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FROM MINOT, N. DAKOTA.

Elder David M. Shorb Writes Entertainingly of his North-western Home.

I will endeavor to write a short letter, that those who feel an interest in us may know how we are getting along in this far off North west. We landed here on Saturday morning, at 2 o'clock p. m., Mar. 30, 1900, and, as a good many have already learned, had quite a sorrowful experience to start with; we lost two dear little boys with scarlet fever, which we brought with us, without a doubt, so we do not censure North Dakota for this, nor anyone else. It was a hard trial for us, but we find the comforting presence of the Holy Spirit out here as well as elsewhere, and have made up our minds to willingly submit everything to the will of our Heavenly Father, who does everything for good; although we cannot understand it now, the happy time will come when all these mysteries will be made known to us.

We have been enjoying good health since, and everything is moving along nicely. We all have comfortable houses to live in—not mansions as the eastern people are used to, as people do not live that way out here yet—and we have some of Uncle Sam's beautiful land that we have heard and talked so much about, for which we are thankful.

It has been a little discouraging this summer to some, but not to me, as the great drought only proves to me that this land will retain moisture longer than any I have ever seen. We did not have as much rain in the first nine weeks we were here as to lay the dust, yet the prarie looks nice and green; of course, on the upland the hay is short, but in the cooleys it is the finest I ever saw. I mowed grass yesterday as high as my shoulders and very thick on the ground; it is a native grass and makes elegant hay for stock. We will have no trouble to get all the hay we need to feed, and if it keeps wet for a few months, we will be able to make some for sale, on higher ground.

We have had a good season for the last three weeks. It began to rain last night and has rained hard all day; it is now evening and it is still at it. I have 35 acres of flax growing fine, and I sowed for experiment, on raw prarie, one acre of oats, which is looking fine. Our potatoes are in bloom and are looking as good as I ever raised. Our garden is better than we could expect, taking everything in consideration; first, we had nothing but raw prairie to plant in and that is worse than a heavy timothy sod in your state, and then the great drouth; also, the gophers are very bad on everything but flax; they are a little animal resembling a ground squirrel, and they burrow down in the ground for protection.

We have had some trouble finding good water, but there is plenty of it here, as we have found it now, but not so close to the house as we would like it but will arrange that in the future. I forgot to tell you what we have in our garden; we have beans, peas in bloom, sweet corn, radishes, turnips, cucumbers, all looking splendid; did not get them planted until in May. We had nice onions and have used some, but the gophers have spoiled them badly for us.

The great North west is a total failure in wheat, which I hope will be a benefit to our eastern friends; there will be some good wheat north and west of Church's Ferry, and on west, but it will not be enough to seed Dakota alone, saying nothing of the other great wheat belts. Flour has already advanced $1.50 per barrel.

We are located only three miles from a station, called Surrey, on the G. N. R. R., direct north, and can see the cars stop and start; also see them run for 5 miles—a lovely view. We have church at our houses on every other Sunday, and Sunday school every Sunday; have good attendance—about 50 enrolled, I believe. We hope in the near future we may have a school house, then we can worship in it, until we can do better. We are only 10 miles from Minot, the county seat of Ward Co. We can buy anything we want there. Some things are higher, while other are lower than in the east.

We were the first to build, in this part of Dakota; could see one or two houses, or shacks, a great way off, but now you can count from our house about 40 houses; it is settling up very fast. I will close for this time. Will write again, about Minot and surroundings, also Cando, etc. We get the RECORD all right, and it is a welcome visitor every week. May God keep us all in the hope of life eternal.

DAVID M. SHORB.

Minot, N. D., July 5, 1900.

Another Gasoline Stove Victim.

Frederick, Md., July 11.—Mrs. Elizabeth Marman, aged 58 years was dangerously burned to day while filling the tank of a gasoline stove. She allowed one of the burners to be lighted while she poured the oil into the tank. The screw top of the oil can fell off, and fearing that an explosion would follow she grabbed for the top. The can tilted and the running oil soon ignited from the lighted burner. In a few moments Mrs. Marman was a mass of flames. Her clothes took fire quickly and were soon burned entirely off. Miss Sallie Marman, attracted by her mother's cries, came to her rescue, and by throwing a blanket over her extinguished the flames. The burns extend from her head to the hip on the left side. The most serious burns are on the shoulder, where they extend into the muscles. The left side of her face is badly burned, including the ear and part of the head.

Her physician regards the wounds as very serious, and fears the effects of the shock to her nervous system. Miss Marman, in putting out the fire, was burned about her left arm and hand.

Lutheran Re-union at Pen-Mar.

The fourteenth Lutheran Reunion will be held at Pen Mar, July 26. The following is the program: Opening hymn, "America," choir, orchestra and assembly; invocation, Rev. Dr. George W. Enders, chairman; opening service, 46th. Psalm; Apostles' Creed, Rev. J. B. Wolf, Glen Rock; anthem, choir of Christ's Lutheran church, York; prayer, Rev. Geo. Henry, Shippensburg; address, Lutheran Greeting, Rev. Dr. Patrick H. Miller, Westminster; hymn, "I love Thy Zion, Lord;" address, "Lutheran Prosperity," Rev. C. H. Rockey, Waynesboro; hymn, "Now Thank we all Our God;" address, "Lutheran Opportunities," Rev. Dr. E. C. Bell, Baltimore; hymn, "My Church, My Church;" address, "Lutheran Responsibilities," Rev. Dr. Kuhlman, Frederick; hymn, "Fear Not, Little Flock;" address, "Pastor's Fund," Rev. Dr. L. E. Albert, Philadelphia; anthem, choir; lecture, "Plymouth Rock and Lutheran Rocks," Rev Prof. F. B. Roth, president of Thiel College; hymn, Ein Feste Burg; remarks, announcement, Lord's Prayer, benediction.

