

The Leedy Chronicle.

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.—UNITED WE STAND.

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THE LEEDY REUNION.

POETIC POINTERS.

SPOKEN BY ISAAC LEEDY AT THE LEEDY REUNION.

More than four score years ago,
As some of us quite well know,
A pilgrim came from the East—
He came riding on a beast.

'Tis no joke—I'm not in fun,
For I know 'twas uncle John,
Who came from Morrison's Cove,
Wandering round in this grove.

When he concluded to put down his stake,
"Section thirty-five," he said, "I will take,"
So he counted enough silver and gold
To procure a title, his land to hold.

This Leedy reunion is held in this grove
In honor of him who first came from the Cove,
And opened up a good fertile plantation
Which has long been enjoyed by his relations.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

DELIVERED BY ISAAC LEEDY AT THE LEEDY REUNION.

Dear fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, and all, both great and small, connected with the Leedy fraternity. I am happy to meet and to greet such a large and appreciative assembly of relatives gathered from the "four corners of the earth," in this pleasant grove in remembrance of our pioneer fathers and mothers, all of whom have long

since joined "the innumerable caravan and gone to the pale realms of shade."

Eighty-four years ago the spot on which we are now gathered, was entered by John Leedy; and this with adjoining lands, which were entered and settled by his brothers and sisters, became the cradle, so to speak of this great family. A kind providence not only blessed them with bountiful crops, filling their store houses with numerous fruits and grains, but also blessed them with a numerous progeny. From this and perhaps, other equally advantageous places, their families have spread, like fruitful vines over the face of the earth.

We are gathered here today from various parts of this country, as members of the same family.

We rejoice together under the same smiling heaven; we breathe the same sweet refreshing air; we tread the same ground; we sit under the same trees that ministered to the happiness of our forefathers. We commune with each other and fellowship, strengthen in each other's breasts the spirit of brotherhood. We rejoice in this first grand Leedy reunion and bid you all welcome to our hearts and homes. Now as this spirit of fraternity binds heart and soul to soul in the sacredness of family relationship, so are we bound together today. We do not feel that we are strangers though we have seen each other's faces, in some instances, for the first time today.

We bid you a hearty welcome to all the joys and privileges of the day. Welcome to our homes. Welcome to all the bounties heaven has poured upon us. May a kind Providence grant the happy return of many such occasions as this.

GENERAL REMARKS.

A report of the first Leedy Reunion was published in the local papers where held and by mislaying the copy sent to us and gratuitously expecting that some one would furnish a report for publication, these months have gone by and when we are about ready to print, we have no report of the Reunion, except several papers and what we here write. It is perhaps as well, as after the next one, a report of both, so far as the business of the meetings is concerned will be printed together.

The Reunion was held on the original quarter of land entered by John Leedy, Sec. 35, Jefferson township, Richland county, Ohio.

A large gathering assembled, and being the first meeting of the kind, it was some time before the congregation was called to order. David

A. Leedy was chosen president, of the meeting, Daniel Leedy of Missouri, vice president. Eld. Isaac Leedy gave an address of welcome and was responded to by Jehu L. Garber.

The dinner was perhaps the largest success of the occasion, as the good mothers know how to cook in abundance and the others of the company knew how to eat well and eat long, and enjoy it. After dinner, a literary program was executed and reports given by persons gathering the history of several branches of the Leedy family.

Arrangements were made for a reunion this year and a committee chosen. We are not able to name all of the members but some of the officers are as follows: Isaac Leedy, Pres.; Eugene R. Leedy, Sec'y.; L. L. Garber, Historian. A vice president and treasurer were also chosen and committeemen in various parts of the country.

Family connections were present from Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, and letters were presented from members of the family connections from other states.

The day was rather too cool for real pleasure in an out-of-door gathering but was otherwise fair.

The time for preparing for the reunion was so short that many were not prepared to come who desired to be present and we know that the arrangements for the coming one in August will be complete and meritorious.

LETTER TO THE REUNION.

DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS: Today we meet to pay a tribute of love that is due our pioneer fathers and mothers.

We praise the dead and cheer the living as we recount the deeds of our ancestors.

We remember our great, great grand father's home, at York, Pa., and judging that home, as heaven would have us judge the tree by its fruit, we can say that they were true followers of the sandle-dusted Nazarine.

A place they were happy in, and where they started out equipped for the battle of life. Such was our grand father's home at York.

The influence of that happy home has moved on before us like a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. And we, as Leedy pilgrims in a weary land, have never let that cloud be forgotten or its blaze unseen.

The teachings in our early father's homes, placed in our hearts the

antidote against the common evils. But not to our fathers belong all the praises; we will never forget, the mother's hand, when it touched our wounds, they were half cured, and could drive our childish troubles away as daylight drives the shadows beneath the mountains and her advise was as welcome as the dawn to the watchman. She kept sin from the door of our hearts.

That little four line prayer, lay me down to sleep, is the moral plank on which our mothers placed our infant feet. She hung the star of Bethlehem above our cradle and pointed to it as our only star of hope. But some of these mothers, time has gathered as jewels to the other shore. They passed quietly away and left to us the legacy that Paul said Timothy received, the spirit that first dwelt in his grandmother.

Remembering our fathers and mothers, hopes and prayers and tears, let us press forward and leave the results with God as did our ancestors.

Manassas, Va.

J. W. LEEDY.

MY MOTHER'S SONG.

'Mid the far-off hills, by a lowly cot,
Bloom the rose, the vine, the forget-me-not,
And there where zephyrs blow soft and sweet,
Where hearts are truest of hearts that beat,
I have heard in the fading twilight glow,
The song of my Mother, sweet, sad, and, low.
Years years have gone, but I hear it still,
And it takes my heart with its magic thrill,
I hear that song with its cadence of tears
Over all the whirl of the troubled years:
O'er the toil and strife of the hurrying throng,
Come the echoing words of my Mother's song.
I know as she sings it, day after day,
Her locks are fast turning silver gray;
The form is more bending, the hand is more weak,
And trembling and low are the tones that speak;
She is failing fast, tho' suffering long,
But ever more sweet was my Mother's song.
I know that a message must some day come
To call me again to that cottage home,
And there in the close of the crimson day

I shall find that sweet voice hushed for aye!
And kneeling low in the fading light,
I shall kiss the lips one last good night!
But thro' all years my heart shall beat;
As I tread life's path with my weary feet,
I shall hear that song as a voice divine,
And that lowly cot shall become a shrine!
O'er all life's sorrow and strife and wrong,
I shall hear the words of my Mother's song!

—Recitation by H. E. Leedy.

THE OLD LEEDY CLOCK.

ELDER ISSAC LEEDY, Dear Brother:—We notice your kind invitation for all Leedys to attend the Leedy reunion.

All the Leedys in America, came from the same old Grand Father of ours who settled at York, I think there can be no doubt.

My Father said he well remembered of hearing his father and his Aunt Betsy speak of their big cousin, John Leedy, of Ohio.

Polley Leedy my grand father's sister, only died a few years ago. She was 98 years old and was afflicted, that she was helpless, 40 odd years, not having the use of her hands, or feet, but had her right mind up to her death, and a good memory. Robert Leedy, son of John, son of Daniel, now living in Page Co., Va., has the old Leedy clock. It runs with one weight, and has been in the Leedy Family one hundred and sixty odd years, and has been running all these 160 odd years; and there is no mistake as to the clock's age, for the make and date is on the clock. This old clock's face has looked into the face of every Leedy Generation in America, seen the savage driven back into the dim forest, and ticked off the time of Four American Wars and was nearly 50 Years old, when the Declaration of our independence was signed. It is wonderful to think what this clock has seen.

My Father tells me about 25 Years ago he had a talk with one of the oldest women of Harrisonburg, Va., and she told him that she remembered his Grand Father, who was born at York, and what a good man he was, and said, that a man by the name of Koontz caught him on the highway and pulled half of his beard out just to see, if our old grand Father would resist the evil, but he just took it, and did not resist either by force or by law.

Well I will close for this time.

J. W. LEEDY.

A FARMER GOVERNOR.

THE NEW EXECUTIVE OF KANSAS AN INTERESTING CHARACTER.

His Opposition to Corporations and Pronounced Ideas Have Given Him a National Reputation In a Short Time—Made a Fortune and Lost It.

Perhaps the most talked about of all the new western governors is John W. Leedy, the Populist chief executive of Kansas. Governor Leedy is an original character, and his career so far has been a most interesting one. He was born in Richland county, O., about 47 years ago. His parents were thrifty Dunkers, but when he was a small boy his father died, leaving but little property and a large family.

So at the age of 12 years John W. Leedy, the future governor of the Sunflower State, began his up hill fight with the world in the humble position of farmhand. He was allowed to attend school a short time during the winter, but his opportunities for getting an education were extremely limited. In 1863, when the war was at full swing, young Leedy was seized with martial fever. Many men were leaving Richland county for the front, and, although he was 14 years old, he wanted to wear a blue uniform and carry a musket too. He would have enlisted, but his mother prevented this. Nothing could keep him at home, however, and when the One Hundred and Sixty-third Ohio infantry was sent to join the Army of the Potomac he went with it. His cousin, Captain Jacob M. Leedy, commanded a company in the regiment and kept an eye on him. The young soldier saw lots of hard fighting at Petersburg and other places. He remained with the regiment until the close of the war.

In 1865 he had drifted to Pierceton, Ind., where he clerked in a store for three years. Then his health broke down, and he was forced to look for something less confining. He went to Carlinville, Ills., in search for work as a farmhand, and one day tramped up to the place of Squire Gore, who afterward became state auditor of Illinois. Mr. Gore gave work to the sick looking young man, who rapidly recovered his health and became a faithful and valuable employee.

After five years of farm work Mr. Leedy had saved enough money to get married and buy a farm of his own. He moved to Kansas in 1880, locating in Coffee county, near LeRoy. He soon became known as a breeder of fine horses, and in a few years acquired a comfortable fortune. In 1890 he met with business reverses, and during the panic of 1893 he went to the wall. He had a beautiful home on the banks

of the Neqsho river, but that, with all the rest of his property, he turned over to his creditors to pay his debts.

In the meantime he had become interested in politics. Previous to 1892 he had taken no part in the campaigns, voting the Democratic ticket a matter of habit, but in that year, the Populists and Democrats of his district nominated him for state senator. He went into the campaign with a will and made a canvass which surprised even his best friends. Up to that time he had never made a public address, but to his own astonishment he found that he could make a stirring political speech, and today he is reckoned as one of the best orators in the Populist party. He was elected to the state senate and was a member of the legislature when the house divided itself into a dual organization. In the stirring scenes which followed Mr. Leedy was a central figure.

He is a poor man now and had to borrow money to pay the expenses of his recent campaign. While running for governor he was living with his family in a cottage which he rented for \$15 a month. His antagonism toward railroads and corporations has been widely advertised.

Governor Leedy has an interesting family, consisting of his wife, two bright daughters and a son. Mrs. Leedy was Miss Sarah J. Boyed of Frederickstown, Ills. She is a woman of refinement and culture, but cares little for society. Miss Clara Leedy, her eldest daughter, is a young woman of 19, a graduate of the Le Roy High school and an accomplished musician. Miss Alice, 16, and John W. Leedy, Jr., 9 years old, are promising children.

S. C. SCHENCK, In Star County Democrat.

LEWIS K. LEEDY.

An Old Pioneer, Passes Away in His Eighty-ninth Year—Came to This County in 1811.

On Friday, March 27, 1896, the old and well-known Richland county pioneer, whose name heads this article, died at his home, 5½ miles southwest of Bellville, after a brief illness of two weeks. He had suffered from partial blindness for some years, but otherwise his general health was good.

The deceased was born in Bedford county, Pa., March 12, 1807, and came with his parents to Jefferson township in 1811, where he continued to reside until the day of his death. The toils and hardships incident to life in the pioneer days of Richland county were experienced

by him. Not all were dark days, however, for the pioneer had pleasures commensurate with his wilderness surroundings and enjoyed them in the spring-time of his youth.

When Mr. Leedy arrived at the age of manhood, he began to teach music in his section, and very soon acquired an enviable reputation as a teacher of music in the southern part of the county. He also held township offices at different times, among others, township trustee and member of the board of education, and was an active and useful man generally in the welfare of his section.

Mr. L. K. Leedy married Hannah Myers on August 13, 1829, who bore him eight children, two dying in infancy. Mrs. H. Leedy died in June 6, 1849, and Mr. L. married in April, 1852, his second wife being Delilah Simmons. Three children were born unto them, two of whom are deceased, the surviving daughter, Mrs. Della Lanehart, residing at the old homestead, where her father died.

Two sons, Alonzo and Henry, reside in the Black Hills, Dakota, and another, J. M. Leedy, in Putnam county, Florida. The three daughters reside: Mrs. Wm. McClure, Fredericktown; Mrs. S. Collier, Trenton, Mo., and Mrs. D. F. Lanehart on the homestead farm.

The funeral services were held last Sunday morning, at 11 o'clock, in the German Baptist church, being conducted by Rev. Henry Keller of near North Liberty, who preached an impressive sermon.

The remains were buried in the Ankneytown cemetery, attended by sorrowing relatives and a large concourse of sympathizing friends.

And thus another giant oak of the pioneer days of Richland county has disappeared from sight, but the memory of a life existence will remain as the seasons come and go in their freshness of budding leave so are robed in autumnal decay.—Local Paper.

A FEW LETTERS.

E. R. LEEDY., Dear Sir: In enclosed letter is pledge signed for the LEEDY CHRONICLE.

Will try and get you another pledge or subscription, there is a member of the Leedy family here that came from Dark Co., Ohio, I will try and get a pledge from him when I see him.

Yours Respectfully,

H. A. LEEDY.

Grand Rapids, Mich.

My Dear MR. LEEDY: Your circular received. I am very willing to subscribe to your magazine upon conditions stated and wish it great

success. I will send the blanks enclosed to my brother in Birmingham, also to my Son in Memphis, you will doubtless hear from both of them in due time.

Grandfather's name was James. I have faint recollection of my father telling me several years before he died that he had a brother or relatives in Ohio.

I am anxious to join the D. A. R. here and if I could claim and trace the time of my ancestors to the Revolutionary period, I would be all right. I trust you and your connection will interest yourselves in my N. Y. school and will be able to send me some representatives! Some girls and young ladies of your neighborhood. I would be willing to make very good rates for the first girls from your neighborhood. I am most truly yours. VIRGINIA LEEDY MATTHEWS.

280 W. 7th St., New York.

E. R. LEEDY:—Inclosed you will find guarantee subscription to the Leedy Chronicle pub. fund. As I am a total stranger to the Leedy family, except such as are living in Oregon I would be pleased to hear more of this enterprise. I have never met a relative outside of my own immediate family closer than a cousin and only one of my cousins.

I will be pleased to lend any assistance I can to this enterprise.

Yours very truly, A. D. LEEDY.

Salem, Oregon, Jan 27, 1897.

Mr. E. R. LEEDY:—My dear Sir: Enclosed please find blank duly signed.

I confess I was very much surprised to receive the circular. I was not aware that the Leedy family was so numerous and am in the dark as to whether I am connected with your branch of the family or not. I know nothing of my father's family farther back than my grandfather Joseph Leedy, who lived and died near Abingdon, Virginia.

My Father with his brother and their families came to Missouri in 1851, and until Jno. Leedy of Kansas came into prominence I have never met or heard of any one bearing the name.

I am very anxious to know everything of my Leedy ancestors, and if by signing the enclosed contract I can learn I will be very grateful.

I will with pleasure forward circular and blanks to my sister in Kansas City. I also give you the name and address of my cousin, Mrs. Virginia Leedy Matthews.

Do you know if any of the Leedy's were in the war of the revolution? Wishing you success in the enterprise. I am very sincerely,

R. LEEDY WADDELL.

ISAAC LEEDY:—Dear Cousin. It is truly with the greatest of pleasure for me, this pleasant Sabbath day, to answer a much unexpected letter.

We are desirous to say to you that it would afford to us the greatest of pleasure of meeting with the great Leedy generation to learn and know all the many events of our people from our great ancestors down to our present generation. There are many interesting events that have transpired since our forefathers landed on the American continent, of which we all can look back and congratulate ourselves that the Leedy generation have been an honor to the American people.

We congratulate ourselves when we look back and study the history of the Leedy generation, and find it has furnished less criminals, less depraved inmates to the many houses of detention, than any other family name of America. This is a statement of no presumption. On the other hand we should all be proud of this when we speak the Leedy name. It is noted for its charity, faith in and devotion to their God, honesty, benevolence and charity to their fellow man, and when our generation becomes of the past history on earth then our great Father's record will corroborate this statement of a poor weak mortal of this generation.

I hope to be able to furnish you something of interest concerning the Leedy family especially the family of my close connection.

Crops of all kinds except wheat are very productive and can be worked to a greater ease than in the North. We have the whole year to produce and nothing to feed out to stock and no hard winter labor to do in that direction.

Yours very truly, J. D. LEEDY.

Abbeyville, Ga.

BIOGRAPHY OF ABRAHAM LEEDY.

Abraham Leedy, was born in Bedford Co., Pa., April 5, 1787, where he remained until 1829.

He was reared on a farm, and was a firstclass farmer and teamster, devoting much of his time in the latter occupation.

In 1812, Feb. 23d., he married Elizabeth Zook who was born in Morrison's Cove, Mar. 26, 1791. To this union were born nine sons and two daughters as follows: John, December, 11, 1812; Catherine, Apr. 5, 1814; Samuel, May 19, 1816; Jacob, Dec. 17, 1817; Abraham, Aug. 12, 1819; David, Nov. 23, 1821; Daniel, Dec.

8, 1823; Joseph, Dec. 5, 1825; Isaac, the writer of this sketch, Dec. 23, 1827; Susannah, July 7, 1830; Aaron, April 21, 1832.

In the fall of 1829, the wife and nine children emigrated to Knox Co., O., and purchased a large tract of land at Ankenytown, where he and his sons by their industry and perseverance cleared up a large farm which he occupied and tilled very successfully, saving enough from the proceeds to buy several additional farms notwithstanding his large liberality and charity in feeding and clothing the needy, being firm in the belief that he that giveth to the poor "Lendeth to the Lord."

He and his wife were members of the Brethren Church and had the pleasure of seeing all their children start out to battle with life's responsibilities for themselves, and all with two exceptions united with the Brethren Church, three of the same, being chosen to the ministry.

When father Leedy was nearing the close of his pilgrimage and with bright prospects in view of that "Rest that remaineth for the people of God," he desired to be relieved of his earthly possessions, consequently requested to have all his children called to his old home and fireside where they were reared and spent their happiest days with a view to divide his possessions with them.

Without giving details suffice it to say that this meeting was a grand success, the entire estate amounting to about thirty-six thousand dollars was divided among the children without paying one cent charges or attorney fees. This transaction occurred in the fall of 1859 and on the 8th. day of March 1860 he quietly passed away with a smile on his lips from a home below to a home above.

He left his companion and eleven children to mourn his loss. Age 72 years, 11mo. and 3da. His companion also followed Jan 24, 1868, age 76 years, 9 mo. and 26 da., Daniel, Mar. 26, 1870, age 46 years, 3 mo. and 18 da., John, Oct. 19, 1877 age, 61 years, 10 mo. and 8 da., Jacob, Oct. 20, 1878, age 60 years, 10 mo. and 3 da., Samuel, Nov. 17, 1889, age 73 years, 5 mo. and 28 da., Abraham A., June 14, 1894, age 74 years, 10 mo. and 2 da., Catharine, Nov. 8, 1896, age 82 years, 7 mo. and 3 da.

We expect to give brief sketches of Father Abraham's children later on, for want of space, we can't give an extended record in this sketch of his descendants. Total number of grand children 99, 51 sons, 48 daughters; 199 great grand children, 100 sons, 99 daughters; 20 great, great grand children, 12 sons, 8 daughters. Total number of descendants, 328. Marriages 79, deaths 41, grand and great, great grand children under ten years of age, 97.

ISAAC LEEDY.

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OUR GREETING.

When a new publication appears among the people with its plea for recognition and support it is customary to write a word of explanation and greeting.

We shall not depart from this custom, and at our first meeting will introduce ourselves and present our purposes.

THE LEEDY CHRONICLE is a new star in the Newspaper Firmament, and differs from all the stars which were before it. Perhaps there never was before it a paper launched upon the waters of literature with the single purpose of serving the interests of an American family and its connections.

Such is the purpose of THE LEEDY CHRONICLE. Our family has become great and numerous,

and the mere suggestion of an enterprise of this character found a strong and immediate response in the good judgment of many who heard it.

The Leedy character is conspicuous for candor and promptness in executing convictions promising advantages and mutual helpfulness. It is but a little more than six months since the thought of having a family paper was born and here is the first fruits for your perusal and enjoyment.

We know the paper will prove a great benefit to us all. It will be an occasional visitor. Visiting consists largely in enjoyable conversation, exchange of plans and methods and advice and encouragement. This dear friends, THE CHRONICLE will enable you to enjoy in your homes although a thousand miles apart. Contemplation of the happy reunions and letters from home which it will become makes the heart beat with joy and almost impels to eloquent discourse. But we must return to the substantial matters before us. We extend a hearty greeting to the Great Leedy Family and Connections, in behalf of the Committee of Reunion, in behalf of the members and connections to one another, and on behalf of ourself, we introduce ourself and greet you, hoping that we shall be a welcome guest in your many family circles, bring cheer, encourage-

ment, good advice and satisfying information.

The objects in publishing this journal are these:

1. To cultivate a closer family relation.

2. To obtain and publish information upon the location and settlements of the different branches of the Leedy Family and connections.

3. To publish a history of the Leedy Family.

4. To serve as a family record, giving the births and deaths and biographies of departing ones.

5. To fill the mission of a handy letter and serve as a medium for the exchange of family letters.

6. To publish information and experiences which will be of mutual benefit in the race of life.

7. Plans and methods and information about new sections of country and advantages to settlers.

THE CHRONICLE will not only prove a messenger of satisfaction, but a thing of value if the members of the family will take enough interest in it to furnish the matter it should contain from time to time.

Regarding other policies of the paper, more will be said in the future as occasion demands. We must all write with candor, honesty and frankness, while the broadest liberty of thought and speech ought to be extended, nothing severe or harsh ought to be

written. We want to forbear much and love much, and let us all be sober in thought and expression.

