

INTERESTING PARAGRAPHS

Of Local and General Interest, Gathered at Home or Clipped from our Exchanges.

CONDENSED FOR HURRIED READERS

Rev. Bryner will preach in the Methodist church in this place next Sunday morning and evening.

Fare on a way between Mercersburg and McConnellsburg 50 cents. Sheets Stage Lane.

A man once prayed that he might be kept poor if the possession of wealth would work harm to him and others. A wiser prayer would have been to ask for the ability to make wealth in right ways, and wisdom to use it aright when gained.

Will Hoke and Cal Huff, of Saxton, drove across the mountains to McConnellsburg in a sleigh last Sunday, and spent the time until Tuesday morning in the home of the former's father, G. Newton Hoke of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Peck, Miss Blanche O. Peck, John Gunnells, John Kelso, Nina Kelso, Nora Strait, and Emma Peck were a sled load of young folks that spent a day very pleasantly at J. L. Garland's west of town.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal church of this place met at the parsonage Tuesday evening, and to show their good will and appreciation of their pastor, Rev. C. W. Bryner, and of his good wife and little son, they presented to them a splendid hemstitched tablecloth and a dozen napkins to match.

At the Northern Illinois poultry show, held at Belvidere, Ill. It was announced that the famous Porter turkey has been sold by Mrs. Walter Porter, of Belvidere, to E. H. Burns, of Orient, S. D., for \$500. This gobble has taken first prize and sweepstakes at New York, Baltimore, and Hagerstown, Md., and other cities where national poultry shows have been held. His weight is 52 pounds.

In the long run there is nothing else that pays so well or brings such satisfactory results all around, as to be straight and upright and sober. Already five of the men who were mixed up with the Pennsylvania Capitol graft cases have died, either from suicide, or remorse, or worry. And the chances are that all would have been living had they not departed from the paths of rectitude. The mills of the gods grind slowly, but the grist is sure to be ready sooner or later.

About seventeen years ago the late Fred Steiger, of Mercersburg, went to Chambersburg for the purpose of purchasing a pony for Seth and Linn Steiger, his nephews. After making inquiry he was informed that the late William Shoemaker had a pony for sale. Mr. Steiger purchased the animal for \$37. He took the pony to Mercersburg and presented it to his nephews, who have had her in actual service all these years. Friday they sold the pony for \$85.

It is devoutly to be hoped that the suits of the national government against the meat packers and other corporations may meet with greater success than similar suits have had in the past. With the remembrance of the outcome of the proceedings against the Standard Oil and other monopolies still fresh in the public mind, it does not do to be over sanguine. Nevertheless progress is being made and is going to be made until justice wins and the square deal in big business becomes an accomplished fact.

It would appear on the face of the returns that hog raising ought to be profitable, says the Everett Press, even in this part of the country. The whole carcass of a porker sells readily at ten cents a pound, and four ordinary hogs would at that rate, bring a hundred dollars. Any farmer with a good farm of 150 acres should be able to raise 200 hogs averaging 200 pounds each. At ten cents a pound they would bring \$2,000. Besides he could raise poultry and keep some cows and have a thousand bushels of wheat, and five or ten acres of potatoes on the side.

A SONG OF TRUST.

I cannot always see the way that leads
To heights above;
I sometimes quite forget He leads me on
With hands of love;
But still I know the path must lead me to
Immanuel's land.
And when I reach the summit I shall know
And understand.

I cannot always trace the onward course
My ship must take;
But looking backward, I behold afar
Its shining wake
Illumined with God's light of love; and so
I onward go,
In perfect trust that He who holds the helm
The course must know.

I cannot always see the plan on which
He builds my life;
For oft the sound of hammers, blow on blow,
The noise of strife,
Confuse me till I quite forget He knows
And oversees.

And that in all details with His good plan
My life agrees.

I cannot always know and understand
The Master's rule;
I cannot always do the tasks he gives
In life's hard school,
But I am learning with His help to solve
Them one by one;
And when I cannot understand, I say
"Thy will be done."

Selected.

LETTER FROM KANSAS.

Miss Nora K. Stevens, Writes from Emporia. She Likes to Hear From Fulton.

DEAR EDITOR.—I'm going to write a few lines about conditions and weather of our country.

During July and August I had the pleasure of visiting many places in western Kansas. It was my first trip to the land of Sod Houses. The traveler will not see many of these anymore, but the two last tier of counties next the Colorado line still have the old land marks of the early settlers.

The western part of Kansas is a beautiful country the elevation is high and the air pure. Many people will not agree with me as to its beauty but when your eye becomes accustomed to the level land stretching on, mile after mile, with undulating wave of red brown and gold, with mirages in early morning, and not a single strip of woodland or a tree to break the monotony of the vast prairie, you enjoy it with a sense of pleasure and freedom that hill country does not give even though you like the hills.—O, so much better, for their lovely beauty, bright spring time and pleasant summers followed by golden autumns.

