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ENCHANTED WITH COUNTRY

Former Fulton County Boy Has Found Garden Spot of the Earth in Tropics.

THE CLIMATE IS BEYOND DESCRIPTION

Smith M. Hoover, son of John Hoover, of Hustontown, has purchased a plantation on the Isle of Pines, and is enchanted with the little island, which he predicts will be one of the greatest resorts in the world in a few years.

About eight years ago, Smith went to West Superior, Wisconsin, and a few months ago, went from that city to the Isle of Pines. In a recent letter, he has the following to say:

"Tropical fruits of all kinds grow with practically no care at all and in fact some of the finest fruit I ever tasted was gathered from trees entirely surrounded with wild shrubbery and which a human hand had never before touched. The climate is simply beyond description and the waters are healthful and invigorating. I have been all over the island and like my present location better than any other here, being near the only deep water harbor around the island and am located on the main thoroughfare between the two best towns, Sante Fe and Los Indes.

"An American company is building bridges preparatory to putting an electrical railroad in operation which will pass my door before Christmas. They are preparing to accommodate 25,000 tourists this winter. About 10,000 visited the island last season but were unable to get good accommodations. They will all be taken care of nicely this winter.

"There is no doubt as to the value of the land and I am convinced that we can raise the finest fruit, vegetables and tobacco in the world. This is supposed to be the wet season but the rains do not even interfere with the farming. The soil is such that there is never any dust or any mud here and there no poisonous reptiles or fever on the island. The days are very comfortable—while one has to sleep under a blanket at night.

"The few natives are very friendly and show their good will in every possible manner. They will work well for others but will not do much for themselves. I have two working for me and I never saw better workmen. They are all of Spanish descent.

"I have lots of sport here as the fishing and hunting is of the best. There are no jungles on the island and the land can nearly all be cultivated.

"It is very remarkable how things grow here and the lusciousness of the fruit is beyond comparison. We would not think of eating fruit such as we get in the markets in the north. I have forty acres here and when all are under cultivation will be worth two sections of Dakota land. One of my neighbors claims to have made \$600 on a quarter of an acre of egg plant.

"People are coming in on every boat from all over the world and most of them remain. Strange to say people coming here from the north do not have to pass through term of acclimation usual to a tropical climate. Could people of the states know of the healthfulness of the climate here I am afraid that they would come in such numbers as to sink our little gem of an island as you know it is not so very large.

"There is a great variety of timber on the island and the best I have ever seen. Walnut, ebony, mahogany, oak, sables, and palms of almost every kind grow all over the island.

"I purchased a hive of bees four weeks ago and have had to take the honey from them three times now, and will have to rob them again in a day or two. The many

DIXON, ILLINOIS.

Sketch of the City and Its Leading Educational Institutions.

Dixon, Illinois, Oct. 10, 1905.

Dear Editor:—Thinking that a few lines from a former Fulton county boy might be read with some interest, I will endeavor to give the readers of your paper a short description of what well might be termed the garden spot of the West.

The city of Dixon, having a population of 12,000, is situated on what is universally known as the Hudson of the West; with its great towering walls of blue rock on either side, which gives it an almost elaborate appearance. At the extreme west end of the city, situated in the midst of an artistically decorated lawn or campus, are the three buildings constituting the Northern Illinois Normal School, the College of Law, and the barracks of the Dixon Military Institution.

These different colleges, which widely separated in lines of instruction, go arm in arm, as do the students, under one individual owner; thus furnishing available opportunities to those wishing to take, along with their regular course, preliminary studies. The N. I. N. S. has for its principal W. H. Williamson, who is also the instructor in science. The law college is under the supervision of J. W. Watts, ex-judge of the circuit court of Lee county, Ill., and at the present time, city attorney of this city. The D. M. I. is under the direct management of Capt. Grant Allyn Capron, who, having served four years in the regular U. S. army—having served both in Cuba and the Philippines—is unquestionably well qualified to impart knowledge to others relating to military work.

We have a very healthy climate in this section of the west, with but very little frost up to this time.

I will close, and if this does not lodge in the waste basket unopened, I will write again.

