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IS THE MILLENNIUM NEAR?

Written by Daniel P. Deshong, Esq., of Pleasant Ridge. Thoughts Suggested by a Dream.

What would be the condition of the world to day, had Mother Eve, in the Garden of Eden, not disobeyed the commands of God? A dream which the writer had several years ago, has led to the following thoughts along this line: Had it not been for the disobedience of our first parents, we now would have no deaths, no sorrows, no doctors, no lawyers, no editors, no mechanics,—we would have no labor to perform—in short, we would have nothing to do but reach out our hands and take and eat, for the whole world would be a garden of Eden. All persons having been born into the world since the creation would to-day be living and well and there would be no undertaking establishments, no cemetery associations, nor any tombstone peddlers. Adam and his wife would still be living, and would lack only about eighty-eight years of being six thousand years old. Everybody else born since the creation of Adam and Eve would still be living, and the population of the world, instead of being fifteen hundred million as it is to-day, would be—just think what it would be, if no one had ever died.

We are told in Holy Writ that the Old Serpent, the Devil, was once an Angel of Light, but that he was disobedient, and was cast down from his lofty position, and from that time became the enemy of mankind. First he persuaded Eve to partake of the forbidden fruit, and, in turn, she persuaded Adam to do the same thing, and thus was brought about the train of terrible evils consisting in part of wars, of pestilences, of murders,—in fact of all kinds of sins, and the last, but not the least is drunkenness, for God never made intoxicating drinks.

But the time is coming, and is now near at hand, when all this will be changed. The six thousand years, which corresponds to the six days of the week that God labored in making the world and all things therein contained, and rested on the seventh day, is now nearly completed, and the seventh thousand will correspond to the seventh day, and will be, it seems to me, the millennium, during which time the Devil will be chained for a thousand years, and all people will come forth and live upon the earth, which will be, as a whole, a garden of Eden; and I believe that will be a paradise for the righteous, but I fear it will be a purgatory for the wicked. All old things will be passed away, and all things will become new; there will be no war nor rumors of war; the people shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks, and shall know war no more. And it is fair to presume that at the end of that time, the Lord will separate the wheat from the tares, and the tares, or chaff, will be burned up with unquenchable fire; but the wheat he will gather into his garner. Old things will have passed away, and all things will have become new. There will be a new heaven and a new earth, which will be for all time and eternity.

Now, it is supposed by some people that the first six thousand years of the world will be up about our year nineteen hundred and fifteen, and if that should be so, the millennium, or one thousand years of peace, are not far distant. Now, those are the rambling thoughts of one who is well advanced in years, and it is hoped that it may suggest some new thoughts and new ideas to the minds of thoughtful readers; and if not, it is hoped that it will be somewhat interesting to some persons, at least.

Miss Louisa Long is visiting friends at Williamson, Franklin county.

BURNS PROVE FATAL.

Explosion of Oil Can Results in Death of Everett Lady.

Tuesday afternoon of last week about 1:30 o'clock Mrs. Lloyd K. Baegle of Everett was rekindling her fire preparatory to ironing. She poured coal oil on some wood in the stove when smoldering coals ignited the oil causing the can to explode. With her clothing in flames the woman ran into the yard where she was seen by a man who was working nearby. He hastened to her assistance and succeeded in smothering the flames with carpet, but not before she was burned in a terrible manner. Her feet and face were the only parts of the body untouched by the flames. Medical aid was secured but she lingered until Wednesday night, when death relieved her agony.

Monster Elephant Dies.

Boliver, the largest elephant in captivity, a favorite at the Philadelphia zoological gardens for years, died. He was only second to Jumbo in point of reputation, both of whom were known all over the world. He was presented to the Philadelphia Zoo in 1888 by Adam Forepaugh, the circus man. Doctors are of the opinion that he died of old age and that it was hastened by the lack of exercise. Three butchers and three taxidermists spent as many days in stripping the huge bulk preparatory to mounting it. The bones and hide will then be taken to the buildings of the Academy of Natural Science, where the process of drying the bones and tanning the skin will begin. The flesh was sold to a local firm for fertilizing purposes. Boliver's heart weighed 47 pounds, his liver 200 pounds. The task of setting the skeleton up and covering it with the hide, will require two years.

