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## ROADMAKING IN GERMANY

The Highways in that Country Compared With Those in America.

### OWNED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

Country Roads as Good as City Streets. Fruit Trees Planted along the Roads. No "Spring" Breakers.

If anything draws the attention of the American traveler in Germany, it is its beautiful highways. One is astonished at the patience of the American people, to travel such miserable, imperfectly constructed, horse killing and life endangering roads, such as we have in America. There may be some fairly good roads in some parts of the United States, but we know that they are most wretchedly bad in Pennsylvania, especially in our own county. If we even have many short stretches of solid stone road, between two given points, we must still gauge the load to be able to draw it over the worst part of it, even if it is but a short distance. Regardless of the law to remove all loose stones once a month, during the summer season, the roads are constantly strewn with them. To draw a load over a loose stone, is like drawing it up an incline of 45 degrees, and we know how it wears the poor beasts to do this incessantly. The people of America must build better roads or hide their faces in shame before Europe.

Some of the highways in Germany are of great antiquity. When the Romans first set foot upon German soil to conquer it, Germany was an impenetrable forest; now, the Romans were experts at road building. They had built many good roads already.—One, the Appian way, leading from Rome to Padua and farther south, a distance of 330 miles, is even at this day, better than any modern built roads. The first thing they would do towards a permanent occupancy of a newly acquired country, was to build good highways for easy communication with the home country. Thus road building commenced in Germany, and generation after generation kept on at it; so that today, Germany has the finest roads in the world. It is an undeniable fact that the success of Germany in its defensive wars with France, and its well known prosperity in manufacture internal trade, and in every department of business, is greatly due to its many well built and well kept highways.

Before Germany became an empire there existed in that country no less than thirty different states, each ruled by a potentate who lived in a capital city and kept a standing army. From each of these cities radiate fine highways in every direction to the end of their domain, connecting with the highways of the neighboring capital. So an endless chain of roads almost as perfect as city streets runs through all Germany.

If you visit one of these cities, for instance, Darmstadt, and follow one of its beautiful main streets to the end of the city, you will only see before you a continuation of that street as a highway, not much inferior to the street itself, and that will bring you to the next city. The road may be forty feet wide, the center being raised about twelve inches for drainage. Eight feet on one side for pedestrians, eight feet on the other side for equestrians, and the middle space for vehicles. Low curb stones mark these three divisions, and the prescribed use of these different paths is very strictly enforced.

The road is smooth and solid and no loose stones. The heaviest loads make no impression upon it, the tires of all kinds of vehicles being broader than in the United States. On each side of the road thirty feet apart are fruit trees planted, apples, pears and cherries of the best varieties. It is a pleasure to walk beneath these shady trees, with their

## 200-LB. DEER KILLED.

As Related in Prose and Verse by One of the Party Engaged in the Hunt.

As day was beginning to dawn last Saturday morning a party started from John Helman's for a deer hunt among whom was one person commonly known as "Dutch" Finiff. About 12 o'clock Dutch's old gun began to belch forth streams of fire and bunches of lead. After the firing ceased the party surrounded and held an inquest over a 200-lb buck which they pronounced killed by that cyclone Dutchman George Finiff, Jr.

As Dutch was slowly wending his way Up the mountain side so gray, A three-pronged buck with listening ear, Began to leave Dutch far in the rear, But as Dutch had seen many a deer before From his old gun he began to pour Such balls of lead that ne'er before Had caused the mountain side to roar. Before many minutes the deer was lame And Dutch began to own his game, With a notched and rusty, but trusty old knife Dutch left out the poor deer's life.

## EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCES.

To be Held Within the Bounds of Carlisle Presbytery, during this Month.

The Evangelistic Committee of the Presbytery of Carlisle, in accordance with the action of the Presbytery at its meeting in September, 1903, has arranged for a series of Evangelistic Conferences within the bounds of the Presbytery during the month of December, 1903.

