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Rev. George B. Shoemaker's Letter.

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EDITOR NEWS:—I have just been eating some Concord grapes, and, by a very natural chain of reflection, I thought of myself as a boy under the old grape arbor by the woodshed in my father's yard in old McConnellsburg. I fancy that the grape I just ate, tasted much sweeter, because, by memory, I had a boy's appetite. I wonder, will anything taste as good to me as it did when I was a boy? The grapes I ate some moments ago, were not a product of Iowa, though we do raise them here. These were shipped here from Westfield, N. Y., and were of the Concord variety. For a seven pound basket, (basket included,) I paid twenty-two cents. This, with us, is a very moderate price for grapes.

Mrs. Shoemaker and I took a ride yesterday afternoon. We went up along the bank of the Iowa River about two miles, and came around by Siloam Spring, home. This spring is a famous one in this community. At one time there was a large Sanitarium near it, and many patients were cared for. Since the buildings burned down, no one has rebuilt them, and I judge by that, the venture was not a financial success. The water of the spring is heavily charged with iron and other minerals of a medicinal character. Not long ago, in our Sunday school, we had the lesson of the blind man who washed in the pool of Siloam. When I asked, "Where did Jesus tell the blind man to go and wash?" one little fellow, to the amusement of the entire adult school, sang out, "Siloam Spring." While on our drive yesterday we gathered branches from the oak trees with such beautifully colored leaves. It is quite bluff along the river, and as we looked at the hills, whose trees were covered with their colored garments of the fall season, we thought of, and talked about, the mountains "round about" our old home. By this time I think they must be beautiful. If I shall be permitted to visit the land of my childhood again, I think it will be in the fall of the year. This is a beautiful day. Pretty warm during the middle of the day when the thermometer reached eighty-six degrees, but cooling now as the day declines. The fall in Iowa is, for me, the most delightful part of the year—especially October and the first half of November. Magnificent days, without a cloud or a breath of air, and just comfortably cool. Road dry, hard, and level as a floor, over which you can drive for miles and not strike a stone. The fields of corn are ripening and all nature striving to reach maturity before the cold of winter—well it is just beyond all my power of description.

Since the invention of the corn harvester, we see field after field of corn cut up in the shock, something which was not thought of twenty-four years ago when I came to this state. I am delighted to see the corn thus harvested. We are having some cases of scarlet fever, among the smaller children. There were so many new cases last week that the school board closed the lower grade of the school for a few days. No others have been noted since, and the schools are all open now. The cases are all light, but the houses where they are, are held in strict quarantine, and we hope no more will occur.

The Upper Iowa Conference, to which I belong, held a very pleasant session at Vinton, and by the appointment of the bishop, with the concurrence of my presiding elder, and the unanimous request of my official board, I have been returned to Iowa Falls for the fourth year. This breaks the record for me. In a ministry of twenty-four years, I have never stayed longer than three years. I am anxious, at times, for the out-

come of this year. I hope my people will not feel like the old darkey. He said, "Sam, what's dis yer conference wher all de preachers go to?"

"Done you know what conference is?" quickly asked Sam with an air of superior intelligence.

"No, what is conference?"

"Why, conference is whar all de preachers git togedder and swap sarmins."

"Well, if dats de case we keep our preacher home after dis, case he gits wasted every time."

The "News" comes to me regularly and I read it carefully—local news, advertisements, and everything in it. I am glad when you are glad, and sorry when you have cause to be. Good bye.

Webster Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Glazier, Jr., are happy over the arrival of a baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Peck, of Johnstown, on their wedding tour, spent several days with Mr. Peck's parents in this place, and returned to Johnstown on Thursday of last week. Their many friends here wish them a long and happy life.

James Hill and Jeff C. Mellott, both of Belfast, visited our village last week.

Hon. D. H. Patterson was in Philadelphia on business last week.

Among those who attended the institute at Rockhill last Friday evening were Miss Pearl Logue, S. R. Martin, Frank Duffy, Daniel Comer and Elmer Cooper.

Abner McClucas, wife, daughter, and son-in-law passed through this place last Sabbath enroute to church at Big Cove Tannery.

Jeff Harris was exercising his colt in our village Monday evening. The colt is looking better. Jeff knows how to care for a horse.

