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FAIR BINGEN ON THE RHINE.

Henry Wolf Writes of the Historic River and Its Towns.

ALSO OF ITS VINE CLAD HILLS.

The Culture of Grapes and the Manufacture of German-Rhine Wine Supports a Large Population.

In this letter I shall write of my travels, down the valley of the Rhine, from Mainz to Köln. This romantic spot, I have traversed three times—twice by rail, and once by steamer. The distance is eighty miles, Mainz has a population of 73,000 and Köln, 281,000. Between these two cities are two other large towns, namely, Bonn with 40,000 and Coblenz with 35,000; there are, also, twenty more towns, of various sizes scattered along those eighty miles. Now, all of these towns, are located on the left bank of the river.

There are two railroads running between Mainz and Köln, one on each side of the river. I took the route on the left side, namely Bingen, Coblenz and Bonn. Most of the distance between Mainz and Köln is mountainous, nothing but mountains. These mountains are not only a single or narrow ridge, along the banks of the river but extend for a hundred miles away from either bank. These mountains did not allow the river sufficient room to make its way to the sea; it has to twist among the rocky bluffs this way and that way—makes a big bend here and another there—until it gets fairly impatient and cuts up nasty at times of high water. But Holland was more liberal towards it. It granted it all the room it wanted, and, Oh! you ought to see how old Rhine spreads himself out before the world? He forms no less, than four or five, very respectable looking streams, before he reaches the sea.

You will naturally ask the question: "How does this large population make a living, in such a country as this?" The answer is—by worshipping "Bacchus"—raising wine.

Mainz and, also, Bonn are very old cities, or castles (we might call them forts), which were built in the years from twelve to nine before Christ, by Drusus, stepson of Augustus Caesar, Emperor of Rome, in his endeavors to subjugate the Germans,—which he never accomplished.

As we leave Mainz, and enter the valley, what a sight! The river plied by steamers and other vessels; trains of cars running on both sides of the river, leaving long clouds of black smoke behind them; highways as smooth as a Chestnut Street pavement, cut out of the solid rocks of the hills—room for houses and even whole little towns, chisled, as it were, out of the solid rock; for nature has not given room enough for all the improvements of the hand of man—the whole bank of the river from the low water mark to the very railroad ties paved with solid stone to prevent the torrents from tearing away the costly improvements, and above the railroad and highway solid walls of masonry, sometimes twenty-five feet high, to prevent landslides from above. These very steep hillsides are covered with vineyards which can only be reached by high stone steps. Up these steps they must even carry the manure that is required yearly for the vines. On the summits of these hills are fantastic looking castles, built in the Middle Ages. Automobiles of strange shapes, and stranger looking foreigners, speeding like lightning along the highway; bicyclists would pass you quick as a shadow, yet tip their caps to you.—What are those many men and women doing away up yonder in the vineyards? Are they gathering grapes? Oh no, the grapes are not near ripe yet, but they need a great deal more sunshine, and these hands are removing all superfluous foliage to make it more easy for the rays of the sun

SCHOOL HOUSE BURNED.

Thompson Township Loses One of Her School Houses.

The Oakdale school house, located in the western side of Thompson township, was destroyed by fire about 1 o'clock last Friday morning.

As the weather had not been cold, there had not been any fire in the stove on Thursday, and when the conflagration was discovered by Mr. Eli Covalt, who lives near, the whole building was in flames and the roof just ready to fall in.

The house had been recently furnished with patent furniture, slate blackboard, outline maps, &c., which, of course, together with all the books, were destroyed, and no insurance.

This is unfortunate for the township, inasmuch as the directors were trying to clear up a school debt and get ready to face the increased salary of next year.

Reunion of the Twenty-second.

A pleasant trip is in store for the survivors of the Twenty-second Penna. Cavalry, many of whom are natives of this county. The following, issued by the secretary of the organization explains itself:

"The 22nd Pa. Vol. Cavalry will have a reunion at Winchester, Va., Oct. 21, 1903. They will meet the 54th Pa. Vol. Infantry and be entertained by McNeil's Confederate Partisan Rangers, who used to help to give them a warm reception away back in the sixties, by Turner Ashby Camp of Confederate Veterans, and by the Mayor and people of Winchester who promise them a cordial welcome.

