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## FROM THE OLD COUNTRY.

Henry Wolf Tells More About His Trip to Germany.

## BEAUTIFUL CITIES AND SCENERY.

Visited the Old Homes of the Gresses, the Hohmanns, the Heimbachs, the Knauffs, the Schmidts, and others.

As my former letters treated exclusively of Hessen Darmstadt I shall in this one describe a trip I made into Hessen Cassel, or province bordering on Hessen Darmstadt. My motive for this trip was, to see, whether there were any of my wife's parents or relatives over there.

Seventy years ago, the late Adam Gress of Tod township this county, and his wife Elizabeth, (nee Ommert) both of the town of Elm, Hessen Cassel, emigrated to Fulton county, Pennsylvania, and through time, many others of their relatives followed them. At last all communications between the old and the new world ceased. So these many years, there was nothing heard from Elm. Now, the distance from Heubach to Elm is sixty-five miles. I took the train at Heubach some time in the morning, and it took nearly the whole day to reach Elm. Slowly the train moved out of the station. But, Oh, what scenery! On the left, a level plain extending as far as the river Rhine, a distance of thirty miles, in the highest state of cultivation—men and women busy harvesting the golden grain—and on the right, the foot hills of the Odenwald mountains, covered with vineyards and orchards heavily laden with fruit. Towns and hamlets in sight in every direction, and the tall thin spires of their churches, pointing upward to Him from whom all blessings flow.

We cross the Main river, and are in the historic city of Hanau, where Napoleon in the year 1813 on the 30th and 31st of October, while he was on his retreat, after the three days battle at Leipzig, cut his way through the allied armies of Europe, and escaped into France with 70,000 men the remnant of 200,000. Hanau has a population of 25,000. Here we change cars. Now the distance from Hanau to Elm is thirty-five miles, through the pleasant valley of the Kinzig. Elm is located at the head of this stream. Six large towns are passed in this short distance, namely: Gellhausen, Meerholz, Wachtersbach, Taal-munster, Steinau and Schlichtern. At Elm is the junction of the Hanau and Cassel railway and Sterbfritz and Wurtzburg railway. At last the train arrived at Elm. How thoroughly the German people perform their duties. Time is not money with them. I had no trouble in finding the relatives. On the Ommert side of the family, I found one woman and her son, and on the Gress side none, except the descendants of a step-brother named Schmidt. This family occupies the original homestead of the Gress's up to this day. This family treated me very kindly. Mrs. Andrew Heimbach is of this stock of Schmidts. While in Elm I visited the Brandenberger mill, the former home of Andrew Heimbach of Ayr township. They told me that the mill is the same, as it was fifty years ago. This mill is located at the foot of a round mountain called Brandenberg, and on its rocky brow, stands a strange looking castle, built in the middle ages, which is even at this day, the country seat of one of the rich German noblemen.

After a few days stay at Elm, I passed through the pretty town of Schlichtern, once the home of Mr. Michael Knauff of Ayr township. Oh, I did wish for the presence of Mr. Knauff, himself! what a time we should have had together.

Next I came into Steinau the birthplace of our town'sman Leonard Hohmann. There I met Leonard's oldest brother, Peter,

## FROM EMANUEL FEGLEY.

Says He is Beginning to Feel Like a New Man. Wants to Stay Till Cured.

Emanuel Fegley, writing from the State Hospital at Harrisburg says: "It is with pleasure that I write to let you know how the Fulton county boys are getting along. Stevens is working on the farm; Mathias improving slowly; Hoover not much better. I am gaining fast. No tongue can tell the pleasure it is to me that I can comb my hair after twenty odd years of suffering—If I had been brought here immediately after I came out of the Palmer well, I would have had years of pleasure that is past and gone. But I thank my friends for sending me when they did—I think by October court I will be able to come home. I want to get well first. From the 10th of September it appears like a new life to me, I had a hard fight for it—My walk is over. I increased it to 120 miles. Our circle is 870 feet around: It had to be done in 28 hours.

My sister Catharine Carr paid me a visit yesterday. She was gone for over 21 years. It was a pleasure to meet her. I expect her back the 19th, it being my birthday. The News reaches me Friday morning. Glad to get it. It is a most welcome visitor.