Brief Items of General Interest.

The postoffice at Bonneauville, Pa., has been closed and is now a rural delivery station with Mr. Moul in charge.

The Baltimore *Morning Herald* has announced itself, editorially, as favoring the election of McKinley and Roosevelt.

Our thanks are due Dr. H. C. Morrison, of Kansas city, for copies of Kansas city papers containing Democratic Convention proceedings.

The new P. R. R. Bridge over Big Pipe Creek at Bruceville has about been completed. The men are at work now tearing down the old bridge which will be sold.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gemmill, aged 91 years, of Hanover, Pa., is visiting her sons, in Baltimore. She made the trip alone, and says she is on "a vacation to see the sights."

The Western Maryland Railroad Company has paid the sum of $91,882.11 to the city of Baltimore, covering practically its entire interest indebtedness for the first six months of the year.

We are indebted to M. G. Shaw, of Uniontown, for a copy of the Charleston, S. C., *News and Courier*, containing a full review of the meeting of the National Educational Association. Mr. Shaw is at present visiting in South Carolina.

An attempt was made early Monday morning by burglars to force an entrance into the Rising Sun National Bank, in Cecil county, but they were frightened away by President H. H. Haines, who was aroused by the barking of a dog.

The Manchester Lutheran charge, lately served by Rev. C. M. Eyster, extended an invitation to Rev. J. A. Metzger, of Hanover, Pa., to become their pastor. Rev. Metzger has declined to accept the new field, preferring to continue in his present pastorate.

Minister Wu submitted to the State Department an imperial decree received by cable, in which the Chinese government explains at length its position in the present troubles. It repudiates the Boxers as anarchists, and quotes various acts of the foreigners as responsible for the troubles.

Frederick county farmers are busy thrashing wheat and the yield is proving to be unusually large, the grain being fully developed and of a fine quality. It is said the average yield will be about 25 bushels to the acre. A large dealer says over 70,000 bushels have already been sold and shipped.

On July 5 a telegram was received from W. Troy, N. Y., stating that the youngest child of Rev. Noah Yeiser was dead, that he was ill with typhoid fever, and that all the children had the whooping cough. Rev. Mr. Yeiser is a son of Mr. Emanuel Yeiser, of Deep Run, this county, and recently accepted a call to West Troy.

It is understood that within the last few days overtures have been made to ex Senator Arthur P. Gorman, of Maryland, looking to his appointment as manager of the Eastern end of the Democratic campaign, with headquarters at New York. Just what progress has been made in these overtures is not announced.

According to the *N. Y. World*, which can usually be depended upon to furnish sensations, a plot to assassinate President McKinley has been frustrated. The plot is said to have been concocted by Spanish and Cuban conspirators, but it lacks responsible confirmation, and is likely the product of some newspaper correspondent's fertile brain.

An exchange tells of a plan for increasing the attendance at lodge meetings: Place in a deep sack as many beans as there are members present, all white but one, that one black. Each member then puts in his hand and draws out one bean. The member getting the black bean has his assessments paid by the lodge for that month.

The dedicatory exercises for the Spanish cannon loaned by the Government to Hagerstown, were held on the Fourth, in the presence of thousands of people. A military and civic parade was held in the morning, after which the cannon was dedicated. Gen. H. Kyd Douglas made the dedicatory address, and was followed by Col. George A. Pearre and Maj. Chas. A. Little in short addresses.

Emil Myer, a barkeeper in a Baltimore saloon, took hold of the frame of an electric fan Wednesday afternoon to turn its breeze on several customers, when, without a struggle or sign he dropped lifeless behind the bar, killed in an instant by the electric shock. Those in the saloon were horrified that he who had just been chatting with them and serving them, the picture of health, had dropped dead before their eyes.

James H. Mandavill, proprietor of the Baldwin Hotel, Hagerstown, died Wednesday afternoon of brain fever, aged 53 years. He was ill several weeks, being taken soon after he returned from an outing on the Eastern Shore. He sustained a slight stroke of paralysis, which affected his speech, and he was blind in both eyes two weeks before he died. He was born in Wisconsin, and for 20 years he traveled for the Walter A. Wood Harvesting Machine Company.

The funeral of Ephraim Myers, of Littlestown, took place Saturday, July 7, services being held at the house. All the children were present. On Monday the will was read. Mr. Myers had four farms, which are to be sold. The large corner house goes to the widow; the new house adjoining the Catholic parsonage is given to Harry Myers.—His widow, John Shorb and G. D. Basehore are named as executors, and given two years to settle up the estate.

A singular incident is reported from Mr. George W. Raughley's farm in Tuckahoe Neck, Caroline county. Mr. Raughley had sufferred the loss of chickens, etc., for some time, and ascertaining the route by which the thieves usually invaded his premises, he planted a stick of dynamite in the path where the rogues would pass, attaching a tiny wire, with which the explosive was to be fired. He heard the report late at night and hastened to see whether the shock had been sufficient to seriously injure the chicken thief who had been unlucky enough to go that way. His surprise was great when he discovered that one of his calves had touched the wire and had its tail blown off, in the mined path.