Rev. Strayer's Announcements.

August 30, 1908.
Wells Valley, Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.; Preaching, 10:30 a. m.; Y. P. S. C. E., 7:30 p. m.; Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening; Teachers Training class, Thursday evening.
Oak Grove—Sunday school, 2:00 p. m.; Preaching, 3:00 p. m.
Cromwell—Sunday school, 9:00 a. m.; Preaching, 7:30 p. m.
Next appointments, in two weeks, Sept. 13th, will be the last service of the conference year. All are heartily invited.
JNO. F. STRAYER, Pastor.

ENID.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Barnett, Mrs. Nettie Anderson and child, and Mr. George Barnett, of Homestead, and Mr. George Barnett, of Everett, are visiting at Mr. H. M. Taux's.
Mr. John A. Ready and son left on Tuesday. After spending a few days at Bedford and stopping at Warsaw, Ind., they will reach Sedalia, Mo., their home, about September 1st.
Mrs. Jno. M. Schenck accompanied her niece Miss Wertz, home and will visit at Bedford a few days and from there will go to Huntingdon and Altoona.
Mr. and Mrs. Jehu Edwards are visiting their daughter Mrs. H. C. McClain at Juniata.
John C. Horton and his grandmother Mrs. Girvin, of Philadelphia are visiting at E. A. Horton's. Quite a number of the young folks took in Crystal Springs camp last Sunday.
Cloyd Edwards is at home again.
Miss Jessie Cunningham, who was called to Chicago on account of the serious illness of her sister Mrs. Rhaisla, has returned to Altoona. She brought her sister back with her much improved in health.
Prof. Geo. W. Ready will leave for Altoona on Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Edwards and little daughter Martha spent Sunday in Saxton.

DEAD BOY REVIVED.

Made Incision in Breast and Manipulated Heart until Life Returned. Wonderful Surgical Feat.

Washington, August 21.—News of one of the most remarkable operations ever performed in this city or possibly in the United States, which took place at Emergency Hospital, when one of the surgeons of that institution succeeded by massage in bringing back to life a twelve-year-old colored boy of Hayatts-ville, Md., who, it was thought, had died suddenly while undergoing an operation, has just been made public.

The boy was under the influence of chloroform and the surgeon was operating on an infected knee when respiration suddenly ceased. The body became cold, and limbs rigid. Artificial respiration was resorted to, but there was no responding to pulsation of the heart.

After six minutes of suspense during which the physician resorted to every possible method to revive the patient the doctor realized that there was only one chance to save the boy's life.

With delicate skill, the boy's body was opened and for seven minutes the doctor massaged the patient's heart with his fingers. Finally when he was about to give up all hope, the boy took a faint voluntary breath, and for several minutes the heart pulsed gently. Plying the heart with his fingers to stimulate circulation of the blood, the physician, after eighteen minutes, had the heart pulsating normally, and knew that he had succeeded in his almost miraculous operation.

For a day and a half following the operation the boy remained in excellent condition and every hope was held out for his recovery. But the infection of the knee had spread to the left side and affected the glands of the neck. Blood poisoning set in and despite all efforts to save him the boy succumbed.

Within a few months several eminent physicians of this city will conduct vivisection tests to determine how far the heart massage can be carried. Dogs will be placed under anaesthetics and allowed to succumb it is said, so that physicians may determine after how long an interval an animal apparently dead, may be restored by heart massage.

WELLS TANNERY.

Wells Valley seems to be an attractive place for summer visit 61s. Among the recent ones are Miss Ada Gaster, of Pittsburg, with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Harmon; Mrs. Chas. Ross, of Saxton, with her uncle, J. N. Duval; Rev. Walter Stewart and Miss Myers, of Shirley, with the former's parents, G. A. Stewart and wife; Mrs. B. C. Dawney and daughter Arlean, of Philadelphia, with her sister, Mrs. G. W. Sipe; Mrs. T. J. Evans, with her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Kirk; Harry L. Baumgardner, of Altoona, and Miss Thelma Hewitt, of Petersburg, with W. H. Baumgardner and wife; Mrs. J. R. Hunter and two sons, with her parents, Harvey Wishart and wife; Mr. Deavor, of Waterfall, of South Fork, with his parents, Albert Helsel and wife; Mrs. Brumbaugh, of Grafton, with her daughter, Mrs. McClellan Swope; Mr. Vanalman, of Roaring Springs, at G. E. Sprowl's.

