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## LETTER FROM NEW MEXICO.

Written by Mrs. J. G. Harshaw, an M. E. Preacher's Wife.

CLAYTON, N. M., Dec. 28, 1900.

EDITOR THE STAR:—Since coming to Clayton I have often thought of writing a letter to THE STAR, as it is impossible for us to write to our many friends in Pennsylvania, and if you wish to let the people know of New Mexico through your paper will be glad to have you do so.

Clayton is a town of about seven or eight hundred inhabitants. We have a fine brick court house, jail (so if any one don't behave they are taken care of), a brick school house, with good schools, two hotels, several dry goods and grocery stores, bakeries and barber-shops, harness shop, drug stores, saloons, electric lights, water works, etc. The houses are most all cottages, a house with six or eight rooms is considered a large house, and it is when one cleans it after a sand storm. When we have a hard sand storm you cannot see across the street and your house inside will receive a share of sand. At first I thought it terrible, but am getting used to it and expect to get our share. We don't have these storms often. Houses are scarce and rent high. We can see one mountain (forgetting the name) fifty miles away; distance is deceiving. The occupation is stock and sheep raising. There are wealthy men here, came here poor men, took a claim of 160 acres, got cattle as they could and to-day they are rich, and did not have hard work. The nearest mountain is ten miles away; the land is all a prairie. Cannot raise vegetables or fruit here on account of no rain and expensive to irrigate. Groceries are about the same price as in Pennsylvania. Apples and potatoes sell by the lb. We pay 1 1/2 to 2c. per lb. for potatoes and from 3 to 6c. for apples. Nothing sells by the bushel, all by pound. The people are very intelligent, I mean the Americans. There are a good many Mexicans; they are of a very dark complexion.

We have two doctors. The altitude is over 5,000 feet. There is no finer climate for lung trouble. A number of people are here now for a while; they claim they have been greatly benefited since coming here. We have people here from most all parts of U. S. All who have come from the east tell me they never want to go back east to live. I will not go back on old Pa., although I like it here very much. The people here don't work like in Pa., I must say, and they acknowledge it, they are lazy and I fear it is contagious. We have had beautiful weather until last evening, when we got a little snow.

There is one church here, the "Christian," but are not able to support a minister. We are the first minister's family to live here. We are building a new M. E. church. There is a great work to be done in Clayton; it is like all towns, a great deal of sin in it. The people are very kind to us, remembered us very kindly on Xmas. If you come to Clayton while we are here let us know of your coming and we shall be at the depot to welcome you. This is a great place to eat and sleep. Mr. Harshaw has gained and is enjoying the work. If you wish to know more of Clayton don't hesitate to write and ask any question. Your friend,  
MYRTA THOMPSON HARSHAW.

## Letter to L. N. Snyder.

Reynoldsville, Pa.

Dear Sir: You buy your horseshoes and nails; your grandfather, if he was a blacksmith, made 'em. You can't afford to hammer them out by hand, when you can buy as good, or better perhaps, readymade to your hand, for a little more than the cost of the iron.

What do you think of a painter who goes on buying his linseed oil and white lead, and mixing and, tinting by hand, and charging his time for work that is far better done than he can do it, done by machinery, done as your horseshoes and nails are made.

Mistake, isn't it?  
He is wasting his chance in the world. There is no better stuff to do business with than good horseshoes and paint; and no better work than putting them on. Good horseshoes well put on: it's the putting 'em on that makes you a blacksmith; no matter who makes 'em. Who wants to go back to old times, and make his own horseshoes?

Between us two, that painter don't know how to make good paint—he used too; but paint has run away from him. Yours truly,  
F. W. DAVON & CO.

## High School Bulletin.

EDITORIAL STAFF.

Editor-in-Chief—Clement Flynn '01.  
Assistant Editor—Christina Brown '02.  
Local Editor—Jay McGaw '03.

The fact that the present school year is drawing to a close was impressed upon the members of the High School the other morning when the senior class was informed that the time has now arrived when they should begin their preparations for commencement. And not only a realization of this fact was presented but also that soon another class will depart from our doors and begin their journey on the sea of life.

Hence as we contemplate this and realize what the parting from the fond scenes which cluster around our school-days means, we find a sense of melancholy creeping over us.

But as this feeling is counterbalanced and we dwell upon the thoughts which are associated with the event, we find consolation in the fact that we are receiving that training which in a measure prepares us for the journey and will give zest to the cruise.

As has been well said, life is a drama in which we all have a part to play. While some have stronger parts than others, yet all have parts assigned them, and our success in life will depend on how those parts are acted.

Hence realizing this it devolves upon us that we utilize these opportunities which are offered us and by which we shall be able to attain that end for which we strive. Principally among these opportunities is education. For education is that mighty locomotive power by which we are carried from the low lands of ignorance and placed upon the heights of understanding. It is the great weapon which shall be the most potent factor in the struggles of the present century, and as our ability to wield it is demonstrated so will our rewards be measured.

—x—  
Dr. J. W. Foust visited the high school last week and made a very interesting address to the scholars.

