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MORE ABOUT VINEYARDS.

Practical Information for Those Interested in Grape Culture.

OBSERVATION OF GERMAN METHODS.

Henry Wolf Explains in Detail the Way the Grape is Propagated by Means of Cuttings.

MR. EDITOR:—In this letter I shall continue to write about vineyards and wine. In my last I explained the selection of the location of the vineyard, nature of the proper soil, terracing of hillsides and preparation of the ground. I also showed how to have strong rooted plants.

Now, there is another method of propagating a vineyard, and that is by the use of cuttings. Strong, one-year-old canes are cut into such lengths, as to have three joints in them. This ought to be done just when the buds are coming out in the spring, and planted the same day if possible.

When the ground is ready, the exact position for each plant or cutting is carefully staked off.—As a rule they are five feet apart each way. If the ground is very poor, some fertilizer is provided to mix with the ground. The planting is done very carefully, the roots of the plants are nicely spread out in the holes prepared for them, and pulverized soil sifted through the fingers between them, moving the plant up and down gently, to get the soil compact into every crevice between the roots, and then all firmly pressed down. If cuttings are to be planted, the process is different. A stick about two inches thick, and about two feet long, pointed at one end is provided.—This stick is driven into the ground just on the spot where the cutting is to be planted. It is then pulled out in such a way as to leave a hole about eighteen inches deep. Now, the cutting is inserted into this hole held so that the upper joint is just above the ground, so that it can form branches, and the other two joints in the ground form roots. The operator, holding the cutting with his left hand, puts fine sand into the hole around the cutting with his right hand and stamps it down firmly around the cutting for that purpose. Thus the planting is finished. Now the ground is carefully cultivated with a hoe. No weeds or grass are ever permitted to grow. The young vines are carefully watched and all superfluous branches are removed as fast as they appear. For two or three years no fruit is suffered to grow on the young vines, for it would stunt them to do so; but cultivation and careful attention is given them year in and year out.—When the vines are considered strong enough to bear fruit, some canes are permitted to remain for that purpose, and all the rest are cut away. Stakes four and one-half feet high are driven into the ground beside the vines and the canes are carefully tied to them. When the blossoms of the embryo fruit appear is the most critical time in the whole season to lose the entire crop: for in one single night the frost may destroy every prospect of a vintage. To prevent such a calamity there seems to be but one successful remedy known, and that is the creation of artificial heat. So, all brush, weeds, thorns and the like are gathered and put in piles at certain distances, and when a frosty night comes, every hand is there to fire these brush heaps. Thus the heat and smoke produced will raise the temperature sufficiently to save the crops. But the danger is gone only for this night; to-morrow night may be as threatening as the past night: so more brush heaps must be provided—at any cost—to save the vintage.

HENRY WOLF.

Mrs. Elizabeth Sulder of Knobsville, spent Tuesday with Miss Katie S. Pora.

UNION MEETING

Of the Various Young People's Church Societies of Town.

The various young people's societies of the several churches in town will hold a union meeting in the Lutheran church next Sunday evening at seven o'clock. We have been informed that there will not be preaching service in any of the churches; and therefore the different congregations are invited to lend encouragement by their presence.

WELLS TANNERY.

Mr. Paul Johnson, wife and children of West Virginia, spent a few days last week with his mother, Mrs. Ord Childers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross, and Mr. and Mrs. Amos, of Saxton, visited Mrs. Amanda Snow and J. N. Duvall a part of last week.

Harry and Bruce Spangler of Pittsburg, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Spangler and whiling away a part of the time in the forests after game.

Mr. Will Childers and Sheridan Fessler killed a huge catamount last Friday. Their dog was so greatly injured in the combat with the wild animal, that the dog was killed to end his misery.

Mrs. J. C. Kirk of Everett, accompanied by her brother, Mr. Evans, visited Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Greenland last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. J. H. Meredith and son John are visiting in Altoona.

Rev. W. G. Finney of Orbisonia was a guest of S. P. Wishart and family one day last week.

