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## THE NETHERLANDS.

Chapter of Its History by Henry Wolf.

### REPUBLICAN PARTY BADLY DISMAYED.

Petitioned Louis for Peace Offering Great Sums of Money and Large Tracts of Lands. Offer Spurned.

The elector of Cologne also had joined his forces to those of Louis's, making the situation of the Dutch still more desperate, but now they were in sore distress. There seemed to be no visible help, except what the elector Frederick William of Brandenburg (uncle of Prince William of Orange) could render in reinforcing the small Dutch army, which was swept away like chaff before the wind. The citizens fled in every direction from the army. Taking with them what ever they could. Some to Hamburg, some to Zealand and others to Denmark. Soon Luttich, Utrecht and Overijssel came into the possession of the French, and even French dragoons came within ten miles of the Dutch capital. The Republican party became dismayed under these conditions, and petitioned to Louis for peace, offering great sums of money and large tracts of land, but their offer was rejected, only if they would give the entire Gelderland with Nijmegen, and give the Catholic free exercise of their religion and access to all state officers, would he make peace.

If Louis had taken Conde's advice, to march right on to Amsterdam, and secure it at once the Netherlands would have been lost; but he listened to Louvois and garrisoned every fortification on their march, thus protecting their rear, and also keeping a firm grasp on the country already gained. In these proceedings the main army was very much reduced in number and lost its effectiveness. This gave the Dutch time to collect themselves, and prepare for effective resistance. But Louis cared more for the immoral enjoyments which he obtained at that time at his court in Paris, than for the hardships in camp with his army. So he betook himself back to his capital, and left his grand army in charge of his marshalls to finish the conquest of the Netherlands, while the Orange party again came into power, and took steps, to save their country from the invaders. The Orange party rolled all the blame of this great calamity, upon the ruling Republican party, claiming that they had neglected to create an army sufficient for the protection of the country against an invasion. They went even so far as to charge DeWitt with high treason claiming that he had favored the French demand for the abolition of the permanent edict and the reinstating of Prince Orange to the stadtholdership, which was granted, and during an uprising of a mob John DeWitt and his brother Cornelius, two as honest patriots as ever lived, were assassinated in the streets at the Haag. Sad as it appears, these acts brought about happy results for both parties now became united against the common enemy. William III, who had inherited the cool selfpossession, and military talent of his forefathers soon instilled a new spirit into his countrymen. He had determined since they had placed him at the head of the Republic, to preserve it, in its entirety, and full political, as well as religious independence. The citizens of Holland were willing to make any sacrifice to get the enemy out of their country, so they cut great gaps through the principal dikes and so flooded large areas of their best farming lands and meadows depriving themselves of their crops for years to come, and incurring great expense and labor to overcome the great damages thus brought on. But it made their land inaccessible to the French army, a great compensation for their great losses. The

## ATTENTION.

Call for Meeting of Executive Committee of Fulton County Veteran Association.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Fulton County Veteran Association will be held on the Association Grounds, at J. W. Hoop's, at 1 o'clock on Saturday, June 18. A full attendance is desired.

GEO. W. DECKER, President.

The following persons compose the Committee:  
Ayr.—David M. Kendall, Rev. S. B. Houston and J. Walker Johnston.

Belfast.—Thos. R. Palmer, Daniel P. Deshong, and Wm. H. Wink.

Bethel.—Joseph Fisher, Wesley Hill and Wm. H. Bishop.  
Brush Creek.—M. M. Barton, Wm. Walters and Amos Tixson.  
Dublin.—J. W. Fraker, Dyson Fraker and Jacob W. Miller.

Licking Creek.—Frank Shives, J. W. Hoop and D. Deshong.  
McConnellsburg.—D. T. Fields, Dr. Wm. L. McKibbin and Abraham Ruynan.

Taylor.—David R. Mumma, B. A. Deavor and M. D. Mathias.

Thompson.—Jno. H. Fisher, David Gordon and Thos. Litton.

Ted.—David Gillis, Daniel Mock and Henry Anderson.

Union.—Jacob Shultz, Isiah Lehman, and Henry Lee.

Wells.—William Bivens, Hon. Samuel Wishart and A. F. Baker.