THE SCHOOL BOOK CASE.

Suit Against the School Commissioners in Carroll County.

Westminster, Md., July 11.—The Carroll County Board of School Commissioners and the William J. C. Dulany Company, of Baltimore, have filed demurrers to the bill of complaint entered against them about a week ago by John H. Cunningham, cashier of the Farmers and Mechanics National bank of Westminster. The suit instituted by Mr. Cunningham was for the purpose of compelling the School Board to rescind a contract for books to be used in the public schools of Carroll county, which contract they had awarded to the William J. C. Dulany Company for a period of two years. Mr. Cunningham claimed injury to him as a tax-payer by reason of the contract, alleging that the bid of the J. W. Bond Company, of Baltimore, submitted to the School Board at its suggestion on the day the contract was awarded, was much lower than that of the Dulany Company.

The demurrers of the School Board and the Dulany Company were both alike, the words and language being identical. They demurred to the bill in its entirely and denied that the plaintiff had a case in which he could seek relief in equity, and that he was in no wise injured or damaged by reason of the matters alleged, either as a tax payer of the county or of the State. The suit is attracting great attention, and sensational developments are expected. Argument on the demurrers will be heard on Friday before Judges I. Thomas Jones and James Revell. Benjamin F. Crouse and William H. Thomas appear as attorneys for the School Board and the Dulany Company, respectively. Barton, Wilmer, Stewart & Ambler and J. M. Reifsnider appear for Mr. Cunningham.—*Sun.*

Relief of the Starving.

The RECORD will send in all contributions received for the India Relief Fund, in about ten days. No matter whether great or small, let us have your gift. To the best of our knowledge, this section has not yet done much in this direction, which fact, considering our general prosperity, is scarcely creditable. In the midst of our plenty, can we not spare a trifle, at least, for these starving heathen, even though far away and not *our* people?

A Jolly Fourth.

(For the RECORD.)

Misses Ida and Olive Snader, of Sam's Creek, entertained a number of their most intimate friends of Waynesboro, Pa., the 4th. of July. Quite a jolly time they had, the immediate neighborhood having been kept wide awake during the day by firing cannon crackers. At sunset, they took a stroll to the heights. Some of the neighbors, as well as those who participated in the fun, enjoyed by the stump speeches made by several of the party. They returned from the heights and made merry over an old-time harvest treat. The young men then retired, after which the girls gathered together a number of tin pans, representing a drum corps. They then marched around the house several times, serenading the boys, finally closing the program of the evening by singing patriotic songs.

The next morning several more jolly hours were spent, until time for their train, after which they bade farewell, expressing themselves as having a most delightful time. Those who composed the merry party were Misses Dora Fink, Sadie Wingert, Florence Norris and Ella Shockey; Messrs Fred Anthony, Harvey Emmert, George Snyder and Joe Stevenson, all of Waynesboro, Pa., and Miss Margaret Englar, of New Windsor.

Miss Bessie Chenowith, of Hanover, Pa., is visiting the Misses Snader, at present.

Proceedings of the School Board.

July 2nd., 1900.—The following committees reported progress and were continued:—On new house at Medford and on new house at Slack.

The following resignations were received and accepted:—Miss H. Naomi Myers, teacher of Mountain View school; Mr. A. L. Williams, teacher of Baust school; Mr. James A. Slaseman, trustee of Mahlon school; Dr. Jacob Rinehart, trustee of Frizellburg school.

Mr. Norris Capl. and Mr. F. H. Willet were appointed trustees for Mahlon and Frizellburg respectively.

The following teachers' contracts were confirmed:—Benj. F. Rigler at Ridgeville; Harry O. Harner at Hobson Grove; I. C. Rinehart at Stony Ridge; Alice Reindollar at D. P. Creek; Jennie Bucher, at Black; Jos. H. Harner, at Piney Creek; Adda L. Trump, at Old Fort; Lewis A. Koontz at Taylorsville, Clara M. Kast, at Mt. Airy and Minnie L. Summers, at Meadow Branch.

A few miscellaneous bills were passed and ordered paid.

The secretary stated that he had notified all holders of notes against the Board to present them for payment and his action was approved.

A petition for a new house at Chestnut Grove was received, action on which was deferred.

The secretary was directed to publish in the *Sentinel* and *Advocate* a notice to trustees of schools, calling attention to the fact that it is necessary for all to qualify.

The Board adjourned to meet August 1st.

Gettysburg Park Damages.

An application was made by Assistant United States District Attorney Stewart in the U. S. Circuit Court at Philadelphia for authority to pay into Court the money due by the Government to the former owners of the land at Gettysburg which was condemned for a National Park.

The properties comprised about 106 acres on Seminary Ridge, and were appraised by a jury of view at $8961.50. The owners appealed from these awards to the Circuit Court of the district, and recovered verdicts aggregating $10,922.50. The verdicts were subsequently approved by the United States Circuit Court of appeals. Mr. Stewart stated that the Government had experienced difficulty in procuring deeds for the land from the former owners, owing to various transfers, and that possession of the property was desired.

MARRIED.

CRISWELL—ELLIOT.—On July 12, 1900, in York Springs, Pa., by Rev. John Brubaker, Mr. Charles Lee Criswell to Miss Anna M. Elliot.

SNOWDEN—COATES.—On July 11th, 1900, in Taneytown, by Rev. C. A. Britt, Mr. Arthur Snowden to Miss Bertha Coates.

