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OPPOSES JUNE WEDDINGS.

Maine Pastor Declares They Produce More Divorces Than Marriages of Any Other Month.

Rev. George H. Browlee, pastor of a church in Belfast, Me., has created a sensation among his parishioners and the people of Waldo county by refusing to marry any couple in June.

The decision of the minister, made after long and careful study of the matter, was announced on the last Sunday in May, and the startled members of the flock—especially those who had planned their nuptials for the month of roses—were up in arms.

Dr. Brownlee declares June weddings immoral and wrong in principle, and states that never again will he perform a ceremony during the 30 days that constitute the period. He has produced figures, gathered from court records of the United States, Canada and England, to show that a greater proportion of persons married in June are divorced than in any other month—the proportion being so large as to lead him in the first instance to investigate.

Among one of the surprising statements made by the divine is that the average age of persons in the United States who are married during June is over two years less than the average of ages of the contracting parties in weddings that take place in any other month of the year.—The average age of men is slightly over 15 months less, while the average age of June brides is 38 months and 18 days less.

In part Dr. Brownlee holds this comparative immaturity of the brides and grooms responsible for the extraordinary percentage of divorces resulting from June weddings.

While he does not say so, the minister lays stress upon the one word, "lightly," in the quotation: "In the spring the young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love." He objects to the lightly. He declares that when thoughts turn to love at all they should turn seriously, reverentially with a fixed and solemn realization of the importance of the step and its heavy responsibilities.

Miss Grissinger Elected.

About midnight last Saturday night the deadlock in the school board on the election of a primary teacher for the Borough schools, was broken by the election of Miss Olive Grissinger. The contest lay between Miss Grissinger and Miss Elsie Greathead, each having three votes up to the thirty-first ballot. Sloan, Woollet and Wible had supported Miss Greathead, and Irwin, Conner and Stevens, Miss Grissinger. Mr. Wible, on the last ballot, went over to Miss Grissinger.

A Nole Goose.

A goose 41 years of age, is the curiosity reported from Fannettsburg, and it is certainly one of Franklin county's remarkable, says Public Opinion. This venerable goose, however, is feeling the effects of age and can barely move about on its legs. It is owned by Crawford and Miss Anna Everett. The certainty of its age is accounted for from the fact that it made its appearance on the Everett farm the same year as did Crawford Everett.

Not Visible Here.

The total eclipse of the sun, which will take place, August 30, and for which great preparations are being made by various eclipse expeditions, will be the most important astronomical event of the present year. On that occasion the moon will pass over the sun disc, completely hiding it from view wherever the moon's shadow falls upon the earth. It will not be visible in this part of the world.

Merchant Frank Bare, of Fort Littleton, spent a few hours in McConnellsburg yesterday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

State Organization Sends a Man into this County for Two Months.

Mr. Courtland Van Deusen, a Princeton College student, has been sent by the State Sabbath School Association into this county to spend two months at work in the interests of the Sunday schools. During this time, Mr. Van Deusen expects to visit personally every Sunday-school superintendent, teacher and pastor in the county, and do what he can to inspire a greater interest in the work. Communities not having the advantages of a Sunday school, can have Mr. Van Deusen's assistance in the organization of one; or schools already organized that feel they need a little boosting along, may have his help for the asking. It may as well be understood at the outset that Mr. Van Deusen is no religious tramp, that he is not working in the interest of any particular denomination, and that he will not come among you to ask for a collection or for money in any way. He is a cultured christian gentleman, his salary is paid by the State Organization, and he is here to work in the interests of the Sunday school work, and will give his help just as cheerfully to one denomination as to another. Just take good care of him when he comes among you—that's all. Write to him at McConnellsburg, or address M. R. Shaffner, field secretary.

Oscar Morgret Killed.

Oscar Morgret, aged 20 years, an electrician in the employ of the Western Maryland Telephone Company, was instantly killed by a fall while at work on a cable in Cumberland on Thursday, July 6th. He is survived by a widow, and an infant only a few days old. His father, Abner Morgret, formerly of this county is a merchant at Berkeley Springs, W. Va.

