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## LETTER FROM NEBRASKA.

Written by a Former Resident of Taylor Township.

BENEDICT, Neb., Jan. 26, 1903.  
EDITOR NEWS:—I send herewith \$1.00 to pay for the News another year.

If you will allow me a little space I will write a few lines to let friends in old Fulton know how we are getting along.

The year 1902 was the wettest ever known in Nebraska. Some crops would have been better had there been more rain. Wheat was almost a phenomenal crop, there was some damage and loss by rains and floods in harvest. Corn was retarded in growth by weather and excessive moisture; and an early frost caused much of it to be of inferior quality. There is, however, more of it than all the cattle and hogs in the state can consume.

There was never in this state such a lack of cars for hauling grain as exists this winter. The unusually large number of cars required for the coal trade accounts for much of the lack of cars for handling grain. Then, the large crops require an increased number of cars for shipment, and the number available is utterly inadequate to the demand.

Grain elevators in the wheat belt are full to overflowing. In the four grain elevators at this station (Benedict) there are now not less than 50,000 bushels of wheat awaiting shipment. To further illustrate the condition existing, a prominent railroad official at Lincoln told the writer that one day last week there were nearly 900 cars ordered for grain on the Burlington system in Nebraska, and only 18 could be supplied.

The farmers in the country surrounding Benedict having long submitted to the extortionate profits of the grain buyers, organized a company of their own last summer, built a 10,000-bushel elevator near the railroad track, induced the R. R. company to lay a side track to it, and in November commenced shipping their own grain on a co-operative plan. We have as yet shipped only 16 cars of grain owing to the car famine, but have realized a handsome profit on our shipments.

During the past year many rural mail routes have been established in our county. One comes by our house, and we now get Lincoln or Omaha daily papers at noon each day. Telephone lines are being rapidly extended, and within three months we expect to have telephone in our house. So, you see we are not behind the times, if we are in what you people regard as the far West. The transformation of this country in a generation has been truly wonderful.

But I have said enough.  
Yours truly,  
D. WEBSTER BAKER.  
Mound, Minn.

On Christmas day the thermometer registered 22 below zero, and during January it was never below 15 above. We have had excellent sleighing for two months. Prospects good for six weeks more. Ice on Lake Minnetonka is 20 inches thick, and as clear as crystal. It is cut with two horses hitched to an ice plow which cuts down twelve inches, and then it is broken off with an ice chisel. They use skids to load and pack the ice away. Our sport here in cold months is fishing with hook and line. We cut holes through the ice. Silver bass, one of the gamiest fish, are taken out of the water very fast. No trouble to catch 20 or 30 in an hour. We also catch pickerel. I caught two in an hour. One weighed seven; the other, nine pounds. Some are caught that weigh 18 to 20 pounds.

Best wishes to all,  
ED. R. AUSTIN.

## School Fund Ahead.

About twelve years ago the dog-tax act was amended so that at the end of each year if the county treasurer had any dog-tax funds in his hands in excess of \$200 after settlement of the sheep claims, the excess shall be paid over to the school fund of the several districts in the county.

At the auditors' settlement the first of January, it was found that the surplus for last year and the year before was on hand, and Superintendent Barton, last Wednesday, drew the excess, which amounted to \$309.33, and distributed it to the various districts on the basis of the amount of dog-tax paid in by the several school districts in the county, as follows:

Ayr	\$50.82
Belfast	30.81
Bethel	22.03
Brush Creek	20.43
Dublin	26.57
Licking Creek	30.69
McConnellsburg	6.39
Taylor	29.63
Thompson	27.92
Tod	20.07
Union	24.47
Wells	17.71

## Faithful Dad.

We happened in a home the other night and over the parlor door saw the legend in letters of red, "What is home without a mother?" Across the room was another brief, "God bless our home."

Now, what's the matter with "God bless our dad"? He gets up early, lights the fire, boils an egg, grabs his dinner pail and wipes off the dew of the dawn with his boots while many a mother is sleeping. He makes the weekly hand-out for the butcher, the grocer, the milkman and baker, and his little pile is badly worn before he has been home an hour. He stands off the bailliff and keeps the rent paid up.