Yours truly
GEO. W. MCKIBBIN.

NEEDMORE.

G. W. Sipes left last Monday for California.

D. Garland is now traveling agent for the Needmore Marble Works.

T. W. Peck and family spent Sunday at the home of Corder Snyder.

Mrs. Effamy Mann is visiting this week in the home of Otho Barnhart, of Thompson, and of John Mann in lower Bethel.

Olive Hess left here on Monday of this week for Pittsburg where she has employment as bookkeeper, and begins work November 10th.

Jack Foltz and wife, of Oakland, Ill., uncle and aunt of Mrs. Dr. Palmer, after about a ten days visit with the Doctor's family, left on Wednesday of last week for Washington and Luray.

A score or more of D. Garland's old neighbors from the vicinity of Dot gave him a very agreeable surprise last Saturday evening with plenty of good cheer and good things to eat.

Elder Norton, of Washington, D. C., is expected to preach here on Monday evening, Oct. 23d; also on Tuesday following.

Mrs. F. C. Bare, of Fort Littleton, spent a few hours in town Monday.

flowers give them lots of work. I am getting ready to plant the fall vegetables which we will be able to put into the New York and Philadelphia markets for Christmas. We can raise three crops in a year and are therefore able to put the produce into the market at any time of the year that will bring the highest prices. In fact nature has been so liberal with this spot that it is only a matter of a few years when this will be the recognized health resort and fruit garden of the world."

BIG PUMPKINS.

The Secret of Raising Them Not Generally Known.

Undertaker William Stoner exhibited two pumpkins in front of his establishment last week that would make your mouth water for pumpkin pie to look at them. They were beauties, and no mistake! One of them, we are told, weighed 68 lbs. and the other, 40 lbs. But those are beaten in weight over the Ridge. A. J. Sipes was in the office Saturday evening, and he said Mrs. Sarah Batdorf raised one this summer that weighed 85 lbs., and was so round that it could not lie still on the floor. He said John Kunh raised one that weighed 75 lbs. By-the-way, have you ever heard of feeding a pumpkin vine to make it produce big pumpkins? Well, we were told by a farmer in all seriousness a few days ago, that after the pumpkins are well set, remove all but two or three, and then cut the vine off about two or three feet in advance of the last pumpkin. Insert the end of the growing vine into a bottle containing a quart of new milk. In twenty-four hours, the vine will have drunk all the milk. This supply of milk must be repeated every day, and the pumpkins will start a growth that for rapidity will be surprising; and if the other conditions are favorable, they may be made to attain a size and weight that will take first premium at any county fair. We were not told that those named above were raised on a milk diet. Pumpkins raised in that way, would, no doubt, make choice milk custards.

Since putting the above in type our old friend, Michael E. H. Bard, of Belfast township, one of the most reliable farmers in the county, comes to the front with a pumpkin story that lays the rest in the shade. Mr. Bard says that on his farm this summer a vine grew which produced 24 pumpkins, the weight of the first twelve of which was, respectively, 130, 115, 100, 60, 48, 36, 21, 20, 15, 10, and 10—making a total weight of 557 lbs. The second twelve weighed, collectively, 93 lbs., which added to the 577 lbs., makes a total weight of 670 lbs. of pumpkins from one vine. This does not include four others that grew on the same vine that would have weighed from 15 to 20 lbs., but rotted before the rest were gathered—and Mr. Bard did not feed this vine milk, "either!"

WEST DUBLIN.

J. N. Deavor and N. E. M. Hoover spent Saturday and Sunday at their respective homes.

Mrs. Margaret Kesselring, of Hustontown, spent last week with the family of her brother, C. M. Brant, and other relatives at West Dublin.

J. W. Laidig and daughter, Estella, and son Drew, and Sarah Clevenger, spent part of last week in Chambersburg and Hagerstown.

J. V. Deavor is attending U. S. court in Scranton as a juror this week.

Hiram Clevenger returned Saturday from a two weeks' visit to Hancock.

Mrs. J. V. Deavor returned Saturday from Williamsport, where she visited relatives and friends.

S. H. Hockensmith, our supervisor, has been repairing the roads.

Chester Brant is husking corn in the southern part of Franklin county.

