

## HALF CENTURY AGO

### Things Around Hillsboro Were Different in Some Respects if Similiar in Others

As Indicated by Referring to the Highland Weekly News Published in 1855--Some Quaint Ads.

In the course of his duties at the court house a few days ago Janitor William Pope dug up a number of old copies of the Highland Weekly News that contain much to interest us now, more than half a century later.

The paper was then owned and edited by J. L. Boardman, and although it seems quaint and old-fashioned as measured by modern requirements, has many excellent features. In tone and general appearance much is found to admire and commend. From a purely literary point of view the modern country papers "have nothing on it" to express it in the vernacular of today.

In those days the corner for the poets was considered quite as necessary as the local news columns, if not more so. Among the offerings in this line is one that seems almost prophetic. To quote from the issue of April 19, 1855:

Child of the blue eyes and tresses auroferous,  
Maid whom two summers have shone upon  
pleasantly  
I sit and ponder on thee and thy destiny.

Say, wilt thou wander in costume bifurcated  
Baggy and ancel-tied or the garment actual  
Of masculine style by the vulgar termed  
breaches?

What wilt thy head-dress be, glossy, cylindrical,  
With attitude rakish perched on thy occiput,  
Or wide-spread sombrero like friar oleaginous?

What of thy living?—with green space horrid  
Wilt 'tend lectures and classes, medical,  
clerical  
And with murderous knife banished aid at dissection?

There are other stanza and then the climax, so to speak, which indicates that the writer was no admirer of the "new woman":

Child of the blue eyes and tresses auroferous,  
If either of these I thought were thy destiny,  
In punishment anticipatory I'd spank thee  
most heartily."

The verses are signed "Spectacles," from which we may infer that the writer was a cynical bachelor.

While many of the advertisements are in the stilted and hackneyed proseology of the time, some of them are truly diverting. What could be more ingenious than that of F. Grant? It is headed "Obituary, The Last Words of a Dying Man," and is as follows:

"I cannot find words to express my feelings of gratitude to the citizens of Hillsboro county for the hospitality and liberal support I have received from them since I have been among you. May the Lord bless you in your baskets and in your stores, and fill your hearts with his love, and may you live happy and die happy, and get to a better world than this!"

"Time speeds away, away, away,  
Like torrents in a stormy day;  
It sweeps from our distracted breasts  
The friends we loved, the friends that's best;

And leaves us weeping on the shore,  
To which they can return no more."

"I warn you, ladies and gentlemen all  
I cannot be with you ever,  
This is not my eternal home  
We soon, alas! must sever!"

"I have moved back to my old stand, Phillip Stone's Hat Store, where I can be found ready to dye every week. All kinds of Silks, or Woolen Goods Dye—soda to retain their original luster. Warranted not to stain or spot. Clothing renovated, repaired, and pressed and made to look like new, and cost you but a trifle too."

Many Cincinnati firms are represented in the advertising columns, among them Lyman Perin & Co., commission merchants, and Smith & Nixon, who offer pianos at "from \$200 to \$800."

Other advertisements inform us that Robert R. Waddell had purchased the interest of his partner, J. H. Neeley, in the watchmaking business, in the Crum block, Main street, that Tucker & Blount had taken charge of the Ellicott House ("heretofore known as the Eagle Hotel"); that James Sparks was prepared to entertain the traveling public at the Denny House, on High street; that I. Vampelt, shoemaker, and J. Stevenson, tailor, had bought the store formerly kept by J. M. Chapman, in the Falls block; that H. S. Scarborough was grateful for the "handsome patronage extended" him at his dry goods and grocery store, "Smith's old corner, Main and Eight streets, late stand of B. Barrere;" and that Isaac Colvin, John A. Trimble, J. K. Marlay, Woodrow & Harris and other enterprising merchants—to summarize—carried the largest and cheapest stock of merchandise that ever tempted a prospective purchaser.

