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RY OF THE DUTCH.

Continues His Articles on the Netherlands.

RELATIONS 1900 YEARS AGO.

The Growth of the German People and Development of Their Power and Influence to the Present.

My last letter I wrote about geography, topography and features of the Netherlands; in this letter I shall trace the history of the Dutch people.

The earliest history that we have of the nations or tribes that inhabited the Netherlands, France and Germany, is given us by the Roman historian Tacitus. This historian tells us that in the year A. D. 16, the Roman conquerors found the low countries inhabited by tribes of German origin.—There existed at that time some forty different German tribes.—Some of these tribes were more numerous and powerful than others; so in times of great undertakings, the weaker ones would attach themselves to the stronger and so form large armies, which would then bear the names of the leading tribes, which was the case at times with the Saxons, Tautons, Goths, Vandals and others. In after years descendants of all the Germanic tribes were sometimes called Teutons, or of Teutonic origin, meaning simply that they were of German origin. So, also, the Germans call their country Teutschland, meaning the land of the Teutonic. So the people of Holland by calling themselves Dutch or Teutch express thereby their Teutonic or Germanic origin. Again the people of England and United States are called Anglo-saxons because partly the offspring of the Angles and Saxons, two German tribes, who conquered the Britons at one time and called that country Anglaland after the Angles—now England. Now, in our day one may read the statement, that the people of Germany, part of Austria, Holland Denmark, Sweden, Norway, England and the United States are mostly of Teutonic descent.

We read of five tribes occupying the Netherlands. On the left banks of the Rhine river lived the Belgians; on the right banks the Frisians; in the middle on the island formed by the two arms of the Rhine, the Batavians, and between the Leck and Waal rivers, the Kaninefaten, Matiakers and Maresatens. All of these tribes, along with all the Celtic tribes of Gaul (now France) were subdued by the Romans, and turned into Roman provinces.

For several centuries we find the Netherlands in the possession of Rome. But we find the Frisians were the first to regain their liberty, the other tribes later on when the power of Rome was on the decline. Now in the third century a great unrest comes over the natives of Germany.—Great confederations were formed for conquest. So a confederation of various tribes with the brave and restless Franks as leaders, threw themselves upon Roman Gaul conquered it and built up a most powerful kingdom, which has endured up to the present day—we call it France. In the sixth and seventh centuries, we find all Netherland ruled by the kings of the Franks. But as years pass by these kings would bestow as rewards, or for other reasons, sections of these territories, to their favorites, and this practice was kept up until the whole country was ruled by many petty lords and dukes—as we read of a duke William of Holland who lived in the year 1250. Now sometimes these little countries were in part under the protection of the German emperors or the kings of the Franks. In 1320 Holland became a German province under the emperor Louis.—Next in 1499 Holland and Belgium were consolidated with the German under Maximilian I. Again we find both countries as part of

THE DEATH SMELL.

Curious Custom Among Some of the Natives of the Philippines.

Written for the News by Charles Henry Wisner, Esq.

The natives who inhabit the mountains of Cebu have a superstition which is to be found nowhere else in the Biscayan Islands. This superstition is a firm belief that the bodies of persons stricken with a mortal illness, or mortally wounded, give off a peculiar smell. In every community there are to be found certain old men who possess the power of determining by their sense of smell whether the sick will recover or whether death has fastened its grip upon them. These men, who take nothing for their services, are always sent for when there is a sick person in the house and, as a rule, before any attempt is made to secure a physician. The natives claim that these "death smellers," as they are termed, are infallible, and in three cases that came under the writer's notice their diagnoses were absolutely correct. One need not wonder at their powers when one bears in mind that a native rarely takes to his bed until he is at death's door.