Erra Clevenger attended the Hagerstown fair last week. Some of our young people attended the party at A. M. Corbin's Saturday evening.

Clarence F. Mook, who had been spending a couple of weeks with his father, John Mook, and other relatives in Tod township, has returned to Allentown, Pa., where he has employment.

ASBESTOS IN FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Valuable Mineral Deposit Discovered on Baker Farm Above Mont Alto.

Asbestos has been discovered on the Baker farm, near Aram, above Mont Alto and that, too, in such quantity as to justify a New York company in mining it.

Three representatives of the company; one each from New York, Pittsburg and Dillsburg were in Waynesboro last Friday, and closed a deal with Upton Baker, near Zullinger, and one of the heirs of the Baker estate, whereby the work of taking out this rare and valuable mineral will be commenced in a few days. This will be done pending the probable purchase of the farm by the company alluded to.

Pleasant Social Occasion.

Last Saturday was one of the glad days in the life of Grandmother Fields at Clear Ridge. It was the day that marked the eighty-fifth mile-stone in her long pilgrimage through life, and her many friends and neighbors who are ever on the lookout for an opportunity to show their love for the good old lady, conceived the idea of assembling at her home, and spending the day in an old fashioned social way. A bountiful dinner was prepared, and Grandmother was the recipient of many loving gifts.

Among those present were her daughter Mary J. Fields, Mrs. Lizzie Baker, Mrs. Louie Kerlin and her children Ethel, Lloyd, Mary, Clell, and Orpha; Mrs. Nettie Winegardner, Mrs. Howard Fix and children; Mrs. Fannie Baker, Mrs. Wilson Cutchall, Mrs. Nettie Henry and son; Mrs. Belle Henry and daughter, Mrs. Celia Anderson, Mrs. W. R. Fields, Mrs. Blanche Henry and children; Mrs. R. J. Fields, Mrs. Harry Wible and two children; Mrs. Alice Kerlin, Mrs. R. E. Brown, Mrs. Margaret Henry, Sadie Fields, Simeon Shore and son Clarence, Mrs. Nora Moreland and her three children, and Howard, Mary and Roy Myers.

Mr. Shore added much to the pleasure of the company by music of the organ and several numbers on his phonograph.

Not the least exciting part of the program was the cart race, in which Mr. Shore was treated to a free ride in a push-cart.

ODD.

Jack Frost visited this section last week, painting pictures on the forest foliage that would put to shame the most skilled human artist.

Among those that visited the Hagerstown fair from this vicinity last week, were Charlie Robinson and Erma Hess.

Died.—On the 11th inst., infant son of Harry Parlett, aged 3 months and 2 days.

Bertha Layton is employed in the family of Charles Mellott.

Frank Layton and Eddie Clevenger made a brief trip to Everett last week.

Zoe Garland and sister Ruth, of Pleasant Ridge, are visiting their uncle, Allen Smith.

Maude Clark made a trip to Hancock to meet some of her western cousins.

Jonas Mellott and wife were recent visitors at the home of Logue Hess.

Samuel Mellott and wife were among those who attended the surprise party at D. Garland's.

Thomas Deavor, of New Antioch, Clinton county, O., after having spent two weeks in Washington and parts of Virginia, stopped over to visit his uncle Job Clark and other friends and relatives in this neighborhood. Mr. Deavor says that this country looks like a wilderness besides that of his western home. He is a blacksmith by trade, and left this country in 1864.

J. B. Clouser and grandson, John Walters, of Altoona, are spending this week among friends and relatives in this county.

DO IT NOW.

Never Put Off Until To-morrow What You Can Do To-day.

It is not always an easy task to earn money. Most of us have to work pretty hard for it; but it is the experience of most people that they would rather earn it than to ask for it after it is earned; and if it were not that winter is approaching, we should not be saying anything about it now.

In looking over our list of subscribers, we find that a few have just neglected the matter until they have gotten a year or more in arrears. The small sum that any one owes is but a trifle we know; but, it is to these small amounts that the printer must look for money to pay for his machinery, his type, his paper, his ink, and to pay the weekly or monthly wages of those who help to get the paper to you, and then have a little something to clothe and feed his family.

