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### Another Fulton Countian Takes up the Cudgel in Defense of the New State.

Says It is All Right.

DEAR EDITOR: With your permission, I want to have a little part in the discussion of the merits and demerits of this country, try. I was born and reared in Fulton county, Pa., and left there about twenty years ago and went to Kansas; but during the last eleven years, I have been a resident of Oklahoma. Recently I noticed in your paper an article from one who had lived in Comanche county, this state, giving rather a discouraging description of the country. I would like my Fulton county friends to hear some of the other counties of Oklahoma, and I think they will agree that Oklahoma is not all so bad as that article would seem to indicate.

I live twelve miles south of Pond Creek, near a small town five years old on the D. E. G. R. R. in Grant county. I have been in Grant county, and through several other counties just a little north of Elrew. We have had plenty of rain during the past five years—have raised good crops—indeed during the past two years, have had to be very careful to get our crops harvested on account of too much rain. During the past fall and winter, we have had lots of rain. The wheat looks fine now. Farmers pasture their wheat all winter and stock keep fat on it, and require but very little rough feed. This winter, so far, has been very mild—only a cold day now and then, and stock has not had to be sheltered scarcely any. The price of horses and mules is high, and hogs and cattle bring a fair price. No trouble to get water. There are many running streams, and nearly every farm has plenty of running water for stock.

With the exception of a field here and there eaten up by the green bug, there was a splendid crop of thousands of bushels. One man living near here, came down from Nebraska a few years ago, and now owns several farms. Last year he raised seventeen thousand bushels of wheat which he is now marketing at from 95 cents to a dollar a bushel.

Of course, the panic which we recently passed through, made times a little dull for a while; but the farmers had plenty to tide them over the few weeks that it lasted, and could draw from the bank five dollars a day every day in the week if they had the money on deposit; but that is all over now.

Farmers here raise lots of Kaffir corn. It yields well, makes fine feed for stock, and is a sure crop. We usually have an abundance of fine fruit, although last year, the peach crop was cut short by an untimely frost.

About a hundred miles south of this place, lots of cotton is raised. Recently I took a trip south as far as into Canadian county, and was wonderfully surprised to see what progress had been made. Although only settled six years, there is a nice two-story house on nearly every quarter, and fine orchards already bearing fruit. I was in a town only five years old that had three nice churches, several good stores, three cotton gins, and a good school building, and the country around was as beautiful as any I have ever seen. I live 22 miles north of Elrew where they have paved streets, electric lights, and street cars. It is quite a railroad town, it does a large wholesale business, and has just completed a 100,000-dollar college building.

All through the country—every three miles—there is a school house, and in nearly every home you will find a telephone, and the Rural Free Delivery drops the mail down at your door every day.

As for woods, we have had but

## GRIPPE IS CONTAGIOUS.

### That Is The Reason So Many People Have It At The Same Time.

Are you aware that a person who mingles with friends and business associates while suffering from "la grippe" causes the spread of the malady among them?

It seems that because influenza, with all the annoyance and illness that it begets, does not carry a high death rate, people are inclined to think that it is not dangerous and few appear to realize that it is transmissible.

But it is communicable, just as much so as consumption or pneumonia, and when a man or woman who is suffering with it goes through the streets he cannot fail to emit the germs. So, when another person comes along whose respiratory organs are in a condition inviting the propagation of the influenza or "grippe" germ he or she naturally is infected with the disease.

But it is pretty difficult to make people understand that they should stay at home and adopt precautions for the safety of others when they have the malady. While it is a disease which causes great suffering, the fact that it does not generally cause death tends to make the people careless.

When doctors tell to remain at home and cure themselves they will undoubtedly recognize that such a course would be right and proper, but it is doubtful whether anyone would pay any attention to the advice.

