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MORE ABOUT GERMANY.

The Production of the Famous Rhine Wine Described.

PROCESS OF FORMING A VINEYARD.

The Flavor of the Wine Depends on the Character of the Soil. Rocky Hillside Preferable. Much Care and Labor Expended.

My last letter "From Mainz to Kohn" seems to be incomplete, without a description of Rhine wine and its cultivation. I will therefore take up that subject in this letter.

The first thing to be done, in preparing to plant a vineyard is to get the young plants ready, which is done in the following way: Two years before you want to plant, you allow some healthy canes to attain their full year's growth; and when the sap is out in the spring, and buds are showing themselves, these canes, without being detached from the other vine, are treated in the following manner: A very thin wire is firmly, but not too tightly twisted and clinched around each cane between the different joints. By joints we mean that particular part of the cane, where buds start and form new branches. These canes are buried about one inch deep in the ground, the idea being that, since they are in the ground, the joints will form roots instead of branches, and after a year, you will have just as many nice rooted plants as you have buried joints in the ground. The wire around the canes is to prevent the sap from returning to the mother vine; but if the wire is too tight, it will kill the canes. Now, all you want to do, is to detach each joint from the mother vine, and the young plants (which are now called crowfeet) are ready to plant into the new vineyard. I will state here, that if an old vine is thus used for propagation, it is in no condition to bear much fruit.

The next thing is a suitable location. Above all, it must be high ground, and well drained. Low ground will never do for grapes. What we call good, rich, wheat land, would not do for a vineyard; but stony, rocky land, rich in mineral matter, even if it is destitute of vegetable mould is considered far better, for manure can be supplied; not so easy, the minerals. It is the minerals that impart to the wine, the so highly prized flavors.

Fifty years ago, there was in Heubach a vineyard containing several hundred acres, and was very productive. They were called the red vineyards, on account of the soil, which was a red clay, very impervious (but not a lime stone clay). The wine of this vineyard, was so sharp, and had so unpleasant a flavor, that it was not salable. This summer when I came to visit this vineyard, it was there no more, but apple trees flourishing in its place.—They had selected a more favorable soil, for another vineyard, and its product sold for the highest prices.

The preparing of the ground is as follows: If the location, is a steep hillside, which it generally is, a piece of ground is staked off, say twenty feet wide up the hill, and as many feet around the hill, as is best suited for the formation of the ground. The first point in view is, to terrace the hill, which means to level the earth into platforms, supported by a wall or bank of earth, on the lower side, and, sometimes on one or both sides. Twenty feet wide makes a very wide terrace, and if the hill is very steep, it would require a very big wall, so the width of the terrace depends on the steepness of the hill. The place of the terrace wall is located, and a trench dug for its foundation. Then all the stones on the surface of the ground, are gathered, and used for this terrace wall, and if there are none close at hand they are procured elsewhere, at any distance, for they are indispensable. Next, a space of about

Takes up Evangelistic Work.

William Woods, assistant cashier of the Mifflin County National Bank at Lewistown, Pa., and who will be remembered here as having stayed at the Washington House over Sunday a few weeks ago while making a summer tour with a party of friends in an old fashioned stage coach, has recently taken up home Evangelistic work.

He called a meeting in the Presbyterian church in that town a few days ago, at which every denomination and almost every congregation in Mifflin county was represented. A committee of fifteen was chosen to map out lines on which the work could be most conveniently and expeditiously handled. As a result of the conference an interesting crusade against sin is looked for throughout the county this winter.

SOUTH DUBLIN.

George Myers sold his farm to Sylvester Cunningham. Consideration, \$750 cash.

John V. Glunt is reported to be husking corn. John likes to be ahead with his work.

The farmers, with a few exceptions, are done seeding. Some buckwheat to thresh yet.

We have had several days of disagreeable weather. When it was not raining it was blowing for all it was worth.

John A. Myers was again prostrated Saturday with sudden chills. He is better at this writing and hopes to be around in a few days.

We were shown two tomatoes the other day by Mrs. D. H. Myers; one measured 1 3/4 inches in circumference, the other 1 1/2 inches. How is that for tomatoes?

