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## LETTER FROM CANADA.

Charlie Deavor Tells About Homesteading in the Dominion. Great Rush for Wheat Lands.

THIRTY-FIVE TO FORTY BUS. AN ACRE.

EDITOR NEWS:—Vonda, the place where I write from, is located about 90 miles east of Battleford on the Canadian, northern road, and about 24 miles east of the Canadian Pacific branch that runs north to Prince Albert. Vonda is a small town nicely located on the prairie, it being less than ten months old. One week ago, yesterday, I was in Saskatoon, which is located on the Prince Albert branch of the C. P. road. Saskatoon is the bust town I have run across in northwestern Canada. It is nicely located west of the south branch of the Saskatchewan river, and has a population of 35,000. It is also the landing place of immigrants that settle in the Moose Lake county, which is about 75 miles west of Saskatoon. The contract has been let for the building of the transcontinental railroad. It crosses at Saskatoon, as does, also, the Kerkella and Wetaskawin branch of the Canadian Pacific R. R. So Saskatoon will likely be quite a railroad center. From Saskatoon, I went down to Regina a few days and came back up to Vonda. Regina has a population of 10,000, and is nicely located in the wheat country. The soil around Regina seems to be sticky—a little gummy perhaps, when it is a little wet and a person has about ten acres, more or less, hanging on his feet. About the best place in Regina is the Dominion Land Office. It is opened at 9 a. m., and until 5:30 p. m. You can imagine the crowd that gathers there at the doors between 8 and 9 o'clock. I was lucky enough to get right at the door-knob and get waited on in the forenoon. When the door was unlocked, the people rushed in and up the steps to the office counters like a drove of pigs coming to feed, when called. There are other government land offices located at different places over the country. The one at Regina is the main office, and others are sub-offices. There is a sub-office at Saskatoon.

I will now tell you about my trip down to my homestead south of Vonda. There were three of us started to walk down to our homesteads about 30 miles south-east of Vonda. We started Saturday at 9:30 a. m., and walked until dark, when we had to stop for we were using the sun as our guide. We all lay down on the open prairie and slept well until about 12 o'clock, when our feet began to get cold, as we had nothing but our overcoats, and they weren't long enough to cover our feet. We then walked around in a circle until our feet were warmed up a little, and by that time the moon came up, and by 3 o'clock, we started on our journey using the moon for our guide until sunrise. We should have kindled a fire, but had nothing to burn. We walked all day Sunday from 3 o'clock in the morning until 8 p. m., and started out on Monday morning at 8 o'clock and got back to Vonda Monday at 4 p. m. We saw seven wolves on our journey, and all kinds of ducks and geese. We are located on the survey of the Kerkella branch of the C. P. R. R., which is to be built this year.

I couldn't begin to describe the immigration to this country. Every train that goes west is crowded, and every freight has from twelve to fifteen and more immigrant cars. This country is being settled very fast, and the best homestead land is taken up that is close to the railroad. I would be over four miles from town, when the railroad is completed, and that will be this fall, or early next spring. That will make my homestead worth \$5,000. I am helping to through the

## MUCH MAIL NOT DELIVERED

Failure of Writers to Put Their Addresses on Letters and Packages the Principal Cause.

HAVE NAME AND ADDRESS PRINTED.

How to effect a reduction in the enormous amount of undeliverable letters and packages which are being received by the dead letter office, is a matter to which Assistant Postmaster General De Graw has been giving much attention since that division was placed within his jurisdiction.

Over 11,000,000 pieces of undeliverable mail were handled by the division last year, and the average number received each day is now between 30,000 and 35,000. Mr. De Graw believes that this number is excessive and could be greatly reduced by the use of ordinary care by patrons of the postal service.

Not only are the writers and addressed put to great inconvenience and trouble by the non-delivery of their mail, but the pecuniary loss is considerable, as during last month alone over \$2,000 for which no owners could be found, was turned into the Federal treasury. Unfortunately, the greater part of the monetary loss falls upon persons who are most in need of funds.

