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Big Country, Big Crops, Big Machinery &c.

DEAR EDITOR:—The Fulton County News reaches me regularly, and the intelligence that it brings from my old home county in the Keystone State, would awaken a feeling of homesickness sometimes if it were not for the fact that I am kept busy trying to make a showing, and improve a homestead of 160 acres.

For the information of my Fulton county friends, I will state that I am located in Tower county, North Dakota, 50 miles directly north of the west end of Devil's Lake (I am sure every school boy remembers seeing that lake marked on the map in his geography), and about 27 miles south of the international line which separates North Dakota from Manitoba.

After looking through nine or ten states of the Union, I pulled up at this place four years ago; and since that time I have observed the seasons here, the more or less peculiar growth of small grains—such as wheat, speltz, oats, barley, and flax—and I can truthfully say that I do not believe there is another spot in the United States that can equal this for agricultural purposes; no other place where such a vast acreage may be successfully handled in proportion to the number of men employed.

It is remarkable the extent to which horses may be utilized in furnishing power to operate farm machinery, which is of the latest improved kind, and much of it designed and manufactured especially to meet the wants of this section. The plows are all "riding plows." One man with five or six horses hitched to a gang plow breaks five acres a day. The steam gang is used in this country quite extensively. An engine with six to twelve plows attached, makes from twenty to forty acres, and harrows successfully operated cover anywhere from 40 to 160 acres a day. Grain drills are made from 16 1/2 to 33 feet in width and drill from 15 to 40 acres a day.

Fourteen to thirty men with a steam threshing outfit, thresh from 2000 to 5000 bushels of wheat a day. Some of the threshing outfits are enormous, and calculated to surprise a Fulton county farmer. Think of a separator with a cylinder 84 inches in length and run by a 35-horse power engine! If an outfit like that were to make a trip through your county, it would likely injure the bridges and flatten some of the hills.

Seeding begins about the 15th of April, as a rule. Wheat is sown first, speltz next, and barley and flax follow. Then, harvest begins about the middle of August and lasts continuously until the middle of October or first of November.

Corn has not been grown extensively, but the attention of our farmers is beginning to be drawn towards its cultivation, and it is believed that in a short time it will hold a place equal in importance to the grains before named. North Dakota corn received the highest award at the Pan American Exposition last fall, and every county in this state is taking steps to gather in the lion's share of the awards at St. Louis.

This county, like all others, has its disadvantages. Blizzards in the winter, of course, and not always of the mildest kind. After four years' experience, I would just suggest that the best thing you can do when you find a blizzard on, is to sneak into your shack, build a hot fire, go way back and sit down and be good.

In summer, hail storms, or occasional droughts, serve to break the monotony; and, then, the mosquito must not be overlooked, for he does not forget to look over you. Some are almost as large as a brindle calf; their gnawing me does not make me half as mad as the complaint they make about it tasting so bad.

The Northwest is rapidly settling up. Since the beginning of

the year, 2000 people, it is estimated, have passed through the Twin Cities daily, and 300,000 of them have selected North Dakota as a place for permanent residence.

Wonderful changes in the development of the State have been wrought since I came here four years ago. The first time I set foot on my claim I was accompanied by a friend. The prospect, I must confess, was not any too inviting. We were eight miles from the nearest settlement and nothing in sight but the open prairie covered with green grass. As we stood on a little knoll, "viewing the landscape o'er" we could not but be impressed with a sense of loneliness. We turned and looked into each other's face a moment, when my friend broke the silence by saying, "Praker the grass is mighty green, but not half as green as you are." To-day my claim is in the midst of a prosperous neighborhood. What was then a blank expanse of loneliness, is now covered with houses, barns, and other buildings, with school houses and churches at convenient distance, and the weirdness of our early days exists now in memory only.

For the information of any of Fulton county's fair daughters who might have a matrimonial bee in their bonnet, I may just add that there are scores of unmarried young men here, of good character, full of energy, and a grim determination to win in the struggle for success—many of whom have come from the best families in the East—that would be willing to take a partner of the gentler sex to share their joys and sorrows.

But my letter has already grown too long. Remember me to all my old friends, and especially those about the "Fort."

D. W. FRAKER.

Cando, N. Dak.
May 17, 1902.

Dublin Mills.