The remains of the unfortunate electrician, were taken to Berkeley Springs on Saturday afternoon following.

Lodge No. 307, of the International Brotherhood of Electricians had charge of the funeral arrangements in Cumberland and escorted the remains from the residence of the deceased in Ridgely, to the train in a body.

A committee from No. 307 accompanied the corpse to Berkeley Springs where the order of Junior American Mechanics took charge and under the ritual of that order the remains were committed to the earth.

PLEASANT RIDGE.

The hum of the mower and thrasher is the noise of the day. Clayton Deshong and family visited Morgan Deshong's Sunday.

S. L. Shives and family visited Mrs. F. R. Shives, Sunday. Mrs. Martha Skiles and son, Frank, spent last Thursday in town.

Olysses Deshong and family spent Sunday with his parents, Morgan Deshong and wife.

Louie Shives spent Sunday with Jeannette Deshong.

J. A. Mellott and wife spent a day last week with the former's parents, Joseph Mellott and wife.

D. H. Shives returned from Franklin county one day last week.

There will be Children's Service at the Christian church the fifth Sunday in July.

E. V. Mellott's new barn was finished last Saturday.

Anthony Mellott is singing Hush my babe. It's a girl. Lloyd Mellott, of Pleasant Ridge, spent last Saturday evening with Charles Brant.

Last Sunday morning E. W. Swope made the discovery that his old barn had burned down during his absence Saturday evening.

There will be a festival at Ebenezer Saturday evening.

CONDITIONS OF CROPS.

The Government Report—Ninety-four Million Acres of Corn.

Preliminary returns to the chief of the bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture show the acreage of corn planted to be about 94,011,000 acres, an increase of about 2,080,000 acres, or 23 per cent, on the area planted last year. The average condition of the growing crop on July 1st was 87.3, as compared with 86.4 on July 1, 1904, 79.4 at the corresponding date in 1903 and a ten-year average of 87.6.

The average condition of winter wheat on July 1, was 82.7 as compared with 85.5 last month, 78.7 on July 1, 1904, 78.6 at the corresponding date in 1903 and a ten-year average of 77.8.

The average condition of spring wheat on July 1st was 91.0 as compared with 93.7 last month, 93.7 on July 1, 1904, 82.5 at the corresponding date in 1903 and a ten-year average of 89.3.

The average condition on July 1st of spring and winter wheat combined was 95.8 as compared with 84.5 on July 1, 1904, and 80 at the corresponding date in 1903.

The amount of wheat remaining in the hands of farmers on July 1st is estimated at about 24,257,000 bushels equivalent to about 4.4 per cent. of the crops of last year.

The average condition of the oats crop on July 1 was 92.1 as compared with 92.9 last month, 89.8 on July 1, 1904, 84.3 at the corresponding date in 1903 and a ten-year average of 88.5.

The average condition of barley on July 1 was 91.5 against 93.9 one month ago, 86.7 at the corresponding date in 1903 and a ten-year average of 88.8.

The average condition of winter rye on July 1, was 92.7 as compared with 88.0 on July 1, 1904, 90.2 at the corresponding date in 1903 and a ten-year average of 89.1.

The average condition of spring rye on July 1 was 93.0 as compared with 90.8 on July 1, 1904, 88.3 at the corresponding date in 1903 and a ten-year average of 88.4.

The acreage of potatoes, excluding sweet potatoes, is less than that of last year by about 19,000 acres, or 6 per cent. The average condition on July 1 was 91.2 as compared with 93.9 on July 1, 1904, 88.1 at the corresponding date in 1903 and a ten-year average of 92.1.

The acreage of tobacco is less than that of last year by about 54,000 acres, or 6.7 per cent. The average condition on July 1 was 87.4 against 85.3 one year ago.

Mr. Baldwin's Condition.

Rev. Amos Baldwin, D.D., Presiding Elder of the Danville district of the M. E. church, accompanied by Mrs. Baldwin, has gone to Indianapolis, Ind., to be treated by a specialist for cancer of the rectum. Dr. Baldwin has not been able to sit up for several weeks. The only relief from his intense suffering was afforded by means of morphine hypodermically administered.