Failure on the part of writers to put their addresses on letters and packages is the principal cause of the losses. Mail matter bearing the return address of the writer is not sent to the dead letter office, but returned direct to the sender in case of non-delivery, and it is by giving the widest publicity to the neglect of the writers to observe this simple precaution that Mr. De Graw hopes to accomplish something towards the general adoption of the plan by the people.

The postoffice department is now sending out cards upon which are printed the form of address to be used in mailing letters, postal cards, etc., suggesting that card addresses of the writer be placed in the left upper corner of the envelope. One of these cards is being enclosed in each dead letter returning to the writer. Good results are expected through this method, but, of course, only a portion of the people can be reached in that way.

Business men have long ago learned that they cannot afford to use an envelope on which their name and address is not printed, and dozens of farmers and others get their envelopes and letter paper at a printing office with name and address printed on, where one did ten years ago. By getting a bunch of them printed at a time, the expense is but little more than buying a small quantity at a time from a retail dealer, without the printing.

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Rev. T. P. Garland will preach at Cedar Grove next Sunday at 10 o'clock a. m.

Mrs. Ella Golden, Mrs. Laura Sharpe and Mrs. Elizabeth Carnell, spent a few days with Lemuel Mellott and family at Sharpsburg, and attended the monument dedication on the Antietam battlefield on the 16th and 17th, ult. They all report a good time, and say it was worth visiting.

Beasis Bernhart, of McKeesport, and Sadio Bernhart, of Berkeley, spent the past week with Mrs. Alfred Mellott.

Allen Smith and family spent Sunday at William Carnell's.

The farmers are very busy cutting corn and seeding.

Ross Bernhart, who was vaccinated, was unconscious for a short time. He is now better.

CHARLES W. DRAVER.  
Vonda, Pa.  
Sept. 5, 1906.

## IN THE TEMPLE OF JUSTICE

More Than Usually Large Amount of Business Before the Court This Week.

MANY PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE.

At two o'clock Monday afternoon, with Judge Swope and his associates Bender and Humbert on the bench, and the court officers at their respective desks, the erier touched the button and the wheels of justice began to move. The constables were the first to be thrown in the hopper, and from them were screened the following reports: Christian Spade, of Union township, said the new road in that township was much out of repair. The Court directed the District Attorney to look after the supervisors. A. J. Comer, of Taylor township, told the Court that the road leading from Hustontown to New Grenada was hardly up to the standard, and the Judge ordered the District Attorney to notify the supervisors of Taylor to get busy.

H. E. Deshong, of Licking Creek township, gave information that Alonzo Spriggs had been carrying concealed deadly weapons. The Court promptly awarded process.

J. C. Foster, of Wells, reported the bridge in New Grenada, unsafe, and the road from George A. Stewart's, to the Bedford county line, out of repair.

Calling the roll of grand jurors drawn, it was found that they were all present. W. H. Nelson was excused from serving, and H. K. Markley, of Bethel, was appointed foreman.

All the petit jurors answered to their names except Jacob C. Hess, who is out of the county.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

Vonda Weimer was appointed guardian of Albert W. Sipes, and bond approved. Permission was granted Mr. Weimer to join in deeds conveying certain real estate of said ward, and guardian acknowledged deeds in open court.

Upon request of the District Attorney, permission was granted him to settle the case of Commonwealth vs. C. P. Carmack, charged with f. and b., and that of Com. vs. Bruce S. Hanu, on same charge.

ACCOUNTS.

The first and final account of Emanuel Mills, administrator of estate of Julia Mills, deceased, was confirmed.

First and final account of M. R. Shaffner, Esq., administrator c. t. a. of estate of Miss E. Rebecca Pott, deceased, read and confirmed. Hon. John P. Sipes appointed auditor to make distribution.

First and final account of Chas. E. Barton, administrator of the estate of Mrs. Alice Smith, late of McConnellsburg, deceased, was confirmed.

First and final account of Thos. P. Garland, administrator of the estate of Nathan Mellott was confirmed and Geo. B. Daniels appointed auditor to make distribution.

Second and final account of S. Marshall Jackson, administrator of the estate of N. B. Jackson, deceased, and Hon. S. W. Kirk, appointed auditor to make distribution.

