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THE INVINCIBLE ARMADA.

How It Came to Destruction in a Big Storm.

FROM THE PEN OF REV. HENRY WOLF.

The Treaty with Spain Which Secured Independence to the United Kingdom of Holland.

As King Philip II. hated Queen Elizabeth for the ordering of the execution of the Catholic Mary Stuart (the former aiding the Netherlands to gain their independence) that he determined on England's total destruction and the eventual wiping out of all heresy. He therefore prepared one of the largest and strongest fleets of war ships that had ever been gotten up by any single power. It consisted of 130 most powerful ships, which took sixty million dollars out of Philip's treasury. It was commanded by Medina Sidonia, with 20,000 land troops aboard, and Duke Parma with 34,000 more land forces was to join him from the Netherlands. The English could only oppose the "Invincible Armada," so called, with thirty ships, having another fleet to block up the ports of the Netherlands, to prevent a junction of the two Spanish forces. As the English ships were lighter than the Spanish, they were more easy to handle, which gave the brave English such an advantage that they could inflict such damage upon the Spanish ships that they took refuge on the coast of Pealand.—Now Parma would not embark his troops, so Sidonia, to get back to Spain, choose to sail around the Orkneys, as the wind was unfavorable to go back through the channel. Accordingly he proceeded northward, the English following as far as Flamborough Head, doing them much harm.—Here they encountered a most terrific storm; most of the ships were shattered, and seventeen of the ships having 5,000 men aboard were cast away on the Western Isles on the coast of Ireland. Of the whole armada, only fifty-three ships returned to Spain, and these in a wretched condition.—The sequel of these events was the loss of Spain's supremacy on the high seas, and the independence of the Netherlands.

Philip also took part in the French war, and on two occasions sent Parma with an army to France, which greatly retarded the campaign in the Netherlands, and gave Maurice Orange time to re-enforce himself. Parma died in disappointment in 1592—all his plans to crush out liberty and heresy having miscarried.

What had been a failure with the energetic Parma was an utter impossibility with his successors. So Philip shortly before his death conceived the idea of giving the Netherlands to his daughter Eugenia at her marriage to Duke Albrecht of Austria, with the proviso: That, if there were no children, the provinces should fall back to Spain. The Southern Provinces (Belgium) consented to these arrangements, and accepted Albrecht as their stadtholder (1595) but the Northern (Holland) whose independence had been acknowledged by several courts, rejected every offer of peace or treaty with Albrecht, fearing harm would come to their so highly prized religious and political freedom, the enjoyment of which had given them such satisfaction. Although the Spanish General Spinola, after a three years siege took the famine-reduced city of Ostende, nevertheless the United States of the Netherlands, under the government of Maurice Orange, began its great conquests at sea and laid its foundation of its wonderful future commerce in 1604.

For more than forty years, Philip II. had endeavored to subdue the spirit of liberty and bereavement in the provinces, but utterly failed. It is said that these wars with the Netherlands had

VALUE OF SHREDDED FODDER.

More Beneficial to Stock and Costs Much Less Than Hay.

Ask men who have made a practice of feeding shredded fodder why they do it, and they will tell you that they feed it because their cattle, horses and sheep like it so well, and thrive so well upon it, and because they cannot afford to let it go to waste and feed hay which could be sold for two or three times as much as the prepared fodder costs. When the farmer computes the cost of cutting and shredding his fodder it looks high, but he must remember that, although it does cost him from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per ton, it takes the place of hay which has a market value of from two to three times that amount. Men who have made a practice of feeding shredded fodder state that it costs from \$3 to \$5 an acre to prepare it, and that an acre of average corn will yield from one and one-half to two and one-half tons of dry fodder. They say further that a ton of fodder has as much or perhaps more feed value than a ton of average hay. Corn used for shredding is bound and shocked when the grains are well dented and glazed over, but before the shock has shown much signs of ripening. When thoroughly dry it is run through the husker and shredded and stowed away in the mow.

WEST VIEW.