Mrs. D. Mumma was reported seriously ill a week ago, but we have not heard of her condition for several days, and therefore suppose that she is much better.

Riley Sipes of Licking Creek was visiting his mother, Mrs. D. H. Myers, a few days last week. While there he succeeded in gathering a nice lot of winter apples and took twelve bushels home with him.

We noticed on Saturday quite a crowd congregated at Scott Wagner's, and ascertained that he was erecting a new barn and his neighbors were assisting him. We heard that J. C. Spanuth was the boss mechanic.

There has been a considerable quantity of applebutter made in this section, and winter apples will be plenty. D. H. Myers has made butter three times and has once more to manipulate the stirrer. Dave says he is building a great cave in the hill in which to store his apples of which he has from 50 to 60 bushels.—Rambo, Golden Russet, King, Grindstone, York Imperial, Ben Davis, Wine-sap, and Rome Beauty varieties.

W. R. Daniels, one of Thompson's substantial citizens, spent last Friday in town.

three feet is staked off, running parallel with the wall; the soil to the depth of six inches is dug up and is shoveled close to the wall and kept by itself. The sub-soil is then dug and piled close to the top soil. This will form a ditch about twenty inches deep. Next, another three feet is staked off and the top soil thrown to the top soil already lying near the wall. Now the sub-soil of this ditch is thrown into the first ditch, which is now filled up but lacks the six inches of top soil, which is now supplied from the top soil of the third ditch, which is now started. And so this trenching is continued until the end of the terrace is reached, and then the remaining empty ditch is filled up with the soil that lies near the wall, which is wheeled or carted there. Now, wherever it is rocky and there is not sufficient soil to make up twenty inches, it is procured elsewhere and carried there by women and children.

HENRY WOLF.

HARVEST OF DEATH.

John Stenger, Thomas Humbert, and Harrison Clevenger.

TWO WERE CIVIL WAR VETERANS.

Sketch of the Lives of Well Known Citizens Who Have Been Called to Their Final Rest.

JOHN STENGER.

At his home in Ayr township on Tuesday morning of last week, John Stenger, after a protracted illness, passed from earth, aged three days less than fifty years. Mr. Stenger was a native of Ayr township and one of its most respected citizens. He was a consistent member of the Lutheran church and a man of sterling integrity. He served for several years as treasurer of the school board. He is survived by his wife and eight children. Interment in Union cemetery on Wednesday, his pastor, Rev. A. G. Wolf, conducting the funeral services.

HARRISON CLEVINGER.

Mr. Harrison Clevenger died at his home in Irvona, Clearfield county, on Sunday October 4, 1903, and the remains were taken to Everett on Wednesday evening and conveyed to the home of his brother, Mr. David M. Clevenger.

Mr. Clevenger was twice married and is survived by his wife and six children, and the following brothers and sisters: David M., of Everett; Frank, in Texas; Jacob A., of Washington, D. C.; Hiram, Mrs. Peter Morton, Mrs. Amos Palmer and Mrs. George F. Metzler of this county, and Mrs. William Mellott of Riddlesburg.

The deceased was 58 years old and served with credit in the War of the Rebellion.

The funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon, the officiating clergyman being Rev. Richard Hinkle. Interment was made in the Everett cemetery, the rites at the grave being conducted by Everett Lodge, No. 524, F. and A. M., of which fraternity the deceased was a member.

THOMAS HUMBERT.

As was briefly noted in these columns last week, Thomas Humbert died at his home in Ayr township this county Monday night, October 5, 1903.

Mr. Humbert was born at Loudon, Franklin county, a little more than 75 years ago, and in early life came to this county. More than fifty years ago he was married to Miss Rebecca Truax of Thompson township and soon thereafter went to housekeeping on the farm where he spent the remainder of his life.

Mr. Humbert, besides being a successful farmer, was a weaver by trade, and worked at the Woolen Mill just south of Webster Mills when it was owned by Benjamin Robinson and later by Benjamin Fisher—many years ago.

During the Civil War Mr. Humbert served in Company F, Fifty Sixth Regiment, P. I., in command with David Fulton, Jacob C. Clevenger, Eli Covalt, Job Everts, John and Jacob Fox, Jacob and Andrew Glenn, Michel Lehman, and others.