Rev. Lewis, of Osceola, will preach a missionary sermon in the Presbyterian church Sunday 25th, at 8 o'clock.

Presiding-Elder Baldwin will preach in the Pine Grove M. E. church next Sunday evening.

The hunting season has brought so many visitors among us that it is impossible to name all. We recall Mr. Wilson, postmaster of Altoona, and Bert Tuma, Mack Fair, Col. Heinsling of the same city, and Mr. Kerns of Washington.

NEEDMORE.

S. M. Clevenger raised his new house last week, and will soon have the latch string out to his many friends.

J. C. Lake and his little family of Pleasant Ridge, made a hasty call on friends here last Sunday.

Wm. M. Funk is now in Thompson with his planing machine, working the lumber for the new school house to take the place of the one recently burned at Oakley.

Mrs. A. Runyan is very unwell this Monday morning, we hope she will be better soon.

Robert Alderton of Great Cacapon, West Va., spent a few days among his many friends here, and attended the meetings.—"Robbie" is a good singer and we would be glad to have him with us often.

Our new blacksmith, D. Garland is doing a thriving business.

Charley Gordon's little son Morgan is critically ill.

This cool weather is a reminder that the pleasant autumn days will soon be gone and then—winter.

The little sons of Aaron Garland and Amos Barber who had feverish both going around again.

T. W. Peck spent from Friday until Monday among friends in Bedford county.

Geary Myers of Sylvan, Franklin county, and Roy Daniels of Lower Thompson, were the guests of W. F. Hart's family Saturday evening and Sunday.

The Union Meetings held at this place and at Siding Hill over the second Sunday closed on Monday morning at 9 o'clock on the banks of Tonotoway creek where the impressive ordinance of baptism and right hand of fellowship, were administered to Mr. Harvey Snider.

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SOUTH WAYNE, WISCONSIN.

Rev. Lewis Chambers Swinging Around the Circle.

HAD A VERY NICE VISIT IN OHIO.

Counsels Patience to Any Who May be Contemplating Matrimony, to Wait until He Returns.

South Wayne, Wisconsin, October 14, 1903.

DEAR BRO. PECK:—I have not forgotten that I promised you I would write to you from the West if I should live to get there.

On Tuesday, September 8, at 7:30 A. M., I boarded the fast line at Big Cove Tannery, under the careful management of the genial and obliging conductor, David Keefer, Jr., who in due time landed me safe in the romantic town of Hancock. But on the way I succeeded in disposing of my sleigh, which I of course had left at home, to Mr. Keefer for the enormous sum of 25 cents, and that 25 cents I paid a hackman to take me and my trunk over the river to the station. Then I found myself standing on the historic soil of West Virginia. Having bought my ticket for Pittsburg, I boarded the train at 1:29 P. M. There didn't seem to be much to attract attention along the way, until the sun began to sink behind the western hills, when the burning coke-ovens—a hundred in a row, or circle—seemed to me to present a scene even grander than fire on the mountain; and to see acres almost literally covered with standing freight cars, was astonishing, especially to a boy traveler, and then to see the moving trains of 50 to 80 cars all loaded with coal and coke, would seem to indicate no fear of a coal famine this winter. About 8 o'clock we landed in Pittsburg, and as the old woman said, "a dirty black hole it is." After staying at Pittsburg all night, I took a trolley ride of ten minutes next morning to the Union depot, and boarded a train at 7:30—changed cars at Bucyrus, a town of about 8,000, and reached Nevada, Ohio, about 4 P. M. Miss Bessie Lalley, (my brother Robert's grand-daughter), met me at the station. I had a joyful meeting with the family, none of whom I had ever seen before except my brother, whom I had not seen for 37 years, his wife having died about a week before I left home.

At Nevada I spent two very pleasant weeks, and formed the acquaintance of Rev. Baker of the M. E. church and heard him preach; and also, of Rev. Amick of the Lutheran church and heard him preach, as well as a number of others of less note. I was becoming somewhat attached to the people and to the place when the time came that I had to say good by.

