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OUR MINERAL WEALTH.

Practical Suggestions by Col. Demming.

"The mineral wealth of Fulton county is so great, and the varieties so numerous, it has seemed strange to me that so little has been done in the way of development." This remark was made in McConnellsburg a few days ago by Col. Henry C. Demming, of Harrisburg, the widely known geologist and mineralogist. Continuing, he said, "For some time I have been trying to devise a plan whereby in localities like Fulton county development work may be inaugurated, and deposits of minerals of commercial value opened up for market. The first steps will have to be made by local men, with home capital. Then when a mineral, for which there is a demand in the general market, is brought to light, and a large deposit demonstrated, outside capital and enterprise are more certainly and readily secured. When these secondary steps are made, then the business of mining, manufacturing the crude product, and placing it in a good market are assured."

"There are several mineral deposits almost immediately available. Take for instance the barite near Fort Littleton, the quantity and quality were demonstrated there 25 years ago. There are so many good uses for this mineral that the American supply is unequal to the demand, and prices are higher than for 20 years. Many tons are being imported into the United States from Nova Scotia and Germany. "Between Fort Littleton and Burnt Cabins there are yellow, red, and brown ochers in abundance; and for even the poorest there is now a market."

"A few miles south of Fort Littleton you have outcroppings of gypsum. A movement is on foot to merge all the gypsum mining companies in North America; and, when the consolidation is effected, there will be more profit in gypsum mining than there has been in 30 years."

"About four miles south-west of McConnellsburg there are flag stone deposits equal to those along the Hudson river. A dozen samples placed on exhibition in the cities of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and Pittsburg would go farther toward the building of a railroad in Fulton county than all the talk we have had on the subject for the last generation."

"The excavating for the reservoir and the water mains revealed more high grade clays for fire bricks and crucibles than had theretofore been dreamed of."

"Toward the lower end of the county there is a regular lode of manganiferous iron ore, just what is wanted for the manufacture of ferro-manganese or speigleisen, an absolutely necessary ingredient in the manufacture of steel. Over 20,000 tons of this product have been engaged in Germany the past few weeks for shipment to the United States."

"Then you have your lignite and semi-bituminous coals, your copper and silver ores, your fluorite, (from which fluoric acid is made,) and many other species of minerals, and every one almost wholly undeveloped. Who knows whether or not you have large deposits of petroleum and natural gas? Most of your rocks are not too old for either."

"Now, let me suggest a practical method of reaching results. Form an organization of 100 of the leading residents of the county with a capital stock of \$10,000, \$100 a share, and let it be known as 'The Fulton County Development Company.' Then elect as officers the best business men of the county. When that is done, then send for one or two of the best experts in the United States, first having called in, say, \$10 from each of the 100 shareholders. Have the entire 100 meet your experts in your courthouse, go over the whole situation to-

gether, concentrate on one thing, and go to work. Then call in your money as required, move conservatively and wisely, but with determination, and it will not be long before you will have outside capital and energy which will surprise as well as gratify you. Enterprises which you develop will yield sufficient returns to pay a fair interest on your money invested, and create a reserve fund, from which you can undertake larger work, and ultimately put down a trial well for gas and petroleum. A successful hit with either of the latter would treble the price of real estate in the county in less than six months and add immeasurably to the wealth of Old Fulton, while every member of the company, if a real estate owner in the county, would have returned to him many fold more than the original investment."

"Finally," said Col. Demming, "to show my faith in such a movement as I have proposed, I stand ready at any time to take at least \$100 worth of stock in the proposed corporation. As to gas and oil in the county, I would say that I believe they are here, and I have now located 63 gas or oil wells in this and other States and Territories without a single miss; and I am going to try and better this record when I respond to the personal calls to locate oil or gas wells in other counties of Pennsylvania, in Ohio, Minnesota, Montana and California. But now the question is, Will the enterprising men of Fulton county go ahead in this matter?"

Saluvia.

J. C. Russell, Esq., of Bedford, spent several days last week looking after his interest on his farm at this place.

Capt. R. Cook, Everett's popular insurance man, spent several days in this vicinity on business last week.

W. R. Speer, our wide-awake merchant, has improved the appearance of his new store room by treating the exterior to a coat of green paint with light green trimmings.

