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Iowa is a Beautiful State. The Land is Slightly Rolling and Very Productive. Great Sheep Market.

IT IS A VERY INDUSTRIOUS STATE.

ED. FULTON CO. NEWS:—A very welcome guest came to our home this week in the form of a copy of the Fulton County News, sent me by a friend at Locust Grove. I remember little Fulton county and her good people with much pleasure, having lived there for twenty-four years of my life; then came to Iowa, which place I like very much.

Iowa is a beautiful state. The land is slightly rolling and very productive. The farmers raise large crops and feed lots of stock. They take great interest in stock raising. The farms consist of from 100 acres to 300 acres, and on that amount of land they feed from 50 to 200 head of cattle for the market; besides hundreds of hogs. They aim to feed all of their crop. There are a great many sheep shipped in here from New Mexico and Colorado to be fed for the market, and they are turned right into 50 or 60 acres of corn and they will gather the crop clean, leaving nothing at all to go to waste. We housekeepers do hate to see three or four thousand sheep coming our way, for the roads are usually very dusty in the fall, and you are apt to hear your next door neighbor holler, "There comes a drove of sheep," and every woman runs to close all doors and windows until all the sheep are past and the dust gets settled down again.

We live in a snug little town of about 700 population, near the Iowa river. We have a cosy little home just outside of the corporation of Union, but inside the school district. We have three churches here, the Christian, the M. E. and the Congregational. The Congregational minister is a Pennsylvanian, and a very fine man. People who have lived here for forty years say that there never has been a time when Union has had three such able ministers as now. We have two general stores, one exclusive grocery store, two drug stores, one furniture store, one hardware store, two millinery stores, one harness shop, two blacksmith shops, two large carriage shops, one elevator, one lumber yard, one creamery, one tank factory, two restaurants, two hotels, one bank, and a most excellent school of thirteen grades. My daughter will graduate from the common school branches in June, and will enter the High school the first of September. There she will take up the higher branches. There is no reason why every child should not have a good education here. The school is the pride of the town, and I must say that this is one of many things in which the west is far ahead of the east. When I think of the days when I went to school at Locust Grove in the little old wood schoolhouse on the hill; how I wish I had had the advantages that my daughter has, not only of school and music, but of the many other things, which would make my letter too long should I undertake to enumerate them.

The weather has been very nice here, although the spring has been a little late. The farmers are in the fields and everyone is busy. There is no need of anyone being idle in this country for there is lots of work to do. It is more difficult to get help in the house, for the girls are educated for some special work, and it is right they should be. I believe the time is not far off when the woman will fill more prominent positions. Our county (Hardin) has a lady County Superintendent, and she is a good one too.

Union is situated on the Iowa Central railroad, ten miles south of Eldora, which is the County Seat of Hardin county. They have a splendid new Court house. The State Industrial School for

MRS. GERTRUDE V. SNODGRASS

A Former Resident of Well Tannery, Died at Her Home in West Branch, Mich.

Died at her residence in West Branch, Michigan, on April 18, 1906 Mrs. Gertrude V. Snodgrass, aged 48 years. She was born in Wells Valley, and was a daughter of Kimber A. Moore, Esq., well known to many of our readers. After the close of the Civil War, the Moore family moved to Nebraska, and in May, 1883, the deceased was united in marriage to Foster L. Snodgrass, now a prominent attorney of Michigan. The Ogemaw Republican contains the following:

The death of Mrs. Snodgrass came as a shock to the community and leaves a vacant place which will not soon be filled. During her long residence here she was ever to be found on the side of right, always kind and charitable. Never caring much for society, her whole life was one of devotion to her home and family.

Mrs. Snodgrass was a woman of fine attainments and was ever a wise helpmate and advisor of her husband in his legal career. One daughter, Miss Alice, was born to them, and she is almost stunned by the loss of her loving mother. Two sisters and two brothers also mourn the loss of the deceased, namely, Miss Uni L. Moore, Santa Barbara, Cal.; Mrs. James Platt, Adams, Neb.; David Moore, Colorado Springs, and J. O. Moore, who is deputy U. S. marshal at Omaha.

