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ON OCEAN AND SEA.

Incidents in the Voyage of Miss Alice Wishart Enroute from New York to Bombay, India.

[In Miss Wishart's last letter she told of her stay in Edinboro in the home of her newly found friends, the Henrys. In this letter she gives notes of her trip from Liverpool, along the coast of Portugal, through the strait of Gibraltar, and on across the Mediterranean Sea.—EDITOR.]

October 30.—It was quite dark before our boat got out of the Liverpool docks last night, which gave us a view of the water front by electric light—the moon too was "on" and it was a pretty scene although, not nearly so in-



MISS ALICE E. WISHART.

teresting nor brilliant as New York harbor.

Everything on this side impresses one as being very old and substantial, but—oh, so slow!

I was interested in seeing people say their good byes before the gang plank was taken away—especially one young English clergyman who was bidding a very tender farewell to a pretty little thing in brown.

Only Indian help is employed on this boat, and it seems good to hear the old time jabber, and to smell the odor of curry at meal time.

The sea has been quite calm all day—we are not out of the English channel yet—but it is getting rocky this evening.

For an hour or more to-day, I had Miss McCunn reading Hindustani. I want her to accomplish a lot before we reach Bombay.

There are 51 passengers on board, including seven children. The other 44 are composed of English army officers, civilians, clergymen and missionaries. They look a pleasant enough crowd, and I hope will prove interesting.

Miss H. Illster, the third in our cabin, is a young Methodist missionary going out to join her parents at Rangoon. I put in my spare time walking on deck and reading "The Scarlet Pimpernel"—a new book which Mrs. Henry gave me to read on the voyage.

November 2.—We have had a much smoother passage thus far than on the Atlantic. Sunday, a Church of England clergyman read the service, and gave a short talk in the morning. He sits opposite me at table, and is not unpleasant to talk to. There is an agreeable English girl at my left, who is going out to India to visit, and the ship's doctor at the end beyond her—going and on his first voyage to the East. Yesterday I played shuffle board on deck more than an hour with an English girl, the Padre and the Doctor, and, in consequence, have sore muscles this morning. It is such good exercise, that I mean to play again—as one can not read all the time.

Miss McCunn has two hours daily with me in Hindustani and is doing very well indeed. Last night we had a little musicale, to try to unearth what talent there might be among the passengers. It turned out that quite a number sing and play nicely. This morning Capt. Wyde took me to visit the animals, as there is quite a

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

Under Auspices of McConnellsburg Choral Society and Public Schools.

The Choral Society, in connection with the town schools of McConnellsburg, has prepared an elaborate Christmas program, and will give an entertainment in the School Hall, on Saturday evening, December 25th, consisting of music, plays, and recitations. Doors open at 7 o'clock; entertainment begins at 7:30. Price of all tickets, 25 cents. Tickets will be on sale at Goldsmith's store, on Friday and Saturday, December 24th and 25th, and at the door Saturday evening. The proceeds go towards paying for the new piano in the school hall. Everybody come.

farm yard on board, it seems—eight horses, ducks, chickens, a dozen dogs, cats, turkeys, etc.

To-day, we are passing along the west coast of Portugal, and to-morrow noon will be going through the Straits of Gibraltar.

October 4.—Yesterday was calm and beautiful, as we came through the Straits of Gibraltar. Everybody was on deck, of course, with glasses trained on the Rock, which quite won our attention away from the shores of Morocco on the right. The entire day, we were within sight of Spanish shores, and passed dozens of boats—several men-of-war, among others. To day the awnings have been put up, as it is getting much warmer; but nothing in comparison with what it will be later on. Quite a bit of musical talent has shown up, and we have an hour or more concert every evening in the music room.

Miss McCunn will finish her ten chapters in John (in Hindustani) to day, and will go on with the Persian character. She learns quickly.

November 5.—We are now only two days from Port Said, which, the Captain says, we will reach at midnight Tuesday, so no going on shore for us, I fear, at that hour. Is it not provoking? The air is much warmer and the awnings are all up; so, it begins to seem like summer again.

