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SEEING KANSAS.

Enoch C. Peck Writes Interestingly of His Observations in the Sunflower State.

VISITED FRANK ROCKEFELLER'S RANCH

Mr. Enoch C. Peck, a native of Belfast township, this county, who with his daughter Miss Minme, spent several weeks last summer visiting among relatives and old time friends in this county, went to Kansas several years ago, and is now one of the Sunflower State's prosperous citizen's. He is now making a trip through the southwestern part of his State, and incidentally dipping down into Oklahoma. Mr. ly gentle; but no one can get near Peck is a close observer, and enough to touch them. They are writes interestingly of conditions as he sees them.

But, we will let him talk for himself-

"I left my home in Kingman three feet of us. the latter part of October, went west as far as Pratt on the A. T. & S. F. railroad, staid there all night, and next day went over the Rock Island railroad to Plains, Kas., where I spent about a week. Then I returned to Minneola, thence across the country by livery team thirty miles to Ashland, m four hours, at a cost of \$3.20. From Ashland, I went west on the Sante Fe to Englewood, a town in the southwestern part of the State, which is the terminus week at Englewood, I went south into Beaver county, Oklahoma, where I got into a furious snow storm; but I saw lots of nice land, tree. and some that was not so nice, but all covered with grass, and with a little Kaffir corn. Yearling steers are worth \$20 and ing shipped away to city markets by the train load.

\$25 an acre; and the tracts run from 40 to 20,000 acres. There the ground not many moons are some beautiful streams of away. water flowing through it from the size of Licking Creek down to the ordinary spring run. The streams are generally very sandy in the bottom, and have low sandy banks-the sand a very light colfeet from the stream, although very sandy, is generally product-

"Plains, Kansas, is up on a high table land, and is so level that the water stands in ponds, covering from a few rods to fifteen acres in a wet time; but it is high up into the thousands. not often that water stands very lorg at a time. Plains is a great wheat country. Three men in Plains each own about 32,000 acres, and they are aiming to have it all put into wheat as soon as they can get it plowed. They raise from 15 to 25 bus, per scre, and get from 65 to 80 cents per bu. The land is black, heavy, clayey soil, and cost them, two o three years ago, about \$2.50 or \$3 00 an acre; now it is worth \$25 to \$30, or more, but is not for sale; so you see how land speculation goes here Some quarters of 160 acres each, sold for \$200, that are now selling for \$5,000 to \$10,000. Many people are going from Kingman county. They sell at from \$20 to \$50 an acre, and buy in Western Kansas and Eastern Colorado at from \$1,25 to \$1.874 an scre, and some are Homesteading claims-government land-to be paid for in 5 years at \$1.25 per scre.

"Hotel business is one of the money makers here in the west now-25 a meal, and, 25 to 50 \$2 a day-straight, and have all death of his grand mother.

they can well accommodate. Hotels take in from \$10 to \$120 a day. Groceries are about the same price here as in Fulton county.

"I came last Friday to Belvidere, where Frank Rockefeller lives. He is a brother of the famous "John D." Frank and I had quite a nice visit—he called me Peck's bad boy. He owns about 15,000 acres of good land along Soldier Creek. His ranch is 8 or 10 miles inlength. Here I saw 22 buffaloes-some of them, big old fellows; and, some, little

"I tell you that was a sight of a life time to see that herd of buffaloes! I was within twenty feet of them, and they seemed perfectby wire fence. Then we went on heavenly fire. a few miles up the creek, and came to a field of deer and one big buffalo. The deer came up within

"This creek is well timbered with elm, hackbarry, cottonwood, gift of all the angels would have etc. I got a mess of wild frost been a trifle compared to it. The grapes by climbing high vp into the top of a big elm tree. The creek is fed by numerous springs The gift of His Son, to reign and and is filled with water cress and nice fish. The valley is covered with blue grass. Among the tim- less than the gift of that Son as a the courty seat of Clark county, ber in places, sarsaparilla vines, sufferer to be clothed in mortalibitter sweet, green briars, cover

sparkling water, and circled bearer of our race, a sin-offering of the road. After a stay of a around to light again, while for all, On the anniversary of our bunches of quail would runacross | Lord's birthina manger we should the road, or a squirrel or rabbit, remember the gift and the giver. seek a hiding place in a hollow Such wonderful love should beget

"A few prairie chickens yet Real love always gives. That friends to await the happy hunt-

ter upon his land, the road is graded to his line on either side, while legal steps are being taken or. The "bottom" land a few to gain legal right-of-way through

for the saddle; and imported roadsters, draw the vehicles carrying Mr. Rockefeller and his family as well as many strangersnoted or humble-who, alike enjoy the hospitality of this home, in sunny Kansas, for which any other millionaire in the world might willingly exchange.