Gilbert Cook formerly of Trough Creek valley, but who is now employed on the Pittsburg Division of the P. R. R. and Miss Minda Madden who has had her home in Altoona for some time were recently married at Huntingdon Pa., and came home for a few days with the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Madden. The happy young couple have many warm friends in this community who join in wishing them a happy life.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Stevens and daughter of Mount Union, spent a few days last week with Mr. Stevens, parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Stevens. Ed has been employed for some time at Portage, Cambria county.

A. J. Fraker and Jacob Winegardner have added much to their farms respectively by a lot of new fence.

H. B. Bergstresser our former blacksmith, reports business good at Three Springs, and expects to move his family there next fall.

Laidig.

Ira Laidig is visiting friends and relatives in Orbisonia and vicinity.

Brownie Reeder and sister Ada are visiting relatives in Franklin county.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Metzler of Harrisonville, spent Sunday at Hiram Clevenger's.

Grant Hoover killed two rattlesnakes and two other snakes within a short distance of each other, May 23.

Only a few of our people attended Memorial Day services.

Jack Comerer has put a new coat of paint upon his dwelling house and yard fence.

There was a large turnout of voters at the Democratic primary on Saturday, about one hundred being present.

Children's Day service at Fairview will be held June 15, at 10 a. m.

Some of our young people seem interested in the development of the locust from a grub to an insect, and are surprised at the very short time in which the locusts' wings grow.

HARVEST OF DEATH.

Well Known People Who Have Passed Over.

Bartimeus Smith, Esq.
Another of Fulton county's representative citizens has been called to join the silent majority, in the person of Bartimeus Smith, Esq., of Belfast township, who died at his home near Needmore, May 27, 1902, aged 75 years, 7 months, and 19 days.

Mr. Smith has been prominently identified with the local politics of the County since its formation more than a half century ago.

The first election held in his township relative to Fulton county was held at the home of old Squire Daniel Lake on the second Monday in June 1850, and the vote was taken on the acceptance or rejection of the new county (Fulton). The election board of which Mr. Smith was the last surviving member was as follows: Judge of Election, Philip Morgret; Inspectors, John Karney and Ephraim Lake; Clerks, Bartimeus Smith and Abraham M. Peck—the last named being the father of the Editor of the News.

The vote stood—

For the County 58.

Against the County 49.

That there should be as strong an opposition against the formation of the County as is shown by the figures is a matter of surprise to the younger people.

Mr. Smith was a Democrat, and was always regarded a leader in his township until failing health compelled him to yield to those who were younger.

While never identifying himself with any church denomination, he was an honest upright citizen, and enjoyed the confidence and respect of all who knew him.

He served as school director for many years, and also held the office of justice of the peace.

He is survived by two daughters Misses Kate and Diana who occupy the old home, and by two brothers, Geo. F. of Belfast township and Jacob of West Virginia.

His remains were interred at Pleasant Grove churchyard on Thursday.

Mrs. Catharine Dimmick.

After a somewhat protracted illness, Mrs. Catharine Dimmick died at her residence on Water street, in this place last Friday evening, aged 67 years, 10 months, and 18 days.

Mrs. Dimmick was a daughter of John and Anna Mosser, and was born near Mercersburg, July 12, 1834. She was a sister of John Mosser, who at one time owned the farm now owned by Judge Morton in Tod township, and was married to Nathan Dimmick of Franklin county, September 1, 1853.

In 1869 Mr. Dimmick purchased and moved to the farm now owned by James P. Waltz in Tod township. Mr. Dimmick died February 15, 1880.

Early in life Mrs. Dimmick became a member of Trinity Reformed church at Mercersburg, and April 24, 1870 she and her husband were received into St. Paul's Reformed church at this place.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dimmick were born thirteen children—seven sons and six daughters. Three sons and three daughters survive, namely, George, Nace, and Christopher, living at Elmwood Illinois, and Maggie, wife of Edward Shimer, Rebecca, wife of George W. Cooper, and Miss Mary, all of this place.

Mrs. Dimmick was a quiet, kind-hearted old lady and enjoyed the respect of all who knew her.

Her remains were followed to their last resting place in the Reformed graveyard by a large number of friends Saturday evening.

Mr. Jonas Mellott of Belfast township called at the News office while in town Monday. While Mr. Mellott has been blind for a good while, he is still in active touch with current events, and well informed on general subjects.