The funeral was held from her late residence and interment at Brookside.

Birthday Surprise Party.

On Saturday of last week, April 28th, the home of Milton Kline, of Harrisonville, was the scene of a joyous event occasioned by the celebration of Mrs. Kline's 41st birthday. About 10 o'clock her neighbors and friends began to gather, bringing with them well filled baskets. After greetings had been extended and a little social conversation indulged in, all sat down to a bountiful repast. Mrs. Kline received quite a number of useful gifts to remind her of the event.

Those present were: R. R. Hann, wife and daughter; Thomas McClure, wife and daughters, Zella and May, and son Roy; Nicholas Finiff, wife and daughters; Charles Vores and wife, Mrs. Katharine Vores, Mrs. Andrew Mellott, Mrs. Eva Gress and son Melvin, Mrs. Elizabeth Cutchall and daughter Alice; Mrs. Rebecca Batdorf and son Edward; Mrs. Bertha Fix, Elmer Deshong and daughter Ethel, Mrs. Alice Brant, Misses Sallie Hoop, Mary Ewing, Dora Deshong, Ida, May and Nellie Kline; Messrs. Samuel L. Wible, Robert, Edward and Harry Kline.

Misses Flora Rexroth, Sadie Dickson and Nell Daniels accompanied by Mr. Max Sheets, spent last Friday in Chambersburg.

boys is located there. We can drive that distance in about one and one-half hours. It is very interesting to go there about six o'clock on Sunday evening. They give a band concert on the lawn, and then march to the chapel for worship, and every one knows just what he has to do. They are taught trades. Each one is taught the trade he is best adapted to. They have 200 acres of land and raise all of their vegetables and fruit. We visit a great many places of interest, but to me this one is the grandest, to see three or four hundred boys being brought up to be good and useful men, which they would never be if it were not for such institutions.

But I must not take up too much space in your valuable paper. Wishing all Fulton county people many happy and prosperous years, I remain,

Yours truly

MRS. BATTIE WILLIAMS.

WEATHER FORECASTS

By Rev. Irl R. Hicks, the St. Louis Weather Prophet, for the Month of May.

FEWER DISTINCT STORM PERIODS.

A Reactionary Storm Period falls from the 2nd to the 5th, being prolonged over the 4th by the moon's passage over celestial equator on the 5th. A very warm wave for the season, sustained until after storms of rain, wind and thunder about the 4th and 5th will pass from west to east at this time. Change to rising barometer and cooler behind these storms will be of short duration.

A Regular Storm Period, central on the 9th, covers the 7th to 12th. The full moon in perigee on the 8th, and at extreme south declination on the 11th, will be factors in the resulting perturbations of this period. By the 8th low barometer and much warmer will be an invading from the west, attended by very decided storms. From 9th to 12th a series of storms will sweep most parts of the country, progressively from west to east. If the Mars period is to take on a general tendency to maximum violence, tornadoes are probable at this period. Rapid change to high barometers, westerly gales and much cooler will follow this series of storms, and frosts will visit many central to northern sections from the 10th to 14th.

A Reactionary Storm Period is central on the 14th, 15th and 16th. All who have studied our forecasts for sometime, are familiar with the fact that the states in which tornadic storms are most frequent and destructive, are in what we call the focus solar energy during the month of May. From this fact alone we are to expect a seasonal maximum of such storms during this month.

A Regular Storm Period runs from the 19th to the 23rd. This promises to be the most active to violent period in May. It is a regular Vulcan period, covered by Mars and central with the Mercury period. The moon is on the equator on the 20th, in apogee on the 22nd and at new on the 23rd. All these things combined indicate that low barometer, very warm, humid atmosphere and electrical storms of marked severity will prevail at the first and continue to the end of this period. All through the central part of May there is great tendency at the storm periods to daily cycles of storms, for a number of days in succession, breaking up as a rule with a general, and very violent storm. This period, the 19th to the 23rd, promises to bring one of these cycles. The culmination of this period will fall within thirty-six hours of midnight on the 22nd. The outlook for this whole period is threatening, but we will name Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 21st, 22nd and 23rd, as danger days. Should the normal changes occur, clearing and much cooler weather should appear about the 24th and 25th.