This same disregard is noticeable in the case of pneumonia. Although it is not generally known, pneumonia stands next to consumption in the number of the deaths it causes, but while a person speaks with awe of tuberculosis the proportionate degree of fear is not created by the mention of pneumonia. Yet it would be far better for the community were the same precautions adopted.

It is no uncommon thing for sufferers from incipient pneumonia to walk the streets for some time before they are finally forced to take to their beds, and there are cases of a light character where the victim, while feeling very ill, manages to keep moving about and the doctors never hear of him.

Yet these people, bearing the bacilli, unquestionably spread it and thus endanger those who may be in a weakened condition about them. The sufferer from the light type of the disease may transmit germs to a person who will have the disease in a very acute type."

Frank Raack, of Bethel township spent Tuesday night in town. Frank is just as enthusiastic as ever on the value of the silo to the farmer.

A little annoyance during the last few years. Since the country has been settled and timber planted, the wind problem has been solved. We always have pleasant nights in the summer—cool enough to sleep under a blanket and one gets up in the morning rested and reinvigorated.

People from other states are settling here all the time, and we rarely hear of any one returning to the East that has remained here long enough to become accustomed to the place.

Of course, I do not wish to convey to my friends that this is a veritable Garden of Eden, and that it is not possible to be deceived by advertisements of land dealers. Those who think of locating here, should make investigation of the location, and be sure that they will like the change before it is too late. The thing to do is to choose with care, and when the star you have come, make up your mind to stick."

(Mrs.) A. W. THOMAS.

## DEATH RECORD.

### John Bernhard, of Bethel Township, Died of Apoplexy.

JOHN BERNHARD.

John Bernhard, one of Bethel township's old and respected citizens, died at the home of his son James McC. Bernhard, on Tuesday of last week, at the age of 79 years, 11 months, and 14 days. The immediate cause of his death was apoplexy. He was laid to rest in the little cemetery at Cedar Grove church, by the side of his wife, who died about nine years ago. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. R. Garland, assisted by Rev. John H. Barney, of Clearfield, Bedford county. A very able discourse was delivered to the large number of friends and neighbors who had assembled to pay the last tribute of respect to the departed.

The deceased was a son of the Hon. Joseph Bernhard, who in 1856, represented this county in the legislature, when it formed part of a legislative district composed of Fulton, Bedford, and Cambria counties.

SOUDERS.

George Herman, son of Russell and Mary Souders near Cito, in Ayr township, died last Friday, aged 1 year, 8 months, and 25 days. The cause of his death was cerebro spinal meningitis. Funeral on the 26th, and interment made in the Union Cemetery.

### HUNTING WITHOUT DOGS.

### State Game Commission Want Such a Law Passed.

Sportsmen throughout the State will learn with considerable apprehension, and many of them with indignation, that an effort is being made upon the part of the State game commission to prohibit hunting with dogs in Pennsylvania. It is said that it is the purpose of the commission to exert every influence to have the next Legislature pass a law, making it illegal for a man to take a dog into the woods. The prime object of this law will be the protection of game, and if it is passed any dogs found in the woods at any time of the year, in season or out, will be shot by the wardens. There is no doubt that strenuous opposition will be shown the passage of such a measure by the thousands of hunters in the State. Many contend that there is no sport in hunting unless a dog accompanies the party, and they will fight the commission in this respect to the last ditch.

### FOR NEW ROAD LAW.

### Governor Stuart Will Ask Next Legislature to Overhaul Present Road Laws.

Governor Stuart will ask the next legislature to provide for better care of the public highways of Pennsylvania, either by state or township control. The governor made this promise Thursday in a speech before the state board of agriculture, of which he is president, in defending his action in cutting from \$4,000,000 to \$1,000,000 the good roads appropriation made by the last legislature.

The governor said that he was compelled to reduce this appropriation in order to protect the state's public and private charities and keep within the public revenues. He explained that when the legislature adjourned there was a balance of \$7,000,000 in the state treasury and the estimated revenues were \$44,000,000 for two years, making \$52,000,000 available out of which to pay appropriations aggregating \$71,000,000.