To see a "death smeller" perform the duties of his office is something very impressive. The neighbors, friends and relatives of the sick person assemble near the door of the house to await the arrival of the "death smeller," for he must be alone with the sick one when he makes his diagnosis. An old white haired man approaches the group, halting every few moments to sniff the air as it even at a distance he could detect the presence of death. He passes the group of watchers in silence, nor is any sound made until he has seen the patient, descended the bamboo ladder that leads from the door of the house to the ground, and stands facing those who are impatiently expecting his verdict. The "death smeller" uses then either one of two terms—"bushi" or "matay," "to live" or "to die." Should he utter the first, a cry of joy goes up and the crowd rushes into the house to acquaint the sufferer with the good news; but should he utter the second, a groan comes from every lip, and quite a length of time elapses before the dying man is told of what awaits him, and the priest summoned to perform the last rites of the church.

Gen. John Pedden and Capt. A. Dotterman will hold preaching services at the Salvation Army church near Big Cove Tannery next Sunday morning at 10:30; at 2:30 p. m., and at 7 in the evening. All are welcome.

the kingdom of Burgundy, and again in 1548, incorporated into the western empire under Charles V. This emperor abdicated the sovereignty of the whole of the Netherlands in favor of his son Philip, King of Spain, in the year 1555.

At this period the Netherlands were the most prosperous countries in all Europe. Antwerp carried on more commerce than any seaport in the whole Christian world. Its population was 100,000. Its location on the river Scheldt with a harbor in which the largest vessels could come under its very walls, was most convenient for the ships of all nations. From five to eight hundred ships would arrive or leave its harbor and 1,500 loaded wagons would enter its gates daily. The English Merchant Co., alone employed 30,000 hands. The people's financial condition was such that they contributed 40,000,000 in gold to Charles V. to carry on his wars. Having this powerful monarch for their protector their ships were respected in every part of the world and their merchants became the richest in the world.

HENRY WOLF.

CUPID'S GAME OF HEARTS.

Persons Who Have Recently Emigrated to the State of Matrimony.

SOME BRILLIANT SOCIAL AFFAIRS.

Miss Minerva Kendall Wedded to a U. S. Army Officer; John D. Kirk Wins a Pretty Franklin County Teacher.

McKIBBIN-KENDALL.

A very pretty wedding occurred on Wednesday of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David M. Kendall of Ayr township, in which their daughter, Miss Minerva, became the wife of Vet. Robert Weber McKibbin, of the Fourth Regiment U. S. Cavalry, Fort Riley, Kansas.

Promptly as the hands of the family clock indicated high noon, in the presence of about one hundred invited guests, the sweet notes of Lohengrin's wedding march, produced on the organ by Mrs. George W. Reissner of McConnellsburg, was the signal for "order," and with reverent step S. B. Houston, of the Associate Presbyterian church of the Cove, the bride's pastor, entered the parlor followed in a few moments by the bridal couple. Only a few minutes were required to call their attention to the importance of the step they were then taking; to exact a promise from each to do the fair thing with the other; and to solemnly invoke the Divine blessing to be upon them throughout life, when he turned and introduced Mr. and Mrs. McKibbin.

The bride looked very pretty gowned in silk muslin trimmed in lace and medallions, while the groom wore the regulation dress uniform of a lieutenant, which rank he holds in the U. S. army. By the time the company had extended congratulations and partaken of the bountiful refreshments served, three o'clock had arrived and the team was driven up to the gate to receive the bride and groom, who were leaving to make an evening train at Hancock for the West.

Every one of the guests seemed anxious to see them start.—But there was some delay. Then some one said they had quietly gone down the back stairway and disappeared across the meadow. Every avenue of exit was, however, carefully guarded; but at a favorable moment Mr. and Mrs. McKibbin dashed down the front stairway, out over the porch and through the yard, leaping into the carriage, and in a moment the prancing team was flying out the lane, carrying the bridal couple away safe from the would-be tormenting crowd.

Among the guests present from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Schnebly and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Troupe of Fairview, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. Will Seibert, Clearspring, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Johnston and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bosserman, Mercersburg; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Smith and Mr. and Mrs. A. Bard McDowell, Lemaster; Miss Sallie McKibbin, Junonville, Pa., and Mr. Marshall McKibbin of Pittsburg.