'To mention in detail the fine Augora goats, Poland hogs, domestic pets, fowls and the respec tive abode and care of each-the shrubbery, horticulture apiary, aviary, science, art departments, etc., would be abundant subject matter to fill a book-too much for this, already, too long letter.

"Wishing all my eastern friends a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year, I am

Yours truly,

ENOCH C. PECK.

John W. Shimer, car inspector in the yards at McKeesport, is spending the holidays in the home men." Every heart seems tilled cents a night for bed-earh per- of his mother, Mrs. Barbara A. with peace and good wil'. It is a sen-and no discount by the week. Shimer, of this place. He was day when the cares and vexations The higher priced hotels charge called home on account of the

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS.

Memorable Day of Song, Gladness, and Gifts. Written for The Fulton County News.

BY PROFESSOR GEORGE W. ASHTON.

'Awake, glad hearts! Get up and sing!

The Christmas song still lingers. If not in the fields and upon the streets, yet in our hearts and homes we still sing sweet Christmas carols. Love runs into ! oetry; gladness finds expression in song. Even upon the birth of Christ poetry and song were laid under angelic contribution to Ever since, poets have sung their sweetest strains when their

God loved and gave. The gift was the most costly, precious, beneficent, the universe afforded The gift of all the stars would have been infinitely less valuable. The gift of His own glory, power and wisdom would not have equaled it. serve in his might and glory, would have been immeasurably ty, poor, despised, tempted, insulted, sorrowful, the brother of "Wild ducks flew up out of the every lost sinner, the burdenlove in return.

keep company for the buffalo to is its nature. It cannot be rehundreds of cattle grazing - many remind him of trontier days, but strained. Christmas is the day with no other feed, and a few poor Lo! is no more to be seen of gitts. Jesus takes pleasure in smoking his pipe by his teepe in such celebrations of his birth. this quiet little valley; no more There is fragrance in the bloomtwo year olds, \$30. They are be. the curling smoke as a signal is ing of love, far sweeter than in all seen rising from the wigwam of frankincense and myrrh. Let it the chief with his papoose and break forth freely! All possible "My next stop was at Coldwa- squaw beside him-or surround- expressions of it are worship. ter, where I spent nearly three ed by braves, with their ponies, Give to the old, the middle-aged weeks. Here one sees nice level blankets, robes, lariats, etc. The and the young; give to the rich country. It is inclined to be a canoe is no more, the bow is unlittle sandy and gravelly; and by strung, the arrows are lost, and pitted; to the joyful and the sor- Craig county, Va., near the West t wo railroads plow through their rowful, give for Jesus sake; celesidered very good. The price of burying grounds where loved ones brate generously and joyfully. it, however, ranges from \$4 50 to were tenderly lain by sorrowing Give crinkets and treasures, toys and mementoes; the useful and in course of construction along ornamental; the cheap and the costly; the homely and the beau-"Though Mr. "Rockey" as his tiful; both food and clothing; to hired men familiarly call him, for the body and the mind; to the eye is paid at every step-the Standbade the Railroad Company to en and the heart; to the family and the church, Wherever love extends gifts should go on Christ- trate the great Kanawha Valley mas day, that the whole earth may be flooded with gladness and all Soldier Creek Park-fhe home of hearts filled with praise. The Hereford, Shorthorn, and Polled Lord will recognize and approve Short Horn cattle, Belvidere, it all; the clatter of presents will Kiowa county, Ks -a home where raise a sweet melody to the skies; no finer herd of six hundred head not a note will be lost, and not a this State conceived and brought and all necessary equipments. He pig was one of the Big 4 on his of thorough bred cattleever roam. discord permitted. Love's work forth under such pecuhar circum ed-many prize winners valued is harmony; love's gifts on X'm is stances, and of its people, who, day, whether to the grand mother "The most valued breeds of or the baby, the relative or the hung such dark and ominous horses are used to till large tracts stranger, raise a Psalm of praise of ranch or park; noble steeds, to the Savior, and send a bright smile of pleasure over Ilis glori-

well as giving. Jesus has pleasure in saving, and being welcomed joys of our Lord. There are many ently toward our fellowmen. hearts no given to Christ. Let pleasures of Christmas in glory * giving let us give our hearts to

Upon this good, glad day more than upon any other day in the whole year do we seem to realize the fulfillment of the angelic song : hearts. "Peace on earth and good will to of lifears measurably forgotten; when the bitter waters of strife

* DOWN SOUTH IN DIXIE.