First and final account of C. J. Barton, administrator of the estate of Margaret E. Dawney, deceased, was confirmed and Hon. W. Scott Alexander appointed auditor to make distribution.

First and final account of Geo. A. Harris, Esq., administrator of the estate of Stephen F. Keepers, deceased, confirmed.

First and final account of Oliver Mellott, executor of the will of Noah Mellott, deceased, was confirmed.

Return of order of real estate of Francis Harshay by T. Scott Hershey, administrator. Sale confirmed to Grant Baker in the sum of \$616.00.  
Estate of Jane Booth, deceased.

Return of sale by Thomas R. Slusher, administrator to Job Mann, confirmed. Price \$100.

Estate of Mahulda Mellott, deceased. Return of sale made by M. R. Shaffner, administrator, was confirmed: tracts Nos. 1 and 4 to Richard Pittman, and tracts 2 and 3 to James G. Alexander. Confirmed.

Estate of Laura Garlick, deceased. Writ of partition granted by the Court.

Estate of Geo. W. Comer, deceased. Return of writ of partition confirmed, and rule on heirs awarded.

Return of real estate of J. W. Miller, deceased. Confirmed in the sum of \$750.

Estate of Eva C. Eckert and Christopher Eckert, deceased.—Permission granted Sophia Gress to pay money into Court.

Estate of H. R. Truax, deceased. Return of order of sale confirmed. Price \$655.

Inquest awarded in estate of David Brubaker, deceased.

Return of order of sale of real estate of Lewis D. Wible, deceased, confirmed. \$1025.

Return of order of sale of real estate of Josabed Lodge, deceased. Sold for \$2720. Sale confirmed.

Hon. S. W. Kirk appointed guardian of Frederic and Bertha Blair. Bond \$400.

Report of W. Scott Alexander, auditor appointed to make distribution in estate of Sarah L. McKibbin, deceased, as sold by Lizzie E. McKibbin. Report confirmed.

Samuel Mellott appointed guardian of Pearl, Gertrude, Mary, Myrtle, and Helen C. Brubaker, minor children of the late John Brubaker, deceased.

Bond of M. R. Shaffner, administrator of the estate of Mahulda Mellott, in the sum of \$1500 approved by the Court.

In No. 44, June term, 1905, Harriet R. Cooper and Wm. Cooper vs. Ervin F. Fisher and ———. Motion presented to discontinue. Court awarded rule.

It was now four o'clock, and as the grand jury had not reported any bills, court adjourned until Tuesday morning.

TUESDAY MORNING.

The first business of general interest before the court this forenoon was the trial of the "Com. vs. James Hess" case; Mr. Hess being charged with larceny of a telescope containing ladies' wearing apparel.

The evidence showed that on the afternoon of August 18, 1906, H. H. Shaw, Amos Williams and his two daughters, and A. B. Shaw and daughter, went to the campmeeting then in progress at Crystal Springs, arriving at the camp about 6 o'clock. The ladies intended staying a day or two with the family of Jacob Rice, who had a tent on the grounds. As they did not know just where Mr. Rice's tent was, the team was hitched near the preachers' tent, and the telescope containing wearing apparel belonging to the ladies, was left in the vehicle, and the party went in search of their friends, whom they soon found. Not thinking they were taking any risk in leaving the telescope in the carriage, they attended the evening service, and then went for the telescope. They looked. The telescope was gone. The girls were worried.

After making some inquiry, Mr. Shaw felt justified in swearing out a search warrant and examining the premises of James Hess, of Licking Creek township, and the same placed in the hands of Constable H. E. Deshong, who with Mr. Shaw, and his daughter, went to Mr. Hess's home on the 6th of September. When near the home of Mr. Hess, they met Mr. Hess and his wife in a buggy. As soon as Mr. Hess noticed the constable, he jumped out of the buggy and ran back toward his house. The constable seeing something of a sprinter, leaped from his buggy and ran after Hess. When the latter found that the constable had too

## PURIFY YOUR WELL.

State Health Commissioner Tells Folks of Rural Districts How to Prevent Typhoid.

"Disinfect your wells and avoid typhoid fever," said State Health Commissioner Samuel G. Dixon, in discussing the campaign which the State Department of Health is making against this disease that is attended with so much suffering and mortality throughout the State.