Daniel P. Deshong, Esq., of Pleasant Ridge was in town a few hours on Tuesday. The Squire was a pleasant caller at this office and gave us some interesting reminiscences of his army life.

## NEW GRENADA.

### Our Correspondent Writes Warm in the Discussion of the Coal Question.

Bert McClain and wife visited a week in West Chester, Lancaster, and other eastern cities.

Howard Clark, of Everett, manager of the Bedford and Fulton Telephone Company, stopped a night in town, and made some business transactions with Central Office.

Dr. Campbell made a business trip to Huntingdon and Mount Union.

A number of our people went to see the Hickory Corner Doctor at Broadtop City, on Wednesday. The Spelling Bee at Waterfall schoolhouse on Friday night, was a success. A. N. Witter, merchant at Waterfall, and an ex-teacher, conducted the Bee.

Mason Dunlap, of Coles, is the proud father of a bouncing, big new boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Crider, now of Altoona, lost their baby four weeks ago, by death, last week. Interment in Altoona. By some mistake, a grave was dug at Cherry Grove, Huntingdon county, and arrangements made for a funeral at that place.

Daniel Swartz, near Browns ville, lost his three work horses in a single day. Their death is said to have been caused by drenching through the nostrils with linseed oil.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Weaver, of Sallitlo, spent Sunday at the Mills home.

Charles Alloway and wife, of Broadtop City, visited friends here last Sunday.

The matter of organizing a local Developing Company for the purpose of settling the question once and for all time—whether or not the village of New Grenada is holding down a valuable coal bed—is now being discussed by our people. The plan is to chip in, get a diamond drill, and go right down into the ground, and if Nature has in hiding a rich vein of coal that she is saving for future generations, just make her give it right up, now.

Of course, our people are not all on the same side of the question. Why should they be? Why should New Grenadians all agree upon the feasibility of a project, and thus be different from the people in other places? There are those considerate souls, who foresee that the finding of coal here, would, in so many ways, interfere with the peace and quiet of our little town. It would mean that some greedy corporation would come and build a railroad right through farms—and make use of ground that would otherwise be utilized in raising potatoes. The rumble of the cars and whistles of the steam whistles would disturb the slumbering of our people at night. That matter, however, could be easily remedied by passing an ordinance not to permit running of trains during the hours between sunset and sunrise. Then, again, it is claimed that the development of coal here would create a demand for building lots. Wells Tannery and Waterfall would want to come here to live, and our people would become worldly-minded, and think they were "it."

On the other hand, it is argued, that forty years ago, when the New Grenada Oil Co. bored for oil, they passed through a 7 foot vein of coal at a depth of 163 feet. There are people here who know this to be true—who saw the coal pumped out, and who saw it taken to the hearth in Cunningham's blacksmith shop and burned.

Now, we would like to see the matter tested—just to settle the scheme. We could go down with the diamond drill, get the exact thickness of the vein or veins, get the quality of coal, the character of the rock overlying it, estimate the cost of laying the coal down at the surface, and—keep quiet about it. Capitalists need not know anything about it.

After all this information had been obtained, we could quietly cork up the hole, throw some brush over the cork, and go on in our pursuits, quietly, peacefully as before—with the satisfaction in our souls that we knew that New Grenada was built on a rich bed of coal.

## FARMERS OPPOSE ROAD LAW.

### Believe too Much is Paid in Salaries and Not Enough on Roads.

At the closing session of the annual convention of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union, held at Williamsport recently the representatives from nearly sixty counties expressed themselves in favor of legislation that will revolutionize the present policy of the State Highway Department, and also the repeal of the State road law passed by the Legislature in 1903. The primary objections offered against the system of management in vogue in the State Highway Department is the high salaries paid to the Commissioner and his assistants, which they claim are exorbitant, while township supervisors are obliged to serve gratis.

