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GOING DOWN THE RHINE.

Queer Looking Old Castles, and Something of the People that Built Them.

ANOTHER LETTER FROM HENRY WOLF.

An Interesting Legend Concerning the Mouse Tower, on the Island near Bingen. The Monument of Victory.

We are still going down the Rhine. We are passing many old deserted castles on both sides of the river which are perched on the steep projecting rocks above. You wonder why so many castles were built in as wild a region as this? In the Middle Ages the river Rhine was one of the greatest water highways of Europe. The merchandise of the Orient was conveyed through Italy, then over the Alps into Switzerland, and then down the Rhine through Germany to Holland, Belgium, and England; and likewise the goods of the last named countries went up the Rhine to the East. The river was continuously covered with crafts of all kinds and sizes, laden with the most valuable goods of every description.

In those days there was no stable government that could protect the citizen or merchant and his wares, neither on land nor water. Many lords and knights lived by the sword; that is, made war their profession, and were always looking out for booty.— Now the Rhine region offered just the right locality for their purpose. So they built these castles to hide their ill-gotten plunder and to protect themselves in times of trouble. Some were so bold as to extort taxes from the ships passing up or down the river. It is also recorded in history that two knights in the year 1250 robbed the German empress of all her jewels in the very sight of her castle. They would, likewise, capture wealthy men and women, confine them in their strongholds and extort high ransoms. Some of these castles have strange and horrible histories. You see that strong old tower over there on that island in the river? It is just opposite the town of Bingen, for the next station is that town. An old legend says that once upon a time there was a great feudal lord who had a great many people living on his estates, over whom he ruled without any fear of God, and for whose lives he had no regard. It chanced that one year the crops failed to such an extent that there was great scarcity of grain for bread. To make things worse, the heartless lord had every bit of grain on all his estates gathered, not leaving any for his subjects to live on, and stored and locked it up in his strong towers in his castle. As the famine advanced and many persons were at the point of starvation, the starving people came in one great body to the castle and with weeping and lamentation, besought the lord to give them some of his grain, so that their dear little ones would be kept alive. The lord looked out of a window down from the high tower, upon the weeping and distressed mothers and babes. With fiendish hilarity he called his young wife to his side and said to her: "Oh grand! grand! just listen to the rats and mice; they are after my grain, but they shall all starve to death before I shall open storehouses—and to death they did starve. But what happened? Mice and rats by the thousands, made their appearance in the castle. They were so ferocious that the lord was in danger of being eaten up. So he moved all his grain and family to yonder big tower on that island, thinking there he would be safe enough. But horror, all the numberless mice and rats, swam the river, and followed him to his very bed chamber. Some time after that, a neighboring lord came to pay him a visit. But what to his astonishment?— Not a living soul does he find in all the castle. Only the bare bones of its inmates. The mice and

Weddings.

NEEDOM—SHADE.

Thursday, November 5, 1903, in the Washington House parlor McConnellsburg, Mr. Hays Needom of Richmond Furnace, Franklin county, and Miss Belle Shade, of Burnt Cabins, were united in marriage by Jonas Lake, Esq., of Laidig.

GANTZ—LAKE.

In Philadelphia, on Saturday, October 10, 1902, Miss Date Lake daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. of Belfast township was married to Mr. Hugh Gantz of Philadelphia. They are at home to all their friends at 2422 S. Ismenger St., that city.

JACKSON—DRENNING.

A very pretty home wedding was solemnized at high noon Thursday, October 29th, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Drenning, near Graceville, Bedford county. The contracting parties were Miss Hanna Drenning and Mr. Marshall Jackson, of Akersville.— The bride was attended by Miss Ella Drenning, of Bedford, and Mr. Chalmer Drenning was best man. The wedding march was rendered by Miss Jessie Drenning. The wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. C. H. Campbell, of Breezewood, after which the bridal party and invited guests partook of a delicious turkey dinner.

The News joins with their host of friends in wishing them a happy and prosperous wedded life.

CHARLTON—YONKER.