The Western Union linemen who are replacing the poles along the pike, arrived at this place Friday. They are boarding at W. C. Mann's.

Will Bair, one of the linemen has been enjoying the comforts of his home for several weeks while employed in this vicinity.

J. M. Bair, the popular young foreman of the linemen, is stopping at the home of his brother Will Bair.

Miss Effie Deshong, who has been employed at the home of E. R. Austin, the past summer, was called to her home at Harrisonville Saturday, on account of the dangerous illness of her father, Nathan Deshong.

Mrs. Caldwell, who has been employed as housekeeper by C. R. Davis, the past summer, left last Tuesday, for a visit with friends at Butler, Pa.

Lawson Mellott, the handsome young street car conductor of Pittsburg, is visiting at the home of his father D. R. Mellott.

S. S. Newman was in Everett last week on business.

Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Wishart were visiting friends in Wells Valley Saturday. Mrs. Wishart will go to Johnstown Monday, where she will spend a few weeks with her daughter Mrs. George S. Fockler.

Miss Ella Kline, who had been visiting her sister Mrs. Will Hershey of West Dublin, is spending a few days at the home of her sister Mrs. O. E. Hann, at this place.

Nevin Hockensmith, who is employed at Johnstown, is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hockensmith of Harrisonville.

Christian Endeavor next Sunday evening at Green Hill. Topic "A bad bargain," led by Miss Ella Mann. After Endeavor, the congregation will practice singing.

Mrs. John Mock is very ill.

Died of Toothache.

Howard Everts, aged 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Everts of Licking Creek township, had been working all summer for Wm. M. Greer of Tod township. About ten days ago, one of his teeth began hurting him, an abscess formed, and he went home. Not being able to reduce the swelling, he sent for a doctor, but when the physician arrived he found the young man's temperature up to 104 and in a bad way. Everything was done for the young man that could be done, but some of the pus got into the blood, and blood poisoning followed, and he, after suffering greatly, died last Friday. He was buried at Green Hill M. E. church Sunday.

Have you seen J. K. Johnston's little red wagon? It's a bute with rubber tires. Guess he wouldn't lend it?

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hoke entertained a number of their friends at their home south of town last Thursday evening.

Mrs. Jacob Gordon and son John of Laurel Ridge called at the News office a few minutes while in town Tuesday morning.

Call or write and order a New Idea Fountain Pen for one dollar at D. Malloy's. The pen is 14k gold with fine hard rubber holder—they are guaranteed.

Have you set the day for that wedding? Well, don't forget it—the News office gets out just as fine Invitations and Announcement Cards as you see anywhere.

Mrs. Rebecca Lindsay and her son John, both of Greencastle, spent from Saturday until Monday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Unger, of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. John Barmont and their two little daughters, Mabel and Vera, spent Saturday and Sunday visiting the family of Charles Wagner of Markes, Franklin county.

Mr. Horace Cromer of Pittsburg, after spending Sunday in Chambersburg with his mother-in-law, Mrs. Sarah Woodal, came over Monday, and is visiting friends in this county.

Rev. Dr. Hunter, of Williamsport, Pa., preached for Rev. Houston in the Cove Associate Presbyterian church, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, and assisted with the communion service Sunday.

Our correspondent called on Mrs. D. M. Kendall on Saturday evening and found her resting easy, considering the gravity of her burns. Her right arm, on account of the loss of cuticle, is her sorest member and requires careful nursing.

About 5 o'clock on last Wednesday morning an explosion occurred at the Everett furnace, blowing the top out of place and five or six charges of stock, necessitating the closing down of the works for several days until repairs can be made.—Everett Republican.

Among those who will remove the coming spring are Ex-Sheriff John J. Morton to Big Cove Tannery, where he has bought the house formerly owned by Mrs. Lydia Crouse; and Himmel Harris will move to the house he lately purchased of Mr. Emanuel Yeakel, of Little Cove, now occupied by Elliott Ray.

