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FORECAST FOR JUNE.

Many Thunder Storms, and Even Tornadoes May be Expected, with Much Warm Weather.

HICKS CAUTIONS AGAINST DANGER.

Rev. Irl R. Hicks, the St. Louis weather expert, makes the following predictions for June:

First Storm Period—Reactionary, is central on the 3rd, 4th and 5th. It is at the center of the Mercury equinox, at the entrance of the Mars period, with the Moon at new and extreme north declination.

The presence of the Mercury disturbance will bring cloudy to threatening conditions at the opening of the month. On and touching the 3rd look for change to much warmer, falling barometer and rain and thunder storms, beginning in the west, and passing eastward across the country on the 3rd, 4th and 5th. Rising barometer and cooler weather will follow the storms, although the Mercury disturbance will tend to prolong cloudy and threatening conditions.

The Second Storm Period—Regular, covers the 8th to 12th, being central on the 9th. It is at the beginning of the summer solstice disturbance, the Mars and Mercury periods both bear upon it, with the Moon at first quarter and on the celestial equator. From the 10th to the 15th of June is also an annual period of great electric perturbation.

Ordinarily and normally, we should look for many and heavy thunder storms, say on the 9th, 10th and 11th. But having now entered well into the Mars disturbance, it remains to be seen what modifying or aggravating effects will result from the same. We predict that many electrical storms and heavy rainfalls will appear at this time, but that they will cover comparatively narrow localities, leaving wide areas of the country with only moderate results.

It is proper to say here that the prevailing storm and other weather conditions during this period, in any section of the country, will indicate, in a general way, the character of storms and weather that may be expected until after the middle of July.

The Third Storm Period—Reactionary, is central on the 14th to 17th, having Mars and Earth and full Moon in perigee and a south declination, as added causes of disturbance.

The electric strain of Earth's summer solstice will be felt in frequent and general displays of lightning, all through this part of June. A crisis of such phenomena will fall about Thursday, the 15th, to Saturday, the 17th. Black, ominous clouds, drenching downpours of rain and violent thunder and wind will visit many places at this time.

The Fourth Storm Period—Regular, is central on the 21st, the same date being the central day of Earth's summer solstice period.

We will put this period down as a crisis of electrical summer storms. If the barometer falls to very low readings—a thing to be apprehended at this time—violent, tornadic storms are quite probable in central and western states. It should be known to all that the greater part of the vivid and general lightning, at such times in June, is absolutely harmless, and indicates no approaching danger, except in cases where the barometer is very low, and a compact, well-defined storm cloud is moving up from western and southwestern directions. On and about June 24th will culminate a series of characteristic June thunder storms. Change to rising barometer and cooler will follow.

The Fifth Storm Period—Reactionary, is on the 26th, 27th and 28th. The June solstice and the Mars period nearing its center, will be the chief disturbers at this time.

Sections which have been visit-

AN IMPORTANT LAW.

Providing for the Checking of Contagious Diseases Among Animals.

A bill of special importance to persons interested in live stock has been approved by Gov. Pennypacker. It provides for the checking of contagious diseases among domestic animals, and the protection of milk supplies from contamination. The new law requires that all veterinary doctors shall promptly report in writing the details of their knowledge of the existence of such a disease to the Live Stock Sanitary Board.

All other persons, as well as doctors, are forbidden to conceal any knowledge of that kind from a member or agent of the board. Diseased animals must be kept off the public highways, and away from the animals of the same species. Without permission from a member or agent of the board no virus or substance containing disease-producing germs shall be injected into or administered to any animal that may produce or is to be used as human food. An exception is made in calves or cattle for the production of vaccine against smallpox. The maximum payments by the State for animals that must be destroyed shall be: For a horse or mule, \$40; for a bovine animal of pure bred or registered stock, \$50, and for such an animal as common stock, \$25; and for a sheep or pig, \$10. But in no case shall the appraisal exceed three-fourths of the actual value of the animal. The State's payment for such purposes are limited to \$35,000 a year.