The six months battalions of the 22nd Pa. Cav. started out from Mt. Union and most of its members afterwards joined the three year regiment made up, half from Washington and Greene counties and half from Huntingdon, Mifflin, Blair, Bedford, Fulton and the counties of the Cumberland Valley, and this will be the first reunion of the whole regiment that has been held since the war. The secretary, Dr. A. R. McCarthy, Mt. Union, Pa., does not have a third of the addresses of members, and he would be glad if the newspapers in these counties would make a note of this meeting and request all survivors who can attend the reunion to send him their addresses and write for excursion orders."

Among the Fulton county veterans who belonged to the 22nd, are David A. Gillis, Adam Clevenger, William Doyle, Cornelius Doyle, Adam Deshong, Joseph Edwards, Alex Hamil, R. A. McDonald, Jere Laidig, Abram Runyan, Elliott Ray, George Shafer, Isaac Mills, David D. Deshong, Morgan Barton, George Wilds, and others, perhaps.

to ripen the golden fruit.

It is said that Charles the Great built castle Ingleheim for a summer residence, and introduced vine-culture into this valley.—Now, Charles was born in the year 768, and died in 814. To it follows that it is about 1100 years, since the introduction of the vine into Germany.

Now, these people have, generation after generation, for these eleven hundred years, spent their lives' and strength, to accomplish what we so much admire to-day. It is said that Charles searched all the known world for plants and cuttings for his vineyards.—At last he seemed to have succeeded in finding a suitable grape. Among his Spanish varieties, was a straw colored grape that took his fancy, for it resembled in color the beautiful hair of the German maiden; and, as it possessed a flavor and aromatic fragrance found in no other grape, he pronounced it wine: German Rhine Wine; and now, Kaiser Wilhelm II puts his approbation upon it by having a most lovely palace right among the vines.

HENRY WOLF.

FALL TERM OF COURT.

Brings a Large Number of People to the County Seat.

LIKELY TO CONTINUE ALL WEEK.

Costs Divided in Knable Case; Prosecutor Pays Costs in Deshong Suit, and Roy Wagner Acquitted.

With the swearing of the constables of the several districts and the presenting of their returns to the court, the wheels of Fulton county's dispensary of justice were put in motion at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon.

In Belfast township the roads were reported not in good repair. A foot-bridge was reported unsafe and in a dangerous condition.

Thompson's constable reported the need of a foot bridge over Licking Creek at John R. Paylor's fording. The court directed the district attorney to call the matter to the attention of the supervisor. Bastard children were reported to have been born in the townships of Dublin, Taylor and Union.

The constable from Dublin reported the road leading from Burnt Cabins to McConnellsburg not in good repair; also the road leading from Hustontown to the county seat needs attention.

The roads in Licking Creek, Brush Creek and Union townships were reported to be in fair condition.

Clerk Harris then called the roll of the grand jury, and administered the customary oath. Judge Swope then charged the jury, defining the different grades of crime and instructing them how to proceed with their duties. The grand jury then returned to their room.

The first case acted upon and returned by the grand jury as a true bill was that of the Commonwealth vs. John, Emanuel and Calvin Cooper, aggravated assault and battery upon the person of William Knable. All the parties to the case reside in Ayr township. Wm. Knable, the plaintiff, is past 85 years of age. From the evidence offered it appears that on the night of September 7 last Knable and his wife, the latter a daughter of John Cooper, one of the defendants, and about 25 years old, engaged in a quarrel. While this was in progress John and Calvin Cooper happened along and sought to end the "scrap." This precipitated a stone-throwing battle between Knable and one of the defendants, in which the former claimed to have been considerably "done up," hence the suit. All the evidence in the case was produced by 5 o'clock, and an adjournment was then taken.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Tuesday morning's session opened with addresses to the jury on the Knable-Cooper case by attorneys for both parties. John P. Sipes, Esq., represented the Commonwealth, while O. C. Bowers, Esq., looked after the interests of the defendants. At the conclusion of the charge by the court the jury retired. A verdict of not guilty was rendered. Evidently the jury was of the opinion that both parties to the case were somewhat to blame in the "racket," because the costs were equally divided between the prosecutor and defendants.