The Weekly Crop Bulletin.

The wheat harvest is just beginning in Garrett County, while in Allegany and Washington counties it is making good headway, and farther east it is practically finished. For the Section, as a whole, the yield is good and the quality of the grain excellent, there being only an occasional report of unsatisfactory returns. Rye and barley have given even better yields. Threshing is in operation in all except the extreme western counties, and good progress has been made, although the extreme heat that occurred toward the middle of the week was very trying on both horses and men engaged in the work. Oats are ripening fast over the entire Section, and some have been cut as far north as Carroll county. The crop has improved materially during the past several weeks, and fair to good yields are promised. Clover hay has all been cut, and the second growth will soon be ready for mowing in the southern counties. The timothy harvest has begun; light stands are the rule, and over the greater part of the Section not much more than half a crop will be made. Pastures are suffering from the drought, and are now becoming brown and parched in many localities. Corn has experienced a period of uninterrupted growth, despite the lack of seasonable moisture, and is now shooting and tasseling. The condition of the crop is in every way satisfactory, although a generous rain is much needed. Cultivation has been pushed and the fields are generally clean. Buckwheat seeding in the western counties is practically over.

Peaches continue plentiful in all districts, and moderate shipments of the early varieties are being made. Cherries are still plentiful in the western counties, but are about over for the season elsewhere. Pears are reported as light to fair in their prospective yields, while apples are generally much below the average, although in a few localities they are said to be plentiful; early apples are now coming into market. Plums are plentiful in many districts. Blight continues in pear and apple trees in many of the southern and eastern counties.—*Weekly Crop Bulletin.*

Orphans' Court Proceedings.

MONDAY, July 9th., 1900.—Josiah Myers, administrator of Harriet Myers returned inventory of debts, and settled first and final account.

Francis Neal Parke, administrator of Mary J. Currey, reported sale of leasehold property and immediate ratification of same was ordered by the Orphans' Court.

Annie Eckert, executrix of Mary D. Longley, returned inventories of personal property, money and debts, and received orders to sell personal property and real estate and to notify creditors.

TUESDAY, July 10th., 1900.—John H. Beckley, executor of Mary Ann Beckley, returned inventories of personal property, money and debts.

Emanuel D. Whitmore, guardian of Josephine Diffendal, settled first and final account.

Distribution made among the creditors of Wm. A. Martin, deceased.

The Reformed Re-union.

For the eleventh annual reunion of the Reformed churches of Maryland, Southern Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia, at Pen-Mar Park on July 19, the program has just been arranged. There will be three addresses, the first by Rev. J. M. Schick, of Washington, whose subject will be "Reformed—Why?" Rev. G. W. Richards of Lancaster, Pa., will deliver the second address, his subject being "The Reformed Church of the Twentieth Century." The other speakers will be Rev. H. K. Miller, a missionary of the Reformed church in Japan, who will speak on "Japan's Claims on the Reformed Church." Rev. S. H. Stein, of Mechanicsburg, Pa., will offer prayer, and Prof. Philip Baer, of Greencastle, will render a number of vocal selections. The officers of the Reunion Association are: President, Dr. J. A. Hoffheins, of Martinsburg, W. Va.; secretary, Rev. J. B. Shontz, of Chambersburg, Pa.; treasurer, Mr. Edward Shaffer, of Baltimore.

Dr. Kelly's Plea for Snakes.

Dr. Howard A. Kelly, the well known Surgeon of Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, entertained the Deer Creek Farmers' Club, of Harford county at his country home, near Belair, last Saturday evening. The *Sun* gives the following sketch of the Doctor's address on the occasion;

"Dr. Kelly delivered an interesting lecture on his favorite nature study, "Snakes," and urged those present not to destroy the harmless varieties, as they had their useful sphere in the world's organization in destroying rodents and other enemies to the tillers of the soil. He said that there are only two varieties in this vicinity which are poisonous. They are the copperhead and rattler, both being easily distinguishable. He exploded a pet theory which has long been dear to the hearts of the average man, and that is that whisky is good for a snake bite. "On the contrary," said the Doctor, "there are more people killed by its use than lives have been saved. The foolish notion that a person inoculated with the poison of a snake can drink with impunity enormous quantities of the stuff, has killed many persons when death was attributed to the reptile."

In concluding the lecture Dr. Kelly told about his experience with two black snakes, one large and the other small, which he put in a bag and took to Philadelphia. Upon arriving at his destination he discovered one of his pets, the larger snake, missing. The little one had swallowed him. Another experience he recounted was when two enormous serpents were eating the same mouse. They kept swallowing until both had the animal inside and then commenced to make a meal of each other. Fortunately they were discovered in time to prevent them from eating each other up and thus destroying two of his most valuable specimens."

An Expensive Holiday.

As a result of the celebration of Independence day with fire arms, toy cannon, giant crackers and other explosives, 30 persons were killed and 1,325 were injured, according to reports received from 125 cities. The toy pistol and the toy cannon are shown to have done as deadly execution as sometimes has been in war by those loaded with bullets and cannister and aimed to kill. Sky rockets, anvil and powder explosions and the premature discharges of fourth of July cannon help to complete the list of mishaps. In several instances persons were killed through runaway accidents, due directly to fireworks. A fire loss of $123,325 was caused by the fireworks in addition to the injury of human life.

THE TICKET COMPLETED.