The State Board may co-operate with any local Board of Health in protecting milk supplies, and may bear one-half of the cost of necessary examinations beyond the local jurisdiction. The penalty for violating any provision of the act is a fine of from \$10 to \$100, with costs, or "commitment until the amount is paid." The act takes effect June 1st, this year.

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SIPES MILL.

Ed Swope made a flying trip to McConnellsburg last Thursday.

Geo. S. Mellott and wife attended the funeral of the former's brother, Noah Mellott, at the Dunkard church last Saturday.

N. E. Truax, who has been working at the carpenter trade, has been compelled to quit work, on the account of a very sore hand.

Miss Anna Deshong, who has been attending the McConnellsburg Normal, spent the latter part of the week with her parents in this place.

Goldie Deshong is spending a couple of weeks with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Bard, at Emmaville.

Dave Hollenshead is very ill at this writing.

Mrs. Lizzie England and son, Chester, of Friends Cove, passed through this place on Friday on their way to visit relatives near Gem.

John Pittman and sister, Mrs. Wm. Mellott, were called to McConnellsburg on account of the death of their brother, Matthew Pittman, of McConnellsburg.

ed by rain and thunder storms during the two or three periods preceding this, may look for similar results at this time, and those which have been warm and dry will continue the same, for the most part. There will be thunder and rain storms on and touching the 26th, 27th and 28th, but wide districts of comparative; if not severe dryness, will lie in many parts of the country, notably in northern, southern and western extremes.

Often as we have given this bit of admonition, we repeat it again, do not take shelter under trees in a thunder storm, especially in June. The danger from lightning is much greater, and many lives are thus destroyed every year during this month.

COURT'S WORD FOR IT.

Judge Holds Mother-in-law Responsible for Majority of Divorces.

Vairmont, W. Va., May 23.—Judge U. S. Kendall yesterday reconciled a husband and wife who were warring for the custody of their child. Bartholomew Long and his wife had been separated for a year and the husband wanted the child.

Judge Kendall sent the couple to his private room. In a quarter of an hour they returned with differences patched up. Judge Kendall in closing the case said: "Mothers-in-law are the cause of nine-tenths of the divorce suits." It was shown in the case that the mother of one of the parties was the cause of the disagreement.

Three New Barns.

If new barns are any indication of a fat harvest this season, the neighborhood of Sipes Mill is especially favored. Three big bank barns are under way in that vicinity, and will be completed in time to house this year's crops. On Wednesday of last week the raising of one for Ed W. Swope, was the occasion of bringing together a large number of his neighbors and friends, who always enjoy the frolic and the big dinner. Contractor John Bard and his crew of carpenters have the contract for the construction, and will rapidly push it to completion. They also, began the building of one for Anthony Mellott on Monday. The third one is being built for Edward Mellott, by Licking Creek's boss barn-builder, Mr. Joseph Sipes.

There is no better indication of the prosperity of a country than the improvement of farm property, and in no section of the county has this improvement been so marked within the last few years as in Belfast, and in Licking Creek township.

Good News For Fulton.

In the absence of modern facilities for transporting heavy freight, the citizens of Fulton county, have shown a listless indifference in the matter of developing her underground treasures of gold, silver, copper, coal, and graphite. The matter of hauling it across the mountain to the railroad for shipment, has always been a barrier in the way of the opening of our undeveloped wealth.

Their attention is now directed to the fact that recent quotations show that radium has advanced to a price that should be attractive to producers. Three million dollars an ounce is now what it readily brings in cash; and when it is considered that the Sheets Transmonte Transportation Line only charges fifteen cents a hundred pounds for freight to Mercersburg station, it may be readily seen that a few million dollars worth of the stuff could be sent across the mountain for five cents.

It is suggested that the Fultons leave their other valuable minerals in the ground, and turn their attention to the locating of radium clay. The other mineral ore in their soil will help to sell their farms when the tumber is all off, and their executors come to dispose of it for the benefit of their heirs.

