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## CHENG CHOU, HONAN, CHINA

Ida C. Lawton, Who has Been in China for Nine Years, Write a Letter for the Fulton County News.

## NO FARM HOUSES IN THE COUNTRY.

You asked me to tell you something about the country in which we are living. What I shall tell you refers only to Honan province. When we came up on the railroad, I said, how much this country reminds one of South Carolina. Acres and acres of wheat and acres and acres of cotton. You would say poor cotton.

In the spring every farm seems to have acres of beautiful poppies from which they make that horrible drug which steals men's minds and robs women and children of food and clothing.

Then we have sand which makes much more dust than that I saw in South Carolina. Every time the wind blows it stirs up the sand and carries it along. A big wind brings a big sand storm.

Most of the people who live in the city here, own land outside. Their workmen go out about four o'clock in the morning with mules and oxen, and return at night fall. An ox and mule team being yoked up just over the wall from my bed room, announces to me the hour for busy people to get up. Thus you see that many of the farmers in this part of the country live in the city. A farm house in the country, I have not seen. Robbers are so numerous and the people would not feel safe. There are many villages in which the people live close together for protection.

The people, men, women and children, work hard. Our native doctor's wife, who came with us from Klausu, says, "the women here never seem to have a quarter of an hour for play," but I would change her idea and say they have little time for idle gossip, and you know the result. Better women, women among whom it is a pleasure to work. At this season of the year they are too busy to come to the meetings, but the few who do come will, I trust, get clearly some precious truth, which they can help to impart to the crowds who will come after the Chinese New Year. Now, some days I do not have one woman to come in, but they receive me gladly when I can go to their homes. I want you all to pray that the families of the men who have asked for baptism may all be saved soon.

We are all happy in the work and would not want to be any place else.

Last winter I did not see a white woman for six months, but this fall we have entertained more than thirty people many of them missionaries going farther interior, where they must endure much hardship on account of absence of home comforts.

Now I must stop and will try to write to you soon again.

Faithfully yours  
IDA C. LAWTON.

## Up Against It.

The Carlisle Sentinel says editorially:

The county commissioners are confronted by somewhat of a situation. By their indiscretion they have had to borrow heavily for the payment of the Harrisburg turnpike—\$11,400. Now they find that they will be compelled to assume the permanent care of this road and it will cost a large sum to build bridges and put it into condition. Besides there will be condemnation proceedings for the balance of the turnpike and they may find fifty or sixty miles of road on their hands to be put in good condition and cared for permanently out of the county treasury. Then a new bridge in the lower end will cost twelve or more thousands. They talk of increasing the tax rate, but they will find that about as unpopular a movement as can be undertaken.

## COPY OF A NEW BILL.

Attorney General Carson After the Railroad Companies.

Attorney General Carson on Monday gave out a copy of a bill in equity which he filed in the Dauphin county court a few days ago against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, the Lehigh, the Cumberland Valley, the Buffalo and Susquehanna and the Erie Railroad Companies, asking in the name of the commonwealth, for a perpetual injunction to restrain these roads from collecting a rebate of \$10 on each \$20 interchangeable mileage book sold. Among the reasons which the attorney general gives for asking for an injunction to stop this practice are the following:

That it forces the passengers to give bail for his conduct; takes the passenger's money to protect the railroads against scalpers; imposes all chances of loss of ticket on the holder; subjects the holder to unreasonable expenses and annoyances; gives the railroads the use of the public's money without interest, and discriminates against one class of passengers.

The prayer to the commonwealth is:

"Wherefore, the commonwealth showing that there is no adequate remedy at law, prays:

1. That the defendants, their officers, agents and employes, may be perpetually enjoined from the issue and sale of said tickets within this commonwealth.

2. That they be perpetually enjoined from the exaction of more than a two-cent rate for one thousand mile of travel.

3. That they be perpetually enjoined from the exaction of a ten dollar deposit or any deposit as a part of the price of said ticket even though it be reclaimable.

4. That they be perpetually enjoined from making discriminations in the price of tickets of substantially the same character for long distances, or frequent travel.