The joys of the moving picture show were unknown at that time, but life was not without its pleasures, nevertheless. This is indicated by the advertisement of Bailey & Co.'s Great Combined Gymnasium and Zoological Arena, which attraction was scheduled to pitch its pavilions at Bainbridge on Thursday, April 19 and at this place the following day. The management announced "a new and extensive addition of animals, young freshly caged and possessing all the characteristics and habits of their native state." The array of arenic talent included W. B. and Mme. Carroll, and La Petite Maria, who did equestrian stunts, H. Hough and J. W. Wards, clowns, and Dr. Woolstan, ring-master; and that savage beasts might duly be soothed the caravan was accompanied by "The American Brass Band, led by Henry Stenbacher, late of the Orchestra at the Academy of Music, New York."

It seems perfectly natural and homelike to read that there was trouble in Cuba, and that the outlook was so serious that a special cabinet meeting had been called to consider the situation.

It is also noted that Dr. Beeswax, in his "Essay on Women" remarks with some truth that beauties generally die old maids. They set such value on themselves, he says, that they don't find a purchaser until the market is closed. "Out of a dozen beauties who have come out within the past eighteen years eleven are still single, and they spend their days in working green dogs on yellow wool, while their evenings are devoted to French novels."

And in this, as in some other matters, things are somewhat like they were fifty years ago.

### MILITANT MINISTERS

Meet and Mix Up in A Madison County House of Worship.

Sunday, November, 25, two ministers met at the church in Danville, Madison county, one being sent by some church official and the other having a permit from the trustees. One minister was as much surprised to find the other there as two burglars would be at meeting at the same house.

The two ministers finally settled the matter by agreeing to deliver their sermons at different times during the day. One took his place in the pulpit and the other in the audience. The one occupying the pulpit had ideas that were not in accordance with those of his brother in the audience, and he was finally taken to task for some remark he made. The argument that ensued ended in the minister occupying the pulpit to caution the other to keep still or else leave. This was more than the reverend gentleman could do, it seems, and the one in the pulpit stopped his sermon long enough to step down and undertake to pitch his tormentor out of the church. This proved to be an Herculean task, and a call was made for assistance.

This ended the services, and the two dignified men were forced to give up their sermons or deliver them to an empty house.—Record Republican.

### Baptist Church.

"Red Letter Day" at the Baptist Sunday School last Sunday. You will want to be there early next Sunday morning to see what's going on.

"Holiday Thoughts—The Greatest Gift," will be the subject of the morning sermon by the pastor. In the evening the sermon topic will be "Shall we know our Friends in Heaven?" This topic will be discussed by request. It will pay you to hear this sermon. All are cordially invited.

### An Old Note.

A. J. Smart, through his attorney, Ulric Sloans, has filed suit in the common pleas court against Samuel W. Kilvert, to collect \$1,781.88, that being the amount due on a note dated July 30, 1877, the face value of which is \$1,000. Upon this note interest in the sum of nearly \$1,500 has been paid.

The note was given at the time of the forming of the partnership of Smart & Kilvert, which took place in the summer of 1877.—Scioto Gazette.

### New Hope Baptist Church.

Morning prayer service at 8 o'clock; Sunday School at 9:30 a. m., followed by installation of officers. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject:—"The Signs of the Times." Evening:—"Woman's Ministry," being the anniversary service of the Women's Auxiliaries. Thursday Dec. 31, "Watch Meeting" service begins at 9 p. m. Our revival services begin at this time also. You are invited to be present and worship with us.

## TO BREAK WILL

### Of Mrs. L. C. Kesler; Brothers and Sisters of Mrs. Kesler Bring the Suit.

### Will Left Property to Mae Cline, a Niece, Who Had Made Her Home With Them—Thought She Was Daughter.

A suit was filed in the Common Pleas Court last Thursday to break the will of Samantha J. Kesler, widow of the late Commissioner L. C. Kesler. About \$15,000 is involved in this suit. The suit is brought by Aaron W. Kesler, F. P. Kesler, J. R. Kesler and George W. Kesler, brothers of L. C. Kesler, and J. M. Dunlap, Wm. J. Dunlap and Sarah Garman, a sister of Mrs. Kesler.

By her will Mrs. Kesler left all of her property to her niece, Mae Cline, except two bequests of \$1,000 each to her nephew, Wayne Manahan and niece, Ruby Krenson.

Mr. and Mrs. Kesler died only 19 days apart; he on October 1 and she on October 20, 1908. They left no children. The niece, Mae Cline, to whom almost the entire estate is left, had made her home with them all her life and had always gone by their name. Indeed, it was only a short time before their death that she learned that she was not their daughter.