Adlai E. Stevenson, of Illinois, Nominated on the First Ballot.

The Democratic National Convention at Kansas City, which had nominated Mr. Bryan for President and adopted its platform on Thursday, completed its work on Friday by nominating Adlai E. Stevenson, of Illinois, for Vice President.

Ex-Senator David B. Hill, of New York, could have had the nomination for second place, but he checked a great stampede which was started in his behalf. The New York delegation led this stampede and presented Hill as its candidate. The vast crowd shouted wildly for Hill, but he made a speech saying firmly that he could not accept the nomination and this headed off the movement.

Those who were put in nomination before the convention, besides Stevenson and Hill, were Charles A. Towne, of Minnesota; Gov. John Walter Smith, of Maryland; Col. Julian S. Carr, of North Carolina; J. Hamilton Lewis, of the state of Washington, and A. W. Patrick, of Ohio. Lewis withdrew his name before the balloting began. James S. Hogg, of Texas, and Elliott Danforth, of New York, received one vote each, though they were not formally nominated. The totals in the result of the ballot were as follows:

Stevenson	659½
Hill	200
Towne	89½
Patrick	46
Carr	23
Smith	16
Danforth	1
Hogg	1

The number of votes necessary to a choice—two-thirds of the convention—was 624. When the end of the ballot had been reached, Tennessee changed its vote to Stevenson and others followed, until every vote was recorded in his favor. He was then declared the nominee of the convention. At 3.21 p. m. the convention adjourned finally, having been in session since 10.45 a. m.

It was discovered early in the day that there was no income tax plank in the platform. Mr. Bryan is said to have called the attention of Chairman James K. Jones, of the National Committee, to this, but the convention adjourned without inserting such a plank.

The National Committee met in the afternoon and organized for the campaign. Senator Jones was re-elected chairman, and ex-Gov. William J. Stone, of Missouri, vice-chairman.

The Silver Republican National Convention also completed its work at Kansas City and adjourned. Bryan was nominated for President by acclamation. Chas. A. Towne made a speech, saying he believed it to be his duty to support the ticket nominated by the Democratic Convention. He appealed to the delegates not to nominate him for Vice President. The convention adjourned without naming any one for second place, referring the question of the Vice-Presidency to the National Committee with power to act. A platform was adopted declaring for the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1 and against imperialism.

McKinley and Roosevelt Notified.

Canton, O., July 12.—William McKinley was today officially notified of his second nomination by the republican party for the highest office in the civilized world. Grouped about him were leading men of his party, while surrounding his Canton home were the friends among whom he has lived for more than 30 years, together with vast crowds from the surrounding towns of his native state.

The scene was inspiring, as, to the eloquent words of Senator Lodge, the President responded in a ringing speech. There was enthusiasm enough and to spare, and to many of the pointed utterances of both Senator Lodge and the President there was hearty and cordial approval shown.

Important features of the speech of notification by Senator Lodge and the response by President McKinley were the references to the Chinese situation. This caused a great deal of discussion during the conferences following the formal speech-making, and the impression created was that these utterances were a notification to the world that the United States intended to preserve all its rights in China.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 12.—Governor Roosevelt was today officially notified of his nomination for the Vice-Presidency at his country home, Sagamore, near Oyster Bay. Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, as chairman of the committee, delivered the main address. The event was not attended by any special demonstration. The acceptance speech of Gov. Roosevelt was brief.

A Parable for Advertisers.

We wish the authorship of the following parable was fixed for he should have the credit of it. As it is, we find it in one of our exchanges followed by "Ex." which shows that it is not original with that paper. However, its wisdom is not impaired by its orphan hood, and every practical business man should heed its truth.

"Behold an advertiser who went forth to sow. And when he sowed some fell into band bills and dodgers and the street cleaners gathered them up. Some fell among concert and theatre programs, and the people being interested in the show and not in the bargains—they were left on the seats, or crumpled and left on the floor. And some fell among fake schemes and gift enterprises, and popular contempt sprang up and choked them. But some fell into legitimate newspapers, which found their way into the homes of the people who had time to read them, and they brought forth fruit, some one hundred fold, some sixty fold, some thirty fold. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear."

Hanover Boys' Costly Fun.

Tuesday night, July 3rd, a party of young men out celebrating the advent of the "Glorious Fourth" in Hanover, committed an act which will cost them a nice little sum. They placed a large cannon cracker in a bed of slaked lime in front of Levi H. Eckert's dwelling house, now in course of construction, on Abbottstown St., and the explosion of the crackers hurled quantities of lime against the front of the building, defacing it to such an extent that the front will have to be torn out and relaid with new bricks. As the lads are known, Mr. Eckert will make them rebuild the front of the house.

Mr. Wm. Marshall, mayor of Union Bridge, has tendered his resignation to take effect in the near future. He has been with the Western Maryland Railroad shops in that place for 20 years and also proposes to sever his connections there. He recently sold his home in that place.

Still no News from China.

Washington, July 12.—From a source worthy of the highest credence it was learned to-night that the State Department believes all foreign Ministers in Pekin have been massacred. Secretary Hay has no information at hand upon which to base this assumption, but it is said that he draws the conclusion from all the circumstances and alleged circumstances surrounding the Chinese situation.

The Imperial edict reported to the State Department is understood to have determined the Secretary in his gloomy inference. That edict left Pekin on June 29, and he believes that if Mr. Conger was then alive and safe some reassuring word would have accompanied the communication.