5. That they be restricted from accepting such tickets from other roads, and from acting as agents of other roads in disposing of such tickets, and particularly the Baltimore and Ohio, Chesapeake and Ohio, and the Norfolk and Western Railroad Companies.

6. Further relief as to your honors shall seem meet.

## HUSTONTOWN.

David Heefner, of this place, left last Tuesday for Petersburg, Pa., where he expects to find employment.

Drew Laidig and sister Estelle, of Laidig, were business callers in town last Wednesday.

Jerry Cutchall, of Sixmile Run, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents at this place.

Maud Fields, of Clear Ridge, visited the home of A. J. Lamberson last Sunday.

N. E. Hoover and H. R. Lamberson, who are employed at Mount Union, spent Saturday and Sunday at their respective homes in this place.

M. D. Mathias left Tuesday for Illinois, where he expects to spend a couple of months visiting his brother.

W. W. Hoover, H. P. Barton and H. E. Chesnut left Monday for the county seat, where they expect to attend Prof. B. C. Lamberson's summer normal.

Frank C. McClain is visiting in the home of his son, J. B. McClain, at Hustontown.

B. H. Shaw began breaking ground for the erection of a dwelling house, on his lot in the Dawn extension. Other improvements are being made by purchasers of lots in the same extension.

John A. Henry, his daughter Jessie and grandson, and Mr. Carmack—all of Clear Ridge, were visitors in our town last Saturday evening.

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## DESERVES A VACATION.

Methodist Minister Has Missed but One Sunday in Active Ministerial Work for Twenty-three Years.

And that was last Sunday. The Minister referred to is W. C. L. Correll, of Ironton, Ohio, and is justly entitled to a vacation which he is now taking.

Mr. Correll is a son of the late Rev. Joseph Correll, a prominent minister of the Primitive Baptist church, and was born in Belfast township three years after the editor of the News first saw the light of day only a few miles distant in the same township. While there is only three years difference in their ages, any one basing judgment upon the question and taking into consideration the flowing black side-whiskers and glossy black hair together with the fine stout build of Mr. Correll, with the frosty locks and beard of the other, would readily conclude that the editor was old enough to be the preacher's grandfather. You see it pays to be good.

Well, like most Fulton county boys, Mr. Correll grew to manhood on his father's farm, then attended a term at Hiram Winter's normal school in McConnellsburg, taught the Philip Morgan's school in Belfast township the following winter (1881), after which he was fitted to go abroad into the world and win success in the battle of life.

He soon chose the ministry as his life work, and entered upon evangelistic work about twenty-six years ago, and twenty-three years ago, was ordained and given regular work. During these twenty-three years he has served congregations in North Dakota, West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio.

During the past four years he has been stationed in Ironton, O., a city of 15,000 people. His church has a membership of 400, and there are 400 members in their Sunday school.

Rev. Correll reached this county on Wednesday of last week, and expects to leave next week to visit friends and relatives in towns and cities in the eastern part of the state, and reach home by the first of June.

Of his father's family there are but two members besides himself living in this county, and that is Mary, of Pleasant Ridge, widow of the late James M. Lake, and Martha, wife of Elias Wink, of Licking Creek township. Of course he has a number of cousins, and other friends that he will want to see during his brief stay.

He came to McConnellsburg last Monday with his nephew, J. W. Lake, of Pleasant Ridge, and during the time he was here, he came in and spent an hour with the editor which was greatly enjoyed by the latter. After leaving us he and Mr. Lake went to visit his niece and Mr. Lake's sister, Mrs. A. G. Shoemaker, who lives a couple of miles out of town.

## An Imposter.

A few weeks ago, a man calling himself John Mellott, who claimed his residence was at Webster Mills, went to the home of Joseph Everts, near Saluvia, and asked for something to eat and the privilege of staying all night. He got his supper and a bed and after breakfast, spent a couple hours talking. After he had left Mrs. Everts went upstairs to put the room in order, when she discovered that her visitor had taken two pairs of stockings and left in their place a pair of old, dirty, worn out socks. On inquiring we learn that there is no one by the name of John Mellott living in the vicinity of Webster Mills and no one in that neighborhood knows a man by that name. He is simply an imposter who imposed on the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Everts.