GARLAND-DESHONG.

A very attractive home wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Deshong December 23, 1903, when their daughter, Miss Viola, and Mr. Roy Garland were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony by Rev. J. R. Logue in the presence of more than fifty invited guests. At 12 o'clock, noon, the doors of a beautifully decorated parlor were thrown open, and the bride and groom entered preceded by the attendants, Miss Etta Hockensmith and Mr. Charles Mellett. The bride was beautifully gowned in white China silk, while the bridesmaid wore white French lawn. After congratulations all partook of a sumptuous dinner.

They were the recipients of many useful and handsome presents.

The next day the bride and

His Toe Shot Off.

Mr. Boyd S. Jackson accidentally shot himself in the left foot on Monday of last week, causing a wound which necessitated the amputation of the second toe.

Mr. Jackson was in Brush Creek Valley at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jackson. He and his brother John were shooting mark with a revolver. After firing several shots he went to the mark to examine it. In his hand he held a hammerless shotgun, which was accidentally discharged, the entire load penetrating his foot. Dr. William E. Nycum of Ray's Hill was called and dressed the wound.

groom, accompanied by a number of friends, started for the home of the groom. The bride and groom are both popular young people, and the well wishes of many friends go with them for a long and happy journey through life.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

KIRK-DISERT.

A pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam'l Disert of New Franklin on Wednesday evening, the 16th, at five o'clock, when their daughter Emma was married to Mr. John L. Kirk of Warfordsburg. The ceremony was performed by the bride's pastor, Rev. D. R. Becker. The wedding march, Mendelssohn, was played by Miss Marie Schaner of Carlisle. The bridesmaids were Miss Elsie Shelton, Miss Mary Schaner, Miss Bertha Piper, Miss Nan Disert and Miss Nell Disert. The ushers were Mr. James Kirk, brother of the groom, and Mr. Charles McFerren.

The bride was attired in white silk mull and the bridesmaids in cream voile.

About eighty invited guests witnessed the ceremony, after which they retired to the dining room in companies of twenty, where a bounteous four-course dinner was served.

Miss Disert was a popular teacher in the schools of Guilford township, Franklin county, having taught seven successive terms. Preparatory to teaching she graduated at the Shippensburg Normal School.

Mr. Kirk hails from one of the substantial families of Warfordsburg, and now enjoys a lucrative position in the tin plate works of McKeesport, Pa.

GARLAND-ASHPAW.

Rev. A. J. Garland and Miss Rosa Ashpaw were united in marriage at high noon Wednesday, December 16, 1903, at the residence of Henry Garland near Needmore. The reverend gentleman is a popular young minister in the Primitive Baptist church and has a pastorate in Madison county, Virginia. His bride is a fine young lady and has many friends in this county. After the marriage they spent a few days visiting friends in the vicinity of Needmore, after which they went to their Virginia home.

RHODES-MCCULLOH.

At the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. S. B. Houston, in Ayr township, on last Wednesday evening, Mr. John E. Rhodes, formerly of the Cove but now a resident of Orbisonia, was united in marriage to Miss Alice McCulloh, formerly of Franklin county.

KELLER-BREWER.

A very pretty home wedding occurred at the home of the bride's parents near Sylvan, Franklin county, on Wednesday of last week, when Mr. Clayton B. Keller of Mercersburg was united in marriage to Miss Alice L. Brewer, by Rev. A. G. Wolf of this place.

YEAKLE-ZIMMERMAN.

At the Lutheran parsonage in this place on Thursday, December 24, 1903, Rev. A. G. Wolf united in marriage Mr. Ira Yeakle and Miss Ora Zimmerman, both of the Little Cove.

A STORMY JANUARY.

Rev. Irl Hicks Predicts Much Bad Weather.

WINTER LIGHTNING, THUNDER.

Vulcan and Venus Govern Conditions During the First Month of 1904 and We will Get All Kinds of Weather.

Rev. Irl R. Hicks, the St. Louis weather man, makes these predictions for January.