Mrs. G. W. Fisher spent last Sunday with her sister Mrs. Wm. Vance.

David Truxel is visiting in our vicinity.

Misses Lydia and Lula Truxel were guests of Mrs. J. A. Bair last Saturday and Sunday.

John May was visiting friends on Timber Ridge last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Shaw and two children spent last Saturday evening and Sunday with Mrs. Shaw's mother, Mrs. Nancy Shives.

J. L. Roser made a business trip to Mechanicsburg one day last week.

Miss Malinda Nycum spent last Sunday with Mrs. Emma Weaver.

Miss Aura Fisher spent Monday with Olive Zimmerman.

Wm. Bishop left last week for Pratt, Md., where he expects to spend the summer.

cost Spain the enormous sum of 564 million dollars.

Philip III. was no better than his father, and kept on bringing ruin and disgrace upon the once powerful and glorious Spain.—Listening to corrupt advisors, he forbade the ships of the new republic to enter the ports of Spain and Portugal; and as the Dutch were dependent on these ports for their East India merchandise it came near ruining their commerce. In this state of affairs the brave Dutch seamen sought and found their way to India themselves with their own ships, and soon monopolized the whole of the East India trade, to the great loss of Spain. The Dutch East India Company, being formed now, got the monopoly of all the commerce east of the Cape of Good Hope by paying a yearly tax to the states. From now on Dutch ships controlled the seas, and nearly crushed all Spanish and Portuguese commerce, which gave the last stroke to the decayed empire of Philip II.

So it came to pass that the King of Spain, as well as Duke Albrecht was eager (through the kindness of Henry IV.) to make a treaty of peace with the United States of Holland which secured to Holland independence, religious freedom and a direct commercial intercourse with India (1609).

The succeeding wars with Spain always ended to the advantage of the Dutch, so that at the "Peace of Westphalia" the independence of the United States of the Netherlands was established by the powers (1648).

HENRY WOLF.

DAYS OF AULD LANG SYNE.

A Glimpse at the Earlier Half of the Last Century.

WRITTEN BY "UNCLE" JAKE MILLER.

Tells of the Schools in His Boyhood Days, and Weaves in Many Things of Interest in his Auto-biography.

Now, I will get into politics again. I was supervisor one year, school director six years, township auditor six years, judge of election two terms, a number of times inspector and clerk of elections, jury commissioner three years, county auditor one term, mercantile appraiser two years—in 1876 and 1884; county chairman in 1884, and constable in 1890. In 1891 I was elected a delegate to the Democratic State Convention at Williamsport, Pa.



JACOB W. MILLER.

which nominated the first Superior Court judges. I was also elected a delegate to the State Convention in 1903. Last year I attended both conventions. I have been a delegate to the County convention ten times during my life.

I have been an Odd Fellow 49 years. My lodge elected me four terms as representative to the Grand Lodge,—once at Philadelphia, twice at Reading, and once at Harrisburg. I was elected three years and appointed one year District Deputy Grand Master of all the lodges in Fulton county. Odd Fellowship is one of the grandest institutions there is, aside from the church, which, of course, is above all other organizations. I would say to the young men, Join the Odd Fellows: there is a friendship grows up among the members that you do not have outside. Many a young man has become a good, useful man by becoming a member of the order.

Now, in regard to my occupation through life, I worked on the farm from the time I was a small boy until I was about seventeen years old; then I served nearly two years learning the milling trade at Funkstown, Md., two miles below Hagerstown. A man by the name of George Shaffer owned the mill. There were four of us working in the mill, which was run from midnight Sunday until midnight Saturday. All four worked through the day, then the boss and I would run the mill until midnight; we would then awaken the other two men and they would run it until six o'clock in the morning; so you see we all had to work eighteen hours out of twenty four,—and I never was heartier in my life. But I didn't like the business very well—it seemed to be so confining—one never seemed to have any spare time. So I quit. I then took up the building of post and rail fence and farming for about thirty years. Part of the time the boys did most of the farm work and I put nearly my whole attention to building fence, and between the two we managed to make a decent living. Of course we were poor people, never had anything given us in legacies,—all we had we earned by our hard labor; but, after all, if you are industrious you can always get along. Labor seems sweet to a man if he has a good,

THE SPRING EXAMINATIONS.

