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Written for the NEWS, by Rev. Henry Wolf, White in Deutschland.

## DAIRY AND BEET-SUGAR INDUSTRIES.

Farmers Realize \$40.00 an Acre on Their Beet Crops. Large Production of Wine, and Everybody Drinks Beer.

Heubach, Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, August 17, 1903.

MR. EDITOR.—In my last letter I wrote about the creamery here. It was built by an association of farmers, 72 in number, and cost them 150,000 marks, equal to about \$37,000. It pays a yearly dividend of 5 per cent. The butter is sold at 110 pfennigs, equal to 27½ cents. Cheese ranges from 12 to even 50 cents per pound.

As I shall speak of values as represented by German coins, I will here explain that the coins of the German Empire are of gold, silver, nickel and copper, the smallest denomination being the pfennig, which is worth about one-fourth of a cent in U. S. money. As a mark is worth 100 pfennigs, it has a value about the same as our silver quarter. The gold coins are the 20-mark piece, the 10-mark piece and the five-mark piece, worth, respectively, as you will notice, \$5, \$2.50 and \$1.25. The silver coins are the one and the two mark pieces, worth 25 and 50 cents. The nickel are the 10 and 5 pfennig pieces, worth 2½ cents and 1½ cents, and the copper coins are the one and two pfennig pieces, worth ½ cent and ¼ cent respectively. Thus, you see, the storekeeper does not beat you out of the extra half cent in making change.

Another industry is a beet sugar factory, built, likewise by an association of wealthy men. It costs 1,500,000 marks, or \$375,000. Of such factories Germany possesses 280. The factory here in Umstadt is considered a small one; yet it works up 600 tons of beets per day, during the season, which lasts about 90 days. It employs about 150 men. The farmers deliver the beets at the factory at 17 marks per ton, equal to \$4.25 and when the crop is good realize about \$40.00 per acre for their beets. There is also a quarry of nice sand stone here, which employs 200 men.

Another important source of wealth is the manufacture of wine chiefly from grapes, but also from all berries and from cherries, pears and apples. Most of these wines sell at 1 mark per pint. But the making of beer goes ahead of everything I have ever seen. Beer sells at 10 pfennigs a pint—that is 24 cents. The town of Heubach has a population of 1350, has nine beer saloons, and drinks up yearly the sum of 50,000 marks. Saloons pay no license and has no restriction as to age. All can buy and drink to their heart's content. Beer may be sold on Sundays as well as on week days; and in fact, Sunday is the busiest day in the whole week. In the hotel in which I lodge, I counted nearly 50 persons drinking beer last Saturday evening, and some of them sat till nearly midnight, drinking continually, some as high as twenty pints of beer. Yesterday was Sunday and, of course, I attended church. The church was well filled with people, in the morning, as well as in the afternoon, and fine sermons preached; but think of my surprise, after service when these people gathered in the saloons again to drink beer; and in the nine-pin alley were gathered about 50 young men rolling balls for money stakes, and drinking beer.

How will all this end with the German nation? Some of the Germans see the dark clouds of the coming storm. The nation itself is alarmed at the element in the Reichstag which consists of 95 members out of 450, who seem to be of the Herr Most type.—They oppose the Emperor and all government. They represent the working classes and are against capital—and even religion. They

## Chambersburg Wins in the Ninth.

The home club went down to defeat on Saturday last before the strong Chambersburg nine in one of the hardest fought games ever seen in McConnellsburg. In the first inning a few timely hits gave the visitors three runs, and then they were blanked for seven innings. In the seventh the home club tied the score, and we thought the game was ours, but then came the fatal ninth, which the rooters will never forget; for in this inning the infielders made a few costly errors which gave the visitors three runs and, also, the game.

Wagner pitched a good game and received splendid support in every inning except the memorable ninth. In the seventh a terrific line drive from Kelly's bat put Gillan out of the pitching business temporarily. For Chambersburg McClay and Rearick played the best game; for the home team Reinsner and Kelly played a star game in the outfield, pulling in all the flies that came in their direction.

The Chambersburg boys are all gentlemanly players, and the people of McConnellsburg will be glad to see them back again next summer; for a good game is always the result when the Chambersburg team comes to town.