Now dear relatives, let us hear from you—write us when you move, when one has been seriously sick, met with a serious accident, moved to a new home, promoted in position, undertaken a new enterprise.

Write us when one has died, write your family record to us—we will want to print it sometime, about your ancestors, where they lived and what they said about the first history of the Leedys.

Write us when you move into a new country—about its advantages and disadvantages, etc.

Lastly we invite the hearty cooperation of all. We can do very little outside of arranging the matter sent in for publication and printing the paper.

Again we greet you, and wish you all large prosperity.

A. L. GARBBER.

THE FUTURE OF THE CHRONICLE.

Another number of the CHRONICLE will be issued before the Annual Reunion of the Leedy Family and Connections takes place, when complete plans for its future publication will be decided upon.

It is probable that eight pages

of each number will be devoted to a consecutive family history and biography of the Leedy Family and connections. It will take considerable time to print it all in that shape, but a history could not be put out in a cheaper way.

The question whether there will be a paper or not is settled, but the frequency of publication and cheaper or finer appearance of the paper depends upon the promptness and liberality of the support accorded it.

Let us hear from all what you can do and will do to hurry the enterprise along.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

At a called meeting of the executive Committee a motion was considered and cared to hold our next Leedy reunion on Wednesday, Aug. 18th, 1897. Place of meeting will be fixed next meeting and resorted in Chronicle No. 2.

A cordial invitation is hereby extended to every Leedy relative to attend and participate in above reunion; for this reason we give you timely notice to enable you to make all necessary arrangements and preparations to come and assist in making the second Leedy reunion a grand success.

Isaac Leedy, Pres.

E. R. Leedy, Sec.

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION.

The success of this enterprise depends upon your subscription, dear relative, and do not delay.

Before you forget, write a letter and when you are at the post office, enclose the 35 cents in a postal order or postage stamps.

The progress to be made depends upon you, so do not delay.

REUNION COMMITTEE MEETING.

A meeting of the Leedy Reunion Committee was held at Ankenytown, Ohio, Dec. 28, 1896.

A condensed report of the principal business transacted is as follows:

1. That we publish a monthly paper in the interests of the Leedy Family and Connections.
2. The name of the paper shall be "THE LEEDY CHRONICLE".
3. Subscription price 35 cents per year in advance.
4. Managing Editor, A. L. Garber.

5. That the secretary be authorized to develop the pledge plan.

The pledge plan as referred to above is as follows:

GUARANTEE SUBSCRIPTION TO THE LEEDY CHRONICLE PUBLICATION FUND.

To the Committee of the Reunion of the Leedy Family and Connections.—

I, the undersigned, to maintain the publication of the Monthly Leedy Chronicle, hereby pledge and guarantee the payment of an assessment of one dollar, or any sum less per year, for five years, that may be needed to pay expense incurred over and above the subscription and other income received, in the publication of said paper in the interests of the Leedy Family and Connections; it being understood that I shall be considered a member of the committee on publication.

Signed,

Post Office,

Note.—If the income of the paper pays expenses, there will be no assessment.

A good number of pledges have already been given, and to them belongs the credit for this issue of THE CHRONICLE. We would not have assumed the expense without the assurance they afford. We want more still, and solicit your encouragement in this way. Remember one will cost you no more than one dollar a year, if you pay all that is promised therein; but this will not occur, because every subscriber will lessen any shortage in the cost of the paper.

The object is to get enough of these pledges to cover the entire running expenses of the paper; then if there is a few dollars short on the first year or two, it will

not be resting upon a single person or two, and cause any unpleasant family feeling.

Send in your pledge. Copy the one printed above and sign it, and send it a long, or write for blank form.

A. L. GARBER.

If you get two copies of this paper, pass one to your interested neighbor.

A postal card only costs a cent and on it you can write several items of news.

Send in your items now. Early in July we want to issue the next number of the Chronicle.

The Leedy Chronicle is your paper, and in the future it will be largely what you make it.

William D. Leedy, Cerro Gordo, Ill., sends a pledge for the Chronicle. He says there are no other Leedys in that place.

L. L. Garber advertises outlines of History, etc. in this issue. The outlines are all right; get them if you want anything of the kind.

Mary A. Leedy, widow of John A. Leedy, New Paris, Ind., is not able to take care of herself. Her daughter, Mrs. Ullery is residing with her.

Send in your subscription and that of your friends at once. Do not forget, also, to send in your guarantee pledge.

Several of our relatives visited Ashland, May 4th, on business connected with the college.

If you have stock, seeds or other things you want to advertise send your copy in for the next is-

sue. Also, ask your advertising friend to send in his advertisement. We want to push ahead for business now and make our paper pay.

The editor is a Leedy of the Leedys although his name is Garber. His mother is a daughter of Abraham Leedy, and his father's mother was a daughter of John Leedy, the pioneer of the Leedy settlement in Ohio. He was born on the original Leedy farm and there spent the larger part of his life, tramping over the same soil and drinking water from the same sparkling spring that the famous "Old Uncle John Leedy" did.

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LEEDY REUNION.

Held in F. L. Garber's Grove September 23, 1896.

A grand Time is Had by the Descendants of Abraham Leedy. Nearly 400 Being in Attendance—An Organization Perfected to be Known as the Leedy Reunion—Officers Elected.

Nearly two centuries ago, Abraham Leedy left his friends, a sturdy and frugal people in Switzerland, crossed the Atlantic ocean, and came to America, where a mighty continent awaited the strong arm and bold heart of the pioneer to transform its wild waste expanse into fertile fields and blooming gardens.

One of the sons of this Abraham Leedy, the son to whom the Leedy's in this part of Ohio trace their origin, was named after his father, Abraham—a name which signifies "Father of a multitude," and which in this case, seemed to be prophetic of a numerous posterity to follow. The descendants of this Leedy branch, planted in Maryland, emigrated to other states, multiplied; re-emigrated and multiplied until there are in

truth, "a multitude," representatives of whom may be found in almost every state of the Union.

The Leedy's have thus become so numerous and widely separated that those living in this part of Ohio planned a "Leedy Reunion"—a reunion where older members of the families could renew the friendships of former years and recount the trials and triumphs of pioneer days, while the younger generation might become better acquainted with their kin folk, and might, gather something of interest and inspiration from a better knowledge of their ancestors, the fruitage of whose toils, sacrifices and devoted Christian lives they are now enjoying.

Arrangements were accordingly made to hold the first reunion in F. L. Garber's grove, five miles south of Bellville and two miles north of Ankneytown, on Wednesday, Sept. 23. This grove was selected because it is a part of the farm which contains the historic spot upon which John Leedy, who was the first Leedy to come to Ohio, settled in the year of 1811. Preparations were duly made in

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the grove for the occasion; seats were arranged for 400 or more visitors, and a neat stage erected. The stage was decorated with the national colors and around it hung portraits of Leedy celebrities, among which was one of John W. Leedy, who will probably be elected governor of Kansas in November.

As it was intended that much of the day be given to fraternal greetings and conversation, no attempt was made to prepare and carry out an elaborate program.

The two oldest Leedy's living, David Leedy, of North Liberty, Ohio, aged 75 years, and D. H. Leedy, of Benton, Mo., aged 73 years, were made honorary presidents of the day; A. A. Leedy had charge of the music and L. L. Garber, the program. After music by the Grange band, Rev. A. L. Garber, of Ashland, gave a scripture reading and a touching prayer. A beautiful chorus, "All Together," a piece of music which voiced the spirit of the occasion followed, after which the address of welcome was given in feeling and appropriate words by Rev. Isaac Leedy of Ankneytown. In behalf of the visiting kinsfolk, J. L. Garber gave befitting and interesting response. Music followed, after which the dinner hour was announced.

A bounteous and superb repast was spread upon the long tables and seats arranged for the purpose. The dinner was highly enjoyable; not only because it was delicious and satisfying and brought back memories of "what our mothers used to make," but because there were gathered friends who had not met thus in the long long years since they had left the parental roof.

The afternoon program was devoted largely to the hearing of reports and interesting talks upon the genealogies of the main divisions of the Leedy family and were presented as follows: Abraham Leedy family; Isaac Leedy; Daniel Leedy family, A. B. Leedy; John Leedy family, John L. Garber; John Long family, J. L. Swank; Jacob Leedy family, A. L. Garber. Recitations were given by Herbert Leedy, and Misses Mabel Garber, Lulu Leedy and Sabry Lanehart. A vocal solo by Herbert Leedy and a vocal duet by Misses Maud Leedy and Louie Lanehart were among the musical selections. Short addresses were made by J. L. Garber, Joe Long and others. Interesting letters were received from John W. Leedy, of Manassas, Va., J. D. Leedy, of Abbeville, Ga., and others.

After it was known that a re-

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union would be held, efforts were made to gather complete statistics of the living descendants of Abraham Leedy, but the time was entirely too short to do so, and the descendants of none of the families are, perhaps fully reported, while some are entirely wanting. The records of the different families, so far as reported are about as follows: John Leedy, 343; Abraham Leedy, 328; Daniel Leedy, 205; Jacob Leedy, 95; Susan Long nee Leedy, probably 600, making a total of more than 1,500.

At the conclusion of the program, a constitution was adopted and a permanent organization, known as the "Leedy Reunion," affected. The officers elected are: President, Rev. Isaac Leedy, Ankneytown; Vice President, J. L. Garber, Bellville; and Sec. E. R. Leedy, Ankneytown, O.; Treasurer, A. B. Leedy, Bellville; Historian, L. L. Garber, Bellville; Executive Committee, J. L. Swank, F. L. Garber, A. A. Leedy, Mrs. Frank Lanehart, Bellville; Mrs. David Leedy, North Liberty; Noah Long, Frontier, Mich.; Wm. Wiseman, Fostoria, O.; B. B. Leedy, West Independence O.; Lucy Tharp, Denver, Ind.; J. W. Leedy, Manassas, Va.

There were present at the reunion probably three hundred of the Leedy descendants, and some hun-

dred friends. Among those present from abroad were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wiseman, Wm. Wiseman, Mrs. Nettie Wiseman, Maud and Mrs. Aaron Wiseman, Milton Wiseman, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McKee and two children, Mrs. Julia Chilcoat and two children, and Isaac Leedy, all of Fostoria, O.; Mr. and Mrs. D. Leedy, Benton, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kunkle, Bryan O., Mr. and Mrs. David Gibson, B. B. Leedy, Mrs. Jacob Leedy, West Independence; Mrs. Rosa Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Cline, Mexico, Ind.; Mrs. Betsy Leedy, Tiosa, Ind.; Miss Libbie Newhouse, Fostoria; Mr. and Mrs. Shankster, Mexico, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Garber and two children, Ashland, O.; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Leedy and two children, Findlay, O.; Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Leedy and three children, Mt. Vernon, O.; Joseph Long and son, of Lima, O.; Noah and Jacob Long and two sisters, Williams county, O.; Henry Swank and wife, of Bluffton, O.—Bellville Messenger.

A LITTLE BUCKEYE HOME.

There's a picture ever present,
greeted first amid the snow
That fell upon the old farm, in
the misty long ago;
Then the meadow and the woodland
wore their fleecy robes of white,

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And across the snow plain tinkled
many sleighbells with delight.
Dearer grew the modest homestead,
as the years went flitting by,
And the clover blossomed sweetly
'neath the calm, eternal sky,
And the horses trod the fallow,
with the dew upon the plow,
With a whistling lad behind them;
ah! methinks I see him now.
By and by the lad went roaming
to the lands beyond the sea;
Saw palaces that lift their heads
above the tallest tree,
Slept upon the beds of princes,
heard the famous royal songs,
And supped with sceptered auto-
crats who right no freeman's
wrongs.
He walked along the Appian Way
and in the Forum stood,
Whose stones in ages past were
dyed with richest Roman blood;
He heard the tale of Waterloo
told on that fatal field,
And stood where Magna Charta's
knights made John the tyrant
yield.
The stones of Venice spoke for him
in language of the past,
He stood upon the Bridge of Sighs
whose memories still last;
He saw the glitter and the pomp of
orient parade,
And scaled the peerless Matter-
horn by danger undismay'd.
But still amid such scenes as these,
that lie beyond the sea,

He saw a cherished picture, heard
a tuneful melody;
A little Buckeye homestead rose
before his longing eyes,
And a merry lark was singing in
cloudless morning skies.
He dreamed among the palaces of
an attic dark and small,
With a trundle-bed old-fashioned
pushed against a plastered wall;
He heard a boy's clear whistle
down among the waving corn,
And rode the plow-team fieldward
thro' the fair, impurpled morn.
About him grew the alders tall,
beyond them ran the creek,
And a bare-foot boy was fishing
where the fish play hide and
seek;
For all the temples had dissolved,
no more around they swarm,
And in their places stood again the
buildings of the farm.
The gentle voices, silent long,
came back to thrill the soul,
He heard no more the choruses
which from the chancels roll;
A robin on the old farm fence
made music sweeter far
Than all the royal songs of peace,
or drums that beat for war.
So dreamed a dreamer in the lands
that lie across the wave,
So memory hung her canvas for
the loving and the brave;
No matter whither strayed his feet,
in regions cold or warm,

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Her brush kept bright the picture
of a little Buckeye farm.
And when, his travels over, he
walked up the winding lane
The fairest of all the landscapes
charmed his eager eyes again:
Aye, grander than the palaces of
glorious Greece and Rome
Stood out in heaven's sunlight
fair the old Ohio home.
He heard no music in a mighty
fretted aisle,
He caught the spotless glory of an
aged mother's smile;
And then forgot were all the scenes
which do the traveler charm,
For a palace was the cottage on the
old Ohio farm.
—Recited by Lulu Leedy, at the
Leedy Reunion, Sept. 23d, 1896.

LEWIS K. LEEDY AND A REAL
GHOST.

Lewis K. Leedy was the oldest
son of Pioneer John Leedy, and a
lover of the chase.

Game was plenty in the new
home amongst the forests of Ohio,
and he became quite a hunter.

One night his pack of hounds
treed something more than a coon
he thought, by the continued and
fierce barking. He started to
reach the place where they had
treed their game. The night was
black dark, and he made his way
slowly lest he might be injured by
walking against some obstacle.

On nearing the spot, he found the
dogs running around a white ob-
ject in a circle and barking as they
went.

He looked, and moved up a lit-
tle closer. There the white ob-
ject stood with two flaming balls
of fire at its head which moved
around as the hounds ran the cir-
cle.

He thought to himself, this is a
real ghost, and was undecided
whether to retreat or brave all dan-
gers and see what the ghost like
object was. He decided that he
had never run before without
knowing what was before him, and
he would take the chances that
time. He moved up a little clos-
er and looked. The ghost looked
more frightful than ever. The two
balls of fire glared more savagely
than before but did not move a peg.
He made another step, and was
then within reaching distance. He
put his hands out slowly, and felt
the long wool of the ghostly ob-
ject. He declared that his hair
stood up on his head.

The game proved to be a neigh-
bor's pet lamb which had gone out
into the woods and when the dogs
treed it, it sat uprightly and its
flaming eyes kept the dogs at bay.

Come to the reunion, and
let this meeting be made a grand
gathering in the history of the
Leedys.

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HOW PIONEER JOHN LEEDY ENTERED A QUARTER SECTION OF LAND.

John Leedy was the first visitor to Ohio of the Leedy generation. In 1810 he came out to view the land, and the next year he moved his family. He located by a large spring, a few feet from the center of section thirty-five, Jefferson township, Richland county.

He built a house with the east wall lining up with the quarter section line, intending to enter the quarter section later. Afterward a man by the name of Brown located about two miles southeast. It entered his covetous mind that he would make Uncle John Leedy pay a good price for that quarter section that rubbed up against his house.

One afternoon a friendly neighbor called on him and told him that Mr. Brown had gone to Canton, Ohio, where the land office of the government was then located to enter that quarter. Uncle John acted promptly. He did not have the money with him, and it was necessary to go to Fredericktown; seven miles in the opposite direction. He hastened there and got his money, and rode all night on his way to the land office, and stood waiting at the door in the morning. As soon as it was open-

ed for business he entered the quarter section and put his warrant in his pocket and turned to leave. At the door he passed Mr. Brown with a good morning smile, such as is peculiar to a modest-good Leedy man. Mr. Brown would never afterward speak to his earlier neighbor.

M'KINLEYS.

Odd Names Given to Colored Triplets.

Gov. Leedy Perpetrates a Joke at Their Expense.

Topeka, Kas., June 30.—Governor Leedy, today, received a photograph of colored triplets from Wichita, named McKinley Miller, Allison McKinley Miller, and Ida Saxton Miller, after Mrs. McKinley. The letter also contained a request of the governor to donate something toward the support of the triplets.

Governor Leedy forwarded the letter and photographs to President McKinley, with a note saying they had been mis sent, and suggesting that the documents be turned over to the senate committee on federal relations. —Cincinnati Post.

PROPHECY.

Are you interested in the Prophecies of the Bible which apply to passing events? If you are, send 50 cents for a years subscription to the Prophetic Age, Ashland, Ohio.

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A FACT.

On a vast plain the 350,000,000 subjects of Queen Victoria are assembled before her throne and on a table near her throne are the five sacred books of the East: the Bible, the Vedas, the Koran, the Tripitakas, and the Zend Avesta. Rising from her throne the Queen says: "Let all those who believe in the Divine inspiration of the Vedas take their sacred books and pass out and away." Two hundred millions go out, and 150,000,000 remain. Sadly the Christian Queen again speaks: "Let those who believe in the Koran now leave." Her grief increases as 60,000,000 more go out, and but 90,000,000 remain. Again she speaks, and again there is an exodus of those who believe in the Tripitaka, the sacred book of the Buddhists, and in the Zend Avesta, the Parsee Bible—40,000,000 more.

Out of the 350,000,000 only 50,000,000 remain who accept the the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as their Bible; and only a part of these are heart-believers in God's Book. This parable shows that the disciples of Jesus still have much to do before it can be said that the glad tidings have been made known to every creature. We need be in no doubt as to which of these five sacred books will ultimately triumph.—Advance.

HE LAUGHS BEST WHO LAUGHS LAST.

Not long ago a fire broke out in a Formosan village, and two houses were soon wrapped in flames. One of them was saved, the house of a heathen Chinaman; the owner of the other house is a Christian, who happened to be away from home, and as nobody tried to save his house, it was burned down.

There was great laughter among the villagers at the Christian's misfortunes. "That is the worth of your religion," they said to him.

A day or two after, a company of men were seen coming across the fields, and when they got near it was seen that they were laden with tools, wood, and articles of furniture. The village was astir. What was it? Who were the men? They were the members of the church to which their Christian neighbor belonged, and had come from their homes, some miles away, to rebuild the house, which they did, while the villagers gaped with wonder. Nothing like it had ever been seen. Such a religion could not be laughed at!—The Little Missionary.

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CONSTITUTION.

I. Name.— The name of this Association shall be the Leedy Reunion.

II. Objects.— The objects of the association shall be to keep a record of the Leedy family and descendants; to provide for holding reunions; to encourage closer acquaintance, friendship and mutual helpfulness.

III. Members.— Any person who can trace relationship to the Abraham Leedy whose father came from Europe to the U. S. about the year 1700, and who enrolls his name may become a member of the Association.

IV. Officers.— The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary,

Historian, Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of fifteen members, of which number the officers of the Association shall constitute five.

V. Election of Officers.— The officers shall be elected at each reunion, and serve until their successors are chosen.

VI. Duties of Officers.— The Executive Com. shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Association; the Historian shall take charge of all papers and official records; other officers shall perform the duties usually belonging to such officers in similar associations.

C. A. BEAL,
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Committee.

MUTUALLY HELPEUL.

The forefathers of our generation were real sons of the old Father of the Faithful, Abraham. Of Swiss descent, that people who have been a mark in the world for their love of truth, loyalty to freedom and devotion to the Creator.

We are of the generations from whom the reforms under the name of Protestantism sprang, and are notable in history for the persecution they endured in the dark ages.

Having an ancestry so illustrious, and a record that is most honorable in the United States, may our family ties and mutual helpfulness be renewed.

It is a narrow life indeed which serves self only. There is nothing in such a life that is creditable to the liver, and in our family may the ennobling qualities be developed.

We can be mutually helpful in many ways, and some may make themselves a blessing to others.

We need not particularize; let each one study his surroundings and inquire how he can be helpful to his family connections, in imparting useful and valuable information.

NOW LET US HEAR FROM YOU.

Harvest is now well on the way and we want to print this paper monthly. This will require some "copy" even though the paper is small. We expect that you will write some. Write on any subject you please within the proper scope of our paper and send it along. If you know anything about farming, about cooking, about raising stock, about growing fruit, about healthy living, about new and fine country to live in, write for your paper.

If you know interesting truth about any relative old or young, write that.

We want you to write, why we command you to write for the instruction and edification of your relatives. Let us hear from you before you forget it.

We are later with this issue than we intended to be, due to a turn with the post office authorities at Washington.

To get rates as second class matter, a paper must be entered at Washington as such. We made application for such entrance in due form and was refused. The business of the government is done very largely by clerks, and some one thought **THE CHRONICLE** was a private enterprise. The decision we know was not according to good judgment, for this paper is no more a private paper than any other in the United States. We took time to deliberate on the best way to get a re-hearing of the case.

Finally it was considered best to put the case into the hands of the Hon. W. S. Kerr, the representative in Congress from this district of Ohio. We wrote him the facts in the case, enclosed a copy of the paper and mailed to him. With all promptness and every kindness, he called on the head of the department and presented the case and in a few days notice was received of the case being re-opened. We sent our af-

firmation as to the character of the paper and evidence that our paper was conducted as others are and had a list of subscribers who paid their own money for subscription.

A few days ago, the permission came and *THE CHRONICLE* is entered as second class matter.

In behalf of our people, we thank the Hon. W. S. Kerr, of Mansfield, Ohio, for his kind help and our knowledge concerning him warrants us in speaking to his praise, as a good and true servant of the people and an able and worthy citizen of our congressional district.

The advantage of securing second-class entry is that the paper can be mailed at the rate of one cent a pound and in that way the paper can be sent a year for about one cent, while a single copy otherwise sent would cost a cent.

Thirty-five cents pays for twelve numbers of this paper.

Our Reunion, Aug. 18, 1897. Come and bring your family with you.

The Leedy Family is a large one, yet there are no forty-second cousins.

Advertise what you have to sell out of the line of the ordinary in this paper.

The Reunion ground is close to a church, and if the day is unfavorable the church can be used.