Sermons were preached on Sunday by our visiting ministers of the Associate Presbyterian church as follows: in the morning, Rev. W. M. McNeel in the Presbyterian church; Rev. S. H. McNeel in the United Presbyterian church, Rev. A. M. Malcom in the Reformed church, Rev. D. J. Masson in the Presbyterian church at Mercersburg, and Rev. R. K. Atchison in the Cove church; at three o'clock in the afternoon, Rev. W. M. Hunter at Cito; Rev. Wm. Porter at Rock Hill School House; and in the evening, Rev. H. S. Atchison at the Cove church, and Rev. S. H. McNeel in the Methodist church in town.

WEEK'S DEATH RECORD.

Noah Mellott, Matthew Pittman. Mrs. E. A. Thrasher, and Mrs. Louis P. Lodge.

MELLOTT.

After an illness covering a period of several weeks, Noah Mellott died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William Summers, on the turnpike west of McConnellsburg, on Thursday of last week. Funeral on Saturday, and interment in the cemetery at the Dunkard church in Belfast township.

Mr. Mellott was twice married: first to a daughter of the late Ephram Lake, of Belfast township; and after her death, to Miss Mary Wink, also of the same township.

He is survived by two children, Oliver, of Belfast township, and Lizzie, wife of William Summers, with whom he had been making his home during the past few years.

Mr. Mellott was a quiet, inoffensive citizen, a consistent member of the Dunkard church, and a good neighbor. Several weeks ago he was stricken with heart trouble, and with it his mind became affected to the extent that he became possessed of the delusion that some one wanted to poison him, and, in consequence, could not be induced to eat. The result was, that he literally died of starvation, to the great distress of his daughter, who did everything in her power, for the comfort of her sick father. He is also survived by two brothers, D. R. and Geo. S.

He was aged about 72 years.

PITTMAN.

After an illness extending through a period of about three weeks, Mr. Matthew M. Pittman died at his home on West Water street during the early hours of last Sunday morning, aged 42 years, 6 months, and 11 days.—Funeral at two o'clock Monday afternoon conducted by Rev. J. V. Adams of the M. E. church, and interment made in the Union cemetery.

Mr. Pittman was married twice; first to Miss Ella Mellott, who lived but a few months after their marriage. The second time he was married to Miss Daisy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Nelson Sipes, of this place, who with four children—two girls and two boys—survives him.

He was a son of the late John Pittman, of Licking Creek township, and is survived by his mother; by his brothers, Ezra, Abram, and John, and by his sisters—Susie, wife of George Steach and Alameda, wife of William B. Mellott.

Mr. Pittman was a blacksmith by trade and conducted the shop at the west end of town. He was a good mechanic, a kind husband and father, and his family have the sympathy of their many friends in their bereavement.

THRASHER.

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Thrasher, sister of George W. and John W. Greathead of this place, died at her home at Frostsburg, Md., on Thursday of last week. In addition to the two brothers named above, she is survived by two others, namely, F. A. of Mount Vernon, Mo., and W. E., of Hoxie, Kansas.

She was the last of the daughters of the late Thomas Greathead, a pioneer merchant of McConnellsburg.

Mrs. Louis P. Lodge, Dead.

Mrs. Louis P. Lodge died at the home of her parents, Daniel Brown and wife, in Jersey Shore, Pa., on Tuesday afternoon of last week, aged 25 years, 9 months, and 23 days, after an illness of more than a year, of tuberculosis. Interment in the cemetery at Jersey Shore last Friday morning. Besides her husband, who lives in Altoona, Pa., she is survived by her parents; two sisters—Charlotte E., of Williamsport, and Mrs. Carrie A. Sermon, of Squirrel, Idaho; and by four brothers, John S. and Albert O.,

ASSOCIATE PRESBYTERIANS.

Annual Session of Synod Held in Great Cove Church During Past Week.

The annual session of the Synod of the Associate Presbyterian church was opened in the Great Cove church, four miles south of McConnellsburg, last Wednesday morning. Rev. S. B. Houston, pastor of the local church, was chosen moderator to succeed Rev. W. P. Gilkey, of Stafford, Kansas.

The synod is the highest judicial body in their church. The work for consideration at this meeting was finished by Tuesday evening, and it was decided to hold the next annual session at Mansfield, O., beginning on the fourth Wednesday of May, 1906.