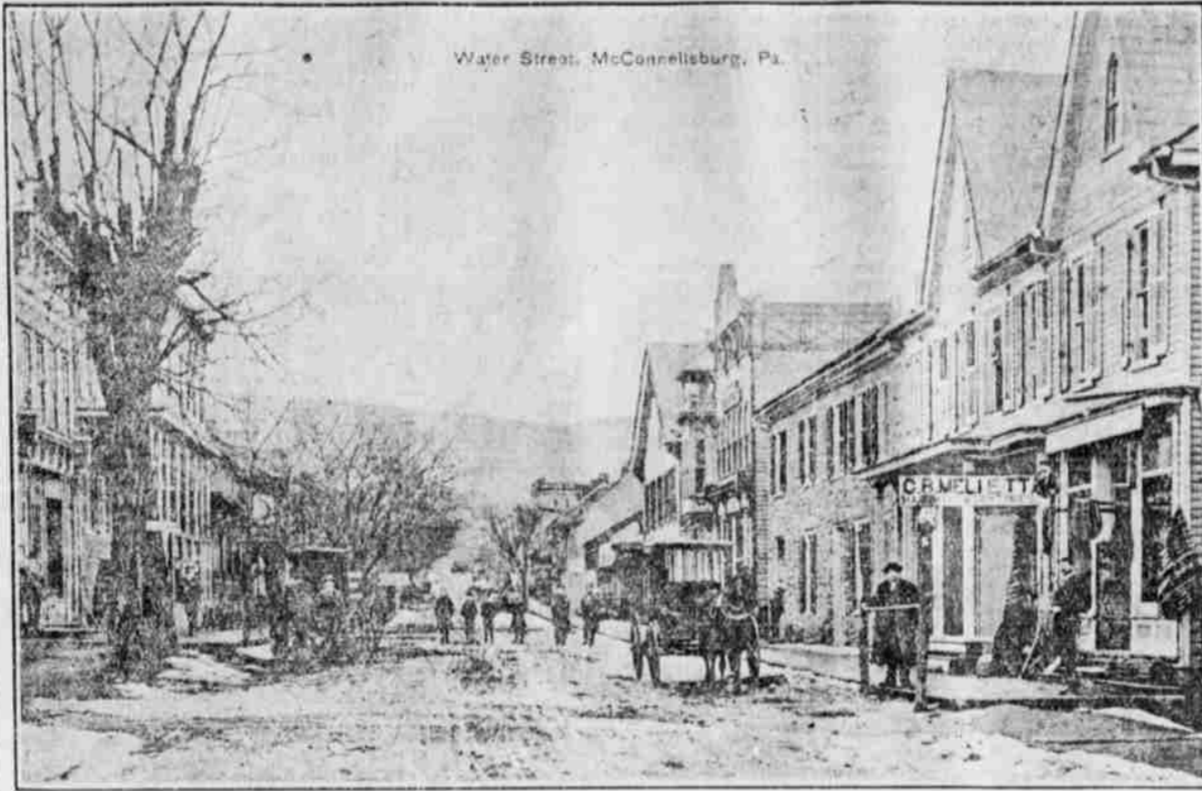
Yesterday was inspection, when all the officers and sailors came on deck—more than a hundred of them—Portuguese, East Indians, and Scotchmen. The East Indians were diked out in their best, snowy white mull—mull coats and trousers, with gorgeous embroidered waist coats, bright scarfs, and brilliant turbans. It made the East very real to me, especially when one caught a strong whiff of sandal or attar of roses, as they passed in review. Scents have such a way of reminding one of scenes and places, don't they?

Saturday evening, the Captain took several of us on the bridge, and into his cabin, where he entertained us about an hour with Scotch tunes on his gramophone. He is a jolly old Scotchman, and very kind, too.

Friday we went down to the very bottom of the ship to see the engines and other machinery. It is really wonderful to see the forces at work to move this big boat. The engineer explained a lot about it all, including the refrigerating plant; but the noise was so great, I could not hear half he said. I breathed a sigh of relief when we had finished climbing back over four flights of almost perpendicular stairs. The ship's doctor went along—"in case of accident!" He plays a very good game of shuffle-board which I have learned to like. It's fine exercise.

We had a nice church of England service yesterday on deck, as it was pleasanter than inside. The piano was taken out, and the choir sang "Eternal Father, Strong to Save," of course. In the evening we had some hymns. About every other night they manage to get up a concert which is not bad. I have not been ill a minute.

View on Water Street, McConnellsburg, Pa.



Water Street, McConnellsburg, Pa.

The picture above is a view of a portion of Water Street, McConnellsburg, Pa. The first building in the foreground, on the right, is owned by Geo. B. Mellott, in which he resides and has his store. Part of the building is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Lynch. The second building is the old Billy Duffield stone building, now owned by Alex Patterson. The third, a tall frame building, is the George W. Hays, store building. The fourth is owned by Chas. B. Stevens, and is used for his store and place of residence; and the fifth, the one with the big gable to the street, is the D. B. Nace building, in which is the Reinsner store and the First National Bank.

On the left side of the street, the first building—the one on the left of the tree—is Albert Stoner's store building and next to it is his residence, almost hidden by the tree. The three-story building to the right of the tree, is the home of the FULTON COUNTY NEWS, and the residence of the Editor.