Miss Mabel Garber recently won second prize in an elocutionary contest at Bellville Ohio.

We want your articles, even though but a page or two long. Write something for your paper.

Mary A., widow of John Leedy of New Paris Ind., is hardly able to care for herself. She is afflicted in her limbs.

Misses Bell Dyer and Kate Garber will teach departments in the Bellville, Ohio schools, the coming school year.

Mrs. Jennie L. Matthews, who is interested in a New York School, is spending the summer in Memphis, Tenn.

The place chosen for the reunion is close to a railroad station, which will be an advantage to those who come from a distance.

Prof. J. F. Lanehart, husband of daughter of L. K. Leedy, has been elected Superintendent of the Public Schools of Butler, Ohio.

Our Historian, Prof. Garber, who is our brother also, has returned from his studies at the Ohio State University, and recently paid us a visit.

The family of J. L. Swank suffered a sore bereavement in the death of one of its members Clyde, a bright thirteen year old son, on May 23rd. last.

E. G. and Lloyd, sons of T. L. Garber, and H. S. and William, sons of Jehu L. Garbers will teach school in Richland and Knox counties the coming winter.

Aaron A. Leedy and T. L. Gar-

ber, of Bellville, Ohio, are President and Secretary of a Grange insurance company, one of the oldest in the State of Ohio, and one of the largest.

Our capital "L's" ran out before we had near all this paper in type; and we were obliged to avoid using the name as much as we desired. We will order a new supply before printing the next number.

These are questions we wish some one could answer: from where did the original Leedy emigrate? Where did he first settle; how many were there in the family; what was the mother's name, etc.

Who has some good recollections to write up. We want the stories you know about the old Leedys. Our stock is very limited. We came in contact with only a few and have forgotten many we used to hear them tell.

Any one desiring one of the Souvenir buttons of the Reunion of Sept. 23d., 1896, can get one by sending six cents in postage to E. R. Leedy, Ankenytown, Knox Co., Ohio. Only a few are left—first come first served.

Is there a Leedy living in the locality of the settlement of the first family. If there is, perhaps he can find some old records which will offer some light upon the time of the settlement of the first Leedy in Maryland or Pennsylvania.

Send along your subscriptions. You can easily afford thirty-five cents. The encouragement this paper will afford you will enable

you to earn many times more than its cost. Men can work much better when the mind dwells on pleasant things.

J. M. Garber, son of Jehu L. Garber, Vice President of the Reunion Committee, completed his course in Civil Engineering at the Ohio State University last spring and is now filling a position with the Columbus Bridge Co., at Columbus, Ohio.

If you have copy for the next issue send it along at once. We are late with this number, due to the uncertainty about getting the paper in as second class matter. Now there is nothing lacking but your subscriptions, perhaps, and copy to fill the paper.

A cordial invitation is extended to all the relatives from a distance to attend the Reunion at Ankenytown in August and those deciding to come should drop a card to E. R. Leedy, Ankenytown, Ohio, and arrangements will be made for their entertainment.

Ankenytown is so small a station that you may not be able to find it on your map. It is between Mansfield and Mt. Vernon, and on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. The road may be taken at Mansfield on any point west, or Mt. Vernon or any point east, by connection from any other railroad.

On the morning of June 23d. Uncle David Leedy, one of the oldest now living, was taken suddenly ill, the physician pronouncing the cause paralysis of the heart but at this writing, we are glad to say, has so far regained his health

as to be able to be up and around again.—E. R. Leedy.

In all items of news, state the facts just as commonly as you would tell the story to your familiar neighbor. We are not after show, brag or display, even though the large Leedy family is the audience. Be common and true to our general character of frankness and simplicity.

The execution, and success of an enterprise so new, and of so broad a purpose, as projected in the plan of the CHRONICLE, ought certainly to interest every individual of the Leedy lineage of America.

Earnestly hoping for the success of the enterprise, I Remain Yours Truly, C. A. LEEDY.

The Program of the Reunion, Aug. 18th, will in part be made up of the usual scripture reading, address of welcome, recitations, letters, remarks etc. Addresses by Gov. J. W. Leedy, of Kansas, Jehu Garber, Isaac Leedy, will be important features. Music by the Grange Band and Demorest Quartet will add charm to the meeting.

I received the LEEDY CHRONICLE of July, 1897. And it brings joy to my heart. I think the enterprise a good one. I will herewith send guarantee. I will try and get more Leedy relatives to send in their names as subscribers. The price is quite reasonable. You shall hear from me again soon.

JOHN K. LEEDY.

Toms Brook, Va.

A consecutive history of the

Leedy family will be commenced in THE CHRONICLE after next Reunion. In the meantime, let all who remember items of history write them down, and send them to us or to the Reunion. The hard facts to get at, are the history of the original Leedy family, who settled in Maryland or Pennsylvania.

Friends, tell us what you know.

Whenever you can consistently send us your job printing, do so, and thereby help the paper along. The editorial work we must do for nothing, and your favors in printing, will in some measure help us to even up. Now send along reports of births, marriages and deaths. We all want to know these. A postal card is large enough to answer the purpose and costs only a cent. Ten cents will go a good ways in reporting the births in a family, especially where only one is born at a time.

COME TO THE REUNION.

We expected to hear from the Committee concerning the Reunion on August 18th, before printing this number, with renewed invitations and further statements regarding the arrangements. But they have deemed it unnecessary to write further.

It will be held on the old Abraham Leedy farm, at Ankenytown, Knox county, Ohio, perhaps nearly half a mile west of the old homestead. It is only a few min-

utes walk from the railroad station to the grove and is easy of access by the public roads. It is only a few rods from the state road between Mansfield and Mt. Vernon. It is a very desirable place and if the occasion is favored with fair weather, no doubt will be largely attended.

QUEER SUPERSTITIONS.

There are a number of queer superstitions in relation to the post-office department.

One is that a letter if unsealed will go for one cent. It is difficult to understand how this idea, which is almost universal, originated as there never has been any such regulation, and therefore it is not simply the survival of ideas that got out under an old rule. Any written communication requires a two-cent stamp whether sealed or unsealed.

Another idea is that if you put your name and address on the envelope and it does not come back to you it is certain that it was delivered to the party addressed.

It is a good plan always to put your name and address on the envelope as in case the party addressed has moved, or died, or cannot be found, the letter, if not lost or destroyed will be returned to you. But it does not in any way prevent the letter from being

lost or destroyed in the mail either going or returning, or from being sent to some wrong postoffice and delivered to a wrong party. A great many letters are lost and many thousands destroyed by fires, railroad accidents, steamboat disasters, etc., and while the risk of any particular letter being lost is not very great there is a possibility that any one will be.—Ex.

LEARN TO BE PRETTY.

The woman who is indifferent to her looks is no true woman. God meant woman to be attractive, to look well, to please, and it is one of her duties to carry out this intention of her Maker. But that dress is to do it all, and to suffice, is more than we can be brought to believe.

Just because we do love to see girls look well, as well as live to some purpose, we would urge upon them such a course of reading and study as will confer such charms as no modiste can supply.

A well-known author once wrote a very pretty essay on the power of education to beautify—that it absolutely chisels the features; that he had seen many a clumsy nose and a thick pair of lips so modified by thought awakened and active sentiment as to be unrecognizable. And he put it on this ground that we so often see people, homely and unattractive in youth, bloom, in middle life, into a softened Indian summer of good looks and mellow tones.—New York Advertiser.

BLESSING OF HOME.

Better than gold is a peaceful
home,
Where all the fireside charac-
ters come,
The shrines of love, the heav-
en of life.
Hallowed by mother, or sis-
ter, or wife.
However humble the home
may be,
Or touched with sorrow by
heaven's decree,
The blessings that never were
bought or sold
And center there, are better
than gold.

—Selected.

EAT THAT WHICH IS GOOD.

UNLEAVENED BREAD. Leaven
is ferment. Fermentation is de-
cay. It destroys the sugar in the
grain; and if allowed to go on rots
and destroys "the whole lump."

One kind of bread every Israel-
ite *knew* how to make—*unleavened
bread*; for they were obliged by
the law of Moses to eat only that
bread one week in the year.

Probably when they found how
good it was they continued to
make it much of the time.

How can it be made? Take
water, or milk, or milk and wa-
ter, and mix with flour and bake in

small or thin cakes, in a quick ov-
en, and see how sweet it tastes.

It may be kneaded and baked in
little biscuits; it may be poured as
batter in shallow tins, or it may be
rolled or spread out into thin cakes,
and when baked in a hot oven it
will be delicious. Use no salerat-
us, baking-powder, eggs, sour
milk, yeast, salt, sugar, or any
other thing except flour, or meal
and pure water or milk.

Perhaps the best bread may be
made in this way: Set a french roll-
pan, or a set of little cake pans on
the stove to heat. Take a pint of
cold milk or *cold* milk and water,
and shake or sift fine flour or entire
wheat meal, or flour and corn meal,
into the milk, stirring it briskly
until the batter is just stiff enough
to *run smooth* when it is turned
out into the dishes. Then butter
your dishes and fill them about
two-thirds full. Let it stand on a
hot stove till the bubbles *begin* to
rise to the surface. Then shove
the pan into a hot oven and let it
stand fifteen minutes without look-
ing at it. Twenty minutes baking
brings it out brown and beautiful,
light and sweet, the best bread you
ever saw; healthy whether hot or
cold—only you will like it so well
you will want to eat too much of it.

Will it be *light*? Of course it
will. The batter will be full of
air. The heat of the quick oven
seals up the top of the bread, and

then the air expands with heat
and raises the bread.

If you want to know how good
such bread *tastes* do not daub it
over with salt or butter till you can
not taste the bread at all, but take
a piece when hungry, or when
traveling, and chew it slowly and
enjoy it. If you cannot do this
lay a piece of it side by side with
a slice of ordinary raised and
soured bread before a cat or dog,
and see how quick they will tell
the difference.

Put nothing whatever in your
bread but flour and milk and wa-
ter and you will say, "Evermore
give us *this* bread."

FOR YOUR STOMACH'S SAKE—
Persons who do not know any bet-
ter, use saleratus, pearlash, baking-
powder, soap suds, alum, and
heaven knows what else, to
"raise" their bread and sweeten
their sour dough. Here are a few
facts from an exchange;

—"Wood is burned to ashes; the
ashes are leached: lye is the re-
sult. Lye is evaporated by boil-
ing, black salts is the residuum.
The salts are purified by fire and
yield potash. The potash is then,
by a certain process, changed to
pearlash. Pearlash is then put in
sacks over a distillery mash tub,
where fermentation evolves car-
bonic acid gas; the pearlash absorbes
it, becomes solid, and is whiter,
heavier, and drier than the

pearlash was, and it is now *saler-
atus*! How much salts of lye
and carbonic acid gas a human
stomach can bear and be *healthy*
is a question for a saleratus eater.
Potash will eat the hands. Some
say saleratus will not harm the
stomach. Such a statement looks
like a *lye*. Saleratus and other
alkalies will neutralize acids, and
if exactly the right proportions
are used the residuum may be in-
ert and perhaps comparatively
harmless. But often the right
proportions are *not* used and alka-
lie is left to eat the coats of the
stomach. But if the right pro-
portions are used there is still left
in the system a quantity of hard,
unyielding, insoluble matter,
which is likely to clog the machin-
ery, stiffen the joints, and derange
the whole system. Better keep
the stuff outside, and eat good
sweet "unleavened bread."—The
Safeguard.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

EAT ALL COLD FOOD SLOWLY.
Digestion will not begin till the
temperature of the food has been
raised by the heat of the stomach
to ninety-eight degrees. Hence
the more heat that can be imparted
to it by slow mastication the
better. The precipitation of a
large quantity of cold in the
stomach by fast eating may, and
often does, cause discomfort and

indigestion, and every occasion of this kind results in a measurable injury to the digestive functions. Persons of low vitality and delicate health should eat their food warm. Strong persons who are full of warmth and blood can safely eat cold food if it is eaten slowly and is thoroughly chewed.

EYE HEADACHES. About eighty per cent of all headaches are due to defective eyes and are cured by glasses. In eye-headaches the pain is in the eyeballs, across the forehead, and at the back of the head, in one or all of these situations. The headaches are usually worse toward night: after using the eyes closely; after shopping; after attending public gatherings; after looking out of moving vehicles. They are usually relieved by rest and sleep, though not always. Headaches which are only temporarily relieved by drugs are usually eye-headaches. Every child's eyes should be examined when school life begins.—Dr. H. P. Nottage.

EYE STRAIN. The long continuance of eye troubles may be the unsuspected source of insomnia, vertigo, nausea, and the general failure of health. In many cases the eye trouble becomes suddenly mischievous, owing to some failure of the general health, or to increased sensitiveness of the brain from moral or mental causes.—Medical Times and Hospital Gazette.

EARLY TO BED. The boys and girls of this period would think their lots very hard should they be sent to bed at dark. They work by gaslight and lamplight at night, and lie in bed by daylight in the morning. Yet the majority of grown people, as well as the children, in ancient Rome rarely lighted a candle unless at dawn. In Rome, Athens, Egypt, and other parts of the Mediterranean shore, the bed time was between seven and nine o'clock in the evening, according to the season. The Turks go to bed early and get up early to this day.

"Early to bed and early to rise
Makes a man healthy, wealthy
and wise."

BE CAREFUL. Men and women are prone to run to extremes in business, pleasure, exercise, and everything else. A physician says in the Medical Age: "During the past summer, in one institution, the writer knows nearly fifty women were treated gynecologically whose ills were in each and every instance directly traceable to the bicycle."

Emulation, or the effort to outdo others, or see what they can do, or break the record if they break their necks, results in accident, disease and death. The exercise of common sense and Christian principle will save bicyclers and others much trouble.

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IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.—UNITED WE STAND.

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THE SECOND ANNUAL LEEDY REUNION.

The Second Reunion of the Leedy Family and connections was held on August 18th, as announced in this paper. It was held on the farm now owned by Joseph Leedy, son of Abraham Leedy, who came to Ohio about 1829 A. D. and formed a part of the settlement of a tract of land of several thousand acres.

John Leedy was the first to settle in the vicinity, and around him congregated his brothers and sisters; Jacob Leedy, Daniel Leedy, Samuel Leedy, Abraham Leedy, Martin Crow and the Long Family, all occupying a solid body of land, or nearly so.

The grove where the Reunion was held, was a half mile northwest of the Ankenytown of early days.

The attendance from the country around was all that could be desired, but the number of relatives from other places was small. The gathering was most orderly for so large a company. There was no bad conduct observable. Every body was calm, wore an ex-

pression of contentment, and greeted one another with the pleasure and satisfaction that becomes relatives.

Not less than one thousand two hundred of the Leedy connections and their friends were present to participate in the day's doings, and enjoy the occasion—to listen to the exercises, to partake of the sumptuous repast, to make new friendships and renew old ones, to recount again with old associates the stirring events of life's journey, and to call back fond memories of other days,—

"The shining day—when life was new
And all was bright as morning dew."

A beautiful site was chosen for the erection of the large and commodious stage. In front of it were arranged comfortable seats for six or more hundred people in a sort of natural amphitheater contrived by Nature's own hand and thickly shaded by the overhanging branches of the surrounding trees.

The people of the community intended to make the day a holiday, and at an early hour they commenced to gather, coming in wagons, in buggies, on bicycles and on foot, and they greeted one

another and clustered together while the early hours passed away. Others were completing the details of arrangements for the occasion. A banner was stretched across the top front of the stage, and an organ was placed in position and to complete the decoration "Old Glory" was pinned up against the stalwart trees that backed the stage.

By 10:30 o'clock many of the friends had arrived, and Rev. Isaac Leedy, President of the association, announced the beginning of the program with a selection by the Grange Band. The scripture reading and prayer followed by Rev. A. L. Garber, of Ashland, O. Rev. Isaac Leedy, of Ankenytown, was then introduced and delivered the address of welcome. He gave to all a hearty welcome to participate in everything that the occasion afforded. He told the story of his father's journey from the East to Ohio and emphasized the fitness of the place for the reunion, because it was on father Leedy's farm. On it he had reared to manhood and womanhood twelve sons and daughters, and since it had passed to his posterity of the same name, many other Leedy's had been brought up upon it in the same way. All the arrangements for the day, he said, the preparations

in the grove, the good things which our wives and sisters have so generously prepared for dinner, the program and all bespeak a cordial welcome. The "Welcome Song" followed as an expression of the Leedy hospitality.

In the absence of Judge Chas. Leedy, of Missouri, who was expected to respond to the address of welcome, A. L. Garber, gave the response. He accepted the welcome so heartily given, and gave some interesting remarks concerning the Leedy ancestors, who came, it is believed, from the mountains of Switzerland—that cradle of reformation, and of civil and religious liberty; that stronghold of deep religious conviction, and simplicity of life and manners. A delightful piece of music by the Demorest (Leedy) Quartet, a pleasing recitation by Miss Olive Durbin, followed by a short business meeting completed the forenoon program.

"Soon there arose a genial savor
Of certain stews, roast meats and coffee,
Things which to hungry mortal's eyes and
favor."

A satisfying and abundant repast is always an essential feature of an occasion of this kind—when there are Leedy's present. The Leedy's have never been known to disdain, or pass over with indifference, a good dinner, and never fail to provide such.

They seem to believe that—

"We may live without music or live without books,
But civilized man cannot live without cooks."

The "cooks," the thrifty housewives of the Leedys, who are skilled in the culinary art and adepts at pleasing the taste, had prepared an abundance of good things to satiate the appetites of all. The feast was ample in quantity, excellent in quality and pleasing in variety, and each one regaled himself as he willed or was persuaded to do by some generous friend, until all were filled.

It was an interesting scene to see more than a thousand people who were nearly all related in some connection, prepare for dinner. Some utilize the seats, others selected appropriate spots of the earth and there spread their tables. Some sat flat on the ground, others kneeled, others stood up, but all were pleased and enjoyed themselves. A large gathering of remnants followed, but there were more than five loaves and two fishes in the start.

After several hours social chat and conversation the afternoon program was begun with a song. Miss Maude Leedy then gave a recitation, "The Earth Bridge of the Tay," in her usually graceful and pleasing manner. Following another selection by the Quartet was an address, "The Ties of Con-

sanguinity," by J. L. Garber, Vice President of the association. He began with some witty remarks about the extermination (?) of the Leedys, referred touchingly to the famine in India, and then passed to the main part of his theme. The ties of consanguinity are strong in all people; they are the foundation of the home, the family, and are the sweetest, closest, strongest of all ties; mankind has always been interested in knowing who their ancestors were and whence they came. Mr. G's remarks were interesting and replete with good thought. He closed with an appeal to those present to remain true to the noble spirit of their ancestors, and to imitate their industry, religious spirit, and incorruptible honesty. A song, "Dear Old Home," was next rendered, after which President Isaac Leedy recited the following original verses which partially served to introduce Governor Leedy.

I look away across the sea
Where father Leedy used to be;
He came across the ocean blue,
A hero, bold, and brave, and true.
His dearest friends he left behind,
Hoping a better home to find
In this land of liberty and light,
Where Christians "pray with all their might."

The angry waves were rolling high
As the old ship went gliding by;
And when he gained the shore at last

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Who could count the dangers past?
He landed in an eastern port
Where still his progeny hold the fort;
He proved a blessing to the nation,
Dispersing his offspring over creation.

We find them in the sunny south
Where are cotton and cane and heat
and drouth.

Some are in the far, far west
Where oil is the richest and the best.
Some are gone to the frozen north
Where cold and sleet and snow come
forth;

Everywhere thro' the Middle States
They possess good farms and "swing-
ing" gates.

Numerous they are in the Buckeye
state—

That home of the noble and the great;
Some of them have left the farm,
Yet we hope they'll do no harm.

Governor Leedy is one we'll name,
Because he can tell of western fame,
And all about the late campaign
That immortalized his name,—

And gave him a seat among the great
As Governor of the Sun Flower state,
He was born in the Buckeye state,
And that is why he's become so great.

Governor John W. Leedy, of
Kansas, was then introduced and
was greeted with hearty applause.
He spoke more than an hour, was
heard with marked attention, and
fully demonstrated his ability to
entertain and instruct an audience.
His remarks in reference to the
occasion were pointed and witty.
Having been out of the state so
long, he said he knew the Leedys
mainly by tradition and had come
to find out what kind of a tribe it
is. Referring to those in front of

him he said, "If all these are
my relations there is no danger of
the Leedy tribe becoming extinct."
He then spoke of the good quali-
ties of the Leedys. Two of those
mentioned were, first, that an old
bachelor or an old maid has never
been known among them. They
believe in getting married in the
old way, and building homes.
Marriage is wholesome and con-
ducive to morality. Second,
"When they get married they
stay married." He has no sym-
pathy for the "New Woman;"
the good old fashioned woman is
good enough for him. The "Lit-
tle Leedys" received considerable
attention at the Governor's hands.
He advised them to see more, to
do more thinking, to read more,
even if they must go counter to
to parental restraint, and "let the
chores get done somehow;" "do
your share of the work, but 'kick'
when they want you to do more;"
attend the caucus and take care of
your interests.

The Governor then gave an in-
teresting account of how he, con-
trary to the custom of the Leedys,
had so degenerated(?) as to get in-
to politics. Not as a partisan, but
as the exponent of the people's
cause, he was nominated and elect-
ed to the Governorship. The is-
sue of the campaign was not so
much gold and silver, as whether

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the corporations or people should
govern the state. Upon that is-
sue he was elected by the people,
Democrats, Populists and Repub-
licans and calls himself a "politi-
cal nondescript." The judges of
the courts, he says, are owned by
the corporations and have usurped
the authority of both executive and
legislative departments of the gov-
ernment. An aggressive warfare
has been and is being made against
the corporations and corrupt judg-
es in his own state and some of
the corrupt judges driven from
office.

Referring to the B. & O. rail-
road, he said that it had a mort-
gage on every farm in the com-
munity. A railroad creates no
wealth and those who are so situa-
ted that they must patronized it,
are mortgaged for its indebtedness,
for no court has ever decided that
a railroad cannot make its charges
high enough to pay the interest on
its mortgaged indebtedness.

No state, he says, can create a
corporation and give it extra ter-
ritorial jurisdiction in matters not
related to interstate commerce,
and hence decisions of courts
which allow insurance companies
incorporated in other states to do
business in Kansas, in defiance of
state laws are usurpations of au-
thority.