Look at your tab. We suppose everybody understands it. The first figure, or figures, means the month; the second, the day of the month, and the last two, the year: Thus, in the tab, "Tom Peck, 10 15 03" the 10 means the tenth month, which is October; the 15 means the fifteenth day of the month (October), and the 03 means the year 1903; so, that "Tom Peck, 10 15 03" means that Tom is paid up to October 15, 1903, and he owes from that time. When Tom sees this he will say "From the 15th of October, 1903, to the 15th of October, 1905, is two years, and it will take a two-dollar bill to square up; but, inasmuch, as I have kept the printer waiting for his money two years, I will add a dollar bill and send three dollars, thus paying up a year ahead.

There are now about 2000 persons taking the News, and most of them pay strictly in advance every year, and some pay two, three and even five years ahead. To pay more than one year in advance, we do not ask any one. The people who pay in advance say it seems easier to pay it that way. They say they never like to pay for a dead horse.

In past years we have during the fall season, sent out statements through the mail to subscribers who were in arrears. This never made anybody mad, and there was a very general response. But it takes time to make out those statements, and money to mail them, hence we believe you will send us the little amount you are back just as readily when you have read this, as you would if we had gone to the trouble and expense of sending you a letter.

Times have been good and you have been prosperous. Our section has never been blessed with any more bountiful crops, and while you have been storing your winter supplies, we have been toiling away in a hot office, inhaling the odors of printers ink and machine grease and getting to you on time every week a chronicle of all the leading events of home and foreign interest.

Now, all together! Don't put this aside with the thought that you will send it next week or next month. No, friends, we need it now. Just put a dollar bill—a two-dollar bill—or whatever you may happen to owe—in a letter, seal it well, address it plainly, and we will get it, place it to your credit, send you a receipt and thank you with a grateful heart besides.

Do It Now.

Mrs. Ella Weaver, wife of Wm. Weaver, died of consumption at her home near Hancock, Sunday afternoon, 8th inst., aged 34 years. Deceased was a Miss Moats before marriage and is survived by her husband, four children and mother. Interment Tuesday in the Tonooway Baptist church cemetery.

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MISSIONARY VISITOR.

Miss Ellen Todd, a Co-Worker of Miss Alice Wishart in India, in Wells this Week.

Miss Ellen Todd, of Boston, Mass., but who has spent the past seven years as a missionary in Allahabad, India, and with whom Miss Alice Wishart was associated when she went to that country two years ago, is now visiting Miss Wishart's parents at Wells Tannery. Miss Todd has been in this country since June, and Miss Wishart has charge of Miss Todd's work in India.

Last Sunday morning Miss Todd talked on mission work in the Sherman's Valley Presbyterian church, and in the evening, in Wells Valley Presbyterian church.

In order that all who wished might have an opportunity to hear the distinguished visitor, no services were held that evening in neighboring churches, and the large congregation that assembled to hear Miss Todd were greatly pleased and edified.

Next Sunday evening Miss Urna Moore, of California, will give a talk in the Valley Methodist church, on her work among the Chinese on the Pacific coast.

CLEAR RIDGE.

Simeon Shore spent a few days last week rustivating among his old acquaintances in Martinsburg, W. Va.

Sadie Fields of Hustontown, and Etta Fields, of the Cove, spent Sunday with their parents, J. H. Fields and wife.

James Kerlin made a business trip to Saltillo last Saturday.

Jere Keefer, the old mail carrier is working for J. K. Woodcock.

Mrs. Louisa Kerlin and Mrs. Wm. Henry spent Sunday with the family of J. D. Stevens near Fort Littleton.

Jacob Carmack and sister Mary visited in Franklin county last week and attended the Hagerstown fair.

Calvin Henry and wife, G. C. Fields, Bert Winegardner and Goldie and Louie Kerlin attended the Hagerstown fair one day last week.

Henry Fraker and family are visiting his wife's parents at Waterford this week.

SALUVIA.

Walter Rhom, of Mapleton, is spending a two weeks' vacation in the home of his aunt, Mrs. John Hann.