The objection offered to the State road law of 1903 was that the additional \$1 tax, which is levied upon every taxable in each township, in addition to the regular road tax levy, was an imposition and an outrage. The farmers want more money for country roads by appropriation from the State, believing that too much of the State funds are expended foolishly, especially for salaries.

The delegates to this convention believe that there should be appropriations to township supervisors for the purpose of constructing and maintaining good roads from the State Department. President W. A. Gardner, of Potter county, said,

"As long as township supervisors are dependent only upon the revenue from road taxation for the maintenance of roads in Pennsylvania, especially the mountainous district, will always bear a reputation for poor country roads. Too much money is being wasted by the State Highway Department that would otherwise prove of great benefit to the roads of the State."

### McConnellsburg Schools: Third Month.

PRIMARY.

Number of pupils enrolled, 89; per cent. of attendance, 88; average attendance, 84; attended every day—Willis Daniels, Earl Everhart, Clifford Lininger, Arlington McCurdy, Willis Mellott, Keller Mentzer, Pete Morton, Frank Shimer, Parker Tritle, Mary Fisher, Mary Pittman, Myrtle McQuade, Anna Mary Sipes, Helen Steach, Goldie Tride, Helen Washabaugh.—Nora Fisher, teacher.

INTERMEDIATE.

Number enrolled, 45; average attendance, 40; per cent. of attendance, 90; attended every day during the month—Floss Thompson, Elizabeth Doyle, Grace McQuade, Lois Mason, Mary Irwin, Mildred Mock, Margaret Patterson, Lucille Grissinger, Dorothy Hamill, Harry Bender, Orlean Mock, Robert Hamill, Harry Largent, Thad Shimer, Fred Fisher, Raymond Grissinger, Walter Largent, Mac Morton, Wayne Taylor, Hollis White.—Gertrude Hoke, teacher.

Mrs. S. M. Cook and daughter Miss Kathryn, have been spending the past week visiting friends in Chambersburg.

Rev. Powers went out to Elkins W. Va., on Tuesday, in answer to a message that his son was dangerously ill in a hospital at that place.

Fulton Democrat Changes Hands.

The Fulton Democrat, which during the past six years and a half has been owned by B. W. Peck and edited most of that time by S. M. Robinson, Esq., has been sold to a company styled the Fulton Democrat Publishing Company. Possession was given last Monday morning. We do not know who will be the editor, nor have we any information as to their plans.

## JAY SLOAN WEDS.

### Wins the Hand of Minister's Daughter at Columbus, Kansas.

At the bride's home in Columbus, Kansas, at 2:30 o'clock last Wednesday afternoon, Rev. John Maclean, of Fort Scott, Kansas, performed the ceremony that united in matrimony the lives of Miss Annie Laurie Chase, and Mr. James Addison Sloan.

The bride is the only daughter of Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Chase, and her father is pastor of the First Methodist church at Columbus, where they have resided the past five years. She is very prominent in church and social circles in her home town, and is well liked by everyone.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Sloan, of this place, and went to Galena, Kansas, nearly three years ago, and for several months held a position with the American Gas Co., at the local office. Later he was transferred to Columbus, where he was made manager of the Columbus and Scammon offices, which position he still holds. He is honest, ambitious and trustworthy and deserves the wife he has taken.

Mr. and Mrs. Sloan went to Galena and spent a few hours with friends on Thursday morning, after which they left for other cities in that district for a brief honeymoon trip.

After February 1st, they will be at home in Columbus.

Jay's many McConnellsburg friends join in extending hearty congratulations.

NEEDMORE.

Wm. H. Wink has been confined to his room for about two weeks with a severe cold, but is now better.

Grace Mellott, of Big Cove Tannery, was a guest in the family of T. W. Peck, over Sunday.

Wm. Clevenger, of Laidig, spent a day last week with his father, S. M. Clevenger, at this place.

