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## OMAHA, NEBRASKA, LETTER.

### Don Morton Sends Greeting to Old Friends. He Wants Them to Visit Him.

EDITOR NEWS:—I inclose here-with check to take care of my subscription to "The News," which I believe has expired. I am always anxious to see the paper which usually reaches me on Saturday. I presume the "City" will have a very different look by the time I make my next visit, judging from articles which have appeared in the paper from time to time.

We are now having our most beautiful season of the year. Usually the weather remains ideal until about Xmas. At present we are having plenty of rain. In fact we could spare you some which I understand is very much needed.

Nebraska has been unusually well favored this year. The farmers had an exceptionally good wheat crop and a little better than an average corn crop. These are the main stand by. The farmers are giving considerable attention to the raising of stock which is mostly marketed in South Omaha—the third largest stock center in the world. I believe that Omaha is now the best city in the United States so far as trade conditions are affected by the great war in Europe. Our city depends more on the crop conditions for its prosperity, and, on account of this fact, our bank clearings have been showing larger gains than most any other city.

Mr. Dyson Fraker, of Fort Litchfield, stayed with us a night last month. While we have been away from Fulton for six years, yet it was like seeing one from our own family. Any one who has had the experience of having been away for some time can appreciate what it is to have some one call whom you have known. When you want to get away from the rush of work, just take a little trip to Omaha and I believe I can keep you interested while looking at the sights. Or, should you know of any Fulton people making a trip out this way, tell them that we shall be very glad to have them hunt us up. The people of Omaha recently subscribed stock enough to build a hotel sixteen stories high, costing over a million and a quarter. You never see have no fear of not getting good accommodations.

I was very much interested in looking through the names of the teachers of Fulton for this year, there being comparatively few whom I know, or, especially, who were teaching at the time I lived there. It looks very favorable among the schools to see so many making the Normal Training School Course. This will certainly raise the standard of the teaching. Although not actively engaged in teaching, I feel a great deal of interest in education. This is the first winter I have not been a teacher in the Y. M. C. A. school since I came to Nebraska. It became necessary to give this up on account of my business (life insurance) taking up too much time. I am on the Executive Committee of the Educational Department this winter. We have about six hundred students during the year.

With kindest regards, and best wishes,  
I am  
Sincerely,  
W. D. MORTON.

### Fish Destroyed.

As a result of the prolonged drought of the past summer, fish was not broken until the middle of the present month. Fish remains dried up and game fish of all kinds suffered. Minks are full of fish, and when the fish are forced into shallow places by drought or by ice, they are easily caught by these animals. It is reported that the trout streams of the country were almost depleted by raccoons that were able to feast on the helpless fish by reason of the low water.

## Irwin W. Mellott.

Last week we told our readers that Irwin W. Mellott died in Iowa on October 6th. Since last publication day we read the following account of his death in the Philadelphia Record:

"Chicago, Oct. 14.—Mrs. Ruth McCullough, a 20-year-old snake-charmer, and her companion, Clarence McCormick, 18-year-old son of a Lancaster, Mo., farmer, were arrested here to-day, charged with the recent murder of I. W. Mellott, a wealthy farmer, of Hedrick, Ia., and are said by the police to have confessed their guilt in writing.

Mellott, according to information received here at the time of the murder, was shot in his automobile and his head crushed.

The purpose of the murder, which took place October 6, was robbery. The arrest was made early to-day by Sheriff W. E. Knox, of Ottumwa, Ia., and Sheriff E. J. Grimes, of Keokuk county, assisted by a local detective, as the pair were about to be evicted from a West Side rooming house for non-payment of rent. The fugitives were penniless. The robbery netted them only \$22 and McCormick had been unable to obtain employment.

The snake charmer was a follower of county fairs and street carnivals, and McCormick met her at one of these in Illinois. He became infatuated and followed her from place to place.

Mellott was believed to carry large sums with him and McCormick and the girl are alleged to have lured him out of the town of Hedrick, on the pretext that he would meet a girl in whom he is said to have been interested.