### Took Him by Surprise.

Harrisonville, June 5.—While C. W. Schooley was in the field at work last Saturday afternoon, he was greatly surprised to hear the sound of the dinner bell; and much greater was his surprise when he went to the house to find a large crowd of his neighbors assembled to celebrate his birthday anniversary. Those present were George W. Decker, wife and daughters Luella and Dolly; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Decker and daughters Audie and Laura and son Henry; Geo. B. Sipes, wife and daughter, Millie, and sons, Webb, Morris and Clyde; Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Schooley and daughter Ethel and son Cadiz; Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Schooley and sons Clem and Vera; Mr. and Mrs. Elias Deshong and son Albert; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Wilson and daughter Reatrice; Miss Sallie Beescker; Mrs. Joseph Sipes, Mrs. Homer Sipes and sons Owen and Wilbur; Emery, Riley and Roland Sipes, Nevil Strait, Rev. and Mrs. Dumville, Mrs. Stella Hollenshead and daughter Lena.

Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Sipes were pleasant callers at this office one day last week.

walls of Groningen also caused the French a great loss of time. At the same time great storms shattered the English-French fleet, which had anchored in the Texel, and the Marshall of Luxembourg, who by a bold march over frozen waters, attempted to capture Amsterdam, failed on account of the warmer weather thawing the ice. So help came to these people through the elements and the peculiar formation of their country. It is said that the government proclaimed fast days on which the whole nation prayed—on their knees—for heavenly aid against their proud and powerful enemy, and then turned these fast days into feast and thanksgiving days. Another important thing occurred in the meantime—the great elector Frederick Williams of Brandenburg (ancestor to the present Kaiser William of Germany) succeeded in making an ally of Emperor Leopold of Germany. The appearance of a German army at the Rhine, soon brought Marshall Turenna out of Holland to the German border to watch the new enemy, and thus the whole battle area was changed at once, and the great wave of war rolled into Germany.

HENRY WOLF.

## SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.

Year Ending June 6, 1904, Shows Satisfactory Progress.

### INTEREST IN POPULAR EDUCATION.

Better Houses, Better Teachers, Better Equipments, Higher Courses of Study, are Among Evidences.

A review of the past year convinces us that progress has been made in the work of education, though the year has not been free from discouragements.

Not all of our teachers proved satisfactory; we had a few "time servers," and a few "mis-fits," but we shall hope to see these eliminated from our ranks in the near future. Most of our teachers did fine work—work that compares very favorably with that done in neighboring counties.

The attendance was very much broken in all but two districts during the latter half of the term, owing to the prevalence of measles, scarlet fever, whooping cough and diphtheria. Some of the schools were closed from two to six weeks, and the attendance in many others was reduced to a minimum. Greater precaution on the part of physicians and directors could have prevented much of this trouble.

Wells township established the first Township High School in the county. The progressive citizens of the district heartily indorsed this move; but it, like all other advances in education, had its enemies. Two good buildings were destroyed by fire; but through the efforts of a fearless and progressive board, a third building was soon erected, and the high school completed its first year's work.

The school was liberally patronized, and the work done was excellent. Ayr township erected a new house at Back Run to replace an old one unfit for use; Thompson built a new house at Oak Dale to replace one destroyed by fire early in the term; Licking Creek was compelled to open a new school and a good house was erected; Belfast put new furniture in two houses, and all the districts did more or less toward the improvement of buildings and apparatus.

On both of my visits, special attention was given to the attendance, and I am convinced that a closer observance of the compulsory law is necessary in many districts. Too much valuable time is needlessly lost from school, and, in very many instances, it is by the ones who can least afford the loss. If parents are not sufficiently interested in the welfare of their children to give them what the public schools offer, then it is surely time that our school boards see to this woeful waste of youth's opportunities.

The minimum salary law should encourage all to greater efforts, and should result in better schools. The new law will necessitate the closing of a few smaller schools in some of our poorer and more sparsely settled districts. The pupils from these schools will be provided for otherwise.

The Annual Institute, which is the educational rally of the year, was held in the Court House December 7-11. All teachers, but one, were present. Friends of education from all parts of the County were in attendance. So great was the interest manifested by our people that we were unable to accommodate all who desired to attend the meetings. The house was crowded at every session. State Superintendent Schaeffer was with us and did much toward the success of the institute.

