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OUR NEIGHBOR REPUBLIC.

Mexico Elects President and Vice President this Year.

GENERAL DIAZ SUCCEEDS HIMSELF.

Has Served Through Six Continuous Terms and Re-elected for the Seventh. No Opposition.

Porfirio Diaz and Ramon Corral were formally elected President and Vice President of the Republic of Mexico by the Board of Electors last week without opposition. General Diaz was first elected President in 1876. His present term, the sixth, ends on November 30, 1904. The Constitution originally provided that the President should hold office for only two terms, but by an amendment passed in 1887 he became eligible for re-election for an indefinite number of consecutive terms. In 1880 Diaz was succeeded by Gonzales, but was re-elected in 1884, and since then his political power has remained practically unchallenged.

It is not recalled that any contemporary ruler has wielded greater personal influence upon the destinies of his country than this remarkable man has exerted upon the fortunes of Mexico during his long administration. The confidence in the stability of his rule and the prosperity of Mexico under his far-sighted statesmanship have been such that foreigners have freely invested in Mexican railways, mines and other enterprises, while the country for a quarter of a century has enjoyed a degree of internal tranquility theretofore unknown. Diaz is growing old. He must soon retire, and the succession to the Presidency is giving some concern to Mexicans, who naturally associate the unexampled prosperity of their country with his sagacious management of public affairs. The old Constitution made no provision for a Vice President, but by a recent amendment this office was created, and Ramon Corral, the first Vice President elected under the amended Constitution, was selected by Diaz as a successor who will continue the existing policies. Corral has had wide experience in public life. His popularity, it may be assumed, is second only to that of Diaz.

The Republic of Mexico had a population of 13,545,462 in 1900. The commerce of the country is chiefly with the United States. The value of the Mexican imports into the United States exceeds in value those going to Great Britain, France, Germany and Spain combined. The exports from the United States to Mexico greatly exceed in value those entering Mexico from any other country. Our interest in the continued tranquility of our neighbor is plain. Happily, under Diaz, our relations with Mexico have been of the most satisfactory character, and are likely to remain so.

Life Partnership.

Mr. Clyde Ott, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ott west of town, and Miss Dora C. Peck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Riley Peck of the Borough, were quietly married at the Lutheran parsonage on Tuesday night of last week. Their friends have given them several very pleasant receptions since.

Suicide in Bedford.

Job M. Shoemaker, one of the most prominent citizens of Bedford, committed suicide last Saturday afternoon by hanging himself to a door in his house with a piece of clothes line. Mr. Shoemaker had been blind for a year and this greatly worried him. He was 71 years old. For many years he was Bedford's leading dry goods merchant, was an elder in the Reformed church and superintendent of the Sunday school for a long time.

Miss Augusta S. Robinson of Philadelphia, is the guest of Miss Beas Patterson.

SOLD HIS FARM.

John W. Funk Made \$3000 on His Real Estate Deal on the Eastern Shore.

John W. Funk, well known in this county as a former landlord at the Cooper House, has struck it great down at the Eastern Shore. About seventeen months ago he bought a farm there, moved down, bought a broad-rimmed 25-cent straw hat and took hold of the plow handles. So successful was he as an up-to-date farmer, that a preacher came along a few days ago and plunked him down \$9000 in cold metal. As he had paid but \$5000 for the farm, he concluded that he had profited enough on that deal and will look after another.

John writes that the other Fulton county people down there are getting along well, and that any of them could sell out at a nice advance if they wanted to.

The farm Mr. Funk sold, known as "Kingston Hall," is a historic old place and a short description of it will be interesting to many of our readers.

"Kingston Hall," his latest purchase, was for several years the home of the late United States Senator George R. Dennis, who was noted for his hospitality. Under the roof of the fine old mansion have gathered in the years gone many distinguished men, and the social gatherings were frequent and brilliant. The old brick mansion, of the colonial style of architecture, still stands, surrounded by a fine old grove.

"Kingston Hall" was built by Sir Thomas King, an English nobleman, A. D. 1753. He owned a large plantation and many slaves. It was afterwards the home of Governor Thomas King Carroll, and the birthplace of his daughter, Anna Ella Carroll, a lady of great literary ability and military genius, as well as social and political influence. She espoused the cause of the Union in the war between the States, and was a personal friend of Governor Hicks and was largely instrumental in saving Maryland from secession. She published a work entitled "The Star of the West," and another, "The Great American Battle." At the very outset of the Civil War, Miss Carroll realized that slavery was at the root of the rebellion, and she at once liberated her slaves and devoted her time, her pen and all her resources to the National Cause, and prepared and published many papers and articles, which attracted the attention of President Lincoln and his Cabinet, and had great weight in shaping the course of the administration. Her publications exhibited her sound and comprehensive judgment so forcibly that she became practically a member of the Cabinet, and her suggestions were sought in every critical situation. The Tennessee Campaign, which brought the first decided victory to the Federal forces in the capture of Forts Henry and Donalson, thereby severing the Great West and the Confederacy, was the beginning of the end, was projected and planned by Miss Anna Ella Carroll, of Kingston Hall.

