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## HENRY WOLF'S 4TH LETTER

Writes Interestingly About Forestry in the German Empire.

### EVERY FOOT OF GROUND UTILIZED.

How the Seed Broadcast for a Crop of Pine Trees, and for Oaks, Acorns are Dropped and Covered with a Hoe like Corn.

In this letter I shall try to say something about the forests of Germany, which constitute a very important factor in German economy.

It is well known that Germany, south of the fifty-first degree of latitude, is all hills and mountains, with the exception of the plain of the Rhine. Some of these mountains bear the name of "Wald" (that is, forest); as Odenwald, Schwarzwald, Thuringerwald, and Teutoburgerwald. Now, among these hills and mountains is very much land not suited for any kind of agriculture: so all such lands are utilized in raising timber. This raising of timber has been carried on for many centuries, and forestry has become a very important and distinct science. It is a branch of study in some of the highest schools in Germany, and is under the control of the government.

Now, very little of this timber land is private property, but is owned by the community or commonwealth. Men of the highest attainments, with high salaries, supervise this department. The soil is analyzed, and in this way is determined what trees are best suited for each particular soil. As a rule, the summits of the hills and mountains are sown with pines of the different kinds; lower grounds to beech, and the deepest impressions to oak. There are also spruce pines in large tracts, which are as symmetrically shaped as any Norway spruce in America. Larks (German, "lerche") are also abundant. The only tree of that variety that I have ever seen in America is in the yard of Mr. Amos Seville, west of McConnellsburg.

To plant a tract of land in pine, the ground is thoroughly cleared of all obstructions, such as roots and stones, the former being used as fuel, the latter for road making. Then the ground is pulverized to fit it to receive the seed, which is sown broadcast so that a plant will come up about each two-foot square of ground. This seed is obtained from the pine cones which are gathered from the trees before the seed falls out, and are put into a kiln and dried till the seed comes out. This is easily done by putting the cones into a revolving cylinder of wire similar to the coffee roasting machines in our cities. Now this seed is an extensive article of commerce; and during the gathering season many men find employment in this industry. The young trees are closely watched and, as time goes on, they are thinned out so that after fifty years you would behold (as I did myself) a pine forest that would delight your heart;—trees about so thick on the ground that a horseman can nicely ride through, about eighteen inches in diameter and thirty feet high without a limb. The ground for the oak is prepared the same as for pine, but the acorns are planted with a hoe, much like our corn but not in rows. If then the seed does not come up evenly the young plants are taken up where they are too thick and planted where some are missing. This is successfully accomplished in the following manner: A shovel is used, the lower part of which is shaped like a quart tin cup but made of steel, of course. The bowl is open above and has a cross bar to put the foot on to force it into the ground. With this instrument the young plants are scooped up with about five inches of ground encircling their tender roots. These lumps of ground are carefully deposited in baskets which women and children carry to the place where

## LAST GAME OF SEASON.

McConnellsburg, 11; Orbisonia, 3. Some Nice Work.

The season of 1903 came to a close on Friday last, when the home team defeated Orbisonia by the above score in a loosely played game. In the first inning N. Wagner and R. Wagner both singled and scored on Thompson's 2-base hit, he being out at 3d base. Bowden and Hays scored on Sheely's hit to right field, and Nace struck out. Kelly scored, and Sheely and Downes retired the side after five runs had been scored. We scored four runs in the fourth and two in the fifth.—Orbisonia scored two in the fourth and one in the ninth.

Bowden of Carlisle was in the box for the local team. He held the visitors down to four hits, and struck out fourteen men. H. Delaney was hit hard until the seventh inning, when Snyder was put in the box. He used a slow out curve with good effect, for we did not score during the three innings which he pitched, but we had already won the game.

For the home team, Kelly played a good game in center field, while Snyder did the best work for Orbisonia.

We desire to thank the people of McConnellsburg for the financial support which they gave the team this summer; also, we thank the ladies of the town for their interest and attendance at the games.

### SPECTATOR.

#### PLUM RUN.

Pleasant Starr is staying at Henry Gordon's for the present.