He was conveyed from Sunbury to Harrisburg on a cot, taking a sleeper at the latter place for the balance of his journey.

Dr. Bye, after a careful examination, says the conditions are favorable for Dr. Baldwin's recovery. His response to the treatment is very encouraging. Dr. and Mrs. Baldwin expect to remain in Indianapolis until next Tuesday, and then spend two weeks in Atlantic City under the doctor's care.

We learn that while Rev. Lewis Chambers is visiting his grandson, G. G. Chambers, at Ridley Park, Pa., he is having his eyes treated for cataract. We trust that the treatment may be successful, and that the organs that have served him so well for many years, may still give him service for many years to come.

OUR PHILIPPINE COUSINS.

Something of Their Religion As Given by Charles Henry Wissner for the News.

Few men have had better opportunities for an inside acquaintance of the lives of the Filipinos than Mr. Wissner, who lived among them and knew their language. Of their religion Mr. Wissner says:

The inhabitants of the Philippine Islands are Catholic, Mohammedan or Heathen.

The Spanish call the heathen "infidels," while the Mohammedans are called Moros.

"Infidel" means unbeliever or heathen, while "Moro" means Moor, and was first applied to the Moslems of Spain by the Spanish and later by them to all Mohammedans.

The heathen are to be found almost entirely among the "Igorotes and Negritos." For centuries the Spanish priests and friars have attempted to convert these people, but without effect. The Igorotes are to be found only in the island of Luzon, while the Negritos are found in the secluded mountain ranges and forests of almost every island.

The Mohammedans or Moros inhabit the southern coasts of Mindanao, and the smaller islands that compose the Jolo (Sulu) group. While these people are nominal Mohammedans, observing few of the simple forms of their creed, yet they are most bitter in their hatred of the Catholics and for generations waged a piratical warfare against them.

To fully understand the religious questions now agitating the Islands, one must go back to the 13th century, when the Spaniards first took possession of the Islands.

At that time all of the people were pagans with the exception of some scattered settlements of Mohammedans near Manila and in southern Mindanao. With the Spanish troops came the friars or missionaries of the Catholic church. These friars were veritable men of God—men like Saint Francis Xavier and Las Casas—men who have had no equals since the days of the Apostles—men of whom the world was not worthy. These men and their immediate successors converted the majority of the people to the Catholic church. The Filipinos are not ignorant of their creed nor are they as some would have us suppose but baptized heathen, but on the other hand pious, faithful and earnest in their religion and so liberal in their sacrifices for the sake of religion that a story of it would seem almost impossible to an average American Protestant.

In the course of time the friars or missionaries died out and were replaced by a set of men who were more politicians than priests and whose ideas of morality were not superior to those of the heathen around them. The Catholic church when it fell into the hands of these friars soon degenerated in its tone and furnished to the world the strange spectacle of a Catholic people faithful to their creed while their leaders were untrue to every vow they had taken, cruel, false, licentious and abject devilish.

NEW PAPER FOR HANCOCK.

The Advocate, a Newsy Little Four-column Folio, Makes its Appearance with George C. Huber as Editor.

The first issue of the Advocate, a four column folio, published by the Hancock Printing Company, and edited by Mr. George C. Huber, has been sent out to the public for its approval. It is well edited, well printed on good paper, and with Mr. Huber's long experience as a practical printer and editor, we expect to see the Advocate occupy a conspicuous place on the crest of the wave of Hancock's prosperity.

TEACHERS WANTED.

Weddings and Good Jobs Make Teachers Scarce in Monroe County.

The dearth of school teachers promises to cripple the schools of Monroe county. School "marms" are marrying too fast to please County Superintendent Koehler, and those who remain in the work are drawn away to neighboring counties by better salaries and longer terms.