Miss Myrtle Stoutegale and mother of McConnellsburg, are spending some time with Miss Stoutegale's sister, Mrs. Conrad Glazier.

The Warthin and Harris cider mill will be in operation Wednesday and Thursday only of each week.

Sheriff Sheets was at Webster Mills last week.

W. H. Nelson passed through this place on Monday evening enroute to his farm.

Our school of forty-two pupils is prospering under the supervision of our teacher, S. R. Martin.

Blair Truax and S. R. Martin spent last Saturday at Mr. Truax's home in Belfast township.

Married For Sure.

It seems to be a fact that the genial grocer, Mr. G. I. Covalt, was married this morning. At any rate he and a blushing young lady just from Pennsylvania, arrived here from Charleston at noon and went at once to the new residence Mr. Covalt purchased.

The bride's maiden name was Miss Etta Everts, and her home was Needmore, Pa. We understand that she is a lady of many admirable qualities although a stranger to most people here.

The groom is well known here as a young gentleman of honor and industry. He was a teacher for several terms, but of late has entered business life in the Annin grocery.

It is needless to state that Mr. and Mrs. Covalt receive the hearty congratulations and best wishes of a host of friends.—Oakland (Ill.) Messenger.

Rev. H. S. Bickel, who has been located at New Grenada during the past two years, has been transferred to Camp Hill near Harrisburg and will begin work in his new field next Sunday. Brother Bickel is a young man of fine ability, and is destined, if he lives, to reach a point of eminence and great usefulness.

Mr. and Mrs. George Everhart and son Earl visited Mr. Everhart's parents, near Madsdensville Saturday and Sunday.

Hancock Letter.

(Which means—Items swiped from the Hancock Star.)

Dr. P. E. Stigers has placed an elegant new rubber tire vehicle on the street. He has also purchased a pony cart for his daughters Kitty and Lucy.

Mr. and Mrs. George Chesnut and daughter Miss Lucile and sister Miss Brubaker spent several days last week in Hagerstown attending the Fair.

Quite an excitement was caused by the cry of fire about nine o'clock Monday morning. The house of Isaac Morgret in the East End, opposite the Potomac Roller Mill, occupied by Peter McCarty, caught fire from the kitchen stovepipe. The roof was ablaze but the flames were stayed by the bucket brigade. By tearing off the shingles the inside of the house was badly damaged. But for the prompt assistance of the men near by, the house would have been quickly consumed, it being an old frame house.

One of the most elaborate social events in Hancock for many a day was the celebration of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Cahill on the 23d inst. A very sumptuous collation was served in their elegant dining room, the tables were most beautifully decorated with cut flowers and candles. The historic old home rang with merriment, the young people having their many friends with their parents, the house has been Mrs. Cahill's home from childhood. During the Civil war was used as a hospital, so has been the scene of sadness as well as joy, now is one of the most hospitable homes in the town, always an open house to friends far and near. Mrs. Cahill was the daughter of late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kinehart so well known here.

A large number of persons attended the Hagerstown Fair from this place. Nearly three hundred tickets were sold at Hancock Station. The excursion train was inadequate to accommodate the crowd on Thursday and on the return trip the crowd was so great that the spring of one of the coaches was broken.

The receipts from general admission tickets at all gates, grand stand, and race money to the amount of \$9,000 or more, for the four days of the Fair, were: Tuesday, \$1,357.60; Wednesday, \$2,588.10; Thursday, \$4,647.70; Friday, \$673.00; total, 9,266.75.

The grand stand receipts Wednesday were \$647.50, against \$366.75 on Wednesday, 1900, and for Thursday \$776.60, against \$805.50 on Thursday, 1900.

The total gate receipts will run from \$800 to \$1,000 more than last Fair, and probably \$2,000 greater including the railroad coupons. The receipts from privileges sold foot up better than at first expected and they will be only about \$600 behind last year's receipts.

The total receipts from all sources, excepting the railroads, last year, were nearly \$19,000. The railroads turned in from \$8,000 to \$9,000 last Fair.

It is expected the profits of the Fair will be between \$5,000 and \$6,000. Last year they were about \$5,000.

What is it?