First Storm Period—Reactionary: This period is central on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th. The disturbing causes at this time are equinox, central on the 13th, the moon in opposition, or full, on the 2nd, and in perigee and on the celestial equator on the 4th. By the 2nd a wave of rising temperature and falling barometer will appear in western sections, cloudiness will quickly gather in the same areas, and storms of rain and then sleet and snow will pass eastwardly over the country on and about the 3rd and 4th. Winter thunder storms in and touching the 4th should be no surprise, and a rapid and violent change to high barometer, high northwesterly gales and very cold, should be counted on in the immediate rear of the storm areas.

Second Storm Period—Regular: This period extends from the 7th to the 12th. The days of the greatest storm probability are the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th. The disturbing causes are Vulcan, Venus, near the center of her disturbance, the Moon in quadrature, or last quarter and at extreme south declination. As we enter this period look for change to warmer in the west, winds will shift to southerly and easterly and the barometer will fall.—About the 9th storms of rain and snow will set in, and during the 10th, 11th and perhaps the 12th, they will march eastwardly across the country. A fact to be kept in mind is that Venus is a breeder of great extremes—of warmth and thunder and rain, and blizzard and sleet and cold—with surprising and sometimes fatal suddenness.

Third Storm Period—Reactionary: This period is to be central on the 14th, 15th and 16th. The chief cause of disturbance at this time will be the Venus equinox at its center. The Moon will be in conjunction with the Earth and Sun, or at its new, on the 17th, and this fact is reasonably certain to prolong storm conditions over the 17th and into the next regular storm period. The prevailing cold will soften about the 14th and the barometer will fall in the west bringing a renewal of rain and snow—mostly snow—as the wave works eastward during the 15th and 16th. It is a rare thing for storm conditions to break up immediately preceding a new Moon. On the 19th the probabilities are that a disagreeable spell of rainy, snowy, sleety weather will last from about the 15th and 16th into the regular storm period following.

Fourth Storm Period—Regular: This period is central on the 20th, extending from the 18th to the 23rd. The probabilities are that most parts of the country will enter this period in perturbed if not stormy state of weather. A marked increase of warmth will be noticeable on and about the 19th, with possibly winter lightning and thunder. Look for rain about the same time, turning into blizzards and snow and sleet, as the storm areas travel eastward across the country during the 20th, 21st and 22nd. A cold wave will push close on the rear of these storms.

Fifth Storm Period—Reactionary: The 25th, 26th and 27th are the central days of this period.

We will be entering a combined Vulcan and Mercury period of disturbance as we pass from January into February. This period will culminate in February.

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MORGAN WINTER DEAD.

One of Whips Cove's Eldest and Most Respected Citizens Gone.

Morgan Winter, one of the most highly respected citizens of Whips Cove, passed peacefully away at his home Tuesday morning, December 14, 1903, aged 70 years, 1 month and 15 days. Mr. Winter was born October 31, 1833.

In 1861 he was united in marriage to Mary Robison, of Robisonville, Bedford county. To this union five children were born, all of whom are living, namely, George of Buck Valley; Harriet, intermarried with Jesse Williams of Union, Iowa; Ruth, intermarried with Charles Hixson of Emmaville; Martha and Job at home.

Mr. Winter united with the Christian church in 1863 under the labors of Rev. Nelson McDaniel, and lived a consistent member up to the time of his death.

Mr. Winter was laid to rest Dec. 17, 1903, in the Whips Cove Christian churchyard. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Jas. Troutman of Clearville, assisted by Rev. James Logue of Pine Ridge.

Charles Ryan Dead.

Charles Ryan departed this life at his home on Upper Ridgely street Orbisonia, Monday noon, Dec. 14, 1903, after an illness of several weeks, death being due to neuralgia of the heart. The deceased was born at Igamsville, Frederick county, Md., some 57 years ago, and spent the last 25 years of his life at Orbisonia. He was a quiet and peaceable citizen, a good neighbor, a kind husband and father, and attended strictly to his own business affairs. Last spring Mr. Ryan fell and injured a knee cap, which caused him great pain at times and prevented him from doing any work. He worked for a number of years for the Rockhill Iron & Coal Co., and for the E. B. T. R. Co., his last work being as a painter.