Superintendent Koehler has completed his examination of applicants for provisional certificates in the eastern districts of the county. Only twenty-eight persons appeared before him.—This is a very small number, and is entirely inadequate to supply the demand for teachers. The number of school in these same districts is almost fifty, and to supply all the schools at least thirty more teachers must be secured from among Normal school graduates, holders of professional and permanent certificates and such new applicants as may present themselves at the special examination.

There seems to be a demand for good teachers in many adjoining counties. Recently a well-known educator received a letter from a city superintendent stating that he was in need of twenty-one teachers, and asking information concerning several Normal graduates whom he intended offering positions at salaries far above what are paid there.

Since the organization of the normal school there about one hundred and fifty pupils from the county have graduated there not including this year's class, with the expressed purpose of becoming teachers. A goodly number are married, and many have entered other professions.

WHIPS COVE.

Miss Achsah Plessinger, who has been suffering from a severe attack of typhoid fever, is slowly improving under the care of Dr. J. S. Swartzwelder.

Mrs. Ollie Robbins spent last Friday night with Squire F. M. Diehl and family.

Mrs. Barbara Fletcher, of Robinsonville, spent last Saturday night and Sunday with her sister Mrs. Mary Winter.

Mrs. N. W. Mellott and Mrs. E. A. Hoopengardner called on Miss Belle Diehl last Thursday afternoon.

F. M. Diehl and family spent Sunday with N. W. Mellott and family.

Ed Diehl and Carey Layton left last Friday for the West where they will spend some time visiting friends.

William Martin lost a valuable horse last week.

Rev. Jacob Powers, of Virginia, will preach at the Whips Cove church, Saturday evening, August 12th; also Rev. Morton Powers, of Ohio, will preach at the same place on Sunday morning August 13th at 10 o'clock.

The Duffys at Webster Mills have just placed in their mill a Wolf gyrator, which takes the place of their former bolting machinery.

The Ayr township directors will receive bids at Webster Mills at 1 o'clock, p. m., Saturday, July 29th for the furnishing of wood for their schools next winter.

Hon. and Mrs. Jno. P. Sipes and their grand-daughter, Anna Mary Sipes, spent from Saturday until Monday evening in a trip to Altoona.

After spending a week with his sister, Mrs. Susan Toston at Clearspring, and a few days with his brother Will near St. Thomas, Mr. Jacob Runyan and his brother Will came over to McConnellsburg last Saturday and were the guests of their brother Abram Runyan over Sunday, when Will returned home and Jacob is still here. It has been some years since Jacob visited his Pennsylvania friends.

IS FIGHTING GOULD.

Cassatt Has Thus Far Prevented the Connection of the Wabash With the Western Maryland Railroad.

The fight which A. J. Cassatt is making against the Goulds, to prevent the acquisition of a connecting link between the Wabash system and the Western Maryland, was described in last Sunday's New York World as follows:

"A. J. Cassatt, president of the Pennsylvania system, has left no stone unturned to prevent the Goulds from getting possession of the Little Kanawha railroad which Joseph Ramsey, Jr., and his associates have recently controlled. President Cassatt induced the Vanderbilts to join him in making a bid for the Little Kanawha property, and an option on it was secured. Wall street now appears to be getting ready to boom the Pennsylvania group of stocks in the belief that the exercise of this option will block Gould interests from establishing a physical connection between the Wabash and the Wabash and the Western Maryland.

"Cassatt, in starting on his summer vacation, left the impression among some of his Pennsylvania railroad associates that the Little Kanawha will soon be turned over to a purchasing syndicate and that it will be brought directly under the operation of the Pennsylvania system. The stock ownership, it is said, will be divided equally between the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie—a Vanderbilt line—and the Pennsylvania company.

Another factor that is helping to improve the speculative position of the Pennsylvania group is the splendid financial status of the Baltimore & Ohio. This railroad company is said to have \$26,000,000 of cash assets, and the management is quickly buying up, before maturity, all of the \$10,000,000 of two year 4 1/2 per cent. notes that were issued last year that can be found in the market.

N. H. Evans and Dennis Gordon came to town yesterday to meet two Miss Bennetts, of Harrisburg, who were going down to visit among friends in Thompson.

