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OUR INSULAR POSSESSIONS

American Protestant Mission Work in the Philippines.

ALL DEMONINATIONS IN HARMONY.

Methodists Have 30,000 Members in Manila. Converts in Christianity Principally from Upper Class.

[This article has been written for the FULTON COUNTY NEWS by Charles Henry Wissner, Esq., a former resident of McConnellsburg and a member of the Fulton county bar, and who spent three years in the Philippine Islands, and is familiar with their language and customs.—Editor.]

The different protestant denominations of America have distracted the islands for missionary effort. The cities of Manila, Cebu and Iloilo are left open to all the denominations but each province has been assigned to one denomination alone, so there will be no conflict of missionary effort and, consequently, none of that unseemly strife among the denominations for converts nor none of that confusion of mind among the natives as to which form of Protestantism they ought to accept.

The Methodists claim, and are undoubtedly justified in their claim, 30,000 members in Manila, and from what I saw of their work, I feel warranted in saying that for zeal and sacrifice and earnestness, their missionaries certainly have no superiors on that island.

The upper classes, and that means the intelligent classes of the Philippines, form the bulk of the new converts. The lower classes are unable to understand the theological subtleties of the Protestant doctrines, and no doubt it will take a generation of effort to reach them.

One little incident of the effect of inability to comprehend the teaching of the missionaries comes into my mind, and because of the innocence of the little boy involved in the case and the amusement that arose from it I will take the liberty of recounting it.

The missionary at a certain place on the island of Panay was very much disgusted at the custom of the people not to place any clothing on their children until they were about ten years of age. The people who are very quick to learn anything, soon caught on to his teachings and a remarkable change took place in the community and no matter in what state of nature a child paraded about the streets on week days, on Sunday it was always decently clad.

Christmas of 1901 he distributed among his Sunday school children the contents of a box that had been forwarded to him from America. To little Pedro fell an india rubber doll with a black face and body, and to his sister a straw hat covered with ribbon and flowers. The children were all enjoined to attend service the following Sunday and to wear their clothes. Pedro's little sister was sick and he alone of the family went to church. His mother had dressed him all right but as the weather was warm he did not fancy wearing his clothes and soon discarded them and hid them under a bush by the road side, but he had carried with him from the house his sister's straw hat and his rubber doll. The congregation was startled while listening to the missionary's sermon by seeing poor Pedro march in boldly his sister's hat on his head and his rubber doll in his hand and as for his clothes he had on no more than he had the day of his birth. We leave the reader to imagine the feelings of the missionary and his wife.

Time, patience, grace and example will change even the lowest of the race. God called us to the islands and under his Providence we will make them the "gems of the seas."

Rev. J. V. Adams of his place, preached in the M. E. church at Everett last Sunday.

BOB WHITES USEFUL.

These Graceful Birds Are Among the Best Friends the Farmers Have.

The ornithologists of the Department of Agriculture have been making an investigation of the economic value of the Bob White, or quail, called partridge around here, as a result of which it is now announced that that bird is probably the most useful abundant species on the farms. Field observations, experiments and examinations show that it consumes large quantities of weed seeds and destroys many of the worst insects with which farmers contend, and yet it does not injure grain, fruit or any other crop. It is figured that from September 1 to April 30 annually, in Virginia alone, the total consumption of weed seed by Bob Whites amounts to 573 tons. Some of the pests which it habitually destroys are the Mexican cotton boll weevil which damages the cotton crops upwards of \$15,000,000 a year, the potato beetle, which cuts off \$10,000,000 from the value of the potato crop, the cotton worms, which have been known to cause \$30,000,000 loss in a year, the chinch bug, and the Rocky Mountain locust, scourges which leave desolation in their path and have caused losses to the extent of \$100,000,000 in some years. The report urges measures to secure the preservation of the Bob White in this country.

CHAMBERSBURG, 18; McCONNELLSBURG, 12.