Birthday Celebration and Family Reunion.

On last Thursday evening near Hustontown, this county, there took place a very pleasant and much enjoyed social occasion. It was the celebration of Mr. and Mrs. William McElhaney's birthday, and at the same time a reunion of the family. In the afternoon of the above day, the children and the grand-children gathered in the home. At 6 o'clock all were invited to gather around the table, which was well spread and abundantly supplied with many good things to satisfy the appetite. All did ample justice to the occasion. The evening was spent pleasantly together; and as they departed for their homes, they wished that the event might often be repeated. Those present were—

Mr. and Mrs. William McElhaney, Mrs. Kate Connelly and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Laidig and family, Mr. and Mrs. James McElhaney, Rev. and Mrs. Harry Newman and daughter, Samuel McElhaney, Mr. and Mrs. Zack McElhaney, and Harry McElhaney.

New Grenada.

J. C. Alexander and G. W. Edwards are on the sick list.

Marion Edwards of Enid, visited friends here Friday evening.

Lilly Markey and Roosevelt Scheueck of Loysburg, and Jane Truax of Enid, visited in New Grenada on Monday.

Dr. Bernhart of Three Springs and David Black of Taylor, were in our village last Saturday.

Last Wednesday the parties working at the "new opening" at this place, found several small seams of coal; and the rock now worked shows signs of coal. Excitement still reigns; next will be the railroad.

Alfred Keith of Eagle Foundry, visited friends here last Sunday.

A party composed of Dr. and Mrs. C. A. R. McClain and sons Fred and Bob and daughter Ethel, and Dr. Rob't M. Hunter—all of Cassville, and Mrs. Maude Hayes of Brookline, Mass., drove over last Saturday and registered at the Cliff Hotel, H. H. Bridenstine, proprietor. The next day Mrs. John R. Hunter and son Master John Russel, of Lewis town, who are visiting Mrs. Hunter's parents, Capt. and Mrs. Harvey Wishart at Wells Tannery drove down and joined the Cassville party. In looking over the crowd, it occurred to us that it meant a reunion of the family of the late Dr. and Mrs. Robert I. Hunter, as the children were all present except Dr. John, and all prosperous and happy. They are all located so as to be within convenient reach of each other—a condition of affairs that does not exist in a great many families after the old home has been broken up. The members we did not mention are Jennie, landlady of the Cliff Hotel, and Dr. William S., located at this place in the practice of dentistry—in all, the five children John, Jennie, Meta, Robert, and William.

Cito.

Our Sunday school has opened with a good attendance, but there are still others who ought to be in.

Harvey Cooper is busy sawing shingles in Elmer Seiders' woods for the new houses that are to be erected in this place.

Mrs. M. C. Stewart of Williamsport, Md., is visiting her daughter Mrs. J. C. Seiders; also, Mrs. Seiders' sister of Lemaster is visiting at the same place.

Samuel M. Clevenger, the irreplaceable "book man" of Needmore, celebrated his sixty-first birthday by coming to McConnellsburg. Sam usually travels afoot, it being the cheapest and safest method. He walks any where from thirty to fifty miles a day, and don't think five miles an hour any great feat for his feet.

MEMORIAL DAY.

A General Observance Throughout the County.

At Knobsville.

Had it not been for the enterprise and patriotism of two of Knobsville's boys John Gunnells, Jr., and H. O. Hamil, aged respectively 12 and 10 years, the day might have passed unobserved. While these boys differ politically they are students of history, and full of patriotic zeal.

Taking the matter in hand, they marshalled twenty-four boys and girls in front of Ed Fore's store, and with plenty of flowers and flags they followed Auctioneer Wible to the cemetery, where every grave of the old soldiers was remembered with a bunch of sweet flowers, and marked with a little flag.

The spirit manifested by these youngsters is, indeed, commendable.

In Wells Valley.

As previously announced, a large number of Wells Valley people laid aside their work and observed Memorial Day.

A number of people assembled at noon at Pine Grove church, and after decorating the graves they went down, to the Old Presbyterian church, decorated the graves there and then went to the Valley M. E. church. At this place, so many people were assembled that it was impossible for them to find seating room in the church, and many had to remain out in the grove during the exercises. Addresses were made by Hon. D. H. Patterson, Rev. Fulcher, Hon. S. P. Wishart, A. O. Griffith, and others. The Wells Valley Band furnished the instrumental music.