Harry Kline spent Saturday night in the home of his aunt, Mrs. Hann.

Mrs. Solomon Palmér, of Connelville, Pa., was called here on the account of the serious illness of her brother, Adolphus Kegarise.

The hunting season is now on. So far, we have heard of but little game being killed. Perhaps the most lucky was Uncle John Hann, who bagged two groundhogs, one fine raccoon, and two squirrels one day last week.

Benjamin Deshong has added much to the appearance of his barn by putting on a new roof and making two cupolas.

There was a mistake in the number of bushels of buckwheat in Watson Schooley's crop, as given in the News two weeks ago. It should have been 90 instead of 190.

W. H. Spangler and wife, of Wells Tannery; Gertude Hoke, of Riddlesburg, and G. Newton Hoke, Mrs. John B. Runyan, and Mrs. B. W. Peck, of McConnellsburg, were a few of the guests in the home of Will Hoke and wife, at Saxton, last Friday night, Saturday and Sunday. Having so many of their McConnellsburg friends invade their home at the same time was not altogether in accordance with previous planning; but Mr. and Mrs. Hoke are never more at their best than when entertaining their friends, and from the fact that one of the visitors writes that she "never had a better time in all her life," we are led to believe that the pleasure was mutual between hosts and guests.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings. Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful Outing.

NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Eugene Chesnut, of Hustontown, spent a few hours in this place Saturday.

Squire Frank Diehl, of Whips Cove, was at the County Seat on business last Saturday.

James Youse spent last week visiting his son William and other friends in Altoona.

Albert Alexander, of Altoona, is spending his annual vacation among his Fulton county friends.

S. S. Alloway and Bert Heeter, of New Grenada, were in McConnellsburg on business last Saturday.

Mrs. L. E. Harris, of this place, spent several days visiting friends in the vicinity of Saluvia last week.

William Daniels, wife and daughter Beckie, and Pearl Akers, of Saluvia, spent Saturday in this place.

Mrs. O. M. Kyser, of El Paso, Ill., has been a pleasant guest in the home of D. M. Kendall and wife, in the Cove.

Harry Mock, of Altoona, has been spending the past week with his parents, D. B. Mock and wife in Tod township.

Mrs. Michael W. Mellott and daughter Mollie, of Belfast township, spent last Saturday in McConnellsburg.

Robert Stouteagle, who is with the P. R. R. people in Altoona, is visiting his mother and sister on East Water street.

Jacob G. Reiser and wife, of this place, drove up to Everett Saturday and spent Sunday with their daughter, Minnie, who is teaching at that place.

G. Newton Hoke and daughter Mrs. John Runyan, of this place, drove over to Saxton last week to spend a few days visiting Mr. Hoke's son, Will, and family.

Nathaniel H. Peck, and his son Walter, and the latter's wife, recently of Ambridge, Pa., were guests of the family of Jonathan P. Peck, at Knobsville, over Sunday.

H. G. Horton, of Altoona, spent the time from Friday until Tuesday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Horton of Wells Valley, and other friends in this county.

John H. Reiser, a Mercersburg Academy student, spent the time from Friday evening until Monday morning with his parents, J. G. Reiser and wife of this place.

Mrs. Ella Seylar and daughter Miss Jessie, of Foltz, drove over to this place last Sunday morning and spent the day with the former's sister, Mrs. Annie Shimer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Myers returned to their home in Mercersburg Monday morning after having spent a day or two with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Kendall in the Cove.

Robert N. Shimer, who had been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Shimer and other friends, of this place, left Tuesday for Hanover, Pa., where he has secured employment.

Hon. Geo. C. Austin, of New York, and brother P. R. Austin, of Chambersburg, who had been called to Saluvia on account of the death of their step-mother Mrs. Susan Austin, spent Wednesday night in McConnellsburg.

Merrick A. Stoner and wife, Abner Davis and wife, and Simon P. Naus and Mrs. Miller—all of Bedford, spent last Friday night in town, on their return from a week's outing, during which time they had visited the famous battlefield at Gettysburg and the big Hagerstown Fair. They had a drive of more than two hundred miles, and enjoyed the trip very much.