I went one day with my brother up to Upper Sandusky, the county seat of Wyandotte county. It is a very pretty little town of about 4,500 inhabitants, and a \$40,000 court house. Some call it the "Mormon Temple." We also visited what is known as the old Mission Church, where some of the old pioneers of Methodism preached and worshiped among the Indians. On one end of the church are two large tablets on which are inscribed, or engraved rather, the names of Bishop McKendree, Soule, and Roberts; and among the presiding elders, I can only remember the name of James B. Finley. I regret that I did not make a note of those names, all of whom had preached in the "old Mission Church."—And there is a list of the names of Indians who were converted there and lived and died and were buried there in the large cemetery adjoining the church; but what attracted my curiosity most was the name and the grave of the old chief "Between-the-Logs." He stands third on the lists of converts.

Well, I must bring this letter to a close, which I fear is too long. My next letter will start from Nevada.

REV. FRANK S. HOUSER.

Death of a Former Pastor of the McConnellsburg Presbyterian Church.

While it was known that the health of Rev. Frank S. Houser was rapidly declining, the intelligence last week of his death at his home in Mechanicsburg, Pa., came as a shock to our people.

Rev. Houser was pastor of the Presbyterian church at this place from 1893 to 1895; and during that time he and his estimable family won for themselves the warmest affection of our people.

The weakened condition of Mr. Houser's voice caused him to resign his charge here, and to prevent his being a pensioner upon the church, removed his family to Mechanicsburg, and engaged in secular pursuits. His integrity as a citizen, his business ability, his tact in handling men, his kind and genial disposition, his impressive manner, his gentlemanly bearing, and his Christian culture in all his enterprises, won for him financial success; and he was able to leave his family a handsome home in their adopted town.

His funeral was conducted from his late home in Mechanicsburg on Tuesday afternoon of last week by his pastor, Rev. T. C. McCarroll, assisted by Rev. T. J. Ferguson.

He lacked a few months of being 50 years of age.

His wife and children have the tenderest sympathy of their Fulton county friends.

NEW GRENADA.

John Mills is home on a vacation enjoying a few days hunting. Mrs. Lillian Bernhardt of Three Springs visited Jesse B. McClain's on Friday.

J. Howard Edwards of Hooversville, Pa., is stopping a few days with his old neighbors here.

Rev. W. H. Dressler was returned to preach another year on the Fort Littleton circuit, Church of God.

Rev. W. J. Grissinger of York, Pa., visited friends here a short time on his way home from Eldership.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer McEldowney and daughters Viola and Edna are visiting Mrs. McEldowney's brother, Thomas Ramsey.

Hunters are more plentiful than game, up until Saturday only one turkey having come to town. Harvey Shafer was the lucky boy.

Rev. H. S. Bickel, who had been attending Eldership at Martinsburg, stayed at New Grenada a day or two on his way home to Camp Hill, Pa., and met his old parishioners and friends.

The institute at No. 4 was a success on the part of the teacher and scholars, but not on the part of patrons and directors, only one director and one teacher from Wells having been present, while teachers were here from Taylor township and Three Springs.

BURNT CABINS.

Hunting season is here again and the hunters are making good use of it.

A. J. Fore returned home last Friday from a business trip to the Hagerstown fair.

Mrs. Sarah McGowan and son Theodore visited Mrs. McGowan's sister, Mrs. Ellen Speck at Roxbury, Franklin county.

A. C. Johnson of New York, spent part of last week with his sister Mrs. Rhoda Free near Decorum.

Quite a number of our people took in the Hagerstown Fair last Thursday.

Remember me kindly to every body.

Respectfully,
LEWIS CHAMBERS.

P. S. If you know any who are contemplating matrimony, just tell them to be patient—I will be there.

CUPID'S LITTLE ARROW

Pierces the Hearts of Some of Our Best Young People.

NOBODY VERY SERIOUSLY HURT.

Charley Scott and Murney Grissinger, Winter Tritle and Ola Stouteagle, Bruce Ranck and Miss Shellenberger.

SCOTT—GRISSINGER.