The infant child of John Fisher is slowly improving. Dr. West is the attending physician.

Mrs. Dolly Graves has gone to McKeesport, where she will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Ollie Stoops. She also expects to visit her son Will, at South Bend, Ind.

Mrs. Daniel Covalt does not improve much. Stella Sigel has been staying with them for a couple of weeks.

Thulie Powell, who had his face severely cut in a runaway a few days ago, is getting along nicely, but his nose is still decorated with a piece of court plaster.

Miss Janet Shives of the Little Cove is teaching Center school, vacated by Austin Peck who taught it one week then went to Huntingdon county, to teach at higher wages.

It is now butter boiling time, and the cider mills are busy.—Where are all our apple cutting and butter boiling parties so common a few years ago? when fun and peelings flew fast and furious and tongues were equally busy? Are we getting selfish, or was it merely a fad and gone the way of all fads?

Hon. W. Scott Alexander was in Chambersburg last Wednesday.

needed, and are carefully transplanted. Guards in uniform, armed with a gun, patrol the forests day and night, and "woe" to the trespasser if detected!—When I was about nine years old I went on my own responsibility and cut the top out of a spruce pine for a Christmas tree. It was about three feet high. I was caught by the guard, arrested and fined three dollars and a half which my mother (a widow) had to pay. The time when any section of this forest is to be cut and replanted is a question which the government decides. The cut timber and fine wood is then sold at public auction to the highest bidder, and the money thus obtained turned into the public treasury.

Germany has a revenue of millions of dollars coming in yearly. Here it would be proper to state that if a citizen builds and needs such timber as can only be obtained in the public forests, he can get such timber if he applies to the proper authorities, and pays the price fixed upon it.

## EARLY SNOWS SAYS HICKS

The Moon's Eclipse Responsible for Trouble About the Fifth or Sixth.

### OCTOBER LIKELY TO BE A COOL MONTH

Five Storm Periods, and Threatening Conditions Will Predominate into the Early Part of November.

The predictions of I. R. Hicks for October, as published in his magazine, "Word and Works," are as follows:

A reactionary storm disturbance is central on the 2d and 3d, at which time will appear a decided change to warmer, with falling barometer and other indications of autumnal storms. The moon is full and at an eclipse node on the 6th, and hence it is quite probable that threatening conditions will last up to that date and that storms will culminate on and touching the same day. The moon is also on the celestial equator on the 5th, another fact that is sure to add promptness and vigor to disturbances about this time.

A sweeping high barometer and stiff gales from the northwest, bringing frost to freezing northward, are quite probable toward the end of the above disturbances; but the regular storm period, running from the 6th to 11th, may so prolong storm conditions from about the 5th, as to retard the high barometer and change to colder, until after the culmination of the regular storm period central on the 9th. It may be counted on as a certainty that general autumnal storms, with marked change to colder following, will visit most parts of the country at one or each of the storm periods named above and covering the first twelve days of October. Look for early and heavy sleet northward.

The 14th, 15th and 16th are reactionary storm days, on which there will come a progressive change to warmer, with falling barometer, growing cloudiness, rain and possible snow in the north and west. Remember always that all these regular pulsations of barometric pressure, change of temperature and return of storms, begin in western sections and travel eastwardly over the country, the actual storm area being preceded by fair, warm weather and falling barometer.

The next regular storm period is central on the 20th, covering the 18th to the 23d. The moon is again on the celestial equator on the 18th, and new on the 20th. A decided change to warmer, with falling barometer, will appear in the west early in the period, say about the 18th, and these conditions will move eastwardly, followed by growing cloudiness and storms of rain and wind during the 19th to 22d. On the west and northwest tangents of these storm areas look for much colder winds and weather, with early snow very probable north of the middle states. Very cool to cold, frosty nights may be expected after these disturbances, touching most parts of the country, progressively, from about the 21st to the 24th.