Corder Snyder and wife returned from Hagerstown last week.

Mrs. Sarah Runyan, Mrs. Effie Mann, and Mrs. Martha Garland are all in very poor health.

N. H. Peck spent a day last week in Martinsburg.

Mrs. Maria Palmer is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Lake, at Pleasant Ridge.

Charley Hixson and family, of the Big Cove, dined with Eli Peck's family last Friday, on their way to Whips Cove.

Coasting is great sport for the young people of this place, as well as everywhere else, but the propriety of it is questionable when indulged in on the Sabbath day.

John Mann, of Mann postoffice, has been spending a few days with the family of his sister, Mrs. J. H. McClellan.

Joseph Garland has sold his farm to Lewis Clark.

Our staunch Democratic friend Andy Mellott, who has been nursing a fractured limb and sprained ankle for some time, we were glad to note, was able to be hauled out to the primary last Saturday.

Rev. S. L. Baugher and wife dropped in among their old friends here Monday evening, and will hold meetings at Pleasant Grove during the week.

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## "QUESTION OF MONEY OR MEN."

### The Atlanta "Georgian" Says That Is The Only Issue in The Coming Presidential Campaign.

Hundreds of columns of discussion of presidential politics are printed every day in the newspapers. But only occasionally is there printed a contribution to the subject that actually casts light upon it. Such a contribution is made by the Atlanta Georgian, and it would do some people a whole lot of good to read it. It is as follows,—

"There are only two elements in this country of ours today—one dominated by the moneyed interest, the head of which is commonly called Wall Street Standard Oil and similar sounding names, the other: the common people. All the possible candidates for the presidency can be easily and quickly classified with one of these two elements. Our next president will be elected by one or the other.

Mr. Roosevelt belonged, in spirit and purpose at least, to the common people, and it is to be regretted that they lose the completion of his fight in their behalf. Mr. Bryan belongs to the same element.

The question to be decided now is not between two great statesmanlike leaders, one on the democratic side and the other on the republican side, but between the two great powers that vie with each other—the power of money, which owns and controls the millions upon millions of dollars that control our railroads and the other industries, and the eighty-odd millions of people who strive in the common walks of life from day to day for their daily bread.

Which of these shall select the man to represent them has come to be the issue. The question of the democratic party and the republican party has been almost obliterated and merged into the greater question of money or men."

Here, in a single paragraph, is the explanation of some very 'mysteries.'"

Peck—Evans.

At the bride's home at noon today, Rev. C. L. Funk, will unite in marriage, Mrs. Harriet Evans and Mr. Nathaniel H. Peck. The contracting parties are both residents of Belfast township, and well known people. The ceremony will be performed in the presence of a number of invited friends and relatives. While the bride and groom each owns a farm, and the farms are situated but a short distance from each other, the groom will reside for the present in the home of the bride.

Local Institute.

The local institute held in Wells township at No. 1 school last Friday evening was called to order by the teacher, Miss Lillie Burkett. J. W. Gibson was elected president and C. W. Earley, secretary. The following is an outline of the work: 1. Vocal music. 2. "Punishment," opened by R. H. Earley and further discussed by Prof. H. E. Seville, R. M. Foreman, and Frank Guillard. 3. Vocal music. 4. "Use and Abuse of Text Books," opened by R. M. Foreman and further discussed by Seville and Earley. 5. Speech by DeForrest Gibson—"Aims of Education." 6. Music. 7. "How to Deal with a Passionate Child," opened by Miss Burkett and further discussed by Mr. Earley. 8. "Value of Local Institutes," opened by Mr. Earley, and further discussed by Prof. Seville. 9. Singing. 10. "The Art of Study," opened by Prof. Seville. Then everybody joined in singing "America" and went home. The institute was well attended.

Judge D. A. Nelson and A. M. Richards, of Ayr township, were in Chambersburg last Wednesday.