James Muir has returned after a long absence.

## SOCIETY NOTES.

The following proclamation has been posted in the high school. The undersigned are hereby notified to appear in the Assembly hall on Friday afternoon, January 18, 1901, and proceed to ballot for a Senator to represent Pennsylvania in the U. S. Senate: Speaker Marshall, Ralph Kirk; Republican candidate, M. S. Quay, Fred Smith; Democratic candidate, Geo. A. Jenks, Tom Nolan; nominating speech for Quay, Ira Bowser; nominating speech for Jenks, Clement Flynn; seconding speech for Quay, Frances King; seconding speech for Jenks, Ethel Winslow. Each member of the high school will impersonate one of our leading legal lights who are in session at Harrisburg.

The society was treated to a side amusement Friday in the way of a running debate in which several members participated. But the question that caused the agitation was amicably settled and the moonlight of peace and tranquillity again reigns supreme.

The Shakespearean Literary Society met Friday, Jan. 11, and the following interesting program was rendered: Reading by Jay McGaw; vocal solo, Verdie Dougherty; address, Clement Flynn; reading, Margaret Stokes; debate, Fred Smith and Tom Nolan. In the business meeting the society decided to revise their constitution and the following committee was appointed, Clement Flynn, Prof. Leavenworth and Fred Smith.

In the absence of both the president and vice-president, Effie Milliren acted as president pro tem. Friday afternoon.

All the members of the high school were in attendance Monday. On account of sickness this has been the exception but we trust to have them with us from now on to the close.

## West Reynoldsville Council.

The town council of West Reynoldsville met in regular session January 8th with the following members in attendance: A. B. Weed, in chair, Samuel Sutter, John Benson, Henry Herpel, James Shobert, Richard Miller and James Orr.

The minutes of last regular meeting read and approved.

R. D. Beer was present and gave his explanation to council as to his indebtedness to the borough. After discussion it was decided that the matter be referred to the borough attorney by the finance committee.

The report of burgess showed \$9.23 in hand.

G. W. Dempsey, tax collector, reported collecting \$117.93.

The report of W. L. Johnston showed a balance in treasury of \$551.23.

Bills to the amount of \$72.92 were ordered paid.

The secretary was instructed to notify the County Commissioners that the upper room of the town hall was being used for school purposes, and therefore could not be used as a voting place, but that the lower room of the building could be had whenever required for that purpose. After discussing the matter of laying a sewer pipe on left hand side of Pike street, from the railroad to Second Avenue, it was decided to hold this matter over for further consideration.

## Letter From C. A. Shugars.

WAYCROSS, GA., Jan. 5, 1901.

EDITOR THE STAR:

I left Reynoldsville, Pa., on the 26th of November and got to Kinston, N. C., Nov. 28, and found it a great deal warmer than in Pennsylvania, but after staying there for two weeks I found it was not as warm in North Carolina as I expected to find it, and Dr. C. B. Woody advised me to go to Southern Georgia or Florida, so I came south as far as Waycross, Ga. Waycross is 75 miles north of Jacksonville, Fla., and is a nice town of 6,000 or 7,000 people. It seems more like Penna' to me than the towns in North Carolina. Waycross is a temperance town and also Ware county. The nearest town to Waycross that has license is Brunswick. It is 35 miles from this town, but by the looks of the jugs that come here to the freight and express offices, the town might as well have license. It has been nice and warm since I came here, but we have had very wet weather for the last week. It has rained every day since last Thursday and is raining this evening, but it is much cooler to-day than it has been and the natives say it will end in a sleet or snow storm. The frogs have been chirping the past week down here like they do in Pennsylvania on an April day. It is my intention to leave here and go to Bartow, Florida, next week. My health has improved considerably in this fine southern country. Hoping this climate will fully restore my health, I remain  
Yours truly,  
C. A. SHUGARS.

## Soft Coal Market.

Coal Trade Journal.

Soft coal is in fair shape. At Pittsburgh trade is quieter than in some weeks past; a large amount of coal is accumulating at the river anchorages, in anticipation of the spring freshets, and as a large number of empty barges have been brought up by the homecoming boats, mines are busy loading them, while a considerable number of new barges and coal boats have been added to the available floating tonnage. The lower river markets have a fair supply of coal on hand, but it is plenty for the demand, and cut prices would make no greater trade than at present exists. At the eastward the market is quiet and arrivals have not been large, but this is a good feature and no one will stock up largely at present; possibly nearer to the 1st of April there may be more activity.

With the cold wave which has now reached Buffalo, dealers are driven to extremities to supply their trade. Never at this season of the year, have Buffalo dealers been harder pressed to fill orders. "It is not that the demand is more pressing than usual at this season," said a prominent shipper, "but that never in the history of Buffalo were stocks so low as at the beginning of 1901. Everything was sold out at the time the strike was settled, and since that time we've scarcely been able to hold our customers in many cases, owing to the fact that we couldn't get the coal from the mines fast enough."