He believes in the Income Tax

and says that the Supreme Court
went far beyond the limits of its
authority in its decision regarding
it. The courts had before passed
upon, and the people had sanc-
tioned it, and thus it became a part
of the constitutional law.

Governor Leedy's speech left a
strong impression upon his hear-
ers and showed that the people of
Kansas had made no mistake in
their governor. He is a strong
ally of the people; believes some-
thing and dares to state and main-
tain his convictions in the face of
opposition.

At the conclusion of the Gov-
ernor's address an interesting rec-
itation, "When Grandpa was a
Little Boy," was delivered by
Miss Lulu Leedy. Another se-
lection by the Quartet was follow-
ed by Prof. Williams in one of
his humorous recitations. "God
Be With You," was then sung as
the closing song of the day.

After the formal exercises were
over, the people were slow to
leave. The spirit of visiting was
upon them, and the surroundings,
the weather and every condition
contributed to prolong the stay to-
gether, and as they filed out, ve-
hicle after vehicle, now and then,
they were counted by thoughtful
young men, so that there is not
much guessing about the number
present.

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Among those present from a distance were Gov. and Mrs. J. W. Leedy and son, Topeka, Kan; Dr. S. Keiser, Bryan, O.; Mrs. Joseph Wiseman and daughter, Fostoria; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Long, Lima; E. F. Leedy, West Independence; E. L. Leedy and family, Mt. Vernon; D. K. Leedy; and family, Newark; A. L. Garber and son, Ashland.

The following are the newly elected officers of the association: President, Rev. Isaac Leedy, Ankenytown; vice president, J. L. Garber, Bellville; secretary, E. R. Leedy, Ankenytown; treasurer, A. B. Leedy, Bellville; historian, L. L. Garber, Bellville; executive committee, J. L. Swank, F. L. Garber, E. L. Garber, A. A. Leedy, Bellville; Mrs. Benton Beal, North Liberty; Wm. Wiseman, Fostoria; E. F. Leedy, West Independence; John W. Leedy, Topeka, Kan; Noah Long, Frontier, Mich; J. K. Leedy, Toms Brooks, Va; Martha Cline, Mexico, Ind.

SOME NOTES.

Joseph Leedy and wife with the families of their children made up 56 of the number present.

David A. Leedy, of North Liberty, Ohio, although not in good health, was present and greatly enjoyed the reunion. He was the oldest Leedy present.

The Garbers who were present and are well represented in this report are sons of one of John Leedy's daughters, married to Samuel Garber; and two of her children, David L. and Elizabeth, married children of Abraham Leedy, Susan and Aaron, and from these unions, the Secretary of the reunion Association, E. R. Leedy, and A. L., E. L., F. L., and L. L. Garber come. Vice President, J. L. Garber is a grand child of Pioneer John Leedy.

It seemed to please Gov. John Leedy to learn that the Leedys are of Swiss descent. It is honorable to be of this descent because that old time Republic is the cradle of the reformation and modern civilization. The Swiss tribes of people were the persecuted in the dark ages, and stood for God, the right and independence against every foe.

It may be a matter of interest to some to know that the Garbers are Swiss descendants. It seems to be the providence of God to keep his tribes together and it is not therefore strange that Leedy's marry Garbers and Garbers marry Leedys, even though the connection is sometimes close.

It may be a matter of interest also to know that the edito of this

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paper holds the opinion that the Swiss generations are the tribe of Benjamin, the youngest of the twelve sons of Jacob. This opinion is based upon extensive investigation to follow the twelve tribes of Israel to their present location.

WHAT IS A FINANCIER?

It is commonly understood that a financier is a man who is at the head of some great banking institution, or other enterprise in which money is handled by car load lots. This definition is not as comprehensive as it should be.

A financier is a person who knows that the amount paid for board must be subtracted from the gross income received, and that the further expenditure of money for clothes etc., must also come out of the gross earnings, and from nowhere else.

A man is a financier when he is able to figure out the fact that every dollar he spends for rum takes a dollar from the support of his wife and family.

A man is a financier when he discovers that his employer gives the preference to clean, honest, healthy, sober men.

A man is a financier when he discovers that he can succeed better by attending strictly to the business he is hired to do than by

trying to bulldoze his employer into doing that which may be impossible.

A man is a financier when he learns to do well what he is fitted to do, and stops trying to do things that are beyond him.

A man is a financier when he learns to spend less money than he earns, and at the same time to increase his earning capacity by increasing his usefulness.

A financier is a man who knows that the surest way to succeed is to deserve success.

A capitalist is any man who has saved enough of his earnings so that he could live for a time and still be independent in the event of any stoppage of his income. When a capitalist also happens to be a financier, he sometimes becomes rich.

A BORN GENTLEMAN.

The other day I heard of a boy who was invited, with his mother out to dinner. At table he sat some distance from his mother, and a lady next to him offered to help him.

"Let me cut your stake for you," she said, "if I can cut it the way you like it."

"Thank you," said the boy. "I shall like it the way you cut it, even if you don't cut it the way I like it."—The Sunbeam.

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THE REUNION.

Our report tells all about the Reunion, still it seems in place that a little editorial comment is made.

The occasion was all that any one should expect in many respects. The one feature that we wished different, was the small attendance from other states.

There are many reasons that can be given for this lack, still the meeting was so pleasant, that we wish that many more of the relatives had enjoyed it.

Reports from many sources indicate that the people are set on making it more than a Leedy reunion. The country round about come and talk about coming.

The best estimates place the

attendance between twelve and fifteen hundred nearly twelve hundred were counted going out at one entrance, and there was another entrance through which a good number went out, and there were some who went away across fields.

On the whole it was a great gathering, and next year it will be greater yet.

A day is too short to perform a long program of speeches, recitations, reports, etc., but the occasion serves well as a reminder of our family ties and a common place of meeting, greeting and encouraging one another in the journey of life.

FOR TWO MONTHS.

It will be noticed that this number is dated Sept. and Oct., standing for two months. The busy season engaged the attention of our readers and they sent very little in for publication, and we could not find the time to write sooner. Even though this paper is not large, it still takes some matter to fill it. Why not send in news of what you and your friends are doing? It is wanted and will make the paper interesting. You will enjoy reading about the doings of others, and they will be glad to learn of your deeds of in-

terest. We are off here by ourselves and hear little of the things happening among relatives. Let us hear from you.

When you once acquire the practice of writing this paper will be better than a long letter from relatives and is cheaper. It will cost about four cents to pay for the material to write a long letter and buy a stamp, which will be 48 cents for twelve letters. If you write to us no replies are needed and that expense is saved.

SOME REQUESTS WHICH CONCERN YOU.

The busy time of the year is disappearing, the evenings are growing long, and people occupied in farming and as laborers have some spare moments. We have a little work for you to do when you have the time. We must depend upon volunteer effort in getting at the history of our people. It can be done without much expense to any one if there is a united effort made to gather the information.

Our own acquaintance is too limited to even systematically outline a plan of procedure, but we will not be baffled, and will strike here and there until we find the line, and will then follow it up.

We therefore, kindly ask all who are named from time to time

to take hold of the work, and report. We might write privately to these several persons, but that would consume much more of our time and cost postage besides. At this time we make these assignments. The first we shall assign we will call service No. 1.

Service No. 1.

To John L. Garber, Bellville, O. Write the names of the father and mother of pioneer John Leedy, the names of his brothers and sisters and who in each family is best able to write a family history, giving the addresses of each one named.

Service No. 2.

To John K. Leedy, Toms Brook, Va., write us the names of your father and mother, and the names of his brothers and sisters, and the name of the one best able to write a family history in each tribe.

We will look for reports from these for the next paper, when we will be able to make a large addition to the list.

Brothers, send us a full report, we want to start the family tree in good shape in the next number, and prepare the way for the younger people to put on the twigs and foliage. The stump and roots we will get back to later.

A good friend suggests to us

that a monthly paper ought not be later than the 15th of the month. This is good doctrine, but in the case of this paper, there are other points to take into consideration. We get no pay for doing the editorial work on the paper. Ordinarily, we can easily do this part of the work, if this was all the demand upon our time of this class. But this is only a part that we do. Then we have a considerable business to attend to, and this we must give attention or some other person will do it, and then we could do nothing toward helping a family undertaking gratuitously. We therefore must do the work when we can. Again, here is this paper designed as a family newspaper, and no one seems concerned in writing us the family news, and we have nothing of the right character to fill it up. Lastly, while we do the work for cost, there is yet no large amount of money sent, and unless the relatives hurry along and send in their subscriptions we will not print it oftener than every two months. We will not make a lot of expense to annoy somebody. The guarantee fund is not yet full, and all who are interested ought to go into that.

This justice however will be done to all—a subscription includes twelve numbers, and your

subscription, when you have paid 35 cents pays for them.

NOTES AND NEWS.

We are glad to welcome the family of J. K. Leedy, of Virginia on our list. Let other parents follow the good example. We are desirous of knowing all that branch of the family know about themselves and their ancestors, and we hope Bro. J. K. will write again, and tell the Chronicle readers what he knows.

Rev. Isaac Leedy, Chairman of the Committee, visited Ashland on the 13th of September, to look after matters pertaining to Ashland College, located here. It is enjoyable to have old relatives and friends call upon us when they can.

We are deep into many duties, and have more cares in life, than all the members of some families, and it is sure we will make an occasional error. When you believe one has been made, kindly notify us, and do not complain.

Kansas papers were after Governor John Leedy, while he was in Ohio and at the reunion. It was reported in accounts of his life that he was the son of thrifty Dunkards.

The Kansas papers, from that statement, surmised that he was a

Dunkard also, and that perhaps here in Ohio he was engaging in the communion services of that church. It would indeed be interesting reading to fill a column or two in a newspaper in describing how even a governor of Kansas would keep the ordinance of Washing the Saint's feet. We have neglected to find out whether the Governor is a church member or not.

One of the pleasing incidents of the Reunion was the act of little O. E. Leedy, who resides in Ashland County, Ohio. He was given fifty cents to "spend" at the Reunion. He broke his piece of money in subscribing to the CHRONICLE. That boy will make an interesting man someday.

Address THE CHRONICLE when you write pertaining to it, and your letter is not liable to be thrown into the wrong drawer.

Our Chairman, Rev. Isaac Leedy, attended the conference of the Brethren Church, at Johnstown, Pa., in August, and there he learned about a man who has lived in Morrison's Cove in that state all his life, and it is said, knows all about the Leedys who settled there. Gradually the points are gathering by which some knowledge of our ancestors may be unfolded.

L. L. Garber has taken up his abode in Columbus, Ohio, for the

fall and winter, attending the State University.

OUR LETTER BOX.

Hiram Leedy, of Wingston, Wood Co., Ohio, has sent us his subscription, which brings to memory scenes of life past. It seems now like many years since he moved into a pioneer cabin in the black swamp of that county.

We were particular friends and worshiped the one God in the same way. He decided to build an addition to his cabin and we engaged to do the carpenter work. At the appointed time, about the first of November we were there with our tool chest and began business in earnest. The 3rd or 4th of November we crawled out of bed, shook the sifted snow from the bed covers, and arose to find the mercury eight degree below zero. We put on the coats we we had and borrowed another and with clinched teeth began business. About the first nail we struck at lunched a blow on the left thumb and pealed it half around. The good house wife bound it up and the music went on, and the building was at last completed. We sawed and pounded during the day and part of the time preach Christ to the people in the evening.

Years afterwards we returned

and found the same building, the added kitchen in service, beautiful fields and additional Leedys to make happy the home and enliven the surroundings. Hellow, Hiram, I would be glad to see you again.

Eugene Leedy, our secretary is blooming out like a summer rose. He has sent us a half-tone engraving, of elegant appearance, and is having Letter Heads printed with all the modern "conveniences." He is in the fruit growing and nursery business. He is a "pusher" and straight goods all along, and success will smile upon him.

C. M. Leedy, of Rich Hill, Mo., writes the following letter. Some one who knows is requested to answer our friend's inquiries. The family is six to eight generations old in this country. Gov. Leedy is of the fourth generation, and is perhaps a fourth cousin to our friend.

"I just received a copy of the Leedy Chronicle and desire to thank you for same. I can not tell by looking through the Chronicle, what relation my father's family is to the Old Faithful Abraham if any at all and I am very anxious to know; perhaps you can tell me. My father's name is Enoch, born in Rockingham Co., Va., (can't give date) and died in Johnson Co., Mo., May the 10th 1885.

My mother was Martha White also born in Va. and is yet living near Warrensburg. My grandmother's name is Phebe or Ebe, I don't know which. She died near Lima, Ohio. I think my grandfather's name is Daniel. My father has only one living brother who lives near Lima, Ohio. His name is Jacob.

I would like to know what my relation would be to the Gov. of Kans. Hoping to hear from you, I am
C. M. LEEDY.

D. H. Leedy, of Commerce, Mo., sends a subscription for himself and daughter. If we remember correctly he is one of the 3rd generation, and a son of Daniel Leedy, brother to Pioneer John.

Write us how you keep busy over there in Missouri.

George Leedy, our full cousin, writes at Pueblo, Colo. He promises to write a letter sometime in the future. All right, begin now. We have the room, and want to hear about your location, family, etc. He says there is a J. M. Leedy, an architect, residing in that city. Some one has already paid George's subscription, but he remits again. Well that is right; remit plenty and often, and the paper will sail on smooth waters.

Here is a letter from one of the Virginia stems. They know some

things down there we do not, and we hope they will gather the facts at command together and write them to this paper.

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Dear Brethren and Editor:—I made you a promise that I would take some interest in getting subscribers for THE CRONICLE, especially among the Leedy generation. Inclosed please find \$1.75, money order, for five names of my children and self, to pay this first year: John K. Leedy, of Toms Brook, Va.; and John W. Leedy, of Manasses, Va.; and Charles Y. Leedy, No. 303 South Charles Street, Baltimore, M. D.; and Mrs. Kate Leedy Smith, Saumsville, Va.; and Mrs. Magdalena Leedy Koontz, Roanoke, Va.; Will you please publish the above in the next Issue of the Leedy Chronicle, and you may hear from me ere long again, as I feel very much interested, in the enterprise. With much respect I am yours,

JOHN K. LEEDY.

Missouri has more Leedys than we supposed. They are peeping out all over the state. Here is an interesting letter: Please find enclosed post office money order for 35 cents to pay for the Chronicle one year. I have read with great interest, your issue for July and Aug.

I am the widow of A. G. Leedy who died last Oct., two years ago. He was the youngest son of Joseph Leedy, who died in the spring of 1851 near Abingdon, Va. He was also a brother to Mrs. Virginia Leedy, Matthew's father. I will look forward with pleasure in anticipation of receiving the Chronicle, as I am very anxious to know more about my husband's relatives. Very Respectfully, MRS. A. G. LEEDY. 1850 North Grant, St. Springfield, Mo.

Always write something when you send in your subscription, and you will get your name in the paper.

FLASHES.

Send us your pledge to pay \$1.00 a year to make good any shortage in publishing THE CHRONICLE.

Sit down and write the news about your relatives before you forget it.

Remember this is a family paper, and do not act toward it as though it was the London Times or some other foreign paper.

Subscribe at once and let every family take it. You will spend as much money in many ways which will do you little good.

This is a family undertaking

and its large success will be as much honor to you as to have a fine house and well furnished rooms.

Don't forget to send us the photograph of your father or mother or both, after you have gathered two to three dollars each, to get a portrait for this paper. It will do us all good to see their faces on these pages.

The Leedy's are a noble race and let their nobility be more largely shown in a prosperous monthly paper.

We send two papers to every subscriber this time, and want you to use one in soliciting the subscription of your near relative. We want their names on the list.

Write us a letter, tell us a few words about what you are doing. Even a postal card will do. It will work in well in our letter box.

We have more cap "L" now and can "set up" more Leedy's than before. Do not be afraid now that your name will floor us.

Our Cousin, Sarah Jacobs, of Fostoria, Ohio, has sent us her subscription. See works her way through the world, as a noble daughter, and has love and money enough to get the Chronicle.

Ezra F. Leedy of West Independence, Ohio, deserves our kind

apology. He wrote two cards to find out something about the Chronicle, and we did not take time to write him. When you don't get a reply, just put it down that all is well and something will come along later.

Two or three of our best hands have been off duty on account of sickness the past month.

If you have any thing to write for No. 4 of the CHRONICLE, do not delay too long. Let the next number be filled with original matter. It will likely be the last one for this year and we want it bristling with interesting news. We also wish to begin portrait publication, and hope to have one or two old Leedys in it. Children, go together and contribute to have the portraits of your father and mother published. A good picture will cost from two to four dollars each and will circulate among your relatives a hundred times more than photographs, and at the cost of a single dozen. Send us any sum over two dollars and a good, unmarred photograph and we will do the remainder.

We expect that this will become a valuable feature of the CHRONICLE. Our people might as well spend an occasional two dollars for such a picture, and spend less in photographs, for they would be prized and enjoyed by many more relatives.

HOW TO MAKE LIFE HAPPY.

Take time: it is no use to foam or fret, or do as the angry house-keeper who has got hold of the wrong key, and pushes, shakes, and rattles it about the lock until both are broken and the door is still unopened.

The chief secret of comfort lies in not suffering trifles to vex us, and in cultivating our undergrowth of small pleasures.

Try to regard vexations as you will regard them a month hence.

Since we cannot get what we like, let us like what we can get.

It is not riches, it is not poverty, it is human nature that is the trouble.

The world is like a looking-glass. Laugh at it, and it laughs back: frown at it, and it frowns back.

Angry thoughts canker the mind, and dispose it to the worst temper in the world—that of fixed malice and revenge. It is while in this temper that men become criminals.—Sel.

Economically speaking, trusts and monopolies are on the right track. They are co-operative, each within its own circle. Each in its own domain has passed the competitive stage, and advanced to a higher stage of development, the co-operative stage.

The trouble is that the benefits are confined to a chosen few within the circle. The people at large are left out in the cold. The trust produces economically by killing competition within its realm, and sells at a high price to the people at large. The many ways in which they control all the markets and keep down outside competition is a long story, a sad story an indignation-arousing story, and cannot be entered upon here. But their economic basis is correct; and the only final remedy is a larger trust in which all the people will be included. When telegraphs exist for the service of all the people and not for profit for a few, we will be near our friends, though far away. When railroads exist for the service of all the people instead of "for all the traffic will bear" in the interest of a few, coal miners in Pennsylvania will not be starving while farmers in Nebraska are burning their corn to keep from freezing.—Medical World, Ph, Pa.

Voting for and electing "a clean man" to do the bidding of an "unclean party" is a poor way to "purify the politics" of the city, the State or the Nation. You might just as reasonably expect to purify a ten thousand gallon cesspool by pouring into it a gallon of pure water.—Sand Mountain Signal.

There are two million shares of sugar trust stock, and during the time the new Dingley tariff bill was pending this stock was quoted at \$1.08 a share, and in less than 48 hours after the bill had passed, this stock rose in price to \$1.46 a share. They say you can't legislate money into a man's pocket.—Blue Mound Searchlight.

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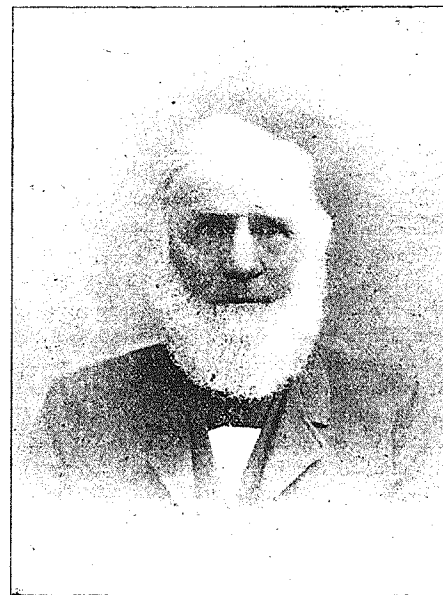
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Son of Abraham, son of Abraham, son of Abraham.

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It is with a sense of gratification that we are able to present here a portrait of our worthy President, Rev. Isaac Leedy, of Ankenytown, Knox Co., Ohio. He is a representative Leedy in all that the name means. A lover of independence, fearless in defense of the right, a lover of home, a noble and enterprising citizen, a reformer in religion and politics, a mechanic, stock grower and farmer, and a minister, and in the front rank of all.

Being a pioneer his opportunities for an education were limited and the privileges that did exist in that early day were not as fully utilized as he desired and merited, due to the stern belief of his father that reading, writing and a little knowledge of arithmetic were all that men needed and ought to have. His capacity for education was excellent, and had he enjoyed modern advantages, would have ranked high in the field of learning.

He was very reserved in his early life and suffered from a bashfulness that was painful, yet his spirit of self-defense was such that he suffered no one to walk over him without a vigorous protest. One of the incidents of his early life was a conflict with a crew of railroad employees who

operated the "gravel train," as it was called, and shows the fiber of build. He has the genius of a great general. Along about the 1850's a railroad was built through his father's farm without right of way. Some stock was killed, and men advised the "boys" that if they would obstruct the track they could make the railroad company pay for the stock before trains could pass. They accordingly made a pen of ties across the track near where the station of Ankenytown now is. "The boys" were gracefully seated upon the pen when the train pulled in with perhaps some fifteen gravel shovellers on. They stopped and desiring to know what was meant by the obstruction of ties. Pay for the stock killed was the answer. The conversation became animated and at last the railroad men began to catch the boys by the feet as they sat on the tie pile. Forbearance seemed no longer to be a virtue in the situation, and the subject of this sketch allowed his fist to fly at one of the railroad men. He dropped over as though shot, and the battle began in earnest. We do not remember how many of his brothers were in the conflict. They, however were hurt and retired from the conflict before it had gone far, and Isaac was left lone handed. His combatants hammered his arms black and blue

to his elbows, but could not get a stroke nearer his person. As soon as he succeeded in getting a chance to get away he ran for the home to arm himself for the contest, and the railroad men cleared the track and took their train and left. The railroad crew were a badly bruised company, and passing back and forth for several days, their faces were wrapped and bandaged. In the course of the contest an Irishman picked up two clubs and with one in each hand came to the conflict, and when within reach of the champion of the battle, as by a flash he jerked one club from his grasp and the Irishman went rolling into the ditch with the other. It was a notable conflict and gave our friend a famous name through all that country. No ordinary man was a match for him. Although not a very large man, there was not an ounce of idle flesh about him, and he was powerful in his muscular and bony systems, and these coupled with an activity that was seldom equaled in men placed him far above the best average in a physical contest. But he was in no way a quarrelsome man. It was only in case of impudent abuse that he would tame his antagonist, and when it was done there was no doubt left as to who was victor. He is a born mechanic, and in the days of his early life some

scope was given to this bend of character. His father had a blacksmith shop and other of his brothers were carpenters. He could shoe horses and was an excellent workman at all-around smithing. A spirit of improvement and invention filled him, but pioneer conventionalism environed him to such an extent that his natural modesty prevented him from radical departure from the ways of the fathers.