The places selected, and the time for the holding of the conference at the respective places, is as follows: Shippensburg, Thursday evening and Friday, December 3 and 4; Carlisle, Monday evening and Tuesday, Dec. 7 and 8; Greencastle, Wednesday evening and Thursday, Dec. 9 and 10; Harrisburg, Monday evening and Tuesday, 14th and 15th; Duncannon, Monday evening and Tuesday, 21 and 22; and Mercersburg which includes the churches at Burnt Cabins, Green Hill, Lower Path Valley, McConnellsburg, Mercersburg and Upper Path Valley. Dr. West and Rev. Waldo will open the subjects Monday evening. It is hoped that representatives from the churches named will be present at the meeting.

## Dida's Loss.

About two years ago Davy Little of this place purchased six acres lying in the forks of the pike east of town at a hundred dollars an acre, and laid the land out in eighteen building lots. With the exception of one, which he reserved for himself, he last week closed out the last of them, at an average price of \$100 a lot.

tempting ripe fruit; but you will trespass if you appropriate any of it, as it has been sold to some one by the government, and is no longer public property. Large sums of money are yearly realized by the government from this source. The banks at the sides of the road are nicely sodded, and the grass crop is turned into a revenue likewise. No water-breakers exist, the water being carried across the road through culverts or tiles. No toll is lifted on roads or bridges: the government owns all highways, builds new ones, and keeps them all in good repair. Steam stone crushers are used; and I saw a traction engine, with a very heavy roller attached to it, doing most effective work in road building. The most competent engineers superintend the whole work.

Stones nicely dressed, about three feet high, set along the side of the road, mark distances in kilometers (the French metrical system is in use in Germany). A meter is about three feet, and a kilometer one thousand meters. One ton is a load for one horse. At night every vehicle must carry a lantern, and every wagon left standing in the street or road must have a light to it to ward off accidents.

HENRY WOLF.

## THE COUNTY INSTITUTE,

Excellent Corps of Instructors and Entertainers Engaged.

### THE KAFFIR BOY CHOIR.

Spillman Riggs, Hon. Fred Ikeler, and Dr. Lee Frances Lybarger, Have Been Secured for the Evening Entertainments.

The 37th Annual Session of the Fulton County Teachers' Institute will convene in the Court House next week. All efforts have been put forth to make the week's programme a superior one.

Monday evening Dr. Lee Francis Lybarger will deliver his lecture "How to be Happy." Dr. Lybarger has been before the teachers of Fulton County at two previous Institutes, and we feel sure that the announcement of his return will be received by those who have heard him with considerable pleasure. Dr. Lybarger will be with us during the entire week.

Tuesday evening Hon. Fred Ikeler will lecture on "The Needs of a New Century." Mr. Ikeler has never failed to interest entertain, and delight his hearers. At the bar, on the platform, and in the halls of legislation, he has gained a wide reputation as an eloquent and powerful speaker.

The Philadelphia Press says, "Mr. Ikeler is an oratorical wonder." Hon. S. W. Kirk of our town sat with Mr. Ikeler in the Legislature, and says of him that he was by all odds the finest orator in the House.

Mr. Spillman Riggs will be with us again on Thursday evening, when he will deliver his latest lecture "Heads (Yours and Mine)." It is not necessary to make any comments on Mr. Riggs: he was with us last year and captivated his entire audience. No lecturer ever made a better hit in McConnellsburg.

It is a pleasure to be able to announce the coming of Dr. Nathan C. Scheffer, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.—Dr. Scheffer will be present Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. We are confident that his talks will benefit and interest all listeners. It can but be a privilege to our teachers and friends of education to meet and hear this able man.

Ex-Supt. C. J. Potts of Bedford county, who was a favorite with the teachers last year, will be here all week. Prof. Potts' experience as a teacher, director and county superintendent, makes him a valuable institute man.

Owing to the illness of Dr. Eckels, Dr. Jos. F. Barton will be here for the entire week. Dr. Eckels has been compelled to cancel all of his institute engagements throughout the State, and Dr. Barton has been able thus far to fill them in addition to his own work.

Prof. I. D. Gresh will have charge of the music.

## WELLS TANNERY.

W. H. Spangler spent last Friday in Saxton.

Misses Lizze Sprowl and Besse Johnson are visiting relatives at Sixmile Run.