Score by innings—  
Chambersburg 3 0 0 0 0 0 3—6  
McConnellsburg 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 0—3  
SPECTATOR.

## LICKING CREEK.

Martin Truax and sister visited Mr. Geo. Morton, recently. Miss Jessie Mellott has returned home.

Jas. D. Hoop is enjoying himself with his new wheel. Mrs. Lewis Mellott spent Sunday night with her mother at George R. Hoop's.

George Deshong expects to go to Hancock this week. The young men are getting along very nicely with the new school house.

Colly Read has been sawing. Miss Bertha Truax and brother Hobart visited Mr. and Mrs. Mellott Sunday.

Mr. Roy Tayman, who has been working at Mr. Hoop's has returned home.

Mr. John Tayman, wife, and son Roy and daughter Rosy visited Geo. G. Hoop's Sunday and Mrs. Harriet Deshong.

Howard Hann and wife visited Jacob Kaufman Sunday.

Mr. George R. Hoop and wife were over at Brush Creek Monday for apples.

Harry Mumma visited S. S. Hoop Sunday. Lewis Mellott spent last Sunday evening with his mother, Mrs. Ellen Mellott.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Dixon and daughters, Helen and Margaret of Pittsburg spent from Sunday till Tuesday with friends here, when they started to return to their home at Pittsburg. During their outing on this trip they spent a week at Atlantic City.

are a most dangerous people. I would note here that the government, levies a tax on every working man, to be paid weekly into a fund created to support sick laborers who receive certain sums during sickness. It also levies a tax on real estate to support a fund for the relief of disabled persons of all classes. Feeling a sort of safety for the future the laborer spends his earnings for good clothes and beer. Common laborers are paid about three marks per day (75cts) nearly half of which goes for board. Farm hands 1 mark per day and board. Beefsteak 80 pfennigs (20cts) per pound, other meals in proportion. Clothing about one fifth cheaper than in the United States. Wheat about 15 to 20 cents higher per bushel. Education is far in advance of America, and the young people are better qualified for all positions than in America.

HENRY WOLF.

## LIFE'S JOURNEY ENDED.

George W. Peck, Dies at His Home in Indiana.

## MISS CLYDE HESS, OF NEEDMORE.

Succumbs after a Lingering Illness of Consumption, and Remains Interred at Tonoaway Monday.

GEORGE W. PECK.

From the Upland Monitor published at Upland, Ind., we learn that George W. Peck died on Monday morning, August 31, 1903, at his home in that place, after a protracted illness of consumption. Interment was made at the Jefferson Christian church on Wednesday.

George was a son of Jonathan Peck, deceased, a former well known citizen of this county, and was born on the "Jimmy Johnston" farm at the mountain, on the Hunter Road in Ayr township, about fifty years ago. In early manhood George went to Indiana, where he resided to the time of his death. Besides his immediate family he is survived by the following brothers and sisters: David L. Muncie, Ind., Dennis D. Bradford, Ohio, Daniel F., in Kansas; Jane, Mrs. B. A. Winter, in Olpe, Kansas, and Ellen, Mrs. Solomon Plessinger, at Hyndman, Pa.

MISS CLYDE HESS.

Miss Clyde Hess died at the home of her uncle, Mr. Emanuel Sharp, at Needmore, this county, early last Saturday morning, and her remains were interred in the cemetery at the Tonoaway Baptist church on Monday.

The deceased was a daughter of the late B. Frank Hess, of Thompson township, and his first wife, Ella, who was a daughter of Enoch Hart, late of Belfast township, deceased, and was aged 24 years, 1 month and a few days.

Miss Hess was a young lady of lovely character, and had a few years ago, gone to Philadelphia, to win the battles of life alone, but the dread disease consumption, fastening itself upon her, she was obliged, at last, to succumb to that unconquerable enemy of mankind—death.

Miss Hess's parents, of course, are both dead, and she is survived by one full sister, Miss Ollie, who was with her when she died.

Mrs. Sarah Younker.

Sarah, wife of Mr. William Younker of Thompson township, died at her late home on Saturday August 28, 1903, aged about 44 years, and was buried at Union graveyard the day following.