The department is, however, hazarding no more guesses as to the fate of Minister Conger and the other diplomats at the Chinese capital. It is simply waiting, anxiously waiting, for some definite ray of light from Asia. Until then speculation will cease.

Worn Coins are Legal Tender.

As everybody is frequently possessed of "slick" or smooth dimes or plugged, mutilated and battered nickels, and either of these coins might be the last in his possession, awkward results might follow; so is it wise to learn if the common carriers have any legal right to refuse such coins. Most people, says the Atlanta Constitution, have had them refused at one time or another, and have never questioned the right of the person to whom they were tendered to reject them.

But no one has any legal right to reject such coins. The law of the land strictly defines what coins are to be rejected and the reason for the rejection, and the nickle and dime are not included. This is the law on the matter reduced to ordinary language. So long as the coin—whether it is a dime a quarter, half dollar, dollar or a nickle or cent—is distinguishable as a genuine United States coin and its denomination can be ascertained, the fact of its being slick or worn smooth doesn't count; it is good, lawful money, is a legal-tender, and no good citizen who respects the law should refuse it.

Are "slick" silver coins good money and legal tender? Yes. Is the objection that they are worn smooth a legal objection to accepting them? No. Do shopkeepers who refuse them offend the law? Yes, for ignorance of the law is no excuse is a well known legal maxim.

The idea of these shopkeepers that the dime or quarter worn smooth is no good is just contrary to the decision of four courts—the Jury Court, Supreme Court and the Court of Errors and Appeals of the state of New Jersey, and later the Supreme Court of the United States.

Funeral on the Installment Plan.

A funeral on the installment plan is one of the latest luxuries offered citizens of Chicago. A policy will cost just $50, and will secure a $75 funeral whenever any one of the family so endowed requires post mortem offices. The policy will be made out with the names of the entire family of which a member is the purchaser, and any one of the appointed may enjoy the pleasure of the policy funeral. For people wishing to commit suicide, yet fearing the degration of the potter's field, the policies will be of special aid. The person will be assured a proper burial and a minister at the grave. In special cases there will be flowers, although the undertaker draws the line at set pieces. "Gates Ajar" and floral pillows must be furnished by friends of the deceased. The plan of the burial association provides that the purchaser of the policy pay $1 down and $1 a month until he has paid $50 into the association. He is then granted a paid up policy, which will always be good. Not alone his own name, but that of every member of his family, will appear on the face of the policy, and for any such person the policy may be used. After the first funeral the policy is withdrawn, and if the family wishes further protection a new policy must be secured.

On a Home-made Platform.

Hagerstown, Md., July 12.—George M. Fisher, son of Capt. George M. Fisher, to-day announced that he will run as an independent candidate for Congress, in the Sixth district. He has but one arm, and for several years has been conducting a cigar and tobacco store on West Franklin St. He is now securing signers, 300 being necessary before he can have his name put on the ticket. He already has over a hundred, and does not anticipate any trouble in securing the required number.

His platform, in part, is as follows: "I am in favor of a national law making eight hours a day for all working people. Every honorably discharged soldier should have a pension. The government should give the pension appropriation to the soldiers, and do away with political examining boards and pension attorney sharks. I am opposed to government by injunction, imperialism and civil service. I am in favor of a national law not to allow any railroad company to haul over thirty-five cars in one train, the crew of the same to consist of two brakemen, one flagman, conductor, engineman and fireman; to allow no railroad company to run double headers, and to compel all corporations to take care of all employees hurt in their service." Mr. Fisher he is an independent republican.—*American.*

Died from a Sunstroke.

Mr. George Bostian, a highly respected blacksmith and farmer, who resided midway between Woodsboro and Johnsville, Frederick county, died suddenly on the night of the 28th., ult., from the effects of a sunstroke, in the 67th. year of his age. He went alone to the harvest field on that morning to shock wheat, and not returning to dinner, his wife went in search of him and found him lying under a tree almost unconscious. He was taken to the house and a physician sent for, but medical aid was unavailing and he died the same night. He leaves a widow, four sons and one daughter.

Preparations are being made for the opening of the various campmeetings in the vicinity of Baltimore.

Mr. Goldsborough S. Griffith, president of the Maryland Prisoners' Aid Society, and Rev. William C. Stoudenmire, the society's secretary, were in Frederick, Wednesday afternoon and inspected the county jail and Montevue Hospital, with the condition of both of which they were well pleased. Mr. Griffith has gone to Linganore Hills Inn, near Frederick, for a rest, and Mr. Stoudenmire has returned to Baltimore. The latter will rejoin Mr. Griffith at Rockville later on, to inspect the Montgomery county institutions.

WEEKLY CORRESPONDENCE.

The Latest Items of News furnished by Regular Contributors.

All communications for the RECORD must be signed by the writer's own name; not necessarily for publication, but as an evidence that the matter and facts transmitted are legitimate and correct. Items of a mischievous character are not wanted.

Our Correspondents are particularly requested to send in church, Sunday school and C. E. Society news, particularly announcements of coming events for which special programs are being prepared. In this connection, we desire that no favoritism be shown, but that all denominations be impartially treated. Naturally, the correspondent's own church is likely to receive the most attention; but, fairness as a news gatherer should prompt each to report other churches as often as possible. Where our correspondents are known, members of other churches should volunteer information of this kind, or send it to us, direct—Ed.