In 1858 the United Presbyterian church was formed by a union of the Reformed Presbyterian and the Associate Presbyterian bodies. As it not unfrequently happens when church unions are attempted, there are a few persons who cannot see their way clear to follow the action of the majority; and in this case, a few congregations did not enter into the union.

From that time until the present—forty-seven years, the Associate Presbyterian church has maintained its identity. It has thirteen ministers, distributed as follows: five in Pennsylvania, four in Iowa, two in Kansas, one in Indiana, and one in Canada. There are twenty-four churches: eight in Pennsylvania, five in Iowa, four in Kansas, three in Indiana, two in Illinois, one in Ohio, and one in Canada, with a communicant membership of about one thousand.

Outside the fact that they hold strictly to close communion, psalm-singing, and will not permit any kind of instrumental music in connection with worship, they might as well be in the United Presbyterian church; for in the latter church there would be nothing to hinder their continuing the practices now observed in their own church. While the United Presbyterians hold to the psalmody, it is a matter with the individual congregation whether they shall have close or open communion; or whether they shall use the organ or not.

After a separation of more than a hundred years, the Presbyterian and the Cumberland Presbyterian churches, both strong organizations, are about to unite, and throughout the whole body of Protestantism the spirit of union is rapidly developing, and at no other time has the different branches of the protestant church marched more closely and unitedly in the effort for the evangelization of the world, than now.

BURNT CABINS.

Abe Mathias and wife, of Colorado, are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Eva Mathias.

A. V. Kelly, A. J. Fore and John Speck took a pleasure trip to Gettysburg last week in A. J.'s automobile.

Isaac Waters is wearing a smile—it's a toy.

John Skinner of Fannettsburg, spent Saturday night in our town.

Mrs. Mattie Woods, of Perry county, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Eliza Finley near this place. Benson Cline has taken possession of the L. C. Kelly store. He seems to be cheap John with the long yardstick.

Mrs. Laura Welch and Mrs. Mary Johnston spent Tuesday in Orbisonia.

Mrs. Bethseba Gamble after a long illness died at the home of her son-in-law, A. P. Doran last Thursday evening aged about 78 years.

of Bloomsburg, Pa., and Oscar D. and Frank G., of Jersey Shore.

The husband is a son of John M. Lodge, late of Brush Creek township, deceased, and has the unfeigned sympathy of his numerous friends in this county.

Farmers' Institutes.

The County Board of Farmers' Institute Managers, will meet at the County Commissioner's office on the second Tuesday of June, to arrange for the place where Institutes are to be held this season. All of our people who desire Institutes, ought to attend this meeting and present their claims. This Board is composed of the Local Members of the State Board of Agriculture, and one representative from each County Agricultural Society, the Pomona Grange and County Alliance. If you find that you cannot attend this meeting, address a letter with your request to CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF INSTITUTE MANAGERS, care of County Commissioners.

IDDO.

Iddo! you don't know me, eh? Well, probably I am a new one in these parts. Uncle Sam sent me up from Washington to serve as a name for a new postoffice that has just been established at the home of Miss Kate Smith three miles west of Needmore; and while I am to be the name of the office, she is to be the postmistress, and Russell Plessinger, the mail carrier between this place and Needmore. We opened up for business Tuesday, and it is proposed to give the patrons of this office a tri-weekly service—Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Yes, my name is Iddo, not I do, and it may puzzle you a little to know whether I am Chinese or a Dutchman. The fact is I am "nather," for I served away back in old Bible times as the name of a prophet of Judah who prophesied against Jereboam and wrote up the history of Rehoboam and Abijah, 2 Chron. 9: 29; 12: 15; 13: 22. It is thought by many that the prophet who wore me as a name was sent to Jereboam at Bethel, and that it was he who was killed by a lion. See 13th chapter of 1 Kings. With this little introduction, I make my bow, and trust that our official relations with the good people of this community may always be most helpful and pleasant.

The communion services were largely attended last Sunday. Some of our young people attended singing at Bedford Chapel last Sunday night.

Miss Jimima Layton, of Whipps Cove, visited Mrs. Rosa Layton recently.