We remember hearing him relate how he ventured to depart and broke away from the ties of custom and became free, in the sphere of invention and improvement. He built a corn-crib. In those days they made a hole in one end large enough to get a basket through. It dawned upon him that there was no necessity of crawling into a corn crib, and he made the bold dash and radical departure to make a door big enough to walk in. He was nervous with fear of the fault and criticism his neighbors would find against him, but the utility was so suggestive that he escaped being prosecuted as a witch or possessing an evil spirit.

Rev. Isaac Leedy was born in Morrison's Cove, Bedford Co., Pa., Dec. 23rd, 1827. He remained in his birth place but a short time. In the fall of 1829, the month of September, his father

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er and family moved to Knox County, Ohio, and located within two miles of where the first Leedy settlement was made in 1811, by John Leedy, Uncle to the subject of this sketch. On the farm, on which he then moved he remained till he grew to manhood and set out for himself, locating on a part of his father's possessions, which he still owns, which shows that he possess the proverbial love of home peculiar to the Swiss people.

He was married to Nancy, daughter of Jacob and Susannah Bostater, Dec. 25, 1851. To this union were born four sons and six daughters. Five of these children preceded their mother to the home beyond, who died the 4th day of March 1866, leaving her sorrowing husband with five children, the youngest of whom was only four days old.

In the autumn of 1856 he united with the German Baptist Church. His conviction was deep and pungent. So much was he wrought upon in feeling that his friends noticed the change in his appearance and his wife became solicitous to know whether she was at fault in her duties as a wife and mother, she was assured that such was not the trouble. This helped to break the environments of sin and he became a free man in the Lord. This conversion took place when he was about thirty

years old, the age of Jesus when he entered fully upon the work for which he came among men and whom our brother loves to follow.

Not long after this the event began to take place which made him one of the conspicuous in a movement which, although small in the local surroundings, was great among the leaders of the church of his fathers.

Shortly after he united with the church, a business meeting was held to prepare to hold communion services. Among other matters considered this question was submitted, Shall we continue the old order in the ordinance of feet-washing, or follow the example of Christ?

There were only five votes to continue the old order, but through the influence of adjoining elders the decision of the church ignored and the "double mode" continued and all who refused to elevate the old order above the example of Christ were notified to have hearing before a committee of Elders, on the 14th day of September, 1856. The decision of this committee was that all who contended for the example of Christ were disfellowshipped. Brother Leedy and fifteen others rejected by this decree, there began the brethren vulgarly known as the "Leedyites". His brother

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Samuel A. Leedy was a preacher, and among the number. The "sixteen" did not trifle time away, but they held meetings and did the works of a church of Jesus Christ. The number was made up of Leedy's and connections, and belonged to the most intelligent and best people of the community.

The writer, who shared in this movement when he became concerned in religious matters, believes that if the original independent church had adopted a distinctive name and worked to the end of building a general christian church it would now be one of the strong organizations of the land. But the modesty of these brethren and their quiet manner of life held them back from acting in the capacity of leaders, each shunning to assume the responsibility of founding a new religious organization; hence we always passed before the public as a kind of Dunkards who were not in accord with the Dunkards, and thus were disarmed of organizing influence among the general public, although doing a large amount of religious labor and effectual in sending conviction to thousands of souls who went to the denominations for a christian home.

The so-called "Leedyites" were not a sect, but a gospel church, and the lack was in not authoritatively asserting this fact, and

driving it into the understanding of the people. The organization finally became a part of the Brethren Church.

In the spring of 1857, Isaac Leedy was called to the ministry and at once went to work to equip himself as well as his situation would permit for the discharge of the new duties that fell upon him. His preaching was eloquent and persuasive, characterized by an intense earnestness, and a firm belief on what he taught. There was no shade of the evasive or hypocritical, but he declared what he understood the Bible to teach. His devotion to the cause was strong, and he never received compensation for his labor of love, although he traveled considerably, paying his own expenses, and often employing hired help to take his place on his farm. He was called to preach in Ohio, Indiana, and Pennsylvania, and assisted in organizing churches in the two former states.

In 1883-4 the organizations became a part of the Brethren Church, and since that time his efforts have been principally devoted to the interests of the local Church, where he has been the mainstay and contributed largely to build a house of worship and maintain the organization. It can be said of his religious life as well as of his life generally well—

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done, good and faithful servant.

He was married the second time to Lovina Wolf, who resided in Miami County, Indiana, Oct. 23rd. 1867. To them were born three sons and four daughters. Two sons and one daughter died young.

His children are married except those too young, and are located in the surrounding neighborhood of his home.

In summing up his avocations; he has been during his life a farmer, stock breeder, manufacturer of furniture and farm implements during inclement weather, blacksmith, and in his early life did repairing, dressed plow shares and coulters, shod horses, ironed sleds, eveners, hames, and whatever was needed of the shop before modern machinery came into use. He is a master with tools.

Not to multiply words beyond our space, at whatever he turned his hand he was in the first rank. But this article would not be complete without mentioning that he is a lover of fine stock, and especially horses.

He invested well toward three thousand dollars to get a start in breeding Percheron Horses, and has added his effort to improve the noble animal.

He never had any inclination to be a leader among men, and this is the reason why as much genius

as he possesses is held in as close environments.

Politically he sought nothing, but contrary to his wishes, was elected to local offices now and then.

He was put at the helm of the Leedy Reunion on account of his fitness for the place. Wherever his sympathies and interest are enlisted, there he is heart and soul, and always as a leader, he invites instead of order. His familiar command is, "Come on boys," instead of "go." He leads.

He has and is making great sacrifice to make this paper and the Leedy Reunion a successful movement. He excels in labor put forth and in paying.

The first agitation of the matter of a Leedy Reunion began in the family of John L. Swank, and when it reached his ears, he readily approved the effort, and has been untiring in labor since to bring the best fruits to perfection, and we see that it is a winning effort. To him belongs first honor for the establishment of the Chronicle. The printer knew the man and felt confident that in due time by the aid of his self-sacrificing efforts it would prove a joy and blessing to the Leedy Genealogy and their connections.

Again we say that it is with a sense of great pleasure that we present the portrait of a true and representative member of the Leedy Family.

TOMS BROOK, VA.

Dear Editor: With much pleasure I again receive the Leedy Chronicle and with delight I read its pages. I am prompted to take my pen and write a little more. It may be of some interest to the Chronicle to know what I can tell them about the Leedy tribe.

My father's name was John, and mother's name was Eve Kizer Leedy, both of Rockingham, Co., Va. My father's brother's and sisters names were as best I know: Samuel, Jacob and Daniel. The two former moved to Indiana and died there. Daniel remained in Va. and died there.

The girls names were Betzy, Suzy, Caty, Sally and Polly.

Betzy married Daniel Wise and went to Ohio, Suzy married a man by the name of Miller of Augusta Co., Va., and Caty married a man by the name of Garber and moved to Ohio. Sally married a man by the name of Christly Brower, up at Augusta Co., Va. Polly died an old maid at the age of 98 years, in Rockingham Co., Va. (Look here Governor Leedy is one old maid.)

Well, this may put some of the Leedys on the trace of their ancestors.

I must help C. M. Leedy of Johnson Co., Mo., to know his ancestors.

His grand father's name was Daniel, my father's brother. Daniel's wife's name was Eve the same as my mother's. Two Leedy's married two Eves. Perhaps the

other boys could not find another Eve; so they had to take other names. Your mother's name was White and your father's name was Enoch, son of Daniel Leedy, my father's brother.

You seem to want to know what kin you might be to the governor. Well I would like to know too, but I think I am getting too old ever to become a governor. But saying the word governor seems to stir up the Leedy blood. But if I know anything about the Leedy blood, it has never been stagnated. Neither has it been adulterated in any disgraceful way. I am now going on 69 years old and I never saw a Leedy drunk, nor never heard of a Leedy criminal, and will thank God if I never do. But I am fully aware that there was and is more Leedy preachers than Leedy governors. But the good Lord has use for all of these callings: as there is three sacred and holy institutions. 1st, family, 2nd, Church, 3rd, Government.

Now I think I had better close my remarks or they might find their way to the waste basket.

But as I am on the last sheet of paper and have a little space, I wonder if Big John Leedy of Ohio, when I was a boy was not a bachelor. I remember of hearing Aunt Betsy Wise telling of Big John, and how fat he was, and that he sat in the cellar in the summer time when the weather was hot. Please excuse spelling and punctuation, as I was educated when we had school masters with a big hickory gad, etc.

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LURAY, VA.

Dear Editor: I am just in receipt of the Chronicle, for which I am greatly indebted to some one, and desiring to be a subscriber to same herewith enclose subscription price.

I notice among other things that interest me, an inquiry from C. M. Leedy, of Missouri, who seems to be at a loss to know whether or not he is a descendant of the "faithful Abraham." I do not think there can be any question about that.

While I am not able myself to give much information concerning the family, the C. M. Leedy, referred to, is my cousin and son, as he says, of Enoch Leedy, who was born in Rockingham County, Va., and died in Johnson County, Missouri. Enoch Leedy was my Uncle, and next eldest brother to my father, John Leedy, who was also born in Rockingham County, Va., and died there Oct. 7th, 1889. My father was the third of six sons of Daniel Leedy, of Rockingham County, Va.

Samuel the eldest and Daniel the second son having died many years ago. Joseph, who was the fifth son, if my recollection serves me right, also died in Rockingham County, some time before the war, and Jacob the youngest son, to whom my cousin, C. M. Leedy

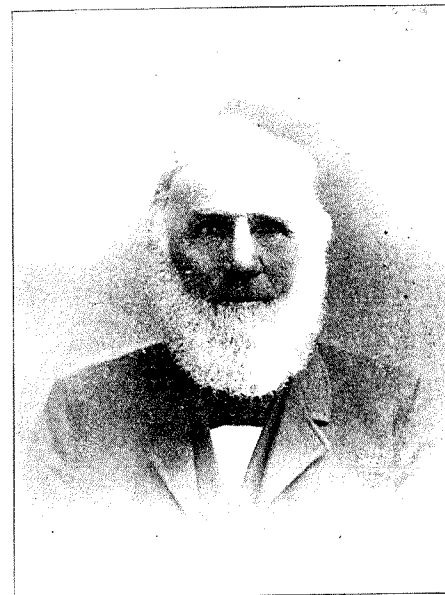
referred, now resides near Lima, in Allen County, Ohio.

C. M. is correct in thinking that his grandfather's name was Daniel. Our paternal grandmother's christian name was Eve, her maiden name was Brower.

Grand-father had two brothers, one named Samuel, who lived in Augusta County, Va., until some time before the late Rebellion when he moved to Indiana, where two of his sons Jacob and the Rev. Joseph resided up to some ten years ago, since which time I have heard nothing from them. The other brother of our grand-father was John who resided in Rockingham County on an adjoining farm to the old grand-father's homestead, which was the homestead of our great-grand-father. He had several sons one of whom is Rev. John K. of Toms Brook, Va.

What great-grand-father's christian name was, I am not able to say, but think that I could find out by the records in Rockingham if such information was not destroyed when some of the records were burned during the war. I feel sure, however, that he settled in Virginia, coming from Pennsylvania or Maryland, as early as 1800. He was accompanied to Virginia by a person known to our records, and by tradition, as the Dutch Lord.

Since printing the paper it has occurred to us that if the friends will take an interest in having half tone pictures made, we can, in the future, issue a number of the Chronicle, filled with them on paper like this leaf. The delicate nature of the class of engraving is such that it does not print plainly on any but the finest paper. They are used because they are very cheap and true to the photograph.



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This branch of the Leedy family is, undoubtedly of the old stock. If there was nothing else to prove this, the similarity of Christian names between this branch and all the other branches leads to the positive conclusion that they came from one original stock, to say nothing of their religious beliefs and practices as well as many habits which are peculiar to them in all the relations of life.

Trusting that this may give you some slight information, at least, and may also lend my cousin in Missouri some light on the subject, I beg to remain

Yours very truly.

ROBT. F. LEEDY.

P. S. Your paper calls my attention to another fact in early days the Garbers and Leedys of Virginia inter-married, as seems to be the practice of their western cousins of today.

R. F. L.

PART OF GOV. LEEDY'S SPEECH AT
THE LEEDY REUNION.

Written From Memory by Miss Elizabeth Blackman.

The following is part of the speech which was given by Governor Leedy of Kansas, at the Leedy Reunion, Aug. 18th, 1897.

I was invited here to attend the Leedy Reunion and give you my opinion of what I thought of you, and, as it is always wisest to say

the good first, I will say to commence with, I didn't know I had such a lot of good looking relatives. I want to have a good talk to the Leedys. I don't want any of the visitors to take offence at it as it is to the *Leedy Tribe* I am going to talk.

One of the good traits of the Leedys is, there never was an old bachelor or an old maid in the tribe. Marriage tends to make our morals better, therefore, when I look over this assembly, it makes me feel as though married life was here well represented and the morality of the communities in which they live must necessarily be better for that reason. I have no sympathy for the "New Woman." what I want is the "Old Woman," the "old fashioned" woman, I mean.

There never was a Leedy who meddled in politics, the Leedys prided themselves on this fact, nor did a Leedy pass the end of his days in the poor-house or in a penitentiary.

It has been the Leedy motto for generations "to work six days and praise the Lord, one." I say "work three days and praise the Lord four." For that reason I am called the "lazy Leedy." I followed the Leedy motto myself for a number of years after settling in Kansas, but one day I looked about me and I saw the

preacher made a tolerably good living by working *one* day a week. I noticed politicians made their living without any manual labor; so I thought I would *also* find employment whereby I could maintain myself and family, without labor. I accordingly became a horse trader. While discharging the duties which horse trading involved I found ample time to read the newspapers. I conscientiously read every item in the papers, especially those on politics and after twenty years of horse trading I had stored by knowledge which to me was *invaluable*. You young Leedys (I don't mean those old fellows back of me) when the chores are waiting for you and you want to read the paper **YOU READ YOUR PAPER FIRST**. The chores can wait until you have finished reading. It has always been the Leedy theory to keep out of politics, so you see I am the black sheep in the flock. Now I don't intend to make a political speech as this is not a political meeting, but I do want to give *these Leedys* a few pointers.

In 1893 we had a very hot political campaign in Kansas. (you all know how quarrelsome Kansas people are.) One day they couldn't settle who would be the best man to nominate. After debating a long time some one said, "Let us go down to the country and get Lee-

dy, he has had nothing to do with this campaign and will therefore be impartial." So down they came and stated their errand. I told them I was no politician and therefore I was not qualified. But this did not satisfy them, they would not return until I had given my consent to be nominated. * * *

The next day I was to be present at the House of Legislature. Now my good friends and relatives, I had never been inside of a house of Legislature, hadn't even seen the building, but I went. I sat there and heard lawyers discuss the question whether judges had a right to repeal laws, after they had been passed by the legislature. The question was not so much a gold and silver question as it was whether corporations or the people should govern the state. These judges of the courts have been bought by the corporations and have therefore usurped the authority of both executive and legislative government. A warfare has been and is being made against the corporations and the corrupt judges in Kansas. I witnessed one of these corrupt judges actually driven from office. I don't want you to think I was conceited but after hearing them discuss the question for three days I thought I knew as much as they did about it. I went home on the evening of the third day and studied all night.

I didn't know until today that my ancestors came from Switzerland. I had always thought our ancestors were Germans, I esteem and honor the Germans, but they do not have an Independent government. The Swiss people are a simple, plain people, but the farmers of Switzerland make and help carry out the laws, and have done so for many generations. I didn't know until today why I have always been so "stubborn and mulish," but now the problem is solved.

The next morning I was prepared to hold my own against any of my opponents, thanks to my natural mulishness and the knowledge I had stored away. When I did not sanction any thing which was said, *I just kicked*. Well, when the debate was over all the lawyers came up, shook hands, congratulated me and said "I was a lawyer." I said "if I was any thing like *them* I didn't want to be a lawyer."

After the campaign was over I found that a great many Democrats had voted for me and a great many hadn't; a great many Republicans had voted for me and as many more hadn't: a number of Populists voted for me and others didn't; but when the votes were counted I found I was elected.

The Leedys believe in working from sunrise to sunset. By this method they have no time to cultivate their minds, even if they so desired. When they are through with their work they are glad to retire.

Now, my advice to you is, (I mean these young Leedys) do your share of the work, always do that, but if they try to push any more on you, *you kick*.

Some of these old fellows think it would be often enough to have these reunions once every two years, if I had my say they would be kept semi-annually. Get together as often as possible and have a good time, then you will be better citizens.

Now, you young Leedys, (I don't mean these old fellows back here) if you want to go to the caucus and "the old man" says "no," you wait until his back is turned and then *you go*. I do not want you to disobey your parents, (always honor them) but do not keep up their old fashioned notions.

I suppose there are those here who think their farms free from mortgages. I say, there isn't one farm where the railroad passes without a mortgage. The railroad invariably has the first mortgage, as you are obliged to do business with that railroad. * * *

Now, if you want your country to have better laws, you must take more interest in the laws and elections of *that country*.

I have now been speaking nearly an hour, but, before I finish, I would advise you to keep your next reunion out in Kansas. I assure you *all* a royal time. I don't think it would do the Leedys any harm if they traveled a little more than what they do. Come out ~~in~~ Kansas, a change will do you good. *Look at me*. I don't eat as much as you do. * *

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INTEREST INCREASING.

This number shows increased interest. Friends are taking hold in various parts of the country and writing upon the themes to which this paper is devoted. The projectors of this paper had the faith in the family that it would take an earnest interest in it and they are patiently awaiting the moving of the ranks. It now begins to appear what great value it will be to the generation. In this number is information we never would have known had this paper not come in existence.

Later it will develop into an instrument of helpfulness to one another in the affairs of life. The Leedys are a benevolent people and will help the needy, especially among their own people.

The portrait of our worthy president is of great interest to many of our readers. It is a cast of the genuine Leedy face.

It is marked by that love of independence and liberty that has made the Swiss people a free people wherever they dwell; energy fills every line of the features; sterling honesty and wise benevolence shine out in the features. When you look at the picture you see a representative Leedy face, such as centuries ago shouted "hurrah for liberty" that rang through the mountains of Switzerland. But the Leedys do not ask for liberty to do wrong. They are a humble and obedient people where the authority is right and just.

This is notable in the life of Isaac Leedy and many of his relatives—especially the Governor of Kansas.

Well, we have gone from our subject. Encourage the interest; let us have a paper that is bristly with good news every time. You can have it so, and so do.

THE GUARANTEE PLEDGE.

The following is the guarantee pledge which the friends of the Chronicle have given:

I, the undersigned, to maintain the publication of the Monthly Leedy Chronicle, hereby pledge

and guarantee the payment of an assessment of one dollar, or any sum less per year, for five years, that may be needed to pay expenses incurred over and above the subscription and other income received, in the publication of said paper in the interest of the Leedy Family and connections: it being understood that I shall be considered a member of the committee on publication.

Signed,
Post Office,

The number wanted is not yet full. Send us yours as a Christmas Gift.

You can cut this out or copy it on writing paper and send it in. Let us hear from you. Some have not signed the pledge but sent \$1.00 for their subscription and a contribution.

NOTES AND NEWS.

Dollar subscriptions for the Chronicle are the kind that pull ahead well.

N. E. Leedy, of Columbus, O., spent Thanksgiving at home with his parents.

R. S. Leedy who has spent the summer in Iowa, will return to his home Christmas.

Mrs. C. R. Leedy, of Mt. Vernon, O., visited at Ankenytown during Thanksgiving week.

If you know of a relative who does not take our paper, get after him and urge upon him the duty.

E. F. Leedy's two daughters were married last spring: Stella, to W. D. Campbell; and Sudie to Mr. Gibson.

Our next issue will be about February first, you have time to gather interesting items, and let us hear from you.

H. E. Leedy is in Columbus, O., where he has begun a two year's course in Agriculture at the Ohio State University.

The letter from Montevallo, Mo., is the kind we want from every Leedy settlement. We want to know what one another is doing.

Mrs. F. L. Garber returned home from Minerva, Ohio, Dec. 12th, where she had been called on account of the death of her father, Mr. Carpenter.

Now, as you begin to find a clew to your relatives, do not write your letters to parties privately, but send them to us that all may read them.

We wish some one would send us the address of all the Leedys in Indiana whose fathers moved from Virginia. We do not think they have all been sent to us yet.

The receipts for refreshment stand privileges at the last Reunion amounted to \$5.86 and after all expenses were deducted there remains in the hands of the secretary, 19 cts.

If our relative over in Virginia, John K. Leedy, was here in Ohio and saw the little Johns swarming around, he would not think that Big John was a bachelor, at least after he was in Ohio.

A. B. Leedy and wife are visiting at Ft. Wayne, Ind. On their return trip they intend to spend a week in Williams Co., Ohio, and several weeks at Fostoria, O., and vicinity visiting relatives and friends.

There are about eight Leedy families in Kansas (not a great many for a reunion) but with all of these Leedys I think we would be able to amuse ourselves.

Come, one and all, you will receive a most hearty welcome.—From Gov. Leedy's speech.

We are expecting a report from John L. Swank, giving the names and addresses of the Long generation. There are twenty children who grew up and one that died young. The mother was a sister of "Big" John Leedy.

On account of a mistake made in the pins used for our Reunion badges, the Cincinnati Regalia Co., who furnished them, refunded \$3.00 of the Purchase price to the secretary. This acknowledgment is due them for their honesty and fair dealings.

The Artists who took the pictures of the Reunion failed to get a good one and those who signed for one and paid the price can have the money refunded by notifying the Secretary. The Artists claimed the failure was on account of its being so dark in the grove when the picture was taken.

Mrs. J. H. Flanigan, Carthage, Mo., writes, I am more interested than my actions indicate [in The Chronicle] I hold myself

ready at all times to contribute any facts that may be necessary for your history. We would be interested in knowing the family we belong to.