E. L. FEGLEY.

## BURN'T CABINS.

Roy McGehee entered the Academy at Mercersburg last Wednesday.

Uncle Jacob Miller had a birthday dinner on last Sunday, it being his 76th anniversary.

Mr. George Wise and family of this place moved to Mt. Union last Thursday.

Mrs. Anna Houck, after visiting her daughter in Pittsburg returned to her home last Thursday evening.

Roy Mathias of this place is poorly with typhoid fever at this writing.

Mr. McClevy and wife of Orbis-bonia were trying their new automobile by visiting Mr. Samuel Widney last Sunday.

The telegraph men are working on the W. U. line through our town.

H. C. Mathias, who has been employed in Somerset county came home last Sunday. He has been singing Lulaby. It's a girl. Geo. Comer and wife left our town this week for Wells Tannery.

## LOWER THOMPSON.

John Weaver is on the sick list. Maurice Shaw spent last Sunday with Davy Chesnut.

Col. Wm. Bishop of Pratt, Md., is visiting in this vicinity.

Preaching at Rehoboth was largely attended last Sunday.

Miss Lillie Fisher has gone to Laidig to take charge of her school.

Miss Julia Sensel was the guest of Miss Nancy Weaver last Sunday.

Miss Laura Charlton spent Monday evening with Miss Minnie Roser.

Mrs. Benjamin Hollenshead spent last Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Keefer.

Irvin McCandles and his lady friend, Miss Mamie Lashley, spent last Sunday a week with Miss Malinda Nycum.

and family. What a joy to them to talk with me about America and their grandfather (whose picture adorned their parlor) and grandmother and the rest. Both of the elder Hohmanns are buried in McConnellsburg. I spent two very happy days in Steinau. I will mention here, that Steinau is one of the few old walled towns in Germany. It retains its wall and Schloss (castle) with a very high tower the same as it was when it was built, long before gunpowder was in use. To describe this town and castle would take up a whole letter itself, so I must close for this time.

HENRY WOLF.

## RIDER-McQUADE NUPTIALS.

Delightful Reception at Home of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Thompson in This Place.

On Tuesday, the 15th inst., at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. J. H. Neck, in Baltimore, Md., occurred the marriage of Mr. James W. Rider of that city and Miss Emma Belle McQuade, formerly of this place. The bride wore a gown of steel silk, with old point lace, and carried white carnations. Miss Dora Rider, sister of the groom, was best girl, and wore white organdie, with ribbons, and carried pink roses. Mr. John O'Brien was best man. A wedding supper followed at the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. Geo. R. McLaughlin.

The couple left Baltimore for this place, arriving here Thursday, when a reception was given them Thursday evening at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. I. D. Thompson. Quite a number of guests were present and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The bride received quite an array of presents—both useful and ornamental.

The couple left Tuesday for Altoona, where the groom is employed and where they will reside.

## WELLS TANNERY.

Ord Children is sick this week. Miss Alice Wishart made a trip to New York last week.

Mrs. Rebecca Horton and son Harrison are visiting her daughters in Hopewell.

Rally Day service will be held in the Presbyterian church next Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

Howard Horton of Pompton Lake, N. Y., spent a part of last week with his sister, Mrs. Belle Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Bergonia of Hagerstown spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Wishart.

John A. Wishart has returned from his western trip, but we regret to say with not greatly improved health.

Edward Bob of Roaring Springs called in our town last Monday on his return from accompanying his son Ralph to Mercersburg College.

About 4 o'clock Tuesday morning last, one of Woodcock and Baumgardner's charcoal pits bursted. Daniel Johnson, who was seated on it, was hurled through the air quite a distance, sustaining injuries that have made him very miserable since. Arnold Houpt, another collier, has been off duty all week on account of a lame back.

## MERCERSBURG.

John K. Miller went to work on a farm near Greencastle Monday.

Owing to scarcity of help, George Stevens is gathering his corn crop with a corn-binder.

While attending to his horses, Jacob S. Keller was kicked on the right leg a few days ago from which he has been suffering much pain.