On Saturday last the strong Chambersburg club defeated the home team in one of the most loosely played games ever seen on Athletic field. The local team had a bad case of stage fright which lasted throughout the entire game. The field was very wet, and was in wretched condition for a ball game; but Chambersburg could handle a wet ball better than our own team and, consequently, won the game. Wagner pitched the game with a lame arm, and was unable to throw anything but a straight ball; but, nevertheless, he would have won his game, if he would have received any decent support from the club back of him. The local team used miserable judgment at the bat, striking at balls two feet above their heads. Jackson played a good game at 3d base, and Wagner, N., and Fisher excelled at the bat. For the visitors, Sharp, Riddle and Caldwell led at the bat.

Take a brace, boys, and play ball. Chambersburg will be here again on the 6th of August, and on that date, we will show them how the game should be played.

WELLS TANNERY.

Mrs. Amanda Crooks and children of Everett, are visiting her sister, Mrs. Hayes Bivens. Miss Bessie Young of Sixmile Run, is visiting Miss Gertrude Young.

Carl Baker is home from Altoona for a few days rest. The rains and storms of last week caused great loss among the farmers. Some of the oldest settlers say they cannot remember of a greater rain fall than last Friday night.

On the 5th inst., W. H. Spangler received a message, telling of the death of his brother-in-law, John Piper, in Altoona.

Among those from a distance who attended the funeral of Mrs. Foote on Sunday were Mrs. Harriet Barnett and family, and Mrs. Laura Baker and husband of Waterfall.

In a recent letter from Miss Alice Wisbart of Allahabad, India, she tells us that the plague which had taken off thousands of their people, had about left them, but that now cholera was among them, and even more contagious than the plague. We are glad to know that Miss Alice is getting along nicely with two languages, and is perfectly satisfied with her work. Through the burden of her work is great, she would not think of giving it up.

July Wedding.

DESHONG—DANIELS.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Daniels at Patterson's Run on Wednesday, July 6th at high noon Mr. James A. Deshong of McKeesport, and Miss Nellie C. Daniels, were united in marriage by the bride's father, in the presence of the immediate relatives of the bride and groom and a number of invited guests.

Miss Sadie Hann of Chambersburg, was bridesmaid and Mr. Frank Daniels, brother of the bride, groomsmen.

The bride received many valuable and useful presents.

The young couple left on Thursday morning for McKeesport, where they will make their future home.

The bride and groom are most estimable young people, and carry with them to their new home the well wishes of a host of warm friends.

HUSTONTOWN.

B. E. Cutchall of Sixmile Run, is spending a week with his parents in this place.

Rev. B. A. Salter's parents returned to their home in Shamokin, Pa., last Friday after having spent some time here.

Charlie Brown was made happy last week by the arrival of a new boarder.

The new iron fence for the cemetery arrived last week and when put up will be the handsomest cemetery fence in the county. The price paid was \$395.

The Hustontown cornet band has accepted an offer to play at Clear Ridge on July 30th.

Children's Day services will be held in the M. E. church on Sunday night, July 17th.

Mrs. Jere Laidig is suffering from liver complaint, but is better at this writing.

Among the recent improvements in town are the repainting of the M. E. church, John H. Laidig's residence and M. G. Kirk has also, had his residence treated to a new coat of paint.

The Waterfall and Hustontown Mutual Telephone Company completed the construction of their line last Saturday. The line has about 25 phones attached to it between this place and Waterfall.

Homer Shoemaker, Esq., of Harrisburg, and Dr. F. R. Shoemaker of Hollidaysburg, were visiting their mother, Mrs. Rev. Elisha Shoemaker a few days last week.

The "Fourth of July" celebration in this place was a grand success. The weather was ideal; the crowd, large; and we are glad to say their department was excellent. Music was furnished by the Hustontown cornet band.—Addresses were delivered by Dr. A. K. Davis, Rev. B. A. Salter, Hon. S. W. Kirk, John P. Sipes, Esq., and Rev. A. B. Wolf. Judging from the expressions made by spectators, the fantastic parade was the most attractive ever produced in the county.

BIG COVE.

Miss Lillian Bishop and friend Miss Mary Peck made a business trip out to Laurel Ridge last Monday.

Mr. Clarence Cooper, who has been employed in Altoona, is home helping his father harvest. Luther and Louella Bishop spent Sunday afternoon at Edward Richards.