Nathan Horton and wife spent Saturday and Sunday at Crystal Springs.

Our baseball team and many of our citizens attended the picnic at Fairview, Saturday. The ball team returned, feeling jubilant over their victory with Huston town and Laidig.

Evangelist W. G. Harmon talked on one of our street corners Sunday evening to an attentive crowd.

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AUGUST WEDDINGS.

Hearts and Hands Joined Together For Journey Through Life.

STEVENS—DESHONG.
A very pretty home wedding occurred at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Balizer Deshong, near Harrisonville, at 5 o'clock Wednesday evening, August 26, 1908, when their daughter Miss Myrtle became the bride of Mr. B. E. Stevens, of McConnellsburg, junior member of the firm of Thos. B. Stevens & Son, furniture dealers.

Promptly at the hour named, the bridal couple with the bridesmaid Miss Maudie Deshong and the groomsmen, Mr. Ross Holmhead, appeared in the beautifully decorated parlors before Rev. C. W. Bryner, of McConnellsburg, who in the beautiful and impressive ceremony of the Methodist Episcopal church, pronounced the bride and groom man and wife.

After the ceremony and congratulations the large company of invited guests were seated to a sumptuously prepared wedding dinner, and it is needless to add that the remainder of the evening was joyously spent.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevens left this morning for a trip that will include Erie, Niagara Falls, Canada, Pittsburg, Homestead, and other places, after which they will return to McConnellsburg and go to housekeeping.

The bride was the recipient of a large number of handsome and valuable presents.

DOYLE—WILKINSON.

A very pretty home wedding took place at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos B. Wilkinson, on West Main street, Monday evening, August 24, 1908, when Miss Amanda Valetta became the bride of Mr. Ross E. Doyle, son of M. F. Doyle, foreman of the News office.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. W. Bryner, and the bride was given away by her father. After congratulations, a bounteous wedding dinner was served, which was followed by the appearance of the calthumpians, who gave the happy couple a very nice serenade, and were generously remembered by the hostess. The happy occasion was the celebration of the bride's seventeenth birthday in a very befitting manner. The bride and groom are excellent young people and go to housekeeping amidst the best wishes of their numerous friends.

WINEGARDNER—CUTCHALL.

At the Methodist Episcopal parsonage in this place on Wednesday, August 19, 1908, Rev. C. W. Bryner united in marriage, Miss Jessie Blanche Cutchall and Mr. Irvin D. Winegardner, both of Taylor township. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Cutchall, and the groom a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Winegardner, and are a couple of most excellent young people who start out on their voyage through life with the best wishes of a host of friends.

SHIMER—KENDALL.

At the pastor's residence in McConnellsburg, August 20, 1908, Mr. Benjamin F. Shimer and Miss Orpha A. Kendall were united in marriage by Rev. J. L. Grove. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Shimer left for Illinois, where they will make their future home. They have the best wishes of their many friends.

SIMPSON—GORDON.

Mr. Reed Simpson and Miss Frances Gordon, both of Dickeys Mountain, this county, were married in Hancock on Tuesday of last week. Mr. Simpson is engaged in the mercantile business at Dickeys Mountain.

McKEE—STEACH.

On August 14th, in Altoona, Mr. Edward McKee was united in marriage with Miss Minnie Steach, daughter of J. William Steach, formerly of this place.

VISIT TO THE WEST.

Mrs. August Soffel and Sons, of Pittsburg, Tell of Pleasant Trip.

