngest daughter. They are entitled to, and do have much sympathy from their friends and neighbors. The funeral services were held at the home of the parents of the deceased on Tuesday at 9.30 a. m. Interment in the cemetery at Mercersburg.

WARFORDSBURG.—Mr. Lemuel Mann has returned home after spending several months at Pittsburg and McKees Rocks. Mr. George Winters and family of Timber Ridge, visited relatives near here last Sabbath. Mr. David Bennett was the guest of Miss Cora Ranck last Saturday and Sunday. Miss Janie Charlton, of Baltimore, visited her father, Mr. J. G. Charlton near here. Miss Della Andrews spent Saturday and Sunday with her friend Miss Laura Brady. Mrs. Mary Gordon has returned home after spending two weeks very pleasantly with relatives and friends in Hagerstown, Baltimore, and Funkstown. Miss Allie Kirk of Paw Paw, W. Va., is visiting relatives and friends here. Dr. D. E. Fisher of this place killed a wild turkey on Black Oak Ridge this week.

Stoner.

From Fulton Republican.

On Monday evening, October 22, the subject of this notice passed away. Merrick A. Stoner was the second son of George Stoner, who died in the army before Vicksburg in 1863. He left a widow and three children, Edward, now living in Nebraska; Merriek A., the subject of this sketch, and Laura, who lives in Chicago. Shortly after the death of Mr. Stoner his widow died, leaving the three children. William Stoner then went to Ohio and brought the little orphans to this place to the home of their grandfather, Jacob Stoner. They were then taken charge of by their aunt, Mrs. Ann Benford, who raised them. In 1876 Merrick left here at the age of 14, and went to Bedford, where he clerked in Openheimer's store. From there he went into the Pullman car service. He was married to Miss Mary Dicken, of Bedford. He then went to Cincinnati, where he engaged in the laundry business. From there he went to Washington, D. C., then to Brooklyn, N. Y., then to Boston, Mass., and then to Hartford, Conn., where he died. He leaves a wife and three children—George, a lawyer, Lewis, employed in a bank at Hartford, and Bessie, a little girl.

It can be truthfully said of Merriek that he was one of the most generous of men. He was a kind and indulgent husband and father and as true as steel. No one ever went to him for a favor that he refused if in his power to grant. Of a jovial disposition, he made everyone about him feel the better of his presence. For the past four or five years it was easily seen by those about him that he was a victim of that dread disease consumption, and one with less nerve would have given up long ago. It was the pleasure of the writer of this sketch to live in his family and it can be truthfully said that Merriek was a man in every sense of the word. He has gone but he will not be forgotten by those who were intimately acquainted with him. To his family we extend heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement. His place can never be filled. His age was 41 years.

About a week before his death, he wrote the following farewell letter to his aunt, Mrs. Benford of this place, reference to whom is made above:

HOME, OCT. 9, 1900.
DEAREST AUNTY,
I am rapidly passing away. This will be my last line to you. Have no fears, the family is well provided for, and Heaven will soon be my home. God bless you, May He keep and comfort you and bring you safely home. Give my last loving greeting to all. Good by until we meet in Heaven.
Your loving boy,
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A Stage Driver of Half A Century Ago.

We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. John Routh, of Pittsburg, during his stay of a few hours in this place one day last week.

Mr. Routh had his residence in McConnellsburg from 1847 to 1851, and lived upon Water Street in the old Mehlitz property opposite R. N. Shimer's. During the former part of his residence here, he drove stage between this place and Chambersburg, being contemporary with John Bender and Seth Mason Dave Keltner and other knights of the lash who have all long since passed from the stage; during the latter, he was engaged in the butchering business.

In 1851 Mr. Routh left this place and went to Pittsburg; and in 1853, went with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, became a passenger conductor, and held that position until 1881, when he became tired of railroading and went into business in Pittsburg, and is now "comfortably fixed."

Before coming to McConnellsburg, in 1847, he held a position on the Franklin railroad, the portion of what is now the Cumberland Valley leading from Chambersburg to Hagerstown.

When the road was first put down, the trains were drawn by locomotives, but the company finding that too expensive, discarded steam, and used horses and oxen to pull the cars. Mr. Routh was engineer, fireman (firing anybody of the car that didn't pay his fare), conductor (conducting the mules to the stable when he had driven his car to the end of the line, and general utility man. He says he always carried a handspike that when his car run off the track, as it frequently did he pried it on again. The coaches had but four wheels and were not heavy.