The 25th and 26th are central days of reactionary storm movements, on and about which may be expected change to warmer and more storms of rain, turning to snow in the north. Cool, frosty nights may be expected after these latest disturbances, up to the end of the month, especially in central and eastern parts of the country. In the west the temperature will be rising as the month comes to its close, under the influence of a regular storm period, the center and culmination of which falls in November.

Charlie Lodge of Brush Creek township, and his brother Mark of Everett, spent last Saturday night and Sunday with their brother-in-law and sister, Hon. and Mrs. S. W. Kirk, in this place.

## OUR WESTERN TRIP.

Wades in Iowa Mud and Catches Mississippi River Fish.

As it has been eighty-four days since we started on our Western trip, I feel I may as well tell our Fulton county people how we like it. We made our first stop at Gibsonburg, Ohio, and that part of the state was the most beautiful country that I have seen yet. Nothing has interested me so much as the oil wells, of which I saw thousands. One engine pumps from ten to twenty wells into large tanks, thence it is piped to Toledo to a refinery.

After spending three weeks very pleasantly at Gibsonburg, we left for Lanark, Ill., and found my uncle, C. Lamp, well known to many of our eastern people who will be pleased to learn that he has greatly improved in health. We went out driving at the distance of many miles, almost daily—something he had not been able to do for more than three years.

Never was I so disappointed as when we arrived at Lanark; I expected to find it as level as a floor. Instead, I found the land very rolling and hilly; also, rocks and bluffs, such as I had never seen in Fulton county.

We have spent much time in sailing and fishing in the Mississippi River. A friend of ours, from Franklin county, but who now lives in Savannah, catches more than a thousand pounds of fish daily and sells them from 4 to 15 cents a pound.

I never had any luck catching fish until I threw my line into the Mississippi, and before I knew it something was nearly pulling me into the water. It was a large buffalo fish, and in less than fifteen minutes, I had caught fifteen.

After leaving Savannah, at the distance of 25 miles, we struck the wild west. We were met at Dallas Centre, Iowa, by our niece.

I had heard people speak of the mud in the West, but it is only those that have seen it, that realize what it is. To me it is glue, and the only way that I can get it off my shoes when dry, is to take an ax and cut it off. I was greatly surprised when we went calling to find a silver knife on a rock (or negro heads as they are called here) to cut the mud off your shoes; but I am getting used to it now as I find it that way at every home.

I find the people here entirely different from our eastern people in many ways, but we have been received most cordially and entertained heartily. Why? Because we are from the East, and the people are so sociable here in this part of Iowa.

Last week we had sleet and a few flakes of snow flying. It was very cold, and rain almost every day. Iowa has not had such a wet season for 35 years.

We attended the Iowa State Fair which was held at Des Moines, regardless of the rain, which seemed to pour most every day and night, the crowd surged to and fro. The attendance daily being from 50,000 to 60,000 persons.

The stock was from all parts of the United States, and it was said that the horses from Paris could not stand by those of the United States exhibited at the fair.

The work of judging stock was performed in the Grand Pavilion erected for that purpose, styled similar to a theatre, costing \$42,000, seating thousands and thousands of spectators.

The hogs on exhibition numbered 3,500 head, and weighed from 1,150 to 15 pounds, mostly from Mo., and Neb.

The display of fruit in the horticultural building was fine. One man's exhibit showed 500 plates of fruit.

Iowa State fair is the greatest agricultural and live stock exposition in the United States.

Last week I met Mr. and Mrs. J. Lutz, of Missouri. Mr. Lutz and family formerly resided in Fulton county, Pa., but left there

## ANOTHER FIRE IN TAYLOR.

Harry K. Stevens' House Near Laidig Burned Last Saturday.

### THE ORIGIN OF FIRE NOT KNOWN.

Nearly all of Their Furniture, Beds and Clothing Lost. No Insurance on Contents of House.

Another destructive fire occurred in Taylor township last Saturday afternoon, when the dwelling of Harry K. Stevens, about a mile north of Laidig, together with nearly all its contents was burned.