Woodsboro.—Pauline, an infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wallace, died at her home on Sunday, July 8th., after a brief illness of a complication of diseases. Her age was 11 months. Funeral services were conducted at the house, on Tuesday, at 2.30 o'clock by Rev. Wm. E. Wheeler. The pall-bearers were Maurice Holbrenner, Maurice Saylor, Harry Dorcus and Harvey Crum; interment was made at Mt. Hope cemetry.

The Missionary Society of the Lutheran church held their regular monthly meeting last Sunday evening, July 8th., which was very interesting.

We are having very pleasant weather in this vicinity at present, but it still continues very dry and dusty.

Mr. Edward Dorcus and family, of Port Deposit, are visiting his parents at this place.

Mr. Pierce Ledwidge and son Guy, who have been suffering with the whooping cough, are slowly improving.

Roger, an infant son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Richardson, is dangerously ill at present.

Mr. L. C. Powell, one of our enterprising merchants, is making preparations to erect a handsome residence at the south end of town.

Communion services will be held in the Reformed church next Sunday morning, July 15th.; preparatory services on Saturday previous, at 2.30 o'clock.

Mrs. Charles Holbrenner, who has been on the sick list, is slowly improving.

Miss Laura Feiser spent several days the past week, with her sister, Mrs. Edward Riggs, of Feagaville.

The C. E. Society will hold their regular monthly meeting in the Lutheran church next Sunday evening, at 7.45.

Our new physician, Dr Wm. Kable, has been very busy since he has been with us, and all of his patients are very much pleased with him.

Bankert's Mill.—Your correspondent has emerged from the harvest field, and will try and give you a few scattered news items. The wheat and rye crops, which have just been garnered, are good ones, and being stored away in prime condition. Our farmers certainly are gratified at the result of the labors. Corn is looking well and promises a good crop, provided however, the present drought does not continue too long.

Rev. K. O. Spessard, Ph. D., will have communion at Baust's church on Sunday, July 29th., at 10 o'clock; preparatory services on Saturday afternoon previous. He will also at that time preach his last sermon to this congregation, as he has accepted a call to Mifflinburg, Pa.; and leaves for his new field of labor about August 1st.

Your correspondent and family were invited to a harvest treat on last Saturday night, at Wm H. Yingling's hospitable home, and as may be expected, took it in, as he always does when a good thing is on hand. The treat which was served by Mr. Yingling and his estimable wife consisted of ice cream, lemonade and cakes in abundance, to which all present did ample justice. Those present were Wm. H. Yingling and wife, Geo. W. Babylon and wife, Harry Devilbiss and wife, Geo. C. Harmon and wife, Lewis Zahn and wife, Mrs. Alfred S. Babylon, Misses Sarah V. Shuey, Birdie Myerly, Maude L. Marker, B. May Harmon, Annie Gieman, Annie Shuey and Mildred F. Devilbiss; Messrs M. Fritz, C. W. Shuey, Edward Fritz, Harvey C. Dickensheets, Geo. W. Devilbiss, Wm. B. Yingling, Jr., and Frederick Zahn.

Double Pipe Creek.—Mrs. Samuel Weybright gathered from her garden on July 2nd., a tomato which weighed 17 ounces.

Wheat threshing has begun, and the crops of Messrs William Adams and Charles Dorcus are threshed. The former made 1600 bushels, and the latter 800 bushels. The wheat is of the finest quality.

Messrs. John E. Senseney and Samuel Weybright were in Frederick City one day last week, and made such arrangements with trustees of the German Baptist Brethren church at Mountain Dale, that hereafter the church at that place will be under the supervision of the Monocacy church.

Mrs. George Devilbiss, who had been suffering from rheumatism for some time, suddenly grew worse, and died early on Monday morning. Funeral services were conducted by Elders D. R. Saylor and T. J. Kolb, in the German Baptist Brethren church at Rocky Ridge, on Tuesday morning. Mrs. Devilbiss, who was an estimable Christian lady, leaves a husband and six children to mourn their loss. She was the third daughter of the late William Diehl, of Beaver Dam, and a sister of Mr. John Diehl. Her age was 67 years, 3 months and 24 days.

A cablegram was received by G. Washington Weant, announcing the safe arrival of his son Harvey E., and Morris Miller, at Liverpool, Eng., and that in a few days they would go to the Paris Exposition.

Linwood.—Please correct an omission of last week and call attention to the fact that John A. Englar is a member of the firm of Englar Bros. & Co. I think you will find it in the manuscript. It will give a wrong impression the way it now stands.

George R. Gehr was among the "kings" entertained by Joseph Englar on the 1st. inst. He might be called a "money king."

New grain is coming in, and is of good quality and yielding well.

Keysville.—Mr. O. R. Koontz has been elected delegate to represent the P. O. S. of A., of this place at the State Camp session which is held in Chestertown, August 14—15th.

Misses Margaret Stoner, of Baltimore, and Maude Vincent of South Carolina, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Powell.

Uniontown.—Miss Belle Cover left on Monday last, for a visit to friends in Lowell, Mass. She was accompanied by Miss Mary Cover, who returns to her home in the Bay State, after a pleasant visit in this section.

Mrs. Lizzie Davis spent several days in New Windsor, with her daughter, Mrs. Annie Anders.

Misses Elizabeth and Margaret Cover are visiting in Elkton, Va.

Mr. Daniels, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with friends at the Eureka House.