John H. H. Lewis Tells of a Trip He is Making Through Virginia and West Virginia-

Peorisburg, Va., Dec. 14.-Leaving Hagerstown at 2 o'clock on the morning of the 10th inst., over the Norfolk & Western, my first stop was at Roancke, Va., a distance of 339 miles. Much of this trip was made too early in the ic, How can we keep up the Fermorning to have a good view of the country through which I was passing; and yet I was passing over historic ground made so by the war of the Rebellion. Thedevastation produced by that terrible crisis, is not entirely oblitercelebrate the auspicious event. ated, as the ruins here and there of an old chimney, partly standing testify.

Roanokeis an enterprising city, situate on the Roanoke river, the foot hills of the Alleghenies being plainly visible to the west. The impress of northern push and enterprise is plainly visible, and the city is located in a splendid agri-

cultural section of limestone land. Pursuing our course to the south and west over the Norfolk and Western, we are soon winding our way in a kind of serpentme direction around crags and spurs, and through tunnels of the Alleghenies, until we strike the New River at Radford, not far from the Tennessee line: thence on south side of this river to the place mentioned at the head of this letter.

West Virginia is romantic, and full of picturesque scenery. As write, I can look from my Lotel window and see a mountain peak 2 500 feet above sea level.

Near this place are the Hot Springs, where there are 800 or more hotel guests, principally from New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Washington, Pittsburg, seeking health or pleasure. The cheapest rate for board is seven dollars a day. Andy Carnegie has a fine cottage at the Hot Springs.

There are many other resorts in this section, such as the Warm Springs, the All-Healing Springs, etc. A syndicate has just pur-Virginia line, for the purpose of opening upother summer resorts.

The Tidewater railroad is now the banks of the New River. It is said that 5,000 men are engaged on this work, and the spot cash money. This railroad will peneus well as gas and oil.

The man who wrote "O the Sweet, S veet Virginia Hills" and had it set to music, must have foreseen the future greatness of when along the southern horizon clouds, stood loyally by the Union.

C. M. Sipes, near Andover, has eight nice Berkshire' Poland-Love delights in receiving as China pigs, 4 weeks old, that he rendered. will sell.

to souls redeemed. Our gift di- and contention are dried up; when rect to Him should be our hearts. Ill will and all malevolent passions Christmas is a good day for con- are stilled, and when our whole

As this blessed day is coming them be given as a Christmas around again, may it dawn with a from the farm, and farmer. present. They will gladden His holier, purerlight than ever. May heart and call down His benedic- its sacred associations and its tion. Who will send a thrill of joy pleasant memories lift us all up in to heaven? Who will add to the to a better moral atmosphere. We would have it the best, and cheer-Jesus longs for gifts; augels await | iest and happiest day of the whole them with strong desire; in our year to the readers of the NEWS. We can make it such a day ly hangering and thirsting for the fullness of the Christ-Life in us. farmer-who had experimented And may its holy influence be- for years in raising Corn, the most come an abiding presence in our valuable crop to the Fulton coun-

Welcome merry Christma-: hear the joyful

long: Not a face but brightons as the sound we hear, Not a heart but welcomes Christmas draw-

FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

Held at Greenhill Presbyterian Church, December 4th and 5th, 1906.

MANY PRACTICAL DISCUSSIONS.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION. Hon. E S. Hoover, Lancaster, Pa., gave an excellent talk on toptility of the Soil the Cheapest?

This is a question which concerns and interests every farmer in Fulton county, as well as every other section of the state. It will pay any farmer well for the time spent going to hear this talk.

