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## REV. GEO. B. SHOEMAKER.

Writes Letter in His Usually Breezy Style from His Home at Shell Rock, Iowa

### GOOD YEAR FOR WESTERN FARMER.

SHELL ROCK, IA.,  
July 18, '08.

EDITOR NEWS:—

A postal card received yesterday from my brother Will, written in the old home town, and having on it a view of the beautiful valley in which the old home town rests, was greatly enjoyed by myself and family. It made me want to start at once for a long visit in the dear old place. Since that cannot be, a letter was the next best thing to act as a safety valve, and, perhaps, excess of feeling might, in that way, be eased for the present.

I was greatly interested in the letters of my friend Hughes. There are no very large trees in this part of Iowa, and I cannot write of what there is not. Perhaps I ought to explain an expression I used in a former letter about our Iowa trees. I spoke of "Natural Trees." By that I meant trees that grew along the streams and other places in their own sweet will, just as nature had deposited the seed. Much of the timber in this prairie country is planted by the farmer around his house and barns—usually on the north and west sides, as a protection from the winter storms. These groves are planted in straight rows so that in their early life they may be cultivated to stimulate rapid development. We speak of groves of this kind as cultivated timber.

In the days when the young men of McConnellsburg, before they went "a courting," carefully parted their hair on the back of the head, combing the hair toward the ears on each side, my friend Hughes, prior to his night visit, asked me if his hair was parted behind. I looked and said, "yes, there is a seam right down the back of your head." Immediately he named me "Seamy-boy," and I carried that name around for years, all because of the vanity of a young man. Too bad, wasn't it? Well, I've forgiven him long ago.

The visit I had from my brother in June, was a great pleasure to myself and family. How we did talk about the old town and the people of those early days. I suppose he told you about his visit to Iowa, but I'll wager he did not tell all about it. Sunday morning—a splendid day—he went over to the bridge to enjoy the beautiful view. His camera in his pocket, he was tempted, and yielded, to take a snap shot. While using both hands to shoot, the wind kindly relieved him of his hat and started it on a journey down the Shell Rock, into the Cedar, then to the Iowa, and via the Mississippi to the Gulf. My bald-headed brother came home to me subdued and bareheaded. Well, we had to have something exciting in our quiet village. In my thirty years of residence in Iowa, I have never been placed in a prettier town or among a more pleasant people.

My bees are doing well. There is an abundance of white clover, and we have had enough dry weather to make their harvest good and they are storing large quantities of splendid honey. We are enjoying some of their honey each day now, and are "aweakening up." With their natural perverseness, they swarmed on Sunday, but I hived 'em just the same. I have three colonies, and I expect them to make from fifty to seventy five pounds of honey each. I only got one sting this summer, and that was by Mr. Garner's bees.

The outlook for crops this year is excellent. Hay is mostly harvested, and is unusually heavy. Oats and rye are being gathered, and are splendid. Corn is doing finely, and, with the ordinary

## BASE BALL.

Report of Several Good Games That Have Been Played During the Past Week.

Harvest being over and work a little slack, the Littleton Boys saw an opportunity to play a game of base ball. So they challenged Burnt Cabins, and getting a reply to come ahead, they secured a team and road wagon and left with 16 on board for Burnt Cabins. According to reports, those Burnt Cabins boys were resting up Saturday forenoon with the intention of giving the Littleton boys a good walloping. The Littleton boys went to the bat first and scored two runs, and by this time the umpire was ready to call their side out. When Littleton went to play the field they looked in vain for their pitcher, and some one asked who would do the pitching, and by this time that old warrior of a fan came out and took his position in the box, and for nine innings he and Mr. Harris pounded it into each other's teams, and by the time the ninth inning was played all felt like resting; but no rest for the wicked. Those hustling little gentlemen of Burnt Cabins came up to the visiting boys and said "Boys, your supper is about ready." Now you can talk about your ball play in any style you wish, but as for honesty and kind friendship, Burnt Cabins folks stand in the front row. Never did a ball team play a more honest game and never did any set of folks show a more friendly disposition toward a visiting team than did the Burnt Cabins people show toward the Littleton ball team.