I, with my two sons Joseph and Howard, left our home in Pittsburg for a visit to my brother, Calvin O. Sipes, in Iowa. The trip is a long one and pretty tiresome, but the pleasure and benefit one gets from it, pays for it all. After leaving Pittsburg we traveled all night, arriving in Chicago next morning at 9 a. m., and left about an hour later for Iowa. We traveled all day in an observation car. The service was fine, and the scenery unsurpassed. Part of the time we spent on the platform, where the porter had kindly placed a couple dozen chairs. The wheat and rye are harvested, and in many places the farmers were having the machine threshing. The fields present a grand sight—shocks so close to each other, they almost seemed to touch. The corn is fine. I suppose the season could not have been better, as it has been pretty wet. Some places two fine crops of hay are harvested in one year. The grass is green and vegetation luxuriant everywhere. There are fine groves here. All have been planted and seem to thrive well in this climate. Cattle, hogs, and sheep of the finest, are seen everywhere. We arrived safe at What Cheer, Iowa, Tuesday, at 10 a. m., where brother met us with a smiling face and a fine two-seated carriage and a span of driving horses. We soon drove six miles to his beautiful home, where his wife, who will be remembered as Minnie Comer, of Ayr township, Fulton county, Pa., a former teacher, met us with a happy radiant face, and had a dinner waiting for us for a king—a sample of all the good things from the garden, dairy, hennery, and farm products. After partaking of the sumptuous fare, we rested and then took in the scenes about the farm. The house is a fine large one, having five rooms to each floor, with white paint and green shutters. It presented a fine appearance on a handsome lawn, set with many handsome evergreen trees, cedars, ornamental trees and hedge. All buildings are white, excepting a large red barn. There is a fine maple grove on the west, and a catalpa grove on the north, with an abundance of apples, peaches, plums, cherries, etc. The land is slightly rolling, and driving as fine as anyone could wish—no stones nor rocks.

We expect to leave for the East soon, and will visit some more Fulton county people in Chicago, among them Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Horton. We expect to spend some time on the lakes on our return, and hope to reach Pittsburg the latter part of the month.

Sincerely yours,
ANNA MARIE SIPES SOFFEL,
23 Shiloh St.,
Pittsburg, Pa.

P. S.—The people are the most friendly and hospitable ones I ever met. Many of them are Quakers. I have had many invitations and have been entertained very extensively. When Mr. C. O. Sipes' goods, or moving, shipped to What Cheer, the nearest town, all the neighbors were there to meet him, and conveyed his goods to his home, six miles, free of charge—ten loads of goods. Such kindness you may never find elsewhere.

Many coal mines are in this neighborhood, and coal can be gotten for ten cents a bushel, the finest grade.

MRS. SOFFEL.

SALVIA.

The long continued spell of dry weather is cutting the buckwheat crop short and interfering with the ploughing. Jacob Hanman has built a new house. Howard Hann and Jacob Mellett are both singing that good old song, "A charge, etc."

Many of our people are attending Crystal Springs campmeeting.

WOMAN COMMITTED SUICIDE.

Mrs. Bartley Hughes of Breezewood Shoots Herself.

The Everett Republican says: On last Friday morning the people of Breezewood were shocked by the announcement that Mrs. Bartley Hughes had shot herself, and upon investigation found the report only too true.

Mrs. Hughes had been weak-minded for the last couple of years and at times showed signs of extreme mental depression. On Thursday evening and night she seemed unusually restless and on Friday morning after eating her breakfast, returned to her room, leaving her husband to do up the morning's work. While thus engaged Mr. Hughes heard a sound coming from the second floor as if some one had fallen, and rushing upstairs found his wife lying prostrated in a doorway between two rooms. Upon raising her from the floor he noticed blood, and supposing she had a hemorrhage, called to a couple of neighboring women and they went into the house while he went to summon Dr. Hanks, a nearby physician.

Mrs. Mary C. Ramsey, being the first to arrive on the scene passed on into the rear room and discovered an empty rifle lying on the floor. Upon the arrival of more of the neighbors, and an examination of the body, life was found to be extinct. A bullet had entered the left breast and penetrated the heart.

It is supposed that Mrs. Hughes sat on a chest, held the muzzle of the gun to her breast and touched the trigger with her toe. The load had been in the rifle for more than three years.

HUSTONTOWN.

Wm. Cutchall of Pitcairn, and brother Jere, of Six Mile Run, spent several days with their parents during the last week.

Mrs. Geo. Mayne, of Altoona, Miss Bess Buckley, of Shelby, Iowa, and Mrs. Alex. Mayne, of Fort Litleton, spent Monday at the home of John Hoover.

Charles Raker and family have moved into our town recently.

A Ribbon Social will be held in the grove at this place on Saturday evening August 29th under the auspices of the Epworth League. Everybody invited to attend.