At McConnellsburg.

Memorial Day brought quite a number of our out-of-town friends here, and early in the forenoon the Oak Glen Band arrived, and they very generously played a number of fine selections in different parts of town.

The ringing of the Court House bell at 1 o'clock, soon filled the spacious court room until there was not standing room. The exercises were conducted by Post Commander Elliott Ray.

The addresses of the occasion were made by Hon. S. W. Kirk and M. R. Shaffner, and were up to the standard of Memorial Day oratory.

A quartette composed of Nick Roettger, Will Black, George and Daniel Comerer, sang several patriotic selections that won for them hearty praise.

After the exercises in the Court House, the cemeteries of the town were visited and every soldier's grave properly decorated.

The Oak Glen Band is finely uniformed, and deserve many thanks for the excellent music furnished.

Licking Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sipes are leaving this week for Pittsburg to visit their daughter, Mrs. Abram Mellott. From Pittsburg they will visit friends in Ohio.

Dr. and Mrs. Hoop are going away on a visit soon.

Miss Pearl Garland of Needmore is visiting her aunt Miss Lina A. Deshong.

Mrs. Harriet Deshong and Mrs. David Kline are visiting friends at Pleasant Grove.

George S. Mellott and wife spent a day this week at George R. Hoop's.

Mrs. Anna Hockensmith and daughter Rebecca, and Miss Jane Wink spent last Sunday at Uriah Kline's.

Scott Hockensmith and Norman Mellott made a trip to Everett last Saturday.

The Memorial service at Green Hill was well attended.

Miss Fannie Strait and her mother spent today this week at Urner Truax's.

Miss Ada Hann of Saltillio is visiting among her many friends.

Alice Deshong and Miss Edith Sipes spent last Friday at Oakley. Dr. and Mrs. S. S. Hoop were

at McConnellsburg last Friday.

Miss Irene Hockensmith left last Saturday for Clearfield where she expects to spend a few weeks visiting friends.

Miss Minnie Truax spent a few days in the Cove last week.

John Sipes is about ready to raise his new barn.

Miss Lanna J. Deshong and Mr. Riley Deshong, both of Pleasant Ridge, were united in marriage by Rev. J. Calvin Garland on Thursday May 15, 1902. After the ceremony they left for a trip.

Miss Mary Price is keeping house for Mrs. Sipes during their absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lake are happy over the arrival of a little stranger at their house.

John Sipes's daughter, who has been in Chambersburg, spent a few days at home recently.

The Oak Glen Band were pleased with their visit to McConnellsburg last Friday. They were missed at Green Hill, but Miss Ada Hann of Saltillio, furnished some excellent music.

Vance—Sipes.

At the residence of the bride's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Mumba of Wilkinsburg, Pa., John Andrew Vance and Miss Martha A. Sipes were united in marriage Monday evening, May 26, 1902, by Rev. Sherick. The bride is the youngest daughter of Dennis B. Sipes, of Wells Valley, and the groom is a resident of Wilkinsburg. The event was a very quiet one, there being only the most intimate friends present. Refreshments were served, and the happy couple went to their new home which the groom had already prepared. Their residence is 200 Larimer Avenue, E. E., Pittsburg.

Clear Ridge.

Mrs. James Kerlin, Sr., who has been seriously ill for quite awhile still continues worse.

Bruce Fleming, of Richvale, Huntingdon county, spent a few days recently with his uncle T. E. Fleming.

Miss Zella McClure of Hustontown spent the past week in the home of W. L. Fields; also her sister, Miss Etta, spent from Friday until Sunday evening, when Miss Maude Fields accompanied them home.

Miss Goldie Witter, of Waterfall spent from Thursday evening until Sunday evening at the home of her uncle J. A. Henry.

James Carmack and wife, spent Saturday and Sunday, with his brother William of Cassville.

Clarence Shore is taking music lessons under the tutorage of Minnie Grove.

S. L. Bedford, spent Monday and Tuesday in Perry county, looking up a store. Mr. Winegardner will take possession of his store here in November.

Mrs. Emmeline Chestnut and little daughter Libbie, spent a few days with her daughter Mrs. Howard Denisar.

