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ABOUT THE PHILIPPINES.

Interesting Information by One Who Has Been There.

MR. CHARLES HENRY WISSNER WRITES

Will Tell About the Natives, Their Habits, Religious Customs, and General Social Condition.

It is our intention to publish a series of letters or, rather, essays by Mr. Charles Henry Wissner on various subjects of interest in connection with the Philippine Islands. Mr. Wissner has been in McConnellsburg on various occasions, and no doubt a short account of his interesting adventurous life would prove a fit introduction to the articles that will follow.

This gentleman was born at Fredericksburg, Va., in 1867. When 15 years of age, he graduated first in his class at Hampden Sidney College, Va. The following September, he became principal of a school at Middlebrook, Va., marrying during that year. The following year he took a special course in Oriental languages at Union Theo. Seminary, going the following year to the University of Va.; from there to Yale, and from Yale to Leipzig, completing his work at the last named place in 1891.

During his stay abroad, he visited every country in Europe, Palestine, and Egypt. After his return to America, he entered the ministry of the Presbyterian church, and preached at various points until 1897. In the spring of that year he came to McConnellsburg and between July and October prepared himself for admission to the bar. In October, he passed a brilliant examination; in fact the most brilliant examination ever passed at this bar.

During the winter of 1897 and 1898 he traveled in the West, returning here in April 1898 at about the time of the outbreak of the Spanish American War. Mr. Wissner added considerably to the life of the town during the first weeks of the war by printing a daily bulletin giving the latest telegraphic news from the front. His war zeal became aroused and on June 13, he enlisted in Company C. 8th Pa. Vol., serving until his discharge, in March, 1899. After a few weeks in McConnellsburg, Mr. Wissner went to Harrisburg and enlisted in the regular army for service in the Philippines. Upon the arrival of his regiment in the Islands he was detailed for special duty as interpreter of Spanish and native dialects. He saw hard service in the campaign of '99 and 1900 on the island of Cebu, having charge of the native coolies and laborers that accompanied the army; but at the close of that campaign, he was assigned to duty at various headquarters and as interpreter upon court martials, doing good work until his discharge in April 1902.

While in Iloilo Mr. Wissner started the "Iloilo Times," the first American paper published outside of the city of Manila. This paper he sold out in May of that year and went to Manila, where he became connected with the Manila Freedom, and at the same time acted as interpreter in the courts. In June of that year he went first to China, and then to Japan, returning to San Francisco in July. Between the months of July and October he traveled through the southern states, reaching Fredericksburg, Va., in October, where he remained until his return to this town on court week, he having been summoned here as a witness in the Dr. Trout-Turnpike case.

Mr. Wissner during his career has been four times in Europe, and has visited almost every part of the world, except South Africa and Australia; and, judging from his past, we feel we can safely predict that he will also visit those countries.

He is a good mathematician, and a linguist who has at his

COMMENDABLE WORK.

Annual Meeting of the McConnellsburg Branch of the N. W. G. of America.

The McConnellsburg branch of the Needlework Guild of America held their annual business meeting at the home of Mrs. R. Sharpe Patterson Saturday afternoon, when the members made a return of the new garments secured during the year for free distribution to hospitals and other charitable institutions. The number contributed was far in excess of the number required (110) to maintain a branch organization; and the society is to be commended for the good work it is doing and for the interest the directors and members are taking in the organization.

The object of the Needlework Guild of America is to collect and distribute new, plain, suitable garments to meet the great need of hospitals, homes, and other charitable institutions, and to extend its usefulness by the organization of branches.

The garments collected by the McConnellsburg branch will be forwarded to the Deaf and Dumb Institute and the West Park Hospital for Women, both of Philadelphia. The following officers were elected to serve the ensuing year: president, Miss Mary Patterson; secretary, Miss Jessie Sloan; treasurer, Miss Mary Sloan.

Any one interested in this work, and desiring to identify themselves with this branch, can obtain full information by addressing the secretary or the National Office, 1227 Arch St., Philadelphia.

WEST VIEW.

Mrs. James Johnson spent Sunday at John May's.