Mr. Routh came here in 1864, walking from Loudon and getting to town at night. The mountain was full of rebels. The first man he met after getting here was Judge Whetstone.

"How did you get here?" asked the Judge in great surprise.
"O, I just walked here."
"Well," said the Judge, "you are the first man that has crossed the mountain during the last two weeks that has escaped being arrested."

Mr. Routh is chock full of interesting reminiscences, but account of being pressed for time we did not get much.

He promised to give us at some future time something for publication.

KNOBSTOWN.

Mr. Charles Glunt and Miss Maud Wilson, of Fort Littleton, visited the former's sister, Mrs. D. H. Wible of this place on Sunday.

Prof. Clem Chesnut visited Knobsville and Woodburn schools last Friday.

Miss Etta Polk spent Saturday with friends in McConnellsburg. Misses Verna Parson, Clara Myers, and Virgie Hamill, spent Saturday night and Sunday with their teacher, Miss Nora Booth.

Miss Amy P. Fleming, of McConnellsburg, and sister Miss Nan, of Harrisburg, spent Sunday with Misses Daisy and Etta Polk, of this place. The many friends of Miss Nan were glad to meet her again.

Mr. and Mrs. James Henry, of McConnellsburg, spent Sunday near this place.

Miss Daisy Polk and Alice Long spent Monday at the county seat.

Mr. David Glunt, of Airy Dale, Pa., is visiting his home at this place.

Mrs. Albert Kerlin, of Clear Ridge, is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Samuel Divens.

Miss Amy Fleming has started a singing class at this place, which promises to be a success, as the young people all seem interested in it. It meets on Saturday evening at Mr. Amos Clouser's.

McConnellsburg Schools.

The following shows what pupils attended every day during the past month.

High School—E. M. Gress, teacher—Hattie Doyle, Lillian Grissinger, Grace Shimer, Marden Stouteagle, Helen Fore, Jessie Dickson, Dora Peck, Nellie Comer, Gertrude Sloan, Harry Grissinger, Maurice Trout, Charles Seville, Harry E. Seville, Nathan Everts, Albert Hays, Roy Kendall, Holmes Thompson, Geo. Grissinger, Paul Johnston, Clarence Seville.

Grammar Grade.—L. H. Wible, teacher — Winfield Doyle, Joe Doyle, Olive Shimer, Nellie Sheets, Minnie Dalbey, Mary Stouteagle, Alice Hays Millie Sheets, Nettie Stouteagle, Laura Wagner. The following present 19½ days: John Reiser, Harry Comer, Blanche Morton, Mabel Jackson.

Intermediate Grade.—Emory Thomas teacher—Harry Johnston, George Summers, Russell Runyan, Daniel Grissinger, Benn Shimer, Nellie Dehart, Annie Sheets, Mary Kelley Nellie Gress, Annie Reiser, Hattie Sloan, Goldie Mason, Ruth Reiter, Joanna Morton, Murney Rummel, Daisy Kelley, Josephine Runyan, Scott Dickson, 19½ days, Amos Stouteagle, 19½ days, William Dalbey 19½ days.

Primary grade—Elsie Greathead, teacher—Edgar Alexander, Oscar Gress, Reed Grissinger, Eugene Linn, Oscar Lynch, Witz Mason, George Morton, Newt Morton, George Reiser, Paul Shimer, Walter Shimer, Oran Wible, Edna Glass, Bessie Gress, Bessie Rodney, Naomi Roettger, Bessie Taylor. Present 19½ days: Wilmer Hays, Arthur Shimer, John Taylor, Lily Houpt, Rose Houpt, Nellie McQuade.

Laidig.

Lydia Mumma came home last Thursday after an absence of nearly three months visiting relatives in Chicago and Pittsburg.

Will Winter, daughter Edna, and brother Sam, of Kearney, spent a few days last week at D. R. Mumma's.

Rev. Harry Newman preached at Center Sunday morning. Several young people from Fairview drove out to hear him preach.

The carpenters have finished Daniel Laidig's house. M. L. Kirk is now painting the inside of the house.

W. F. Laidig will put a new roof on J. E. Lyon's house this week.

Clarence Hoover, of Licking Creek, spent Sunday at his home near West Dublin.

Prof. B. N. Palmer, of Needmore, passed through this town-skip last Sunday to Wells.

Licking Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mellott of McConnellsburg, spent Saturday night with Mr. Richard Deshong.

Mrs. Martha Deshong raised a tomato tree that was 12 feet high and 8 feet in circumference. The frost killed it. It had 502 tomatoes on.