The local baseball team met an overwhelming defeat on Saturday at the Laidig grounds. The Wells Tannery boys seemed to have a little something on them as shown by the score of 6 to 1. John Cutchall, of Coaldale spent a few days of this week in our town.

Superintendent B. C. Lamberston moved his young wife to the County Seat on Tuesday where they will make their future home.

Mrs. Bosler, of Saxton, is spending some time with her daughter Mrs. B. H. Shaw of this place.

Mont Dawney and wife and Mr. Jones and wife—all of Chicago, spent several days with Harry Dawney at this place.

Birthday Surprise.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor was the scene last Saturday of a very pleasant social occasion, in honor of Mrs. Taylor's birthday anniversary. The affair had been planned so well by the other members of the family, that it was a genuine surprise to Mr. Taylor, and she is now the possessor of many nice presents as a reminder of the occasion. Those present were R. A. Skiles, wife and daughter; Pearl; Charley Sipes wife and two sons Raymond and Vernon; Mrs. David Fohner, Mrs. John Miller, Mrs. Ivin Miller, Mrs. George Sipes, Sade Fohner, Mollie Skiles, Minnie Carothers, Emanuel Sipes, Pate Fohner, Oval Taylor.

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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 Ott and sister Mary are spending a few days with friends in Carlisle and Harrisburg.

Mrs. Alice Gordon, of Fort Litleton, spent a few days last week with her niece, Mrs. Mary A. Kelly.

Mr. Paul Johnston of Philadelphia, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Johnston, in this place.

Mr. Harvey Stoner, after spending two weeks with his home folks, returned to Lancaster, last Saturday.

Mrs. Blanche Belcher, of Chicago, has been visiting among relatives in McConnellsburg during the past few days.

Mrs. M. A. Kelly is visiting the family of Isaac Culler in Thompson township. Mr. Culler's oldest son has typhoid fever.

Clarence C. Palmer, of Pittsburg, is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Palmer, at McKibbin.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rotz, near Marion, Franklin county, were visiting friends on this side of the mountain last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Wilkinson, of Hancock, Md., were here at the wedding of their niece, Miss Valetta Wilkinson on Monday evening.

Mrs. W. H. Lake, of McKibbin, is visiting relatives in Philadelphia, and expects to take in some of the sights at Atlantic City before her return.

George Bishop and wife, John Bishop and wife, and Mrs. Chas. Bishop, of Thompson, attended the funeral of their brother-in-law Samuel Kelly, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson H. Elder, of Montgowntown, W. Va., are visiting Mrs. Elder's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Robinson, and other friends in this place.

Frank St. Clair arrived in town Thursday afternoon and on Saturday, accompanied by his wife and Miss Olive Shimer returned to his home in Washington D. C.

Miss Bess Trout, who has spent the past eighteen months in a Buffalo hospital as a trained nurse, is home for a two weeks' visit among friends in this place and vicinity.

Miss Bessie Mayne, of Shelby, Iowa; Mrs. Geo. W. Mayne, of Altoona, and Mrs. Mary Mayne, of Fort Litleton, were guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. Albert Stoner, Monday.

Gilbert and Elbert Lake, near McConnellsburg, made a nice trip to Altoona in an automobile one day last week, and expect to spend two weeks in that city visiting among friends there.

N. I. Finiff, wife and son Raleigh, near Mont Alto, came over on Saturday on a visit to friends in this vicinity. Mr. Finiff reports an immense peach crop in his neighborhood. One man expects to ship over 100 car loads.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hamil, left on Tuesday morning to attend the National Encampment of the G. A. R. which meets in Ohio next week. Mrs. Hamil is the representative from King Post Woman's Relief Corps, of this place. After the Encampment they will spend some time visiting among friends in the West.

Mr. Samuel Yeakle, wife and children, of Mercersburg; Mrs. M. J. Seylar, son George and grand-daughter Gladys; Mrs. John Graham, son Thomas and grand-daughter Flossie and Mrs. Minnie Rinehart, of Charlestown; Mrs. Lora Smith and daughter, and Miss Dorothy Smith, of Ohio, were among those from a distance who attended the funeral of Mr. Samuel Kelly last Thursday.