If there is a noise during the night dad is kicked in the back and made to go down stairs and find the burglar and kill him.—Mother darns the socks, but dad bought the socks in the first place and the needles and the yarn afterward. Mother does up the fruit; well, dad bought it all, and jars and sugar cost like the mischief.

Dad buys chickens for the Sunday dinner, carves them himself and draws the neck from the ruins after everyone else is served. "What is home without a mother?" Yes, that is all right; but what is home without a father? Ten chances to one it is a boarding house, father is under a slab and the landlady is the widow.—Dad, here's to you; you've got your faults—you may have lots of them—but you're all right, and we'll miss you when you're gone.

## Wells Tannery.

Mrs. Mary Hunter and son John Russel, of Lewistown, are visiting her parents, Capt. and Mrs. Harvey Wishart.

Harry Tomley, of Philadelphia, made a short call in our town a few days ago, enroute to visit relatives around Enid.

Prof. Wolf, principal of Rockview Academy at Shippensburg, and Rev. Pinney of Orbisonia, held an educational meeting at this place last Wednesday evening in the Presbyterian church. They made some good impressions among the young people of our vicinity.

The social committee of Christian Endeavor will hold a social in the Hall Saturday evening, 7th inst. Every person invited. Proceeds for church purposes.

Several of James Barnett's children are suffering with sore throat.

Maurice Bivens attended court in Bedford last week—a witness in the Salked—United mine workers, suit.

Miss Jennie Sheeder of Everett is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Allison Greenland.

## Interesting Comparison.

The figures placed on the bridge at the west end of town by the U. S. Topographical Survey corps show an elevation at that point of 859 feet above sea level. On the turnpike at the top of the Ridge just west of the old toll-gate, the altitude is marked 1278. By comparison it will be noticed that the top of the Ridge at that point is 419 feet higher than the bridge.

A person whose weight is 150 pounds, in walking from the bridge to the top of the Ridge, expends energy that lifts 150 pounds 479 feet, or 62,850 pounds 1 foot. In other words you get as much exercise in walking from the bridge to the top of the Ridge as to lift 31 tons of coal 1 foot—whether you lift it all in one bulk or an ounce at a time.

Another comparison is perhaps not less interesting. When you go to Philadelphia over the P. R. R., and step out of Broad Street station on the east side, you find yourself directly in front of the Quaker City's big public building, the City Hall. This building is 480 feet square, which means that if it were picked up and set down in McConnellsburg it would cover the ground included in the square beginning at Dickson's corner, thence up to the Court House, across to Frank Lynch's, and down to Jno. Irwin's and back to Dickson's.—Now, here is where the Ridge comes in: The City Hall is 538 feet in height; consequently if placed in McConnellsburg, it would still be 22 feet higher than the Ridge would be with the Court House on the top of it where the pike crosses.

## Taylor.

Mr. David Stevens still continues quite poorly.

The Laidig school is closed for an indefinite period.

About eight o'clock last Saturday evening the inhabitants of the village of Laidig were greatly shocked by the conduct of a number of young men, who were journeying southward from Broad-top. Being filled with bad whiskey, they yelled like Comanche Indians and swore like Turkish pirates.

Just below Laidig one of their number stuck fast in a snow drift; but the rest got around and made it so hot for him that he was soon thawed out.

Fortunate enough it was for them that an officer who was on the ground five minutes after they had gone had not caught them, or else there would have been some extra business for the District Attorney at March term of court.

## Farmers' Institutes.

The farmers of the Big Cove have shown much interest in local Farmers' Institutes during the winter. The meetings have been spirited, and have developed considerable talent both among the farmers and the young people. It would seem a good thing if the interest would spread throughout the county. There is need of organization among the farmers as well as in other lines of industry. Education, local improvements and an interest in the soil would result to the benefit of all, as agriculture is at the base of all our prosperity.

## Hustontown.

Mr. W. W. H. Kline has been packing ice. That is right, Billy.

Mrs. Agnes Taylor spent one day last week with her sister, Mrs. E. Dishong.