Mrs. Michael Hockensmith and Miss Flora Minick started for Everett Saturday on their way to Clearfield.

Mr. David Bennett and sister, Cora Rank of Warfordsburg, Miss Emma Mellott, Mr. Harry Hohman and Harry Rank spent Friday evening and Saturday with Miss Linn A. Deshong.

Mr. Steel and family of Yellow Creek spent Friday night with Mrs. Elizabeth Brambaugh.

Miss Etta Hockensmith has returned home from Needmore.

Mr. William Lohr has returned to Clearfield.

Mr. Lawson Mellott, of Pittsburg is spending a week with his parents Mr. and Mrs. David Mellott.

Mr. Harry Strait and Miss Gordon of Harrisonville attended the lovefeast at the Dunkard church.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Anthony Mellott spent a day or two in town this week.

Mr. John Sipes, of Harrisburg, is visiting friends in this place.

Mrs. B. W. Peck is visiting friends in Altoona and Hollidaysburg.

Mr. Lewis McQuade, of Altoona, is visiting his mother and sisters in this place.

Mr. Lemuel Garland, of Needmore, called to see us a few minutes while in town Tuesday.

Our old friend H. H. Hertzler, of Burt Cabins, favored the News office with a short call Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Daniels, of Kansas, are visiting Mr. Daniels's cousin, Hon. James Daniels, near Salvia.

Mr. Dennis Sipes and daughter Miss Ella, of Wells Valley, spent last Friday afternoon and Saturday with friends in McConnellsburg.

Miss Mary Knauft and her sister, Mrs. Alvah Pittman, spent from Saturday until Monday in Mercersburg and attended the Reformed Synod.

Mr. Daniel Gilbert and son Harvey and nephew, John Haller, of Chambersburg, spent last Sunday and Monday on this side of the mountain.

Mrs. John B. Runyan, Mrs. S. M. Cook, and the Misses Dickson, of McConnellsburg, are the guests of Miss Anna Speer and Mrs. Maud Austin, of Salvia.

Mrs. Elizabeth Laidig and her daughter Maggie, of Hometown, spent three or four days the past week with Mrs. Laidig's daughter, Mrs. Robert Cutchall, near town.

Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Mann and son Harold who had intended to start on a trip to the West Wednesday morning, were delayed until Thursday by the rainy weather.

Mrs. Malinda Swope who had been visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary J. Mellott, and other friends in Belfast township, has returned to her home in Blaine City.

Mr. Albert E. Mellott and family, who have been residing at Dry Run, Md., are spending some time with friends in Belfast township. They expect in the near future to move to Coalport.

Mr. and Mrs. David M. Kendall, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Kendall and Mr. and Mrs. James G. Kendall are at Gattysburg this week looking over the great battlefield.

Mr. Emory Booth, one of Dublin Mills's successful merchants, made a business trip to Mercersburg last Saturday a week. He was accompanied home by Miss Nettie Knauft, who had been visiting her brother Lew of that place.

Dr. I. S. Garthwaite and Mrs. Harry Duffy took the child of Howard Seville, a girl three years of age, to a Philadelphia hospital the past week for treatment of spinal trouble. She is reported as being well pleased with her new surroundings.

Rev. Dr. West is attending the celebration of the fifteenth anniversary of the dedication of the first Presbyterian church at Steelton, Pa., the doctor preached the first Presbyterian sermon in that city, and was instrumental in organizing the little band of Presbyterians that has developed into a large and prosperous congregation with a handsome church edifice.

Dr. W. L. McKibbin, of Union township, went up to Clear Ridge Monday to see Mr. T. W. Huston, in consultation with Dr. Hill of Littleton. He was accompanied from this place by Mr. Huston's brother-in-law, Mr. James H. Irwin, of Washington, D. C. Dr. McKibbin approves of Dr. Hill's treatment, and expresses the opinion that Mr. Huston is not by any means in a critical condition.

Capt. Skinner's family removed to the Scotland Industrial school on Saturday. It is with sincere regret we lose these excellent neighbors and their place will be hard to fill in this community.

Frank P. Plessinger, of Whips Cove, is teaching at Chapman's Run, Bedford county. He says the community there just now is suffering from candidates and typhoid fever.

Mr. J. M. Unger, of this place, had an attack of hicoughs last week, and five days passed before he was relieved. There are few more distressing ailments, and Mr. Unger had almost despaired of ever getting rid of them.

Samuel M. Cleveland, of Needmore, says he has had thirteen calls to take care of the sick during the past two months, but that he has quit the work only in cases of death.