He took an active interest in educational affairs and served on the school board of his township for many years.

In addition to his widow he is survived by the following children: George, David, Ulysses, Rachel, and Bessie (Mrs. Peter Kirk)—all of this county, and Maggie, wife of Calvin Starliper of the Little Cove.

Interment was made on Wednesday at the Union cemetery in Thompson township, Rev. C. H. Shull conducting the services.

Card of Thanks.

Mrs. Rebecca Stenger of Ayr township desires in this manner to express her thanks to the many friends for their help and sympathy during the sickness and death of her husband, the late John Stenger.

WILL CORRELL.

An Ohio Paper Speaks Kindly of a Former Belfast Township Boy.

From the Portsmouth (Ohio) Daily Blade of the 29th ult., we clip the following: "Portsmouth is fortunate in possessing three splendid men as the occupants of the pulpits of her Methodist Episcopal churches, one of whom is Rev. W. C. L. Correll who came here from the Kentucky conference, not quite a year ago to succeed Rev. C. A. Fellows as pastor of Manly M. E. church, who made a favorable impression which time has only served to strengthen. Manly congregation would have been greatly disappointed if, by any chance, Mr. Correll had been sent to another charge. He is a strong man in every way—an able speaker, an energetic pastoral worker, and is possessed of a winning personality."

BURNT CABINS.

Roy McGehee arrived home last Friday from Mercersburg Academy.

Miss Ione Bitner of Piedmont, W. Va., is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Harry McGowan.

W. R. McGowan of Monessen, Pa., spent a few days last week with his father, Wm. McGowan.

Dr. Alexander was in our town last Thursday.

Harvey Naugle, who came home from Wells Tannery, ill is convalescent.

Ed Horton, who is employed by Conner and McGowan at Wells Tannery, came home last Saturday evening.

Wm. Fraker, near this place, will have sale, as he does not intend to farm any more.

Rev. G. W. McIlhenny, wife and daughter of Center county arrived at George Doran's Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Delsie Mumma of Wilkinsburg, is visiting her friends here. Urilla Doran, who is teaching a term of school at Neelyton, spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother.

WHIPS COVE.

Howard Garland, who had been spending some time with his father, and who had quite a lacerated hand caused by it coming in contact with one of those sneaking little circular saws, has returned to his work at Salem, Ohio.

Miss Lillie Layton of the Cove, spent last week visiting at Everett and Bedford.

Amos Plessinger and son Harry have finished threshing in our valley, and have moved out. They had about all the threshing this valley afforded, and had been in here at work ever since before oats harvest and only finished during the past week.

John M. Martin is, this week, working on the new dwelling house of Mr. Peter Mellott, of Union township.

Our bachelor friends, Job Winter and John Martin spent Sunday on Black Oak Ridge. William Diehl has purchased the Jacob Plessinger farm, situated in the south-east corner of Brush Creek township. Consideration \$650.

The sick of our valley are: The little daughter of Robert Diehl, who is now getting better; Mrs. Estella Diehl who does not seem to improve very much, and has been sick since early in the spring; and Mr. Lemuel Smith, who has not been able to do any thing for a week, but who is again able to go with the mail.

Here's Where You Find 'Em.

The Philadelphia "Sunday Press," October 11, in its illustrated page of "Beautiful Women of Pennsylvania" honored two young women, Miss Nellie Sueserott Trout and Miss May Johnston, both well known ladies of McConnellsburg. That's no joke, Mr. Press, and when you run short, just send over to Fulton and you can get photographs of pretty girls enough to fill up every page in your big Sunday paper.

OCTOBER TERM OF COURT.

McConnellsburg Water Company's Suit against the Borough, Continued.

LONGEST TERM HERE IN MANY YEARS.

Dr. Trout's Heirs vs. the Waynesboro, Green-castle, and Mercersburg Turnpike Co. Verdict for Plffs. \$3,600.00.

It has been several years since a Fulton county court continued in session more than a week. It required considerably more time to clear up the criminal business last week than is generally the case, the civil business not being taken up until its conclusion.

In the case of the Commonwealth vs. James, Cleveland and Sarah Deshong, charged with theft on oath of J. K. Tritle, the grand jury returned not a true bill, and placed the costs upon the prosecutor.