Superintendent Barton Tells of the Result of Graded Work in the Schools.

There were thirty applicants this year for graduation from the common schools of the County, representing seven townships, distributed as follows: nine from Licking Creek, four from Brush Creek, three from Belfast, two from Thompson, two from Union, two from Wells, and eight from Taylor.

The examinations were conducted with great care, and we wish to thank the examiners for their efficient services.

In most cases the applicants reflected credit to themselves and to their teachers. Much more uniformity was found in the work than was found a year ago.

Some who fell short of the passing mark last year, and who have since pressed on in school work, have this year passed among the strongest applicants in the County.

I have not been able to examine all the papers but am confident there will be but few failures in this year's classes. I will suggest, however, that most of the applicants should spend at least another year in the common schools; and then, if possible, pass on to a higher institution of learning. Do not be content with simply a common school diploma: you will need more than this, and the world will require more of you. Seek the best possible education you can get: seek it not as a matter of dollars and cents—not simply that you may be able to make a living—but that you may know how to live.

CHAS. E. BARTON,
Co. Supt.

Fred Snyder Dead.

Mr. Frederick Snyder died at his home in Tod township last Saturday morning aged about 56 years. Funeral was conducted by Revs. Wolf and Adams on Monday and interment made in the cemetery at McConnellsdale church.

Mr. Snyder had been in failing health for a long time, having been afflicted with rheumatism and semi-paralysis. Besides his widow he is survived by the following children: Mary, wife of Robert Fisher of this place; Miss Ola at home; Miss Clara and John at Homestead, and Annie and Irene at home.

Fred, as he was familiarly known, was a consistent member of the United Brethren church, a good, quiet citizen—a good neighbor—and his family have the sincere sympathy of their many friends.

industrious, loving wife and good children. No man living ever had two better wives than I have had, (or if they had only one, there could be none any better than mine).

On the 24th of next October my second wife and I will, if we live that long, be married fifty years. There were born nine children to us, two are dead and seven are living—three sons and four daughters, and they are all married and doing well. I suppose I can say one thing that I know all parents would feel glad if they could say, and that is this: that I haven't a child up to this day that ever gave me an unkind word or ever brought any reproach on us. Every child we have living belongs to the church—some of them are Methodists and some Presbyterians—but I attribute all this to their good mother. Isn't a happy home a grand thing? and yet I lack one thing—the most useful of all things—but it is my own neglect, and I will be 77 years old next September, if I live that long.

We have a beautiful home here at the Cabins, moved here eighteen years ago last December, and I suppose we will remain here the rest of our time. My wife is going on 74, and the old lady says I am a mighty good, kind, old fellow yet—especially when I am asleep.

JACOB W. MILLER.

CUPID'S LITTLE ARROW.

Reaches Many Hearts With Unerring Precision.

APRIL'S SHOWER OF WEDDINGS.

Ministers and Justices Kept Busy Tying Nuptial Knots. Bon Voyage on Life's Sea With Health and Happiness.

BENDER—FOREMAN.

At the Reformed parsonage at 7 o'clock on Tuesday evening by the Rev. C. M. Smith, Mr. Harvey Bender, of the firm of Hull and Bender the Racket Store people, was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Foreman daughter of Mrs. Amy Foreman of Burnt Cabins.

After the ceremony the bride and groom left for a few days visit to Gettysburg, after which they will return and go to housekeeping in the house recently purchased from Col. Bishop.

There is nothing suggestive, of course, in the fact that one of the first things after entering the state of matrimony they should go to study one of the most famous battlefields in America.—May the only "racket" Harvey may ever experience, be found at the store.

FORE—FLEMING.

In Harrisburg on Tuesday Mr. Ira Fore, a popular young merchant of Knobsville, was united in marriage with Miss Amy Fleming of Harrisburg.

