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## PHILIPPINE SUPERSTITIONS.

As Told by Charles Henry Wissner, a Returned Soldier.

Superstitions exercise more power among the Bisayans than religion. Like the peasants of Brittany they are faithful in church attendance and in the performance of all church duties, but they have more fear of the evil spirits which they believe wander abroad at night than of all the threatened penalties of the church. The priests have preached against their superstitious practices and even imposed penance upon those who indulged in them, but the average Bisayan still dreads the evil spirits more than he dreads the priests.

There is one superstition that has not only terrorized them for generations but in one case has rendered a whole district uninhabitable. This superstition is the belief in the existence of evil spirits called "aswang." These spirits are supposed to be the souls of evil people which have the power of leaving their bodies while they are asleep and wander forth in the form of bats or vampires to do harm to all whom they meet. Any person found dead in the streets or roads or in spots remote from human habitation, unless they have the marks of violence on their bodies, are said to be the victims of the "aswang."

The caves in the mountains of the Bisayan Islands are full of large bats, which only come forth at irregular intervals and on dark nights. As they pass through the air or skim along close to the ground they make weird noises, and being black in color and nearly invisible, it can easily be understood how ignorant people become fearful and timid when abroad on dark nights. More than one American soldier on sentinel duty on dark nights has had his heart sink in his shoes at hearing these weird sounds and seeing nothing.

The cry of "aswang" on a dark night in a Bisayan town or village will cause every native to close his doors and windows, to light every lamp in the house and to fall on his knees to recite to his patron saint every prayer that he knows. Any sudden or unexplained evil is at once ascribed to the "aswang," and the terror excited by this superstition is so great as at times to deprive the native of what reasoning powers he possesses.

When the American troops were making an advance one dark night on the town of Santa Barbara, in the island of Panay, a mob of half wild women and children broke into their lines all crying at the top of their voices, "Aswang! Aswang!" It seems that a large bat had made its appearance in their hiding place and so terrified them that they preferred to throw themselves on the mercy of their enemies than remain longer in its proximity.

In the province of Capiz, a province of the same island, a plague appeared some years ago and raged with especial fatality in certain districts; and as the presence of this plague was noted by the natives only in those localities where there were many of the largest variety of bats, the idea spread that the "aswang" were responsible for the death of so many people. A terror that cannot be expressed in words took possession of the inhabitants of the districts affected, and by the thousands they fled, first to the smaller towns, and finally, upon the further appearance of the plague, to the seacoast towns. In time reason resumed its sway in some degree, but even at the present day there is a large stretch of territory in the heart of the province entirely uninhabited. The houses have crumbled into ruins, and the fields once cultivated are now thickets of undergrowth and weeds. The traveler compelled to cross this section of country always seeks to arrange his journey so that he can cross it in the day time, and it need not be added that while crossing there is no thought of tarrying by the way.

## DOLLY YOUNKER DEAD.

A Native of this County, and Sister of Mr. John Winters.

From the Greenville, (Ohio), Democrat. Dorothy Winters Younker, oldest daughter of George and Anna Winters, [and sister of Mr. John Winters of Thompson township], was born in Bedford county, (that part which is now Fulton county), Pennsylvania, November 5th, A. D. 1828, and departed this life, at her home in Richland township, Darke county, Ohio, April 11, 1904, aged seventy-five years, five months and six days.

Her father died when she was seven years old, leaving her mother with five small children, with whom she continued to reside, amid the privations of their mountain home, until Oct. 21, 1849; when she was united in marriage to Jonathan S. Younker. To them were born eight children, four sons and four daughters.

In the spring of 1856, the family came to Darke county, Ohio, and remained here two years, after which time they moved to Christian county, Illinois, and resided there for four years. In the spring of 1862 the family returned to Darke county, Ohio, where the remainder of her life was spent.

Mother was a firm believer in the Christian religion from her childhood. Her early life was spent surrounded by the influences of the Baptist church, for which denomination she always had a kindly feeling.

Shortly after locating on the present homestead in 1873 she and her husband united with the Christian church at Beamsville, Ohio, and remained a faithful member of the Church Militant until she joined the Church Triumphant. Her influence in her home circle was such that she witnessed all her children unite with the same church, and was present when they complied with all its ordinances.