In a written statement McCormick exonerated Mrs. McCullough. He said he shot Mellott to get money to marry the woman, who had promised to obtain a divorce.

McCormick and Mrs. McCullough were taken to Ottumwa, Iowa, to-night."

Mr. Mellott was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Mellott, of near Saluvia, this county. His wife's maiden name was Regina Sipes, and at the time of her marriage to Mr. Mellott, she was the widow of Frank Daniels, of Licking Creek township. About fifteen or twenty years ago Mr. and Mrs. Mellott removed to Iowa, where Mrs. Mellott still resides. They had no children.

## Birthday Party.

In honor of Miss Bertha McClain's 21st birthday, many of her friends gathered at her home on the evening of October 6th to spend the evening with her, and to enjoy a good time. The evening was spent in playing games, and music. After refreshments were served consisting of ice cream cake and candy, they all left wishing Miss Bertha many more happy birthdays she received many beautiful and useful presents. Those present were—Alice, Jessie, and Berlin Cutchall; Laura Black, Verna and Buelah Barnett, Ruth and David Strait, Lydia Neefner, John Knepper, Edwin and Dallas Brant, Sara, Samuel, Ralla, and Jesse Laidig, Ruth Lyons, Jay Bliloway, Myrtle Alloway, John Black, Glenn Miller, Gaud Everhart, Fred Lamberson, Maud McKechnie, Viola, Byrde, and Lydia McClain, William, George, Russell, Marshall, Hermon, and Jesse McClain and Joe Shaw.

One who was there.

Mr. C. J. Wink, of Thompson township, came to town last Friday, and was accompanied by his wife who had been visiting in the home of her daughter Mrs. J. G. Alexander. Mrs. Wink's visit was terminated rather unexpectedly by the death of her half-brother, Mr. Francis Mellott, whose funeral she went home to attend.

Last Sunday was Old Folks Day in the M. E. Church, but our congregation has no old folks.

## Two From This County.

More than forty marriages took place in Hagerstown during the recent fair. Among the Pennsylvania couples married on the 16 of this month were two from this county as the following account shows:

Hagerstown, Md., Oct. 16.—The following Pennsylvania couples attended Hagerstown interstate fair to-day and were married while here: Charles B. Reese and Martha Ferguson, York; Thomas Morton, Pleasant Ridge, and Lenora Decker, Andover; John Wagner, Fort Littleton, and Helen Stenger, McConnellsburg; Earl K. Detrich and Ethel M. Jones, Chambersburg; Louis R. Bowers and Edith Stover, Chambersburg; Charles Upton Trace and Florence L. Vincent, Waynesboro; Charles A. Keener, Paxtang, and Goldie M. Ziegler, Harrisburg; William Clark Sheaffer and Mrs. Alice M. Bigler, Shippensburg.

## Saw Deer Feeding.

The following party of pleasure seekers recently spent a day at Gettysburg; W. H. Metcalf, Mrs. John Funk and little daughter Edith, all of Mercersburg, V. R. Sipes and wife who live at the tollgate on the east side of Cove Mountain, Mrs. Della Mellott, of Hiram, and Mrs. Gilbert Deshong, of Andover. There was no dust in their eyes, for Mrs. Sipes informs us that they saw a fine big deer taking his breakfast under an apple tree about twenty-five feet from the road, and that the deer seemingly paid no attention to the party. The only matter of regret while on the trip was that the day was not ten hours longer.

## Good News for Belfast.

W. H. Peck, of Belfast township, spent a pleasant half hour in the News office Monday. He gave us several items of interest to Belfast readers. He reported that the "celebrated" road over the mountain that intervenes between here and his place is being repaired, and that James Truax, of Dotts, is opening a new stock of goods in the store room at Gem. With the re-opening of this store, a post office may again be established there which will place the NEWS in the hands of some of our subscribers twenty-four hours sooner than it now reaches them.