Jacob Sharp of Knobsville had with him in town, a few days ago, the stuffed hide of an animal that was a stranger in these parts, and baffled the knowledge of our hunters to name it. It was over three feet in length, about 18 inches in height, and evidently belonged to the cat tribe. A few weeks ago he discovered that something was killing his sheep, and one day he saw this animal in one of his fields, and shot it. The head is small, ears and tail short, and the color of the back is that of a deer, while the belly is nearly white with black spots.

Hon. Dallas Bernhardt and Mr. Sigel Ashman spent a day or two in town this week.

METEORIC DISPLAY.

Scheduled For November Fourteen and Fifteen.

Will the meteoric shower of 1799, 1833, and 1867 repeat itself this year is a query now much in the minds of inquiring and observing astronomers. For two successive Novembers many hours have been flitted from sleep that the wonder of a life time may be seen in the peacefulness of the night. A display of light and motion that far surpass in magnificence and sublimity anything that the hand of man ever made. Waiting, watching, hoping in 1899, was repeated in 1900, but the stars and constellation marched across the firmament in beauty and silence without a shower of meteors to detract from their beauty. The earth passed across the path of the Leonides without meeting these mysterious strangers. It was tacitly agreed that the path of these meteors had shifted or these particles of a dead world had burned out and their orbit was a vacant space in the universe and the wonder of many generations would no longer amaze and astonish the earth.

At these periods we endeavored to give our readers a knowledge of them and an opportunity to see the sky filled with falling stars and witness a display of grandeur that neither tongue nor pen could describe. We told them all we knew about the meteors and much more, but they, like the rest of the globe, were disappointed and lost faith in human foreknowledge. We do not wish to raise their expectations and start them on another wild goose chase across the midnight skies, but we have learned something new about these travellers of light and have decided to advise them to brush up their memories and recall the stories of two years since and again get ready for a watch on the night of November 15, next. Prof. F. MacBennett, of Long Island City, New York, has been giving these disappointing visitors some attention and in the Scientific American states his reasons why we may look for the shooting stars next month. The period of their absence has been fixed at thirty-three and a quarter years and that would make their return in 1899. But the time consumed on their journey around their orbit has been more correctly estimated by "Prof. McClune, of Philadelphia, who, with Prof. Herrick, of Yale, and a few others correctly estimated the period in 1867, putting it at 34 years and 1 day, or to be more accurate 12,419 days. Thus, the first recorded shower was witnessed on the night of November 11-12, 1799; the next on that of November 12-13, 1833; the following one occurring on November 13-14, 1867; so that the next becomes due on the night of November 14-15, 1901—in a few weeks hence."

If the earth were to stop at the point where it meets the Leonides we could witness their fiery passage every night for three years. As they would come into view the first year the number would be few, since we would see it at the head of the stream, "where the swarm is thin." The second year the dense portion would pass by and the field of vision would be full of shooting stars. The third year would be a light shower. The earth finds nothing to obstruct its passage and since the planets pay no attention to courtesy, but keep on in the "even tenor of their way" it pushes across the path of the Leonides and our view of the beauty and sublimity of the scene is limited from six to eight hours, the time consumed in crossing it. The weather, as these recurring periods of return has been subject to remarkable vicissitude. Prof. MacBennett has been comparing the records and finds that in 1799 the mercury dropped 20 degrees along the coasts of Florida and at other points from a

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Saluvia.

Mrs. Susan Austin, who had been spending the summer at this place, returned to her home at Saxton, Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rouse, of Birmingham, Pa., are visiting Mrs. Rouse's parents Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sipe.

Ex-County Treasurer John D. Smith, and daughter Miss Flora, of Emmaville, were guests of Mrs. Harris's family Friday night, and Saturday. Mr. Smith is one of Brush Creek's Sunday school workers, and at his earnest request, the committee on location, recommended that the Sunday school convention be held at McKendree M. E. church in Brush Creek township in 1902.

Nevin Hockensmith, of Johnstown, accompanied by Bryan Bowser, who had been spending their vacation with Mr. Hockensmith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hockensmith, of Harrisonville, returned to their home last Friday.

Fred Clevenger, of Johnstown, who had been visiting his father, J. J. Clevenger, of Harrisonville, has returned to his home.

Mrs. C. B. Hockensmith is visiting relatives at Johnstown, where she spent the years of childhood.