Commonwealth vs. Leslie W. Seylar, charged with furnishing intoxicating beverages to Rennels Cooper, a minor, oath of James K. Cooper. The prosecution submitted evidence to show that in August last and again in September Rennels Cooper had procured liquor at Mr. Seylar's hotel in McConnellsburg. The defendant admitted having served the liquor but claimed he had used reasonable diligence and care to ascertain the young man's age before doing so. From the evidence he produced the jury were evidently of the opinion that he did, for they found him not guilty and placed the costs on the county.

The suit for damages instituted by the late Dr. William F. Trout and continued by his heirs against the president and managers of the Green-castle, Waynesboro and Mercersburg Turnpike company, took up the remaining portion of the week after the criminal business had been disposed of.

This was the first civil case on the docket. After empanelling the jury Wednesday evening court adjourned until 9 o'clock Thursday morning, when the taking of testimony was begun.

Following is a brief statement of the case as alleged by the plaintiffs: In company with Charles H. Wissner, Dr. Trout was returning from Mercersburg one afternoon in June, 1898. Near the top of the mountain there was being operated by Richard McFadden a wood chute. In passing this chute Dr. Trout's horses became frightened and ran away. The occupants were thrown out of the vehicle and, it is alleged, Dr. Trout sustained injuries that later were responsible for his decease. The plaintiffs further alleged that the roadway at this particular point was not in a safe condition, and that the turnpike company should not have allowed the wood chute to be operated on or so near their property.

They sue to recover damages to the amount of ten thousand dollars.

In summing up its side of the case the defendant company argued that Mr. McFadden had a right to use his chute on his own land, which abutted on the pike, and even use the side of the road, that the roadway at that point was reasonably safe, that the plaintiffs had not proven that Dr. Trout's death resulted from injuries received in the accident, and that they could not recover damages for these and other reasons set forth.

Taking of testimony in the case was begun Thursday forenoon and was concluded on Saturday evening when court adjourned at 5 o'clock.

The plaintiffs were represented by Messrs. Alexander, Sharp and Elder, and the defendant by Messrs. J. Nelson Sipes, Bowers and Rowe.

The jury was, George Mock, Charles A. Ranyan, M. E. Barton, J. Riley Lynch, Prof. B. C. Lamberson, A. C. Lauer, Wm. Sigel, Jacob Spade, J. M. Roddy, H. K. Baumgardner, George Hoefner, and Reason Youaker.

All of Monday's session was

Caught a Big Fish.

From the Evening Tribune, Long Beach, Cal.

Prof. O. S. Johnston, recently of Pittsburg, Kansas, caught the largest sea trout we have heard of this season. Mr. Johnston first caught a pumpkin seed with a worm, and with this small fish as a bait, he landed the trout, after fighting his game nature for some time. He was twenty one inches in length and weighed about four pounds. The Prof. don't claim to be a fisherman, but he enjoys the sport very much. He is contemplating becoming a resident of Long Beach, being much attracted with the climate, surf beach, the rapid growth, and the commercial activity of the city.

WELLS TANNERY.

Mr. John A. Wishart is in Philadelphia for medical treatment.

Myrtle and Clemma Stunkard attended the Bedford fair.

James E. Horton attended the Epworth League convention in Lewistown last week.

Hon. S. P. Wishart attended presbytery in Bellefonte.

Miss Lizzie Baker has gone to Philadelphia to learn the millinery trade.

David G. Duvall of Bellwood, spent a few days recently with his sister, Mrs. Snow.

About fifty young and aged persons spent Friday evening pleasantly with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sprowl.

Misses Lizzie and Elsie Wilson entertained a few of their young friends Saturday evening.

Mr. Philip Messersmith of Everett was in our town on business Friday and Saturday.

consumed by counsel's argument and the charge of the court. The case was given to the jury late in the evening. Judge Swope instructed the jury to the effect that should they agree upon a verdict during the night, it was to be written out, properly signed and placed in the hands of the foreman and presented to the court at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Court convened again Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, the session lasting two hours. The case of J. R. Nail vs. Ord Childers, the last on the calendar, was begun. This is a suit in ejectment wherein the plaintiff seeks to recover a small tract of improved land in Wells township, now occupied by the defendant. Case ended Tuesday night; verdict for plaintiff.