There was no one about the premises when the fire started, Mr. Stevens being out in the field cutting corn, and Mrs. Stevens was at the home of a neighbor.—The flames had gained so much headway that by the time any one reached the fire, but little could be done to save any of the property. There was a small insurance on the building but none on the contents.

Taylor township, has been unfortunate in her loss by fire, as within a comparatively recent period has occurred the loss of Jack Comer's barn, Alex Edwards' house and barn, David Stevens' house, and the Center church.

### PHILIPS GROVE.

Farmers are seeding.

B. F. Deshong is busy threshing buckwheat.

Rev. Shull will preach next Sunday morning at Siloam.

Neve Strait spent Saturday evening with Miss Frances Sipe.

Charles Schooley lost a valuable horse last Saturday evening.

A. B. and A. K. Deshong are employed in Whips Cove plastering.

David Strait has returned to Woodville, where he has employment.

Miss Cora Hoop and Sadie Barber spent Sunday with Miss Annie Schooley.

Twenty persons gathered at Frank Sipes' Saturday night and cut a nice lot of corn for him.

David Hann, who has been working at Needmore in the sawmill, returned home Monday to work on the roads. He says they need to be worked.

William Sipe, while going home from the store last Monday, saw a large blacksnake which he soon had on its back. Measuring its length, he found it 9 feet and 3 inches.

R. P. Schooley has a pumpkin growing in his garden that measures nine feet and eleven inches around. Who can beat that?—Dick says he intends to use it for a chicken coop this winter.

Miss Mertie Stoner returned last week after a nice visit to Chambersburg and Mercersburg.

Path Valley has prospects for a boom. Near Fannettsburg fire clay is reported to have been found such as is used in the manufacture of porcelain ware, terra cotta pipe, fire brick, and pottery purposes. Iron ore such as Bessemer steel is manufactured from is also reported to be underlying the hills in that vicinity in endless quantities. A party of Philadelphia capitalists are said to have been investigating the matter and looking up the right of way for a railroad.

38 years ago. He was greatly surprised when I told him that we had three hacks running daily across the mountain.

He asked if all the farmers still covered their corn with hoes, and was still more surprised when I told him that we had corn planters, &c.

He imagined our country was standing still, and only the Western states that had the improvements; but to my idea they are badly mistaken.

We expect to continue our tour West stopping next in Nebraska, NETTIE KNAUFF.

## HEADING THIS WAY.

Trolley Road to be Built From Chambersburg to Fort Loudon.

Franklin county spent a long time talking before they took hold of the trolley, but since they have a start, there seems to be no end to their enterprise. Last week a company composed of Chambersburg, St. Thomas and Fort Loudon capitalists met, organized a company, decided upon a capitalization of \$300,000, applied for a charter and expect to go to work at once to build a road from Chambersburg to Fort Loudon. When they get to Loudon there is no guessing as to what may happen; but there is not a thing in the way (but the mountain) to hinder them from coming right on to McConnellsburg.

### WELLS TANNERY.

Miss Nora Griffith, one of our energetic young ladies, has gone to Everett to open up a millinery store in the J. C. Kirk building. We truly wish her success. Nora is worthy of a share of all her friends' patronage.

Mrs. Will Sprowl is suffering with a very painful wrist, caused by a nail penetrating it.

Clarence Daugherty, of Altoona, was in our town this week on business.

Chester McClain and sister, Edna, of Rainburg, are visiting in the M. C. Greenland family.

Miss Dorothy Grim, of Port Perry, is visiting her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Swoope.

Ord Childers is still confined to the house.

W. H. Baumgardner drove to Loudon last week in search of colliers.

B. G. Horton, of Kearney, Strudayed with his mother, Mrs. Geo. Adams.

James McCue, Jas. and Edward Eichelberger and Peter Satchel, of Stone Roe, attended Christian Endeavor in the Presbyterian church here Sunday evening.

### NEW GRENADA.

Dr. Fontaine, of Washington, D. C., is stopping a few days in our village.

Mrs. D. C. Stunkard, of Bedford, is spending a few days with friends in Wells and Taylor townships.