Rev. Jones Dead.

Rev. Wm. T. Jones, of the First Baptist church of Ebensburg, died in Chicago, on the 11th of June, aged 73 years.

Rev. Jones is a native of Tod township, and was a well known preacher at the Walnut Grove campmeeting.

Thomas Palmer of Needmore, came to town Monday to meet his granddaughter, Mabel Dickson, of Chambersburg, who was going down to visit her grandparents. Mr. Palmer and his brother, Elijah, were out at Mt. Union last week to see their brother, Joseph, who had been greatly afflicted with erysipelas during the early part of the summer, but who now seems to be cured and is able to be out again.

THREE CHEERS AND A TIGER.

Dr. Barton's Excursionists Became Famous at St. Louis Exposition.

Our folks who were at the St. Louis Expo with Dr. Barton's Normal school party, have all returned home and report a delightful trip. There is no doubt from what we can learn from them that it beats Sun Brothers and Sam Doek combined, and is well worth going to see. While they are silent as clams as to any attention they attracted, we learn from the Philadelphia North America that they made themselves heard, and won a place among the Star delegations to the great show.

It seems that on Saturday evening the party had strolled around to the side of the lake opposite the cascades to witness the great rush of waters down several hundred feet over artificially constructed steps, and while there waiting for the lights to be turned on, (or off) some one began to hum "Good Old Summer Time" or something else, and animated with the inspiration that came from the magnificent surroundings, the whole Shippensburg crowd, including George Reiser, Brother Nace and the rest of the Fulton county contingent with Dr. Barton's came in his hand serving as a baton, poured forth a volume of vocal music that made the noise of the rushing waters seem like twenty-nine cents. Soon the multitudes of curiosity seekers inside the grounds drew near until Dr. Barton's aggregation had an audience many times greater than a Fulton county institute.

When a number of patriotic and popular songs had been rendered some western enthusiast proposed three cheers and a tiger for the Pennsylvanians, which when given, the Doctor's party retired, having in a most unexpected way sprung into the dazzling sunlight of national prominence.

Suppress the Tramp Nuisance.

Lancaster county farmers propose organizing an association for the suppression of the tramp nuisance. Among other things expected of the organization is the rousing of the county whenever a crime is committed, and the prompt pursuit of the criminal.

If Fulton county people do not go as far as to effect an organization, they should, at least, begin to draw the lines on tramps and other suspicious characters who make their appearance. Matters are growing worse and worse. Scarcely a day passes that the newspapers do not tell of some dastardly crime having been perpetrated by tramps. Defenceless women are assaulted in their homes, robberies are committed, and they frequently do not stop short of murder. A tramp should never be given anything to eat. If every farmer would make it an invariable rule not to feed them, the tramps would be obliged to give up their roaming over the country; for it needs no argument to convince any one that he can not live very long without eating. There is no necessity for any one going over the country begging. The law makes provision for people who are not able to earn a living, and if application is made to the proper authorities, no one need suffer for a minute.

Seven Dead Sheep.

George Everhart is the tenant farmer on the Conrad Glazier, Sr., farm in the Corner in Ayr township. During a thunder storm a few days ago, he had a flock of sheep that had taken shelter under a locust tree in one of the fields. The lightning struck the tree and shattered it to pieces. When the clouds rolled away and the sun came out there were seven dead sheep.

Misses Jessie and Minnie Steek of Altoona, who had been spending a few days visiting relatives and friends in this place, returned home Saturday.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Reed, the Latter a Daughter of Rev. J. L. Grove.