Mr. Ryan was a member of the M. E. church, and loyal and faithful in the discharge of Christian duties. He was also a member of Orbisonia lodge No. 640, I. O. O. F.

He leaves a wife, one daughter, three grandchildren and three sisters. One son, William, died in Washington, D. C., several years ago. Interment in Orbisonia cemetery Wednesday afternoon, services conducted by his pastor, Rev. Vought.

Christmas.

A Day of General Home Gathering and Many Happy Family Reunions.

The weather on Christmas day in this place was pleasant, and while the stores generally were open, not very many people came to town to transact business. The Methodist people held a short service in their church at half past nine o'clock, and in the evening the Sabbath schools of the Lutheran, the Methodist, and the Reformed held interesting services in their respective churches. Owing to the general home gathering of distant members, there were many family dinners, and the town wore a happy holiday aspect.

Election of Officers.

On Jan. 5, 1904, at 7 o'clock p. m. at the McNaughton school house will be held a meeting of the Big Cove Agricultural Society for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. At the same time and place there will be elected a successor to fill the vacancy of R. M. Kendall, whose term as local member of the State Board of Agriculture expires.

It is important that the members of the Society should be a full turnout. A program has been prepared for the occasion, the

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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.

Miss Belle Stouteagle, who is teaching near Lemaster, spent Christmas with her mother in this place.

Merchant A. N. Witter and Harry Bergstresser of Waterfall spent a few hours in town last Thursday.

Miss Mary Largent, one of the News office compositors, is spending her holiday vacation in Harrisburg.

Harry J. Dalbey of Philadelphia spent Christmas with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Dalbey, of this place.

Mr. Cecil H. Sipes of Pittsburg and Miss Sallie Hoop of Licking Creek township were in town last Thursday.

Dr. Clarence N. Trout of Red Lion, York county, is spending the holidays with his mother and sisters in this place.

Mr. Elmer Suders of Hoytdale, Beaver county, is spending his annual vacation with his mother and other friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Nace of Carlisle came over last Thursday to spend Christmas with their McConnellsburg friends.

A very much appreciated Christmas present to the editor's family was a sack of fine large apples by Mr. Nicholas I. Finiff.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eitemiller of Camden, N. J., are visiting the latter's parents, Hon. and Mrs. D. H. Patterson, at Webster Mills.

Harry Irwin, a student at the Williamson school, is taking his holiday vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Irwin, of this place.

John M. Kerlin of Dublin township dropped in to see us while in town one day last week and to renew his subscription to the NEWS.

Mrs. Wm. H. Woodal of Ayr township has been very sick during the past few weeks. Mrs. James Woodal spent a few days caring for her.

Rev. Dr. West and his daughter, Mrs. R. S. Patterson, spent several days during the past week with the family of Mr. W. W. Jennings in Harrisburg.

Dr. George Robinson of Washington, D. C., and his sister, Miss Dix, of Baltimore, are home for a few days with their parents, Editor and Mrs. S. M. Robinson.

Miss Myrtle Sipes, who had been called home on account of the funeral of her brother Clarence, returned to her home at New Castle, Pa., last Wednesday.

Mr. J. A. Sloan of Detroit, Mich., is among the number of those who came home to spend the holidays. He is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Sloan.

Mr. Campbell Patterson returned to Philadelphia on Monday after having spent a few days at the home of his parents, Hon. and Mrs. D. H. Patterson, at Webster Mills.

M. R. Shaffner, Esq., made his annual round among the business men of the town, on Christmas morning, presenting handsome calendars in the interest of the various fire insurance companies represented by him.

Charlie Dunlap, who is traveling in New York state in the interest of the American Tobacco

Company, is in town on Monday night, and will be in town on Tuesday night. He is in town to see the News office and to see the editor and to see the printer.