Clarence Henry spent Sunday at home here; as did, also, his grandfather, Stephen Witter of Waterfall, and Mrs. Diana Bare, of Maddensville, spent Sunday with J. A. Henry.

Miss Myrtle Houck spent a day last week with Lillian Fleming.

Among those who were at Pittsburg and came home to attend Decoration were; W. W. Brown, and W. R. Fields.

W. A. Baker who had been in the hospital at Altoona with fever, arrived home late on Friday.

Mrs. Grant Baker, of Knobsville spent a few days the past week with the family of T. E. Fleming.

Mrs. Ruth Swope and daughter Miss Corinna, of Pleasant Ridge spent Friday and Saturday with S. L. Bedford and wife.

Decoration day was observed at this place in a most fitting manner. A number of excellent speeches were given; also, plenty of music. A large crowd was present.

Mr. E. N. Palmer of Everett, spent Wednesday in town.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

A Fine Day and A Big Crowd.

The attendance at the Democratic county convention Tuesday was the largest for many years. From every section of the county the friends of the various candidates had come to see the finish. The contest over the nomination for prothonotary being especially interesting.

At 11 o'clock the convention was called to order in the Court House, by County Chairman B. F. Henry, and an organization effected by the election of the following officers: President, Prof. E. M. Gress, McConnellsburg; Secretaries, J. C. Fore of Tod, and S. L. Stimpson of Thompson. The enrollment of delegates, then, showed the following:

AYR—George F. Mellott and Leonard Bivens.

BELFAST—O. W. Mellott and Wm. F. Wink.

BETHEL—Dr. D. E. Fisher and W. B. Stigers.

BRUSH CREEK—Frank M. Lodge and Frank M. Diehl.

DUBLIN—Clem Chesnut and Charles Fields.

LICKING CREEK—W. R. Speer and W. C. Davis.

McCONNELLSBURG—Frank P. Lynch and E. M. Gress.

TAYLOR—D. A. Black and Hiram Laidig.

THOMPSON—Malachi Litton and S. L. Simpson.

TOD—J. C. Fore and Enoch Kerlin. UNION—George Scriver and J. J. Hendershot.

WELLS—J. H. Gracey and J. B. McClain.

The following committees were appointed—

On resolutions, Dr. D. E. Fisher, Frank M. Diehl, W. R. Speer, F. P. Lynch, J. B. McClain.

Auditing committee, Clem Chesnut, George Scriver, and W. B. Stigers.

Convention then decided to sit with closed doors, to admit representatives of all the town papers, and to meet at 2 o'clock sharp.

Shortly after 2 o'clock the convention was again called to order, and after some preliminary business, the nomination of the candidates was taken up. For Assembly, F. P. Lynch named Hon. S. W. Kirk, and there was no opposition, Mr. Kirk's nomination was made unanimous.

For Prothonotary, Dr. D. E. Fisher, of Bethel, named Frank Mason; George F. Mellott, of Ayr, named James P. Waltz; and Clem Chesnut, of Taylor, named Geo. A. Harris. At the end of the tenth ballot Mr. Harris was declared the nominee. The vote stood as follows—

Mason	11	10	10	10	8	9	8	9
Waltz	3	4	5	4	7	5	3	3
Harris	10	10	9	9	10	12	12	13

For Commissioner, E. L. Peck, J. H. H. Lewis, and Silas Holly did not allow their names to be presented.

The ballot stood as follows:

Sigel	8	13
Mellott	11	12
Bender	2	2
McKee	6	7
Morgret	4	4
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Hockensmith	6	6
Henry	4	4
	7	7

Auditors—John A. Myers 14, Dennis Morgret 2, W. C. Davis 21, Norris E. Hoover 8.

State Delegate

H. L. Sipes 12 12 10

J. A. McDonough 12 12 14

The Senatorial Conference are A. V. Kelley, A. L. Sipes, and Geo. W. Cooper.

Congressional Conference, J. W. Miller, C. B. Stevens, and Clem Chesnut.

B. F. Henry was re-elected County Chairman without opposition.

A letter from Margaret Unger who is lying in St. Francis Hospital from a broken leg, writes to her mother that she is able to be out of bed an hour at a time, but of course, has no use of her leg yet. It will be some couple of months yet before she will be able to walk. She says she is surrounded by kind friends who are doing everything possible for her comfort.

H. C. Post of Bethel township, was a pleasant caller Wednesday.