A Reactionary Storm Period is central on the 26th, 27th and 28th with strong probabilities that the combined Mars and Mercury influences will cause prolonged threatening, if not stormy weather into this period up from the preceding period. The general character of the Mars period will determine the kind and intensity of storm and weather to be expected from about the 26th to the end of the month. If the Mars period comes in with an excess of storminess, the period extending from the 19th to the 23rd will not bring a continued daily cycle of rain, wind and thunder storms, but these daily storms will hardly reach their culmination and come to an end about Saturday, Sunday and Monday, the 26th, 27th and 28th. A decided change to cooler will spread over the country generally at the wind up of these storms.

The last day of May is the beginning of a regular storm period which will express itself during the opening days of June.

PROGRAM.

High School Commencement Exercises, Thursday Evening, May 10, 1906, at 8 O'clock.

Invocation. Rev. J. L. Grove. Solo. Amos Stouteagle. President's Address. Harry Wilson Comeror.

Salutatory. Janette Stouteagle. Music. Orchestra.

Class Oration, "From Jase to Pinnacle" Alice M. Hays. Recitation, "Wayside Inn." Sadie Fisher.

Quartette. Misses Emily Greathead, Katharine Cook, Bess Trout, Gertrude Sipes.

Address to Undergraduates. Ethel R. Kendall.

Prophecy. Andrew Allen Fisher.

Music. Orchestra.

Class History. Harry Moore Johnston.

Essay. Joseph B. Doyle.

Music. Orchestra.

Presentation. John Mayne Spangler.

Valedictory. Catherine Comeror.

Solo. Amos Stouteagle.

Address to Graduates. Prof. Wayne Bowers.

Presentation of Diplomas. Prof. L. H. Wible.

Class Ode.

Music. Orchestra.

Motto—No Victory Without Labor.

Color—Orange and Black.

Confidence Restored.

The new San Francisco, dispatches tell, that will rise from the ashes of the old, is already in its first stages of rebuilding. After feeding and caring for the homeless thousands, complete order has been established and attention turned to the future. The assurance of insurance companies, the measures taken by the financial institutions, the prompt and reassuring words that have reached the business men of San Francisco from eastern financial centres, the action of Congress upon the recommendations of the President increasing the first appropriation of \$1,000,000 to \$2,500,000; the offer of a resolution in both Houses providing that all structural steel and building material to be used in rebuilding San Francisco and other towns that suffered from the earthquake, free of duty for one year—all these things have dispelled the feeling of uncertainty.

The new modern steel buildings in the burnt district of San Francisco, upon inspection, have been found to be almost intact. In every instance it seemed that the earthquake had not damaged them.

In the meantime there is hardly a railroad line in the country which is not rushing at express speed, trains having absolute right of way loaded with provisions, clothing and other supplies for the needy. "A touch of nature makes the whole world kin."

Thus it is that as with Chicago, Boston, Baltimore and Galveston—Phoenix like, the city by the Golden Gate, with one of the finest harbors in all the world, will lift her head and rise out of her ashes again, grander and greater, a city of steel and marble, and not of wood.

There will be a three days meeting held at Siding Hill Baptist church, commencing the 4th of May. Elders Meredith, of Delaware; Gore, of Maryland, and Mellott, of Philadelphia, are expected to be present.

Mrs. Annie Rohrbach, of Fort Loudon, brought a suit for maintenance against her husband George. The case was to have been heard last week at the sitting of court in Chambersburg, but was postponed because her husband entered action for divorce from his wife.

Mac Chesnut spent Sunday with his mother, at Hustontown.

MEMORIAL DAY.

War Veterans Finally Mustering Out at the Rate of 5000 Each Month.

RANKS ARE THINNING OUT RAPIDLY.