Still Kirk spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. John Pittman.

Miss Lula Truxel was the guest of Bertha Shaw last Sunday.

Minnie Roser spent a couple of days last week with Miss Emma Weaver.

Miss Louise Barney of Clearville is spending a few weeks at John Pittman's.

Tom Manning is having his house plastered. Grant Brakeall is doing the work.

John Truxel and mother spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bair of Round Top.

Frank Skiles of Pleasant Ridge passed through this neighborhood last Saturday.

Misses May Mason and Anna Weaver spent Saturday evening with Mrs. Abner Weaver.

Edward and Maggie Charlton of Baltimore are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Charlton.

Surprise Birthday Party.

A surprise party was given on the evening of the 19th inst. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Gunnells at Knobsville, in celebration of the 21st birthday anniversary of their son Daniel. The surprise was complete, as he did not know anything of it until the guests had arrived. Among those present were Mary Long, Dora Sherman, Amy Fleming, Ella Tice, May Clouser, Boyd Sherman, Sadie Sharp, Mrs. John Tice, Mrs. Amos Clouser, Mrs. Jacob Sharp, Bert Fraker, Cyrus Wagner, John Makey, Ira Fore, and Harry Clouser.

Daniel received many presents. At 10 o'clock refreshments were served. The guests report a pleasant time, and extend their thanks for the hospitality shown.

Uncle Jake Miller of Burnt Cabins spent a few hours in town on Monday. Although in his 78th year, he looks hale and hearty.

command thirteen languages.—While his life has been adventurous, he is by no means an adventurer; and we have his promise to furnish for the columns of the NEWS a number of articles that will be highly interesting and instructive.

A FRATERNAL VISIT.

Installation of Officers at Harrisonville Lodge, and Initiation of New Member.

D. D. G. M., J. V. Deavor, assisted by L. H. Wible, Esq., and Henry Comer of McConnellsburg Lodge, and by Dr. A. K. Davis and B. H. Shaw of Fort Littleton Lodge, installed the following officers of Harrisonville Lodge No. 710, I. O. O. F., last Saturday evening: N. G., L. I. Deshong; V. G., Bert Hann; treasurer Hiram Clevenger; R. S. to N. G., L. J. Hockensmith; warden, W. C. Mann; I. G., L. M. Hockensmith; R. S. to V. G., J. W. Lake; L. S. to V. G., Prof. N. E. M. Hoover.

The installation was followed by the initiation of Wm. H. Hockensmith, and by remarks by the visiting brethren.

Prothonotary George A. Harris of Harrisonville Lodge accompanied by the following members of McConnellsburg Lodge were also present: M. W. Nace, Dr. F. K. Stevens, and John Comer.

Harrisonville Lodge is in a prosperous condition, and appreciates the help and fraternal visit of the above brethren.

Nathan R. McClain.

Nathan R. McClain, a well known citizen, died at his home in Conemaugh, Pa., at 9 o'clock in the evening, Oct. 22, of cancer, aged 46 years, 9 months and 22 days. He is survived by his wife and three children—Curtis L., Harry H., and Louella—all at home.

Funeral services were held at his home on Friday night. On Saturday morning, the family started with the body for Clear Ridge, Fulton county, and on Sunday afternoon interment was made in the cemetery at that place, funeral service being conducted by Rev. J. R. Melroy, a very large congregation of relatives and friends being present.

Deceased was born and lived in this county until the spring of 1887, when he moved his family to Conemaugh, where he was already employed as brakeman on the P. R. R., on "Local Freight," a position he filled with credit for several years. Then he was promoted to that of conductor, which position he held until about four months ago, when the rapid growth of cancer in right-side of his face compelled him to stop work.

He was a Christian man, and when he received orders to be transferred to the next world, he was ready to answer in that familiar sentence; "All right."

WELLS TANNERY.

Miss Isabel Pettigrew of Everett, visited Miss Alice Wishart from Saturday until Monday.

James Stewart, who is employed at Galtzin, is spending a few days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Stewart.

Mrs. W. H. and Maud Baumgardner were in Everett on business Thursday.