Mr. Charles Fletcher Scott and Miss Clara McMurrin Grissinger were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel L. Grissinger in this place on Wednesday evening of last week.

The affair was unique in that it was a genuine surprise to the forty or fifty guests present.—Every arrangement at the home had been kept quiet, and at a late hour neighbors and friends were informed that Mr. and Mrs. Grissinger would be glad to have them come in to spend the evening with them. So informal did the affair seem that it is said Mrs. H. S. Wishart came very near going in her calico dress.

It was prayer meeting evening, and to further keep off suspicion the bride and her sisters went as usual, and the pastor Rev. C. M. Smith and wife were asked to join the social gathering later in the evening.

Imagine the surprise later in the evening when the groom quietly drew from his pocket a license and suggested that the pastor might now proceed to make him and Miss Murney husband and wife. The minister gathered himself together a minute or two, and before the bewildered party knew where they were at, the ceremony had been performed.

The dining room door was now thrown open and the guests were soon seated at a most sumptuously prepared wedding supper, and the affair ended most delightfully.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott are among our very best young people and have the best wishes of a host of friends. They will go to house-keeping in a few days.

TRITLE—STOUTEAGLE.

At Hagerstown last Tuesday, by Rev. S. W. Owen, D. D., of the Lutheran church, Mr. Allen Winter Tritle of Waynesboro, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. George Tritle of this place, and Miss Minola, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stouteagle of Ayr township, were united in marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Tritle returned Thursday evening to the home of the bride's parents, where a delightful reception was given, and a large number of guests present.

The groom has a lucrative position in the Frick shops, and the bride is one of the most estimable young ladies in the Cove.

They went to Waynesboro on Monday, where they at once went to housekeeping, carrying with them the best wishes of their host of Fulton county friends.

RANCK—SHELLENBERGER.

Mr. E. Bruce Ranck of Altoona and Miss Minnie Shellenberger were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shellenberger, of the same city, on Tuesday evening of last week.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. J. Swigart of Huntingdon, and, after congratulations, a delightful wedding supper was served. At 1:05 Wednesday morning Mr. and Mrs. Ranck left on a wedding tour to include Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington.

The groom is a native of Warfordsburg, being a son of the late Philip Ranck. He went up to Altoona four or five years ago, when his brother Benjamin was married, and was groomsmen on that occasion, while Miss Shellenberger was bridesmaid. From a start as "seconds" in that affair, it seemed but natural that they should advance as the sequel

Thanks, Friends.

It is very gratifying to the publisher to notice just how many subscribers of the News are sending in their back subscription and advancing for another year, and some for two and even more years.

To get out a paper fifty-two times in a year—year in and year out—is attended with no little labor, but when those who are getting the benefit of our toil show their appreciation by paying for what they get, it makes the burden seem much lighter.

The past year has been one of unusual prosperity to the people of our country, good prices have prevailed for nearly everything one has to sell, and wages has never been higher, so that there is no lack of money.

We are glad that while our friends are squaring up their little bills around preparatory to spending a comfortable winter, they are not forgetting the printer who has to work hard a whole year for a dollar, and then sometimes has to wait another year for the dollar.

Local Institute.

A good local institute was held at Locust Grove school house last Friday evening. Jas. S. Akers, Esq., acted as president, and F. M. Diehl secretary.

The following topics were discussed: 1. What are your methods of punishment, and should corporal punishment be used? 2. Is the Compulsory School law a benefit to our country? 3. What do you think we can derive from a well conducted local institute?

These questions were very ably discussed by the teachers present, and by the chairman, who is very enthusiastic in institute work. The teachers present from Brush Creek were—Harris, Walters, Hanks, Plessinger, and Diehl; from Bethel, Oscar Sharp, and from Belfast, Amos Mellott.

The following are the topics for next institute, which will be held at Buffalo school on the evening of the 30th inst:

1. Teachers' Professional Reading.—Diehl, Harris. 2. System; how obtained; its value to the school.—Hixson, Barton. 3. Which should receive the most attention—the physical, the moral or the intellectual education of the child?—Plessinger, Hanks.

