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MISSION SCHOOL IN INDIA.

Miss Alice Wishart Speaks of Her Visit to One of Them.

GIRLS PRETTY, WITH LARGE DARK EYES

The Bubonic Plague Spreading So Rapidly That Many Schools Will Have to be Closed—Alarming Fatality.

ALLAHABAD, INDIA, Feb. 4.

Yesterday I went with Miss Todd to visit one of our schools in the native city, a school of about forty girls ranging from five to twelve in age, who were to receive prizes for attendance for the year. These prizes were dressed dolls and scrap books sent from America. We had to leave the gairi (vehicle) in one of the side streets and walk some distance through alleys just about wide enough for two people abreast. When we met anyone, it was sometimes necessary to lean up close to the wall to let him pass. When we reached the school, which is held in a clean, bare, whitewashed room about 6x12 feet, we found thirty girls already there, seated on the floor with book and slate in front of them, arrayed in all those brilliant colors, and loaded down with the rings, bangles and bracelets of which they are very fond. Such a variety of chaddars (veils) I never saw; pink, yellow, scarlet, orange, and green, and often all five in one. Some of them had four or five hoops in each ear, and nose rings reaching down to and below their chins, with bracelets and anklets galore and funniest of all, big thick rings on each great toe. Some of the girls were quite pretty, with those large, dark eyes, and pensive looks. They were all interesting and it made one feel like gathering them all together in one's arms, so as to keep them for him, and away from the lives they have to lead.

Two bright native Christian women have charge of this school, one of whom has come out from Hinduism only within the past two years. Their work is not easy, for there are so many things to keep the children away from school—disinclination, careless mothers, influence of some prejudiced neighbor, feasts, weddings and holidays; and just now there is much persecution, and plague is raging—57 deaths reported in a day, which is just about half the number that occur. It is marvelous what these girls, both little and big, have learned in the short time they have been in school. A number of the older ones repeated correctly in the native tongue the Ten Commandments, 13th chapter of First Corinthians, catechism, and gave answers to questions asked them from both Old and New Testaments. The little tots were quite as bright in their way: they would put our Sunday school children at home to shame with their knowledge of the Bible, I am sure.

After the school had finished "showing off" by singing some hymns, the dolls and scrap-books were brought out, the roll called, and each young lady came shyly but gracefully forward, clasped a precious doll to her heart, saluted (bow with hand to forehead) to Miss Todd, who was giving them, and would hurry back to her seat with anklets jingling to inspect her doll's clothes, discuss in smothered whispers its beauty, or to compare it with her seatmate's. In addition to the dolls there was given a very pretty scrap-book to about a dozen of the older girls, who had been present one hundred times, I think it was, during the school year. Many of the girls will soon have to go to their husband's homes and perhaps never see school again. Three or four of the girls' mothers came to the door and shyly peeped in to see the dolls being given. It was a great occasion, you may be sure. Plague is so bad and spreading so fast that we may have to close several of just such schools. While Miss Todd was in a house teaching, six dead bodies were carried past her on the way to the burning ghats. God is mercifully preserving us.

FULTON FOR GOOD ROADS.

Three of Fulton County's Eleven Townships to Share Appropriation.

An enthusiastic meeting of the citizens of Ayr township was held at Webster Mills recently and the supervisors instructed to ask the county commissioners to go ahead and arrange for the building of 5,000 feet of Macadamized road in accordance with the provisions of the Sprowl Good Road Law. The piece of road decided upon extends from the first lane north of Webster Mills to about 100 feet north of the covered bridge at the late Dr. Cook property, now owned by Tobias Glazer. The commissioners appointed Civil Engineer F. M. Taylor to make a profile of the road, which he has partly done.

Like action has been taken by the supervisors of Bethel township, asking for four miles leading from W. B. Stiger's mill north of Warfordsburg to the Maryland line. Wells township has asked for eight miles leading from the Huntingdon county line on the north and following the main road through the Valley to Wells Tannery. The preliminary surveys on the latter roads will be made at once. It is probable, however, that Bethel and Wells will each build but one mile during the next year.