Her disposition was one of meekness and resignation. When called to pass through the sorest trials of this life, whether at the side of her dying husband, or at the death bed of a loving son or daughter, or when she herself was racked with pain and suffering almost unendurable agony, her oft repeated words were "The Lord's will be done."

Her devotion to her children, was a mother's devotion to the fullest extent. Her interest and effort to advance their welfare knew no limit, except the limit to her power of endurance and advantage.

Her husband died twenty-two years ago, one son, one daughter and seven grandchildren also preceded her to the life beyond. She leaves three sons, three daughters, twenty grandchildren, two brothers, two sisters and many relatives and friends to mourn her departure.

Funeral was held from the Christian church at Beamsville, Ohio, April 14th, at 10 o'clock; sermon on the occasion by Rev. C. W. Hooff of Richmond, Ind.—Interment in the Klefaker cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wible and son of Chelsea, Huntingdon county, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Wible's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zack Vallance.

George H. Snotts, who had been spending a few days with relatives over the Ridge, succeeded in persuading his uncle, John Shaffer, to accompany him to his home in Altoona; and accordingly the two started out on Tuesday morning to make the trip "overland" behind John's long-eared matches.

tion of country always seeks to arrange his journey so that he can cross it in the day time, and it need not be added that while crossing there is no thought of tarrying by the way.

## DAVID M. SIPES.

Body Shorn of Limbs Found on Railroad Track at Tyrone.

As was stated in a paragraph in this paper last week the body of David M. Sipes was found on the railroad track near the station at Tyrone on Friday night the 6th inst. The story of the shocking accident is as follows: About 11 o'clock on the night mentioned he was found by a trackwalker about 200 yards west of Tyrone station. The body had been badly mangled by the train, his legs and arms had been severed from the body. An examination of papers found in the dead man's pockets revealed his name and also the fact that he was a huckster traveling through the country buying butter, eggs and other produce, which he sold in the Tyrone and Altoona markets.—Among other articles taken from his pockets was a rebate ticket which showed he had traveled from Curwensville in Clearfield county, where it is probable he had been laying in a stock of such things as he handled in the business in which he was engaged.—It is believed that Mr. Sipes arrived in Tyrone at 20 minutes past 9 o'clock. Where he went after alighting from the train, however is not known. All that can be told is that at 20 minutes past 11 o'clock his armless and legless body was found by trackwalker Bryan. The belief is that he was struck by a west-bound freight train and that his death occurred at 11:13, about which time the freight passed that point at which the tragedy was enacted. Mr. Sipes watch which was found in his pocket, had stopped at 11:14. There is no account of any east-bound train passing at that hour and it seems improbable that a man trudging along a railroad at night would not hear the rattle of a train approaching him from the rear.

David Sipes was born in this county, April 27, 1867, and some years later went with his parents to Bedford county. They have since resided at Tatesville, at which place Rev. M. L. Sipes has been postmaster for many years.

The deceased man is survived by his father and mother, M. L., and C. J. Sipes of Tatesville; two brothers, Burton and Howard of Curwensville, Pa.; and six sisters, Dollie, of Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Harry I. O'Neal, of Clear Ridge; Mrs. H. J. Wagoner, of Cadet, Virginia; Mrs. Charles P. Ott, of Everett, Pa.; and Miss Hattie and Miss Blanche at home.

The funeral services were conducted at his home on Sunday, May 8, by Rev. Tompkinson, of the Methodist church, after which the remains were taken to Everett cemetery where they were laid to rest.

The family have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad bereavement.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE.

Held by Odd Fellows at Green Hill Last Sunday.

In pursuance of announcement made in these columns last week, Rev. J. V. Adams of the M. E. church in this place, preached a sermon in the Green Hill Presbyterian church last Sunday to the members of Harrisonville Lodge, I. O. O. F., commemorative of the death of their deceased brother W. C. Mann. Dr. Wm. A. West was present and assisted in the services. In addition to a full attendance of Harrisonville Lodge, the following visiting brothers were present: From McConnellsbury Lodge, L. H. Wible, Dr. Wm. McKibbin, Ed Shiner, C. B. Stevens, John Henry and George Comer, I. D. Thompson, M. W. Nace, D. B. Trout and B. F. Henry; from Fort Littleton, S. L. Buckley and T. Scott Hershey; Waterfall, Wm. and Newt Alloway; Wells Tannery; Samuel Alloway and Robert Moseby.

