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FARMER TALKS.

His Feelings Were Stirred Up By An Article Which Appeared In The News Two Weeks Ago.

HAMMERS AWAY PROMISCUOUSLY.

MR. EDITOR: In the issue of the Fulton County NEWS of December 22, there appeared an article under the caption "Why Is It?" in which the writer asks why women want "over the mountain" flour, when the machinery that makes that flour was made by the same people that made the machinery of the mills on this side of the mountain. And, Mr. Editor, that article kind of stirred me up, and if you will grant me a little space in your valuable paper, I will take charge of the writer of that article a few minutes.

Now, Mr. Writer, can you find two men exactly alike—one on each side of the mountain—or any other place? I think not. Now, Mr. Writer, don't you know that the women of Fulton county know what good flour is? One of the highest ambitions of a Fulton county woman is to be able to place on her table, nice, light, white, flaky bread. You go into the home of a neighbor for a meal; as a rule, the first thing offered you at the table is bread. If it is not of the finest quality, the good housewife shows her embarrassment by apologizing for the "stuff of life," and saying, she cannot understand why she missed the baking, unless it was because she changed flour, or the miller missed the last grist. Why, Mr. Writer, if you have a wife (and I don't believe, from the way you write, that you have)—I say, if you have a wife, and you try to tie her down to a brand of flour she does not like, she ought to sue for a divorce, and she ought to get it quick.

Now, Mr. Writer, I want you to know that Fulton county housewives know a thing or two, and don't you forget it. Ask any farmer's wife what time in the year her cows give milk containing the largest percentage of butter fat; what kind of feed to give the hens to make them lay in January—she will tell you, and tell you promptly.

Again, Mr. Writer, you got away out to Chicago, and got after Shears, Sawbuck, & Co., and spoke slightly about people sending their money to those fellows for anything from a toothpick to a crowbar; and then you jump on the organ man. That's right. You didn't give 'em half enough.

Now, I see Mr. Writer starts at McConnellsburg (a good enough business place for an isolated town) and gets away out to Saluvia; thence down to Harrisonville; back to McConnellsburg, thence to Chambersburg, and on and on he goes until he gets to the Persians when he gets out of breath and has no place named.

Now, Mr. Writer, I would not utter one unkind word against the business men of Fulton county, for I presume they are all doing the best they can. But are they all keeping up with the pace of time? Perhaps you might not be able to get an egg beater at Saluvia or Cito; if not, you could get one at several of the big stores in McConnellsburg.

Now, let us see how the small country merchant gets his goods. A drummer comes to McConnellsburg, hires a rig, fills his pockets with cigars, and starts out to see the country storekeepers. Then he returns, pays his livery bill, and goes elsewhere. Now, who pays that gentleman's expenses. The merchant, you will say. Yes, but there is some one else that pays it finally, and that is the consumer. It comes home to him at last.

Now, Mr. Writer, before the country storekeeper should com-

Fifty Dollars a Month.

Fifty dollars a month is not a bad income, especially when it "comes in" all the year round. We know a whole lot of people, including us printers, who would feel like bondholders, if an income of fifty dollars a month came right along. Now, let us tell you how a woman up in Todd township made a little more than six hundred dollars during the year 1910. Her name is Mrs. Lewis Kelso. Perhaps some of you know her. She made the money all off her cows and chickens. She has only three cows, but they are good ones. Then she has a cream separator. She has 150 white and brown leghorn hens. She takes care of them. Now, as to results:

During the year she made 771 pounds of butter, for which she received \$213.00—an average of \$71.00 to the cow. Her hens laid her 1409 dozen eggs, which brought her \$336.70. In addition to this she sold \$52.74 worth of poultry. Now, take your pencil and add these three items together, and you will find how she made \$602.44, or a little more than fifty dollars a month.

What Mrs. Kelso has done, dozens of other people could do. It does not require a very large capital to get a few chickens, and three or four cows.

The NEWS will be pleased to hear from others who have been successful with dairy and poultry. These little experiences are always helpful.