A couple of John Heinebaugh's little boys in Ayr township were out at play about the woodpile one day last week, when one picked up the axe and said, "Let's play cutting chicken's heads off." The other little fellow thinking it too much bother to get down and put his neck across the block, concluded he could perform his part of the game just as well by laying his finger down. This he did, and the other brought down the sharp axe, and it just took the finger off easy. That broke up the game. The mother brought the wounded boy to town, and the doctor now has charge of him for awhile.

John A. Houpt.

After a sickness of several months John A. Houpt died at his home at Big Cove Tannery on Sunday morning, about eight o'clock. Mr. Houpt was about 64 years old. He was born near Mercersburg but came to this county when comparatively a young man, and has ever since followed the occupation of farming. He was thrice married—his first two wives being daughters of the late Valentine Hege of Union township. By the first one, Rachel, he had three sons—Jacob, now in California; Daniel, of Altoona, and Valentine, of McConnellsburg. By the second wife, Abbie, were born three daughters—Mrs. Sadie Hann and Mrs. Maggie Crouse residing in the county, and Miss Abbie, who is still at home. The wife who survives him was Miss Barbara Long and has no children.

Mr. Houpt was an obliging neighbor, a kind father, and an indulgent husband. The sympathy of all is extended to the family in the dark hour of their bereavement.

The funeral took place in the Reformed graveyard in McConnellsburg on Tuesday.

Harrisonville.

Quite a number of our boys went to Franklin county Monday morning to husk corn.

Miss Cora E. Sipes, of Foltz, spent from Saturday till Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reamer Sipes.

Our obliging "Milkman" J. W. Hoop has arranged with his customers to deliver anything for them from McConnellsburg, from a darning needle to a traction engine.

Last Tuesday evening quite a number of our young folks gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Strait to celebrate the anniversary of Miss Lizzie Mellott's eighteenth birthday.

Sale Register.

Saturday, October 26.—George Shafer will sell at his residence 1/2 mile northeast of Waterfall, Horses, Cattle, Binder, Mower, Drill, Wagons, Sleds, Harness, &c.

Thursday, October 31.—William Harr will sell at his residence 1/2 mile east of Big Cove Tannery, 16 head of Cattle, 1 Mare with foal, Wagon, Buggies, Plows, Harrows, and Wheat and Rye by the bushel. Sale begins at 10 o'clock.

Friday, November 1.—John Conner, 4 1/2 miles north of Needmore, having sold his farm, will sell his personal property, consisting of Horses, Cattle, Farming Implements and Household Goods. Nine months credit.

Friday, November 8.—William Sigel, administrator of A. J. Pittman, will sell at the late residence of the deceased, 1/2 mile east of Covalt, Horses, Cattle, Hogs, Farming Implements, Household Goods &c. Sale to begin at 10 o'clock.

Thursday, Nov. 14.—Reuben D. Warfield having decided to relinquish farming will sell on the Dr. Carl farm at Warfordsburg 7 head of horses and colts—1 a mare in foal to Frank Rank's Jack, imported Rowdy Boy; 1 four-year old 1/2 standard bred, thoroughly broken and a splendid driver, and all the others good; also 12 head of cattle and all his farming implements. You are invited to call before the sale and examine this property.

Notice.

Having purchased the stock of goods from C. M. Dixon of Pleasant Ridge, I will give special prices to customers on all lines of goods from Oct. 21 to Nov. 1. Boots and Shoes; Chinaware and Crockery; Coffee, Tea, and Sugar; Men's Furnish Goods—such as Suits, Shirts, Collars, Underwear, Ties, etc., Notions, Ladies' Underwear, Calicoes, Gingams, Outings, Cottonades, etc., will be specialized. Give us a call, we will save you money.

JOSEPH W. LAKE.

A Painful Injury.

Last Thursday morning early, Mr. David M. Kendall, of Ayr township, started across the mountain with a load of wheat. The rest of the family put the big kettle on to make applebutter. After the cider had begun to boil briskly, Mrs. Kendall, in approaching the kettle, tripped on a loose board, and fell forward. She threw out her right hand to grasp the pole on which the kettle was hanging, but missed and plunged into the kettle of boiling cider, pulling the kettle toward her, and causing the boiling cider to flow over her body. She was most painfully scalded. Dr. Sappington was sent for; but he not being at home, Mrs. Sappington went and took good care of Mrs. Kendall until Dr. Mosser could be brought from town.