Mrs. Mary Woodal has been on the sick list for several weeks.

## SENSIBLE TALK.

Mr. Cromer Patronizes the Town in Which He Does Business.

Horace W. Cromer, a native of Fort Littleton, but now the vice president and general manager of the McClain Fire and Brick company, of Pittsburg, which owns the Buckeye bricks works, in Wellsville, Ohio, made some statements before the water works trustees of that city that should go on record, inasmuch as they show that Mr. Cromer is a man who believes in patronizing a town in which he lives or has business interests. Mr. Cromer's mission there was to speak in behalf of his brick, before the board. He spoke briefly, saying among other things: "We would of course like to sell you the brick for the new building at the pumping station. We have named a price that is low to Hunt & Co., your engineers in Pittsburg. If our brick is as good or better than any other brick offered and our price is lower than other quotations we believe we should have the order. But if some one else offers a better brick at a price lower than ours, then we have nothing to say. We are new people here, but we are making good brick and lots of them. We have put in new machinery worth about \$15,000, and have doubled the output of the works by these improvements. We employ Wellsville labor and have hired as our superintendent a Wellsville man, John Martin. We buy of your merchants everything that we need that we can buy here. We believe in patronizing the people of the town as long as we have interests here and we propose to continue this policy."

## McConnellsbury Normal.

The normal school which started here on Monday of last week is now under full headway with 74 students.

The names of the students and the townships they represent are as follows:

AYR.—Carrie Humbert, Virgie Truax, Maude Ruedollar, Maye Mellott, Mary L. Stenger, Mary Ott, Grace Johnston, Henrietta Patterson, Hattie Kendall, Cloyd Everhart, Charles W. Seville, Harry E. Seville, James P. Keefer.

BELFAST.—Nettie Mellott, Nellie Morton, Minnie Mellott, Queen Lake, Annie E. Deshong, Howard C. Mellott, Albert Mellott, Samuel H. Kline, Gilbert C. Mellott.

BETHEL.—Bertha Golden, Nellie Kirk, Jesse H. Daniels.

BRUSH CREEK.—Ada Barton, Grace A. Lodge, Albert C. Garland, George M. Lodge.

DUBLIN.—Bertha Cline, Myrtle Stevens, Maude M. Fields, May Chesnut, Eugene Chesnut, Baldwin Fraker.

LICKING CREEK.—Francis Daniels, Richard Schooley, Robert Metzler, V. L. Hollenshead, Leslie Decker, George Sipes, Raleigh Lawyer.

McCONNELLSBURG.—Marden Stoutteagle, Annie Black, Jessie Dickson, Bessie Irwin, Grace E. Shimer.

TAYLOR.—Harry Horton, William Hoover, Frank Deaver, Elmer Hoover, Alice Keebaugh, Elsie Baker.

THOMPSON.—Nellie Simpson, Bessie J. Myers, Lillian Fisher, Olive Zimmerman, Alvah B. Gordon, S. L. Simpson.

TOD.—Blanche Morton, Jessie Mason, Lucy Peightel, Beckie Rotz, Patrick Fisher, Amos D. Peightel, Roy Morton.

UNION.—Myrtle Smith, C. A. Foster, John Hoopengardner, James E. Hoopengardner, Tolbert R. Shank.

HUNTINGDON COUNTY.—Clarence Deavor.

Mrs. Walter Hays and Miss Bessie Myers of Hancock came up last Thursday and spent until Friday with the family of the former's brother-in-law, Mr. Geo. W. Hays, in this place. They were accompanied home by Miss Alice Hays, who will remain some time.

## HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

Interesting Program, and a Very Large Attendance.

The commencement exercises by the graduating class of the McConnellsbury High School held in the Court House last Thursday evening, drew an audience that taxed the seating capacity of the old Temple of Justice to its utmost limit; and while many persons were compelled to stand through the more than two hours that it took to render the program the attention of everybody was held from start to finish.

The high standard of literary excellence displayed by the members of the class, as one after another performed his part, demonstrated to the patrons of the school, that we have in Prof. Thomas a teacher of more than ordinary ability.