Mrs. Younker was a victim of Brights disease, and had been in poor health for about seven years; but her last illness, in which she was confined to her bed, covered a period of but seven weeks.

The deceased was a daughter of Martin Bishop, a well known citizen of Thompson township; and besides her husband, she is survived by the following children: Lucy, Mrs. E. B. Fisher, of Thompson; Louie, wife of John C. Fuak, McKeesport, Pa.; and Will, Harry, and Daisy at home.

Mrs. Younker enjoyed the esteem of her neighbors, and was perfectly resigned to the will of "Him who doeth all things well."

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Anthony of Hancock.

WEST VIEW.

Miss Rosa Shaw, who has been visiting friends and relatives, returned to her home in Pittsburg, Wednesday.

Mrs. James Craig and daughter, of Pectonville, Md., spent last Sunday with Mr. John May and family.

Miss Anna Weaver is spending a few days with her brother Abner Weaver.

Mrs. John Pittman spent last week in Pigeon Cove.

Miss Ora Shaw was the guest of Anna Weaver a few days last week.

Miss Maudaline Sensel is visiting friends in Baltimore.

## Letter from Emanuel Fegly.

Emanuel Fegly of Belfast township, who was taken to the Pennsylvania State Hospital at Harrisburg, under date of 5th inst., writes as follows:

"I am getting along splendidly. Every day I take my regular walk averaging about five miles per day; thus, giving me abundant exercise, so that I eat and sleep very well. I now feel better than I have for thirty years. I am improving every day.

I have no more pain in my head like I had, and feel good and robust all over. From the twenty-third to the twenty-ninth of August, I walked fifty miles; and from the 6th to the 12th of September I expect to walk 100 miles around the campus here,

Yours respectfully,  
E. L. FEGLY

## CLEAR RIDGE.

MR. EDITOR.—We noticed in the columns of the Democrat last week that there had been a game of base ball played at Clear Ridge between the Regulars and the Scrubs, and the Regulars wonder who the Scrubs were. They suppose it was that pitcher from Williamson School; short stop from Altoona, and a catcher from Sixmile Run. It was a pretty well stuffed team. Another thing, the Regulars didn't have that \$2.50 the Scrubs gave the umpire to win the game; and, also, they stated that Brown fanned the air, and Winegardner got his base on balls. Well, they do not claim to be professional players, but the captain always takes them along to fill up the nine.

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Many of our people attended the Reunion last Friday.

James Deavor, wife and two children of Woodvale come down on Sunday to visit Mrs. Deavor's mother, Mrs. Jennie Grave, near this place.

Mrs. May Fields and Miss Hettie Briggs went to Mercersburg on Sunday to spend a few days.

John A. Henry nearly lost a fine horse last week by bleeding. James Kerlin was called and stopped the blood.

A. J. Fraker and wife visited the former's brother Elliott and family near Fort Littleton last Tuesday.

Mr. H. T. Heeter, who has been sick for the past three weeks, isn't improving very fast, and has about lost her sight.—Mrs. Michael Laidig is nearly blind.

There was quite a nice social held at Mrs. Calvin Baker's last Friday night in honor of their son Will, who intends to return to Pittsburg on Monday, where he is employed on the P. R. R. as fireman. There were thirty guests present and all enjoyed a pleasant time.

Mrs. James Lamberson, Miss Sadie Fields and Miss Nellie Kerns of Hustontown were the guests of Mr. C. L. Henry last Sunday.

Alfred Brown's arms are getting healed slowly of blood poisoning.

R. J. Fields seems to have the champion apple, as it measures 17 inches around. Who can eat it?

Harry E. Huston of Mississippi came home last Sunday to visit his brothers and sisters for a short time.

The campmeeting at Three Springs was largely attended on Sunday.

James Appleby, wife and daughters visited N. B. Henry's last Sunday.

John A. Henry's new house was commenced by N. B. Henry's force of men last Monday.

Mrs. R. E. Brown is on the sick list. She was taken ill at her brother's last Sunday.

There was a birthday party at T. E. Flemming's last Monday night in honor of their son Robert's, and daughter Ada's, birthday, as they both were born on the same day of the month.

## TENTH ANNUAL REUNION.

Of the Veteran Association of Fulton County.