He told Mrs. Everts that he owned a good farm in the Cove, and that he was intimately acquainted with her brother Mr. S. S. Hann.

## BACCALAUREATE SERMON.

Preached to Graduating Class in Presbyterian Church Last Sunday Evening by Dr. West.

Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock the baccalaureate sermon was preached to the graduating class of the McConnellsburg High School, by Dr. Wm. A. West, in the Presbyterian church. All the pupils of the school attended the services in a body. The other ministers of the town were present and assisted in the services.

Before the sermon the following music was rendered, with Miss Annie Dickson at the organ:

Anthem—By the choir.  
Bass Solo—By Mr. Schlichter, of Scotland, accompanied by Miss Gertrude Sipes.

Anthem—By the choir.  
Dr. West took as his text Philippians 3—13. "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before." With this as his text Dr. West drew in a most impressive way many valuable lessons.

Good character coupled with lives of usefulness was the principal theme. The man who would make the most of himself must make the right choice of the right thing and should make this choice early in life.

All individuals should have high ideals and should seek to form true and noble character—such characters as bloom with christian graces.

Dr. West stated that 66 years ago he stood where this class now stands. Notwithstanding the crowded condition of the room, the closest attention prevailed throughout the services.

## The Care of Shade Trees.

It will be well to look to the shade trees early in the season. The gypsy moth, which infested maples in many parts of the country late last fall, may have left eggs which escaped the application of insecticide advised at that time. I would advise going over these trees this month with the following preparation which I have found better than anything else I have ever tried: Melt a pound of Ivory soap and mix with it, while quite warm, one pint of kerosene. Agitate until complete union takes place. The mixture can then be added to twelve quarts of water. An emulsion will readily be formed by the operation of the sprayer. Spray the trees thoroughly among their branches, but scrub their trunks, using for this part of the work a stiff bristled scrubbing brush, with handle inserted in side instead of top. This will enable you to get the emulsion well in among the bark, where eggs may have been deposited. If insects appear, repeat the application.

In fighting tree enemies, not much can be accomplished in town or village where residences are close together, unless all property owners work in union with each other. If A and C will do nothing to rout the pest, B's efforts will count for little. Here is where community interests should prompt each lot owner to co-operate heartily with his neighbor.—Eben E. Rextford in "Making the Country Home" in The Outing Magazine for May.

## Barn Burned.

The barn of Huston Heeter, of Clear Ridge, was destroyed by fire on Monday morning of last week between the hours of eight and nine o'clock. Mr. Heeter was not at home, as he had left at 5 o'clock that morning to go to New Grenada, and there was no one at home but Nassa and her blind mother.

Everything in the barn was burned, consisting of mower, horse rake, hack, sled, sleigh, one colt 3 years old, two head of young cattle, and gears of all kind and all his feed.

The barn was partly covered by insurance, but still his loss is heavy. Mr. Heeter is a cripple and has our sympathy. He had just built a new barn not two years ago.

## EASTERN WASHINGTON.

Asia Spencer, Formerly of Bethel Township. Writes Interestingly of the Island Empire.

Julia, Wash., April 30.—As I see so many letters written by Fulton county people from different parts of the United States—the writers of many of which I know personally; and as their letters are very interesting to me, I think that perhaps a letter from eastern Washington (or as they call it here—the Island Empire) would interest many of your readers.

I am holding down a homestead in Adams county. The country is semi-arid—the rain falling in summer season worth speaking of. The annual rainfall is only about ten inches. The winters are very mild with but little snow. The past winter broke the 25th of January, and there was no time after that date that the ground was not in good order for ploughing except in March, when we had a storm commencing on the 10th and lasting four days with freezing weather, the coldest of the winter. But it was unusual. The old timers say it was the worst storm in 30 years.