Under date of Dec. 2. Rev. John K. Leedy writes "Owing to the death of my wife, Elizabeth A. Leedy, Nov. 20th, from a stroke of Paralysis, my address is changed from Toms Brook, Va. to Saumsville, Va. We express our sympathy for our brother in his great loss, and will be glad to publish her biography if sent us.

MONTEVALLO, MO.

Dec. 1, 1897.

Dear Cousin and Editor, and all readers and relatives of the Chronicle; As there has been no report from our part of Missouri, I will send a few subscribers and also a few items of news. We all welcome the Chronicle to our home, although it does not visit us as often as we would like. I am interested and want to learn all about my ancestors and also of my relatives who are scattered abroad over this broad land. We were glad to read a letter from C. M. Leedy of Rich Hill, Mo. The only Leedys residing in this part of Mo. are descendants of Samuel A. Leedy. There are thirty-seven Leedys and connections in this immediate vicinity.

Alpha Leedy and family moved from this place to Lovel, Okl. the 17th of Nov.

CENTERDALE, IOWA.

July 11, 1897.

DEAR RELATIVE:—On receipt of the Leedy Chronicle, I will truly say I was surprised. Agreeably so to receive and read the history of my relatives.

I am the youngest child of Susan (Leedy) Myers. My papa died in the spring of 1875, Feb. 9 making 22 years. My mother is a widow. For 16 years she lived with me on the old home place near Tipton, which was my birth place, and till within six years I lived there. Since that time she lived with Sister Jennie Schlagle, who lived in Davenport, but now of Des. Moines, Iowa. The last letter I received was a few weeks ago, mother was not as well as usual, but her age will not allow her many more days on earth. If she lives till September she will be eighty-seven years old. She has been blind a good many years and has been quite a care, but oh how nice to say "mother" and see her face to face.

I have never met many of my relatives. I met all the Spayds (and have had visit from some of them) Al, Irene, Uncle John and Aunt Margaret, while I visited their family in Pierceton, Ind. I had a visit from uncle Lewis K. Leedy while mother lived with me. Uncle Abe is another uncle

Mrs. Elizabeth (Leedy) Cripe is building a fine house on their farm.

Mrs. Susan (Leedy) Shanabarger has recently made some valuable improvements on her residence.

There is a prospect of two weddings in the Leedy family in the near future.

Miss Ida Foutz of Vacaville, California, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. B. F. Leedy, left for her home in the far west Dec. 1st.

Ezra Leedy has just completed a neat barn on his farm three and one half miles southwest of Montevallo.

B. F. LEEDY.

The Prophetic Age.

The Age is a publication devoted to the exposition of Bible Truth and Prophecy, and is edited by A. L. Garber and published monthly at 50 cents a year. A new Era begins at Easter 1898 and after that time important fulfillment of prophecy will rapidly take place, clubbed with the Chronicle at 35 cents a year.

The Watch Mission Tidings.

This is an occasional publication, devoted to the interests of vital Christianity and The Watch Mission, an unsectarian association of Watchers and Workers for Jesus. Twelve numbers, 20 cents. Address

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Ashland, Ohio.

and I met two of his sons but can not tell what their names are. I do wish I could have attended the Leedy Reunion—hope I can some time. When I was a girl I wrote awhile to cousin Mark Crawford. Can any one give me his address? I have a photo of Robert Leedy when a boy of eighteen or near. I would love to correspond with some of my cousins. I was well acquainted with Mollie Gambrell Inness. We live in a beautiful part of the world. The country is a beautiful rolling country. Centerdale is a railroad station with only one store, elevator and cream separator, school house and hall, a richly settled country, a lovely place to live between the Cedar and the Iowa Rivers. All kinds of fruit, berries and abundant crops this year.

I have six children—four girls and two boys, one a cripple from birth but can run and play most as well as any one. I will give the names, Janaret, 21; Norman Henry, 19; Alzada, 16; Herbert, 11; Ruth, 7; Naomia, 3 past. I want the Chronicle and will enclose thirty-five cents and will add the Pledge hoping and trusting to learn more of my inheritance. I never saw grand pa Leedy nor grand ma, but did grand father and grand mother Myers. Trusting God will wonderfully mantle our race with love and peace.

Oct. 27, 1897.

To night with many a tear in my eye I will try and write a little more to the Chronicle. You will see by the date of my other letters that there is quite a lapse since I dated my first letters—just eight weeks from the day you see my letter dated, my husband died. He has not been well for quite a while but Dr. thought it catarrh of the stomach. But he grew bad very suddenly and took his bed after he lived just eight weeks and two days. He had seventy-five cancers on his liver and it weighed nineteen pounds. Also one large cancer in the small end of the stomach. His right lung was crowded up under the collar bone and was larger than the palm of your hand. His heart was crowded up more under his chin. I have not time to tell you all his suffering. He starved to death, and yet was never hungry nor craved any thing but got very poor. He suffered very little, and was so well prepared to meet his King that he always spoke so comforting to me. Every time he saw a tear he would say don't, mama: the same one who keeps me will keep you. I have sold the farm and will have a sale Nov. 1; can't send the pledge now, may after I see what I can do.

A relative,

MARY CATTELL

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IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.—UNITED WE STAND.

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AN OPEN LETTER.

TO THE LEEDY CHRONICLE family greeting:—It is very gratifying to us to realize that the readers of the CHRONICLE are becoming intensely interested, and are helping to make it what the name "CHRONICLE" implies or signifies. "A register of facts and events in the order of time; a historical record."

Wake up all along the line. Send your contributions, and subscriptions to A. L. Garber, Ashland, O. We want to hear from you and come in touch with each other once a month. This we can easily do if all our relatives will fall in line and help us to do so; thus increasing our subscription list to three hundred and sixty-five subscribers, which would put the paper on a self supporting basis, published monthly, and make it large enough to give each subscriber an opportunity to have at least one letter published annually. Instead of getting one or two letters per month each reader would have the pleasure of reading thirty letters every month. Did you ever contemplate this thought?

It afforded us much pleasure to read the letters in last CHRONICLE from J. K. Leedy, Robt. Leedy and Mary Cattell of Centerdale, Iowa. Although it has not been my privilege to grasp the right hand of either of these writers, nevertheless my sympathies were aroused to hear that J. K. Leedy and Mary Cattell passed through the heartaching trials of parting with a dear companion. Having passed through the same ordeal I can and do realize the depth of your grief and agony. But "it will be better higher up." Cousin Mary, as you never saw many of your mother's folks, and perhaps do not know much about them I will pen a few historical items. Your grandpa John Leedy (sometimes called big John) was born Sept. 10, 1779 and was married to Elizabeth Keith on Mar. 4, 1806, who was then 17 years old. Names of children, Lewis, Catherine, Susan, Mary, Abraham, Elizabeth, Samuel, (the governor's father,) Margaret, Rosanna, John, Sarah, and David; they all grew up and were married except David, who died young; the daughters all moved west af-

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ter marriage, with the exception of Catherine, who married Samuel Garber and died in Jefferson Tp., Richland Co., O. A. L. Garber, the editor of the CHRONICLE, is a grand son of Samuel and Catherine Garber, and his mother is my youngest sister, hence is a full blooded Leedy all but the name. Your grandpa died Sep. 6, 1851. Mother Leedy died near Piercetown, Indiana, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Spayd, and was interred with the remains of her husband near Ankenytown, Ohio. I attended their funerals. John K. Leedy, the Governor's uncle, chose the medical profession, moved to Warsaw, Indiana where he soon gained a very large practice and accumulated considerable property; but did not live to fill the allotted three score and ten years. The Governor's father also died young. Johnny, who was then a little boy made his home for a while at my sister Susan Garber's residence. It was little Johnny's daily task to drive the cows from the barn to the pasture field and vice versa. Little Johnny, like the majority of little boys would rather use his lungs than his heels when driving cattle; one day he exercised unusual lung power. His mistress said to him, "Johnny you must not holler so loud; you might tear your

throat." "O no! my throat is made of good stuff." was his quick reply.

I wonder if the governor remembers anything of this experience.

Well I believe the trusts, combines and monopolies in high places have fully realized the fact that the governor's throat is made of good stuff; that he has the manhood and courage to use his throat, tongue, mouth and mental powers in opposition to their gambings, to stop this wholesale robbery that has impoverished the laboring classes, and enriched the speculators and gamblers, thus enabling them to become millionaires in a very short time; all under a false cloak of legitimate business.

LEEDY CROWS.

Father's sister Margaret, married Martin Grow, comonly called Crow. They raised quite a large family of Crows who all disappeared.

One of the girls married Daniel Brallier and moved to Indiana; another married Mr. Sales, and also moved west; am unable to hear from any of them; they ought to join the CHRONICLE family, and report their whereabouts.

An appeal to the tribe of David, my father's brother. His sons, William, Abraham, Daniel

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and David moved to Miami Co., Indiana; where they raised families, and have all passed down the dark valley and left their possessions to their children. Cousins, will you not put your names on the pages of the CHRONICLE as a memorial for your children. *Please do* write and let us hear from you. I think Jacob, who is the youngest son of David is living in Michigan. Shall we hear from cousin Jacob? I remember your visit at father's when I was a boy; have not seen you since, it would do me good to hear from you. Cousin Sue Tharp Leedy of Denver, Ind., as you are a grand daughter of uncle David Leedy, I kindly ask you to write a chronological letter to the CHRONICLE, for the benefit and edification of the Leedy Reunion Organization. Jacob Leedy of Abbeyville, Ga., and William Leedy of Cerro Gordo, Ill., can the readers of the CHRONICLE be favored with chronicles from each of you, and from Amos Leedy of Williamsburg, Ill. We would like to name many more but space forbids us to do so now. Every member of the association is not only invited but requested to contribute to the columns of their paper, the CHRONICLE.

REUNION.

Our Third Annual Reunion occurs on Wednesday, Aug. 17th,

1898, in Joseph Leedy's grove near Ankenytown, Knox Co., O. A reception committee will be appointed in due time to meet at above station and escort to reunion headquarters all coming from a distance to take in the reunion. All are cordially invited to come. We fondly hope to see you come from the East and from the West, from the North and from the South, and hope to make this reunion a refreshing, heartcheering, and a soul-inspiring gathering of relatives and friends.

We make this timely announcement to give you all ample time to get yourselves "up in apple pie order," for the occasion; dispense with all unnecessary business, and begin now to save money to pay traveling expenses.

It was our intention to give some home items but this letter is already too long so will conclude by giving the following remarkable incredible yet true item of news: A Leedy mother in this locality has a baby girl that weighs ten pounds heavier than her father.

ISAAC LEEDY.

Self-will is not self-denial. They are as opposite in their nature as the poles. Nevertheless, the latter is often mistaken for the former.

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FROM OREGON.

THE LEEDY CHRONICLE:— A little paper entitled "The Leedy Chronicle" has been coming to me and from it I have learned much Leedy history that perhaps would never have been brought to my notice, had I not received this valuable little publication.

My name is Leedy. My father's name is "Daniel Leedy; he lives in Linn Co. Oregon, where he has lived for over forty-three years, and as I am only thirty-three years old of a necessity I am an Oregonian. Of my ancestors I know but little. My grand father Leedy formerly lived in Virginia. From Virginia he moved to Ohio, from Ohio he went to Indiana where he died many years ago. My grand mother Leedy's name prior to her marriage was Garber.

My father is and has been for about fifty years a minister in the Dunkard Church; however for several years past he has been too feeble, owing to his advanced age, being nearly eighty years old now; to take an active part in church work.

Now I should like very much for some one to tell me who I am and where I belong in the genealogical chain that began according to the "Chronicle" back in the rugged hills of Switzerland and is continuing on through successive generations, binding together

the past, present, and future, and we hope will only end with the final gathering in the great beyond.

When I read the accounts given of reunions held on the Leedy farm I longed to have been there. I felt that no doubt the history of my ancestors was there. I felt that pleasant acquaintances coupled with the closer ties of ancestors, relationship were to be found, I know that the great love of morality and Christian liberty so firmly planted in the early history of our country was there endorsed, and that all there went away with a firmer determination that the great inheritance should be transmitted unimpaired to our posterity.

While friends and relatives may be separated far from each other, that same spirit may be with all of us and by that noble faculty of our nature which enables us to connect our thoughts with that which is distant we can hold sweet communion with our friends and relatives throughout all the land.

I hope to see the publication of this paper continue as I know it can be made the source of much satisfaction to many friends.

Fearing I may take too much of your time I will again thank you for the satisfaction I have already had from this paper and if this meets with favor I may sometime in the future come

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again and tell something about the land of "pretty girls" and "big red apples."

Correspondence with relatives solicited. Yours truly.

A. D. LEEDY.

Salem, Oregon, Jan. 15, 1898.

"BIG" JOHN LEEDY AND OTHERS.

I received the CHRONICLE some time ago and it stirred up the Leedy blood in me, so that I want to contribute a little to the Leedy history.

I am the eldest grandson of "Big" John Leedy, who was born in Maryland, Sep. 10, 1779; and when a few years old his father moved to Bedford Co., Pen., and settled in Marrison's Cove. On March 4, 1806, he was married to Elizabeth Keith. In 1811 he moved to Richland Co., O.

Twelve children were born to them: Lewis, Catherine, Susan, Mary, Abraham, Elizabeth, Samuel, Margaret, Rosan, John, Sarah and David. They all grew up and were married except David who died young.

It looks to me as though a little history with regard to our editor of the CHRONICLE would be interesting to some of our relations in other states. He is a nephew of mine; has more Leedy blood in him than his name indicates. His

father was half Leedy and his mother was half Leedy. Two halves make a whole. That makes him full blood. When he was a smooth faced boy he and his brother bought a small printing press and set it up on the farm where Big John Leedy put foot in 1811, and drank water out of the spring that Big John Leedy drank and ate apples out of the orchard where Big John Leedy eat. They printed a small paper for a couple years and then moved to Bellville and started a larger paper, and had good success. After some years he sold and went to Ashland and started on a larger scale. He has grown up now, has whiskers, got a woman and has several babies. He preaches, lectures on temperance and if you want to get married, he can pronounce the ceremony. He is capable and honest; he could not be otherwise.

MARY CATTELL.

To my unseen cousin, in the far west. I was agreeably surprised to see a communication from my youngest cousin to the CHRONICLE. I have tramped around Tipton and Rockcreek and it appears to me I can see the old familiar landmarks with uncle Henry Myers, Aunt Susy and the children. Sarah, Elizabeth, Jack, Lovina, Martha,

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Susy and the baby Lewis, but there I must stop. This is a strange world of ours. Seems but a short time since I was there, but children born and grown up with children, and they are grown up, tells a different story. We were grieved to hear of your great misfortune in the death of your husband. We sympathize for your great loss and can only commend you to Him who doeth all things well.

The communications from Va. are quite interesting. I notice in the communication of John Leedy; he says that his father's sister Caty, married a man by the name of Garber and moved to Ohio. How queer my mother's name was Caty, daughter of Big John Leedy, and married a Garber.

I notice in the CHRONICLE the death of John K. Leedy's wife. We sympathize for our brother in his affliction for his great loss. I notice he is 69 years old, that gives me more interest in him as we have trod this earthly sphere about the same distance, one thing more I would like to know where he got the K in his name as my uncles have the K in their names.

JOHN L. GARBER.
Bellville, Ohio.

"The man who lives in this world only for himself robs every other man in it."

CHRISTMAS—CHRIST'S NATAL DAY.

Why gleams there forth one jeweled day
As stars set is the night,
'Gainst 'scutcheon wove of all the rest
To flash its soft pure light?
Why 'prisoned here 'nough glory rays
To play around the year,
To light the circle of life's care,
And gild the world with cheer?
What majesty bends low to crown
With royal favor this,—
Queen Bounty's very carnival,—
With joy, and love, and bliss?
What holy witch'ry 'vades the hour,
With subtle charm flung round,
Till joy meets joy, in riot sweet,
And sense in rapture's drowned.
What theme gives tongue to sweet
toned bells
And freights their notes with
love?
Fills vibrant air with anthems swell
Till echoes ring above?
Let shepherd's notes the silence
break
With sight that blest their gaze;
Ye wise men, led by Bethle'm's star,
Tell what inspires thy praise?
Angelic hosts in mighty 'claim,
Why 'tranced ye earth with song?
To raptured ears why "peace good
will"
From heavenly choir was flung?
Bear record here, ye countless
throng,
By souls redeemed from thrall,
What mighty import 'vests this day
With rank the chief of all.
Oh; guilt-scourged world, in robe of
night,
Proclaim thy need of star,

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To light the soul to duty's call
Ga'nst yoke of sin to war.
Hark! 'tis heaven itself bends low,
In benediction mild,
With marvelous love to bless the
world
With gift of own God-child.
Ye bells of joy! in climax great
Make earth your message ring.
That unto us a child is born,
To us is born a king!

MARY LEEDY FLANIGAN.

SUTHERLAND, IOWA.

Editor of Leedy CHRONICLE:—
Not long ago I was handed a copy of our paper by my nephew, Horace C. Gambrill, a son of my sister, Sarah Leedy Gambrill. I had not heard of it before that and it brought so many recollections of the happy past that I wish to become a subscriber to the paper and a helper of the enterprise.

I was born in 1818 within one half mile of the Knox Co., Ohio line and was raised and married on the same farm. My father was John Leedy, "Big John Leedy" they called him. He was the first Leedy, I think, in Ohio. He came from Pennsylvania there. I was one of twelve children, five boys and seven girls, all dead now excepting four daughters. Gov. Leedy of Kansas is my nephew, being the son of a brother who was next in age to me.

There is scarcely a name men-

tioned in the CHRONICLE of Nov and Dec. but I know well. We know Isaac Leedy and know all about the R. R. trouble referred to in that paper, and in which he took such an active part.

I was married in 1836 to Samuel Miskimin. We lived near the old homestead in Ohio until 1851, when we moved to Pierceton, Ind. Stayed there three years and located in Benton Co., Iowa in 1854. We lived on farms there for 20 years when we moved to Dysart, Iowa and lived there 13 years. In 1892 we yielded to urgent invitations to make our home with Mollie Gambrill Innes, another one of my sister Sarah's children. We were getting too old to live alone so now live in an addition to the Innes house. We were blessed with enough of this world's goods to keep us in independence in the few years left to us in this life. My husband and I have lived together 62 years next April. We are both feeble now, but are in full possession of all our faculties. We have a long happy life to review, and like most old people live only in the past, and for this reason the Leedy CHRONICLE will be a great pleasure to us. We will look anxiously for the next copy issued.

Find enclosed 35 cts in stamps for a years subscription.

ELIZABETH LEEDY MISKIMIN.
Jan. 12, 1898.

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There are many evidences of the satisfaction to be derived from a family paper in this issue. Our friends will soon discover that they can write, and are learning that it is all right to write about their friends as though they were talking to one another.

It is indeed gratifying, even to hear from one another as often as the CHRONICLE is published, and we hope the friends will rally soon to enable it to come out monthly. So far, compared with the whole number of the Leedy connections, only a few have extended the assistance that is expected from them. With the majority it is a matter of attention and not a purpose not to assist

the work. Interested friends are invited to rouse up their delinquent relatives until we rally a strong army of faithful and devoted helpers which will push the family paper along to a glorious success, such as our Virginia cousins bespeak.

This number is late because we are pressed with work in the winter time and could not give it attention sooner. There was not much copy in our hands, and our ready fund of Leedy history is well nigh exhausted, and when pressed for time to do our other duties it is hard to get the necessary inspiration to write considerable about nothing. Then it is not peculiar to the Leedy nature. It is trained to shoot at the mark in the straightest line. Indeed such is the character of the Keith blood, some of which is in us.

There are always joys and sorrows in every walk of life. Every paper, no doubt will have accounts of departing friends. As for ourself we have decided that it is expedient not to write any expressions of sympathy. Busy minds often overlook matters not fully in the line of work, and as editor of this paper, all sustain a like relation to me, and all deserve the same expressions of regard when the cruel foe of man enters any of their homes and

takes away a loved and dear companion or associate.

Since our last issue, Uncle David Leedy, of North Liberty, Ohio, passed to the farther shore. A good soul he was. In the next paper his history will be printed.

Aunt Miskimin just came in time to help this paper out. She has been away so long that she was almost forgotten. It is an interesting letter she sends.

The Virginia branch of Leedys is coming along in admirable rank in this numbers. There are many more of them than we had supposed, and they are good writers. The lost lines are being found and gathering together in nice shape. Friends, let the good work go on, and write until every part of the paper is filled with your letters.

WANTED.

We want all the names of the brothers and sisters of Pioneer John Leedy. If you know, write them to us. This is one lacking link needed.

Another lacking link is the names of the sons and daughters of the original Leedy, of the Virginia line. Perhaps they were given by John K. Leedy of Virginia in one of his letters, but we were not sure. Write what you know and what you have heard your fathers tell. We know the

history is in the minds of the relatives, but not all in one memory. By collating, we will be able to get the main facts relating to the Leedys in the United States.

REUNION FOR 1898.

It was decided at our last Reunion to hold our Reunion for 1898 on the 3rd Wednesday in August, in Joseph Leedy's grove near Ankenytown. We make this announcement early so that friends and relatives everywhere may begin early and make arrangements to attend this Reunion, and if possible let us make this meeting long to be remembered than any former one. Don't forget the date, August 17th.

E. R. LEEDY, Sec.

THE NEXT CHRONICLE.

We expect to print the next Chronicle the last of April, and we invite friends to write what they will at once. We must have something to fill it with; and if you can write or answer any inquiries made in this paper, please do so. During the spring months will be exceedingly busy. Friends are planning to put up a building 24x60 feet and two stories for the accommodation of our printing office and we want to help the work along what we can.

STOCK SHARES.

If any of our friends have loose money and feel inclined to help us along, we will appreciate the assistance. Our business is incorporated, and we will issue for money loaned, shares of capital stock, and for this I will act as proxy and guarantee six per cent income annually, and to buy the stock back as I am able. This will put no one to any inconvenience, the security is property worth much more than the stock certificates issued and in the guarantee I pledge all other property I own. In this arrangement there is nothing to look after, and you pay no tax, which will make the interest equal to seven to nine per cent, to the ones who hold these guaranteed stock certificates.

WINGSTON, OHIO.