The State Highway Department has received fifty-eight applications from twenty-seven different counties, and covering nearly 115 miles of roads. Contracts have been signed or awarded for five different pieces of road, bids are in on another, and bids are being asked at the present time for five more, with the plans in course of preparation for several more. Still the applications continue to come in, five having been received during the past few days from Erie, Venango, Crawford, Lycoming and Chester counties.

We feel proud of the fact that Fulton will stand among the progressive counties of the State; and as June 1 is the last day for taking advantage of the State aid, there will be not a few townships that will be booting themselves because they didn't get a move on.

RAILROAD NEWS NOTES.

Will Baltimore & Ohio and Wabash Bid For Old South Penn?

The famous South Penn railroad, which has planned cuts through the richest soft coal territory in Pennsylvania and which was to have given Pittsburg a new outlet to Baltimore by meeting the Western Maryland railroad at Hagerstown, is to be sold at public auction at Somerset, on May 14, as told in this paper some time ago. The sale is to be made under foreclosure proceedings instituted by the Union Trust Company of New York under a mortgage dated January 1, 1895. Railroad circles are wondering whether the Baltimore & Ohio and the Wabash will appear as competitors at the sale.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

Explanation of the Age Pension Order.

To make clear the actual effect of provisions of the recent age pension order of Commissioner Ware about which a large number of inquiries are being made, the following official statement was issued from Washington Friday: There appears to be an impression among many of the soldiers that allowances of pensions under the age order of the commissioner of pensions are in addition to pensions allowed heretofore. This is an erroneous idea of said order. The law prohibits the payment of more than one pension to a person of the same period, and the effect of the order on those having a pension already only will be to increase such pension up to the age limit, if the pension already drawn is below that amount.

WILL YOU GO TO ST. LOUIS

To See the Louisiana Purchase Exposition This Summer?

THE GREATEST OF WORLD'S FAIRS.

Mr. Blair W. Truax, a Former Fulton County Teacher, but Now a Resident of St. Louis, Makes Valuable Suggestions.

As only a few days will elapse before the formal opening of the greatest of all the "World's Fairs" (The Louisiana Purchase Exposition), a short article appertaining to the conditions under which it will be found, will probably prove of interest to the contemplative visitors to the Fair from old Fulton.

The first thing to be considered is the transportation by which you expect to reach St. Louis.—All railroads will sell excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates during the entire season; and probably, as the season advances the rates will decrease. In the selection of a road it will be better for all Fulton county people to choose the Baltimore and Ohio as it affords a more direct route than any other road in southern Pennsylvania and passes through the most beautiful section of the country east of the Mississippi river. The trip alone will recompense you for your expenditure.

Upon arriving in St. Louis, it is best to maintain a sharp lookout for swindlers as you will come in contact with all classes of sharpers and confidence men; and as you will soon perceive St. Louis is not a "Utopia" regarding to strict laws and their surveillance.

After reaching the station, the first thing to be observed is the selection of proper lodgings. Do not go to places adjacent the "Fair Grounds" for quarters as they will all charge extremely exorbitant prices; and as I am well aware, I am not addressing many persons who have unlimited means at their command.

I will try to present the most economical course to be pursued, consistent with convenience and comfort: Select a room in some of the suburbs of the city, like Ferguson, Baden, South St. Louis and many of the little suburban places which are connected with the city proper by the street car lines. You can secure rooms in these places that are far superior with regard to being pleasant and quiet, and with terms but slightly advanced above the normal rates; and, while they may lack some of the conveniences found in the large rooming places the deficiency will scarcely be perceived by persons who have spent the greater portion of their lives in the rural districts and country towns. In fact, they will "feel more at home" as the people who comprise a majority of the population of the suburban communities are Germans who live in a comfortable, prosperous manner peculiar to that nationality, and which forms one of the most stable factors in the prosperity of our country. It is the better plan to have a companion with you, as two can occupy one room at a figure but little higher than for a single individual. Some may deem it too inconvenient to be several miles remote from the "grounds;" but with the excellent street car service which we anticipate enjoying the journey to and fro, will be one of delightful recreation after a prolonged day of sight-seeing.