**LINE UP.**  
Fraker, B. p. Harris.  
Wilson, P. c. Matthias, B.  
Cromer, H. 2b. Webb.  
Fraker, R. 3b. Matthias, H.  
Orth, K. 1b. Welch.  
Husler, G. rf. Horton.  
Fraker, H. cf. North.  
Morton, L. lf. Wise.  
Cromer, R. ss. Matthias, R.  
The ninth inning, the score read 25 to 1 in favor of Fort Littleton. Umpire, Joe Detwiler.

Everybody present enjoyed the afternoon very much, and as soon as the Littleton boys find a convenient afternoon, they will have Burnt Cabins come up.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

The local baseball team played a practice game with Knobsville on Saturday. Little can be said of the team as the field was in a rough condition, and did not allow sharp fielding. The Reinsner Brothers played a fine game at the bat. John having three hits and a home run to his credit, and Ed two two-baggers and two singles. Spangler struck out nineteen men. Score 24-8.

**LINE UP:**  
Fisher, 1b. Scheideman.  
Shimer, cf. Kelso.  
Reinsner, 3b. Gunnells.  
Suders, rf. Aller, Kelso.  
Jacks, ss. Kerlin.  
Shimer, 2b. Wiele.  
Reinsner, lf. Divens.  
Doyle, c. Campbell.  
Spangler, p. Kelso, Fox.  
Umpire Connelly and Fox.

The following is the result of a game between New Grenada and End teams at New Grenada last Saturday.

**NEW GRENADA. END.**  
Alloway, J. c. Early, C.  
Alloway, D. K. p. Waring, H.  
Benztrussel, D. 1b. Early, H. H.  
Hester, B. 2b. Edwards, H.  
Alloway, R. E. 3b. Edwards, H.  
Shaffer, R. s. s. Cunningham, D.  
Witter, R. s. f. Edwards, G.  
Houck, J. r. f. Foster, S.  
Alloway G. lf. Stunkard, J.  
Score: New Grenada, 13; End, 11.

Struck out by Alloway 7, by Waring 5; two received bases on balls from each pitcher. The game was largely attended and good playing, was done on both sides. Best regards and wishes to both teams.

weather, will produce a great harvest. We are looking forward for a good year for the farmer here in temporal things. The News is always a welcome visitor to our home, and is read with great interest by all.  
Very truly,  
GEO. B. SHOEMAKER.

## LAW AS TO PUBLIC STREAMS.

Superior Court Sustains Wayne County Decisions.

An opinion written by Judge Rice and handed down by the Superior Court last Thursday sustains the opinion of the Wayne county court that streams declared by law to be public are not actually public streams.

The opinion is based upon the anti-confiscation clause of the constitution—Article 1, Section 10.

The case arose in a man gigning for eels in the Lackawaxen creek in Wayne county. This stream was declared to be a public one by an act of the Legislature of 1808. It runs almost entirely through private property, however, so to avoid trespass the gigger walked to the middle of a public bridge, entered the water and waded up the stream.

He was, nevertheless, found guilty of violating the law for bidding gigning in any but public streams.

The decision is a sweeping one and will affect every part of the State, since it forbids gigning in any but navigable streams. The Delaware river is not affected because it is a boundary water and under separate laws.

### Of Interest to Merchants.

Irresponsible solicitors are at work in many sections of the state soliciting funds for the repeal of the Mercantile Tax law, and in many cases allege that they are working in the interest of our Association. Thousands of Dollars have already been collected in this state by "specialist associations" for the purpose of bringing about the possible repeal of the Mercantile Tax law. In view of the small individual contribution and the popularity of the cause of the appeal this fact causes no surprise. However, there is one point that should be noted, that in event of the repeal of the Mercantile Tax law there is a strong probability that another tax law will be substituted and to prevent such an enactment these "specialist organizations" seem to offer no assistance. As the result of the influence brought upon, and the favorable sentiment created with the members of the last Legislature, by the Retail Merchants' Association of Pennsylvania, there is some assurance of the repeal of this unnecessary tax. There is, however, always the danger of the passage of a tax law of some other form to take the place of the one repealed. Taxation seems imperative to the law creators.

The Retail Merchants' Association of Pennsylvania has 148 affiliated Associations, covering nearly all of the leading cities and towns of the state, and their individual membership runs into many thousands.