The jury in the Dr. Trout case agreed upon a verdict during the night. They found for the plaintiffs in the sum of \$3600.00 damages.

ACCOUNTS.

The first and final account of Jesse B. Snyder, administrator of the estate of Jonathan B. Snyder, late of Thompson township confirmed and John P. Sipes, Esq., appointed auditor.

The account of Martha Waltz, administratrix of John Waltz, late of Belfast township confirmed.

Account of Mary J. Anderson, admx., of estate of Jonathan Anderson late of Taylor township confirmed.

Account of Luema Garlick surviving executor of estate of Abram Garlick late of Brush Creek township deceased, confirmed.

The first and final account of S. Wesley Kirk, Esq., administrator of the estate of Zephtha Moats, late of Thompson township, deceased. Geo. B. Daniels, Esq., appointed auditor.

The first and final account of H. S. Daniels, Esq., administrator of the estate of John Daniels, late of Licking Creek township, dec'd. Hon. W. Scott Alexander appointed auditor.

The first and final account of W. R. Speer, executor of the estate of Elizabeth Hess, late of Licking Creek township, dec'd. Approved.

The first and final account of B. W. Peck, executor of the estate of W. H. Hess, late of Thompson township, dec'd. Confirmed and F. P. Lynch, Esq., appointed auditor.

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.

S. S. Newman, of Saluvia, was an early Monday morning visitor to town.

Dr. West attended an adjourned session of presbytery at Carlisle Monday.

Mr. Davy Nace of Chambersburg, was seen on the streets of this place, a couple days last week.

Miss Jennie C. Stewart of Harrisonville, spent Friday night the guest of Mrs. L. H. Wible of this place.

Hon. John Daniels of Bethel, was among the visitors at court last week. Judge never misses a court.

Mr. Jeff Evans and son Carl of Braddock, Pa., spent a day and night of last week at the home of Daniel Elvey.

Mr. W. H. Arison, manager of the Carborundum Company at Niagara Falls, Ontario, is a much interested court visitor this week.

Howard and John Shimer, of McKees Rocks, Pa., are visiting their mother Mrs. Annie Shimer of this place.

Misses Mary Grove and Ida Steck of Welsh Run spent a few days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Patterson of this place.

Miss Sadie Stewart, of Harrisonville, is spending this week with friends in Hagerstown, where she will attend the fair.

Frank Mort of Clear Ridge and Easton Stinson of Sixmile Run spent a few hours in town Monday on their way to the Hagerstown fair.

Mrs. Catharine McClain of Wilmerding, and her son Josie and his family of Pittsburg, are visiting Daniel Rinehart's family and other friends near Gracey.

Communion service at Green-hill Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at 10:30; preparatory service Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Johnston returned home Monday morning after a nice visit to Clearspring, Md., and with Mr. Johnston's brothers, Stillie and Richard.

A postal from Mrs. S. M. Cook informs her friends that she arrived at Mt. Carrol, Ill., safe after spending a delightful day in Chicago, where she took in the city in an automobile.

A. U. Nace, of the Merchant Tailoring establishment, is now in the eastern cities buying material for fashionable winter suits, together with a full line of goods furnishing goods and ready made clothing.

Hima Clevenger near Hancock, was up last week and rented Thomas F. Sloan's farm in Ayr township. Mr. Clevenger has had some experience on Big Cove farms, and will no doubt prove a good tenant.

H. W. Karper, of Chambersburg, one of the most popular grocery salesman on the road, was accompanied on his regular trip to this county last week, by Mrs. Karper, and by Mr. and Mrs. A. Lincoln Shirk. Mr. Shirk is one of Chambersburg's leading hardware merchants and they expressed themselves as being "delighted with their trip."

On Monday evening the western mail brought to Prof. Wm. M. Peck, editor, a request that he announce in the Fulton County News and in the Fulton Democrat the engagement of one of Licking Creek township's fair ladies, but as there is no William M. Peck, editor, in this neck o' timber, and as the writer of the letter forgot to sign his, her or their names to the article, the whole business looks like a job put upon somebody.