Miss Alice Caution died at the home of her father, Samuel Caution, on the 17th inst. aged 50 years. The cause of her death was heart trouble. She was buried at Mercersburg.

While sleeping soundly the night of the 13th inst., Mrs. Barbara Dealer dreamt that some one was trying to kill her and jumped out of bed and ran against an open door, cutting her face seriously.

Rev. Baugher will preach in Whips Cove church next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock; at Pleasant Grove at 3, and at Sideling Hill at 7:45.

Mr. P. D. Hixson, C. R. Akers, Mrs. Helen Duvall and Miss Inez Akers came over from Brush Creek Valley last Sunday, and on Monday the ladies went on to Lancaster county to visit Mrs. Duvall's brother, Dr. A. M. Seiling.

## A SCHOOL 59 YEARS AGO.

The Names of the Boys and Girls Who Attended. Few are Left.

## ANDREW IRWIN WIELDED THE BIRCH.

One of the Schoolhouses Stood in the Reformed Graveyard, and the other, in the Presbyterian. Suggestive!

While sitting up in front of the post-office the other day waiting on the arrival of the eastern mail, the conversation of Davy Gillis and George Greathhead trended along the line of the educational facilities of today—the commodious school buildings, the modern appliances, the advance in the text-books, the fat salaries, and the still fatter teachers—all this led their minds back to the summer of 1844—fifty-nine years ago, when they were students in Andy Irwin's summer schools in this town.

The building in which the term before harvest, that year, was taught stood in the corner of what is now the Reformed graveyard just across the alley from the house in which Mrs. Margaret Henry lives, and after harvest the school was held in a two-story stone school house that stood in what is now the back part of the Presbyterian graveyard the playground extending out to the street between the residence of James Rummell and the Presbyterian church. Of course, the present Presbyterian church was not there at that time.

Mr. Greathhead and Mr. Gillis were able to recall the names of many of the boys and girls who were pupils that summer, and whose homes were in McConnellsburg and vicinity. The names, however, in most cases will sound as strange to the boys and girls of our schools now as would those of some town hundreds of miles away. Here are the names:—

Henry Bender, Margaret Bender, John W. Bohn, Mary A. Bohn, Susan Coufer, Daniel A. Comer, Susan Comer, Adaline Charlton, John Flora, Mary Fetter, Charles Fetter, George W. Greathhead, David A. Gillis, Mary Gillis, Nick Houser, Mary E. Houser, James King, Mary E. Kittel, John Mell, George Mell, James Morrow, Mary E. Morrow, Jane Morrow, Adam Moritz, William Ott, Elizabeth Ott, Mary A. Ott, William Smith, Mary Smith, George S. Stoner, Ann Stoner, William Selson, Margaret Shaffer, Ben Shoemaker, Susan White, William Windle, Elizabeth Windle, Martha Windle, Andrew Work, George Work.

The Benders mentioned are brother and sister of Samuel, William and Martin, who still reside here, and lived in the old Bender home up on Main street, now owned and occupied by Martin M. Bender.

The Bohns lived in the building now the home of B. W. Peck, and in that family lived Susan White. Susan Coufer was a daughter of a blacksmith who lived on the southwest corner of Third and Water street, where Mrs. Rebecca Alexander now lives. The blacksmith shop stood on the spot now occupied by the United Presbyterian church.—Daniel and Susan Comer were children of John Comer, who at that time was miller at the stone mill just south of town.—Susan is now the wife of Mr. Isaac Hull and lives in this place.

Adaline Charlton's people lived in a little house that stood on the lot back of the frame part of Woollet's hotel, just across the alley from Frank P. Lynch's stable. John Flora was a son of George Flora, who lived at that time in the house now owned by Geo. W. Hays. Charles and Mary Fetter were children of Fetter, who lived where Samuel Kelly now resides, on South First street. George W. Greathhead, who still resides here, is a son of Thomas Greathhead, who at that date lived in the stone house now known as the "Mrs. Sterrett" house. D. A. Gillis and Mary

## HER HORSE RAN OFF.

Eggs Broken, but No Spill Milk to Cry Over. Plucky Girl.