Hayes Bivens and John Sheaffer drove to Everett Sunday evening to attend the burial of Mrs. Geo-Crook's child, Monday.

Harry Thomly of Philadelphia, is visiting relatives here. Harry looks as though life agrees with him.

Walter Metz moved from our town to Meredith town. George R. Sipe moved into the house vacated by Metz.

Hon. S. P. Wishart a few days ago made a narrow escape from what might have been a very serious accident. He was cutting a little wood on the woodpile, and the ax he was using caught on the clothes line, and came down on his head, inflicting an ugly wound and rendering Mr. Wishart unconscious for some time.

J. R. Kirkpatrick and wife, D. S. W. Delaplain, and wife, and Mrs. S. J. McCauslin—all of Philadelphia, have been spending the past week at the Washington House.

ABOUT GRAPES AND WINE.

More Observations Made by Henry Wolf While in Germany.

NOT ALWAYS A VERY SURE CROP.

The Gathering the Grapes, Extracting the Juice, Making, Curing and Marketing the Product.

As the weather gets warmer and the danger of frost is past, other agents of destruction make their appearance in the shape of moths and insects of various kinds, which feed upon the vines and sometimes upon the fruit itself; also, bacteria of various names cause the decline of the vines and run the vintage. Unfavorable conditions of temperature and humidity in blooming season cause coure—the premature falling of grapes. All these things must be met by the winemaker. The vines must be examined daily; every suspicious leaf which might harbor the enemy must be removed and destroyed by fire. Sometimes insects must be picked off by hand; other times spraying must be done. When July is past and a good vintage is really in prospect, a too cool August may cause the quality of the wine to be so inferior that the vintage may be an unprofitable one. The present season is threatening to be such. June and July were cool and wet in Germany, yet the vines were full of fruit. A vintager told me that it required a hot August and many sunny days to ripen the grapes properly—that "the sun shone the fire into the wine." In order to facilitate the ripening, many of the leaves and small branches are removed from the vines in August (as I have stated in a former letter) to give the sun a better chance.

Now, to a novice it would appear a risky enterprise to attempt to raise wine, yet it is a very sure source of income. A vintager told me that if there was a first class vintage in every four or five years, it would well pay for all the hard labor during the unprofitable years, as the price of the wine of such a year is fabulous. When the fact is established that the vintage will be a good one, the vintner inspects the vineyard, calculates the value of the crop, buys it and pays the money right down. He will then at the proper time come with his outfit and gather the grapes.—Down at the foot of the hill in the road stands the wagon with two big vats on it. These vats have very tight-fitting movable lids.—Up among the vines are the grape pickers, picking only the nicest and most perfect bunches to make the highest quality of wine,—not a decayed nor diseased berry must be used. Now, there comes a man with something on his back that looks like a barrel. It is flat on the side to his back and has straps for the shoulders. He puts it on the ground, takes out of it a queer looking stick of wood. This is the grape masher. Now come the pickers and empty their baskets of grapes into it, and he mashes them as fast as they come till the barrel is full. He then carries it down the many high steps to the wagon and empties it into the vats until they are full. They are then conveyed to the press.

After the first quality of grapes is gathered, the second grade is gathered in the same way. But there still remains a third grade of fruit which the contractor does not want at all, so the owner uses them—the best for his own drink, the rest for vinegar. The press is so located that a pipe carries the grape juice right to the wine vault into big vats, where it remains until it has purified itself by fermentation.—Through with that process, it is drawn off of the lees and put into carefully purified casks which are labeled with date when made and locality where grown.—These casks are stored away in

BOLD BURGLARY.

A. L. Wible's Barber Shop at Knobsville, and Entire Outfit, Looted.

On Monday night of last week the barber shop of A. L. Wible at Knobsville, was entered by means of a false key, and practically, his whole barber outfit, consisting of twelve razors, five razor boxes, one pair barber shears, one pair clippers, and several brushes, was carried off. The supposition is, that someone jealous of the success of Mr. Wible as a tonsorial adept, led them to thus attempt to injure him. Mr. Wible offers a reward of \$25 for information which will lead to the arrest and conviction of the guilty party or parties. A cordial invitation is extended to the persons to try again, as a new outfit has been procured; but let them understand that the consequence of such an attempt will mean trouble.