The floral and evergreen decorations were beautiful and show that the class are not devoid of ethical culture as well as literary and scientific training.

We were much interested in all the exercises, and copious notes were taken of the rendition of every number of the program; but we found when we came to write it up that it gave a detailed report of how pretty the girls looked and how manly the boys departed themselves and the soul stirring music of the McConnellsbury orchestra, it would make the FULTON COUNTY NEWS look like a bovine that had taken her first mess of green clover.

## NEW GRENADA.

Dr. R. M. Hunter of Saxton, was registered at the Houck House on Sunday.

Harvey Shafer left on Sunday for Finleyville, where he has secured a job of smithing for a coal company.

Blaine Bergstresser of Waterfall is seriously ill with rheumatism.

John Houck and Cloyd Black were initiated in the coal mines last week—John at Broadtop City and Cloyd at Rocky Ridge.

James Dunlap and wife of Hill Valley, visited the family of Samuel Houck recently.

George Regi and son of near Knobsville, assisted S. P. Metzler to plant corn.

Samuel Alloway of Wells Valley Lodge, No. 607, and J. Scott Bolinger of Waterfall Lodge No. 773, I. O. O. F., are representatives to Grand Lodge at Easton, Pa., this week.

Mrs. Mary Black visited friends at Orbisonia last Friday and Saturday.

Mr. Thompson of Philadelphia, in interest of the Kellogg Telephone Company, was registered a couple of days here at the Central.

Cleveland and Benjamin F. Crier and Loy McClain, who have been at Altoona for some time past, returned home recently.

Flick the "tin box" peddler is on his "May" trip in Wells, as assessor.

Taylor, Greathhead, Wishart & Co., of McConnellsbury, landed in this place last Sunday evening with enough engineering instruments to cause us to think of another sham railroad survey.

## KNOBVILLE.

There was a big crowd at Weaver's last Sunday.

Miss Laura Munma is visiting friends at this place.

Miss Bessie Wilson spent Sunday with Lois Wilson.

There was no auction at John Hamill's Saturday night.

Mrs. Austin Carbaugh and daughter Mary started for McConnellsbury last Saturday, but on account of meeting some friends they returned home.

Mrs. Charlie Youse and two sons, Harry and Walter, and daughter Bessie—all of Mercersburg, spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Carbaugh.

Josiah Witter of Gracey, spent Thursday in this place on business.

## ELLIOTT RAY DEAD.

Another Member of King Post G. A. R. Passes Away.

Elliott Ray died at his residence in this place last Sunday aged 58 years and 18 days. Funeral yesterday, conducted by his pastor, Rev. Wolf, assisted by Rev. Adams of the M. E. church. Interment in Union cemetery.

Mr. Ray was an excellent citizen, having spent most of his life in Ayr township, and about a year ago moving with his family to McConnellsbury.

The Civil War broke out when Elliott was a mere lad, and fired with enthusiasm he "ran away" from home and enlisted in the "three months" service. In the latter part of February, 1864, he enlisted in the Twenty-second Cavalry and served in Company K, Davy Gillis, Wm. and Cornelius Doyle, Reid and Robert A. McDonald, Alex Hamill, Abram Runyan, and others well known belonging to the same Company.—They saw lots of hard service.

Mr. Ray was married to Miss Agnes Comer, who with eight children survives, namely, C. Murray; Rebecca, wife of Watson Mellott; Sanner; Nellie, wife of Henry Tritle; Harry, near Pittsburg; Lloyd, Emma, and James Reed.

## Needmore.

David Evans, who was seriously ill last week, is some better.

Prof. B. N. Palmer was chief manager in Hart Co's store Friday and Saturday.

May is here with its blossoms and flowers but not with its warmth and showers.

Miss Code Hill of Warfordsburg is spending some time with her grandmother, Mrs. A. Runyan.

Mr. J. D. Mellott is improving Emanuel Sharp's residence, occupied by Eli Peck, by giving it a coat of paint.

A telegram was received from Elder T. S. Dalton on Saturday that he could not fill his appointment on account of the serious illness of his son.

Among the visitors to the meeting was Mr. Edward Nolan of Pittsburg. Mr. Nolan is an expert machinist and draftsman and has successfully followed that trade for thirty years.