My nearest railroad town is Council on the Northern Pacific, which is 28 miles from here; but as this state is going through an epoch of railroad building, and two of them are heading this way, it looks like we would get relief soon. Besides there is a steamboat on the Columbia river (which is only seven miles from here).

The great drawback to this country is the great lack of water. I have to haul mine from the Columbia, and lots of the big wheat ranches haul their water for all their stock ten and twelve miles. The great depth to which one must drill for water, makes a well out of the reach of the man of ordinary means.

This is a stock country, horses being the only stock on the range, and as the country settles up, it reduces the range and stockmen are obliged to curtail their stock. There have been several roundups this spring, and many horses shipped to eastern markets. The settlers invariably turn from horses to wheat which seems adapted to the country—25 bushels an acre being only an ordinary crop. Only one state in the union raises a bigger average and that state is Idaho. The wheat crop is all harvested here with the header, and the Combine Harvester which cuts and threshes at one operation, and is drawn by from thirty two to forty head of horses.

Our main hope is in irrigation. The government has finished its third survey through here and announces the project as feasible. An irrigated land in this state sells at from \$200 to \$1,200 an acre, it is worth looking after.

The land is composed of volcanic ash, and the geological survey pronounces it among the best of the state. There is no timber and the poorest of lumber sells for \$20 per thousand feet. There is not much game but jack rabbits, cotton tail, sage hens and coyotes the last named making night hideous with their dismal howling.

As this letter is getting long, and the waste basket is kept handy for such letters, I will close.

## ASIE SPENCER.

## Parental Responsibility.

Addressing the grand jury at Easton recently, Judge Scott said—

"I don't know what will happen to the next generation. Young boys and girls walk the streets and visit haunts of vice and crime. When they become incorrigible their parents come into court, admit a lack of control over their children and ask the county to bear the expense of keeping them at a reformatory or school. The county is not supposed to be the guardian of children of neglectful parents. It is the duty of parents to keep their children off the streets and correct them. Of ten parents should be brought in to court instead of their children."

## THE MEANEST MAN.

When Asked to Pay for Newspaper, Puts it Back in Postoffice.

The Okmulgee (Kan.) Democrat strangely enough has been having some trouble this winter collecting from subscribers, which has inspired the editor to print the following rebuke:

"A man may use the mole on the back of his neck for a collar button; he may ride a freight to save 3 cents per mile; he may light the lamp with a splinter, to save matches; he may stop his watch at night to save wear; use a period for a semicolon, to save ink; pasture his grandmother's grave to save hay, but a man of this kind is a scholar and a gentleman, compared to a man who will take a newspaper, and when asked to pay for it, put it back in the postoffice, marked refused."—Kansas City Journal.

## Birthday Anniversary.

On Tuesday, May 1st, the home of James Kerlin was the scene of a joyous event, when friends and relatives arrived to celebrate his 86th birthday. In the early morning friends began to pour in, and by noon fifty were ready to partake of a sumptuous dinner which had been prepared. One peculiar feature was, that there were four present who were octogenarians and past, namely, James Kerlin, aged 86; Grandmother Fields, aged 85; Thomas Cromwell, aged 83, and John Woodcock, aged 82. Among others who were present were John P. Kerlin and family, Albert Kerlin and family, James D. Stevens and family, Mrs. William Henry and daughter, Mrs. George Myers and daughter, Mrs. James McElhaney, Mrs. John A. Henry, Mrs. Nathan Henry, Mrs. John Mowers, Mrs. J. W. Grove, Mrs. Jonathan Anderson, Miss Myrtle Anderson, Mrs. Harry Wible and son, Mrs. Jennie Grove, Mrs. Jacob Winegardner, T. E. Fleming, wife and daughter, Geo. Teylor and wife, W. R. Fields and wife, Mrs. Thos. Cromwell, Calvin Baker and wife, John Kerlin, Simeon Shore, Myrtle Shore, Charles Stinson, John Gallaher, and Jane Fields. Many useful presents were brought to remind him of the occasion.