The next case called was that of the Commonwealth vs. Roy Wagner, larceny, oath of Bruce Stoner. Taking of testimony was begun shortly before the noon hour. The prosecution alleges that the defendant removed from the coat pocket of the plaintiff a wallet containing a sum of money. The coat was hanging in plaintiff's shop at the time, and the prosecution seeks to connect the defendant with the theft. The jury in the case returned a verdict of not guilty.

CURRENT BUSINESS.

Estate of Charles R. Davis. Order and return of sale of real estate. Confirmed.

Estate of Abram King, late of Licking Creek township, deceased, order and return of sale of real estate by administratrix. Confirmed.

Report of viewers to view and

SILVER WEDDING.

The Event Happily Celebrated at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Nelson.

On last Friday evening a well planned and happily executed surprise was given Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Nelson of Tod township by their children and other friends, on the occasion of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. As the shades of the evening began to settle down upon their quiet home, and the gentle queen of the night in her mildness smiled peacefully upon all around, without the slightest intimation of anything out of the ordinary, their friends began arriving—carriage after carriage, with baskets and other things, until their home was well nigh filled with smiling faces and merry greeting; and soon all were seated to a very bountiful repast served by the young people. A happy social time, enlivened by music and otherwise, characterized the hours of the evening; and then, with many good wishes and hearty congratulations, their friends took their departure, leaving behind them a lot of silver and other presents as mementos of the happy occasion and of good cheer to Mr. and Mrs. Nelson as they enter upon the quarter century of happy domesticity.

NEW GRENADA.

Samuel Alloway left on Monday for Altoona.

Superintendent Barton visited the schools in Wells last Thursday, and stayed a night in our town.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Truax, of Enid, visited friends at the parsonage in this place last Sunday.

Miss Marion Edwards of Enid, who was teaching school at Cookstown, is home with a bad case of measles.

Dr. W. S. Hunter and Bert Sweet of Saxton, spent Sunday here.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ehrenfeld of Altoona, Misses Gertrude and Myrtle Cook, and Olive Grisinger of East Broadtop, visited friends here on Friday.

Mr. Charles Alloway of Three Springs, and Miss Laura Cutchall of Waterfall, were guests of Wm. Alloway's recently.

Mrs. H. I. Bridenstine and children accompanied by her brother Dr. Robert Hunter, left on Monday for their new home at Creek Side. The doctor however will return and locate with his brother William at Saxton.

Joe A. Cunningham of Englevale, Kanasa, having closed out his large merchandizing interest at that place, came east and is among the Cunningham gang, he left for home on Monday.

locate public road in Bethel township. The viewers reported against the establishment of said road and their report was confirmed. si.

In the divorce proceedings of Minnie Mertie Irwin vs. James Irwin, the report of the Master set forth that the parties met on a Saturday, became betrothed on the following Monday, were married on Tuesday and the bride was deserted on Wednesday. James Irwin, the enterprising bridegroom, was an itinerant "pill peddler." He stopped at the home of the young woman in Licking Creek township and succeeded in bringing himself into the favor of the damsel and her family. He said he owned a house in Hancock. They would get married and live there in connubial bliss. The nuptial contract was made and they went to Hancock. Irwin left his wife at a hotel and went out to buy some furniture. This was three or four years ago. He has not yet returned, hence the application for divorce.

Rebecca Hockensmith vs. Daniel G. Hockensmith, subpoena in divorce. The parties were married in this county, later going to Everett, where they went to house-keeping. The respondent left the libellant without cause, it was alleged, and she now charges desertion.

BECOMES A MISSIONARY.

Miss Alice Wishart of Wells Tannery Accepts an Appointment.

WILL SAIL FROM NEW YORK NOV. 7.

Goes to Allahabad, a City in India, to be a Co-Worker with Miss Ella Todd. Will Reach There About Christmas.