Our townsman Thompson W. Peck met with quite an accident while on his way from Hancock one day last week. He was driving a spirited mule team, which became frightened, ran away and upset the wagon. As a result, Thompson is nursing a very lame arm and brandishing a badly skinned nose.

The "May meeting" held here last Friday, Saturday and Sunday was an occasion that will long be remembered by our people. Some of the oldest citizens say there never were so many people here at one time in their recollection.—Hancock, McConnellsbury, and all intermediate points being represented, besides a number of people from a distance. Everything passed off quietly and orderly, nothing occurring to mar the good feeling and pleasure of the day.

## HARRISONVILLE.

Our farmers are all about done planting corn.

Hon. S. L. Buckley of Fort Littleton, passed through our village last Sunday.

David Strait and lady friend attended the odd fellows services at Green Hill last Sunday.

Howard Deshong attended church at Hustontown Sunday evening.

Miss Cecie Man is spending some time with the family of Theo. Sipes.

L. P. Hockensmith has moved his sawmill to John Laidig's.

Mrs. David H. Fore, Mrs. Austin Carbaugh, Misses Katie S. Fore, Vada and Ivy Lamaster, Nellie Kriebbaum, and Messrs. John Campbell, James Gift, and Daniel Lamaster, were callers at Mr. John Weavers last Sunday.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

The Movements Hither and Thither of People You Know.

Billy Gray of Saluvia, was in town on business Thursday.

Miss Nell Kuable spent a few days in Franklin county last week.

William Stuffer of Bedford, was in McConnellsbury on business Thursday.

James Sharpe of Harrisonville, was in town on business Saturday.

James A. Stewart and daughter Miss Jennie of Greenhill, spent Thursday in town.

Miss Jennie Woodal came home last week to help her mother clean house.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Clevenger of this place last Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Minick of Everett, were called to this place on business Thursday.

Hiram Clevenger, one of Taylor township's progressive citizens spent Thursday in town.

Mrs. J. H. Johnston of Webster Mills, was the guest of S. A. Nesbit's family Friday.

Miss Nellie Palmer of Sipes Mills, spent Thursday the guest of friends at this place.

Mrs. Thomas Oliver and little son John spent a day or two recently at the home of her father.

Children's Day will be observed by the Green Hill Presbyterian Sunday school, Sunday, June 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Speer of Saluvia, spent Thursday the guests of Mrs. J. B. Runyan of this place.

D. S. Mellott, one of Licking Creek township's wellknown citizens, was a business visitor in town Thursday.

D. R. Mumma of Hustontown dropped in and left a little cash with us while in town one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Woodal and children spent Saturday and Sunday visiting friends in Franklin county.

Edgar Haun of Saluvia, who taught a very successful term of school in Wells, was in town on business Thursday.

Mrs. D. M. Kendall of the Cove spent Tuesday of last week the guest of Mrs. S. A. Nesbit North Second Street.

Mrs. Geo. W. Reinsner of this place is visiting friends in Philadelphia and other points in the eastern part of the State.

Dr. Clarence N. Trout of Red Lion, Pa., spent a few days during the past week with his mother and sisters in this place.

Miss Nellie Sheets of Franklin county was in town last Thursday evening attending the commencement exercises of the High School.

Misses Maggie Clevenger and Nina Kirk of Hiram, spent Thursday the guests of friends in this place, and attended High School commencement exercises.

Rev. Baugher next Sunday will preach farewell sermons as follows: at Whips Cove at 10 o'clock; Pleasant Grove at 3, and Siding Hill at 7:30.

Harry Dalbey of Darby, Pa., came home last Wednesday to be present at the High School commencement exercises, which were held in the Court House last week.

Miss Nellie C. Kriebbaum, Mr. Daniel B. Lamaster, Miss Vada R. Lamaster and Mr. James E. Gift, all of Markes, Franklin county spent Saturday and Sunday at home of Daniel E. Fore, Esq., in Tod Township.

Mrs. Geo. W. Skinner and daughter Miss Mary of Chambersburg spent a few days during the past week with their many McConnellsbury friends. It will be very gratifying to her many Fulton county friends to learn that Mrs. Skinner's health has been restored, and she is her old-time self again.