Mr. Dixon was speaking particularly of the rural districts, where such a large part of the population have wells or springs on their properties and do not realize that they are seriously polluted until drinking from them has opened the door of the home to typhoid. On investigation it is found that these wells and springs receive their pollution by surface drainage from neighboring vaults, barnyards or pig sties. Dr. Dixon said:

"Of course, the first thing to do is to remove the cause of pollution; that is, locate such buildings so that the drainage from them will not reach the water supply.

Many wells are polluted by the persons who go to them for water, carrying filth on their shoes, as for instance when the farmer walks directly from the barnyard to the well in times of wet weather, if the platform of the well is not in good repair the refuse that he carries on his boots and deposits on the platform finds its way into the well.

To disinfect the well or spring, the cheapest, and perhaps the best, agent is freshly burned unslacked lime. For the ordinary well at least one half bushel should be dumped into the well, and by means of a long-handled brush the sides should be carefully scrubbed down with the resulting milk of lime.

"The well should then be pumped out, cleaned, allowed to refill and a like amount of lime added. The well should then be allowed to stand for at least twenty-four hours, and after being repeatedly exhausted and allowed to refill until all traces of the lime have disappeared it may again be used. The delivery pipe, chains and other fixtures should be scrubbed with a solution made by dissolving six ounces of pure carbolic acid in a gallon of hot water, which should in turn be removed by scrubbing with plain water.

In the case of springs, an adequate amount of lime should be used, their bottom and sides being thoroughly scrubbed with the resulting milk of lime."

## Recent Deaths.

LAYTON.

Helen F., infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Layton, of Bethel township, died September 28, 1906, aged 7 months and 19 days. Interment at the Cedar Grove Christian church, and the funeral services conducted by Rev. Powers.

WHEELER.

Mrs. Mary Wheeler, widow of the late William E. Wheeler, late of Bethel township, deceased, died at the home of her son, Mr. George Gray, near Sideling Hill postoffice, September 5, 1906, aged 72 years, 10 months, and 20 days.

Mrs. Wheeler was a daughter of Peter Clavenger, deceased, and had been married three times. She was the mother of five children, two of whom are living, namely, George Gray, of Sideling Hill, and Mrs. Chas. Pauli, of South Fork, Cambria county, Pa.

Mrs. Wheeler had been sick since April, having suffered a stroke of paralysis; but she bore her infirmities with Christian fortitude, feeling that while it was well to live, to die and be with Christ were far better.

Mrs. Wheeler was a consistent member of the Christian church, and her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Cedar Grove church, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. Thos. P. Garland.

## GAME PLENTIFUL.

More This Year in Pennsylvania Than Has Been Seen in the State for Many Years.

SO SAYS GAME SECRETARY KALBFUS.

"There will be more game this year in Pennsylvania than has been seen in the state for many years," State Game Secretary Kalbfus says, "I am getting splendid accounts from my correspondents all over the state. From every section come good accounts of the vast quantities of game this year.

"This is so with pheasants, wild turkeys, deer, quail, gray squirrels and rabbits. There will be more deer killed than for many a year. As for quail I have the best kind of reports especially concerning the quail we got from Alabama for breeding purposes. Some of them have been seen leading flocks of twenty-one, which is propagating some.

"The reports concerning deer are very encouraging, but there are also reports that some are being killed out of season. We'll get the people who do that and teach them a lesson. I account for the increase in the amount of game to the fact that there have been few forest fires this year, owing to the increased vigilance of the forest wardens, who are also game wardens, and the work of the people generally, who are taking an interest in the game question and are on the watch to protect game out of season and to see that during the open season, the laws regarding the amount of game one man can kill during a season are observed.

"The day of the pot hunter is gone in this state, and the men who kill game to ship it outside for sale have about been eliminated. The true sportsman is coming into his own, and he is taking mighty good care that he observes the law and compels others to observe it."

## HIXON—HANKS NUPTIALS.

Wedding of Miss Jennie Hanks and Ernest A. Hixon in Brush Creek Valley Last Wednesday.