Dear Cousin:—I feel prompted to write to you and say I received the Leedy Chronicle and I am most highly pleased with it. It made me feel lonesome when I read your article about building our kitchen. Well we are still holding the same old fort. Time has wrought great changes since we pounded away at this old kitchen. I always thought I was the only Leedy living in Wood County, Ohio, but have heard of one by the name of William Leedy

living west of Bowling Green. I went down in his neighborhood to learn of his whereabouts, but did not find him at home, but learned that he buried his wife, Dec. 22, 1897. She left five children too small to care for themselves. His mother-in-law is keeping house for him. If the good Lord spares me I expect to attend the next Leedy Reunion.

Enclosed please find 35c for Leedy Chronicle. Send it to Minnie Harter, Rudolph, Wood Co., Ohio. Her name used to be Minnie Leedy. I called at their place yesterday and got her to take the paper.

H. E. LEEDY.

MARRIED.

On Dec. 22nd, the home of Isaac and Mary Leedy, Montevallo, Mo., was a place of festivities, occasioned by the marriage ceremony of their daughter, Miss Nannie Leedy to Mr. John Showalter, of Adrian, Mo., by Rev. S. B. Leedy. After numerous valuable presents were given all repaired to the dining-room where a bounteous supper was spread, of which sixty-five Leedy connection and friends partook.

It can be said that every one of the Leedy family residing in this locality were present from the greatest to the smallest, numbering about forty. The Bride and Groom will leave for their home at Adrian about Jan.

the 1st. A list of presents is as follows: A parlor lamp, by Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Leedy; table linen, by Mr. and Mrs. Felix Mc—; set of napkins by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Yeisley; set of towels, by Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Moore; a set of desert dishes, by Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Leedy; fruit stand, by Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Leedy; set of napkins, by Myrtle and Affie Wealand; preserve dish, by Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Leedy; set of towels, by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Shanabarger; mustard stand, by Mr. A. G. Leedy; tooth pick and salt tray, by Mrs. Shanabarger; bread plate, by Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Cripe; table linen, by Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Leedy; butter dish, by Miss Ella Leedy; a lovely silver cake, by Mrs. John Coverdale.

Dear Chronicle:—Being strictly family communications from all are welcome, I trust that I do not transcend the bounds of modesty by presenting, for your approval, one of my own poems. As a member of a literary club, I read it at our holiday session. It may interest your readers to know that I am one of six children of deceased, Archibald Graham Leedy, familiarly known as "Doc," whose widow, Mary Anne Leedy, now resides at Springfield, Mo. My father, with his brother Josiah and their families, emigrated from Virginia to Missouri in 1851. One brother, Madison,

settled in the south, two of whose children, a son and daughter, now reside in Birmingham, Ala. A sister, Eliza Hicks, came west later and died in Mo., leaving a rather numerous family, now scattered here and there through several states.

I read your last issue with great interest and noted its improvement over former numbers.

Very sincerely,

MARY FLANIGAN.

Mrs. J. H. Flanigan.

DAVID A. LEEDY, DECEASED.

David A. Leedy, son of Abraham Leedy, and an older brother of Rev. Isaac Leedy, died while about his morning chores at his barn, on the morning of Feb. 23, 1898. He was buried at the Ankenytown graveyard. His age was 76 years.

At a meeting of The Patrons Mutual Relief Association held Jan. 13th. 1898. at Bellville, O., Aaron Leedy was reelected Pres., and T. L. Garber, Sec.

R. S. Leedy is spending a few weeks with his brother E. S. Leedy. He will return to Washington Co., Iowa, in a short time, where he has secured a position on a farm for 10 months.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hess, of Ankenytown, O., Dec. 24th, 1897 a girl baby who will call Isaac Leedy grand pa.

A. O. Leedy has moved his family from Orchards, Washington, to Fairburg, Nebraska.

E. R. Leedy was reelected Secretary of Jefferson Grange, No. 251, for 1898.

Wm. D. Leedy hails us from Cerro Gordo, Ill. Cousin, tell us more about where you have been and what you are at.

F. L. Garber has recently been favored with an order for 10 gallons of his Choice Maple Syrup to go to Liverpool, Eng. Our English Brethren know a good thing when they taste it too.

F. L. Garber reports an ear of Corn containing 1465 grains.

"BIG" JOHN LEEDY'S

Pioneer farm still holds her own with 1135 bu. of wheat, 300 bu. oats, 2000 bu. ears corn, 45 bu. cloverseed, 455 bu. potatoes. The farm is some over 200 acres of the center of the section of 640 acres entered by our pioneer grandfather.

D. W. Leedy, of Woodland, Mich., promises chronicles of his family connections. Let them come. Little by little the fabric is being woven which will make a connected history of our people.

Virginia seems to contain many Leedys and connections. We were

not aware that we had so many relatives in the old Dominion.

We have yet found only the smaller part of the Leedy family and connections. Friends, send in the names of those you know.

We need not search around for clues to trace the Leedy race to its great forefather. As far as we can go back it is the son of Abraham. The race is true blue Israelites, and so are the general lines of marriage connections.

We intend to publish a history of the Leedy family, and will in time, but it is a large work to gather information, and no one of us has time to do it gratuitously. We must therefore gather it piece by piece until some future time we can commence the history.

If you have job work to do write us. We can print sale bills, and many other kinds of job work, mail to you and save you money. In this way you can help us on.

We are begging considerable in this issue because we know our relatives can easily afford to have this paper published monthly and double the size. The point about it is to be made willing, and we venture that some may become willing by solicitation.

It costs two to three dollars to get a half tone engraving, and we want to print one in each issue. It is not egotism but a kindness to your relatives to have yours published. Send us a good photograph and the money and we will do the remainder. This costs no more than a dozen photographs and you will have your likeness divided among hundreds of your relatives. We would like to have several in each issue. Our president has opened the way at our request and now let others follow.

Our Cousin Sophronia Leedy writes:—I have written several letters but it appears that you take no notice of them, or at least I fail to receive any reply. I suppose you think of us sometimes if you do not write. Mother is still among us. She is quite feeble, but notwithstanding still reads a great deal. That is all she can do. She is not able to hold her Bible. She tells me where she wishes to read. I find her the chapter and lay it before her on the table so she can read. A paper she can hold up to read. Sometimes can not get it turned. She has no use at all of her left arm, and it is only when one loses the use of one arm that we realize how much we need two arms. One of Martha's daughters was married the 23rd of Nov., Miss Florence, to Herman V. John-

son. They stay at her home with father and mother Rodibaugh and expect to commence house keeping in the spring. He is night telegraph operator at the Paris Depot of the Wabash R. R. The relatives are all in reasonable health. Oh yes I must tell you what Mary said about the Leedy Chronicle. I asked her last week how she liked it? Oh I like it but it provokes me. She said I sat down and began to read and was so interested and the first thing I knew here I was at the end and I had just well started. It seems too bad that there are not more of the Leedy relatives able to write up news for the paper. I would write if I was competent and perhaps that is the case with some others. I am glad to know that there are some that can. We had a letter from Maurice about ten days ago he is at Neal, Idaho. Says he expects to go to Alaska in the spring.

Dear Editor:—I received the Chronicle with all numbers heretofore published, and I assure you, there is not a more welcome guest that ever enters my humble home then our little family paper, and, if from a zeal that exceeds knowledge, I should at any time make my letters a too frequent tax upon its columns, I beg that you will treat it as a family matter, and allow my consignment to the waste basket

to be as tenderly and quietly done, as it is possible to preform so solemn a duty.

Now aside from all jest, I must congratulate you upon the splendid manner, in which you are executing your part in this magnificent enterprise. I congratulate our family too that it alone as far as I am able to hear, is the only family in America that can boast of an organ devoted exclusively to family matters; and it does seem to me that every member of the Leedy kinship who possesses a pride in ancestry, or a hope in posterity, should lend this beneficent venture every possible aid and assistance, until it is not only an assured success but more than that—a periodical that will rank high in the world of magazines; and last, but not least, will be the means of inspiring to still greater effort all the energies of a family that is now reckoned as one of the strongest that lives on American soil, in point of numbers as well as native ability. (barring the writer.)

I am just in receipt of a very interesting letter from a cousin, Dr. C. V. Leedy, of Fort Wayne, Ind., which was elicited by my former letter to the Chronicle. I having made mention in that letter of my Great Uncle Samuel, who moved from Augusta County it this state, to Ind., and Dr. C. V., being a grandson of his. I took the liberty to urge the

Doctor to write a letter to the Chronicle, which I hope he will have done, in time for publication in this issue.

Enclosed you will find my obligation for \$1.35c of which is the subscription price of the Chronicle, to be sent to my sister, Mrs. H. C. Moyers, (nee Leedy) whose address is Harrisburg, Va., a balance of 65 cents find credited on back of obligation.

Wishing the Chronicle and all its readers a happy and prosperous New Year, I remain, Dear Editor, Yours Sincerely,

ROBT. F. LEEDY.

LINCOLNVILLE, IND.

Editors of the Chronicle:—A few weeks ago I had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of the Chronicle, and became very much interested in it, and thinking perhaps I might give some information to further its development, and also by the request of my mother I will write you.

I am the daughter of Mrs. Evan James, (nee Elizabeth Leedy,) whose father was Jonas Leedy, the youngest son of Sam'l Leedy, and a brother of Rev. Joseph Leedy, and the late Jacob Leedy of Andrews, Ind.

In the year 1848 he was married to Harriet Craig, and to them were born six children, all of whom are living; viz. Joseph,

Elizabeth, Anna, Mary, Maud and Minnie.

I am confident that my grandparents would be very much pleased to receive the "Chronicle," and enclosed you will find \$.35 in stamps, for which you will please send to Jonas Leedy of Minneapolis, Ottawa Co., Kansas, the little paper, with which I know they will spend many happy hours.

Yours sincerely

M. PEARL JAMES.

Mch. 9, 1898.

DORA, IND.

Thinking you might want to learn more of the Leedy family I will write.

I am the daughter of Mrs. Daniel F. Duffey, (nee Susan Leedy,) whose father was Samuel Leedy and brother of Elder Joseph Leedy, and the late Jacob Leedy of Andrews, Ind.; also a brother of Jonas Leedy, of Minneapolis, Kansas. Samuel Leedy married Rebecca Crumbecker, Sept. 30, 1824. To them were born eight children of which three are living. His wife died Feb. 7, 1839. He married Elizabeth Blocher the following Nov. 1839. To this union were born four children of whom two are living. My mother, who lives near Dora, Wabash Co., Ind., and Joseph Leedy, who resides near Canyon Creek, Montana. Yours truly,

CORA E. DUFFEY.

MONTEVALLO, MO.

As I have a few subscribers for the Chronicle I will send a few items. I am very much interested in the Chronicle, I am willing to do any thing in my power to make the effort a success.

Aquilla G. Leedy, of Montevallo, and Miss Ellen Bicket, of Nevada, Mo., were married, Wednesday evening, Jan. 6th, 1898, Rev. Cornelson, officiating. They will go to their home at Milo, Mo., about March the 1st.

Ed. Moore has moved to Ceder, Co., on the farm recently purchased by Elda M. Leedy.

E. F. LEEDY.

I HAVEN'T A FRIEND TO SPARE.

NIXON WATERMAN.

I have friends in the North and friends in the East

And friends in the South and West:
And I call them all to my thoughts:
glad feast

For I love each one the best.
And this I know full well, that though
In many a heart I share,
To the very last I would hold them fast
For I haven't a friend to spare,
Not one!

No, never a friend to spare.
When the stars shine out at night I love
To drift in a dream-like spell,
And to fancy their lamps hang just
above

The hearts I knew so well.
And never a sky but 'neath it I
May think of a loved one there,
For each glad star points where they
are,

But I haven't a friend to spare,
Not one!
No, never a friend to spare.

Oh, you on the broad, far western plain,
And you by the eastern shore,
I call you into my life again
And I hear your words once more.
And though I stray in a stranger way,
It counts not when nor where,
You shall walk with me to the silent
sea
For I have n't a friend to spare,
Not one!
No, never a friend to spare.

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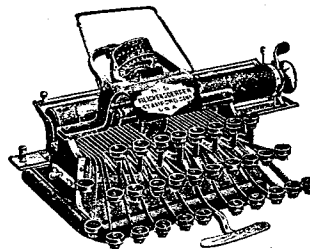
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BIOGRAPHY AND PORTRAIT OF DAVID LEEDY, DECEASED.

"Far from the scenes of care and bloody strife,
He drinks the pleasure of immortal life:
His soul, accustomed to the work of praise:
In love to God pours out seraphic lays,
Which swell, while roofing o'er those Heavenly plains,
Up to the throne, in softest sweetest strains:
He finds no one to bliss, He knows no pain.
For Him to live was Christ, to die was gain."

Again the unwelcome visitor has entered the ranks of the pioneer Leedys and claimed for his own one of the faithful who has stood in his place these sixty years and more; faithful as a man, a neighbor, citizen, husband, father, and a child of the King. He died in the faith and has been gathered unto the Fathers. It was truly said when he left the shores of time, that a good man has left us.

David A. Leedy died February 23, 1898, caused by heart failure, aged 76 years and 3 months, and the funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. S. E. Grisso, from a text of his own choice, Rev. xiv, 13, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord," and he was buried in the Ashkennytown cemetery which is located upon the farm his father

settled upon in 1829, when he was about eight years old. The cemetery is a trifle more than a quarter of a mile from the old home.

His death was sudden and without a struggle. He was blessed with remarkable good health up to within the last few years. The last month he seemed to be improving. He had become cheerful as ever. On the night previous to his death he was blessed with the company of Samuel Garber, a relative, a son of John L. Garber. The evening was occupied until a late hour in pleasant conversation. On the morning of the 23rd of February he arose and after eating a hearty breakfast, accompanied Mr. Garber to the barn, and while in the stable caring for horses he dropped dead.

He was born in Bedford Co., Pa. Nov. 22, 1821. and moved with his father's family to Knox Co. Ohio, when eight years old. In 1847 he was married to Susanna Grubb, and eight children were born to them, five of whom survive him, one son and four daughters. In 1886 the mother died.

In 1888 he was married to Mrs. Anna Cronkilton, who deeply mourns the loss, and she was a most devoted helpmeet in his closing years.

His will provided for settling his estate without the usual Court routine, and his son-in-law, Charles A. Beal was thereby entrusted with the duty. The farm has been sold and distribution made as provided.

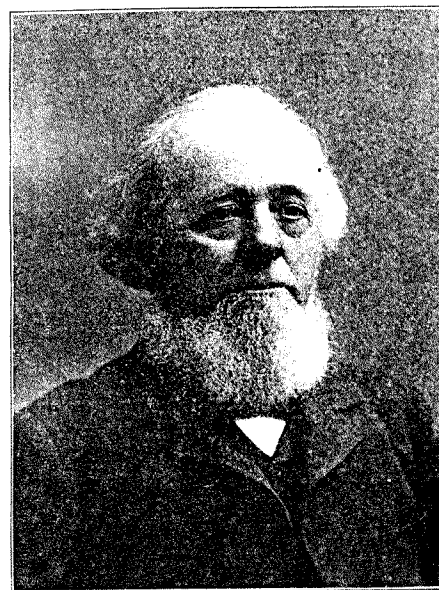
David Leedy was a man of medium stature, rather heavy set and jolly, kind and wholesouled as the days were long. He was an excellent manager and economical farmer and good stock grower. After his marriage he settled in Pike tp., Knox Co. Ohio, six or eight miles east of his early home at Ankenytown, on a farm where he lived to the time of his death. He kept a well improved farm, with handy and large buildings and was always abreast of the times in improvements.

He united with the German Baptist church in 1851. He was one of the original sixteen who formed the first so-called Leedy

church, and for years he worshiped God in the beauty of holiness and adorned his life with a blessed walk in love. He was so benevolent that he could not say no to anyone in distress or want. He was one of the few who were under large obligation to save the church of the brethren, (Progressive Tunker) the college property at Ashland, Ohio, worth about 50,000 dollars.

In his neighborhood universal respect is shown to his memory. No better neighbor ever lived. He was a moral man of the purest vein, a religious man faithful and devout, but free from the superstitions and exactions which often accompany a devout mind. He was forgiving to the full measure, and never carried revenge or bitterness in his thoughts. He would kindly treat and help his worst persecutors.

He spent liberally for the church and was a most faithful attendant at services through his many years of church relation, and often as we worshiped together with him our tears would flow many and fast as we sang the songs of redeeming love and considered the suffering of Jesus who redeemed us from corruptible things and lead us into the glorious light of redeeming love. He is resting now, and awaiting his crown while we are struggling under the burden of life. But bless God for



DAVID A. LEEDY.

glorious hope of a meeting where all tears are wiped away and peace shall flow as a river and righteousness as the waves of the sea. He was ripe, he more than

passed the three score years and ten allotted to man, and resignedly we bow to the divine will when he called his own full of glory and well ripe in years.

THE LEEDY GENERATION.

Original—ABRAHAM LEEDY.

Five Children, Two Sons Married.

SECOND GENERATION.

PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH.

Abraham Leedy, ten children,
six sons, four daughters.

VIRGINIA BRANCH.

Who knows? Three sons and
five daughters.

THIRD GENERATION.

John,
David,
Jacob,
Abraham,
Daniel,
Samuel,
Susan,
Katherine,
Elizabeth,
Margaret.John,
Jacob,
Daniel,
Betsey,
Susy,
Katy,
Sally,
Polly.

FOURTH GENERATION.

Lewis K. and others.

John K. and others.

TRIBE OF DAVID LEEDY.

Dear Cousin:—In the last issue of the Chronicle I notice *An appeal to the tribe of David Leedy* by Cousin Isaac Leedy. This appeal came home to my father and his children, father being the son of the David Leedy referred to. It seems that many years ago grandfather Leedy moved from Bedford Co., Pa., to Montgomery Co., Ohio, and his brother and sisters moved to Northern Ohio, into Knox Co. In that way we

were separated from all the other Leedys. We have always been desirous of knowing more of our Leedy cousins and in that respect the Chronicle came to us as a revelation. We read the letter to our cousin with much interest and appreciation and in behalf of father, brother and sisters wish to thank all who have been instrumental in this grand work, instituting a family paper. It is truly an able effort and we hope

will fulfill its mission of establishing a history of the Leedy race.

I think grandfather was born in Bedford Co., Pa. Grandmother Leedy's maiden name was Hart and I think she was also born in Bedford Co., Pa. The date of her birth and marriage I do not know. Can some one give us this information through the Chronicle? To them were borne 11 children, John, Rebecca, William, Abraham, Elizabeth, Henry, David, Daniel, Catharine, Susan and Jacob, my father. All were born in Bedford Co., Pa., except Susan and father and all grew up and married except John, Rebecca and Catharine. John and Rebecca died on the old Leedy farm where grandfather first settled near Union, Ohio, when the country was new, and Catharine died in Miami Co., Ind. Grandfather died when father was only 2 years old and grandmother when he was 18 years old. William, Abraham, David, and Daniel lived in Miami Co., Ind., after marriage where all raised families. Elizabeth, Henry, Susan and father married and remained in Ohio. Father moving to Woodland, Mich. in Aug. 1882 where he has lived every since. I do not know much about father's brothers and sisters except Susan who married mother's brother, Jacob Worner. William married Nancy Kessler and lived near

Deedsville, Indiana. He died about ten years ago while visiting his sister Susan near Greenville, Ohio. Abraham married Mary Kessler, sister of William's wife. He died many years ago in Miami Co., Ind. I think Elizabeth married Henry Studabaker and died in Ohio many years ago. Do not know when her husband died. Henry married Mary Flory, lived and raised a family in Ohio. He and his wife are both dead. One of their daughters lives near Greenville, Ohio. Her husband's name is Henderson Albright and his address is Greenville, Ohio. David married Mary Hissong in Knox Co., O. He moved to Miami Co., Ind. and died a few years ago near Denver. His wife is also dead. Daniel married Jane Nelson and lived near Logansport, Ind. He died many years ago while in the west for his health. Aunt Jane is still alive so far as I know and living with her son Lewis Leedy. P. O. address, Anoka, Ind. Susan married Jacob Worner. She died about 9 or ten years ago near Greenville, O. Her husband is still alive and I think makes his home with his son D. S. Warner whose address is Bakers Store, Darke Co., O. She also has a daughter married to Isaac Royer whose address is Greenville, Ohio.

My father, Jacob A. Leedy,

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was born Jan. 28, 1824 near Union, Montgomery Co., O. My mother's name before she was marriage was Catharine Worner, and was borne Dec. 16, 1823, near Union, Montgomery Co., O. Father and mother were married April 17, 1847. To them were born 9 children: Isabella, Hettie, Celesta Cecilia, Mary Catharine, David and William (twins) Libbie, Ida and John. All are living except William who died Oct. 16, 1882. All the rest are married except Ida and the writer. (I guess the governor didn't know all his relations when he said he never knew of a maid or a bachelor Leedy) Isabella married E. B. Williamson Feb. 21, 1867, and live near Center, Montgomery Co., O. Hettie married David Landis Feb. 19, 1871, and lives near Woodland, Mich. Celesta Cecilia married L. D. Worner, March 14, 1871 and lives near Scothville, Mason Co., Mich. Mary Catharine married H. J. Townsend, March 8, 1879 and lives near Woodland Barry Co., Mich. Libbie married Joseph Wagomon, Oct. 20, 1892 and also lives near Woodland Barry Co., Mich.

John married Fredona Riggle in March, 1895 and lived near Scothville, Mason Co., Mich. To the union of these marriages have been born 22 children and 10

grand children all of which are alive except 1 child of H. J. Townsend and 1 grandchild of E. B. Williamson and 1 grandchild of L. D. Worner's

My mother died March 18, 1895 near woodland Mich. She lived and died a faithful member of the German Baptist (Dunkard) Church.

Cousin Isaac, you say you will remember father's visit at your father's. Yes I have often heard him speak of his visit to his uncle and aunts in Knox Co. I have often heard him speak of his "fat Uncle John and how he had to sit in a cool place in the hot summer time. He also spoke of his Uncles Daniel, Samuel and Jacob Leedy and his uncle Daniel and Joseph Hetrick and his Uncle John Long with whom he boarded for several months while going to school in your section. He has many pleasant recollections of his visit and not long ago I heard him say he would like very much to visit it among you. But many years have passed since his boyhood days and he is now 74 years old. His health is generally good with the exception of his hearing which is very poor. He is not very active on account of his being heavy and fleshy. He likes company very much and is of a jovial disposition which I believe is characteristic of the Leedy race in fact

so far as I can learn he is a typical Leedy.