The bride is an accomplished lady, and well known here. The happy couple will return to Knobsville to-day, and go to housekeeping in the property that now belongs to the groom, formerly the residence of his father, Hon. John M. Fore.

The News wishes them a long, happy and prosperous married life.

KEEPER—MELLOTT.

At the office of the officiating Justice, L. H. Wible of this place on Tuesday, April 19, Mr. David Keefer, Jr., and Miss Mary Mellott, both of Ayr township, were united in marriage.

BOOTH—ROBINSON.

Mr. Isaac Booth and Miss Allie Robinson, both of Bethel township, were married at the Washington House in this place, on Tuesday morning, April 16th, by Rev. J. V. Adams of the M. E. church.

BARNITZ—CUTCHALL.

At Hustontown on Thursday, April 14, 1904, by Rev. B. A. Salter of the M. E. church, Mr. Joseph C. Barnitz and Miss Maggie L. Cutchall, both of Taylor township were united in marriage.

PINE—SHIVES.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Gordon of Thompson township, was the scene of a pretty wedding at 10 o'clock when Miss Janet May Shives a niece of Mrs. Gordon became the bride of Mr. Asbery Pine of Mercersburg.—The ceremony was performed by Rev. Jacob Hewett, uncle of the bride. The groomsmen and bridesmaids were Mr. Dora Yeakle and Miss Annie Gordon, and Clara Gordon and Nettie Yeakle, the flower girls.

The bride looked very pretty gowned in white silk trimmed in applique, and the bridesmaid wore cream silk trimmed in lace. The flower girls were dressed in white.

A wedding breakfast was served just after the ceremony, and at noon the bridal pair left for their future home near Foltz.

Memorial Sermon.

Harrisonville Lodge, I. O. O. F. will conduct appropriate memorial services in the Greenhill Presbyterian church, on the death of the late Wm. C. Mann, on Sunday afternoon, May 13th at 2:30 o'clock. All members of the Order and friends of the deceased are cordially invited to be present. Sermon by the Rev. J. V. Adams, pastor of the M. E. church, McConnellsburg.

OUT OF HOUSE AND HOME.

The Dwelling of John Harr Near Big Cove Tannery Destroyed by Fire.

Last Saturday morning between six and seven o'clock, the dwelling house of John S. Harr, situated in the Corner, a mile east of Big Cove Tannery, was with its entire contents, totally destroyed by a fire which originated in a stove pipe used as a chimney. Such an accident is hard luck for any one, but it falls especially hard on Mr. Harr, who is old and is a cripple, the result of a cruel act of a thoughtless rebel soldier during the raid of '63. This is an opportunity for every one to lend a hand and by a generous donation restore their home to this aged and deserving couple.

JUSTICES' COMMISSIONS.

Squire Nace, Squire Thomas and Squire Hann Added to the Judiciary.

Eight Justices of the Peace were elected at the spring election. Two of those, namely, John Mentzer of Dublin, and Joseph W. Lake of Belfast, declined to serve; for the other six, Emery Thomas of Ayr; M. W. Nace of McConnellsburg; O. E. Hann of Licking Creek; N. B. Hanks of Brush Creek; Daniel Covalt of Thompson, and W. H. Baumgardner of Wells, Prothonotary Harris has the commissions under the seal of the Commonwealth and the signature of Governor Pennypacker ready for delivery. This leaves Belfast and Dublin with but one Justice, the former T. P. Garland, and the latter, T. E. Fleming.

PIGEON COVE.

The farmers are all busy with their plowing.

L. G. Kirk has purchased a new buggy. "Look out girls."

Mrs. John Pittman of Lower Thompson, spent the former part of last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Kirk.

Miss Gertrude Foreback spent last Sunday with her cousin Miss Maude Mellott at Warfordsburg.

Miss Sallie Hughes spent Monday evening with her friend Miss Jessie Lewis.