What makes the outrage most dastardly is the fact that Mr. Wible has, by persistent efforts to accommodate and please his many customers, and, in fact, everybody, made him popular and successful, especially his three years service at Walnut Grove camp meeting, where his success was flattering. We hope that the guilty may be brought to justice soon, and an example be made, which may put a stop to such work. "X."

BURNT CABINS.

Charles Coplen of Johnstown, spent a week at J. E. Speck's.

Miss Elsie Richie is ill with fever.

Frank Henry of near the county seat spent last Thursday and Friday with A. J. Fore. He was out looking for game.

Josephine Doran and Esther Naugle are poorly with tonsillitis. Mac Webb is all smiles. It's a girl.

Mr. L. K. Cline has been ailing with rheumatism for the last week.

Mrs. G. W. McIlhenny, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Doran left for her home at Spring Mills, Center county, last Friday.

Mr. Herman Heffner and family of Martinsburg, W. Va., came to Mr. A. V. Kelly's last Thursday in their automobile.

Mrs. Hannah Todhunter of Fort Littleton, who is visiting her daughter Mrs. Samuel Reese, has been poorly for a few days.

Listen for wedding bells in our town.

Miss Lillian Fleming of Clear Ridge was in our town last Saturday.

Curtin Peterson and wife of near Shade Gap, spent Sunday with John Baldwin's.

Misses Lizzie, Mary, Carrie, Alice and Esther Welch called on Grandma Finley Sunday afternoon.

W. R. McGowan seems to be the champion hunter here, as he shot two wild turkeys Saturday.

Miss Margaret Reese of this place, is spending a few days at Chambersburg.

Mrs. Wm. Gallaher went to McConnellsburg Saturday to see her mother Mrs. Mort, who is insane.

Miss Mary Brandt of Newport, Pa., but now a student in the Cumberland Valley State Normal at Shippensburg, spent from Friday evening until Monday morning in the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Superintendent and Mrs. Chas. E. Barton.

the wine vault to ripen, as new wine is considered unfit for consumption. Now, the time it takes to ripen has no limit, as the older it gets the better its quality and, therefore, its price. Here it would be in place to state that those men who superintend the wine making have had, as a rule, a technical education and are adepts in their line of business, having a process of their own which they keep a secret.

A COOL BATH.

Axe Broke in Forging at Franklin Mills. Passengers Wet and Buggy Damaged.

One of the worst fordings in this county is that at Franklin Mills. Last Friday evening as Mr. J. Clayton Hixson was returning from Hancock with his brother-in-law and family, and when he was in the midst of that fording, with the water up to the hubs, one of the rear axles broke, dropping the bed and its occupants into the chilly water. The clothing of the lady, and their baggage, was completely soaked. The bed of the fording is full of ugly stones which caused the break. If some of those who oppose the building of county bridges could be doused into the cold water at those fordings a few times, their minds would change in regard to the necessity of bridges.

NEW GRENADA.

Mrs. Sarah Schenck and Mrs. Belle Gracey of Wells Tannery visited Richard Alloway's.

Thos. Gibson of Cambria county spent a few days in Wells visiting his mother and friends.

John A. Black, one of the staunch Democrats of Taylor, is seriously ill with dropsical affection.

Mrs. Elizabeth Crider is ill at her home in Clay township. She has been a sufferer for a long time.

James F. McClain, Wm. H. Fritchey, and John Bergstresser are building William Bergstresser's new house.

Miss Scynthia Keith, who had the misfortune recently to cut her foot badly with an axe, is yet confined to the house.

Miss Pearl Keith has gone to Altoona, probably to remain.—Pearl is a bright girl, and her many friends were sorry to see her leave our valley.

Protracted services have been held at Zion during the past two weeks by Rev. Singer, but up to this time no impression seems to have been made.

George Wilds of the "Fort" was in New Grenada last Saturday on business, and was as jolly as ever. George doesn't get old, if he does get gray.