Mr. Albert Sipe of Philadelphia spent some time with his mother and family and has returned to Kansas.

## Listen for wedding bells.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jennings of Harrisburg, came up Monday and remained until Tuesday with Mrs. Jennings' father, Rev. Dr. West.

## DEATH RECORD.

Those Who Have Been Summoned to the Other World.

### OSCAR McFERRIN DAWNEY.

Death invaded the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dawney at Hustontown, on Tuesday of last week and took from them their bright little son, Oscar McFerren aged 17 months and 16 days.

Funeral took place on Thursday and interment was made at Clear Ridge—Rev. Melroy and Rev. Jackson officiating. The little fellow had been sick but a few days, he was their only child, and those who have been similarly bereft, can realize what this means to the grief stricken parents.

### MRS. ELIZA JANE HANN.

Eliza Jane, wife of Mr. James J. Hann, died at their home at Sallito, Huntingdon county, Wednesday January 28, 1903, aged 82 years, 4 months and 28 days.

The deceased was a daughter of Nancy Agnes Gibson Henninger; was married April 12, 1864 to Rowland Hockensmith, and on February 3, 1881, to James J. Hann.

She joined the Asbury M. E. church during the winter of 1867 and died a member of the M. E. church at Sallito, living a Christian life for 36 years.

Funeral services were conducted at her former home at Sallito Friday by her pastor Rev. Shaeffer, and her remains were taken to Greenhill Saturday and interred at Asbury Saturday evening, concluding services by Rev. A. D. McClosky of McConnellsburg.

### MRS. ELIZABETH LAIDIG.

Mrs. Elizabeth Laidig died at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Wm. Wilds, at Fort Littleton Thursday morning January 29, 1903, aged 71 years, 7 months, and 2 days.

Mrs. Laidig was the widow of the late John A. Laidig, of Taylor township. She had been a consistent member of the M. E. church for many years.

Mrs. Laidig had been in her accustomed health and during the morning returned from the kitchen to the sitting room seated her self in a chair and began to remark to her daughter, Mrs. Wilds that she felt so well, when suddenly her head dropped, and her daughter sprang to her only to find that she was dead.

Her remains were laid to rest at Hustontown on Saturday, followed thither by a large number of sorrowing friends and relatives.

She is survived by the following children, namely, Mary, wife of J. V. Deavor, Esq.; Belle, wife of William King of North Dakota; Andrew of North Dakota; Frank, of Iowa; Allie, wife of Robert Cutchall, near McConnellsburg; Miss Edith of Pittsburg; Olive, wife of William Wilds of Fort Littleton, and Joseph and Miss Maggie at Hustontown.

Funeral services were conducted by Revs. Marroy and Jackson.

### MRS. ELIZA DISHONG.

Mrs. Eliza Dishong widow of the late Isaac Dishong died at the home of her son Lincoln I. Dishong near Harrisonville, Friday January 30, 1903, aged 78 years, 2 months, and 24 days.

While Mrs. Dishong had had a stroke of paralysis about a year ago, she had recovered so as not to suffer from its effects, and had been in her usual health up until last Friday when another stroke proved fatal.

She is survived by one son, Lincoln I. Dishong, Rebecca wife of George Gress, and Elizabeth wife of John Carbaugh—both near McConnellsburg; Mrs. Maggie Ribbets, of Johnstown; and Emily, wife of Mr. C. B. Hockensmith near Harrisonville; also by twenty four grand-children, two of whom are Prof. Harry and Ernest Gress—and three great-grand children.

Mrs. Dishong had been a consistent member of the United Brethren church for twenty-six years.

## Improved Mail Facilities.

Action having been taken on the petition recently sent in to the postoffice department, our people will soon have better mail facilities from the east. The postoffice department has advertised for proposals for carrying the mails between this place and Loudon, all bids to be filed not later than the 15th inst. The contract provides that the mails shall leave this place in time to reach Loudon for the 7:30 A. M., and the 3:08 P. M. trains, and on returning leave Loudon on the arrival of the 8:50 A. M. train, and not later than 9:30 A. M., and reach this place in two hours after leaving Loudon. This will give our first mail, including the Philadelphia dailies, about 11 A. M., and our evening mail about 9 P. M.