We have two street car lines in service here. The Transit Company and The Suburban Railway. The Suburban is considered one of the finest lines in the country, as anyone familiar with it will testify; and while The Transit has not been kept to the same high standard of efficiency, it has recently been placed under the management of one of the ablest street car officials in the United States, and its rolling stock has been augmented by hundreds of new cars of the latest and most approved types.—Hence for economy, safety and

comfort, it is evidently better to room in the suburbs, especially during the congested season. As to meals you can secure the best at the numerous restaurants to be found throughout the city.

One careful statistician has estimated the entire cost of being admitted to every department of the Fair at eighty dollars; but, as many of the features would be unprofitable to the average sight-seer, one-fourth of that amount will prove amply adequate to enable one to see all the principal object of interest.

But, in your visit, it is advisable not to devote your entire time at the Exposition; you should form some acquaintance with the city itself, and its magnificent and varied industries. By all means all those who can should pay a visit to the World's Fair during the coming summer. The mere outlay of a few dollars should deprive no one of so great an educational advantage.

FOREST FIRES.

Thousands of Acres Burnt Over on Cove Mountain. Fire on Ridge.

About five o'clock last Wednesday afternoon smoke was seen ascending from the pine forest just above Spriggstown on the east side of the Ridge west of this place. The wind was strong, and in a few minutes it was discovered that the fire was spreading rapidly and that the property along the foot of the ridge was in danger. Many persons went promptly to the scene and by vigorous efforts the fire was under control in about an hour.

A fire had been raging in Allens Valley several days and on Friday morning made its way across the top to the west side of Cove Mountain. Friday night there was a line of fire on the side of the mountain from the Chambersburg pike northward for two or three miles. The wind being high and the leaves dry, the fire burned with a fury that threatened with destruction everything in its path. About 10 o'clock a horseman came galloping into town asking for men to go out and help save the dwellings of the families living near the foot of the mountain. In a short time there was a small army of men at work, and it was not until 2 o'clock next morning that the danger was considered past.

PENSION INCREASED.

John Linn's Pension Increased from \$12 to \$24 by Special Act of Congress.

John Linn of this place, a veteran of the Civil War, has just been granted an increase of pension from twelve to twenty-four dollars.

During the past few years Mr. Linn, who had been an industrious and skilful carpenter, has almost entirely lost his sight. Last fall a petition was circulated among his friends here and Congress asked to pass a special act allowing him an increase of pension, which the pension department seemed powerless to do.—This has just been done, and Mr. Linn is truly grateful to all who were instrumental in bringing about the help which he so much needed in his declining years.

PLEASANT GROVE.

Our farmers are busy plowing.

Lige Wink visited J. L. Plesinger Sunday.

A large crowd attended preaching at this place Sunday.

Hiram Hill and wife visited Benjamin Truax last Sunday evening.

Samuel Truax is busy hauling out his lime. He says it pays to lime.

John Truax and Morton Hess are busy building a house on the farm they purchased.

Watson Peck is working for Moses Hess, but he still has some attraction near this place.

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THE WEEK'S DEATH ROLL.

Those Who Have Been Called Across to the Other Shore.

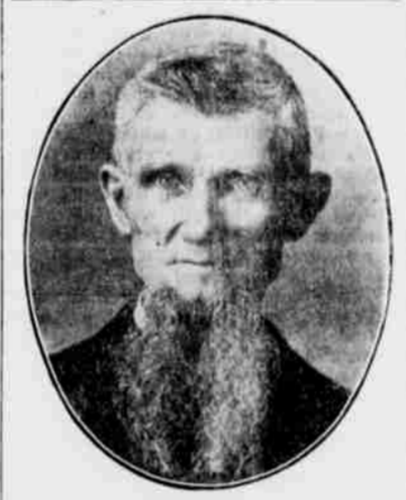
HAVE ANSWERED SILENT SUMMONS.