Mr. Elmer Cooper, who has returned from Altoona, is working in the creamery at Webster Mills.

Mrs. Mary A. Kelly and Mrs. H. W. Scott of McConnellsburg, spent Sunday at Wm. Bishop's.

Miss Edith Cooper and sister, Ruth, and Sarah Fleck of Chambersburg, spent Saturday afternoon with Lillian Bishop.

Miss Jessie Cooper has returned from Chambersburg, accompanied by Sarah Fleck, who is visiting Mr. Cooper's family.

They who laugh last are too thick-headed to appreciate a brilliant joke at its first flash.

ADJOURNED COURT.

Held Last Wednesday. Brief Abstract of Proceedings. Short Session.

President Judge Swope and Associates Nelson and Bender held an adjourned session of court in this place last Wednesday. The following is a brief abstract of the business done.

Order to view and vacate a road in Belfast township. Report of viewers filed and confirmed in si.

Order to view and vacate a road in Taylor township. Report of viewers filed and confirmed in si.

Petition of W. R. Daniels guardian of Bennett Robinson a minor for order to invest trust money at a lower rate of interest than 6 per cent. read and filed, and permission to invest at a rate not lower than 5 per cent.

Sheriff Fleck came into court and acknowledged his deed poll for a tract of land situate in Dublin township containing ten acres sold as the property of D. A. Boyle for \$10.

The most important item of business considered was a case in equity in which Dr. Wm. L. McKibbin and George Scriver were plaintiffs and Elizabeth Scritchfield of Johnstown, Pa., was plaintiff. The facts in the case briefly stated are these:

Elizabeth Scritchfield is the daughter of George Michael Fisher and his wife Barbara, late of Union township, deceased. George Michael Fisher died in Union township in 1892, possessed of a tract of land of about 50 acres, which his widow, Barbara Fisher took under the intestate law. From the death of the husband until the fall of 1899, Elizabeth Fisher, the defendant, lived with her mother, Barbara Fisher, in Union township, when the latter married and settled in Johnstown taking her mother with her.

During her residence in Union township, the widow needing a physician, employed Dr. McKibbin, and when she removed to Johnstown, she owed the Doctor about \$50.

George Scriver, the other plaintiff in the case, built a house for the widow during the time the property was occupied by her and her daughter, furnished lumber, shingles, and other building material amounting to about \$70. These bills were not settled when the mother and daughter left the township and went to Johnstown.

During a visit made by Mrs. Fisher in 1902 to her daughter, Mrs. Spade, then living in Union township, the plaintiffs brought suit against Mrs. Fisher, before Squire Shank to the recovery of the aforesaid claims and obtained judgment. The old lady returned to her home in Johnstown, and soon thereafter died.

When the plaintiffs now began to look after the collection of their claims, it was discovered that in February, 1901, Mrs. Fisher had executed a mortgage in favor of her daughter, Mrs. Scritchfield, in the penal sum of \$1800, conditioned for the payment of \$900, which Mrs. Scritchfield claims was due her for attention, loans of money, &c.

The plaintiffs claim that the giving of this mortgage was fraudulent as to them, and was intended to hinder, delay, and defraud them; hence, this suit.

The disposition of this case is watched with more than usual interest, as it is the first time in the history of this county that a case like this has come before our courts.

Mr. George Doran has built a large new barn on his farm about half a mile west of Burnt Cabins, and the carpenters are putting the finishing touches to it this week. Mr. Doran has a fine crop of wheat, rye and hay on his farm this year, and will have his new barn full by the time he gets his crop all in. Mr. Doran's enterprise is to be commended; for every dollar in improvement spent on a property, adds to the value of all the other property in the neighborhood.

Outing On Bicycles.

A squad of the Seventh Pennsylvania Regiment, United Boy's Brigade of America, passed through this place last Friday afternoon. The organization has for its object, "the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among boys," and they have their headquarters in Lancaster. The squad that passed through this place was under the command of Col. Joseph H. Cudlipp; and the other members were Sergeant M. L. Heisey, Corporal Geo. W. Banzoff, and Privates Harry F. Beck, Luther Deichler, Edward Fitzgerald, Herbert Kistler, Cleveland Myers and Charles Shiffer.