The will was written and signed on October 19, only a short time before Mrs. Kesler became unconscious. She was at the time so weak that she could not sign her name, but instead made her mark.

At the time the will was probated Mrs. T. L. Head and Miss Vinsonhaller, who were witnesses to it, testified that they considered Mrs. Kesler to be perfectly capable of making a will and under no influence and that she acknowledged it to be her will. They did, however, testify that Marion Dunlap, a brother of the testatrix, asked her if she wanted to make her will and she said she did. He then asked her if she wanted to leave Wayne Manahan and Ruby Krenson bequests as she and Mrs. Kesler had talked of and the balance to Mae Cline and she said, yes. That Marion Dunlap and Mrs. J. C. Dunlap then left the room and in about an hour returned and Mrs. Dunlap said, here is your will. She was then held up in bed and Mrs. Dunlap held her hand while she made her mark. Both stated that the will was read over before they witnessed it, but had no recollection of its being read to Mrs. Kesler.

While the petition only makes the formal statement that the paper writing filed is not the last will and testament of the deceased it is supposed that the ground upon which they will try to break it is that Mrs. Kesler did not know what the paper contained when she signed it and did not state after she had signed it and it had been read to her that it was her will. It would seem that even if the paper embodied her wishes, if she did not know what was in it, that it would not be her will.

If the will is broken the property under the law will descend one-half to Mr. Kesler's brothers and sisters and one-half to Mrs. Kesler's brothers and sisters. All of the brothers of Mr. Kesler join in the endeavor to break the will, but two brothers, one sister and the children of two deceased sisters of Mrs. Kesler are made defendants and will try to have the will sustained. Marion Dunlap, one of her brothers, is both executor of the estate and guardian of Mae Cline, the chief beneficiary.

Wilson & McBride, J. W. Watts and Worley & Wiggins are attorneys for the plaintiffs.

### Match Games.

The match game between a team composed of Elks and a picked team took place at Hiestand & Co's. bowling alley last Friday evening. Three games were rolled and the Elk team lost two out of three. The third game was very exciting, being decided in the tenth frame and the last ball determining the result. The All Stars won by two pins.

The same teams met again Tuesday evening and the result was the same. The scores in the games so far show lack of practice, although much better scores were rolled Tuesday than Friday evening.

Large crowds have turned out to both games and the interest in the games has been intense. There is talk of organizing about four teams after the first of the year and a series of games will be rolled between them.

## AT THE HAGUE

### Miss Etta Brown Visits Palace Where First Peace Conference Was Held.

### In a Letter to Her Mother, Mrs. L. M. Brown, Describes the "Orange Room" Decorated by the Pupils of Rubens.

BEN HAAG, NOV. 28, '08.  
Dear Mother:—I am waiting in the above hotel for the time to roll around to go to the station. We leave the Hague tonight at 10 o'clock for "The Hook," where we take the boat at 11 o'clock for England. We expect to arrive in London tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock. I don't believe many people have seen as much of the continent in three weeks and two days as Miss Patterson and I have. We have visited Paris, Genoa, Rome, Florence, Venice, Milan, Zurich, Amsterdam and the Hague in that time.

We arrived in Amsterdam last night, saw some shops and some public buildings. This morning we went out to the dike and visited a Dutch school beside doing a little shopping and taking the train at 11:30 a. m. We reached the Hague at 1 o'clock and came to the hotel, then took a tram to the Huis ten Bosch or "House in the Wood," where the first Peace Conference was held. It is a royal palace in one of the most beautiful woods in the world. The palace was built by the son of William the Silent for his wife, but before it was completed he died and she had a room called the "Orange Room" decorated in his memory. It is entirely covered with allegorical paintings by nine of Rubens' pupils. They depict events in his life from birth to death. It was done in 1648. In this room the famous first peace conference was held in 1899. We also saw the other famous rooms of the house.

On our return we passed the parliament house where last year's conference was held and the foundation for the "Palace of Peace" that Andrew Carnegie is building. He gave \$225,000 for it.

I must close, as the "bus" is here. ETTA.

At the Station: We still have a half hour to wait, we also—England: Arrived on time and shall try to improve every moment before sailing. I shall see you upon my return.

I have Scotland before me yet and shall sail from Liverpool. ETTA.