S. P. Wishart, Mrs. Baumgardner and daughter, Miss Maud, attended the Sunday School Convention at the Bethel church in New Grenada on Thanksgiving Day.

The Altoona Rod and Gun Club, who have purchased several hundred acres of our mountain land and erected several nice buildings, have spent another season pleasantly among us. They shot only two deer and some small game, but felt paid for their coming by the restful quiet time they had.

Mighty good is Fort Bedford Coffee and better still a hand-some present in each pack, and it only costs a cent more than other package coffee.

## OLD SOUTH PENN AGAIN

Rockefeller Says Road Must Be Completed Between Pittsburg and Phila.

### FACTS BEARING ON CONTROVERSY.

Says the Pennsylvania Railroad Company Must Either Build or Get Out of the Way of Those Willing and Able to Build.

The railroad which Andrew Carnegie threatened to build three years ago and to prevent construction of which J. P. Morgan organized the \$1,400,000,000 United States Steel Corporation, is to be built for the Gould-Rockefeller-Carnegie alliance, unless President Cassatt, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, resigns and turns the management of that system over to the Standard Oil interests.

This is the ultimatum that John D. Rockefeller has laid down.

Attorney-General Carson has been notified that he must force the Pennsylvania to declare itself at once in regard to its plans for building the old railroad planned twenty years ago from Pittsburg to Philadelphia, through the southern tier of counties including Franklin, Bedford, Fulton and Cumberland. This is the route Mr. Carnegie intended to follow.

The Pennsylvania Company has for years blocked the building of this line through pretense of intention to build it, and by actual ownership of the right of way for much of the distance.

Under the laws of Pennsylvania no company can delay the construction of a railroad that is needed if any other company is willing and able to build the road. The Pennsylvania has been able to block the road in the past because nobody except Mr. Carnegie ever came forward with a bona-fide offer to build. He was drowned out with a deluge of watered stock which he shrewdly turned into cash long ago. Now, by a strange turn of circumstances, Mr. Carnegie is lending the influence of that very same cash to defeat his old enemy, the Pennsylvania, which he swore three years ago, he would never forgive for what he termed unfair treatment of the Carnegie company.

It is the realization of these facts that has made the stock of the Pennsylvania Company go down to such low figures in the market the last few weeks.

### MUST BUILD OR GET OUT.

Acting on the statement made to him by the Rockefeller-Gould-Carnegie interests, the Attorney-General has written to the Pennsylvania company informally that it must give him an answer soon or he will serve formal notice on the company to build the road or get out of the way for others.

As the retirement of President Cassatt and the surrender of the Pennsylvania system into Rockefeller hands would stop this new project, the men who are behind the demand for action on the route by Pennsylvania believes they will not have to build the road.—However, they have the money to build it, and will do so if the Pennsylvania company does not yield.

The significance of the deal lies in the fact that with the Gould-Rockefeller-Carnegie interests in control of the steel trust they could turn all tonnage of that huge combination over to their new road and thus turn it into a money maker from the very beginning.

The Pennsylvania robbed of its greatest source of freight, and paralleled through most of its territory, would be brought to terms. The Gould roads would under this plan split the territory between the Pennsylvania main line and its Baltimore & Ohio ally. The southern tier of counties is the richest in the state, and few of them are on the main line of the Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania has proved its inability to

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## ON HER WAY TO INDIA.

Miss Alice Wishart Reached London on Monday of Last Week.

### INCIDENTS OF TRIP TO NEW YORK.

After a Week on the Continent, She Expects to Sail from Marseilles, France, Next Saturday. Her Companions in Travel.