## Church Notices.

Rev. W. M. Cline will preach in the M. E. church at Hustontown, next Sunday evening at 7:30.

Antioch Christian church will be rededicated, Sunday, November 8th 1914. Rev. Hoffman will have charge of the dedicatory services.

Services by the pastor, next Sunday in the Lutheran church morning and evening, and at Big Cove Tannery in the afternoon.

## The Latest Fad.

The latest fad in society is the tub cure. In this the patient arises just as the crisp air of the morning is mellowed by the first sunbeam. An ordinary washtub is then filled with hot water and soap suds, into which various articles of linen are thrown. After they are thoroughly saturated the patient takes them up one at a time and rubs them briskly up and down on a washboard placed in the tub. This is kept up until the hands, arms and face are a glowing pink. The patient then goes into the open air and hangs all the linen articles on a line stretched for that purpose. The one completing the task first announces the time to the others over the telephone, and is entitled to a prize. It is exciting sport and also invigorating exercise.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Mellott, of Ayr township, a fine girl, Tuesday.

## THE GRIM REAPER.

### Short Sketches of the Lives of Persons Who Have Recently Passed Away.

#### J. TILDEN HILL.

J. Tilden Hill, age 38 years, 6 months, and 16 days, died at his home near Dotts, this county, October 15, 1914. Funeral was held the following Sunday, interment being made at Hill's Chapel. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. J. Croft.

His wife Elizabeth, who is a daughter of Stephen Skiles, of Belfast township, survives him. Two sons, Frank and John, at home, also survive the deceased.

Mr. Hill was a son of ex-sheriff John Hill, deceased. For the past eight years he suffered greatly from rheumatism, and during the last year of his life he was practically helpless. He was a man who stood high in the estimation of his fellow men.

#### JOHN W. MYERS.

After a brief illness, John W. Myers, aged 47 years, died at his home in Chambersburg, Thursday, October 15, 1914. Funeral was held last Saturday, interment being made in the Franklin street cemetery, Chambersburg.

Several weeks ago, Mr. Myers, who was an employe of the Cumberland Valley railroad, was injured by a fall; he suffered recently from a fever, and was thought to be getting better; a few minutes before death he complained of pain near his heart, and he expired while in the act of reaching for a drink of water.

His wife, who is a sister of Andrew and Daniel Rotz and Mrs. Emory Thomas, of this place, survives him, as do also three daughters, Misses Grace, Leona and Martha, at home.

#### FRANCIS MELLOTT.

Francis Mellott, whose residence was in Maryland just south of the Fulton county line in Thompson township, died at his home on Thursday morning of last week aged about 40 years. Mr. Mellott was a victim of tuberculosis, but had been confined to his room only about six weeks. The deceased was a son of the late ex-County Commissioner Jacob J. Mellott who was elected to the office in 1873, and was a resident of McConnellsburg at one time.

Francis Mellott was married to Miss Rosa Myers, daughter of John Myers, who survives him, together with two sons, Martin and Wilbur—both at home. The funeral services were held at the Stone Bridge Dunkard church, Maryland on Saturday.

#### CRAMER BARNHART.

Cramer Barnhart died at his home at Jackson's Mills, Bedford county on Thursday morning of last week, aged about 59 years. He had been ill for some time. The deceased was a son of Isaac and Rebecca Truax Barnhart, and was born in Bethel township, this county.

He worked at the carpenter trade during the early part of his life and was employed in Clearfield county and in Cumberland, Md., for a number of years. He was an honest christian gentleman and was a member of the Baptist church of this place. He is survived by his wife, whose maiden name was Miss Emma Truell, and three children, as follows: Mrs. James Sutton, of Oakland, Mrs. David L. Shaffer, of Pittsburg, and Elmer Barnhart at home. He is also survived by the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. A. Morgart, Berkley Springs, W. Va., Mrs. Burton Hixson, Mrs. William Conner, Mrs. Ruth Strusbaugh, of Waynesboro, Pa.; