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RAILROADS IN GERMANY.

Time and Money Sacrificed for Human Safety.

EMPIRE GREAT MILITARY CAMP.

Henry Wolf is a "Close Observer, and Writes Interestingly of What He Sees. Bountiful Harvest Being Gathered.

Hennrich, Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, August 15, 1903.

DEAR MR. PECK:—If I do not intrude upon your time and space too much, I will attempt to write another letter from Germany to the NEWS.

The first thing that drew my attention in Germany was the perfect management of their railroads. Time and money are both sacrificed for the safety of human life. Most all railroads are controlled by the Imperial government. There are four classes of fares. First class is about the same as in the United States—very elegant coaches. The other classes are less nice and comfortable, but fourth class is nothing but bare wooden benches at each side, and standing room in the middle. Fourth class fare is about one cent a mile and is a great blessing to the poor.

The next thing I noticed is the well dressed and healthy looking people, who lift their hats and bow to each in a most lovely manner. All children will salute you. Then the many soldiers! Where ever you go, you will meet soldiers in fine uniforms, looking the very picture of health. Germany's army, in peace is 603,162; horses, in peace, 98,000; army in war, 1,200,000; horses, in war, 400,000. Yearly expenses of army, \$160,000,000; of the navy, \$52,000,000. Population, of the Empire 56,000,000.

Next, one notices the nice cities and towns of solidly built houses, and clean streets, with the most perfect sanitary arrangements. No fear of epidemic diseases. Before proceeding further I will mention, that the German youth must at the age of twenty, become a soldier and serve continuously for two years; and then serve four weeks, yearly until 32 years old. In the barracks is a place where each of these soldiers has a place where his uniform and his whole outfit, to the smallest article, is stored away; and in case of war, when he is called upon, he will be at his post in less than 24 hours.

The fact is, Germany is one great military camp.

Now, as to crops, O what nice fields of wheat, rye, barley, oats potatoes, and sugar beets. No fences in all the land. No cattle in pasture. Harvest is now in full blast; and as all the farmers live in the town, the roads are continually crowded with teams and people going in and out. It just looks like bees preparing for winter. The grain is so heavy and thick on the ground, that there is not room enough to lay it on. At the end of each town is a large open building like a railroad depot. Here is an American separator, and as the people bring in their loads of grain, it is run through it, and they take the straw right home with them. The steam thrasher has a binder attached, and it binds the straw into handy bundles. Fruit trees are just laden with fruit. Horses are large and fat as hogs, and very slow. Cows as fat as beavers are worked as oxen—both double and single. American machinery for every purpose is used here; but most of the grain is cut with a queer looking cradle with sheet iron attached instead of fingers. They cut against the grain so that the cut grain leans against the standing grain, and some one follows and takes it away. The whole family rich and poor go out to the fields to work—the women without any covering on their heads. Almost every kind of work the women will do. All cattle and other domestic animals are cared for by the women. The women seem to do more work

TOOK THE EXAMINATION.

Fulton County Boy Wins Nice Position in United States War Service.

After having made a short visit among his many Fulton county friends, Dr. R. W. McKibbin left last Friday for Fort Riley, Kansas.

Dr. Web as he is more familiarly known here, is a young man yet, being a son of Mr. and Mrs. George McKibbin of Union township.

Leaving the public schools of his home district, he went to Toronto, Canada, and spent two years in the Veterinary department of the Ontario University, graduating with honor. He afterward took a post-graduate course of a year, in the University of Pennsylvania. Practicing a while at McConnellsburg, he went to Kansas City, where he served efficient as government inspector in a large packing house.

Not content with present attainment, he determined last May to take the War-service examination, and went to Fort Leavenworth; and in the examination which lasted eight days, he was one of six out of a class of twenty-five to pass. Soon thereafter he received an appointment as Veterinarian in the U. S. cavalry service with the rank and pay of a lieutenant, and will enter the service at Fort Riley, Kan.

We mention this somewhat in detail, because there is to us no more pleasant task than to watch and record the success of our Fulton county boys.

There is such a thing as a boy being able to lift himself over the fence by his boot-straps.

LAST THURSDAY'S GAME.

McConnellsburg, 6: St. Thomas-Bronchos, 6. Interrupted by the Rain.

The home club crossed bats with the combined St. Thomas and Broncho club of Chambersburg on Thursday last at Athletic field, and the game was called in the middle of the eighth-inning on account of rain, thereby depriving the home team of the opportunity of winning out, for we had two chances of winning run, while St. Thomas had but one. Bowden of the far famed Linden club, was to have pitched for McConnellsburg, but for some unknown reason, he failed to turn up; consequently, Nevin Wagner was put in the box, and pitched a good game, holding the heavy hitters from Franklin county down to fine widely scattered hits, and not one pass did he issue to first base: while the home team hit the Broncho pitcher hard throughout the entire game. In the first inning a series of errors and overthrows gave the visitors three runs; but after that the locals settled down and played a good game.

The feature of the game was a beautiful catch of a long fly by Roy Wagner. For McConnellsburg, G. Grissinger and R. Wagner carried off the honors in the fielding line, while N. Wagner and W. Grissinger excelled at the bat. Gillan and Beyers played the best game for St. Thomas.

Score by innings—
McConnellsburg, 1 0 1 0 1 3 0
St. Thomas-Bronchos 3 0 0 2 1 0 0
SPECTATOR.

Thomas Elvey and Daniel Gillis who were visiting friends in "Little Fulton," returned home Saturday, accompanied by their friends John B. Wible and Newton Gillis.

then the men.

There are creameries here that I should think were perfect in their appointment. Butter is made with out any coloring; and cheese is made and ripened in the vaults of the creamery. Most of the labor is performed by girls. I counted eight in the different departments as I passed through.

More in my next letter.
HENRY WOLF.

PRETTY SUMMER WEDDING

Nuptials of Miss Jessie Elizabeth Kendall and Mr. J. Howard Atchison.

MARRIED AT NOON, LAST THURSDAY.

At White Hall, the Beautiful Home of Mr. and Mrs. David M. Kendall of Ayr Township. Many Guests Present.

At high noon, Thursday, August 27, 1903, a very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Kendall in Ayr township, when their daughter, Miss Jessie Elizabeth, became the bride of Mr. J. Howard Atchison, of Albia, Iowa.—The ceremony was performed by Rev. S. B. Houston.

Promptly at the appointed hour Mrs. George W. Keisner, of McConnellsburg, was escorted to the organ, when to the strain of Lohengrin's Wedding March, the bridal party entered and took position under a beautiful festoon of evergreen, at the north end of the large double parlors, which were beautifully decorated.

The bride looked very pretty gowned in silk muslin, trimmed in Valenciennes insertion and Medallions.

After the ceremony and congratulations, delicious refreshments were served to about one hundred persons, among whom were the following out-of-the-county people: Mr. and Mrs. Lot Morrow, of Allegheny county, Pa.; Mr. Will McDowell, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McDowell, and Mr. Charlie Smith of Lamaster; Miss May McDowell and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bosserman, of Mercersburg; Mrs. Frank W. Eitelmeier of Camden, N. J., and Dr. R. W. McKibbin of Kansas City, Mo.

The bridal couple were generously remembered by their many friends, who presented them with beautiful gifts of silver, cut glass china, linen, bric-a-brac, &c.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kendall, and a general favorite among her many friends. The groom is a popular young business man, and the young couple will at once establish a home of their own. While a large number of the guests were lingering at the festal board, the bridal couple quietly withdrew, and with Warrie Johnston as improvised coachman, they were driven away to make the train at Hancock, much to the disappointment of those who had collected old shoes, cow bells, and rice.

The married couple go directly to their new home in Iowa, carrying with them the best wishes of their numerous friends.

Lewis Dubbs.

Mr. Lewis Dubbs died in Ransom, Kansas, August 21, 1903, aged 84 years, 11 months and 22 days, and his remains were brought to Burnt Cabins and laid to rest in the Dubbs cemetery. The deceased was born near Burnt Cabins and went to Kansas only about twenty years ago. He is survived by four sons and three daughters, namely, Howard Albert, Samuel and William, and Lilly Traces of Kansas, and by Mrs. L. C. Kelly of Burnt Cabins and Mrs. Lawrence Kelly of Huntingdon county.

BARN BURNED.

Charlie Wagner, formerly of Tod Township, loses heavily.

Near Markes, Franklin county, last Friday evening, the barn on the farm of Jacob Lemaster was struck by lightning and destroyed. Charlie Wagner, the tenant, and his wife were in the barn milking when the bolt struck.—Mrs. Wagner was made unconscious, but recovered during the night. The loss is heavy for in the barn were the season's crops of wheat, hay and oats.—The live stock was saved. A grain drill, was burned. Mr. Wagner's loss was complete.

HUNTING TROUBLE.

Mrs. Margaret Mellott's Buggy Taken Out and Burned Last Saturday Night.

Last Saturday night some person or persons went to the home of Mrs. Margaret Mellott on Pleasant Ridge, took her buggy out of the buggy house, which was locked, pulled it some distance away, saturated the body and top with kerosene, and set fire to it. When discovered by Mrs. Mellott it was entirely ruined.

Mrs. Mellott purchased the buggy new, not many months ago and soon thereafter, the burs were stolen off the spindles. She succeeded in replacing them, when about two weeks ago, the wheels were all taken off, carried about half a mile distant, and hidden under a bridge. These she found, and now the destruction is complete.

Mrs. Mellott is a widow woman and has been in such poor health that she has not been out of her house for weeks. Her granddaughter lives with her, on whose account Mrs. Mellott keeps a horse and buggy. Quite a number of people in the vicinity know almost to certainly who the guilty party is, and we think it wise to allow the law to take its course with this fiend animated with the spirit of the lower regions, although he be relative or neighbor.

JOHN FIELDS DECLINES.

Is Offered Big Money to go to Texas. Will Remain in Oklahoma.

The following dispatch from Stillwater, Oklahoma, where John Fields son of David T. Fields of this place, is located shows the value placed on a Fulton county boy out there:

"Director John Fields received a telegram a few days ago offering him the directorship of the Texas Experiment Station at a much larger salary than he is receiving here. The board of regents immediately took the matter in hand and offered such inducements as prevailed upon Director Fields to remain in Oklahoma, though still at a considerable sacrifice. The progress of the experiment station under Director Fields during the last four years has been remarkable, both in work accomplished and in its standing and influence among the people. There are now only five other stations in the United States whose publications reach a greater number of people, and no other whose bulletins reach a greater proportion of the farmers within its jurisdiction. The action of the board of regents in retaining Director Fields and his own conduct in making the necessary sacrifice will meet with warm approval throughout the territory."

HER 75th ANNIVERSARY.

A Surprise Birthday Party Given Mrs. Susan Bishop of Thompson.

A most delightful social event occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Culler of Thompson township, last Friday, when the surviving children of Mrs. Susan Bishop assembled to celebrate her 75th birthday anniversary.—Those present were Mrs. Mary A. Kelley of McConnellsburg, Mr. and Mrs. George Bishop and their children Nellie and James; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bishop and daughter Mary; Mr. and Mrs. John Bishop and their daughter Blanche; and Mrs. J. C. Hewett, Anna Carbaugh and Nellie Gordon.

If you have a neighbor or friend who does not take the NEWS show him your copy, and call his attention to the big lot of news and other reading matter it contains. Every man in the county who is raising a family ought to have it. Nothing pays so well in an educational point of view as your home newspaper, and the FULTON COUNTY NEWS fills the bill.

DR. J. T. ROTHROCK HERE.

May Purchase Fulton County Land for Pennsylvania Railroad.

SCIENTIFIC CULTURE OF TREES.

The Pennsylvania Railroad will Cultivate Locust Trees Extensively for the Production of Ties, Which are Superior to Iron.

Dr. J. T. Rothrock State Commissioner of Forestry, accompanied by Engineer Wertz, and Mr. Knepper superintendent of the Mont Alto reservation, were in town last Thursday.

From this place they in company with Hon. D. H. Patterson, went over to Aughwick Valley to examine the lands formerly owned by the Aughwick Game and Fishing Club, but now owned by Henry K. Boyer of Philadelphia; Harry E. Hershey and Pat Russ, of Harrisburg; Thad M. Mahon and Captain Skinner of Chambersburg, and Hon. D. H. Patterson of this county.

The tract consists of about 5,000 acres, and it is proposed by the owners to sell it to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Dr. Rothrock is a careful and capable business man and gave no expression of opinion as to probability of the purchase; but judging from the selections of land already made in different sections of the State, he should regard the Aughwick Valley land with favor.

Lying in the western part of this county extending from northern Brush Creek township across into southern Wells is a body of several thousand acres, that should be owned by the State. It is well adapted to the culture of locust and chestnut timber and could be made very valuable.

In order to provide for the future in the matter of railroad ties the Pennsylvania railroad company is about to engage extensively in growing locust trees, and all its available farm land along the lines of the system adapted to such purposes is to be planted with the trees. The company has for several years been experimenting with locust tree planting at different points. It has gone about it in a careful and scientific manner, and the results so far obtained warrant the undertaking of the project on a broader and more extensive scale.

Dr. Rothrock, has been given supervision of the work. He has made a careful study of the matter, and no place is selected by him for planting the trees until after thorough investigation as to its adaptability, both as to climatic conditions and freedom from insects which, in certain sections are said to be a serious menace to these trees. The company has numerous farms throughout the State, secured in connection with right of way, either for new track or changes, in the alignment of existing lines. Many of these farms are tenanted, and the tenants have been, or will be, notified to vacate from time to time.

The question of the future railroad tie supply is one that is being given serious attention by not only the Pennsylvania railroad officials, but by those of other roads, as the great number annually required is rapidly depleting the timber of the country available for such purposes. Various experiments with metal and other ties have been conducted by the Pennsylvania and other companies in the past, but nothing has so far been found to give the same satisfaction as the wood-tie.

It is estimated that it will require fully 20 years for these trees to sufficiently mature to permit of their use for railroad ties.

Olive K. Unger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Unger, of Ayr township, left Monday noon to enter as a pupil the Soldiers' Orphans' school at Chester Springs.

HICKS FOR SEPTEMBER.

Days and Nights Equal on the Twenty-first with Probable Stormy Weather.

The first storm period for September is central on the 4th extending from the 2nd to the 7th. This period embraces Moon in apogee on the 3rd, full on the 6th and on the equator on the 7th. Signs of approaching change and storms will appear about the 3rd weather will grow warmer in the west, the barometer will begin falling in the same region and cloudiness and rain will follow, growing in volume as they pass eastward, and reaching a culminating crisis from the 5th to the 7th. Autumnal thunder storms and squalls will be natural in many sections on the 6th and 7th. Look for decided change to cooler in the west as these storms pass eastward, the cool, and clearing weather following the storms to the extreme east. The change to fair and cooler will be retarded until after the moon passed north of the equator on the 7th.

Weather changes will come in rapid succession at this time, but we believe that the dominant state of the weather will be warm above the average. The 9th 10th and 11th are reactionary storm days, on and about which marked storm conditions will arise.

A regular Vulcan storm period is central on the 18th, covering the 14th 19th. The new moon falls on the celestial equator on the 20th, being co-incident with the central day of earth's autumnal equinox, and with moon at an eclipse node, this is also at the center of the Venus equinox.—The strong probabilities are that threatening, unsettled, stormy weather will begin during the period of 14th to 19th, and run into the reactionary period central on the 20th to 23rd. If many active storms do not occur in the time covered by these two periods there will almost certainly be a prolonged spell of unseasonably warm weather, followed by severe seismic shakes in many parts of this and other countries. One of two extremes always results under such astronomical conditions as exist at this time—general and violent storms, or the almost total absence of storms, with a prolonged period of phenomenally hot, brassy weather, ending in many earthquake and seismic disturbances, we are inclined to believe that the latter will result at this time, but it is one of those peculiar problems that no one can positively solve before hand, in the present state of knowledge.

The last storm period for the month is central on the 27th, extending from the 25th to the 30th. We predict that this period will bring a series of severe storms, and that the crisis of these disturbances will fall on and touching the 26th to 29th.

THOMPSON.

Mrs. Dennis Everts is very sick. Drs. Sappington, Fisher, and Mosser are attending her.—Mrs. Youker is better. Mrs. Lee Cattlell is critically ill.

Miss Emma Pittman of Hagers-town, spent last week with her sister, Mrs. David Gregory.

Mrs. James Funk, Mrs. W. C. Peck, and Mr. and Mrs. John Bishop visited Dennis Everts' last week.

E. B. Fisher is creating quite a sensation with his auto.

Rev. Barney preached at Antioch last Saturday evening.

Elder Garland will preach at Bald Eagle next Saturday evening.

Miss Olive Zimmerman has returned home after a nice visit.

Presiding Elder A. S. Baldwin who with his family has been "tenting on the old campground" at Newton Hamilton writes: "After a residence of nine delightful weeks in the woods, we go home to-night, (last Friday). Sorry to go in doors before October, but school bell warns 'books' and school teacher and pupils in my family must respond."

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

Snapshots at Their Movements, as They Come and Go.

NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED.

Home for a Vacation, Away for an Outing, a Trip for Business or Pleasure, You'll Find it Right Here.

Mr. N. H. Evans of Thompson, spent last Thursday night in the home of the editor.

Captain Skinner spent a day or two on this side of the mountain last week.

Miss Grace Steigers, of Mercersburg, was the guest of Miss Bess Irwin during the past week.

J. Elliott Patterson, Esq., wife and son Howard of Philadelphia, are visiting at the old Patterson home in the Cove.

Charlie Stech's family went to Licking Creek township last Saturday to spend a week among friends there.

Miss Edith Sipes of this place, leaves this week for Philadelphia where she will take a course in Peirces College.

Master Amos Stout eagle who had been visiting his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hixson of Brush Creek, returned home last Friday.

Dr. Nick C. Trout of Fairfield, Pa., came over last Thursday evening and spent a few days visiting his mother and sisters in this place.

Mr. David Knepper one of Taylor's representative citizens spent last Wednesday in town, and was a very pleasant caller at this office.

Miss Bessie Morton left Monday for Parkersburg, W. Va., to take a course in stenography and type writing at the Mountain City Business College.

Mrs. D. M. Whetstone who had been visiting her aunt Miss A. J. Irwin, North First street returned to her home at Clear Spring, Md., Wednesday.

Mr. Scott Rinedollar, one of Everett's most popular young tailors is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Rinedollar and other friends in this county.

C. L. McClain and his brother Harry, of Johnstown, who had been visiting friends and relatives in this county were pleasant callers at this office last Thursday.

Miss Ruth West left McConnellsburg Monday morning, and after visiting friends in Chambersburg and Harrisburg, will sail for Syria about the 15th inst.

Casper Whorley, of Shippensburg, joined his family at this place Friday where they have been visiting Mrs. Whorley's parents Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Shimer.

Mr. Clarence Colledge who has been in Pittsburg three years, and who has a nice position in the Smocky City, is rusticiating among his many Fulton county friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Lot Morrow, of Allegheny county, have been spending two or three week visiting the former's sisters, Mrs. Maggie Kendall, and Mrs. Walker Johnston, in the Cove.

Mrs. Ada M. Selsor and Miss Elizabeth Grove two of Mercersburg's best teachers, spent several days very pleasantly in the home of John W. Selsor and his sister Miss Annie of this place.

Mrs. Justus Sinexon and children who have been visiting Mrs. M. B. Trout returned to Philadelphia Tuesday. She was accompanied to the city, by Miss Irene Trout who had been home for a short vacation.

Mr. J. S. Eitelmeier and family who had been spending their annual summer vacation among their McConnellsburg friends returned to their home at McKeesport last Friday. They were accompanied home by Mr. Henry A. Comer of this place who will visit the various places of interest in the western part of the state.