"Corporal" Tanner, commander in chief of the National Grand Army of the Republic, before leaving for a visit to the southern, western and Pacific coast department, issued his Memorial Day proclamation as general order number seven. It announces that Lincoln's Gettysburg address should be read at all services on May 30, and says: "We have been observing this day ever since our beloved Logan instituted it in 1868. This year, my comrades, we are crossing the broad river at the rate of 5000 a month, 60,000 a year; soon the great majority will be sleeping their last sleep, and it is our privilege now, as it has been for so many years, to pay loving tribute to their memory by decorating their graves with flowers which, starting forth from mother earth with each recurring springtime are emblematic of a resurrection to a glorious immortality.

"I am but performing my solemn duty when I ask all to assist in this loving service. Upon department and post commanders the duty rests of attending to the fitting observance of Memorial Day, which this year will fall on Wednesday, May 30. Welcome all auxiliary and allied organizations, encourage school children to attend and to assist and to secure speakers, who in clear and eloquent language will teach the lessons of patriotism for which our comrades gave the last full measure of devotion.

"Thirty years ago, when I was department commander of New York in a Memorial Day order I then issued, I suggested to the comrades of New York that wherever, from Montauk Point to Buffalo, any Confederate soldiers who had found sepulchre among us, I trusted that when we went out to laurel the graves of our Union dead that our common American manhood would not prevent us passing by the graves of our former opponents without dropping thereon some floral remembrance. 'Not, I said, in honor of their cause, for that we opposed, fought and conquered; but because we who met them on the field of battle know that braver men or better soldiers have not been known since men were first marshaled in battle array.'

"We were then scarce a dozen years away from Appomattox, but this suggestion seemed to me met with very general approval. To the order at large I now confidently make the same suggestion.

"We have returned the battle standards of the dead confederacy to those who treasure them as sacred mementos of their loved ones who died under them. The Congress of the United States has just unanimously voted \$200,000 to care for the graves of those dead, and the heart of the nation has said, with great unanimity, 'It is well.' Unitedly we march along the highway of nations, rose bushes blossoming over and around, and the birds nesting in the months of the cannon that once roared defiance and death at each other, the world applauding, our conscience approving.

"If mothers of the south still sit, like Rachel of old, weeping for their children and refusing to be comforted because they are not, let the news go down to them that on our most sacred day we feel it a privilege to stand in the place of their far distant kinsman, and lovingly mark their last resting place with God's sweet emblem of peace—flowers.

"The old flag has been re-baptized since 1865 with the blood of the north and south alike and the ship of state is securely anchored for all time."

The plans of King post for the local Memorial Day celebration have not matured as yet.

POINTER FOR FISHERMEN.

Before Going to the Country Look Carefully Over New Trespas Law.

The fisherman who is going to the country will do well to first look over the law upon trespass and save himself trouble. The new law is more strict in its application than the old one and is worth reading. By it the man who posts his land can make arrests and have the man who trespasses upon it punished before a justice. The law is a brief one, to the point and is as follows:

"Section 1. Be it enacted, etc., that from and after the passage of this act, it shall be unlawful for any person willfully to enter upon any land within the limits of this commonwealth, where the owner or owners of said land has caused to be prominently posted upon said land printed notices that the said land is private property and warning all persons from trespassing thereon under the penalties provided in this act.

"Section 2. Every person violating the provisions of this act shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$10, together with the costs of prosecution to be recovered before any magistrate or justice of the peace, as fines and penalties are by law recoverable; and in default of payment of said fines and costs the party convicted shall be committed to the county jail of the proper county for one day for each dollar of fine imposed.

"Section 3. All penalties recovered under this act shall be paid to the school fund of the district in which the trespass was committed."

Death of Jackson Strait.

Jackson Strait died at his home near what is known as Strait's bridge, Monday morning, April 16th, at 10:45 o'clock.

He having been almost a constant sufferer for nearly a year, yet bearing his sufferings with patience, never complaining, but seeming thankful that he was no worse.

The deceased was a son of Joseph and Jane (Pittman) Strait, was born September 12, 1830, aged 75 years, 7 months and 4 days. He was of the third generation and lived and died on what is known as the Stait homestead.

Mr. Strait was a veteran of the Civil War, having served in Company H, 15th Regiment, Pennsylvania infantry. Having served 18 months in the service of his country, and while not seeing much fighting yet his term of service was attended with exposure in other ways equal to the average.