The high cost of living may be responsible for the unusual dearth of weddings in this county during the holidays, but it is said that over in York county, the crop of Christmas brides was bigger than ever before. Clerk of Courts Fulton, during the month of December issued 191 licenses. Down in Frederick a blushing swain applied for a license, but when the clerk asked the first name of his bride he was stumped. He explained that he had been calling her "Honey" so long that he clean forgot what she was christened. However, he returned after a few hours with the name, but he didn't tell how he found it out.

plain, he should be sure he has everything in his store that the people of his community want, and the kind and quality of goods they want. Then, is the price always fair? Perhaps you have goods in your store that have passed through every wholesale house from New York to Fulton county, including the commission of the only salesman who added them to your stock.

Have we not too many middle men? I am told that the man who grows rice under the direct rays of the tropical sun, gets but 80 cents for 60 pounds of the cereal—one and one third cent a pound. Now, if you subtract that sum from the price you pay for the next pound of rice you buy from your storekeeper, you will form some idea of how much goes into the pockets of the middle men. What is true of rice is true of the other staples of life.

A few days ago I priced 24 yards of table oil cloth in our home town (not McConnellsburg); then I went to Hagerstown, bought it, paid my car fare, and had five cents left of the sum my home merchant asked. On another occasion, I was asked seventy-five dollars for a cream separator, by a traveling agent, and later was offered one direct from the factory for thirty-five dollars.

There are other things I would like to talk about; and, if you can stand it, Mr. Editor, I may write some again. Of course, you know I am but a plain farmer. I may have a few hayseeds in my hair, and perhaps a little wool in my teeth, but the NEWS is the people's paper, so it claims, and, therefore, I claim the right to talk.

FARMER.

State and National Corn Prizes.

Arrangements have been made to take the corn shown at the Pennsylvania Corn Show at Harrisburg to Columbus for the National Corn Show. The exhibitor therefore has a chance to get one of the 65 prizes offered at the State Show and one of the hundreds offered at the National Show. Remember that no exhibit will be received at the National Show from individuals. They must pass through the State Show. Pennsylvania should take pride in making a good show at Columbus, and also at Harrisburg. Pick out your best corn and put it in good condition. Write at once for prize list and program of the great joint meetings to be held at Harrisburg January 21-27, when the organization of the livestock breeders, dairymen, horticulturists and farmers hold their annual winter livestock, corn, fruit and feed shows and demonstrations, all free to the public. E. S. Bayard, Sec'y 203 Shady Ave., E. E., Pittsburgh, will send particulars on receipt of a postal card.

Why He Advertised.

A prominent business man of Michigan explains why he advertises and why he uses newspapers for that purpose as follows:

"I advertise in the newspapers because I am not ashamed of my goods or my work, and to let people know about myself, my store and my stock; because I cater to the intelligent class and they read the papers, and I believe in increasing my business; because I can talk to more people through the newspapers, at a greater distance, in less time and at a more reasonable price than in any other way; because my newspaper advertising has brought me greater returns for the least expenditure of any advertising I have done; because when I write an advertisement I am not too stingy to pay for placing it in the best possible medium or to have it inserted so that it is attractive; because I know my advertisement is seen and read by everyone in the house where the paper goes."

How It Reads in a City Paper.

The Chambersburg correspondent of the Philadelphia North American gets off the following in Tuesday's issue of that paper: "McConnellsburg is wrought up over the case of Frank Lindsey. Lindsey has been voting in McConnellsburg and paying his poll tax there. He is a bachelor and spends part of his days behind the comfortable stoves in McConnellsburg's store-rooms, and it was generally conceded that he was a resident of the borough. He eats 'around,' so it is rather difficult to establish his boarding house; but Todd township claims him as a 'sleeping resident,' averring that Lindsey spends his nights over the borough line. The township now claims the poll tax which Lindsey pays, and has brought suit to determine his legal residence. Squire M. R. Shaffner took testimony in the case and will render his decision after mature deliberation."

Try to Repeal Fish Basket Law.