They were an intelligent looking set of young men. They were traveling on bicycles, and wore uniforms consisting of campaign hats, shirts, khaki knee trousers, black stockings, and strong shoes. They carried with them a complete camping outfit, consisting of tents, blankets, cooking utensils, small camp axes, etc.

They had left Lancaster Tuesday morning, but the showery weather kept the roads heavy, and otherwise interfered with their progress. They are taking their annual outing, and expect to go by way of Pittsburgh to Cleveland, thence across into Canada, and make the round trip home by the last of this month.

NEW GRENADA.

Mr. Sample, the shoe man of York, Pa., Sunday in our town at Honck House.

Rilla, Oscar and Queen Houck are visiting friends in McConnellsburg, Pa.

The salary of teacher of High school in Wells was fixed at \$95 per month for next term of 7 months, a reduction of \$10 from past and first term.

Norman McClain of Philadelphia, Pa., is home on a vacation for a few weeks.

WANTED—50 able bodied men, women, boys and girls to attend Sunday school.

Mrs. Bruce Shore of Shore Valley, is seriously ill. She was stricken with something like paralysis on one side of her body a short time ago.

son of Tilden Newman of Waterfall, met with a very unfortunate accident. While he and Roy Witter were digging worms to go fishing, the pick, in being raised up to dig, penetrated Willie's eye ball, bursting the ball. Dr. Campbell was called and advised sending him to Dr. Sear, the Huntingdon Eye Specialist, on Saturday the boy was taken there. In all probability he will be minus an eye the remainder of his life.

Wells was visited on Friday night by an unusually heavy rain—or rather cloud burst, causing a second Johnstown flood, which caused much damage to Wells Tannery, the entire valley, and especially New Grenada. Many of the bridges are swept away, corn fields, wheat, hay and all crops on low land are badly injured; while in our village, Harvey Shaffer, Scott Bolinger and James McClain were the ones who suffered most. Part of Harvey's garden and fence was taken towards the Juniata, Scott Bolinger had trouble to get his horses out of the stable and washed his No. "10," lumber, posts, raspberry patch, &c., away. Mr. McClain's No. "10," and foot bridge were also taken. It rained from 11 to 2 at night. Such a down pour was never seen here before. The roads are now worse than before supervisors worked them—All the gardens on Brooklyn side of our town was under water and Alice McClain's and William Alway's garden on Water street.

Mrs. Catharine Duval is taking a summer outing with her many friends and old neighbors in Taylor township.

Tom Brereton of Chambersburg, spent a few days during the past week with his friend, Maurice Trout, of this place.

MRS. JAMES FOOTE.

Death Came Without Warning While Conversing with Friends.

The people of Wells Tannery were greatly shocked last Friday evening to learn that Mrs. James Foote, a resident of that village, was dead. Mrs. Foote was aged about 55 years, and has been regarded as a woman possessing unusually good health. The first intimation that any one had to the contrary was the day before her death, when she casually remarked to her husband that she had a pain in her side. After having completed her usual household duties on Friday evening she went out onto the porch and seated herself in a comfortable chair, entering into conversation with others there, when, without the slightest warning, the pallor of death stole over her features, and in a moment life was extinct.

Mrs. Foote was regarded by her neighbors and friends as a most estimable woman and by her family as a devoted wife and mother. Besides her husband she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Minnie Piek, of Hyndman, Bedford county.

Funeral services were conducted on Sunday morning by Elder S. P. Wishart, and interment was made in the Presbyterian cemetery.

Licking Creek.

G. B. Sipes and family spent Sunday with David Strait.

J. T. Strait and Willie Sipe killed a 7-foot snake last Friday.

The P.O.S. of A. Camp at Harrisonville is getting ready for business now.

Reports are that J. V. Schooley, our champion fisherman, caught a 10-lb. fish recently.

E. J. Wilson mowed down a fine piece of clover about a week ago and it is still lying on the ground. He says the sun has been too hot to take it up.

N. S. Strait after spending a couple of weeks in Franklin county has returned home. During his absence he visited the battlefield at Gettysburg. He expects now to be employed on J. C. Reed's sawmill near Hancock.