Miss Alice Wishart, daughter of Hon. and Mrs. Samuel P. Wishart, of Wells Tannery, has accepted an appointment as missionary to Allahabad, India, under the auspices of the Woman's Union Missionary Society of New York City. Miss Wishart is well known in Wells Tannery, and the surrounding valley, as a Sunday school worker and organizer, and has been interested in both Home and Foreign Mission work for some years.

Allahabad, the city to which Miss Wishart has been appointed is situated about five miles west of Calcutta, at the junction of the Ganges and Jumna, two very sacred rivers of India. It has a population of 200,000 natives—both Hindus and Mohammedans—and several thousand Europeans, including a Scotch Highland regiment.

It is a city of much importance being the capital of the United Province, and the winter home of Sir James Diggs La Touche, the Lieutenant Governor. The Union Missionary Society has a large and important work established there, having a dozen Eurasian and a score or more of native Christian women teachers for its zenana work, and day schools for women and girls scattered about the city and suburbs.

The work is now in charge of Miss Ella Todd, who is anxiously looking forward to the arrival of her co-worker, who will share the work and responsibility.

Miss Wishart sails from New York in a party of six missionaries November 7, on the American Transport Steamship Mesaba for London, and will spend a week or ten days in England and on the Continent, taking the P. & O. steamship Magnolia at Marseilles for Bombay, November 27, arriving at her station about Christmas. She will be accompanied "up country" to her station by Miss Mary Fairbank, appointed by the same Board to Launi, a city about 100 miles south of Allahabad. Miss Fairbank comes of old missionary stock, her grandfather, father, uncles, aunts and sisters, being missionaries in and about Bombay.

Dr. Bertha S. Caldwell, of Johnstown, formerly a medical missionary at Allahabad, and probably Mr. Geo. A. Wishart of Chicago, and Mrs. John Russel Hunter, a cousin of Miss Wishart will accompany her to New York to see her sail.

Gone to Illinois.

Mr. John H. Doyle and family of this place, left this morning for Malden, Illinois, where they expect to reside. Our people regret to see Mr. Doyle and family leave town, and hope that they may find their western home pleasant, and that they may be abundantly prosperous.

D. D. G. M., J. V. Deavor accompanied by B. H. Shaw of Hustontown installed the officers of Waterfall Lodge No. 778. I. O. O. F. on Friday evening. The various stations throughout the lodge were filled as follows: N. G., W. O. Fields; V. G., A. D. Berkstresser; secretary, L. L. Cunningham; treasurer, Jacob S. Black; rep. to G. L., J. Scott Bolinger, etc.

The fellow who wastes his time doesn't seem to realize that he will need it all before he dies.

It isn't until a man attends his own wedding that he fully realizes how insignificant he is.

The fact that great expectations are sometimes doomed to disappointment shouldn't prevent you from having any.

ENCOURAGING NEWS FROM BEIRUT.

Extract From a Letter Written by His Son to Rev. W. A. West of This Place.

As is known by all readers of the NEWS, there is trouble in the Ottoman Empire. The eyes of the civilized world are turned to Macedonia, the storm-center of trouble, where conflagration, murder, and rapine at the hand of the ruthless Turk are laying waste that fair land. In the opposite direction from Constantinople, the capital of the empire, the ancient land of the Bible has not wholly escaped. This is especially true of Beirut, a city of 80,000 or 90,000 inhabitants, situated on the shore of the Mediterranean Sea, between 50 and 60 miles west of Damascus, the capital of Syria and one of the oldest cities in the world.

On Sabbath, September 6th, an attempt was made to assassinate the Vice Consul of the United States; on the Saturday following a Christian was murdered by a party of Mohammedans. On Sabbath a riotous conflict occurred between the Mohammedans and the Christians in one of the districts of the city, in which some 30 Christians were put to death. Fortunately, for the safety of the Christian population—numbering well-nigh one-half—the Mediterranean squadron of our navy had been ordered to Beirut by the President immediately after the attempt upon the life of our Vice Consul. When the murderous riot occurred, the American war vessels were cleared for action, and Commodore Cotton held 500 marines in readiness to land at any moment. The desired result was secured. A week ago it was said by a missionary who had spent 40 years in that country, and who is now home on furlough, that the presence of our war vessels and the precautions taken by the commanding officer had undoubtedly been the occasion of averting a general massacre.