Hon. and Mrs. S. W. Kirk and little son Malcolm went to Everett Monday for a little visit among friends.

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The bride and groom are both excellent young people, and we trust that happiness and prosperity may be theirs in full measure.

After November 15 they will be at home to their friends at 719 Sixth avenue, Altoona.

GLUNT—KERLIN.

Mr. George Glunt and Miss Bessie K. Kerlin, both of Knobsville, were married at the M. E. parsonage in this place last Wednesday by Rev. J. V. Adams.

STALEY—SIPES.

A very pretty home wedding occurred at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Sproat in Allegheny, Pa., on Wednesday evening 7th inst., when Miss Sara Elizabeth Sipes and Mr. William H. Staley, both of Allegheny, were united in marriage by Rev. W. W. Hall, pastor of the Arch Street M. E. church.

The bride was attended by her sister Miss Myrtle Sipes, of Newcastle, Pa., while Edward A. Richey acted as best man. After the supper which followed the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Staley left for Eastern cities, and remained until to-day, when they arrived at the home of the bride's parent's Ex-sheriff and Mrs. D. V. Sipes of this place where they will spend a few days.

Upon their return to Allegheny after November 1, they will be at home at 600 Arlington avenue.

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.

Dr. West spent most of last week visiting his Green Hill parishioners.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sipes, of Saluvia, were among the McConnellsburg visitors Friday.

Ahimaaz Truax and daughter, Miss Minnie, of Harrisonville, spent Friday in town.

Miss Lydia Mumma of Hustontown is spending a week among friends in Chambersburg.

Mrs. W. E. Bair and little daughter Nellie were pleasant callers at the News office Monday.

Miss Gertrude Sipes of this place, is spending the week in Chambersburg, the guest of Miss Nelle B. Coe.

Mrs. Elisha Shoemaker and daughter Miss Mary of Hustontown, spent Wednesday in town.

Miss Effie Cutchall of Hustontown, spent last week visiting her sister, Mrs. W. R. Speer of Saluvia.

Miss Laura Phenice of the Little Cove spent several days during the past week in the family of Mr. John Comer of this place.

Collins E. Cutchall, of Correctionville, Iowa, in sending a dollar to pay his News to 1904 says, "I will take another dollar's worth; send her on."

Prothonotary George A. Harris and his mother attended communion services at Green Hill Presbyterian church last Sunday.

Edward V. Mellott and daughter Mary of Pleasant Ridge, took dinner last Saturday at the home of Mrs. M. A. Thompson in this place.

David R. Mumma of Hustontown spent Monday night in this place on his way home from the reunion at Chambersburg last week.

Miss Sadie Hockensmith, who had been employed at Williamsport the past summer, has returned to her home at Laidig, where she is seriously ill.

Mrs. Kate Mellott, who has been seriously ill of typhoid fever at the home of her father, Lewis Enslly, at Saluvia, continues in a critical condition.

George H. Garland, of Tiffin, Ohio, forgot and let himself get a little in arrears on his subscription. To make amends, he sent the back pay and two years in advance.

Owing to the fact that the cider making season is now nearing its close, Elliott Ray's mill south of town will be in operation next week on Wednesday and Thursday only.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Baker and son Orval, Mr. and Mrs. Emery Hessler and daughter Marian, and Mrs. Hessler's brother, Mr. Howard Dixon spent Sunday afternoon at Daniel E. Fore's.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Eitemiller, and Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Wolf and family, were at Gettysburg last week attending the annual session of the W. Penn'a. synod of the Lutheran church.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Hockensmith, who had been visiting relatives and friends in this county the past two weeks returned to their home at Cameron, Ill., last week.

Mrs. Jennie Mellott, who had been visiting her sister Mrs. Geo. W. Decker, of Harrisonville, and other friends in the county returned to her home in Iowa, last week.

Hon. W. Scott Alexander went to Philadelphia last Saturday to be present in the Superior court on Monday when the Ayr township road plow case came up for argument. Mr. Alexander is attorney for the plaintiff.