Mr. Geo. Mather, of Westminster, president of the Carroll Co. C. E. Union, will visit and address the Lutheran C. E. Society, on Sunday evening.

Miss Vallie Shorb, who was visiting Mrs. Dr. Kemp, has returned to her home at Double Pipe Creek.

On Friday evening last, a party composed of Edna Fleming, Minnie Mathias, Natalie Haines, Hennie Hann, Beatrice Hitechew, Mary Baughman, Edna Schafhirt and Rhoda Bowersox, took a straw ride to Union Bridge. From all accounts they had a jolly good time.

Miss Minnie Mathias returned home on Friday, from a two months visit with her sister, on the Eastern Shore.

Mr. John Stone and brother Charles, who are working in Waynesboro, at the mason trade, say that building is booming at that place.

Mr. Philip Watkins, wife and child, spent several days with Mr. Charles Zile's family. Mr. Watkins is on the police force in Baltimore; he says there is only one thing he does not like while here in the country, and that is the dust. There are others who think the same way, especially on Sunday evening, when the young men are out with their trotters. Horse racing on the public roads, and through town, is a very dangerous practice and should be stopped.

Dr. J. F. Englar and wife were both on the sick list several days this week.

Mr. Harrison Weaver is able to be out again.

Mrs. Wesley Rodkey spent several days in Baltimore, last week.

Misses Wolf, Lizzie Sittig, of Uniontown, and Lizzie Rader, of Baltimore, were entertained by Miss Naoma Adams, on Sunday afternoon.

Master Myers Englar spent part of the past week with his aunt near New Windsor.

The trustees of the Bethel church are having the old fence torn away from the cemetry, and will have a neat fence erected, which will add very much to its appearance.

Mrs. Penelope Martin and daughter, of Westminster, are visiting at Mrs. H. H. Weaver's.

Ladiesburg.—Harvesting is finished and threshing is now the order of the day. The quality of wheat is excelent, and the average yield per acre will be 25 bushels.

Mrs. Chas. F. Smith and children, of Baltimore, who had been visiting friends here, have gone to Utica Mills for a week.

Arrangements for the 16th. annual jubilee of the Ladiesburg Sunday school, to be held on Saturday, July 21st., in "Favorita" the noted pic-nic resort, are completed. Hon. Geo. A. Pearre, member of Congress, and Hon. J. E. R. Wood, of Frederick, both noted orators, will address the people during the afternoon. Over 25 Sunday schools have been invited and a big day is expected.

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Stull of Baltimore, have returned home, after a visit to their friends here.

The festival on the Chapel Lawn on Saturday evening, was a great success. The band made it lively.

Rev. K. O. Spessard has resigned his present charge to accept another one in Pennsylvania.

Medford.—Miss Jessie Bowers who has been on the sick list, is improving slowly.

Mr. Philip Hann and sister Miss Jessie, of Chester, Pa., and niece of Baltimore county, are guests at Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Hann's.

Mr. Scott Bollinger, of Gist, spent Sunday evening with friends near here.

Dr. Jacob Roop, of Franklin Grove, Ill., visited Mr. Henry Baker last Friday.

Miss Virginia E. Baker spent the Fourth visiting friends in Union Bridge.

Quite a number of people from here attended the funeral of Mrs. Marion Forney, on Wednesday last.

The Mite Society of Pipe Creek held their monthly meeting at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Devilbiss, near Oak Orchard, last Saturday, and an enjoyable time was spent in reading and social conversation. Then all were invited to the dining room to partake of the refreshments, which were enjoyed by all. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Devilbiss, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hann, Mrs. Henry Baker, Mrs. J. Raitt, Mrs. W. Snader, Mrs. Samuel Otto, Mrs. Gorsuch, Mrs. Howard Devilbiss and daughter, Mrs. Edward Roop, Mrs. David Roop and daughter, Misses Ella and Florence Forrest, Elsie Baker, Effie Devilbiss, Jessie Hann and niece, Susie Hann, Mary Anna Snader, Louise Otto, Mr. Peter Drach and others.

New Windsor.—The members of the M. E. church held a festival on the evenings of the 4th. and 7th. inst., which was a success financially and socially.

There was a dance in Odd Fellows' Hall, on the night of 11th. inst., under the auspices of some of the young ladies of the town. It is said those invited ranged in ages from about 12 to 80 years.

Rev. and Mrs. A. N. Warner, of Pennsylvania, have been visiting Dr. and Mrs. Jno. A. Buffington.

Mr. W. Jesse Roberts, is enjoying a couple weeks vacation at his home, in this place.

The A. M. E. Camp-meeting, of the New Windsor Circuit, will be held in Smith Snader's grove, near town, beginning on August 11th.

A bull belonging to Mr. Benjamin Eyler, near Woodsboro, went mad Wednesday morning, of last week. It had been kept in the stable since being bitten by his dog, which became rabid a few weeks ago, and was noticed to be acting very strangely. It was let out to get some water, when it became ferocious, and was shot.

A Miss Snyder, daughter of Levi Snyder, living near Greenmount, Pa., a neice of Mrs. Isaac Ridinger, of Copperville, committed suicide on Wednesday, by cutting her throat with a razor. She was about 30 years of age. No reason for the rash act has been learned.

Geo. Bruners' threshing machine was wrecked while being operated on the farm of M. G. Summers, near Frederick, last Saturday morning. It is thought the governor was screwed up too tight and the machine thus got beyond control and was smashed to pieces. No one was hurt.