Miss Ray Yonker and Howard P. Charlton were married last Wednesday at 5:30 o'clock at the Methodist Episcopal church, Warfordsburg, by Rev. William Anthony, the pastor. The bride is a fair blond, and was dressed in white long cloth trimmed in white lace and ribbon, carrying a bouquet of white carnations and roses. The groom wore the conventional black. A reception was held at the bride's home in the evening of which only the members of the immediate families were present. Both the contracting parties are well known and will be greatly missed by their many friends. The couple received many beautiful and valuable presents. Mr. and Mrs. Charlton will reside in Pigeon Cove on the late Jacob Fisher farm which Mr. Charlton recently purchased from his father.

Mr. Merrill W. Nace and Miss Elizabeth Trout were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse B. McClain in Wells Valley, from Friday evening until Sunday.

Misses Clementine and Mabel Myers of Mercersburg, and Mr. Dale of Philadelphia, were the guests of Miss Myrtle Stoner on Sunday.

J. C. Hollenshead returned to his home in Franklin county last Thursday, after having spent a week very pleasantly among his old associates on this side of the mountain. He was accompanied by his neighbor, Mr. Adam Snyder. Jimmy will hear from Fulton hereafter, through the Fulton County News.

Rats had surely wrought out retribution to the wicked lord. So this tower is called the Mouse Tower, even to this day.

Please sir, what means that high monument up there, on the hill? This question I put to a fellow traveler, a fine looking German. He looked at me in surprise and answered: "Don't know this monument—known to all the world? It is the monument of Victory. He never more looked at me, or paid any attention to me whatever, no doubt thinking that I was too ignorant to have more to say to me. I afterwards learned that it was built in 1871 in honor of the great victory of the Germans over the French. It is in the shape of a woman, and is 24 feet high and stands on a pedestal 90 feet high and cost \$275,000. HENRY WOLF.

Surprise Birthday Party.

A surprise party was given on the evening of the 2nd inst., at the home of Mr. Joseph B. Mellott along Licking Creek, in celebration of the 37th birthday anniversary of Mrs. Lucy Mellott.

The surprise was complete, as she did not know anything of it until the guests had arrived. Among those present were Louie Morton, Lizzie Wink, Goldie Lake, Nellie Morton, Frances Deshong, Hester Truax, Mrs. John Lake, Ella Wink, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Mellott, Gilbert Lake, Elbert Lake, Mrs. Logue Shives and two little sons Dan and Teddy, Dayton Shives and Garfield Shives.

Lucy received many nice presents. At six o'clock a very nice supper was served. The guests report a pleasant time and extend their thanks for the hospitality shown.

New Grenada.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Houpt are visiting friends over at the river.

J. Howard Edwards, who has been sick at the home of A. D. Keith, is able to be out again.

Rev. W. H. Dressler has begun a series of meetings at Bethel church.

George Shafer had his great toe smashed on Friday by a heavy wheel falling on it, and in consequence of which he is housed up.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas went to Sallito on Saturday to see their son Charles, who is suffering with a bad case of typhoid fever.

M. W. Houck and William E. Bivens left on Friday for Tennessee to attend the dedication of a Soldiers' monument.

Merrill W. Nace, the obliging clerk of the Fulton County Bank, in company with Miss Bessie Trout, visited the family of Jesse B. McClain last Saturday and Sunday. Merrill had a day's sport hunting on Saturday.

W. H. Fritchey was the lucky sport on Thursday. He succeeded in killing a 140-lb. deer on Sideling Hill.

Dr. William S. Hunter of Saxton, in company with Bruce Spangler of Pittsburg, and the gentlemen of Saxton, Messrs. Landis, Sweet, and Stoler, visited our town and spent a few days gunning.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Bolinger visited Mrs. Bolinger's mother near Shade Gap a few days.

Bertha Alloway visited friends at Three Springs the past week.

Back Run.

Our farmers are busy husking corn, which is reported to be very good.

Miss Annie Thomas spent last Sunday with her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Taylor spent last Sunday with friends in Spring House Valley.

John Motter is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Motter.

Miss Phoebe Paylor and her friend Miss Jessie Hendershot who made a flying trip to Mercersburg and Dickey's Station last Saturday, report a good time.

Wm. Cutchall has just completed a new cave in which he expects to hide his apples and potatoes this winter.