McConnellsburg is on the old turnpike, the main thoroughfare for automobile travel between Pittsburg and Philadelphia, 134 miles east of Pittsburg, and 168 miles west of Philadelphia. No town in the State has better hotel accommodations.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

Abstract of the Proceedings of the Sessions Held in McConnellsburg, December 3d and 4th.

"In the way our fathers trod" may be all right in some things; but the farmer who does not keep abreast of the times, will soon find himself bringing up the tail-end of the procession. There are farmers in Fulton county to-day, raising two bushels of grain on the same field, to one their fathers raised—making two dollars clear money to one made by their fathers—and this, because they are reading, thinking, and comparing notes and investigations with other progressive farmers.

The farmer who does not attend a farmers' institute, does not know what he is missing; and for his benefit we publish an abstract of the work done in the recent institute at McConnellsburg feeling assured that the reader will get some hints from them, that will put good dollars into his pockets.

The institute was held in the auditorium of the new School Building, and was called to order by J. Lind Patterson, who presided. The address of welcome was given by J. Nelson Sipe, Esq., and the response by J. W. Bruckart, of Lattin, Pa., in which he introduced himself and colleagues and outlined the course of instruction to be given by them. C. J. Brewer then gave the institute a very pleasant address. R. P. Kester, of Grampion, was asked by the chairman to speak on the subject "Corn Culture."

While corn in the United States yields three as many bushels as any other cereal, yet on an average only 43 bushels per acre are raised, which might easily be doubled, by intelligent selection of seed, and by proper cultivation. Seed should be selected before the crop is cut, and from a medium height of growth and of the best quality. Seed corn can be improved by selecting the most perfect ears and planting those ears in separate rows, from which to select the next year's seed. In preparation of the soil, it is best to plow deeply. In planting, it is best to wait till the soil becomes warm enough to germinate the seed. In cultivation of the crop, too many cultivations cannot be given.

EVENING SESSION.

This session was opened with a well rendered song by the Mc-

Connellsburg Choral Society.

Miss Mary Baumgardner followed with an exceptionally well given recitation entitled Rock Me to Sleep Mother. Elliott Kirk next followed with an extemporaneous address strong and pleasing. Fred W. Card, of Sylvania, Pa., was next introduced and spoke at length on "The Education We Need."

R. P. Kester occupied the last period with a pleasing address and dismissed the audience in high good humor.

SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The morning session was opened with Devotional Exercises by Rev. Rice. R. P. Kester occupied the first period with a talk on the Economical Feeding of the Dairy Cow. As a matter of business it is necessary to calculate all feeds on their market values. There are two general classes of foods for man or beast, viz. Proteins and Carbohydrates the former of which furnish the material which makes hair, muscle, bone, blood, milk, white of eggs, &c. Carbohydrates furnish energy, heat and the fats of the body and therefore a balanced ration of both classes of feeds is necessary from an economical standpoint. Clover hay and wheat bran being representative protein feeds while corn and timothy hay are of the carbohydrate class. F. W. Card then gave a talk on Farm Records and Accounts which must of necessity be simple. It was shown that without accounts many products of the farm may be raised at a loss. To determine a gain or loss each year on a farm it is necessary that a correct inventory should be taken with rise or fall of prices taken into account.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

J. W. Bruckart occupied the first period with his talk entitled "Personal Experience with Lime and the Legumes." This speaker's experience justifies the common belief that lime is good and if used in moderation will stimulate plant growth correct acidity and assist in decomposing mechanically the solidity of soil particles. Of Legumes the speaker recommended the use of Crimson and Red Clover or Cowpeas. Crimson Clover was especially recommended in truck farming as well as in raising tobacco. W. C. Patterson occupied the next period with a paper entitled, "The Old Farm." R. P. Kester gave a talk on the Silo as a labor saving device. In economizing feed the

PLEASANT SOCIAL EVENT.

Last Thursday Was Mrs. C. M. Brant's Birthday Anniversary, as Well as of Her Marriage.

Last Thursday was quite a cold day, so much so that it would be supposed that only those of the gentler sex, who might be compelled by urgent necessity or kindly benevolence to leave their homes, would do so. Imagine then the surprise of Mrs. C. M. Brant on that day, when, after having finished her morning work she had sat down to read, to see some of her neighbors coming—not from one direction merely—but from several directions, and most of them carrying bundles. What could it mean? After they had come into the house and greeted Mrs. Brant pleasantly, it began to dawn upon her mind that this was her birthday anniversary; and, also, the thirty-fourth anniversary of her wedding.