## HELD ON ASSOCIATION GROUNDS.

In Licking Creek Township last Friday. Weather Perfect, and an Unusually Large Crowd was There.

The weather last Friday was delightful, and very early in the day every road in the county leading to the Veteran Association grounds near the residence of J. Wesley Hoop, in Licking Creek township was alive with men, women and children, bent on a day's outing, and on giving a day to the old soldiers.

The grove is situated about five miles west of McConnellsburg, on the ridge immediately west of Patterson's Run. It has an elevation above sea level of about 960 feet—about the same as that of McConnellsburg, and directly under the western shadow of Scrub Ridge mountain, which rises in lofty grandeur, almost a thousand feet higher.

While the grove is not every thing that might be desired, the location is central, and easily accessible from all parts of the county. The greatest drawback thus far has been the limited water supply; but the management propose that by another year, a reservoir will be made, the underbrush removed, and the rubbish from the grounds all taken away.

By half past ten or eleven o'clock, the grove was just a swarming mass of humanity, there being nearly, if not altogether five thousand people present.

The playing of a number of patriotic airs by the Oak Glen cornet band had the effect of assembling the vast concourse about the speakers' stand, order was called and Chaplain S. B. Houston invoked the Divine blessing upon the day's exercises.

The addresses of welcome delivered by George O. Sipes and Dr. A. K. Davis, and the response by Elder Thomas R. Palmer, held the attention of all who could get near enough to hear, and worthy the speakers and the occasion.

It was now about the middle of the day and nearly everybody was beginning to think about what he was going to have for dinner. A big table had been erected on which was spread a bountiful dinner for the veterans and the "veteranesses," and the boys were not hard to get into line, and they charged on that dinner with all the vim of thirty-eight years ago.

The pleasure of those eighty veterans around that table was only marred by the thought of those of their number who had fallen from their ranks since the Reunion of 1902.

While the "boys" were enjoying their dinner at the big table, hundreds of little groups—some of single families,—others made up of neighbors and friends who had spread together—for an hour made the grove resound with the hum of merry voices, and the good cheer that prevails on such grand social occasions.

As General Joshua had long since joined the Grand Army of the Dead, there was no one left to stop the sun in his onward swing toward Sideling Hill, and the assemblage was again called to the speakers' stand.

A trio composed of Miss Nora Griffith, Mrs. C. R. Spangler and Miss Olive Pittman—the last named at the organ—rendered the "Star Spangled Banner" very effectively.

Mr. Ed Reinsner of McConnellsburg was now introduced; and while his boyish face would indicate that he did not have much to do with worrying Bob Lee at Gettysburg, he soon convinced his audience that he was a worthy successor of the generation of the Civil War, that his mind was full of patriotism, and his heart warm with love for the battle-scarred veterans before him.

## WEST DUBLIN.

Our farmers are through with their threshing until the buckwheat is ready. Wheat and rye were fair crops and oats middling.

Mr. John Deavor who has been clerking for the Morrisdale coal company at Sixmile Run, spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

Mr. Ross King has bought the Abraham King farm for \$900.

Some of our young men with W. C. Davis were coon hunting Saturday night. They got one coon.

Clarence Sipes of McConnellsburg was a visitor to our community Saturday evening.

Luemma Laidig is visiting relatives and friends in Huntingdon.

Quite a number of our people attended the Soldiers' Reunion on Friday.

Stephen Wilson came home Saturday evening from the western part of the State where he had been employed with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

## Big Cove Tannery.

The farmers in this vicinity are busy getting ready for seeding.

Mrs. Peter Kirk visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Humbert last Saturday.

Mrs. B. F. Shives, and daughter Flora and Miss Mary Shives, visited at Mr. Peck's near Gem Sunday.

Our schools open Monday. Wilbert Mann and G. E. Clouser attended preaching at the Corner school house Sunday.

The other morning while passing near Laurel Ridge school house the road was seen considerably tramped up. How about it Bill?

Among those who were at Mr. Lewis Crouse's Sunday were, Geo. Glenn, Mrs. Ralph Glenn, and Miss Cora and Leah Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hull, of this place spent last Sunday in the home of the latter's brother, Mr. John Knauff, near Foltz.