Happily, quiet and a sense of security have returned to Beirut, as indicated by a letter just received by Dr. W. A. West of this place from his son, who is a professor in the Syrian Protestant College located there, and who has been a resident of Beirut for twenty years. His letter is written from his summer home on the western slope of the Lebanon mountain, and is headed Aleib, Sept. 13. In part of it, which we are permitted to publish, he says:

"I spent the whole week in the city, coming up only on Wednesday for the night. The situation steadily improved all week, and now I think it will settle down to normal very quickly, if only the Christian population returns to its ordinary business life. Indeed, the chief danger now is that the Christians will take up some impossible demands or irreconcilable attitude. The chief event looking toward quiet has been the recall of the governor, whose corruption and laxity were responsible for the state of affairs leading up to the riot. The governor of Damascus, an excellent man, is in charge for the time being.

"While there is still a good deal of soreness among both Mohammedans and Christians, and not a little threatening talk on both sides, I think there is little danger of another outbreak. In any case, you must feel no anxiety about us. Even were trouble to recur, it is extremely unlikely that Americans or American property would be attacked.—Moslems in general are very friendly to us, and the Christian population as well. Of course, the presence of our men-of-war at present gives absolute protection, but even if they were not here there would be very little danger.

"The whole empire is in a state of unrest, European Turkey being the worst, and there is reason to expect trouble or changes at the seat of government."

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.

Mrs. Jane Ann Snyder and son Harvey of Gem, spent last Friday in town.

Merchant W. F. Hart of Needmore, spent Monday night in town.

Miss Elizabeth Bender who had been at Pen Mar returned home last week.

Miss Annie Doyle of Chambersburg, is visiting relatives and friends in this place.

Mrs. C. B. Stevens is spending a couple of weeks in Philadelphia and Harrisburg.

Dr. Clarence N. Tront of Red Lion, Pa., is spending this week with his mother and sisters here.

There have been over 1200 members added to the Royal Arcanum, in this state alone, since the first of June.

Mrs. Emanuel Sharpe and daughter Beatrice, of Needmore, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in McConnellsburg.

By reference to an advertisement in another column, it will be seen that Maye Johnston has her millinery opening on Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

Mr. C. R. Akers of Akersville, spent a few hours in town last Saturday and took a little time to come in and chat with the printer and advance his subscription into 1904.

Misses Ida and Reka Mumma, of Huntingdon, Pa., who are home visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Mumma near Knobsville, spent a few hours in town last Friday.

In sending us another dollar to advance his subscription to the latter part of 1904, our old friend Joseph Palmer at Mt. Union says the "News" is a welcome weekly visitor into their home.

The annual Farmers Institute of this county will be held during the first four days in December at Warfordsburg, Buck Valley, Crystal Springs and McConnellsburg, a day at each place.

Robert Shimer, who had been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Shimer, and other friends of this place, left last Saturday for Harrisburg, where he has secured employment.

C. H. Wissner, Esq., who was admitted to the bar in this court a few years ago, and who has since seen army service in the Philippines, and is now at Fredericksburg, Va., is among the strangers at court this week.

Practical farming will be taught in the schools at Hancock, as an experiment and if it proves successful the study may be extended to the other schools. Commissioner Cahill originated the idea and copies of a text book on the subject have been ordered.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Finiff, left to-day for their home at Hays, Pa., after a ten days' visit among friends in this county. Luther who was formerly a conductor on the Mongahela Division of the P. R. R. has been promoted to Yardmaster, and now holds a lucrative as well as responsible position.

The familiar form and face of Hon. Geo. A. Smith of Rogersville, Tenn., is seen at court this week. George is a native of this county, having been a school teacher and county superintendent back in the fifties, and afterwards one of the leading attorneys at the bar. During the past thirty years, or more, he has been a resident of Tennessee, but usually manages to get back to Fulton about twice a year. He seems to have a pull on old Father Time, as the last score of years has not made any perceptible change in his appearance.