It will be noticed that only two hours are allowed for covering the distance from Loudon to this place so this will do away with our mail stage carrying freight as heretofore. The Government pays liberally for all mail service, and we hope that those putting in bids will ask for enough to justify them in giving us first class service, as well as a profit to themselves.

Intervent at the Siding Hill Christian church on Sunday, funeral services conducted by Rev. A. D. McClosky of McConnellsburg.

### MRS. MARY FISHER.

Mrs. Mary Fisher, or Aunt Mary as she was familiarly known, died at the residence of Joseph Fisher in Pigeon Cove at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon aged 84 years and 4 months.

Mrs. Fisher was the widow of the late Jacob Fisher and mother of Ex-Commissioner John Fisher. She was an exemplary member of the Primitive Baptist church for many years. The immediate cause of her death was pneumonia. Besides John, already named, she has two other sons living—Joseph at Canton, O., and Benjamin at Anderson, Ind. A daughter, Margaret, died several years ago.

Intervent at the Tonoloway Baptist church to-day (Wednesday).

### CUNNINGHAM.

Five months' old child of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Cunningham near Knobsville died Monday evening of pneumonia. Intervent at Bethlehem church to-day (Wednesday) at 10 o'clock. The young parents have the sincere sympathy of their many friends.

### RHODES.

Mrs. Maggie Rhodes, wife of John E. Rhodes, died at their home at Orbisonia last Sabbath morning of typhoid fever. She leaves a husband and seven children, the youngest of whom is only about a month old. The rest of the family have fever, and Mr. Rhodes and their oldest son are reported very low. They moved from Ayr township last October.

### REV. W. W. DALBEY, D. D.

Rev. Dr. Dalbey died at his home at Yeadon, a suburb of Philadelphia, Monday afternoon, aged about 68 years. He had been a victim of Bright's Disease a long time, and his death was not unexpected.

Rev. Dalbey was one of the ablest ministers in the South Philadelphia Association of the Baptist church. He and his wife spent several months in this place last summer, and during his stay here, occupied the pulpits of the various churches in town occasionally, very much to the delight and profit of those who heard him.

He is the father of Dr. A. D. Dalbey and Mrs. George W. Reischer of this place. Intervent at Malvern, Pa., Friday morning.

## Young People's Meeting.

A union service was held in the Reformed church in this place last Sunday evening by the several Christian Endeavor societies and the Epworth League. There is, perhaps, no movement along the line of Christian effort that has been attended with more gratifying results than that of the various young people's organizations. While the well-filled church contained the usual number of the older people, the meeting was conducted almost exclusively by the young people; and, during the hour and a half, not a minute was wasted.

The Christian Endeavor movement is not denominational, and conforms to the usages of almost any protestant church. It has just completed twenty-two years of its existence, and has 63,000 societies and a membership of over 3,000,000.

Its object is to bring Christian people into closer relationship with Christ and the church, and to aid in the quickening of effort for the welfare of others and for personal growth in grace.

The pledge which one takes in becoming a member says: Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise him that I will strive to do whatever he would have me to do; that I will make it the rule of my life to pray and to read the Bible every day, and to support my own church in every way especially by attending all her regular Sunday and mid-week services unless prevented by some reason which I can give to my Savior; and that just as far as I know how, throughout my whole life, I will endeavor to lead a Christian life.

### New Grenada.

Miss Maud Cromwell of Three Springs spent Sunday at H. Curtis McClain's.

Ida Alloway has a protracted siege of grip.

Mrs. Jesse O. McClain of Robertsdale is on the sick list.

S. P. Metzler of Burnt Cabins stopped at the Houck House a couple of nights during the past week.

Carlton Grissinger has secured a good position at North Point coal works in Denithorn's store.

The vicious goat of 773 I. O. O. F. (with Samuel Houpt the veteran goat tamer) landed a few in good old style on Arthur Foster last Saturday night.