NEEDMORE.

The excessive wet weather has made harvesting in this section go slow.

Leo Funk's health has improved so that he is now able to give three or four music lessons a day.

Job Bernhart of Franklin Mills, was up last week and cut his grain here.

The hay crop here will be the heaviest that has been harvested in many years if the weather would settle until it could be made.

Prof. Newt Palmer made a business trip to Bedford Monday.

Phil Hann and Lou Bernhart recently bought Leo Funk's threshing machine and have brightened it up with a coat of paint until it is a shiner and will do the work too.

We are not able to report the ice-cream supper at Gem last Saturday evening in full but will venture that it was a success. Those people never do things by halves.

T. W. Peck and family spent Saturday and Sunday among friends in Bedford county.

Messrs. Weimer and Casteel of Everett, gathered up a fine bunch of lambs here last week and started for home Saturday morning.

Mrs. J. B. Meliott has been on the sick list for a few days but is reported better.

Postoffice Inspector Dickson called at our post office and on Dr. Swartzwelder last Saturday morning.

Will Nesbit is in ship-shape for the threshing season, having just received from the Geiser Shops a span-splitter new latest improved threshing machine with cyclone stacker.

"Doctor, what is the best material for a bathing suit?" "A bear skin."

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 Gertrude Sipes, North Second street, is confined to her home by an attack of the grippe.

Mr. William M. Patterson of Pittsburg, is rusticiating a few days at his old home at Webster Mills.

Miss Janet Zacharias, of Chambersburg, is spending the week in town the guest of Miss Katharine Cook.

Mrs. Keziah Johnston and daughter, Miss Ella, of the Cove, spent Friday the guests of S. A. Nesbit's family.

Uncle Jake Miller of Burnt Cabins, was shaking hands with his many friends in McConnellsburg last Saturday.

Mr. Campbell Patterson of Philadelphia, is visiting his parents, Hon. and Mrs. D. H. Patterson at Webster Mills.

Capt. R. W. Cook, wife and daughter, of Everett, passed through town last Thursday morning on their way to Mercersburg.

Miss Blanche Woodall, one of Chambersburg's efficient teachers, was the guest of Miss Amanda Bender a few days during the past week.

Mrs. John Sheets is spending a couple of weeks in the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Hanks at Breese-wood, Pa.

F. McNaughton Johnston, Esq., of Washington, D. C., is spending a week or two at home looking after the gathering of the harvest on his farms in the Cove.

Miss Mary Ott of Everett, was watching the plow position prior to the opening of the game in that place on the Fourth when a batted ball hit her on the left shoulder breaking the collar bone.

Mr. Thomas F. Sloan and daughter, Mary, of McConnellsburg, were guests of W. A. Alexander on the Fourth. Miss Sloan will remain several weeks in Everett.—Everett Republican.

Miss Sadie Hann, who had been spending the past few weeks visiting her mother, Mrs. Anna R. Hann, and other friends at Saluvia, returned to Chambersburg Friday, where she is employed.

Mr. W. Scott Rueddiger, the wellknown tailor, left yesterday for the home of his parents, at Webster Mills, Fulton county, where he will spend several weeks taking a well-earned vacation.—Everett Republican.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hanks of Chambersburg, spent Sunday night the guests of Mr. Hanks' uncle, George W. Hays. They left Monday morning for Everett, where they will spend a few days with relatives and friends.

John Patterson, who has been very ill at Fort Littleton, was brought to the Washington House in this place last Thursday. John has grown very weak, and his many friends are hoping that with a change in the weather, he may grow stronger.

Messrs. Milro and Harvey Black who had been spending a week at home, returned to the top of the Alleghedy mountains above Altoona on Monday, where they are making three dollars a day for ten hours work with a chance of earning a couple of hours' wages extra every day.

The Methodist people of Shalom church in Licking Creek township will hold a festival Saturday afternoon and evening July 23rd on the Raution grounds near J. W. Hoop's. Spectators have been engaged, and there will be plenty of good music. Proceeds for benefit of the church. Everybody invited.