Last Saturday morning Miss Maude Grissinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Grissinger of Tod township, started to town in a spring wagon with two cans of milk for the creamery and ten or twelve dozen of eggs for market. In passing Clark McGovern's farm the horse frightened at some calves and started to run. When she found she could not control the horse the plucky girl leaped from the wagon and attempted to run and catch the horse by the bridle at the same time holding on to the lines. In this she failed and after being whirled along for a couple hundred yards she abandoned the task. The horse became liberated from the wagon and ran on down to Trout's lane when he was captured and returned. The wagon and harness were a complete wreck and the eggs—well they were hardly worth gathering up as they lay scattered along the road, but the milk cans and the milk were all right.

Miss Grissinger was not injured, and coolly borrowed a wagon from George Buterbaugh, came on to town and delivered the cream in good time for the morning's churning.

Thirty-four boys, among whom was Master James Reed Ray of this place, were transferred last week from the Chester Springs Soldiers' Orphans' to the Scotland Industrial School. There were some girls transferred, too, but we do not know the number, but Wm. Unger's daughter was among them.

Gillis, the former of whom lives at this place, came to school from the old Gillis farm over the Ridge, now owned by George Braut. Nick and Mary Houser's folks lived in the Greathhead property, now owned by Will Nesbit. James King's father, 'Squire King, lived where Smith M. Robinson now resides. Mary Kittel was a daughter of John Kittel, who owned the S. A. Nesbit farm in Tod township. John and George Mell were sons of George Mell, a stage driver, and lived in the house now owned by Miss A. J. Irwin. The Morrises lived where J. G. Reiser now lives, and the Moritzes kept the Buckhorn Hotel, now owned by the Clevengers. John Moritz, the father, came in here from the Wm. Vallance house, a half mile this side of Harrisonville; and at that time a Mr. Snodgrass of Westmoreland county had the contract for carrying the mail from Chambersburg to Pittsburg.—The line was stocked with the finest of teams, and the Buckhorn was the stopping place for the stages. The Moritzes knew how to keep a hotel and made lots of money. From here they went to Greensburg and later to Crestlyne, O., where they became very wealthy.

William, Elizabeth, and Mary Ott came from the farm now owned by Otho Souders in Tod township; William and Mary Smith were children of Constable John Smith and lived at that time in a house on the location of the Miss Rebecca Pott property. William Selsor came from the present Selsor property on Main street. Ben was a son of 'Squire Anthony Shoemaker, and they lived where Mrs. M. A. Thompson now resides. Margaret Shaffer's father, David, kept the hotel on the spot where the Cooper House now stands. The Windles kept the stone hotel, the present Fulton House; and the Works lived and kept store on the corner where the Racket Store now is.

Who will be living in all these places 59 years from this time, and where will the present occupants of the houses in McConnellsburg be at that time?

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THE FULTON COUNTY NEWS Enters Up on the 5th Year of its Existence.

With this issue the FULTON COUNTY NEWS starts on the fifth year of its existence.

We feel that it is only fair to tell our readers that the paper has been acceptable to the people beyond the most extravagant hope of its founder, and its circulation and patronage is, at this time, the best evidence that the NEWS is everybody's paper.

We do not mean to say that we think we have made no mistakes, or that there cannot be any improvements. No one is more keenly alive to its shortcomings than ourselves, nor is any one more determined that it shall grow better and better as it grows older.

Starting four years ago with a hand press, we now have an office with first class equipment—power press, gasoline engine, and everything necessary to give prompt and efficient service in response to every order.

Its circulation is now double what we expected it to reach when we started; but one is never satisfied, you know. If it is a good thing, then we want that more people shall have the benefit of it, and, incidentally, we shall be benefited, too.

There are families in your neighborhood that do not take the NEWS—families that do not take any paper, indeed. Now, in this day no one ought to think of raising a family without a newspaper in it. Children learn to read by reading. They will read their home paper when they will not read a dry book. In their home paper they see that which interests them.

It has been, and shall be, our aim to give our readers each week such matter as shall keep them posted on current events; and, also, such as shall be up-building to their moral and religious character.