Messrs. Anthony Lynch, and C. H. E. Plummer, jury commissioners, Sheriff D. C. Fleck, and their clerk, L. H. Wible, Esq., last Saturday, drew the jury for October court. With this list ends the drawing of Messrs. Plummer and Lynch, who have made very capable officers.

The following recitations were then given: "The Whistling Regiment" by Miss Ruth Kendall; "An Incident of the War" by Miss Nora Griffith; "Music in Camp" by Mr. Rexy Sipes, and "Battle of Lookout Mountain" by Miss May Sheets,—all rendered in a way that showed that they possessed more than ordinary culture and ability in the art of elocution.

Then came John A. Bouse, one of the leading Royal Arcanum men in the State, whom, Captain Skinner said, he and Thad Mahon had brought along as a substitute. Mr. Bouse's speech was both forceful and entertaining.

Mr. Bouse's address was followed by short but very enjoyable talks by Captain Skinner, Congressman Mahon, John P. Sipes, Esq., Rev. J. V. Adams, and others.

It was now four o'clock and many persons who had a long distance to go home, were beginning to leave the grounds.

Supper was served to the veterans most of whom remained and many others remained and had lunch on the grounds.

The usual camp fire was held in the evening, and well rendered recitations were given by Misses Ada Hann, Cora Hoop, and Mr. Clarence Mallott.

Not the least of the attractions during the day was Jake Jones the blind man from Fayetteville. Poor fellow! He must have sung his throat sore, but he was rewarded by a generous supply of nickles, dimes, and quarters.

## 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.

Miss Minna D. Thompson, of Tyrone, is visiting her mother, Mrs. M. A. Thompson, of this place.

Our old friend Davy Humbert, of Thompson township, was an agreeable caller at this office last Thursday.

Dr. Fontaine, the Washington eye specialist, will be at the Cooper House in this place Friday and Saturday of this week.

Miss Stella Sipes left last Saturday morning for another year's work at the West Chester State Normal school.

Mrs. Edward H. Crisswell with her little daughter Jean of Pittsburg, is spending a week or ten days at the Fulton House.

Congressman Mahon, Capt. Skinner and J. A. Bouse—all of Chambersburg spent last Thursday night and Friday night in this place.

Mr. W. H. Williams, of Akersville, called while in town last Thursday and had his name added to our rapidly growing subscription list.

After a month's vacation with his brother Harry at Tyrone, R. Holmes Thompson returned to his case in the News office last week.

Miss Myrtle Sipes after a very pleasant visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Sipes, went back to New Castle last Saturday.

E. O. Kesselberg of Taylor found time while in town last week to come in and say "Howdy" to the printer and leave a little "grease for the machine."

Assessor L. L. Cunningham and Justice James A. McDonough of New Granada were mingling with their many friends in the Borough last Thursday.

Miss Emma Mellott and Miss Irene Pott of the Cove spent last Thursday night the guests of Miss Mamie Clevenger, and on Friday they all went out to the Reunion.

Rev. D. W. Kelso of Tod township placed on our table one day last week two plums of the Murdy variety. The flavor was delicious, and the size—well they were smaller than goose eggs.

Mr. Mark Dickson, who holds a responsible position with the Standard Oil Company at Buffalo, N. Y., arrived last Wednesday for a two weeks' summer vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Dickson, of this place.

Mr. Paul Rupert, manager of the C. Greene & Son's tannery at Sallito, was a business visitor here last Thursday. Mr. Rupert says his firm has been fortunate in securing more than an ordinarily large quantity of bark this season.

Miss Carrie Stenger placed on our table one day last week some strawberries that had just been picked from the garden of her father, Mr. John Stenger, of Ayr township. They were of the "second crop" and exceptionally large, ripe and fine flavored.

Mr. Jacob Rotz's new house on North Second street is completed and on the 1st inst. he removed with his family from the farm and is now a resident of our borough. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Rotz, and trust they may find their new surroundings pleasant.

Mr. J. L. Keefe, traveling agent for the well known patent medicine company of Foley & Co., Chicago, was in town one day last week. Mr. Keefe is a very pleasant gentleman, and our business relations with the Foley people extending over a period of several years has always been most agreeable.