Miss Alice E. Wishart, daughter of the Hon. S. P. Wishart of Wells Tannery, left her home November 12, enroute to Allahabad, India, accompanied as far as Huntingdon by her father and Miss Maude Baumgardner. In Huntingdon she was the guest of the Woman's Missionary Society and the Young Ladies Branch Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church, at their afternoon joint meeting. On being requested to speak, Miss Wishart told the societies how the call had come to her to work in a foreign country and how she had accepted it. Miss S. R. Lowrie of Warriors Mark, president of the Presbyterian Society, was present at this meeting, having come to Huntingdon to bid Miss Wishart good-bye. At 10:30 P. M., joined by her friend Dr. Bertha Caldwell of Johnstown, who had been connected with the Presbyterian Hospital at Allahabad, Miss Wishart left for New York, expecting to sail Saturday, November 14.

On Friday afternoon November 13, the officers and members of the American Union Missionary Society tendered a reception and farewell meeting to the two young ladies who were to sail under their auspices. Miss Mary Fairbank had been appointed to assist her sister at Jhansi, India, in hospital evangelistic work and Miss Wishart to assist Miss Todd at Allahabad, in School and Zealanark work. The meeting was held in the beautiful Assembly rooms of the American Bible Society, and the room was completely filled with friends and members of the society. The meeting was opened with prayer and reading by the Rev. Dr. Valentine, a former Congregational missionary at Bombay. The chairman of the meeting, after a few introductory remarks, called upon Miss Edith May for a few remarks on her work. Miss May was formerly stationed at Allahabad, but is now on a furlough, leaving next fall to take charge of the Calcutta Mission. Miss May told the society of the work which had been under her charge, and which would now be shared by Miss Wishart on her arrival in India. Dr. Caldwell gave a little outline of her hospital work, and spoke on Missionary Societies, stating that though it is hard to leave home and friends and comforts, even for Christ's sake, the sacrifice is nothing compared to that on leaving India for furlough, after having put one's whole heart and life into one's work. Miss Fairbank told briefly of how her grandfather, father, and relatives had been happy to serve Christ for so many generations in India and how she felt that she was going "home." She gave a little sketch of what her future work would be. Miss Wishart, when called upon told very simply and naturally of how she had been led in this important step, how she knew her own weakness and short comings and could hope to accomplish good only by living near to Christ, and by being upheld by the prayers of her friends and the love and sympathy of her society. After the benediction the meeting was turned into a reception. From the audience a lady came forward who announced she wished to have Miss Wishart as her missionary and to assume her support and expense. The lady is the married daughter of one of New York City's merchant princes, and seemed much interested in her protegee.

On Saturday morning a large crowd assembled at the dock to see Misses Fairbank and Wishart sail. Among the close friends of

## FIRE IN WELLS.

High School Building in Wells Township Burned Last Friday Night.

The High School building, known as No. 2 school house, in Wells, was discovered to be on fire about midnight last Friday night, and before anything could be done to stay the progress of the flames, the building and all its contents were entirely destroyed. Insurance, \$475. The school board had a meeting Monday night to take steps to provide another building, and continue the school as soon as possible.

## MISS CORA SHOEMAKER WEDS.

Married in Philadelphia last Wednesday Evening—Brilliant Social Affair.

An attractive wedding was solemnized at 151 North Fifty-first street, West Philadelphia, last Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, when Miss Cora Veletta Shoemaker was married to Mr. Thomas Clyde, of that city. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Willis B. Skillman, pastor of Taber Presbyterian church. The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Mr. S. J. McCauslin, was gowned in white net over taffeta, trimmed with a panel of duchess lace.

The bridesmaids were Miss Virginia Ely of Chambersburg, and Miss Eleanor Logan of Philadelphia.

The best man was Mr. William Russell Kirkpatrick, and the ushers were Mr. William Kammerer and Dr. W. W. Hawke.

A reception followed the ceremony, after which the bride and bridegroom left on an extended tour through the New England States.

### The Bride is a daughter of the late Samuel U. Shoemaker of this place.

### New Fleecing Scheme.

It is said a new graft is being worked among the farmers in different parts of the state. This time it is "non-freezing stock tanks" that are offered for sale. When the farmer buys one he is given the exclusive agency of several townships without extra pay. This simple request is made, however, that he sign three papers, all of which turn up a few days later as promissory notes.