Last summer was extremely warm, but we did not feel the hot weather, and the nights were cool. The hot dry winds soon parched the crops and made them only bring about half yield.

The soil is rich and fertile but rain is so scarce in time it is most needed, that not a very large yield of grain is obtainable; for instance, 8 bushels of wheat to the acre is considered a good crop. I did not happen to be in the irrigated districts where the yield is about 25 bushels to the acre, or on an average nearly so good as central or eastern Kansas.

December was our winter month this year. The weather registered from zero to seven degrees below for a few days, but we are having nice weather now just like spring days, but we expect we are registered for cold snap in March.

There has been more rain and snow all over Kansas this fall and winter than for years. The ground is wet and the sub soil is filled with water. The farmers expect big crops if Dame Nature doesn't start in the early spring with a drought. The frost which has been in the ground a couple of months has put the soil in the shape.

I have been following closely the school news of Fulton county and it certainly looks like Fulton is getting right along in the first ranks in the school work. The patrons and people in general are so interested in their schools from what I could glean from the News. Every one seems to be making progress rapidly in educational affairs. The people at

the head of the schools of Fulton county are to be congratulated on their efforts. I wanted so much to be present at the institute for the teachers in McConnellsburg, as I felt there were many good things to be heard.

Before I close I want to say a few words about our town, Emporia. It is located on a rise of ground between two rivers—the Cottonwood and Moshon in central eastern Kansas. It is a pretty town of about ten thousand inhabitants. It contains the State Normal School, Presbyterian College and a business College besides several musical academies. The city schools are among the best in the State. We have a State Normal library that ranks with the five hundred largest libraries in the United States, and two Carnegie libraries and I believe we are well favored by the Gods because these libraries are all free and we have every educational advantage.

Eastern Kansas is well watered, in fact, we often have floods in the spring, and I suppose you have read of our high waters since the ice broke up.

Trusting I have not made this letter too long and with the best wishes for every Fulton County son and daughter I remain as ever, a Fulton County Girl.

NORA K. STEVENS,
Emporia, Kas.
Feb. 1, 1910.

NEEDMORE.

We are having real winter weather.

Dennis Gordon and wife, Clarence Morgret, of Illinois, and Miss Etta Evans, spent one day last week at Amos Garland's.

T. W. Peck and wife spent a couple of days last week in Bedford county.

Eld. Funk preached here last Sunday and will preach again next Sunday evening.

Mrs. Maria Palmer, who had been spending sometime in Chambersburg, came home last Wednesday.

Olive Peck, who has been employed in Hancock, spent last week at her home here.

The institute held here last Friday evening was well attended. The teacher especially deserves much credit for the work and the excellent music furnished by the school. Russel Mock, S. L. Wink, Daisy Strait, Pearl Hill, and Orpha Snyder, were the teachers present. The questions were ably discussed by the teachers, and some very good points were given on Patriotism, and Ideals of the Country School by J. P. Garland, being the only director present.

It is customary about Needmore for a meeting or anything that is announced for a certain hour, to begin an hour or two later. It is just as easy for the people to be on time. The Sunday school is supposed to commence at 9:30 instead of 11:00.

LIVE STOCK

CARE OF THE FLOCK.

Sheep Need Little Shelter Except to Keep Off Rain.

Sheep need little shelter except to keep off rain and snow. I have always allowed them to stay out in the coldest weather, if it was not stormy. However, I never, under any circumstances, allow them to take rains and snows in winter, trying a correspondent of Farm and Home.

At this season I give good clover hay, and in addition a little silage or corn fodder about three times a week. I feed twice a day in the yard on the ground if it is frozen, but when the ground is not frozen I feed in racks in the sheep barn. I feed a little entire grain, mostly oats to the breeding ewes.

My troughs are made of three boards, 8 feet long, the bottom one 10 inches wide and the sides 6 inches, as shown in sketch. I scatter the oats thin in these troughs and the sheep cannot get a large mouthful. Thus better mastication of the grain is secured than in narrow troughs. I have fed threshed oats to my sheep for a good many years and have not as yet experienced any bad results from their use. I feed oats until after lambing time, then I add about one ear of



Wall Sheep Trough.

shelled corn to one pint of oats per day.

I know from my own experience that it pays to keep sheep, provided they are kept well, and those who do not do this are very likely to condemn the breed of sheep which they may happen to have or the breeding stock which they have purchased for the improvement of their flock when the fault is really their own.

Live Stock Notes.

It's poor economy to feed lice upon hogs.

Skimmed milk finds its best market in the pig pen.

Next year's grain feed should be planned for now.

The dairy hog has helped raise many a mortgage.

Crowded sleeping quarters often cause disastrous results.

The hard coal ashes can be dumped into the hog pen to good advantage.

A dollar invested in live stock is worth \$50 invested in mining stocks.

Recently a successful farmer said: "I can make more out of \$100 invested in sheep than in any other way."

Breed straight and improve your stock. Don't be led away by some cross-breeding that looks good to you.

A short-sighted policy of using a scrub ram is the cause of the inferiority of the average flock on our farms.