## A GUEST.

## Memorial Day This Year.

Decoration day had its origin in 1868. Early in May of that year N. P. Chipman, then adjutant general of the United States army, conferred with John A. Logan, the national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, concerning the matter of having the G. A. R. inaugurate the custom of laying flowers on the graves of soldiers who fell during the Civil War. General Logan immediately issued an order in which he named May 30, 1868, as a day on which all members of the G. A. R. should repair to the cemeteries in the towns in which they lived and there spread flowers on the graves of their dead comrades. Though, strictly speaking, Decoration day is not a national holiday, it is recognized as a legal holiday in most of the states.

Decoration or Memorial day, not a church holiday but a state holiday for the commemoration of soldiers who fell on the Union side in the nation's civil strife, falls on Wednesday, May 30. The arrangements for its observation in McConnellsburg are in the hands of King post.

## New Pension Law.

The age limit pension bill passed by both houses of Congress has become a law. Under its provisions when a soldier of the Civil War arrives at the age of 70 years he is allowed \$6 per month without examination as to disability. At 61 he is allowed \$8 and at 70 years \$12. This measure does away with any question as to disability, and gives every soldier a pension regardless of disease contracted in the war or since that time.

## ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful Outing.

## NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Rev. David Kelso was a visitor to town on Monday.

Hon. D. T. Humbert, of Thompson township, was seen on our streets on Monday.

May McEldowney and Mrs. G. J. Mellott of Gem, were in McConnellsburg last Friday.

Mr. Charles C. Brubaker, of Saxton, spent a couple of days with his mother.

Ernest Doyle, wife and two children, of Washington, D. C., spent Sunday with Mr. Doyle's father, Wm. N. Doyle, of this place.

Mrs. Della M. Brubaker and little daughter Helena, who have spent the last few weeks visiting friends and relatives near Everett and at Saxton, have returned home.

Hon. S. W. Kirk broke ground on his lot opposite the Court House last Tuesday, for the erection of a brick dwelling house and office. Wesley may now be seen with blue overalls on.

Hamsher W. Karper, for many years with Stone & Co., as traveling salesman, has resigned his position to accept one with the Farmers and Merchants Trust Company, Chambersburg.

Holy Communion in the Hebron Reformed church near Big Cove Tannery this coming Sunday at 10:30 a. m. Preparatory services on Saturday, at 2:30 p. m. Divine services in St. Paul's church of this place, on Sunday, at 7:30 p. m.

Albert Greenland, who several years ago drove the western hack when postmaster Woollet had the route, died at Mill Creek, Huntingdon county, on the 29th ult., aged 42 years. Mr. Greenland had been in the hotel business for several years, the last place being at Jersey City.

Thomas K. Henderson, ex-sheriff of Huntingdon county, and for many years one of its best citizens, died at his home in Warriors-mark, last week, of diseases incident to old age. For several months past he had been in failing health and his death has ended a long and useful career.

John Winters, one of Thompson township's best citizens, in company with John Douglass, Plum Run's enterprising merchant and farmer, spent a few hours in McConnellsburg last Thursday. Mr. Winters says that preparations are being made to build a new barn to replace the one burned for his son George last summer.

Squire Logue Wink and his wife of Belfast township, were in town a few hours Monday. The Squire is one of the new justices of the peace, and he was here lifting his commission. May he never lose any costs, never have his judgment reversed by Judge Swope, and never have the tail end of the county tax to collect. We have been there.

## Amsley—Gordon.

Miss Savannah Gordon, Big Cove Tannery, and Frank Amsley, Foltz, were married at the Presbyterian parsonage in Hagerstown, Wednesday.

## About Sheep Killed by Dogs.

In order for farmers to receive remuneration for sheep killed by dogs, according to the latest law governing that subject, they must qualify before a magistrate, justice of the peace or alderman that they have made an effort to discover whose dogs were responsible for the mischief and that the carcasses of the sheep were buried within twenty-four hours of the time the audit of the damage was made. It is provided, however, that owners of sheep killed by dogs shall be paid 50 cents for burying each sheep so killed.