Many local institutes and educational meetings were held during the winter. It was my pleasure to be present at fourteen of these meetings. Wherever local institute work is successfully conducted, a corresponding interest in the work of education is to be found.

Our Directors' Convention met in McConnellsburg February 23. Notwithstanding the bad roads, more than half of the directors in the County were present, and the

## WHY NOT HAVE A TROLLEY?

And Why not Haul Freight Just as the Trolley Roads do Elsewhere?

### NO COMPETITION IN THIS COUNTY.

Article in News Attracts Attention of York County Doctor, Who Tells How the Law is Regarded Down there.

Notwithstanding the law to the contrary we have frequently heard able lawyers express the opinion that inasmuch as a trolley line from here to Mercersburg would not compete with any steam road, but would act as an important feeder to the C. V. there would never arise any objection to the hauling of freight across the mountain. With the privilege of hauling freight, there would not be any question about the road paying and paying from the start. Our article in the News last week brings the following letter from Dr. Wm. Bigler, an eminent physician of York county, who feels kindly toward "Little Fulton."

Dallastown, Pa., June 2, 1904.

EDITOR FULTON COUNTY NEWS:

My Dear Sir:—Occasionally a copy of your newsy journal gets into my hands; and though a stranger to your isolated county, I take quite an interest in your News columns. In your issue of yesterday I see an editorial, "Trolley to Haul Freight," in which you speak of the urgent call for the repeal of the act preventing trolley lines from carrying freight. The York county Traction Company treats the act as a dead letter, and carries freight regularly, devoting half of each car run on their suburban lines to carrying freight and has a freight agent on the cars. Three of their lines run directly in competition with steam roads, and the act is ignored. This Company has even gone so far as to run regular freight cars, by which they carry as much as twenty tons in one car. All the artificial stone used in building up the front of our First National Bank building was brought in the trolley freight car, and our merchants are receiving, daily, boxes of goods, barrels of sugar, molasses, etc, by trolley. If freight can be hauled here by trolley, in competition with steam roads, why not in Fulton county, where no such competition exists?

WM. B. BIGLER

### BURNT CABINS.

Mrs. Geo. Elliot and two daughters of Phillipsburg, Pa., spent last week with the family of G. S. Doran.

Thos. Briggs and Roy McGehee went to Bedford last Monday to haul wire for the American Telephone Company.

A. J. Forea and Wallace McGehee left for Virginia last Thursday.

Wilbur Fraker, who has been working in Wells Valley for Comer and McGowan, returned home last Friday.

Chas. Watter of Lewistown, Pa., is visiting his parents.

Mr. Cordell of Loudon and Miss Bessie Vallance of McConnellsburg, spent last Saturday night with Harry Miller's family.

The M. E. Sunday School will hold their Children's Day service next Sunday evening. Everybody invited to attend.

Uncle Jacob Miller spent Memorial Day at Gettysburg. He is very much delighted with his trip.

meeting was a success. The term examinations were held throughout the County April 9. Twenty-nine applicants passed the examination and were granted diplomas.

The annual Commencement of the McConnellsburg High School was held May 12, when a class of three boys and seven girls was graduated.

In closing this report I desire to thank all who have in any way contributed toward making the year's work pleasant and, I trust, profitable.

CHAS. E. BARTON.

## NECROLOGICAL RECORD.

These Who Have Answered Final Summons to Silent World.

### DEATH NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS.

Mrs. Leslie W. Seylar, Mrs. Howard Mann, George W. Dishong, and John C. Carbaugh Among the Number.

### MRS. LESLIE W. SEYLAR.

Alfaretta May, wife of Landlord Leslie W. Seylar of the Cooper House, died last Saturday evening, aged 24 years, 1 month and 3 days.

Mrs. Seylar was a daughter of Colonel and Mrs. S. B. Fisher of Great Cacapon, W. Va., and was born when her parents resided at Berkeley Springs.

As hostess at the Cooper House Mrs. Seylar was widely known for her kindly genial manner.