One cross may answer, but in the end cross-breeding becomes a very complicated affair and has ruined more than one flock of sheep.

Muzzle the horses and pad the outside portions of whiffletrees and harrow when cultivating the orchard; thus avoiding all bruised and "barked" trees.

One great value of sheep on the farm is that they destroy brush and sprouts and reduce the crop of weeds. It will almost pay a farmer to keep a small flock of sheep simply to keep down underbrush vegetation.

Thistle as Stock Food.

Stock of all kinds greatly relish the plants of the Russian thistle, which has fairly jumped out of the ground since the rains, and our Eastern plains are verdant with it. Why not make hay of it? So palatable is the hay to cattle that they leave green pasture and break through fences to devour this obnoxious and outlawed weed if it is cut and stacked before the reddish tinge comes on to the plant, which occurs about the middle of July. Many of our Colorado people have used Russian thistle for forage for several years, and some of them say that it is as good as alfalfa. In a recent analysis the Russian thistle analyzed as follows: Protein, 17.95; ether extract, 3.61; ash, 21.98; crude fiber, 20.14, and carbohydrates, 36.32. All over Eastern Colorado there is a lamentable shortage of protein feed-stuff. Corn, corn stalks, straw, millet, Kaffir and prairie hay are all long on starchy matter, but short on protein. In the thistle we have a crop that grows on the arid reaches which will not only yield a large amount of forage, but a very palatable one at that, and a crop that is rich in the two elements in which others are deficient.—Field and Farm.

Hog Feeding Test.

Hog feeding experiments by the Missouri station produced the following results:

Corn and bluegrass.....	\$3.27 per 100
Corn and rape.....	3.34 per 100
Corn and red clover.....	2.98 per 100
Corn and alfalfa.....	2.59 per 100
Corn and skim milk.....	2.17 per 100
Corn and middlings.....	3.99 per 100

Grade Poland China pigs of 50 pounds each were used in the experiment and the prices quoted were the current market prices at time of the experiment.

Today and To-morrow.

Happy men are full of the present, for its bounty suffices them; and wise men also, for its duties engage them. Our grand business undoubtedly is not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand.—Edward Fitzgerald, "Polonius."

Good Schooling Not Harmful.

After a long study of school children in London, the Medical Record says, Dr. Harman finds nothing to show that good schooling hurts children's eyes.

THE ROMANCE THAT FAILED.



"'Tis the fair maid's footsteps."



"Here she comes."



"It's raining cats and dogs."



"Folled again!"



She's Awake When He Sleeps.

Mrs. Hoyle—Don't you hate to have your husband work all night?
Mrs. Doyle—No; it gives me a better chance to hear what he says when he talks in his sleep.

Classified.



Printer's Devil—The foreman wants to know under what heading he is to put this gas ad?
Managing Editor—Under light literature, you blankety-blank idiot.

Still Worse.

Him—What makes you look so miserable?
Her—Why, do I look miserable?
Him—Yes; you look as if your worst enemy had just been happily married.
Her—Worse than that. She has just been happily divorced.

Hans Breitman Says: "Of a strancher wants you to endorse a check, tell 'em you've willing to wait till der pank vos open."—Cleveland News.

Australia Needs Settlers. Australia has more unemployed area in proportion to the population than any other country.

Uncultivated Land in Japan. Three-fourths of the area of Japan is mountainous, and less than sixteen per cent. is under cultivation.

RACKET STORE PRICES

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MANN DOUBLE-BIT AXE FOR 65 CENTS.

What do you think of that? We have just bought four dozen Robert Mann axes, that we can sell you at that price. The way we happened to get them was this: The men at the factory told their employers that rather than to be laid off in the midst of winter, they would work two weeks at the wages formerly received for one. This is a little hard on the factory hands, but it saves you money if you want an axe.

Another article that we have a great bargain in

HORSE BLANKETS

We have sold more this season than ever. Why? Because we never had a better line.

We have the 5-A. They are all full size—even the 65-cent ones. See our \$1.25, \$1.48, \$1.85, \$2.00, \$2.25, and \$2.50. See our Stable Blankets, \$1.25 and \$1.48.

EGGS 78 CENTS A DOZEN :-

That's what they were in New York one day last week. Now, why don't you make your chickens lay, and your stock look nice, when you can get 25 cents' worth of powders from us for 15 cents.

HULL & BENDER.

Geo. W. Reisner & Co.

We sold during Institute a large number of

Ladies' Coats

and have a few left that we will close out at prime cost; if you want a very good coat at a very attractive price this is your chance. We have left a few elegant

Ladies' Tailored Suits

at astonishingly low prices when quality and style are considered. During the last ten or fifteen days we have sold quite a lot of

Men's Overcoats.

We still have a nice bunch at

Rock-Bottom Prices.

A large line of Warm Footwear for Men and Boys—all the very best makes at the old prices.

We can save you lots of money on quite a line of Domestic stuffs.

Let Us Show You.

G. W. Reisner & Co.