Correspondence from Germany-J. Hantschko. *Giddings Deutsches Volksblatt*, 10 Sep 1903. Image 011100345.

## Sorreipendeng und Deatigiland.

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Die Ernlagett ift vorüber und die Farmer haben alle grande voll Arbeit, ba biejes gabe die Schennen in Mein find und muß ausgedrofcen viverben. Das Betfer war jehr gungig, genis gend Sonneuschen, teine hige, Reaumur über 30 Grab. Die undifte Arbeit ift jest ber Ste Schnitt nom ben mob bos Rartoffelausmachen, bos ift eines ber beften Brobulte Deutschlands, ba gier tein Mais ift, werben bie Schweine damit gemäftet, wie am Rartoffelliebe heißt.

Bie näglich find fie auchifär uns Das Bieb bauti ju maften

Siebt's siete Gerten bin und ber

Die guten find bie beften. Ocute ist in Spreewig SRiffionstpft and unfer Boftor Danbeit nebit etlichen Bemeindegliebern haben fich borthen bes geben.

In Echleife oft hente ein reges Leben, benn hler feinet der chiefiger Rutinverent fen 3. Stufungofeft und findet ein grofes Schouturnen statt, auch die benache barten Bereine find eingelaben. Huch bei Artieger Betein von Galeife beftebend aus 160 bis 170 Mitgliebern hat heute Berfammlung.

Rödften Sonntag mirb ber Edüben-Berein von Leebenborf fein diebjährnes Bereinsfiftigen abhalten. Bergangene Boche 6. 26. 127. 18. Ruguft hatte ber GalgenBerein von Beifmeffer fein diebjähriges Rönigsift verlegt worben, er befindet fich jeht i an ber Cauffer nach Rochten, hinter bem Berge nahe am Alt-Leich und wird von e Beifmaffer aus electrifc befuchtet, mie ich fcon bemertie, ift Beigmaffer mit Correspondence from Germany

Schleife the 28<sup>th</sup> of August, 1903

## Worthy Editor!

What happened to the correspondences from Schleife? Did they perhaps fall into the ocean or are they in Rab's Creek at Hermann Schneider? I hope to hear from you in the next numbers as I receive two of numbers of your paper every other week and it appears that you are not receiving my letters.

The harvest is over and the farmers have their hands full of work since the barns are too small this year and they must therefore expedite the threshing. The weather was very favorable, enough sunshine and no heat over Reaumur 80 degrees. The next task is the last cut of the hay and to extract the potatoes which is one of the best products in Germany since we do not have corn to feed the pigs, as is explained in the potato song:

How useful they are for us To feed the animals With many kinds to and fro The good ones are the best.

We have a mission festival in Spreewitz today and our Pastor Hendrik is attending with several members of the community.

Things are lively in Schleife today as our gymnastic club is celebrating its third anniversary with a great tournament to which neighboring clubs are invited. The Kruger Club from Schleife is also represented today with its 160 to 170 members.

The rifle club from Trebendorf will have its annual shooting competition next Sunday.

The gun club from Weisswasser held its annual king's shooting competition last week on the 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> of August at a shooting range that has been moved and is now located on the road to Nochten behind the hill close to Alt-Teich and is electrically illuminated by Weisswasser; as I indicated

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previously, Weisswasser and Hermannsdorf have joined to become one city with about 11,000 inhabitants with an evangelical and catholic church and numerous factories. Many former farmers have become wealthy there as the value of a Prussian morgen\* of land, in some places, is 3000 *mark* or 750 dollars. Rye had a very high grain count this year, straw costs only 140 to 150 *marks* per hundred-weight or 39 cents as opposed to 3 *marks* or 70 cents last year. Uncle Sam takes care of clothing and wheat flour; even though the boll weevil does some damage to the cotton plants, cotton is still inexpensive and plentiful in Germany.

What is it with Buscha in Warda, we wonder if he no longer subscribes to *Volksblatt* since we don't hear from him? We have heard through a news release that Mr. Matthes Schurmann is in Germany; however, there is no sight of him in our area.

With friendly greetings to the readers of the *Volksblatt*.

Johann Hantschke also known as Schuschk Owner in Schleife

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## \* As found at <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morgen">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morgen</a>

A morgen was a unit of measurement of land area in Germany, the Netherlands, Poland and the Dutch colonies, including South Africa and Taiwan. The size of a morgen varies from 1/2 to 2 1/2 acres, which equals approximately 0.2 to 1 hectare. It was also used in old Prussia, in the Balkans, Norway and Denmark, where it was equal to about two-thirds of an acre (0.27 ha).

The word is usually taken to be the same as the German and Dutch word for "morning". Similarly to the Imperial acre, it was approximately the amount of land tillable in the morning hours of a day by one man behind an ox or horse dragging a single bladed plough. The *morgen* was commonly set at about 60–70% of the *tagwerk* (literally "day work") referring to a full day of ploughing. In 1869, the North German Confederation fixed the morgen at a *quarter hectare* (i.e. 2500 square meters) but in modern times most farmland work is measured in full hectares.