Besides her husband and 14-month old child, and her father, she is survived by three brothers and seven sisters, namely, J. V. K. Fisher at Covolt, Pa.; Ross a member of the legislature of Morgan county, W. Va.; Oscar at present in Alaska; Mrs. Ada Hixson Broekton, Ill.; Mrs. William Lawrence and Mrs. Edward Dawson of Keyser, W. Va.; Mrs. Mattie Thompson and Mrs. Frank Rice of Berkeley Springs, W. Va.; Mrs. Nina Shaw of Columbia, Ind., and Mrs. Alice Youngblood of Great Cacapon, W. Va.

The funeral of Mrs. Seylar took place at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon and interment was made in Union cemetery.

HANN.

Mrs. Howard Hann died suddenly at her home one and a half miles south of Saluvia, last Sunday. Mrs. Hann was a daughter of Mr. Geo. Mellott and had only been married two or three years.

Interment at the Siding Hill Christian church on Monday.

She was aged about thirty years and is survived by her husband.

### GEORGE W. DISHONG.

During the past week another Civil War veteran has been called away. This time it was George W. Dishong, a well known citizen of Ayr township.

While a chronic sufferer for several years, Mr. Dishong has been able to mingle among his friends, and on Wednesday of last week was at the home of one of his neighbors, Aaron Morgret.

As he was passing out through the gate from the yard at Mr. Morgret's on his return home, he remarked to Mrs. Morgret who was standing on the porch, "My head feels queer—I cannot see well," and began to sink to the ground. Mrs. Morgret hastened to him, only to find him unconscious. Dr. Swartzwelder of Newmore was called, but Mr. Dishong had suffered a stroke of paralysis and was beyond the help of any human agency. He died Thursday morning.

Mr. Dishong was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dishong and was born in Belfast township about 60 years ago.

He was a member of an Indiana regiment and did valiant service as a soldier in the Civil War. He was a member of King Post 365 G. A. R. of this place and, his remains were laid to rest in Union cemetery on Saturday, a number of his comrades from this place attending the funeral. He is survived by his wife, three sons and a daughter.

### JOHN C. CARBAUGH.

After a long period of patient suffering under an attack of Bright's Disease, John C. Carbaugh, one of Thompson township's most highly respected citizens, died at his home on Timber Ridge last Saturday morning, aged 57 years, 10 months and 1 day.

Mr. Carbaugh was a consistent member of the German Baptist church and a large number of sorrowing friends attended his funeral on Sunday, services being conducted by Rev. J. C. Garland and Rev. John Myers.

Interment was made in the

## WOMEN'S RELIEF CORPS.

Organization to Complement the Work of the G. A. R. in this Place.

Last Saturday Mrs. Mary Vinn of Mechanicsburg, organized in this place a Women's Relief Corps whose object is to work in conjunction with the G. A. R. in teaching patriotism, caring for the sick and needy veterans, and assisting in the proper observance of all national holidays.

The officers of the new organization which is known as King Corps, No. 18 is: President, Mrs. Eleanor McKibbin; vice presidents, Mrs. S. B. Woollett and Mrs. D. C. Fleck; secretary, Mrs. S. M. Cook; treasurer, Miss Mary Sloan.

The subordinate officers are:—Guard, Mrs. Lavinia Wilkinson; conductor, Mrs. B. W. Peck; musician, Mrs. C. B. Stevens; chaplain, Miss Mary Goldsmith, and color-bearers, Mrs. Susan Unger, Mrs. Thomas Hamil, Mrs. H. S. Wishart and Mrs. John P. Sipes.

### REMARKABLE SCHOOL RECORD.

Orpha Unger Finishes Seventh Year. Neither Absent Nor Tardy.

From DIXON (Ill.) Evening Telegraph.

Orpha Unger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Unger of this city, has completed her seventh year of schooling in Dixon and from the time she entered the primary department until the close of this term she has neither been tardy nor absent a day.

This is a remarkable record and we have never heard of a case equalling it. The child is 13 years old and next winter will enter the eighth grade. Superintendent Groves has presented her with a certificate of honor stating her record which she will take pride in preserving. Although she has not been entirely free from illness during this time she has been fortunate in having no serious illness during the school term. [Mr. J. H. Unger is a native of McConnellsburg, and a brother of our townsman Harvey Unger.—Editor.]