Rev. W. H. and Mrs. Reed with their family, arrived from Medinet El Tayeem, Egypt, on last Friday evening at the home of Rev. J. L. Grove, the father of Mrs. Reed. They left the field of their labors in Egypt on June 20th, took voyage at Alexandria on June 23rd, arriving at Naples on June 27th. Sailed again from Naples on July 1st, arriving in New York July 13th and reached McConnellsburg July 15th. Thus their travel covered a period of twenty-five days, about seventeen of which was spent upon the water, and distance of about 6,000 miles. With the exception of one or two days their voyage was attended with a calm sea and withal quite pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Reed left America nearly eight years ago, and since that time have been engaged in the labors of their calling. For several years after arriving in Egypt, and acquiring the language, they were connected with the work of the College and Memorial Institution at Asyut. The former of these institutions is devoted to the education of young men. It has at present a teaching faculty of eighteen professors and instructors and an enrollment of 670 students. It furnishes teachers for the schools all over the Mission, and students for the theological Seminary at Cairo; and thus, in turn, furnishes the native ministry. The Memorial Institution is a school for the training of young women. It has over 200 of an enrollment, and about a dozen teachers. During the past year seventy-nine from these institutions embraced the Christian faith, and their influence reaches out over the whole mission.

Our Methodist brethren have set apart the 13th of August as a day for a Sunday school picnic and festival for the benefit of the church, and to aid in paying the expense of repairs to the church. A worthy object, but let us suggest that the parties who have this matter in hand take measures in time to prevent repetition of the drunken riotous conduct enacted here at the 4th of July celebration. There is a certain class of "Toughs" in Bedford county and adjoining districts who take advantage of these occasions, for a drunken spree, and to get up a riot with our people. Some of them got the worst of it on the last occasion, in the way of knock downs and skinned noses; and we understand, they are already making their brags that they will return on the 13th day of August and have the battle fought over.

Now, we have officers of the law whose duty it is to preserve order, and have power to summon half of the people in the township, if necessary, to aid in doing so. Will you not then notify our constable and other officers of the law, asking and demanding them to be present, and arrest the first man that disturbs the peace, and have them punished according to law. The success of your picnic and your Sunday school celebration requires it and the good name of our Valley demands it. Will you do it?

BUCK VALLEY VISIONS.

Notes on the Crops, and Suggestions for the Betterment of Society.

July 14.—A few items from this section of the county, and a suggestion or two may not be out of place at this time. After the wettest and most unfavorable harvest weather in many years, the farmers have all their grain in shocks in a fairly good condition. The hum of the threshing machine, and the rattle of the mower will now be in order, and the good weather we hope for after the cessation of the rains and storms of the past, will be made good use of by our farmers. Corn is trying to do its best to make up for its lost time during the cold and wet spring. Potatoes are striving for the mastery against bugs and weeds, &c., and promise an abundant yield. The buckwheat, like the Irishman's hornetts are "coming out," and the acreage is larger than ever before in the township; so you will know where to come, if there is a dearth of buckwheat cakes in any part of the county next fall or winter. "Garden sass" generally will be abundant with us; so we should, and do feel thankful to the "Giver of every good and perfect gift," for these tokens of His bounteous hand.

The spirit of improvement is in evidence here. Mrs. Henderson (relict of Charles) has just finished a large barn, Geo. Schetromp, has another large barn nearing completion, Mr. G. G. Gienger is busy at work on a new, commodious house, on the foundation of the one that was burned for him two or three years ago. The addition to the Methodist church is now well under way, and will be ready for occupancy soon; at present our Methodist brethren are holding their preaching and Sunday school services in the Presbyterian church here, and quite a Christian spirit exists between the two churches.

Rev. Evans, presiding elder of the Juniata District, will preach in the M. E. church next Sabbath night, July 24th, also administrator communion.

Dr. Steward of Dry Run, Pa., stopped last Tuesday and Wednesday at J. E. Speck's.

Improving Their Church.

The Methodist people of town are taking advantage of their pastor's vacation to improve the interior of their church. The pews have been taken up, and the seats made about an inch and a half lower. Iron fastenings are being inserted so that the pews may be held to the floor by screws; thus making it more convenient to get the carpet out for cleaning. The woodwork is to have a coat of paint, and the building will have a complete overhauling. We trust our brethren will not stop their good work until every pew is furnished with a good stuffy cushion. A preacher may so warm up to his subject in winter time when you have your overcoat on as to make you forget that you are sitting for an hour and a half on the soft side of a pine board, but in the summer time that hard seat gets wonderfully close to you, and makes you feel that the benediction has been the best part of the sermon.

BURNT CABINS.

W. M. Comer and wife, accompanied by Mamie Speck, spent last Thursday at Harrisburg.

Wm. Robinson and family visited relatives near Spring Run last Saturday and Sunday.

The M. E. Sunday school will hold a picnic and festival at this place July 23rd. Everybody invited.

Don Kope, near this place, while out playing with some other little boys; stepped on a copperhead snake and was bitten on the foot.

Don Hammond and wife of Spring Run, were pleasant callers in our town last Sabbath.