### Christmas Cantata.

The United Brethren Sunday School will render a Christmas Cantata, entitled "The King of Kings" Thursday evening, December 24, at 7 o'clock.

Miss Mary B. Evans has charge of the music. All are invited.

### United Brethren Church.

Sunday School at 9 o'clock. Morning service at 10:30. Subject, "What the Bible Teaches Concerning the Holy Spirit."

Senior Endeavor at 6. Leader, James Powers. Evening service at 7. Subject, "Opportunity in 1909"

### Presbyterian Church.

The Sunday School will hold its Christmas exercises on Sunday morning at 9:15.

Preaching by the pastor at 10:30 a. m. and 7:00 p. m.

Morning Service—Sermon, "The Word Became Flesh." Choir—Come and Worship—Lorenz. Anthem—Break Forth into Joy—Emerson.

Anthem—A Son is Given—Wilson. Evening Service—Sermon, "The Influence of Jesus." Choir—The Shepherds in the Fields Abiding—Lorenz.

Anthem—Calm on the Listening Ear of Night—Adams. Anthem—O Little Town of Bethlehem—Fearis.

### B. Y. P. U. Meeting.

The Baptist Young Peoples' Union will hold a specially interesting meeting at the church next Sunday evening. Alex Henderson will lead and the topic will be "The New Life in China." Good music will be provided. Be sure to be on hands promptly at 8:30 o'clock. All are invited but young people in particular and all who call themselves young.

### Methodist Church.

Morning subject:—"Song of the Angel Choir." Evening subject:—"A Charge the Murmurers made against Jesus He never Denied." Epworth League at 8 o'clock.

The Masons will attend the morning services in a body.

## HIGHLY HONORED.

### Miss Grace Gardner Elected President of Daughters of Ohio of New York.

Miss Grace G. Gardner, of New York City, daughter of Judge and Mrs. George B. Gardner, has had the high honor conferred upon her of being chosen as President of the Daughters of Ohio in New York.

The club is composed of people from in Ohio who now reside in New York and numbers among its members some of the most prominent people of that city.

Miss Gardner has made quite an enviable reputation as a musician in New York City and her selection as head of such an influential society is indeed a high compliment and her many friends here will be much pleased to learn of her preference.

The following article describing the installation of officers of the society is taken from the New York correspondence of the Cincinnati Enquirer:

"Before a large and fashionable audience the installation of officers of the Daughters of Ohio in New York took place Wednesday evening at the Waldorf-Astoria. The drawing room of the Thirty-third street side was filled with fair women of the Buckeye state, who now live in New York, and the installation was accompanied by a most attractive musical program. Miss Grace G. Gardner, the new President, was introduced by Mrs. Margaret Holmes Bates, the retiring President. Following her installation Miss Gardner made an eloquent and entertaining address in which she recalled the history of the Buckeye state. She was enthusiastically applauded.

### Marriage Licenses.

Fred L. O. Lindsley, Ada and Grace Moon, Centerfield.

J. Arya White, Centerfield and Hazel Durant, Greenfield.

Carey Hilliard and Edith Stevens, both of Greenfield.

Rodney Jones and Clara Wisecup, both of Madison township.

Alonzo A. Elmore, Hillsboro and Pearl C. Eakins, Berrysville.

### NEVER MAKES MISTAKE

Licking County Prognosticator Always Accurately Predicts Weather Months Ahead.

Henry Lucas, the colored weather prognosticator of Newark, who has furnished the residents of Licking county with predictions for the past number of years, recently made his annual forecast. The people there rely on Lucas and he has seldom made a mistake. Last year he predicted the exact number of snows during December, January, February and March. He did not miss a single rain and foretold the frosts later in the season.

Lucas says that December will be mild but with seven snows. The New Year will open crisp and cold, with two heavy snowstorms and several days of sleighing. There will be plenty of snow throughout January, but the latter end will be warm. February will be rather severe and the ice men will reap a harvest. The groundhog will see his shadow and the cold spell will last well into the middle of March. The latter month will be an open one and much rain will fall and the country again experience many frosts.

Lucas is part Indian, is well read and has traveled over a great deal of country. He will not divulge even to his most intimate friends the secret of his successful predictions.