While Mrs. Kendall will suffer for some time, no consequences more serious are likely to follow.

Family Gathering.

Last Thursday a very pleasant event occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Doyle, of this place. It was a reunion of the family of the late Michael Doyle of this place. The hostess had prepared a sumptuous dinner; and seated around the table were Cornelius J., of Harrisburg; William N., of Chambersburg; Elizabeth, (Mrs. Benjamin Shimer, of this place; Miss Annie, of Chambersburg; M. F., and John H., of this place, the first time they had been seated at table together for fifteen or eighteen years. Only members of a family who are thus brought together can appreciate the pleasure such an occasion affords.

Webster Mills.

Our friend S. R. Martin, accompanied by his sister Miss Lydia, and Miss Stella M. Bard, drove his new driving horse to Waynesboro last Saturday. Sam says he is all right for a long trip.

A teacher's local institute will be held at Webster Mills school house Saturday, Nov. 2. Everybody who is interested in the school work come and take hold. Question for discussion will be given next week.

Miss Lydia Martin is spending a few days visiting friends in the vicinity of Welsh Run, and will attend the Hagerstown Fair.

The debate held at Webster Mills October 11 was well attended and good order prevailed with the exception of a few people and we can look over those—they did not know any better; but we hope to teach them better in the future. The society adjourned to meet at McNaughton's school house on Friday evening, November 1, 1901. Question for discussion. Resolved that the natural curiosities of the old world excel those of the new. Elmer Clouser champion on the affirmative, and G. B. Mellott on the negative.

Laidig.

Our friend Abram King, whose illness was noted in the News some time ago, is able to be about again, we are glad to say.

Mrs. David Patterson, of Allegheny, spent a week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Lyon of West Dublin.

N. E. M. Hoover spent Saturday and Sunday at his home near West Dublin.

Some of our roads need attention soon.

Our farmers are nearly through seeding. Grain is coming up nicely. Chestnuts are scarce. Buckwheat was a fair crop.

Barn Burned.

On last Thursday the barn of James Benson near Dublin Mills was totally destroyed, together with most of its contents, including 15 tons of hay, 35 bushels of winter rye, a lot of sweet potatoes, harness, farming implements, &c. This is quite a serious loss to Mr. Benson, as there was but slight insurance.

Personal.

Captain R. W. Cook of Everett spent a couple of days in town last week.

Miss Annie Doyle of Chambersburg has been visiting friends in this place for several days.

Rev. R. H. Hoover, of Perysville, Md., spent a few days in town during the past week.

Brooks Sipes returned to his home in this place last Saturday after spending a week in Altoona.

Mr. Hiram Clevenger, one of Taylor township's substantial citizens, spent last Wednesday in town.

Mrs. Etta Patterson of Allegheny is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Lyon at West Dublin.

Mr. Lewis McQuade and mother of Altoona arrived here last Saturday for a visit among friends and relatives.

Mrs. Mary McCutcheon, of near Zanesville, Ohio, is visiting her mother Mrs. Keziah Johnston in Ayr township.

Mr. John Sipes, of Harrisburg, came over last Saturday for a few days vacation among his friends in this county.

Mr. John Hartman and son Master Henry are visiting the family of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Reisner of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Stewart, of Wells Valley, were visiting among their many friends at McConnellsburg last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Foster and John Shearman and his daughter Eldora were guests in the family of Daniel Mock last week.

Miss Minnie E. Mock, who is teaching in Franklin county spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Mock of Tod.

Court adjourned at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, and Judge Swope remained over Sunday at McConnellsburg, and returned to Gettysburg Monday.

Mrs. George W. Reisner, who has been visiting friends in Philadelphia during the past two weeks, returned to her home in this place this week.

Roy Rummell who has been at Petersburg, Huntingdon county, several months, returned to the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rummell last week.

Mrs. Annie Mellott of Big Cove Tannery has returned to her home from Philadelphia where she has been employed as cashier in a grocery for several months.

Mrs. Andrew Hoover and son Grant were in town last Wednesday. The family of the editor are under obligations to them for a basketful of delicious eating apples.