Miss Fleming of Knobsville, was the guest of the Misses Daniels, several days the latter part of last week. Miss Fleming has been instructing a class of nine in instrumental music at Harrisonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Metzler, of Burnt Cabins, attended the Sunday school convention at Green Hill, Saturday, and remained over Sunday with his brother John G. Metzler.

Rev. Chambers, of Big Cove Tannery, who assisted in making our convention a success attended services at the Green Hill Presbyterian church Sabbath morning. Bro. Chambers has a host of friends in this place who are always glad of an opportunity to open their homes to him.

Michael Mellott, and Mrs. Mellott, of Johnstown, who have been visiting relatives and friends, in Licking Creek township will leave for their home this week.

Mrs. A. W. Deshong, who is suffering from an attack of cancer of the breast is very much worse at this writing.

The remains of Mrs. Anna Fohner, relict of the late Wm. H. Fohner were interred in the Siding Hill cemetery, Thursday evening. She died at the home of her son-in-law William Fagly. Her death was very sudden and unexpected. She died sitting in her chair in the absence of the family, who were engaged at their work on the farm.

The report of Forest Dale school, R. R. Sipe, teacher shows an attendance of eleven every day, of an enrollment of 18.

Samuel Fix, of Ohio, is visiting his fosterparents Mr. and Mrs. John B. Sipe.

Piper Barton, and Miss Hanks, of Brush Creek, were among those from a distance who attended the convention at Green Hill, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartman Truax, of Pleasant Ridge, were welcome visitors at this place during the time of the convention.

Miss Nell Daniels, of McConnellsburg, was visiting relatives at Harrisonville, Saturday and Sunday.

The first local institute of this season was held at Siloam, last Friday evening, and proved to be one of the most interesting ever held in this township. In addition to the ten teachers present, were Supt. Chestnut, Dr. A. K. Davis, and F. R. Shoemaker, M. D., of Hustontown, who took an active part. An address by the two Drs. at the close of the exercises, was very interesting and instructive to the large number of patrons present, and our teachers were encouraged to a more active work.

CONVENTION NOTES.

The most successful Sunday school convention in the history of the organization, was held at Green Hill last Saturday. In addition to a large number of veteran Sunday school workers from different parts of the county who did so much toward making it a success were Rev. and Mrs. Clare, of St. Thomas, who, accompanied by their little son Alva Agee, arrived Friday evening, and were entertained at the home of Miss Anna Speer. They have attended several conventions at this place, and we would have been sadly disappointed had we been deprived of their help at this one. They returned to their home after the night session. Among the enthusiastic Sunday school workers of the county, who took an active interest in the convention, were Hon. S. P. Wishart, and Mrs. Wishart, Wells Tannery, M. R. Shaffner, Esq., Mrs. S. M. Cook, Rev. Dr. W. A. West, and Miss Anna West, of McConnellsburg, Rev. Chambers, Big Cove Tannery, E. R. Mellott, of Pleasant Ridge and John D. Smith Esq., Emmaville. One of the impressive features of the afternoon session, was the baptism of the little son of Rev. and Mrs. Clare, by Rev. Dr. West. Rev. Henry Wolf, of Todd township took an earnest active part in the convention and it is a pleasure to know, they have such an earnest christian worker in their midst. The greatest part of the time of the evening session was occupied by Miss Anna West who gave a very interesting address on her work in Japan, to a full house.

Needmore.

The dry weather has stopped the farmers from husking corn. They are also concerned about the wheat crop as the dry weather is favorable to the "fly" in wheat.

Mr. Enoch Hart continues ill; improvement, slow.

Mr. Wesley McKee is improving, and expects to be able to be out in a few days.

Miss Cora Funk, Messrs Joe Funk, Johnson Truax and C. L. Bard, are among those who attended love feast in the Little Cove last Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Mr. Joshua Heeter spent a few days in our town last week.

Miss Jessie Gienger, of Buck Valley, is living with her grandparents, "Uncle John" and Mrs. Shafer, this winter, and is attending school.

Miss Annie May Everts spent a few days last week visiting in the northern part of the county.

Dr. J. J. Palmer and wife left for their home in Chicago on Monday.

Miss Olive Hess spent Saturday and Sunday at her home here.