The State fishery Commission has finally decided to make an administration measure out of the proposition to repeal the present fish basket law and will use all its powers toward having the repealer passed by the Legislature.

Another important bit of legislation which will be backed by the Department of Fisheries during the session will be a law to impose a license tax of \$10 per annum upon any one coming into Pennsylvania from another state to fish.

There will be an oyster supper and ice cream social at John D. Cutchall's, at Hustontown, Saturday evening January 7th. You are invited.

MARRIED FIFTY YEARS.

Hon. and Mrs. Samuel P. Wishart Celebrate Their Golden Wedding at the Union Hotel, Everett.

From the Everett Republican.

"On Christmas day, 1860, a wedding was solemnized at Van West, Juniata county, in which the contracting parties were Mr. S. P. Wishart and Miss Sarah Ellen Moore, and the officiating clergyman was Rev. Matthew Allison, the pastor of the bride. The lives of both have been spared through all these years and although they have had cares and trials and disappointments, such as are incident to all mankind, the gracious smiles of Providence have been numerous and very cheering, and they are both yet well preserved, though considerably beyond fourscore years of age.

"Christmas Day just passed was the fiftieth or golden anniversary of their marriage and it was decided to celebrate the event by a reunion of a few of the nearest relatives. As Mr. and Mrs. Wishart, whose home is at Wells Tannery, Fulton county, spend the winters in Everett, the reunion was held at the Union Hotel, where they have rooms, and it was set for Monday afternoon as the anniversary day came on the Sabbath. Those present were Mr. George A. Wishart, their only son, of Chicago, Illinois; Mr. W. H. Moore, of McAllisterville, Juniata county, a brother of Mrs. Wishart, who was present at the wedding fifty years ago; Mr. John Wishart, a brother of Hon. S. P. Wishart and daughter, Rachel, of Wells Tannery; Mr. W. H. Baumgardner and wife, of Wells Tannery and Mrs. W. A. Alexander and daughter Margaret, of Everett. A few other near relatives and a former pastor residing some distance from here were invited but were unable to attend. At six o'clock a sumptuous and excellent wedding dinner was served. After enjoying the savory repast, sometime was spent very happily recounting the past, Mr. W. H. Moore acting as toastmaster, for which, with his fund of good humor, he was well qualified.

"In addition to congratulations and good wishes from many friends Mr. and Mrs. Wishart were made the recipients of gifts in gold coin, ranging from \$2.50 to \$20, amounting to \$87.50. "The good cheer that prevailed made the Christmas festivities all the brighter to this favored couple and their many friends in this place as well as in Fulton county and elsewhere will join in the congratulations and good wishes that have been tendered them on their golden wedding."

Growth of Methodism.

The entire membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church increased 63,047 last year, according to a statement made Dec. 13 to the Chicago Methodist Ministerial Association by Rev. David G. Downey, corresponding secretary of the Board of Sunday schools. The secretary further surprised his hearers by saying: "We have ceased to expect accessions from the regular Church and Sunday school meetings. We find that we can increase our membership only by occasional spectacular and sporadic meetings.

We will have to have more spiritual character building work in our Sunday schools. We find we are getting nowhere by graduating our classes and following the methods of public schools.

Leighly-Hendershot.

A quiet wedding took place at the residence of Rev. J. H. Barney, in Clearville, on Thursday, December 22nd, when Mr. John Leighly, of Robinsonville, and Miss Laura Hendershot, of Lashley, this county, were united in marriage, Rev. Barney officiating.

Road Legislation Talk.

The Philadelphia Inquirer of to day says: "Good roads legislation will be a feature of the coming session. Governor-elect John K. Tener, is a champion of good roads and in his stumping tour of the State promised to advocate the passage of legislation to promote this end. He believes that the State should make provisions for the maintenance of the roads built by the Commonwealth. He has not publicly committed himself to the proposed highway across the State from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh, but it is thought that with his contemplated reorganization of the State Highway Department he will at least take the initial steps to further that project. He will advocate the construction of roads wherever they shall facilitate the delivery of the products of the farms to the market and have all work done in line with a comprehensive scheme covering the entire State.