Well, I fear I will intrude upon the good nature of my Cousin editor and readers of the Chronicle if I do not close this letter at once. I have endeavored to give a brief sketch of our family and I hope I have not been too tedious. I hope in the future to be able to give more chronicles of our family and of passing events.

Now in conclusion, I wish to say that we would be delighted to read a letter from all our relatives through the Chronicle or otherwise. May we not hear from you? I remain, as ever.

Your cousin,

DAVID W. LEEDY.

MANASSAS, VA.

Dear Editor:—Solemn emotions both of rapturous joy and plaintive sorrow plays across my breast, as the Chronicle brings fresh to my mind places and scenes of my childhood.

Cora E. Duffey, Dora, Ind., causes my pen in a distant land to move, and my heart to beat like a war drum. Thirty years ago my father sold his little home at Dora that he purchased of Henry Blocher and moved east.

In the graveyard at Dora sleeps my little brother Henry. He fell off a little fruit scaffold made on

the corner of the yard fence, while at play, and his temple hit a stone. He lived about 24 hours after his fall, and then bid us good bye to meet again in eternity. A little marble grave stone marked his burial spot. I hope it still remains. Since we are here in the east my next oldest sister Minerva has left the shores of time and gone home, leaving two boys that are now young men, and on the 20th day of Nov. last, my mother's bark of life wafted out beyond the vision line of a quiet tideless sea, and the silken hand of death wafted her out of sight. She seen her trouble during the war. Father, for the union principles he maintained had to leave this country to save his life and seek refuge in the mountains of West Va., and mother took us children and a few clothes and left all else behind and met father beyond the Union lines.

Notwithstanding the reverses the war brought, she always looked forward to a bright and happy future, and to a good, extent realized her hopes before the finger of God touched her and like a flower withered.

Mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Ann Ridenour. Her mother's maiden name was Coffman.

Her grand-mother Coffman's maiden name was Elizabeth Rhodes. Her father, Mr. Rhodes a Minnonite preacher, wife and

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several children were murdered by the last depredations committed by the Indians in Page County, Va.

Elizabeth, my great-grandmother saved herself and baby sisters by running through the hemp field and crossed over the river, and got away safely to a neighbor's house.

Her sister, (the baby died,) two sisters and two brothers were taken away captives; one a sickly little brother who could not stand fatigue of travel was murdered in the mountains and his two little sisters refusing to go further, were also murdered and their bodies thrown on a pile for the wolves. The older brother went on and in after years returned and established the Rhodes family in the valley of old Virginia. So you see our mothers before us had their troubles. Sister Cora Duffey I have promised from year to year to return to Dora and see those swung hand in hand to school in years gone by. I doubt not that many have been scattered and others as time has washed its banks has gathered them as jewels to the other shore.

J. W. LEEDY.

Until our friends come along with their support to make the Chronicle come out regularly, let all be patient. The paper will not stop without full and fair warning.

REV. III, 15, 16.

My people hath forgotten me,
To stumble in their ways;
Far from the ancient paths they be
As was in former days.

Thus saith the Lord your God,
Stand in the ways and see,
Ask for the old paths where you tread
When ye remembered me.

Oh where is the good way?
And walk therein, and ye
Shall find rest for your souls each day
They said, We will not see.

Two parts therein the land
Shall be cut off and die:
The third part shall remain and stand
And to their God draw nigh.

I'll try them saith the Lord,
And bring them through the fire
I will refine them by my word,
As gold is tried by fire.

They shall walk in my way,
And call upon my name.
It is my people, I will say:
They'll say, My God the same.

Even at this present time
There is a remnant yet.
O Lord whoever will be thine
Nor worldly things beget.

Fear not, ye little flock,
It is your Father's will
Ye who are built upon the Rock
To trust his kingdom still.

Oh let us search God's word
And see what part we are:
The third part truly is the Lord's,
The two parts are a snare.

Ye lukewarm who profess,
Would ye were cold or hot.
Ye say, We're rich, but don't possess
Therefore I'll spue thee out.

Oh God, forbid that we
Should be of those two parts:
To be so cold we cannot feel,
Or have a boasting heart.

Composed by RACHEL HINES.

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GETTING A START.

We publish in this number a small table of the original families. It is not large, but it is large enough for nearly every Leedy twenty years old, with the family knowledge, to tell which branch he belongs to.

We are not certain that the Virginia branch is correct, but we offer it for correction. When once there is something tangible, there is always a readiness to recognize errors and correct them.

One coincidence we notice, if we have the correct understanding, namely, that the oldest child in the fourth generations in both lines uses K as a middle letter. Do we understand that the cousins in the third generation married Keith women, and were they

sisters? Again it appears to us that the oldest child in each of the lines of the third generation was named John. Is this correct? or have we confused matters? If such is the fact and they married Keiths, there must have been quiet a rivalry between the two tribes at that early day for like names.

Now friends, let us get this beginning correct, and the lines can then be rapidly traced.

A COMPLAINT.

We want to file a complaint against many relatives for their slowness in subscribing for the CHRONICLE, and extending assistance in building up this paper. A few may not be financially able to gather 35 cents, but we must say that the Leedys are precious few who are as trifling as that. But it is a fact that not five per cent of all we know about have enrolled their names on the list of subscribers. Friends you ought to do better than this. You have the means, and a little attention is all that is required to help the effort along.

VERY BUSY.

We are not able to give this issue much attention. We are in the midst of building now and shortly will move our office. It

contains machinery and equipments that covers a floor space of over three thousand square feet and weighs many tons; and because we do many things, like editing this paper, for which we get no compensation, we must economize by looking after many details and chores. Thousands will say the man is a fool for working for nothing, and perhaps he is; but we thank God that the demon of littleness does not dwell in our soul.

Well, what we want cousins, is to hurry up. My two grand-fathers folks comprise the greater part of the subscription list. Come along and put down your names, and let us hear from you often.

OUR COUSIN IN BALTIMORE.

A short advertisement appears in this number from a cousin Leedy in Baltimore, Maryland. This is one of the large shipping points on the Atlantic Ocean, and as many farmer friends live along the B. & O. Ry. line, they can ship direct.

Many might dispose of their produce to great advantage by shipping to him. Write him friends and learn what he can do for you.

NOTES AND NEWS.

David W. Leedy fills out one line of the fourth generation.

Let us hear from other relatives. Look at the Leedy table in number, take up your line and carry it to the present.

There are few items for number. No one has thought worth while to write. All busy we suppose.

Some of the friends are anxious to receive the CHRONICLE. If such would sit down and write the news they know about relatives the paper could come sooner. We may sometimes miss some because we have two places to keep them one is our private library the other the office, we may not always look at both places and get all together.

We wonder what is the matter with Indiana. It is full of Leedys but we have not a half dozen on the list of subscribers. Let us hear from you with 35 cents.

We have recently sent a sample copy of The Health Journal in print, to friends. Now it is your pay you to subscribe for it. You know how to have good health and will tell you how to have it in that journal and it will cost you only 25 cents a year. Let us hear from all of you friends.

The Reunion will be in August and you are all wanted there. Come and share in the occasion.

The affairs of the Ashland University have been settled. A number of Leedys and connections were involved in its financial concerns, but we are glad to say that they have come out without very serious loss.

This is number six of the CHRONICLE. One friend writes that some one prophesies that it will not last. This is true if the relatives want it that way. It is no trouble to stop. There is no use of prophesying that. It can stop without prophesying. What we want of every one who prophesies that way—subscribe for himself and all of his Leedy connections. It will hurt no one if he does prove to be a false prophet. Send in your pledges, donations, subscriptions. That will mean business and a paper every month.

Our Virginia cousins have many excellent writers among them, and some of the prettiest penmen we ever look after.

We wonder whether we can get ready for a July CHRONICLE to come out about August 1st in good time to tell about the Reunion arrangements. Will you write on a postal card whatever comes to you.

J. L. Garber, our uncle, has bought our Grand Father's old

farm east of Bellville, Ohio, and expects to hold it during his lifetime. On it we spent several years of our early boyhood.

It will be a satisfaction to know you are still alive. Write in good time so that we know something is coming. We have six different papers to print and this is only the small part of our personal cares, and sure we have not time to sit on the fence and call at you for reports. We must do everything in a hurry or not do it at all, and if you are sailing under the same flag do as we do.

Since we last wrote, war has come upon us. Have not heard whether any of our relationship is in it or not. Many are opposed to war from religious principles.

It is an interesting letter that our cousin at Manassas, Va., sends.

There are many good things in this paper even though we have not heard from many. The next one will be better.

Our friends are so slow subscribing, that it will necessary to come at you for a donation some of these times. So begin to get ready for it now. Look where you can make a few extra dollars for the purpose. The good and generous always live happy the longest and die happy too, and that class of

our family can push the CHRONICLE boat along nicely.

Prof. L. L. Garber will graduate at the Ohio State University this June, and then he perhaps can magnify his office as historian of the Leedy Reunion Committee. What is now needed is for some generous one to donate a hundred dollars to pay for postage stamps and pay for ink and paper to shake up the "dry bones" and find out where they are from.

We kindly say to all not to put themselves to trouble to write us about the paper until they know they have been missed, either by learning that others received a paper they have not, or get one two numbers higher than the last they received. Or write an item or two about friends for the paper, on a card or a letter and send us, mentioning the fact that number so much was the last received. We will understand the hint, and respond if necessary.

Other duties are pulling us away from this task and we can hardly work into the spirit to write more about nothing in time for this paper.

DR. S. P. DYER DECEASED.

Just before closing this paper it happens to our mind that nothing

is said of the death of S. Dyer, M. D., step-father to editor. He resided at Bellville, Ohio, where he had practiced medicine for many years. The mediate cause of his death was lung trouble, although age was a life away. He was, perhaps, 65 years old. Our father died in 1865, and in five or six years after our mother, a daughter of Abraham Leedy, and sister of R. Isaac Leedy, was married to M. Dyer.

He leaves three sons and three daughters by his first wife, and one daughter of his last marriage. His relation, who is a teacher in Bellville Public Schools.

Our data is not sufficient to write any particulars about his life except in a general way. I failed to get to the funeral on account of an error in the telegram notifying us of his death, which made the funeral a day later than it occurred, and our memory fails to be positive on the date of his decease, over a month ago.

He was born on a farm, and lived the greater part of his life in the south-west part of Richland Co., Ohio.

One by one the old are passing away, and the places of life they filled know them no more.

SOME CORRESPONDENCE.

GENERATION OF ABRAHAM II.

Bellville, Ohio.

Apr. 3, 1898.

Dear Editor: I see in THE CHRONICLE that you want to know who the old Leedys married and we have a blind woman who has Susan Swank at our house who knows. I will give you the information.

John Leedy married

Elizabeth Keith,

David Leedy Katherine Hart,

Jacob Leedy Susan Study,

Abraham Leedy Elizabeth Zook,

Daniel Leedy first, Susan Hol-

inger's second, Saloma Brown,

Samuel first Katherine Lett,

second Sarah Wycough.

The old Leedy sisters:

Susan Leedy married John Long,

Katherine Joseph Hetrick,

Elizabeth Daniel Hetrick,

Margret Martin Grove,

John located in Richland Co.

David, Miami Co.

Jacob, Knox Co.

Abraham, " Co.

Daniel, Richland Co.

Samuel, " Co.

Susan, Knox Co.

Katherine, " Co.

Elizabeth, " Co.

Margret, Richland Co.

JOHN L. GARBER.

Send your items in at once for the next issue, and your name is a subscriber too.

Fort Wayne, Ind.

March 28, 1898.

Dear Editor of the Chronicle:—In perusing the pages of THE CHRONICLE, I notice among many other interesting things an article written by A. D. Leedy, of Salem, Oregon. He wishes someone to come to his rescue and tell him who he is. Now this is too much for me, but if he claims Samuel Leedy for his grand-father, and Barbara Garber for his grand-mother, and Daniel Leedy for his father, I can tell him that he had uncles and aunts as follows: Samuel, Elizabeth, ? Abraham, John, Abraham, Catherine, Joseph, Anna, Daniel, Susannah, Jacob, Jonas and Rebecca. But no doubt you know all this, and are wondering about our great-grand-father. I have watched THE CHRONICLE in vain for this end. All that I can find that our grand-father Samuel, had a brother Daniel, and John and perhaps Jacob, and sisters to the effect of "Betsy," Caty, Sally and Polly. I hope I will not be accused of plagiarism, I repeat this for the sole purpose of compiling it in the hope that some one may come to our rescue and tell us of our great-grand-father; who he was and what relation, if any, to the long train of Abrahams.

Now A. D. perhaps you would like to know something of the writer, I am the youngest son of Jacob, your father's brother.

er. I am a bachelor, nearly 30 yrs, of age, (but still looking for a Miss Garber.) living at Ft. Wayne, Ind. I had two brothers and four sisters. Brother Thomas is living in Texas and sisters Harriet and Josaphine are living in Huntington Co., Ind. The other brother and sisters having died several years ago. My mother passed quietly to her rest in 1888, and father died in 1895:

In Huntington and Wabash Cos. we have quite a number of cousins, and are all characteristic Leedys, proud of our family name, happy to hear of the prosperity of the family elsewhere and glad to report the same of ourselves.

I want to thank the Reunion Committee for THE CHRONICLE. Though small, I never read a paper in my life, in which every word in it, counted as it does in this one. I hope you will not "weary of well doing," but keep the good work going on until every stem of the great Leedy vine is found and then give us a grand compilation of the whole family in a history. I have told you about all that I know about the Leedy's but if it is possible for me to lend you or any readers of THE CHRONICLE any aid in the way of biographies I will be very glad to do so.

I remain very truly yours,
C. V. LEEDY.
Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Minneapolis, Kans.

March 23, 1895

To THE CHRONICLE: We just received THE LEEDY CHRONICLE for which we thank our good friend, M. Pearl James, daughter, M. Pearl James, much; for as we knew nothing such a paper until it came to us and we have enjoyed it so much. Having noticed accounts of letters from Cousin John K. Leedy of Virginia we would like to get some of the back numbers. We will remit for them if you state what they are worth. I will give you a statement of my whole family in the near future.

Yours Respt. JONAS LEEDY

Dear Editor:—Leedy Chronicle No. 5, received, and note with interest our President's (Brother Isaac Leedy's,) letter. I am away behind with him. He wrote me a letter a year ago. I must admit it was rather good one, and also asked that he be present at the last Reunion. I send my topic for program. I had written on my topic, We shall the harvest be, and answered his letter. Thought it was well. But on Aug. 17, the reunion on the 18th, I found the letter in my desk not made and as my papers and specimens were out of date they went into the stove. I am anxious to see the President and shake hands, and fix up again.

I note what he says about father, J. K. Leedy and Robert

Leedy. I have met father several times, but not with cousin Robert Leedy. But I know him by reputation. Robert is noted as a lawyer and writer and stands high in his profession in this state.

I cannot furnish my name. I am to more than one Governor at the time or Robert would get there. I have found a lost tribe of Leedys that are nowhere mentioned in the Book of Chronicles. They are in and about Strasburg, Pa. A goodly number I have told. I will get a report for the next Chronicle from them.

Cousin Robert Leedy, please make a report of the Leedy's at the interview, Va. I know there is some there and think you understand their relationship.

J. W. LEEDY.

Manassas, Va.

GOVERNOR LEEDY AFTER THE SUPREME COURT.

In March, Governor Leedy, of Kansas, gave to the Press, a statement applying to a decision of the Supreme Court regarding the Nebraska maximum freight rate case. The article is two and a half columns long, and a few pick-outs were made for the perusal of his many relatives.

The Associated Press dispatches that the Supreme Court of the United States was about to hand down a decision in the Nebraska case that was adverse to the

State. The opinion has been handed down, and the Associated Press dispatches say that it is a clean victory for the railroads. On the contrary, it is an unclean victory in every aspect of the case, showing that no matter how carefully the robes of justice are folded about the personnel of the Supreme court these robes can no longer conceal the cloven hoof of official malfeasance and usurpation.

Nobody but a slave or a knave will yield assent to the hideous distortion of meaning which Judge Harlan gives to the word "person" as used in the fourteenth amendment and upon which he bottoms his infamous decision, and which shows to what depths of iniquity the Supreme court of the United States has descended.

I am sorry to say that my opinion of the nefarious practices of the court have been justified.

If the court still pursues the corrupt and rotten practices that it has heretofore, by changing its decisions to suit the shifting interests of the railroad corporations, it will make plain the fact the people of the United States need not look further to the courts for justice, but that they must either make up their minds to submit or they must take issue with the courts and exact from them guarantees that provisions of the constitution that have been construed by the courts and sanctioned by the people for a hundred years shall be beyond the power of the courts to change.

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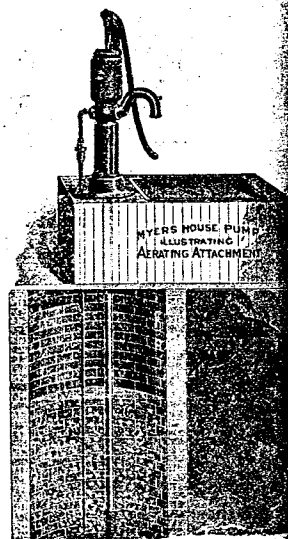
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THE LEEDY REUNION.

The third annual Leedy Reunion with all its anticipations, anxieties, pleasures, and disappointments is among the things of the past,—gone into history. The hearty greeting and handshakings and God-bless-yous by kindred friend and loved ones who met after a long absence, inspiring, heart-cheering and refreshing. Like a bubble on the sea however, they soon disappeared from our natural vision and will live in our memories when we are far from each other. It is a foretaste of the grand and glorious reunion in the Kingdom of God when all the Lord's children who ever had an existence from the beginning of the creation to the close of probation, will be called from their graves, clothed in immortality. Then shall we fully realize the consolation the following:

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that when he (God) shall appear we shall be like him: for we shall see him; as he is." This will be the last, final reunion, ere all our disappointment,

and heart-achs will be felt and feared no more.

The ladies whose names appeared on the program all ably and faithfully discharged their duty, creditably to themselves and to the Association. The portion of the program assigned to the men was a blank. Rev. Kimmel and J. L. Garber, were unable to attend on account of sickness. Dr. C. V. Leedy had patients in a very critical condition therefore, he could not come. J. W. Leedy of Va., bought a farm and is erecting buildings, therefore he could not come. William Hart Leedy of Ind., added another on the day of the Reunion, that is he married a wife on that day therefore he could not come. I wonder why they did not get married a few days sooner and come to Ohio to spend their honeymoon. H. E. Leedy of Winstons, O., said to the readers of the Chronicle if the good Lord would spare him till the next Reunion he would be there; he was spared but sick.

By suggestion of the retiring President the third Wednesday in August was fixed as the day for holding future reunions; so no one need be at a loss to know the time of future reunions.

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Arrange your affairs accordingly. The place was not named, thus extending the privilege to any parties desiring to have the next reunion in North Western Ohio, or Ind. If no call is made in due time it will be at the same place, at Ankenytown. By request the president was relieved of his office and was succeeded by his youngest brother, A. A. Leedy.

It was a great pleasure to be able to turn the affairs of the association over to our successor with a snug sum of money in the treasury to be used to promote the interests of the association. This money was given by those who participated in the election of officers at the close of the reunion.

It was our happy privilege to attend the Phillips Reunion, Sept. 1st in C. O. Miller's grove two miles east of Ankenytown; the attendance wasn't so large as our reunion, but a much larger per cent of the relatives from a distance were present and made the occasion very inspiring by their friendly greetings and sociability. About 350 of the Phillips relatives were present and 50 of the number were from a distance, many from Western Ohio and Indiana.

Births—Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Leedy, of Mt. Vernon, May 7th 1898, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leedy Debolt, of Ankenytown, O., May 25, 1898, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leedy

Cocanower, of Newark, O., June 1st, 1898, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. Miller Leedy, of Ankenytown, O. June 12th, 1898, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. V. Merian Leedy, of Ankenytown, O., a son.

OBITUARY.

Jackson Long, a highly respected citizen of Worthing township, passed away in death at his home 1½ miles south of Butler, last Thursday, aged 56 years, months and 16 days. He has been afflicted with latent pleurisy since March 2nd and suffered more or less until death came to his relief.

He was the son of Abraham and Ctharine Long, deceased, and has always lived on the home place, three miles west of town until within 18 months of his death. His widow, whose maiden-name was Hissong, has seven children, two sons and five daughters, deeply feel their loss. Two children preceded him in death, a daughter in '65 and a son in '89 and a strange coincidence it is that they also died the month of August, between the 22th and 31st. There survive him four brothers, one of them living in Iowa, one whom was present at the funeral and two sisters who were unable to attend the funeral on account of afflictions.

The funeral services were

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LEEDY REUNION.

NEARLY A THOUSAND PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE.

The third annual Leedy Reunion was held in Joseph Leedy's grove near Ankenytown, Ohio, Wednesday, August 17. Fine weather characterized the latter part of the day, but the morning showers and lowering clouds deterred many from attending who otherwise would have done so, and reduced the number in attendance to probably nine hundred, Leedys and friends.

The grove, the same in which the reunion was held last year, is a part of the original possession of "Father Abraham" Leedy to whom the Leedys of this vicinity and many of those in other states trace their ancestry. No pains had been spared to make the grove a suitable place for the meeting. A beautiful site had been chosen for the erection of the stage. A large banner on which was inscribed the name of the organization formed the top front, and the rear was tastefully decorated with American flags. Commodious seats for the accommodation of 500 or more were arranged in front of the stage, and these were surrounded by a group of stately forest trees whose lengthly over-reaching branches formed a thick verdant canopy for the natural amphitheater, and most fitly adapted it to its purpose.

in the Brethren church at Ankenytown last Sunday morning, conduct by Rev. Kimmel of Buckeye City, and was very largely attended. He was hurried by the order of K. of G. E. of Butler, of which he was an honored member. Three other castles of the order, North Liberty, Amity and Lucas were represented at the funeral.

Mr. Long was known as an affectionate husband and father in the home, and a peacable, accommodating neighbor in the community, always ready to help those in need, and, therefore, had many friends and few, if any enemies. He frequently expressed a desire to get well and manage his affairs for his family's sake, but the Divine will has ruled otherwise, to which will the bereaved bowed submissively. Peace to his ashes.

ISAAC LEEDY.

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