Lewis Shultz was a pleasant caller at the home of Miss Eva Bedford, Saturday and Sunday. Quite a number of our people are going to Gettysburg on the 30th.

Bert Mellott and Edward Clevenger were home Saturday and Sunday from school.

The writer has changed his name from Sunnyside to the new postoffice situated at Pleasant Grove—Iddo.

Mrs. Sadie Plessinger and Elijah Mellott and wife were the guests of Miss Kate Smith.

Misses Blanche and Jennie Truax visited Blanche Smith.

PLEASANT RIDGE.

Mrs. Morgan Deshong is on the sick list this week.

F. R. and H. D. Shives are fixing a house for Jas. P. Waltz.

Andrew Truax is lathing and plastering a house for Henry Deshong.

H. H. Strait and family spent last Sunday afternoon at F. R. Shives'.

Mrs. Vores spent Saturday night at Morgan Deshong's.

Dogs killed a valuable calf, last Sunday morning, for "Dick" Deshong.

Riley Deshong spent Sunday at Morgan Deshong's.

Riley Truax left for Potter county last Monday.

Last Thursday evening was the occasion of a most delightful social function in the home of Assistant Postmaster and Mrs. W. A. Sloan on West Water street.—More than sixty guests were present.

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 Minnie Mock was a Chambersburg visitor last Thursday.

S. M. Robinson and wife, of this place, are visiting relatives in Baltimore.

Mrs. Jacob Comer, of this place, is visiting relatives at Mercersburg this week.

W. H. Duvall, of Brush Creek valley, was a welcome caller at the News office last Saturday.

Miss Myrtle Stoner, of this place, spent a few days in Mercersburg visiting friends during the past week.

James Chesnut and son-in-law, D. E. Strait, of Hustontown, were early Monday morning visitors to town.

Mrs. Mary Snider, of Dayton, Ohio, is visiting her brother-in-law, Jacob Rotz, and other friends in this vicinity.

Mrs. Bennett H. Mellott and little son Duffy, of Needmore, were at McConnellsburg, last Wednesday.

David R. Evans and wife, of Belfast township, spent a few hours in McConnellsburg with their friends last Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Stoner and Miss Alice Hoke went over to Newville last Saturday to spend a few days with friends there.

Charlie and Harry Mock, who are employed in Altoona, are spending a few weeks with their parents in Tod township.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Largent and son Walter, were among those who spent decoration day on the battlefield of Gettysburg.

Miss Gertrude Hoke returned to her home in this place last Saturday evening, after having completed another year's teaching at Riddlesburg.

John M. Truax and brother Charlie, near Hancock, spent last Saturday and Sunday with their parents, James Truax and wife, of Tod township.

Comrade John Hann, of Saluvia, was in town attending a meeting of the G. A. R. Post, last Saturday, and favored this office with a short call.

Rev. S. H. McNeel, of Chesley Canada, and his brother, Rev. W. M. McNeel, of Delphi, Ind., were guests of J. K. Johnston and wife over Sabbath.

Mrs. Mame Heikes returned to her home Monday, after a very pleasant visit in her old home in this place. Her husband came Saturday and accompanied her to her York home.

Miss Elsie Greathead returned to the home of her parents, Geo. W. Greathead and wife, in this place last week, after having spent the past school year very pleasantly in New Kensington, Pa., teaching.

Rev. J. Baxter, who succeeds the late Rev. J. Smith Gordon as pastor of the Presbyterian churches at Fannettsburg and Burnt Cabins, was ordained by Carlisle presbytery at Duncan on last Thursday.

Mrs. John Kauffman and daughter, Miss Lizzie, of Fort Loudon; Robert Kauffman, wife and son, and Edward Kauffman, of Altoona, spent a day in McConnellsburg last week, the guests of Nicholas Roettger and wife, and Mrs. Lou Jackson.

The annual Memorial sermon to King Post, G. A. R., was preached in the M. E. church in this place, by the pastor, Rev. J. V. Adams last Sunday morning. The Post and the Ladies' Relief Corps attended in a body, and the church, which was beautifully decorated, was filled to the limit of its seating capacity.