One of the leading social events of the season in the quiet little valley of Brush Creek, occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hixon, near Crystal Springs, when their son Ernest A. was united in marriage to Miss Jennie, daughter of the late Nathan B. Hanks, Esq., deceased.

The parlors in which the ceremony was performed, were beautifully decorated with festoons of Goldenrod, beneath a union of which, in the center of the room, the happy couple stood, while the Rev. Wise, of Beechwood, in the presence of a half hundred or more invited guests, solemnly confirmed the promise which the bride and groom each made to take the other "for better or worse."

Miss Grace Hixon, sister of the groom, was the maid of honor, and Charles M. Lodge, the best man.

The serving of the sumptuous wedding dinner, and the large number of valuable and useful presents, were in keeping with the social status of the contracting parties.

A fitting climax to the day's festivities, was the arrival in the evening, of a hay wagon load of friends of the young people who had been "too busy" to attend the wedding, but who were bound not to lose the opportunity to come and "pay their respects." Well, they were a happy-go-lucky crowd, and serenaded the bride and groom in great shape. The groom was equal to the occasion, and set up a generous quantity of cigars and cider for the boys, and lot of good cake for the girls, and the whole day's festivities passed off like a pleasant dream.

J. B. Mellott, D. D. S., and wife of Needmore, spent last Saturday night.

## 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

Prof. Barton and family were guests of Grant Baker and wife near Knobsville, at dinner last Thursday.

Edgar Alexander showed us a bunch of ripe raspberries a few days ago that were the second crop grown this year.

Rev. J. C. Grimes and wife, of this place, are spending a week in Harrisburg and attending the dedication of the capitol.

Jefferson C. Mellott, one of Belfast township's substantial citizens, spent a few hours in McConnellsburg, last Friday.

Mrs. Edward Shimer and son Frank, of this place, are on one of those who are spending a few days at Harrisburg attending the dedication of the capitol.

S. K. Pittman, doing a prosperous mercantile business in the vicinity of Shippensburg, spent a couple of days last week among relatives and friends in this community.

V. R. Sipes, at the Tollgate on the Mercersburg pike this side of Foltz, called at the News office while in town last Thursday, and advanced his subscription a couple of years.

Geo. H. Metzler, of Decorum, accompanied by his little daughter Mona, and his mother, visited in the home of S. P. Metzler at New Grenada, from Friday until Tuesday of last week.

C. R. Shoemaker, wife and children, of Jeannette, Pa., and Harry Laidig, wife and son, of Sterling, Ill., are enjoying a visit in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Laidig at Hustontown.

H. C. McGowan expects to move his family to Mount Union in a few weeks, where he will be engaged in the butchering business. We hope their new home may be pleasant, and the business profitable.

Grant Baker bought the Frank Hershey farm near Knobsville last Saturday at public sale for \$818.00. The farm contains 110 acres; and if there are 200,000 feet of saw timber on it, as reported, Grant ought to get out on it.

## ABRAHAM DISHONG DEAD.

Was a Member of the 158th Regiment, and Fought for Uncle Sam in the Civil War.

Abraham Dishong, for many years a resident on the "lower farm" in the Meadowgrounds, died at the home of his son-in-law, George M. Myers, near Warfordsburg, on Friday morning of last week, aged 85 years, 3 months, and 7 days. Funeral, conducted by Rev. Powers, of Needmore, took place on Sunday, and interment was made in the cemetery at the Presbyterian church at Warfordsburg.

Mr. Dishong served in the Civil War, and was a member of Company K, 158th Pennsylvania Regiment. He was mustered into service November 4 1862, and mustered out on the 12th of August, 1863.

Besides his wife, who was Sarah Oakman, he is survived by eight children, namely, Catherine wife of George M. Myers; Conrad, Warfordsburg; Clarence, Franklin Mills; Faoule Voros, Knobsville; James and Anne, near McConnellsburg; Adam, near Covalt, and Charity, in Ohio.

## Evidence of Appreciation.

To show their appreciation of the good work he has done in the Sunday school this year, about forty members of the Pleasant Grove Sunday school assembled at the home of their superintendent, David Garland on Thursday evening of last week, and spent the evening in singing and prayer.