The deceased is survived by his wife, two sons, Dady J., and George R., at home, two daughters, Mary, wife of Unger Truax, of Andover, Pa., and Fanny at home, and two sisters, Mrs. Rebecca Deshong, of Johnstown, Pa., and Mrs. Aaron Clevenger, of McConnellsburg, Pa.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Foor on Wednesday morning, from 1 Samuel 20 chapter and latter clause of the 18th verse. Interment in the Siding Hill Christian cemetery.

Horses Ran Away.

Rev. Grimes' horse, which was hitched near the station in Mercersburg, became frightened at the cars on Thursday evening and broke the bridle and started to run away, but was caught before going far. A broken buggy shaft was about all the damage that was done.

On Tuesday of last week as Mr. J. Walker Johnston and daughter Miss Nellie, were returning from the funeral of Grover Mellott, the coupling pole of their buggy broke throwing Mr. Johnston out bruising him considerably. Miss Nellie escaped without injury. The horse ran for a short distance with the front wheels of the buggy before he was stopped.

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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

Mrs. S. M. Cook left yesterday for a visit to Washington, D. C.

Harry Dawney, of Hustontown, was a McConnellsburg visitor Saturday.

Rev. John C. Grimes was called to Mercersburg, Thursday, on business.

William Heefner and wife, of Gracey, were business visitors at the County Seat Thursday.

David E. Strait and wife, of Hustontown, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in the Cove.

Miss May Chesnut, of Hustontown, spent Saturday in this place the guest of Abram Runyan and wife.

David Malloy left Saturday for York, where he will spend an indefinite time with friends in that busy city.

Misses Mary Grove and Gertrude Sloan leave on Thursday for Shippensburg, where they will join an excursion to Washington, D. C.

Prothonotary Harris last week issued a marriage license to James G. Stotelmeyer, of Little Orleans, Md., and Edna V. Hoopengardner of Buck Valley.

Mrs. Rev. John C. Grimes, of this place, was called to Thurmont, Md., Thursday, on account of the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. Dr. M. A. Bierly.

D. B. Nace and wife, of Chambersburg, are spending the week very pleasantly at the home of their son, cashier M. W. Nace, North Second street.

The Baccalaureate Sermon for the graduating class of the Mc Connellburg High School, will be preached in the Presbyterian church on Sabbath evening, May 6th, at 7:30 p. m. by Dr. W. A. West.

LAUREL RIDGE.

The farmers are beginning to plant corn in this section.

George Lynch and David Bivens each burned a lime kiln this spring.

Mrs. Kate Clouser and daughters, Bertha and Orpha, visited in our vicinity Sunday.

David Strait, of Hustontown, visited his sister, Mrs. Robert Mellott, Friday and Saturday.

Maye McEldowney, of Mercersburg, is spending some time with her parents here.

Mary and Flora Shives visited at Jacob Gordon's Sunday.

Ephraim Houck and wife visited at Thomas Shaw's Sunday.

Rev. Powers will preach at Laurel Ridge, next Sunday, at 3 p. m.

A Surprise.

Tuesday, April 17, 1906, there was quite a gathering of Fulton county ex-residents, it being the 4th anniversary of the marriage of Mrs. Amy L. Hamilton, (nee Gaster) at their home in Wilkensburg.

Those present from old Fulton were, John H. Gaster and family, Albert C. Gaster and wife, Ada B. Gaster, Maggie E. Gaster and Dr. H. K. Kent, of Altoona; Samuel R. Duganne, wife and daughter, Mrs. Rebecca Hamilton and daughter, Edgar Montier, of Sewickley.

Music was furnished by Mr. Duganne and A. C. Gaster.

There was quite an elaborate lunch served and it received just punishment. They enjoyed themselves very much talking about old times over the mountain, and all wish the News success.

Engagement Announced.

The Baltimore papers announce the engagement of Mr. Campbell Patterson of Webster Mills and Miss Bessie Robertson of Baltimore. The wedding will take place early in June.