The other evening Commissioner H. P. Palmer took a calf from the cow, put it in the stable, and turned the cow in the yard. Going to the barn the next morning he found that the cow had got out of the yard, had gone around to the barn doors, had pushed the doors open, and had descended the entry steps and had reached the calf in safety.

Mr. Charles Runyan and sister Miss Laura and Miss Zoe Mason, were callers at Thomas Slusher's.

Mrs. Joseph Charlton and two children, Reba and Teddie, spent the other day with Miss Rebecca Gordon.

G. C. Kirk has gone to Fort Littleton to clerk in the store for his brother-in-law, F. C. Bare, while the latter is in the city purchasing spring goods.

There was a social gathering at the home of Mr. Joseph Runyan Thursday evening in honor of Miss Zoe Mason. Those present were Misses Nellie and Kattie Kirk, Birdie Kirk, Stella Hendershot, Eva Bernhard, Lula and Olive Slusher, George Kirk, Chester and Walter Palmer, Albert Kirk, Lemuel Hendershot and Frank Slusher. To the evening's pleasures were added music and games. The young folks had a jolly time.

Mr. Robert Fisher was called home a few days on account of the death of his father-in-law, Mr. Frederick Snyder.

Mr. John G. Orr of Chambersburg is spending a few days in this place in the interest of the Chambersburg Trust Company.

Mrs. Dennis Gordon and her niece Miss Mary E. Evans of Thompson, were pleasant callers at the News office a few minutes Tuesday.

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.

Mr. W. H. Arison, of Niagara Falls, is spending a few days in McConnellsburg.

Oscar Sharpe of Bethel township, is now in attendance at the Shippensburg Normal.

J. K. Johnston has some interesting store news which will be found in his ad in another column.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Kreps, of Clearsprings, Md., were the guests of Miss Netha Nesbit over Sunday.

Mr. D. E. Keyser of this place, went over to Shady Grove last Wednesday afternoon and spent a day with his brother.

Mr. Elijah N. Palmer of Everett, spent a few days recently in the home of his brother, Joseph Palmer of Mount Union.

Mr. J. W. Tritle of Waynesboro came over last Saturday afternoon to visit his parents and other friends here a few days.

Dr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Teeter, and son William, drove over from Chambersburg last Saturday and spent Sunday with friends in this place.

D. R. Strat, one of the Licking Creek township teachers, went to Franklin county Monday to resume the work in which he was engaged last summer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kirk of Wells Valley, were guests in the family of the former's brother, Hon. S. Wesley Kirk of this place last Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. D. H. Baehler of Gettysburg, came over to this place last Saturday in obedience to a summons on account of the illness of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Leslie W. Seylar.

Communion services will be held in the Presbyterian church in this place next Sunday morning at 10:30; preparatory services in the church on Saturday evening at 7:30.

S. E. Walters and Lewis Harris two of Brush Creek's teachers, passed through town Friday on their return from seeing the sights of some of the Eastern cities.

George H. Eckels, associate principal of Chambersburg Academy, will deliver the address to the graduates of the High School in the Court House in this place on the evening of May 13th.

Mrs. W. W. Jennings and sons Masters William, Ross, Christy and Edward, of Harrisburg, are visiting Mrs. Jennings' brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. Sharpe Patterson of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. A. U. Nace of this place spent a few days during the past week with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson L. Nace, of Carlisle, and with the family of the former's brother, Mr. D. B. Nace, in Chambersburg.

Mr. Frank Eitemiller, who had been visiting his parents in Pittsburg, returned last Saturday, and he and Mrs. Eitemiller will in a few days take a little trip of three weeks to New York, after which they will settle in Everett, Pa., where Mr. Eitemiller will superintend the business of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, in the counties of Bedford, Huntingdon and Fulton.

Blair county was highly honored this year in the selection of delegates from the Keystone State Editorial Association to the meeting of the National Editorial Association, which convenes at St. Louis, Mo., during the week of May 16, having gotten three of the twenty-five delegates.—Among the three we notice the name of Editor Harry A. Thompson, of the Tyrone Times.