Among those who visited at Wm. Paylor's last week are Miss Rachel Thomas and brother Edgar, Mrs. John Souders and daughter Gladys, Miss Nellie Hess, Mrs. Jessie M. Hendershot, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Paylor, Geo. Thomas, Mary Cooper, and Frank and Olive Mellott.

Mrs. Wm. Thomas has lost the sight of one eye, and says the other eye is failing.

Our school is progressing nicely under the skilful management of Miss Olive Grissinger.

Clay Park, Three Springs' bustling merchant is in the east-ern cities this week buying a large stock of new goods for his largely increasing trade.

Ground has been broken, says the Star, for the abutments of the bridge over Big Tonoloway creek, east of Hancock. This will be one of the largest bridges on the line of the Western Maryland railroad extension.

CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE.

To Be Held at Clearville Thursday Evening, November 26.

The first quarterly conference of the Rays Hill and Southern Pennsylvania Christian Conference will convene in the union church, Clearville, Bedford county, Pa., Thursday evening, Nov. 26, 1903.

All the ministers of the conference are expected to be present and make quarterly report.— Each church is requested to send at least one delegate with a quarterly report.

PROGRAM:

Thursday evening, 7 o'clock—Song and praise service by Rev. J. H. Barney.

7:15—Roll call and appointment of committees.

7:30—Sermon by Rev. W. C. Garland.

Friday morning 8:30—Song and praise service by Rev. S. L. Baugher.

8:45—What is the best method of studying the Bible? Revs. Jos. Barney and W. C. Garland.

9:15—Do our ministers do enough pastoral work? Revs. A. R. Garland and J. W. Troutman.

10:15—What should be the object of a quarterly conference? Revs. A. W. May and J. R. Logue.

10:30—Sermon by Rev. A. W. May.

Friday afternoon 2 o'clock—Song and praise service by Rev. D. M. Rush.

2:15—Conference business, report of ministers and delegates.

3:15—How can we create a greater interest in the mission spirit in the churches of this conference? Revs. J. H. Barney, S. L. Baugher, and M. L. Sipe.

3:45—Sermon by S. L. Baugher.

Friday evening, 7 o'clock—Song and praise service by Rev. S. W. S. Foor.

7:30—Sermon by Rev. A. R. Garland.

Saturday morning, 8:30—Song and praise service by Rev. M. L. Sipe.

9:15—The best method to promote a revival in the church, and what is a genuine revival? Revs. Jos. Barney and Deacon Wesley Bennett.

8:45—Why this conference should have a field secretary. Deacons Samuel Johnson and Stephen Wink.

10:30—Sermon by Rev. M. L. Sipe.

Saturday afternoon, 2 o'clock—Song and praise service by Albert McDaniel.

2:15—The qualifications of a Christian minister. Revs. Jos. Barney, W. C. Garland, S. L. Baugher, and M. L. Sipe.

2:46—General fellowship meeting, conducted by Rev. S. L. Baugher.

3:30—Sermon by Rev. J. R. Logue.

Saturday evening, 7 o'clock—Song and praise service by Harry Barton.

7:10—Sermon by Rev. Wm. C. Garland.

ADJOURNMENT.

The quarterly conference will be followed by a series of meetings, and all Christian people are cordially invited to attend and participate with us in helping to build up the kingdom of Christ.

S. H. KARNES,
A. R. GARLAND,
D. M. RUSH,
Committee.

West Dublin.

J. L. Cleveger, of Pittsburg, after spending a week with relatives and friends here, left last Friday for his place of employment in the Smoky City. He was accompanied to Everett by his sister, Miss Margaret.

A flurry of snow and freezing weather cause our people to think of winter.

S. E. Deaver, after spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Deaver, has gone to Williamsport.

D. B. Johnson has gone to West Virginia.

David Strait, of Hustontown, spent Sunday with his brother Samuel.

Erastus Bard Deranged.

As the result of a hearing in the office of Attorney John P. Sipes in this place on Monday, which lasted several hours, Commissioners James Henry, Dr. A. D. Dalbey, and John P. Sipes Esq., found that Abraham Erastus Bard, aged about 29 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bard, of Belfast township, was mentally deranged (though not severely), of the type of insanity known as Melancholia, and recommended that Mr. Bard be sent to the Pennsylvania State Lunatic Hospital or to some similar institution, for treatment. A commitment will probably be issued by the Court this week and early next week Mr. Bard will be sent away.