Mrs. Hannah Goldsmith of this place, and Mrs. Daniel Mock of Tod and her little grand-daughter, Eleanor Sinnott, spent a day last week with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Mock.

Prof N. E. M. Hoover who is teaching at Markes Franklin county spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hoover at West Dublin.

Mr. Newton S. Edwards, of Wells Valley, and his sister-in-law Miss Bessie I. Sipe of North Dakota, spent last Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Hoke.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jennings and family of Harrisburg spent a few days during the past week at the Washington House the guests of Mrs. Jennings' father, Rev. W. A. West, D. D.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hill of Warfordsburg and their little son Marshall, spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. John B. Runyan of this place. Mrs. Hill is a sister of Mr. Runyan.

L. L. Cunningham and Jas. A. McDonough of New Grenada spent last Friday and Friday night in this place and attended the installation of officers of McConnellsburg Lodge I. O. O. F. Friday night.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Second Annual Convention of the District Composed of Licking Creek, Brush Creek and Belfast, to be held at Greenhill, Saturday, October 26, 1901.

PROGRAMME.

- MORNING SESSION.
- 10:00. Praise Service, Rev. S. J. Pitenger.
 - 10:15. Bible Reading—Joseph and His Brethren, Rev. W. A. West, D. D.
 - 10:15. Singing.
 - 10:45. Address of Welcome, Miss Stella Decker.
 - 11:00. Response, Rev. Henry Wolf.
 - 11:15. Singing.
 - 11:25. The Best Means of Imparting Bible Truths to a Child, C. B. Hockensmith.
 - 11:50. Open Conference. Appointment of Committees.
 - 12:00. Adjournment.
- AFTERNOON SESSION.
- 1:30. Devotional Service, Dr. West.
 - 1:45. Reports of Officers of Sunday Schools in the District.
 - 2:00. Best Method of Getting and Keeping Children in the Sunday School.
 - 2:30. Singing.
 - 2:40. How to Prepare the Sunday School Lesson—E. R. Mellott, S. P. Wishart.
 - 3:10. Singing.
 - 3:15. Bible Study Essential to Spiritual Growth—M. R. Shaffner.
 - 3:35. Report of Committees.
 - 3:50. Service of Song.
 - 4:00. Adjournment.
- EVENING SESSION.
- 7:00. Praise Service, B. W. Peck.
 - 7:15. Conference on Home Department Work.
 - 7:45. Singing.
 - 7:55. Address by Miss Annie West.
 - 9:00. Adjournment.

Gem.

The whistle of the steam thresher is still heard in our neighborhood threshing buckwheat.

Moses Hill is home from Potter county again, owing to having the misfortune of cutting himself with an axe.

D. A. Fisher has his house ready for the plasterers.

Corder Snider and Jno. Weller finished the painting of the iron bridge near Gem last Saturday, which improved the appearance of the bridge, as it needed painting badly.

Frank Shives is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Shives.

What should surprise us more than to see Mr. Ira Diehl drive into our town one day last week with a fine mouse colored driver. There was no doubt in the minds of the lookers on that it was a thoroughbred, as it betrayed a slight hitch in its braying.

A number of our young people contemplate going to Pittsburg to seek employment.

Our friend S. R. Martin, teacher at Webster Mills school, appears to enjoy the embrace of a mountain breeze, as we see him pass through our town often.

Building Improvements.

The grocery of D. Malloy is being enlarged and improved. It is a great convenience to the house keepers on the "Hill" and its growing trade necessitates the extension of its boundaries.

The new double house of T. J. Comer on Walnut street is nearing completion, and is a model of convenience and comfort. Such houses as this to rent at a moderate rate are a powerful incentive toward housekeeping. Will the McConnellsburg young man need further inducement?

It will pay any one to take a walk and see the handsome suburban residence being built for Mr. Geo. B. Daniels. This when finished and furnished with the latest modern convenience will be one of the most attractive and elegant houses in the county.

On Wednesday morning while unloading potatoes at his home near Big Cove Tannery, Mr. Conrad Glazier, Sr., fell from the back part of the wagon to the ground, and sustained such injuries as to confine him to bed since. Although Mr. Glazier is over eighty years of age, he is uncommonly well preserved in health, and until his accident, was actively engaged in the work on his farm.