NO PERSON IS AUTHORIZED TO SOLICIT LEGISLATIVE FUNDS IN OUR NAME, and all merchants are warned not to contribute unless they have money to burn. At no time in our Association history have we thought it necessary to solicit funds for legislative purposes other than our natural revenues from entrance fees, capita tax and printed forms. Should it be necessary at any time to do so, the appeal will be made direct to the merchants of the state through the officers of our local Associations. At the next session of the Legislature, the Retail Merchants' Association of Pennsylvania will be found on the job when it comes to considering the Mercantile Tax repeal. In the interval, or at that time, merchants are advised not to contribute until after communicating with the undersigned.

Yours very truly,  
A. M. HOWES, State Sec'y  
210 Lincoln Bldg., Erie, Pa.

Emery Pittman of Shippensburg, is visiting friends in McConnellsburg and vicinity.

## ATTEMPTED MURDER.

Frank Haulman, of Springfield, O., Follows His Wife to Chambersburg and Attempts to Murder Her.

### HE IS NOW IN CHAMBERSBURG JAIL.

Frank Haulman traveled all the way from Ohio to Chambersburg, where he arrived on Friday evening, for the purpose of killing his wife. He is a native of Franklin county, having been born and raised at Charlestown, a village between the Gap and Mercersburg. He is a carpenter by trade, and worked here awhile. He is about 44 years old. Losing his first wife by death, Haulman married the second time, a Miss Graham, or Grimes, becoming Mrs. Haulman. She is younger than her husband and is from the same section of the county.

Several months ago they removed to Ohio, but Mrs. Haulman not liking the west returned to Chambersburg several weeks ago, and was employed by a family named Cameron. Friday evening while the Camerons were at dinner, Haulman called at the house. He summoned his wife to the back porch, and it is said, asked her to return with him to Ohio. She refused, it is said, and a shot was fired. There were no witnesses to this part of the occurrence, however, after the shot was fired, the gate at the rear of the house swung open and the pair sprang out. The woman had her arm about the man's neck. They were struggling, but a blow by the man caused the woman to fall from him. She threw her hand up to protect herself from further blows, and then the man fired the revolver at the woman. She placed her hands up on her head and stumbled toward the porch. The man then ran down Vine street. After a chase of several squares he was captured and placed in jail.

Meanwhile the Cameron family had been looking after the wound of Mrs. Haulman. It was seen that it was not dangerous, as she remained perfectly conscious. A surgeon was summoned and the ambulance quickly conveyed her to the hospital. On examination it was found that the bullet, a .32 calibre, shot, had entered the flesh at the side of the head. The bullet ploughed along the skull and came out behind, the skull, however, not being injured. The wound was dressed, and if no complications arise, there is no chance of the wound being a fatal one.

### War Dance in Hayfield.

George Kriechbaum's many friends in the Cove will read with interest the story of a little incident that occurred in George's hayfield a few days ago as told by the Lemaster correspondent in the Mercersburg Journal last week.

"Looking north five or six hundred yards from the hay field where your correspondent and a number of men were employed making hay Monday afternoon, could be seen very visibly something that resembled an Indian War Dance. You could see fire and smoke and a number of people dancing and prancing around, seemingly cutting all kinds of capers, but after learning some facts it was altogether different. Well it was this way:—George W. Kriechbaum had a number of men employed helping to make hay and among that number was one who enjoys a first class smoke out of a fourth-class pipe, highly flavored. He lit this fourth-class pipe to take a first class smoke and threw the remains of the match down in the dry hay stubbles and went on about their work. Any reader of this article can imagine what happened later. Oh, such jumping, dancing around, stamping and knocking fire as they did!—Everybody excited! From a distance it had every resemblance of an Indian War Dance."

## KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Mrs. Wilson Williams of Mattie, Bedford County, the Victim.

Tuesday afternoon of last week, between 4 and 5 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Williams, who reside on their farm near Mattie, in East providence township, Bedford county, were unloading their hay in the barn when a sudden storm came up. A bolt of lightning struck Mrs. Williams, instantly killing her, but her husband, who was about four feet away, was uninjured. A mule was also killed and the barn somewhat damaged. Mrs. Williams was aged about 52 years. She was a daughter of the late Samuel Frazey, the second husband of Mrs. Maria Peck of Needmore.