Ben Shope, in company with his best lady friend, Miss Pearl Parks, both of Saltillo, visited the family of Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse B. McClain were called to Hustontown on account of the serious illness of Jesse's father, Frank McClain, who is suffering with typhoid fever.

George Shafer improved his blacksmith shop by putting in a new floor, etc.

Charles Crook, of Everett, and Emery Deihl, of New York, who represent a New York Portrait company, canvassed our community recently.

Geo. W. Barnett purchased the large timber tract, near Dublin Mills, from J. Scott Bolinger. Terms private.

J. Scott Bolinger purchased the H. H. Bridenstine mansion store property in New Grenada on private terms.

While Berling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thomas, was playing on the street here last Wednesday a neighbor's dog sprang onto him, lacerating one arm badly, and exciting the whole village. Dr. Campbell is treating the case and no serious results are expected to follow.

Samuel Houpp, who resides near our village, had one hundred and two dollars in money stolen recently. Up to now there is no clue to the thief. This is hard on the old people, who are getting quite feeble.

### JUDGE BAILEY DEAD.

Hon. John M. Bailey, President Judge of the Twentieth Judicial District composed of the counties of Bedford, Huntingdon and Mifflin, died suddenly at his home at Huntingdon early last Sunday morning.

## 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.

John S. Harris was in Mercersburg Tuesday on business.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard P. Skipper of Saluvia, a son.

S. D. Stevens, of Chambersburg, was called to Laidig on business Monday.

Mrs. S. A. Nesbit of this place left Saturday for a ten days' visit with relatives in New Bloomfield.

Cyrus Kelly of town is to be congratulated on having his pension increased to \$14 per month.

Brooks Sipes, who had been spending two weeks in the Quaker City, returned home Saturday evening.

Parker R. Skinner, Chambersburg, has been elected vice president of the freshman class at Washington and Jefferson.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Mellott and little son of Johnstown, are visiting Mrs. Mellott's father, George W. Mellott of Saluvia.

Mrs. S. M. Cook, left for Mt. Carrol, Ill., Monday, where she will spend a couple of months with her sons Claude and Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Heckensmith and Mrs. Jennie Mellott of Cameron, Ill., are visiting relatives in Licking Creek township.

Elliott Ray, who has been in ill health for several months, is confined to his house on West Walnut street with a serious attack of heart trouble.

Miss Nellie E. Park, of Fannettsburg, has been appointed by Governor Penypacker to a free scholarship in the school of Industrial Art, Philadelphia.

Horace N. Sipes, who had been spending his summer vacation at his home in this place, returned on Monday to the Law Department of Dickinson College at Carlisle.

Mrs. Margaret Lyon, who had been spending the summer in Pittsburg, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Edward Whitehill of Yellow Creek, en route to her home at West Dublin.

Miss Sarah A. Nesbit, who had been spending the past two months with her brothers at this place and in the Cove, returned to her home in New Bloomfield last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Speer and little son of Chicago, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Whitehill of Yellow Creek, were called to Saluvia Wednesday on account of the death of Miss Cora Speer.

Charlie Ryan, a former resident of McConnellsburg, but who has been for several years a faithful employe in the East Broadtop Shops at Orbisonia, has been unable to do much work this summer, owing to his having fallen and injured his knee several months ago.

There will be Harvest Home Services, morning, afternoon and evening at the Hustontown M. E. church next Sunday, October 4. Rev. Owen Hicks, a former pastor during whose pastorate the church was built will be present and preach. Everybody invited.

John Keefer, mail carrier between Hancock and Sylvan, and for a long time carrier between Sylvan and Mercersburg, has, in 39 years, traveled 368,810 miles with his mail bags, has used up 15 horses and 23 wagons, was never attacked nor robbed and never violently ill.

Our sanctum was brightened on last Friday morning by the presence of Dr. W. L. McKibbin, Editor and Publisher of the "Fulton Republican." The doctor was on his way home from a meeting of the 130th Regiment of Pa., Vols., at Newville, Pa., at which he was elected surgeon of that organization.—Mercersburg Journal.