### MORSE—BARTON.

At the bride's home at Enid, this county, on Wednesday, the 1st inst., Miss Mary Barton and Mr. J. B. Morse, of Sixmile Run, were united in marriage by Rev. H. K. Ash, of Three Springs. The Fulton County News joins with their many friends in extending congratulations.

### WALLS—MUMMA.

At the home of the groom's parents, May 30, 1904, at two o'clock Mr. Frank Walls of Huntingdon, Pa., and Miss Ida Mumma of Knobsville, were united in marriage by Rev. Brubaker of Huntingdon.

### FARM BUILDING DESTROYED.

House and Barn of John Lake of Licking Creek Township. Burned.

On Tuesday of last week during the absence of the family from home, lightning is supposed to have struck either the house or the barn of the old Caleb Wink farm in Licking Creek township, now owned by John Lake, and the buildings—both the house and barn—with all their contents were totally destroyed. This is a heavy loss to Mr. Lake, as we are informed there was but a slight insurance—if any.

At the annual meeting of the Dunkards which was held at Carthage, Mo., one of the first acts of the conference was the adoption of a motion to change the name of the organization. Hereafter they are to be known only as German Baptists, and not as Dunkards. There are quite a number in this county who belong to that denomination.

### Union graveyard.

He is survived by his wife and by six children—Courtney, Howard, William, Watson, Conrad and Annie.

## ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Snapskote 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.

Arthur Woodcock of Taylor, was in town a few hours Monday.

Squire Will Peck and William Kelner, two of Belfast's citizens were among the number in town last Friday.

George W. Decker and daughter Dollie, of Licking Creek township, made the News office a pleasant call while in town one day last week.

Mr. Jake Comer and Mr. Harry Trout of Mercersburg, spent a few hours visiting relatives and friends in this place, last Friday.

Miss Ada Rexroth, who has just completed a ten months' term of teaching in the public schools at Newtown, Bucks county, is at her home in this place for the summer vacation.

Master Sam Peck, who has been visiting in the home of his uncle, the editor of the News, returned to his home in Chester last Saturday, accompanied by aunt.

W. R. Evans, Hustontown's hustling buggy man spent Monday in town, and left some cold cash with "ye printer." In the line of buggies, surreys, wagons &c., Billy keeps a complete stock on hand all the time, and will do the square thing with you if you deal with him.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Skiles, of Kittanning Point, near Altoona, have just taken a ten-day outing among their many Fulton county friends. Mr. Skiles is a section foreman on the Pennsy., and has been with the company thirteen years. While he says they treat him well, and give him good money, he is getting tired of railroad-ing and longs to get back on the farm again.

Miss Mabelle Dixon, daughter of C. M. Dixon, formerly of Pleasant Ridge, was a member of the graduating class of the Chambersburg High School last week. She took second honors in the class of eighteen members, and was also selected to respond to the toast "Class of '04" at the alumni banquet. Miss Mabelle received her early training at the school at Mortons Point, in Belfast township.

If you get hot under the collar these days just go to Trout's Drug Store and call for ice-cold-soda-water, cocoa-cola, soda-ice-cream, ice-cream-soda, plain-ice-cream, (in all the popular flavors by the "plate," pint, quart or gallon) and see how quickly you will be cooled off and at peace with all mankind and all the rest of humanity.

In our haste to get the proceedings of last week's Democratic convention, we overlooked the fact that the name of A. J. Fore of Dublin township, has a place on the ticket as a candidate for county surveyor. It is a question whether Andy knows it himself, for his tickets placed his name on the ticket without consulting him. Well Andy knows how to survey.

After a very pleasant visit of two weeks among friends in Altoona, Mr. John Shafer returned to his home over the Ridge last Tuesday evening. The convenience of steam roads, trolleys, or automobiles have no attraction for John as long as nobody steals his mules; for he just hitched them to his buggy here one morning and drove through to Altoona in one day; and to show that a seventy-mile drive is just recreation for the long-eared ponies, they brought Mr. Shafer home in a day. He saw many of the Fulton county people who are residents of the Mountain City, and reports them all prosperous and happy.