James Lockard has a new and novel way of having a social good time. He hitches up in a sled and drives around, gathers up a load of the fair sex—mostly elderly ladies, takes them to his home and feasts them on the good things that his wife, Mary, knows how to prepare; and, in the evening, takes them to their respective homes. Next time, Jimmy, drive on down to New Grenada and see how easy it would be to get a load of hungry jades.

Arthur Cunningham is taking a rest and nursing a very sore hand.

Bert McClain purchased a new ice plow for harvesting ice, which is much better than the old way with cross-cut saw.

Samuel and John Gracey, of Gracey attended Lodge on Saturday evening here.

H. O. Wible, telephoned our directors his resignation as teacher of No. 4 school—taking us all by surprise. The scholars and patrons are up in "G" and looks a little "white capish" for any other teacher coming here and failing to finish the term as this is the second teacher this winter and still about three months of school to teach.

Last year the number of public schools in Pennsylvania reached 29,631, taught by 80,640 teachers. The average pay of male teachers was \$44.92 and of female teachers \$33.78. The average school term was 8.82 months. The number of pupils reached 1,163,509 and the expense of maintaining the schools was \$23,027,678.82.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Brief Mention of Persons and Places You Know.

Joseph Funk and his sister Miss Cora spent last Friday at McConnellsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Evans of Thompson, spent a few hours in town last Thursday.

The Racket Store people have a new ad this week that will probably interest you. Read it.

W. H. Sapington with the Pyrites Paper Pulp Company at Canton, N. Y., is visiting his brother Dr. Sapington at Webster Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Baker, Miss Bessie Reese, Miss Lillian Fleming and Miss Mertie Kelson spent Tuesday evening of last week at Daniel E. Fore's.

Jacob W. Mellott of Belfast township spent a few hours in town last Friday. He says Harry Mellott has moved into the Brick House, and will have charge of that farm this summer.

Miss Ethel Hays expects to go to Chambersburg Thursday and visit friends there and at Waynesboro until next Monday, when she will go to Philadelphia for a special course of training at Daubnebaum's in the art of millinery.

Mr. Richard Madden of Dublin Mills, was in town last Thursday. As will be noticed by referring to our sale register Mr. Madden will have a sale. He has purchased a farm in Huntingdon county, and has secured tenants for both his farms, and will retire from farming for the present.

The Osterburg (Bedford county) News was burned out on Wednesday night of last week. The paper was owned and edited by W. F. Hendrickson. It was burned out in August 1901. Both fires are supposed to be of incendiary origin. The loss to Mr. Hendrickson is about \$2600.

Grant Mann of Burlington, Col., in sending another dollar to renew his subscription says, "I could not handily get along without the 'News,' and it reaches me regularly—I missed only one last year. L. B. Kline is out here and he always likes to see the 'News,' as it is from his old home."

The County Commissioners of Bedford county have passed a resolution not to make any change in the assessment laid on stock and dogs through the assessors of the respective districts, and in no case will a change of the assessment levied be allowed by the commissioners after the first day of May of each year.

John C. Brewer formerly of Thompson township, sends a dollar and says, "I can't get along without the 'Fulton County News.' We are living in Garnett, the county seat of Anderson county, Kansas, a town of 2500 people. The weather is more changeable here than in Pennsylvania—one day you are comfortable in your shirt sleeves, next you must have an overcoat."

Mrs. J. J. Patterson of Pitcairn, Pa., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Sarah J. Cromer of Fort Littleton. Mrs. Patterson, who is, perhaps, better known among the teachers as Fannie Cromer, accompanied by Mrs. J. H. Baldwin of Burnt Cabins, spent last Wednesday at McConnellsburg. Fannie's sister Miss Catharine, who had been at Pitcairn, came home with Mrs. Patterson, and will stay some time with her mother.

Farmers should be on the look out for a clever swindler who claims that he is organizing a "National Threshers' Protective Association." He secures the membership of many farmers by assuring them that he is forming a national association by which it would be impossible to raise the price of threshing. The members are required to sign a certificate which they are told entitles them to a life membership. Later their signature turns up at the bottom of a note ranging in sums of from \$5 to \$50.