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Miss Wishart who were present was Mr. Sprague, son of a former pastor at Wells Tannery, who had left his studies at the Princeton Theological Seminary, to see Miss Wishart sail. The ship Minnetonka, Atlantic Transport Line was a fine, steady boat carrying only first class passengers. The cabins were large and very comfortable, and the ship was nicely heated. Just before the whistle blew for passengers' friends to leave the ship, the members of the Congregational party of Missionaries, four in number, with whom Miss Wishart is to travel, together with members of the societies, friends and relatives, met at the hurricane deck, and held an informal prayer meeting, after which all left the ship, the ropes cast off, and with many a last good-bye and much waving of handkerchiefs from the passengers and their friends on the dock the good ship Minnetonka started on her ocean voyage. She arrived in London, Nov. 23.

Miss Wishart and her party will visit London and other English cities, and then cross to Paris spending a week on the continent sailing again on the P. & O. steam ship "India," from Marseilles, France, on December 4. They reship at Port Said, Egypt to the P. & O. steamship "Oriental" a week later, arriving at Bombay about Christmas time. Miss Wishart is followed by the prayers and good wishes of many friends in and about Fulton county.

## ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Snapshots at Their Movements, as They Come and Go.

### NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED.

Home for a Vacation, Away for an Outing, a Trip for Business or Pleasure, You'll Find it Right Here.

Miss Dessie Kendall of Ayr township, is visiting friends in Franklin county.

Mr. Isaac Bolinger of Dublin Mills, was among the visitors at the county seat on Monday.

Bowden, the well known base ball pitcher, has been signed to pitch for Harrisburg A. C. next year.

Miss Gertrude Tuck of Homer City, Pa., is visiting the family of her brother, Lafayette Tuck, in this place.

Mr. Samuel Wilson of New Wilmington, Pa., is visiting the family of R. M. Kendall and other friends in town and the Cove.

Mr. N. I. Finiff of Tod township, spent from Wednesday until Monday very pleasantly visiting friends in Chambersburg.

Mrs. Adam Shaffer and son John of Summerfield, Ill., is visiting her father, Mr. Philip Snyder, and other friends in this county.

Andrew Washabaugh of Ayr township a few days ago purchased from Albert H. Wilson of Pittsburg the John B. Hoke farm at the west end of town.

Mrs. P. P. Shives of Dickey's Mountain, accompanied by her cousin, Miss Belle Cattlett, spent last Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Little in this place.

Dave Little last week sold the property in which he lives on Main street, including his bakery, to Messrs. D. E. Keyser and Sanner Ray of Ayr township for the sum of \$2500.00.

It is said that owing to the fact that the Everet furnace has lately been producing twice as much iron as the managers have been able to sell, it will be closed down indefinitely. This throws a lot of men out of employment.

Miss Mame, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David H. Fore of Tod township, has been in a hospital in Philadelphia for some time undergoing treatment for throat trouble. Mame's many friends will be pleased to hear that she is getting along nicely.

Gen. John Pedden and Capt. A. Dotterman will hold preaching service at the Salvation Army church near Big Cove Tannery next Saturday evening at 7:30; Sunday at 10:30 a. m., 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. All are welcome to these services.

Thanksgiving dinner for 1903 at Daniel E. Fore's was partaken of by Mr. and Mrs. John Lamaster and son Earl and daughter Ethel, and Mr. and Mrs. Allie Phiel—all of Markes, Franklin county; Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rotz and Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson of McConnellsburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Grant Baker and son of Knobsville. All did ample justice to Miss Katie's dinner, and went home in a good humor after having some music by Mrs. Phiel.

## Local Institutes.

A local institute was held at Spring House Valley last Friday evening. The meeting was called to order by the teacher, Mr. James Keefer. Mr. J. F. Johnston was elected president.

The questions for discussion: "Self Reliance, how taught?" "Duties of teacher, pupils and patrons." "Aims of an Education," were discussed by the teachers and a few of the patrons. Teachers present were G. B. Mellott, James Keefer, May Mellott and Olive Kendall.

The meeting was interspersed by recitations and singing by the pupils. The teacher and pupils deserved much credit for the manner in which they were rendered.

Olive Kendall, Secretary.