Miss Eleanor Skinner of Fannetsburg, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Samuel Bowman.

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NEEDMORE.

The show Saturday evening was fairly well patronized.

Miss Blanche Connor, of Mattie, Bedford county, is visiting the family of Eli Peck.

Ada Plessinger, little daughter of Oliver Plessinger, got a badly lacerated hand one day last week by taking hold of the hay fork rope while in operation, her hand being drawn into the pulley.

Sam Carnell and wife, and Miss Maude Spencer, were the guest of D. Garland's family last Sunday.

Howard Hill and daughter, Condie, and Maud Palmer, spent Sunday with the family of A. Runyan.

David Newman, of Salovia, was the guest over Sunday of Ellis Sipes and family.

Mrs. Rachael Wink, of Whips Cove, is now the guest of her father, J. B. Mellott.

John D. Mellott ran up against a circumstance one day last week which might have caused a man of less fortitude to run for his life. Across a private road leading from his place in the direction of Timber Ridge a wire fence had recently been erected. Having an occasion to go that way in his buggy he was surprised when he came in contact with the wires. As he happened to have a hatchet in his buggy he promptly severed the wires. But before he had time to get in his buggy and be off a neighbor woman appeared on the scene with considerable vulgarity and a piece of a board which she proceeded to break over John's head. But John calmly got in his buggy and drove on, thankful, he said, that he had kept his temper and was not more seriously hurt.

Holy Communion this coming Sunday at 10:30 A. M. in St. Paul's Reformed Church in this place. Preparatory service on Saturday at 2:30 P. M.

CHAS. M. SMITH, Pastor.

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.

Dr. West will preach at Greenhill next Sunday morning at 10:30.

Harry Peck of Ambridge, Pa., is visiting among friends and relatives in Belfast.

Mr. Jonas Truax of Belfast township, was a business visitor in town last Saturday.

Mr. Don Morton, a student of the State Normal at Shippensburg, returned home last Thursday.

Dr. J. B. Mellott of Needmore, and his daughter, Mrs. Wink of Whips Cove, were at McConnellsburg on Monday.

Miss Annie Doyle of Chambersburg, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Benj. Shimer and other relatives of this place.

Miss Mary Dimick and Nathan Everts of this place, are spending a few days with friends in Buck Valley.

Blaine Bergstresser, of Waterfall, and Dorsey Barnett of Wells Tannery, spent Saturday night and Sunday in this place.

Miss Agnes Smith of Foltz, after having spent two weeks very pleasantly with friends down the Cove, is now the guest of Miss Mary Pittman.

Mr. Robert N. Shimer, who has been employed at Harrisburg, is spending his summer vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Shimer and other friends in this place.

Mrs. Minnie Marshall left Monday for Ipswich, Mass., to attend a school of art, and her son Paul Marshall has gone to McConnellsburg to spend several weeks — Shippensburg Chronicle.

Miss Katharine Cook, North Second street, entertained a number of young ladies and gentlemen Friday evening in honor of her guest, Miss Zacharias of Chambersburg.

Dr. West expects to return to McConnellsburg next Saturday afternoon and will be accompanied by his son, Prof. Robert H. West of Beirut, Syria, and the latter's two little boys.

James W. Rummel of this place, went over to Gettysburg and will spend a few weeks among relatives and friends. His granddaughter, Murnie Kummel, who had been there, will return home with him.

Prof. Robert H. West, of Syrian Protestant College, Beirut, Syria, will deliver an informal address in the Presbyterian church in this place next Sunday evening. Nothing more than the ordinary penny collection.

Mrs. M. E. Dalbey of Yeaton, Pa., and her daughter, Miss Elsie, who has been engaged during the past year as teacher in the Chester Springs soldiers' orphans' school, are visiting the former's son and daughter, Dr. Dalbey and Mrs. Geo. W. Reiser, of this place.

Our old friend, Davy Gardner last Friday celebrated the 91st anniversary of his birth, by hauling several loads of hay and storing it in his barn. For several years he has been delivering water daily from the Springs to families in Bedford. He was born in Greencastle, and at sixteen years of age became a teamster on the turpentine, and has made many a trip through McConnellsburg.

Mayor Vance McCormick and party of four arrived in McConnellsburg on Friday evening and spent the night at the Washington House, Saturday morning they left for Bedford Springs, where they expect to spend several weeks. Those in the party are: Miss Sells, Miss Annie McCormick, Carl Eby, Harrisburg; J. Judson Brooks, Pittsburg; and Mayor Vance C. McCormick, Harrisburg.