### HUSTONTOWN.

Rev. Charles Mayne of Shelby, Iowa, and father, of Fort Littleton, spent a few hours last week at the home of John Hoover.

Mrs. Ezra Kirk and Miss May Kirk of Greensburg Pa., are visiting in the home of N. M. Kirk.

John Cutchall and wife of Six Mile Run are spending some time with the former's parents of this place, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cutchall.

Misses May Barton and Margaret Fleisher spent a few days of last week with friends in Burnt Cabins. They were accompanied home on Saturday by Misses Edith and Jessie Speck of Burnt Cabins and Grace Sneath of Lancaster, who spent a couple days very pleasantly with Miss Barton.

The hum of the thresher may be heard in our vicinity at present but rumors are afloat to the effect that very soon the jungling of wedding bells may be heard. A. V. Woodcock has returned home again after having spent some time in Mount Union as proprietor of Beer's hotel.

Postmaster Geo. W. Clevenger left last Thursday for Hedgesville W. Va., where he expects to spend the remainder of the summer with relatives.

### YOUR GOLD COINS.

See if Any of Them is Stamped With the Letter L.

"I got hold of a gold coin a short time ago, and it was marked with a letter L, which I supposed had been stamped upon it by some one who wished to keep watch as to whether he ever had it in possession again. I passed it along, to my landlord, I think, and thought nothing more about it for several months. Then I found out that I had been passing 'light' coin."

"How is that?" was the question of a listener.

"All coins, whether gold or silver, upon which a large L is stamped are light weight. When you get one of these stamped coins, the only thing to do is to take it to some assayer, who will weigh it and pay you about 10 per cent less than the face value of the coin for it. He will then place it in a crucible to be melted into gold bullion."

"The government itself mutilates these coins and in so doing turns the ruined currency right back into circulation, where some innocent party will become victimized by them."

"When the light coins are tendered for duties on imports they are weighed at the custom house, quickly stamped L for light and returned to the importer. If the latter cannot pass the coin off, he must take it to the retort to be melted."

"The light coins may be rendered light in the ordinary course of abrasion in circulation or they may have been sweated by parties who sell the gold dust thus bruised off the coin. The common mode of sweating is to place a number of gold coins in a sack and shake them up for a long time, when the gold dust will gather at the bottom of the sack."

—Utica Observer.

## ABOUT GOOD ROADS.

Will Make Clean Cut Recommendation on Subject in Next Message.

Governor Stuart is very much in earnest in his project for rehabilitation of the old Philadelphia-to-Pittsburg road, which passes through this place. When the governor made his speech in advocacy of this reconstruction before the Pennsylvania bar association at Cape May last month he struck a popular chord and this has made him more determined than ever to accomplish his end, if it is at all possible to do so.

Primarily the governor is animated by the wish to give the farmers the best means possible for reaching market. Men who drive for pleasure and automobiles he puts in the second class.

"Good roads, first of all, are necessary to the farmer," is the way the governor puts it. "He must have good roads to get his products to market. Good roads, of course, are wanted by automobilists, but they are not so necessary to them as to the farmer. Pennsylvania's agricultural interests are so great that the farmer must receive consideration."

The cross-state highway plan will occupy a prominent position in the message of governor to the legislature next January. Governor Stuart has not, of course, even begun to formulate his utterance upon this or any other subject at so early a date, but he is giving the matter due consideration.

### WEST DUBLIN.

Rev. Chas. preached a well-chosen sermon on Sunday afternoon at Fairview to an attentive congregation. His subject was "conscience," and practical thoughts were given.

Miss Edna Gilliland and her mother Mrs. Etta L. Patterson and two children, of Allegheny, are visiting Mrs. Patterson's mother, Mrs. Maggie Lyon, and her brother J. E. Lyon and family.

Mrs. Margaret Kesselring, of Hustontown, is visiting relatives in this community.

The Laidig base ball team played the Gracey team at Gracey last Saturday afternoon. The result was a score of 13 to 10 in favor of Laidig. Bernard Foreman seemed to be the heaviest batter for the Laidig team, bringing two men home and making a home run. It is proposed to play again Saturday afternoon, Aug. 1, near Fairview church, after which there is to be a festival to aid the Laidig team to get bats, balls, &c.