Daddy Bender was here shaking up the dry bones and fixing fences. ("Just help a man to rise up in this world, and your kindness he is sure to return.")

The corn crop in Wells is short and of poor quality. The apple crop is good, and cider plenty. It is estimated that there are 3000 bushels of picked winter apples ready for market.

Misses Leona and Leota Shore of South Dakota, who spent the summer months in our community, left on Friday for their home. They will stop a few days with Dr. Rowe McClain's family at Mount Union.

Mrs. Mary Edwards, assisted by Waterfall Lodge No. 773 I. O. O. F., recently placed a nice monument at the grave of her husband, George J. Edwards, in Bethel cemetery, which is creditable to all concerned.

Bertie Heeter, who boards in Richard Alloway's family, had an unfortunate experience a few evenings ago. The circumstances, as nearly as we have been able to gather them, are about as follows: Mrs. Alloway possesses the secret of making the finest pumpkin custards in all this region, and on this day had been unusually successful in turning out a baking; that would have tempted the most exacting epicure. Because it was convenient she placed a few nice ones on the back hall stairs to cool, and that evening as Bert was going up that same stairway in the dark to bed, he didn't do a thing but plant one of his number tens squarely down on Mrs. Alloway's finest pie. That was the last of the pie.

Miss Maggie Oakes went to her home at Elmsport last Thursday for a visit among friends.

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.

Harvey Strait of Saluvia spent Saturday in town on business.

Samuel Reese of Burnt Cabins was in town on business Saturday.

Mrs. M. B. Trout spent a couple of days in Chambersburg last week.

James A. Stewart of Harrisonville was an early Monday morning caller in town.

H. K. Stevens of Laidig was in Chambersburg on business Wednesday.

M. D. Matthias and Dr. A. K. Davis of Hustontown spent a few hours in town last Thursday.

Merchant J. W. Lake of Pleasant Ridge was a business caller at this office one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip B. Melius of Saluvia, were pleasant callers at this office one day last week.

Miss Ella Shimer of Frankford, Philadelphia, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Shimer, in this place.

Mr. David Strait and his mother, Mrs. Jacob Strait, of Hustontown, spent a few hours in town last Friday.

The Misses Marion and Jessie Sloan entertained a number of their lady friends at tea last Friday evening.

James A. Doran, one of Taylor township's best citizens, was a business visitor at McConnellsburg, last Friday.

The Bedford Gazette is authority for the statement that Bedford county sports a debt of about seventy thousand dollars.

Mr. W. R. Borkstrosser and son Master Ernest Harold, called at the News office a few minutes while in town one day last week.

Charley Mock of Coleta, Ill., shows his appreciation of the NEWS by sending us a five dollar bill to advance his subscription into 1907.

A bouncing big baby boy was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Morrow B. Kendall, and the name James will be perpetuated in the Kendall family.

Miss Elizabeth Patterson who had been spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Frank W. Eitemiller, in Camden, N. J., returned to her home at Webster Mills last week.

Miss Lena Dunlap of Shippensburg, and Miss Pearl McDonald, of Chicago, were guests of Hon. and Mrs. W. Scott Alexander from Friday evening until Monday noon.

Lieut. Leonard Brahm and wife of Fairmount, W. Va., are visiting the former's sister, Mrs. R. N. Shimer, of this place. Mr. Brahm is a native of McConnellsburg but has not been a resident since 1857.

Mr. S. S. Hann of Fulton county, a veteran of the 22d Pa. Cavalry, was in town Tuesday. He was on his way to Winchester, Va., to attend the reunion of his regiment.—Mercesburg Journal.

Mrs. T. G. Shirk of Curwensville, and Mrs. Sheridan Hann of Saluvia, were pleasant callers at this office last Thursday. Mrs. Shirk and her husband, and daughter, Mrs. R. M. Decker, and the latter's little daughter, are spending some time among friends in Licking Creek township.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Staley, who had been spending a few days with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Sipes, left Monday for their home in Allgheny, where they will, at once, go to housekeeping. While Mr. Staley was a stranger here our people found him a very pleasant gentleman.