"A constitutional amendment permitting the State to increase its borrowing capacity to provide funds for good roads will be introduced early in the session. There was a suggestion two years ago that a \$50,000,000 loan for good roads should be floated the bonds to run for thirty years, so that the cost of the improvement should not fall upon one generation."

Local Institutes.

The fifth local institute of Licking Creek township was held at Daniel's school house last Friday evening. Meeting was called to order by the teacher, Charles W. Mellott who appointed Ally E. DeShong chairman. The following questions—1 Daily program, number, order, and length, of recitations. 2 Spelling; How taught in all grades. 3 Recreation period—were well discussed by the teachers present, namely: Mary Mellott, Kathryn Hoop, Maude Strait, Maude DeShong, Harry DeShong, Charles W. Mellott and Ally E. DeShong of Licking Creek, Daisy Strait and Margaret Daniels of Belfast. The literary work consisted of recitations, songs and dialogues which were all excellent and reflect much credit upon both teacher and pupils. Adjourned to meet at Saluvia in three weeks. All friends of education are invited to attend.—Maude DeShong, Sec'y.

The fifth literary meeting held at Laurel Ridge last Saturday evening was called to order by President Harry Bivens. The question for debate was: "Resolved, That education prevents crime." The judges decided unanimously in favor of the negative. The next meeting will be held January 14th. Subject for debate: "Resolved that Washington did more for his country than Lincoln." A large program has been prepared which will be very interesting.—Jessie S. Mellott, Sec'y.

School Report.

Report of Oak Grove School for third month ending Dec. 22, 1910. Number of pupils enrolled, male 11, female 10, total, 21. Average attendance, male 8, female 7, total 15. Per cent of attendance male 77, female 83, average, 80. Honor roll, Roy Plessinger, Clarence Engle, Earl Morgret, Reta Layton, Goldie Plessinger, and Opal Plessinger. — G. F. Spade, Teacher.

Jehu G. Cunningham, one of Fulton county's oldest and most highly esteemed citizens, died at his home in New Grenada last Sunday after a short illness of pneumonia, aged 82 years. Funeral took place yesterday. A more extended notice will be given next week.

Misses Addie and Orpha Snyder, of Needmore, spent last Saturday in McConnellsburg.

Home From Washington.

Jacob Gordon, of the State of Washington, was a very pleasant caller at the NEWS office Tuesday morning. He went to the Coast about eight years ago, and came home a few weeks ago to spend a part of the winter in the home of his father, Mr. David Gordon, of Thompson township. Jacob is well posted on the conditions existing in that section of Uncle Sam's domain, and talks very interestingly and intelligently.

The rapid development of that country is marvelous, and those who were fortunate enough to cast their lot there a few years ago, have seldom had any cause to regret the step. Mr. Gordon says that in the eight years he has been there, Spokane has grown from a city of 40,000 to one of 120,000. He would not have one think that the whole country is a garden of Eden, for it is possible for a stranger to settle in some undesirable spot, fail, of course, and then come away to give the whole state a bad name. Mr. Gordon has "a claim" on the Couer de Leon Indian reservation in the heart of Idaho, that he intends to develop during the coming summer.

Years ago, when land was plenty, and settlers few, the U. S. Government set apart large areas of territory for the different Indian tribes to roam over. As the population of the country increased, and the available land was taken up and improved, the Government changed its policy toward the Indian. The Government said to the Indian, "Select 160 acres for yourself, and the same number of acres for your wife and for each one of your children." When this was done, and each man, woman and child among the Indians had a farm of 160 acres, it was found that there were in this reservation 1500 tracts of 160 acres each, for white settlers. In order to be fair, the Government allowed any citizen of the United States to "register"—that is, to hand in name, age, height, weight, &c., and this was placed in a sealed envelope, and on a certain day, a public drawing of 3,000 names was had. The reason they drew 3,000 names when there were but 1,500 tracts is, that many of the first 1,500, did not take the land, and then names from the second 1,500 had a chance, and so on. Much of that land is first class for agricultural purposes, and much is covered by fine timber; but the person who takes it must be willing to work and wait a few years. It will be like the land in Illinois that is now worth from \$100 to \$200 an acre. What an acre is worth now would have bought a whole farm there three quarters of a century ago.