Our farmers have begun the harvest of oats which seems rather light.

### ON OFFICIAL VISIT.

Royal Arcanum Officials Spent Night in McConnellsburg.

Monday morning Hon. Frank B. Wickersham, sitting grand past regent, Harrisburg, accompanied by Millard F. Thompson, grand orator, and Jacob Weiner, Carlisle, and H. B. McNulty, past grand regent, and others came to McConnellsburg where, in the evening, they visited Tuscarora council of the Royal Arcanum.

The McConnellsburg council is now nineteen years old and this is the first time in its history that it has had so many distinguished visitors.

### Rev. Strayer's Announcements.

Sunday, July 26.  
Mt. Tabor.—Preaching, Saturday evening, 7:45; Sunday school, Sunday morning, 9:30; Y. P. S. C. E., Sunday evening, 7:45.

Hustontown.—Preaching, 10:30 a. m.; prayer meeting, Wednesday evening.

Bethlehem.—Sunday school, 2 p. m.; preaching 8 p. m.; Y. P. S. C. E., 7:45 p. m.

Knobsville.—Preaching, 7:45 p. m.

JNO. F. STRAYER, pastor.

## 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.

Miss Annie Dickson spent a day or two in Harrisburg last week.

Jacob Kauffman, of Johnstown, Pa., is spending this week with friends in this vicinity.

Capt. C. T. Dixon and wife, of Salvia, spent a few hours in town last Saturday.

Corder W. Snyder and wife, of Needmore, spent a few hours in town last Saturday.

Mr. Baldwin Fraker, of Fort Littleton, was a pleasant and profitable visitor at this office, on Tuesday.

Misses Bessie and Beatrice Myers, of Hancock, are guests in the family of their uncle, Geo. W. Hays, in this place.

Lillie Campbell left town Tuesday morning to go to Hollidaysburg, where she will spend a few weeks with relatives.

Ex-Sheriff D. C. Fleck and Geo. Wilds, two of Fort Littleton's substantial citizens were in town on business, on Tuesday.

Mr. Sloan Warthin, wife, little son, Aunt Miss Esther Sloan, and Miss Jessie Sloan left on Tuesday morning for Gettysburg.

James W. Rummel, of this place, was among those who attended the encampment exercises at Gettysburg during the past week.

Edward Finiff, of Morgantown, W. Va., and Charles Elvey of Bays, O., spent Monday in the home of William Fix and wife, west of town.

W. W. Palmer, of Connellsville, and W. Scott Palmer, of Sipes Mill, made a trip to McConnellsburg, Monday in the latter's Ford runabout.

M. R. Shaffner, Esq., and Merchant J. K. Johnston, left town early Tuesday morning in the former's Ford runabout for a trip to Gettysburg.

Misses Minnie and Anna Reinsner and Maria D. Alexander, and George Reinsner, Jr., returned on Saturday evening from a pleasant outing at Atlantic City.

Mrs. M. L. Hull, of Sharpsburg, Pa., a suburb of Pittsburg, is spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. D. A. Nelson, and other friends in the Cove.

Merchant H. B. Hege and wife and children, of Mercersburg, spent a couple of days visiting friends and relatives on this side of the mountain last week.

Miss Emma Starn went over to Mercersburg last Friday afternoon to spend a few days with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Walker.

S. R. Martin, one of Crestline, Ohio's, successful business men, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Martin in the Cove. Samuel is in the furniture and undertaking business.

Mr. Edgar Sleichter and wife of Chambersburg accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Bollinger of Culbertson visited E. J. Croft's and S. A. Wible at Dane a few days last week.

Dr. and Mrs. H. C. McClain and Mr. W. F. Laidig, of Hustontown, drove to McConnellsburg Sunday in the Doctor's big automobile, and took dinner at the City Hotel. They returned home in the afternoon accompanied by the Doctor's father, Mr. F. C. McClain.

Joseph P. Hege, wife, and two children of Franktown county, took a little after-harvest vacation and came over and spent a few days among their Cove friends and relatives last week. Mr. Hege thinks it means a good deal to be able to market the products of one's farm without being obliged to haul it across the mountain.