Many of the farmers of Licking Creek and adjoining townships missed a good thing by not coming to hear Mr. Hoover. It was a practical talk by a practical

Recitation, -Just Because, by Miss Thilma Metzler, nicely ren-

Mr. J. H. Peachey, Belleville, Mifflin county, Pa., gave a grand care of the Dairy Herd. No doubt talk on topic,-The Clover Crop about it-the dairy and poultry deand How to Grow It. Every partments bring in more revenue farmer knows about the feeding, to Fulton county farmers than manurial, and fertilizing values of any one, or all other sources put clover. Every farmer also knows together. How important that the how difficult, of late years, it has farmers should have heard Mr. been to get clover to grow, to get Watts, for he is a practical dairygood set.

plan how to grow clover, and get tells in a very pleasant and intera good set without failure." Those esting way his present day farmers who missed hearing his methods of selecting, testing, car-

ficient in, and know what plant thing valuable. food to supply to their exhausted sure and good crops.

practical farmer.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION. Hymn.

Mr. D. H. Watts gave an interesting address on topic,-Farm Buildings and Blunders. He said valuable information to all farmers that farm buildings are very promiscuously arranged. In some instances, the house is located where the barn should be, and the barn is located where the house should ard Oil Company is putting up the be. In other instances, the pig sty is located where the front lawn should be. He then gave instrucopening great mineral resources tions, plans and directions, as to proper location of farm buildings, and surroundings, plans for erection | Love. thereof for convenience, and comfort, and the furnishing thereof with ventilation, water, heat, light and Feeding the Pig. He said the said the rural home is the grandest farm. The breeding of pigs and home in this country. The 16,- hogs has, of late years, been quite of the Syrian Protestant College, 000,000 rural homes are the great- profitable to some Fulton county a Presbyterian institution at Bei-The attention and interest of the large audience was fully elicited.

Side, by Miss Alluria Daniels, well

address on topic, - Echoes from the gold. Farm. The audience was held spell-bound as the speaker describ- make men, by Clem Dishong, niceed the many sad echoes coming ly recited. secration, and enteriog into the hearts go out kindly and benevol. from the farm, and the farm home And whist describing the pleasant, esting address on topic-The Farmcheerful, and happy echoes coming | er of the Future. | Points-1 must

> Miss Ethel Deshong, well recited. and 4 must be a scientific man. WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Mr. J. H. Peachey gave a most excellent, and instructive talk on Corn Culture. It would have paid girls, for attention and good beany farmer to have come twenty miles to hear this talk. It was a practical talk from a practical ty farmer.

Mr. H. S. Daniels, a Licking Creek farmer, read a very interesting sketch of history, describing the first, early applications of months at Narberth, returned to lime for agricultural purposesand said that he had received very day evening of last week.

good and benefic at results from the application of caustic lime, on his wheat ground, spread just before sowing, and also drilled in Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings with wheat in proportion of # lime. and & acid phosphate, mixed,that it not only benefitted the wheat crop, but also the grass NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED crop. Recommends frequent ap-

plications, and not large dosesnever applied more than 50 bushels per acre-very beneficial to sweeten the sour soil, where sheep sorrel grows. Hon. E. S. Hoover gave an in-

structive, talk on topic,-Wastes on the Farm. How many farmers are aware of the great wastes on the farm? It truly was an eyeopener to the farmers who heard Mr. Hoover recount the many wastes on the farm. No wonder the farmer, who alone tills and depends upon the soil, never grows rich. How many millionaire farmers are there?

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. D. H. Watts gave a practical talk on topic,-The feed and man-has been in the business for Mr. Peachey gave a practical years, has been successful-and he talk, missed something valuable. | ing for, and feeding darry cows. Mr. D. H. Watts, of Kerrmoor, It was an eye-opener to the farm- dressed 5121 and 4921 respective-Clearfield county, Pa., gave an ers present, and would likewise be iv, or, a total of 1,005 pounds. instructive talk on topic,-The to every farmer in Fulton county Soil, the Seed bed and Plant. How to hear Mr. Watts tell what yields many farmers in Fulton county and results he gets from his dairy know what crops the soil of their herd, and what prices he gets for what plant food their soil is de- missed hearing him missed some-

Hon. E. S. Hoover gave a desoils, and know just what condi- lightful talk on topic, - The Horse, tions of soil should be to grow His Breeding, Rearing, and Trainthe faculty of foresight into the future, and had gone into breedwho wish to go into raising and training horses. Why even the little boys present were deeply interested whilst Mr. Hoover was telling how he had trained his horses of different dispositions.