Local Option Bill.

A strong effort will be made during the coming session of the Assembly to get through a local option bill. The Pennsylvania Anti Saloon League will conduct the fight and according to the officers of the league, the local option supporters have a majority of one in the Senate and lacks six of a majority in the House.

The measure that will be introduced this winter will closely resemble the one introduced in the House in 1909 by Prof. R. Willis Fair, of Westmoreland. Just who will introduce the bill is not yet known.

The new bill will not be made public until it has been passed upon by the league. It is probable that one of the new members of the House will be asked to present it. There are 118 new men who will take their seats on January 3 and many of these men are known to be for local option.

County Auditors William Wink and David Rotz, with that prince of accountants, William C. Davis, as clerk, are going over the books of the County Treasurer, and examining the drafts of the County Commissioners this week.

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

J. K. Truax of Dott, was in town on Friday.

B. F. Cline of Tod township was a business visitor to town on Friday.

'Squire Geo. Clouser, of Big Cove Tannery was a town visitor on Friday.

'Squire D. E. Fore, of Knobsville was on our streets on Saturday last.

Miss Nelie Kirk of Hustontown is the guest of F. C. Karper and wife in Chambersburg.

Edwin Barton, of Crystal Spring, was a town visitor on Thursday of last week.

Squire Bert Hann, of Saluvia was transacting business at the Court House on Friday.

James Gordon of Big Cove Tannery was a business visitor to our town on Saturday.

Ex-Associate Judge M. W. Houch, of New Grenada, was transacting business in town on Friday.

J. Donald Swope, Esq., son of Hon. S. Mc. Swope and Miss Hazel Ruth Reinecke, were married on December 20th 1910.

James Harris, one of lower Ayr township's hastling citizens spent last Friday at the County Seat attending to business.

Frank M. Lodge, R. C. Dixon, and A. C. Bard of Emmaville were registered at the Fulton house on Thursday of last week.

Miss Jessie Dickson returned to Philadelphia on Friday after spending several days with her sister Mrs. M. W. Nace, of this place.

Mrs. H. H. Woodal, we understand, is seriously ill at her home in Chambersburg. Her sister Mrs. Doyle Jones, of this county, is with her.

Miss Vera Fee, of Akersville, who has been spending several days at the home of her uncle Simon J. Fee, at Brezewood, returned to her home last week.

Mrs. Frank St Clair, of Washington, D. C., left on Monday morning for her home, after spending several days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Shimer in this place.

Miss Emma L. Sloan who has been spending the past ten days with her parents W. A. Sloan and wife, returned to Johnstown on Monday to resume her duties as teacher in one of the public schools in that city.

Geo. A. Harris, real estate Agent last week sold the Nathaniel Rotz place containing 39 acres in Todd township, and owned by S. W. Kirk to Luther P. Finiff on private terms. Mr. Finiff will move thereon in the spring.

Miss Harriet Etemiller returned to her home in this place last week after having spent several months visiting in the home of her brother J. S. Etemiller at McKeesport, and staying a few days last week in Mercersburg on her way home.

Peter, Louis, and Frank Guillard, sons of the late Peter Guillard, of Wells Valley, spent a few hours in town on business last Thursday. Frank is a student at the Medico-Chi College, Philadelphia, and Louis, who has been at Portage, Pa., for some time, will stay at the old home in the Valley for the present, at least.

S. Logie Wink and wife, of Sipes Mill, spent a few hours in town last Friday. Mr. Wink is one of Belfast township's justices of the peace, and was in town settling with the County Commissioners the amount of tax collected by him. Mr. Wink had collected it all but a dollar and seventy cents, and said he expected to have that before many moons.