Miss Etta J. Everts started to Illinois on Wednesday.

Mr. Gideon Covalt a former Fulton county boy, and one of our very best young men, met her on the way. They journeyed to Charleston, the county seat of Coles county, Ill., and were married on Thursday. Mr. Covalt is located in Oakland, Ill., where they have gone to house-keeping. They are both former school teachers of Fulton. Our very best wishes go with them for a long, happy, and prosperous journey.

Dr. Sappington of Webster Mills was the guest of J. J. Palmer on Sunday.

George and Ted Wink are home for a few days hunting.

Mrs. David Evans and Miss Irene were visiting friends in the Little Cove Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. B. F. Shives called at the News office last Saturday morning, and left us a nice pumpkin. From one seed planted in her garden last spring, she now has a crop of twenty-four nice pumpkins, the smallest not less than 10 pounds. She raised, also, this summer a sweet potato 17 inches long, by 10 in circumference.

Personal.

Mrs. John Laidig and daughter Miss Maggie of Hustontown are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Cutchall.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Youse spent Saturday and Sunday with D. S. Denisar and wife near Burnt Cabins.

Wilbur Grissinger, Maynard Sipes, and Misses Lottie and Lela Little spent last Sunday afternoon in Mercersburg.

Mrs. William Baumgardner and daughter Mary spent last Saturday and Sunday at her old home in Licking Creek township.

Mrs. William Wilds returned to her home at Fort Littleton Monday after visiting her sister Mrs. Robert W. Cutchall of Ayr township.

Mrs. W. E. Bair of Greenhill, accompanied by her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. M. Bair of Coatesville, Pa., were pleasant callers at the News office Tuesday.

Mrs. B. F. Cline and Mrs. Jno. W. Gunnells and son John, all of Knobsville, spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Parson at Fort Littleton.

Samuel Wagner, wife, and son Romeo of Maurertown, Va., are spending some time with his brother, Abram Wagner, and family at Knobsville.

Mr. Walter Hays, accompanied by his niece Miss Bessie Myers, both of Hancock, spent from Saturday until Monday with the family of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hays of this place.

W. Logan Sloan and his sisters Misses Marion and Jessie reached this place from Buffalo Tuesday noon. Mr. Sloan is just recovering from several weeks' illness from typhoid fever.

Abram Wagner and wife of Knobsville, and Samuel Wagner, wife and son Romeo, of Maurertown, Va., were visiting their sister Mrs. Katie Cowan at Decorum, Huntingdon county, last week.

Merchant Charlie Scott, Landlord Bare, Traveling Salesman Henry Hutton and Newton Divilbiss, all of Fort Loudon, drove across the mountain last Sunday morning and spent the day in McConnellsburg.

Mr. Howard C. Wishart, the popular ticket agent at Huntingdon, for the Huntingdon and Broad Top railroad company, is taking a vacation of two weeks in the copper region of Michigan visiting his brother Harlan.

Dr. A. D. Dalbey, George Rexroth, George B. Daniels, and Harvey L. Sipes went over to Waynesboro last Thursday and helped to organize a lodge of Elks at that place Thursday evening. Sixty-four persons were initiated.

Mrs. S. M. Cook, Miss Mary Trout, Miss Mary Pittman, D. F. Trout, and Miss Mary Hoke, Wells Greathhead and Miss Catherine Cook, Merrill Nace and Miss Bess Trout, attended the Angle-Boyd wedding at Upton last Thursday evening.

Mrs. George W. Skinner and daughter Miss Mary drove over from Chambersburg Monday morning, took dinner at the Fulton House, went down to their old home at Big Cove Tannery in the afternoon, and on Wednesday returned to Chambersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Denisar of Franklin county spent last Saturday and Sunday among friends on this side of the mountain. Mr. Denisar is on the Weber farm near Mercersburg. He says he had just one field of corn—42 acres, that will average 45 barrels to the acre.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Stoner and daughters Misses Ursula and Emily of Tyrone, Pa., recently visited Mrs. Stoner's mother, Mrs. J. H. Akers, at Akersville. From there, they went to Buck Valley and visited the family of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stoner. Clarence has many friends in the Valley, and his many friends there enjoyed his hearty hand shake again.