Ex-Postmaster Robert Nixon Shimer, Charles Taggart Sloan, Isaiah P. Bradnick, and Mrs. McClellan Diehl.

R. N. SHIMER.

Robert Nixon Shimer died at his late residence in this place Thursday, April 21, 1904, aged 65 years, 2 months and 19 days. Funeral was conducted by his pastor, Rev. Adams, on Sunday afternoon and interment made in the Methodist graveyard in town.

While he had been in declining health for several months, it was only two or three weeks ago that his condition became sufficiently critical to excite alarm, the cause



R. NIXON SHIMER.

of his death being due to lung trouble.

The deceased belonged to one of the old McConnellsburg families, and was a thorough Christian gentleman.

On the 4th day of November 1862 he was mustered into Company I, 158th Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia,—his brother James (deceased), Samuel Unger (deceased), John H. Wilt, and Philip H. Snyder being members of the same company. His regiment was sent to North Carolina, where they spent most of the winter in the vicinity of Newbern and Little Washington; were sent northward in the spring of 1863, and reached Meade in time to join in the pursuit of Lee as the latter was retreating from Gettysburg. Mr. Shimer was mustered out with his company August 12, 1863.

The war still continuing, and there being repeated calls for volunteers, Mr. Shimer for the second time left his young wife and children and went to the front. This time he was mustered into Captain Harvey Wishart's Company (H), 208th Regiment, Pa. Vol., at Camp Curtin during the first week in September 1864, and they afterward became a part of 1st Brigade, of Hartman's (3d) Division, 9th Army Corps. Among those in his company were Elliott Rummel, William Stoner, and Nick Ott (deceased), the last named of whom lost his arm in the hard fighting before Petersburg in March '65. They saw lots of hot service during the closing days of the war, followed close on the heels of the rebels retreating from Petersburg, and were at Nottoway C.H. on the 9th of April when Lee passed his sword over to General Grant.

June 1, 1865, Mr. Shimer was mustered out, came home, and was soon thereafter appointed postmaster of McConnellsburg, a position which he held continuously until after Cleveland's inauguration in 1885.

R. N. Shimer was in 1859 married to Miss Annie Brahm of this place, who survives. To them were born six sons and five daughters, eight of whom are living, namely, Joseph, Ella, Mary, Frank, Rev. George M., Laura (Mrs. Lloyd Doyle), Clarence, Albert, and Grace.

MRS. McCLELLAN DIEHL.

From the Breezewood correspondence in the Everett Republican, we learn that the funeral of Mrs. McClellan Diehl occurred in

AYR TOWNSHIP CAVE.

Recent Exploration of Large Underground Room.

Attention is again being directed to the Cave on the farm now occupied by A. L. Lamberson in Ayr township. A party composed of A. L. Lamberson, Nathaniel Mellett, Chas. Hammers, Chas. Gross, Alex. Lamberson, Hanson Sowers, Flora and Mary Lamberson, and Ada Mellett, visited this cavern recently, noting its condition and dimensions, and make the following report: The main chamber 60 feet square with an average height of 8 feet, is reached by an entrance extending 30 feet from the outside. A chimney-like opening ascends from the cave 20 feet to the soil above. The cave is inhabited by millions and millions of bats, that hang in great clusters to the roof of the chamber, and add a weirdness to the place calculated to send a chill scurrying along one's spinal column.

On the dark and gloomy walls inscribed the names of some of those who have been brave enough to explore this cavern years ago. The names of Frank Hess, now a retired army officer, and John A. Robinson (deceased), are about the only ones easily deciphered, and those names were likely placed there when the aforesaid gentlemen were enjoying their boyhood days.

Mrs. Maria Mann and daughter Miss Ella of Salvia, spent a day last week the guests of friends in town.

Whips Cove on Tuesday of last week. Mrs. Diehl had been a great sufferer for several months and her husband and other friends and relatives have sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

CHARLES TAGGART SLOAN.

Mr. Charles T. Sloan of Buffalo, N. Y., son of the late John M. Sloan of this place died at Southern Pines, a winter resort in North Carolina, last Thursday night, and his funeral took place from his late residence in Buffalo on Monday.