M. Crist Wagner, proprietor of the mail route between here and Fort Littleton, brought with him to town on Monday a rattlesnake skin that measured four feet in length. Mr. Wagner killed the reptile at his barn Sunday evening, and when opened the snake was found to contain a very large rat and a small mouse.—Mr. Wagner gives as a pointer, the fact that where premises are infested with rats the pesky rodents may soon be rid of by placing a good healthy snake among them. A good sized rattler or blacksnake is better than a cat.

A Serious Charge.

W. H. Woody, who claims to be a United States detective, is in jail at Chambersburg on a serious charge, which will send him to the penitentiary if convicted. He was arrested by Constable Etter, on warrants charging him with criminal assault and battery.

The police say they have evidence that will prove he inserted an advertisement in a local newspaper for a wife, holding out the inducement that he was the heir to a large sum of money and that in order to get his inheritance was obliged to marry. In that way, it is charged, he gained admission to the homes of several young women, and that at the point of a revolver, he tried to assault one of them. Woody is 30 years old. For a number of weeks he has been watched by the authorities who suspected him of using the office of a government detective to gain entrance to the homes of young women of the town and he says 57 of them answered his advertisement.

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.

C. M. Dixon, of Chambersburg, was registered at the Fulton House last Thursday.

Mrs. George B. Mellott is visiting among her many friends and relatives in Needmore and vicinity.

Captain and Mrs. George W. Skinner and son Don K., spent a few days at the Fulton House last week.

Harry Beener and wife, of Norristown, Pa., are the guests of the latter's uncle, M. R. Shaffner, Esq., of this place.

Mrs. Henry Demuth and sons Christopher and Henry, of Lancaster, are guests in the family of Mrs. M. B. Trout, of this place.

Mrs. Charles F. Reisner and son little Charles, of Hagerstown, is visiting the families of George and Jacob Reisner in this place.

J. W. Tritle, of Waynesboro, has been spending several days in the home of his parents, J. George Tritle and wife, in this place.

Hon. and Mrs. Scott Alexander and daughter Maria Dickson Alexander, went to Atlantic City last Thursday for a summer outing.

Mrs. George Fockler, of Johnstown, Pa., is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Wishart, and her many other friends in McConnellsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Nace and daughters Misses Nellie and Jessie, of Chambersburg, are among the summer visitors at the Washington House.

Roy M. Sipes and Norman Mellott tarried awhile in town last Saturday on their way home from the neighborhood of Greencastle where they had been harvesting for about four weeks.

Mrs. Elijah Mellott and her mother, Mrs. Margaret Henry of Sipes Mill, spent Monday and Tuesday in town. Mrs. Henry, who formerly resided in town is now making her home with Christina (Mrs. Mellott).

Samuel Spangler, wife, and little daughter Matilda, of Waynesboro, have been the guests of W. H. Nesbit and wife, and other friends in town during the past week. Mrs. Spangler was formerly Miss Carrie Wilt, of this place.

Miss Ruth West, a student at Wilson College, spent from Friday until Monday with her grandfather, Dr. W. A. West, in this place. On Monday she and her grandfather went over to Path Valley to spend a week at the latter's farm.

A Runyan and wife, of Needmore, and their daughter Mollie (Mrs. R. C. Dixon, of Pittsburg) and Mrs. Dixon's little son and daughter, Fred and Mildred, were guests, Saturday and Sunday, of John B. Runyan and wife of this place.

In a recent letter from Miss Nora A. Conrad, a very efficient stenographer in the Iron City, she says: "People who smile at the mention of 'Little Fulton' always assume a respectful demeanor when I flourish the big eight page weekly that chronicles the doings down there. Long may it wave!"

We were glad to learn recently through Mr. Arthur Barton, of Birmingham, Ala., of the whereabouts of Mr. R. R. Akers, a former Brush Creek boy, of whom we had not heard for a long time. Mr. Barton reports that Mr. Akers is owner of a large lumber plant near Birmingham, and is doing a very prosperous business.