Until a few months ago Mr. Bard was regarded as a most promising young man—peaceable, gentle and courteous, he enjoyed the esteem of all his friends. For some time he had been employed as a motorman on a street car line in Pittsburg. About last Christmas he had an attack of typhoid fever, and returned to his father's home last April. Since his return his family have noticed that he was not the lively, vivacious boy he was before he went away; but there was nothing especially remarkable in his conduct until October 30th, when at Aaron Hess's sale, he, without any apparent provocation, violently assaulted his cousin Wm. Bard. For this he was arrested, and he gave bail for his appearance at court. Nothing further occurred until at Uriah Kline's sale last Thursday, he again assaulted Mr. Wm. Bard. He was then arrested and committed to jail with the result before stated.

WELLS TANNERY.

Miss Maude Baumgardner and Mrs. J. A. Wishart and daughter visited in Huntingdon a few days last week.

Mrs. Mattie McDonald and Mrs. Delliah Adams were in Everett last Friday on business.

Mrs. S. P. and Miss Alice Wishart visited Mrs. James Lyon of West Dublin last Friday.

John Horton of Philadelphia, is visiting his uncle, E. A. Horton.

Mr. and Mrs. George Schenck of Crystal Springs, spent two days last week with his brother V. D. Schenck.

Frank Davis of Laidig, was in our town on business the other day.

Dr. Will Hunter, Berte Sweet, Mr. Eichelberger and Mr. Stoler—all of Saxton, spent a part of last week in our forests hunting.

Maurice Bivens, with a few other hunters, brought in a nice deer Wednesday. The boys were jolly over it for several days, guess they ate too much venison; so says Charley.

The Sunday schools of Wells township, will hold their annual convention Thanksgiving day in Bethel church of New Grenada, afternoon and night session.

Miss Alice Wishart leaves her home at this place on Thursday to journey to Allahabad, India, where she will do missionary work. Miss Wishart will reach New York Friday morning, and at 2 o'clock P. M., of that day, a farewell meeting will be held by the Ladies' Union. Miss Wishart will be accompanied to Huntingdon by her father, Hon. S. P. Wishart, and by Miss Maud Baumgardner, and from Huntingdon to New York, by Dr. Bertha Caldwell of Johnstown and by other friends.

Miss Wishart will sail from New York next Saturday on the S. S. Minnetonka of the Atlantic Transport Lane.

While the Divine hand is recognized in leading this young lady to do work in this far-away land, yet it is with the deepest sense of personal loss that we see her go; for, for several years, she has been a leading spirit in every movement for the advancement of the cause of morals and Christianity in our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Stillwell Truax of near Gem, spent Tuesday in this place.

A Streak of Bad Luck.

Last Saturday morning about one o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Myers of Knobsville, in a buggy drawn by one horse, started to make a trip to Waynesboro. The morning air was bracing, and they were enjoying the drive very much, when just this side of Unger's distillery, on the Mercersburg pike, without any warning, the king bolt broke, the front axle went out, and the body of the buggy dropped to the ground pitching the occupants out over the dashboard. Mrs. Myers was painfully bruised about the face and scalp, while Mr. Myers was dragged several yards before he brought the horse under control. They went on down to the Gap and got a new king bolt, and no further experience until about a mile this side of Waynesboro on their return Monday morning, when the shafts came loose at one side and dropped on the horse's heels. A run off and a general smash up was averted only by the prompt action of the driver. After repairing that, they reached Shady Grove when the other shaft holder broke off and, down went the shaft. This time there would have been trouble if the horse had not by this time become accustomed to such mishaps and stopped and rested while Davy repaired the damage. They passed through McConnellsburg about two o'clock on their way home, and as far as we know had no further trouble.

Hustontown.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Speer of Saluvia, spent Sunday with the latter's parents in this place.

Misses Emma Laidig and Dora Speck returned last Monday from Broad Top City, where they had been spending some time with the former's sister, Mrs. W. H. Rauck.

Bruce Chesnut, formerly of this place, but now of Cumberland, Md., spent a week with his aunt, Mrs. Dr. A. K. Davis.