Mr. Sloan when a young man, becoming tired of farm life, joined a gang of men putting in new poles on the Western Union line through this place and started digging holes. From this he secured a position in Pittsburg in the battery department of the W. U. office, and rose to the rank of Chief Electrician. From this place he was offered an important position with the Buffalo Natural Gas and Oil company and by his natural ability and close application, he rose from one step to another until, he took rank with the first electricians and pipe line constructionists in the United States, having had charge of some of the most difficult feats known to the profession.

Although only about 52 years of age, a few months ago, his health began to fail, and although everything that a change of climate or the attention of the best medical skill could do for him, he succumbed at last to deadly effects of uric acid.

Mr. Sloan was what is known in the Masonic fraternity as a "shiner," the highest degree of that order, and was buried in full Masonic dress.

ISAIAH BRADNICK.

At his late home near Knobsville Isaiah Bradnick died last Sunday evening of typhoid fever. Funeral services on Tuesday and interment in the graveyard of the U. B. church at Knobsville.

Mr. Bradnick was an industrious citizen, just in the prime of life, and a short time ago went to Pittsburg to seek employment; but feeling unwell on his arrival at Pittsburg, he returned home at once, took his bed from which he never arose in health.

Mr. Bradnick was united in marriage to Cora, a daughter of D. H. Myers, who with one child survives.

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 Effa Razer visited Mr. Benjamin Shives at Cambria last Sunday.

Misses Orpah and Addie Snyder of Gem spent a day in town last week.

Miss Emma Sloan left Tuesday morning for Shippensburg to take the spring term at the Normal.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Lynch are happy over the arrival of a brand new daughter in their home.

Our old friend, M. E. H. Bard of Pleasant Ridge, called at this office a few minutes while in town Monday.

The McConnellsburg Manufacturing Company made a shipment of 102,000 insulator pins one day last week.

Charlie Stevens, Merrill Nace, George Harris, and Charlie Barton attended Harrisonville Lodge last Saturday evening.

Dr. and Mrs. Teeter and Miss Annie Shimer—all of Chambersburg, came over to attend the funeral of Mr. R. N. Shimer.

A band of gypsies having a train of ten wagons spent Sunday in camp near the old toll-gate on the Ridge.

Rev. Geo. M. Shimer of Osceola Mills arrived here Saturday evening for the funeral of his father on Sunday.

Mr. Henry Ewing of Newton Hamilton, spent a few days last week with the family of his brother Hughie in Licking Creek township.

After a protracted visit in the home of her uncle, N. H. Peck, at Ambridge, Pa., Miss Tempie Snyder has returned to her home near Gem.

Elder Thomas Palmer and son Prof. B. N., of Needmore, spent last Wednesday at McConnellsburg. The father is nursing a sore finger the result of handling a large stone.

Mr. Chris Butterbaugh, who lives near Mercersburg, was stricken with paralysis on Monday evening of last week from which he has since been confined to his bed.

Prof. B. C. Lamberson and N. E. Hoover of Hustontown were in town last Saturday. The Professor says the outlook for a big school here this summer is very promising.

Miss Marden Stouteagle, who had been spending several weeks with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hixson, in Brush Creek Valley, returned home one day last week.

Mr. Roy Mason and Miss Mary Rumel were guests of John Hunt at Cambria a few days ago. Mr. Mason had the misfortune recently to be injured by a backing train at Johnstown.

Mr. Obed T. Mellett and his grand-daughter, Miss Eva Mellett, were in town last Thursday with a load of twenty-five bushels of nice apples, which went like hot-cakes at 40 and 50 cents a bushel.

Hon. William McClean, nestor of the Adams county bar, and former president judge of our courts recently passed the seventh anniversary of his admission to the bar. The Judge has many friends in this county.

Some miscreant on Monday night tore off the steam clock, and otherwise damaged Newt Mellett's steam engine standing near Back Run in Ayr township. Newt has a pretty good idea who did it, and if there is any attempt at a repetition of such conduct, there is likely to be trouble for some one.