You will do a good thing by calling the attention of your friends to the NEWS and using your influence to make them become subscribers.

Help it along!

## Suprised Emma.

A party of young folks spent Monday evening very pleasantly at the home of Mr. M. F. Doyle on Main street. They had, in some way, learned that it was the anniversary of Miss Emma Doyle's birthday, and without any warning to that young lady, they pounced into her home about 8 o'clock, and after each one had pulled her ears (we are not going to tell how many times) the company was made to feel at home, and the evening was spent only as a party of lively young folks know how.

Refreshments were served, and Miss Doyle was the recipient of kindly remembrances from her impromptu guests. Among those present were Misses Jessie Shimer, Mary Largent, Julia Mellott, Clara and Hattie Doyle, Laura Lake, May Chesnut, Olive Shimer, Mabel Jackson, and Messrs. Harvey Black, Robert Shimer, Will Youse, and Bert Doyle.

Eighteen persons were added to church membership as a result of the bush meeting held at Plum Run.

Dr. C. A. R. McClain was in town Saturday on professional business. The doctor last Thursday moved his family from Cassville to Mount Union. Since locating in Mount Union last spring he has built up a large practice.—Mapleton Item.

Charlie Scott this week purchased the George Cooper grocery, opposite the postoffice, and has taken possession of the same. Charlie has had several years' experience at merchandising, is familiar with the demands of McConnellsburg trade, and will hold down his share of business.

## 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.

Superintendent Barton is busy in the upper end of the county visiting schools this week.

The News will keep John Deavor posted while attending the Millersville Normal this year.

Elliott Ray's cider mill will be in operation four days next week—Tuesday to Friday inclusive.

W. S. Fisher who had been employed at Lancaster, returned to his home at this place last week.

Oliver Sipes, teacher of the Daniels school in Licking Creek township, spent Saturday in town on business.

Any one needing flour sacks for buckwheat can get all they want at Little's Bakery at a penny a piece.

Mrs. H. A. Thompson of Tyrona, is visiting her mother-in-law, Mrs. M. A. Thompson, and other friends in this place.

Fred Mock came home from Pittsburg Sunday and now has typhoid fever at the home of his parents in Tod township.

Mr. Will French of Pittsburg, spent a few days with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George Clevenger at Hustontown.

David R. Strait of Salvia, one of Fulton county's most successful teachers, was in this vicinity delivering books last week.

Rev. Shenk of Waynesboro will preach at the home of Christian Martin in Ayr township next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

Norman A. Wishart who has been spending two weeks with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Wishart, returned to Johnstown Tuesday.

William H. Moore of Salvia, spent several days in Chambersburg last week, where he was called to attend court as a witness in a civil suit.

Mrs. William Clevenger and little daughter Amy, spent several days last week at the home of Mrs. Clevenger's mother, Mrs. Ott at Back Run.

Otto F. Rexroth, a successful commission merchant of Omaha, Neb., spent from Friday until Monday visiting his mother and other friends in this place.

John W. Selsor and his sister, Miss Annie, spent a few days at Mercersburg attending the carnival. John says it is the first outing he has taken for two years.

Mr. Cletus Palmer, who holds a lucrative position in Buffalo, N. Y., after having spent his summer vacation with his parents, Commissioner and Mrs. H. Park Palmer, returned to his place of business a day or two ago.

Last Friday as Mary E., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. P. Unger of the Cove, was out in the strawberry patch she was surprised to find a second crop of fine large berries, some being more than an inch in diameter.

Mrs. Albert Heikes arrived at her home at Great Falls, Montana a few days ago, after having spent three months very pleasantly visiting her daughters Phoebe and Lucy at Mt. Vernon, Md., and Lillian at Harrisburg, Pa.

Rev. James F. Glass of Elys-bury, Pa., and sister Mrs. William Miller and little daughters Lillian and Irma of Chicago, visited the family of D. R. Mumma at Hustontown, and other friends near their old home at Laidig last week.

Frank M. Diehl and Director James McKee of Whips Cove, were in town last Saturday. Owing to the resignation of A. M. Hixson at Oak Grove, Mr. Diehl has consented to teach the school and was over last Saturday and took the examination.