Samuel Fink and wife of Yellow Creek, and Mr. and Mrs. Scott Cartwright of Hopewell, spent a few days this week as the guests of Berkeley Sipe. The men enjoyed the hunting.

Lawson D. Mumma returned to Pittsburg last Saturday. He is employed there as a first-class stair builder.

Mrs. Rev. A. L. Frank and Orval Frank of Shawville, Pa., are visiting the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Kirk of this place.

Robert Huston and wife of Clear Ridge, spent Sunday with relatives in this place.

W. U. Telegraph Co., is having trouble in placing their poles between this place and the mountain. On Monday night of last week, one mile west of this place, some parties destroyed seventeen poles, eleven cross-arms, two barrels of insulators, and re-filled ten holes. The loss to the company will amount to \$75.00.

On last Thursday Mrs. N. M. Kirk met with a very painful accident. While washing, she accidentally ran a needle into the third joint of the small finger. It breaking off level with the joint and a half inch remaining in the joint. Up to this writing the doctor has been unable to extract it.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gosnell of Trough Creek, spent several days visiting friends in this place last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Nonemaker of Six Mile Run, spent the latter part of October visiting Mr. Nonemaker's father at Cherry Grove, Huntingdon county, and Mrs. Nonemaker's sister, Mrs. William Deavor near Hustontown.

Elmer Horton of Robertsdale, spent last week with his sister, Mrs. W. A. Deavor near Hustontown. He was out looking for game.

Mr. B. A. Deavor and sister, Mrs. Michael Laidig of Dublin Mills, made a trip to Huntingdon last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Deavor spent last Saturday night and Sunday at Michael Laidig's at Dublin Mills.

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. Ellie Metzler of Harrisonville, spent last Saturday with friends in McConnellsburg.

Mrs. Harry McIlhenny of Woodvale, and Miss Ada L. Hanu of Harrisonville spent a day in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Ott who had been spending a few months in this place, returned to Windber, Pa., last Wednesday.

Samuel R. Martin one of Pittsburg's most popular street-car conductors, is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. C. Martin in the Cove.

John B. Sipes of Licking Creek township, called to see us a few minutes while in town last Saturday. The label on his paper now reads 9-20-04.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hess of Dublin Mills, spent a few hours in town last Wednesday; and of course, did not forget the poor printer.

Miss Rebecca, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bridges, is married to-day in the Presbyterian church at Hancock, to Rev. Wm. Andrews Munroe.

Mr. W. J. Cline was in town last Thursday. He had been spending a few weeks over at Le-master, with his brother-in-law, George Alexander.

Hon. W. Scott Alexander spent a couple of days last week over in Wells Valley. He took his gun along, but the deer managed to keep out of his way.

Mrs. Linna A. Trogler and Miss Jane Mills of Mercersburg, spent from Saturday until Monday with the former's mother, Mrs. Harriet Deshong at Pleasant Ridge.

Assessor L. L. Cunningham of New Grenada, accompanied by Undertaker Frank G. Mills of the same city, boarded at the Washington House a couple of days last week.

Mr. D. T. Humbert was a business visitor at the county seat one day last week. Davy is one of the most extensive land owners in Thompson township, and is willing to do his share toward any enterprise that will tend toward the development of the hidden wealth of Fulton county.

We ask pardon of about a dozen of our subscribers who get their mail at Covatt postoffice for sending them only a half sheet last week. The truth is, that our subscription list had outgrown our calculations for the issue; and as the Covatt pack was the last on the list, in making up the mail, we suddenly ran short—Some of our new subscribers had to do without any, and wait to start in with this week's issue.

Our old friend, Robert Gerehart of Whips Cove, was in town Monday. Notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Gerehart was 75 years of age on the 18th of last June, he walked from his home in Whips Cove to McConnellsburg, a distance of about 24 miles starting from the former place Sunday about one o'clock, and reaching McConnellsburg about 10 o'clock, Monday morning, having rested over night with the family of Geo. W. Deshong in Ayr township.

On Halloween night about a dozen of young men in Everett, went out on the town to have some fun tearing up sidewalks, pulling down fences, taking off gates, hauling wagons into the streets, and many other similar pranks. For their fun, these same young men were arrested and taken before a magistrate, and by the time they had met their assessments, they found they had paid pretty dear for their fun.