After some time spent in social conversation and preparation for dinner, all sat down to a well-filled table and partook of a good dinner. After dinner, those present were entertained by some selections from the graphophone. Then all departed for their respective homes, wishing Mrs. Brant many returns of her birthday anniversary. Those present were Mrs. E. H. Kirk, Mrs. Wm. Heefner, Mrs. Hiram Clevener, Mrs. Ephraim Mellott, Mrs. Chester Brant, Mrs. Susan King, Mrs. Ross King, Mrs. Eliza Hoover, Mrs. T. F. Davis, Mrs. Wilbert Erb, daughter Mildred, and son Paul; Daisy Hoover, C. M. Brant, wife and sons Edwin and Dallas, and Goldie Reeder.

Abram Vancleve.

Abram Vancleve, aged 85 years 1 month, and 8 days, died of pneumonia at his home in Washington, Pa., on Thursday, December 2, 1909. Interment in the cemetery at that place, the following Saturday.

Mr. Vancleve was born and reared in Ayr township, and for a number of years owned and lived on the Thos. F. Sloan farm, now occupied by Ahmaz Clevener. About the year 1880 he left the county and located in Missouri. The family then returned east and settled in Washington, Pa., where there were more favorable opportunities for the education of his son Benjamin, who, at that time, was preparing for the ministry.

Mr. Vancleve was a member of the Presbyterian church and an earnest christian man. He will long be remembered for his kindness and sympathy for all in distress, and for his unstinted hospitality.

He was laid to rest by the side of his wife, who died during the winter of 1889. He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. George A. Stewart, of Wells Valley; Mrs. Lydia Cypher, New Castle, Pa., and Misses Hester and Nelle, at home.

Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Shives, of this place, were agreeably surprised and their hearts gladdened Tuesday evening, when into their home, stepped Mr. J. Frank Martin, their foster son, who had been absent in New Mexico and Texas during the past three years. Mr. Martin is located at El Paso, on the Rio Grande, in the extreme western part of Texas, and is railroading on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, with a run between El Paso, and Tucumcari, New Mexico. Frank is situated 1800 miles west of Chicago. He expects to visit among his Fulton county friends until after the approaching holidays, when he will return to his work at El Paso.

Last Thursday, John W. Truxel, who lives near the Tonoloway Baptist church in Thompson township, butchered one hog that dressed 453 lbs., and seven others—spring pigs, that made 2,010 lbs. of choice pork.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Kline, of Harrisonville, were in town shopping yesterday.

Mr. A. R. Mock, of Burnt Cabins, was in town yesterday attending to business.

Mr. Wilbur F. Berkstresser, of Waterfall, was in town attending to business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Huston of Salsido, spent Tuesday and Wednesday with relatives in this place.

Mr. John F. Johnston, of Taylor township, spent a few days in Harrisburg last week attending United States court as a juror.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex C. Lamberon and their baby-boy Clarence, of Akersville, spent several days last week visiting relatives and friends in the Cove.

J. E. Lyon accompanied Dr. H. C. McClain to Mercersburg last Saturday in the latter's automobile. Mrs. Lyon spent the day with relatives in Hustontown.

Dr. J. G. Hanks, of Breezewood, and Mr. W. C. Hanks, of Emuville, came down to McConnellsburg last Thursday in the Doctor's automobile remained a few hours and returned in the evening.

Rev. and Mrs. John M. Diehl are spending a few days this week visiting the former's parents at Cashtown, Adams county. Mr. Diehl will be home in time for his appointments next Sunday.

For the week ending December 4, the statement of the Huntington and Broadtop railroad shows that 13,767 tons of coal were hauled on the line. This shows an increase of 5,541 tons.

David Woodal was over at Chambersburg to see his sister Miss Jennie, who has been confined to her bed for the past two weeks. She is getting better and is expected home the last of the week.

U. G. Humbert, a former successful teacher in this county, and now one of Ayr townships' enterprising farmers, was in town attending to business last Friday, and found time to come in and chat a few minutes with the Editor.

For several months Clyde Ott, of this place has been in impaired health, and on Monday morning of this week he, accompanied by his uncle, D. L. Grissinger went to Philadelphia to consult a specialist, and if necessary, submit to a surgical operation.

Dr. R. Weber McKibbin and little daughter Elizabeth, of Fort Meade, South Dakota, where the Doctor is stationed with the Fourth U. S. Cavalry, reached Hancock last Saturday evening, and will spend a short time here among relatives and friends.

Dr. W. L. McKibbin, of Amarant, spent a few days in town during the past week. From this place he went over to Marion, Franklin county to visit his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. McKee, who formerly lived at Amarant, but who are now in the mercantile business at Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Finniff, and their little daughter Mildred, have returned to Fulton county to remain indefinitely. During the past twenty-three years, Luther has been in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and is now known as a "handy man"—that means that he can take the place of almost any other employe in case of emergency. On account of an extended attack of rheumatism, he has been obliged to obtain a leave of absence, and will remain here until his health is somewhat restored.