More coke is being utilized for fuel by Buffalo people than ever before, and even soft coal is taking the place of anthracite in many furnaces.

The soft coal trade at Buffalo is very quiet, as a natural consequence. The market has not yet recovered from the holiday lay-off at the mines, and as a result not so much coal as usual is coming in. The railroads are protecting themselves by stocking, and all the shippers are thus enabled to get rid of their surplus and save the market, and incidentally car service charges.

## Sudden Death From Grip.

George O. Brown, who has been employed as clerk in the hardware store of G. C. Brown, for the past eight years, died suddenly last Sunday evening after an illness of only 48 hours. He had a violent attack of grip which affected his heart. He was a son of O. H. Brown, deceased, late of Reynoldsville, and of Mrs. W. T. Gardner, of Bellwood. He was 32 years old, and leaves a widow and two small children. The deceased was a genial young man of good habits. Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon, and the remains were interred in Circle Hill cemetery—Punxsutawney Spirit.

## Letter List.

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the postoffice at Reynoldsville, Pa., week ending Jan. 12, 1901:

Harry Coder, Esq., David Densmore, Geo. Hopper.

Say advertised and give date of list when calling for above.

A. M. WOODWARD, P. M.

## Blown to Atoms.

The old idea that the body sometimes needs a powerful, drastic, purgative pill has been exploded, for Dr. King's New Life Pills, which are perfectly harmless, gently stimulate liver and bowels to expel poisonous matter, cleanse the system and absolutely cure constipation and sick headache. Only 25c at H. Alex. Stokes' drug store.

The color of gold.  
As good as gold.  
Worth its weight in gold.  
Can be bought for 25c.  
Clydesdale Ointment.  
The jar with a red top. King of healers. Used by people of sense everywhere.

## BING & CO.

### Marked-down Sale.

#### LADIES' SUITS.

\$10 suits, ... \$7.00

\$13 and \$14 suits, \$9.00

\$16 and \$18

suits, \$12.00

#### LADIES' and MISSES' JACKETS—

One-fourth off.

#### FUR COLLARS and COLLARETTES—

to go regardless of cost.

#### DRESS GOODS—

go at a deep cut.

And many other goods. We know you can save money by getting some of these bargains.

## BING & CO.

### We will Save You Money.

Everybody wants to save money and at the same time get the best for what money they spend. The place to bring about both these results in

## SHOES

is at our store. We sell Men's Dress and Work Shoes from \$1.00 up to \$7.00; Ladies' Shoes from \$1.00 to \$5.00; Boys' and Misses' Shoes at most any price.

## JOHNSTON & NOLAN.

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The Star Office is replete with the Latest styles of Types.

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### Great Bargains in Ladies' Misses' and Children's Jackets

I don't want to carry any over so I will give the buyers the benefit of the GREAT REDUCTION.

Ladies' Jackets, were sold for 10 and \$12.50, now \$5 and \$6  
Misses' Jackets, " " " 7, 8 and \$9, now 4 and \$4.50  
Children's Jackets, sold for 2 and \$3, now 1.25 and \$1.50  
Ladies' Dresses, cost 50c, now 39c  
Ladies' Fleece Underwear, 19c  
Calico, 4 and 5c per yard

### CLOTHING.

#### IN MEN'S AND YOUTH'S OVERCOATS.

Men's Overcoats, were 10 and \$12.50, now 7 and \$8  
Men's Overcoats, were 8 and \$10, now 5 and \$6.50  
Boy's Overcoats' were 6 and \$8, now 5.00  
Boy's Overcoats, were 5.50 now 2.75  
Men's fleece-lined Suit, 85c  
Boy's fleece-lined Suit, sold for 80c; now 50c

## No Clearance Sale

...but we have... Some Bargains to Offer

On HEATING AND COOK STOVES, CARPETS AND RUGS, KITCHEN UTENSILS, LAMPS AND DISHES.

## C. R. HALL.

## FOLKS WE READ ABOUT

The Man Behind the Gun—  
The Man Behind the Hoe—  
The Man Behind the Plough—

All have trying moments at some time in their lives, but

### The Man Behind the Times

Is always unfortunate. He doesn't enjoy the comforts, conveniences or advantages of his up-to-date neighbor and is deserving of sympathy. The old ways seem good enough for him and when this is said it acts aside all the good things that make "life worth living."

This is the beginning of a new century. Let us keep up with the times. In order to do so, you want to call on THE REYNOLDSVILLE HARDWARE & FURNITURE CO. and see their up-to-date line of

### HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS

In all the latest styles before purchasing.

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3 BIG STORES AT REYNOLDSVILLE, RATHMEL, SOLDIER.

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Cotton and Woolen Blankets.

A complete line of the celebrated W. L. Douglas Shoes for men.

Hats and Caps, Dress and Working Shirts and Men's Ladies' and Children's Underwear.

Our Millinery Department will be more complete ever and we can save you money.

We can furnish you anything in the line of Furniture, Stoves and Carpets.

And our Groceries and Fresh Meats speak for themselves.

Call and See us.

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