Recitation,-Nobility, by Master Floyd Daniels, well rendered.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Singing,-Wonderful Story of

Mr. J. H. Peachey gave an excellent talk on topic.-Breeding est bulwark of this government. farmers, Mr. Peachey shows how rut, every farmer can make is profitable, he is in the business, has Recitation,-Cherish the bright been for years, has been successful, he knows whereof he talks. Every farmer who missed hearing Mr. J. H. Peachey, gave a good him missed something good as

Recitation, - Remember boys

Mr. D. H. Watts gave an interbe a great man; 2 must be a brainy Recitation, -Snow Storm, by man; 3 must be an educated man;

Closing words by Instructors .-Chairman thanked the audience, and especially the little boys and havior. On motion, a vote of thanks was extended to the Institute Instructors.

Adjourned sine. die.

R. M. KENDALL, J. A. STEWART, Chairman. Secretary.

had been spending a couple of manhood. her home in time place, on Tues-

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful Outing.

Max Sheetz was in Chambersburg last Saturday.

Hon. Jno. P. Sipes spent a day in Harrisburg last week.

Mrs. C. B. Stevens and the editor's wife were in Harrisburg over Sunday.

John D. Motter, of Hollidaysburg, is visiting his parents Miss Sadie Stewart, of Green-

hill, is a guest in the home of L. H. Wible, Esq.

After having spent almost two weeks in Buck Valley, Dr. W. L. Mckibbin has returned home.

Mrs. J. C. Grimes is making a holiday visit among her Green-

castle relatives and friends. Nora Fisher, Alice Hays, Bess Irwin, and Nettie Stouteaglestudents at the C. V. State Normal, are home for their holiday

Miss Helen Collier, who had been visiting in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Grimes several weeks, has returned to her home in Greencastle.

Jno. Cohick, the efficient agent of the E. B. T. R. R. at Three Springs, slaughtered on the 11th inst. for his winter meat, two hogs which Not a bad pair of pigs, John.

DIED IN SYRIA.

farms is best adopted to-know his products. The farmer who Prof. Robert H. West, Son of Rev. Dr. Wm. A. West, Died Last Sunday.

After conducting his usual services in the Presbyterian church last Sunday, Rev. Dr. West hastened away to Chambersburg on ing. Every farmer in Fulton the early hack Monday morning It was a practical talk from a county, knows that if he had had to attend a meeting of the trustees of Wilson College of which the Doctor is a member, little think-Singing, - America, - National ing, raising, and training of horses ing of the cloud of sorrow that some years ago, he could have was lowering ready to burst into made a fortune, at the present day a turious storm. During the day a message came to the telegraph office in this place for Dr. West conveying the sad intelligence that his son Prof. Robert H. West had died last Sunday afternoon at his home in Beirut, Syria.

The message was atonce phoned to the Doctor at Chambersburg. There was no particulars other than that typhoid fever was the

cause of death. Prof. West was 44 years old and leaves his wife and six children. Also his father and three sisters Miss Anna, Tokyo, Japan: Mrs. Wm. Jennings, Harrisburg; Mrs. R. Sharpe Patterson, Newville.

Prof. West was of the faculty

Rebecca T. Comerer.

At the home of her daughter, Mrs. Barbara A. Shimer, in this place, last Wednesday evening, 12th inst., Mrs. Rebecca Tice Comerer died at the advanced age of 88 years, 2 months and 21 days. In the death of "Aunt Beckte," as she was familiarly known, there has passed away McConnellsburg's most aged resident. Her husband, Jacob Comerer, died fifty six years ago.

Mrs. Comerer was a lifelong member of the Lutheran church, and enjoyed the esteem of all who knew her:

She is survived by four daughters, namely, Mrs. Shimer, Mrs. Agnes Ray, Mrs. Mary Ellen Seylar, and Rebecca, wife of J. H. L.hr, Hustontown, Two sisters and a brother, namely, Mulvina Cardiff, Illinois; Hannah Witter, Oslahoma; and Henry H. Tice, Gibsonburg, O, are all that are left of a family of thirtoen Miss Jennie Alexander, who children, all of whom grew to

> Funeral on Sunday morning. and interment in the Lutheran