### Champion Shot Of Navy.

It has remained for a Xenia boy to carry off the high honors of best marksman in the United States navy, and therefore the best shot in the world. This young man is Warner K. Bigger, first-class boatswain on the battleship Illinois. Bigger is 24 years of age and joined the navy six years ago, running away from home to do so. With a 6-inch gun at a distance of 1800 yards he hit a target six times out of six shots in 43 seconds, while the ship was moving at 10 knots an hour. Last summer when the fleet had a shooting tournament young Bigger was picked as one of the 50 men from the 10,000 in the fleet to try for the sharpshooting team which consists of 16 men. Bigger outclassed them all. He holds the highest position possible for a non-commissioned officer, and has 160 men under his command.

The Christmas display in the south window of Hollingsworth's shoe store caught fire late Saturday afternoon and caused some damage and a great deal of excitement. The blaze was extinguished by the bucket brigade.

## TRACTION TALK

### Continues To Occupy Attention Of Progressive People Of This Section.

### Enthusiastic Meetings held here and at Washington C. H.—Committees to see Cincinnati Capitalists On Thursday.

The meeting at the Court House Friday evening to discuss the proposed traction line from here to Washington C. H. was well attended, a number along the line between here and Washington being present.

There was a general discussion of ways and means to promote the building of the road. A letter from Frank Johnson of Washington to Frank Durnell in which he enclosed a letter from President Hoffman of the C. & C. Traction Line to him was read. It was suggested in the letter that a construction company be formed and bonds amounting to \$500,000 be issued. That after the road was constructed it be leased to the C. & C. Traction Co., with the privilege extended to that company of purchasing the road.

Many plans were suggested and there was a general discussion of the matter. It was universally admitted that the building of the road would be of great benefit to Hillsboro and that under no condition must it be allowed to join the C. & C. at Allensburg.

Irvin McD. Smith acted as chairman of the meeting and on motion he appointed Frank Durnell, C. F. Whisler and Dr. H. M. Brown, of this place, Wallace MacLaren, of Samantha, W. H. Mason and Chas. Dewey, of Leesburg, a conference committee to take up these matters with Washington C. H. people and to see what steps could be taken in promoting this movement.

On Tuesday the local members of the committee went over to Washington C. H. in Mr. Durnell's automobile and attended a meeting called for that place that evening.

Mr. Durnell when seen on Wednesday morning after his return from there reported that they had a very enthusiastic meeting, almost every influential business man of Washington being present. The members of the committee from Leesburg and Samantha attended. Mr. Durnell is very sanguine in his belief that the road will soon be built. He stated that a number of men who were present at the meeting stated they contribute \$2,500 toward building it and that every one seemed to be willing to do all in their power to make it a go.

A committee composed of residents of Washington C. H., Hillsboro and points along the line to have general charge and direction of the promotion of the proposed road was appointed. It is as follows: President, Frank Durnell, Hillsboro; Secretary, Chas. F. Whisler, Hillsboro; Dr. H. M. Brown, Hillsboro, R. C. Hunt, Col. Millikan, C. H. Bronnel, Washington C. H., W. H. Mason, Chas. Dewey, Leesburg and Wallace MacLaren, Samantha.

Mr. Durnell said that the committee expected to call a meeting for Wednesday evening, Dec. 30, at the Court House here. At this time it is expected that there will be representatives present from all along the proposed route and final arrangement be made for presenting their plans to the Cincinnati capitalists, with whom arrangements are now being made for a meeting at Cincinnati on next Thursday. The Cincinnati people with whom the committee expect to confer are President H. H. Hoffman, of the C. & C. Traction Co., J. G. Schmidlapp, Col. Seasongood and Mr. Rowe, all of whom, are interested in promoting traction roads.

Every citizen of Hillsboro who is interested in seeing this road constructed is urged to be present on next Wednesday evening.

While many traction roads have been talked of for Hillsboro and nothing has been done the people should not be discouraged on that account. Mr. Durnell, whose business acumen and far-sightedness is well known to the people of this county, seems to think that the road is a sure go. There is no question but that the people who are interested in the construction of this road are people who do things and it looks better than any mentioned in a long time. Come out on next Wednesday evening and add your support to the movement.

The Younger Set is a serial that is sure to please you. Be certain to read the first installment which appears in this issue.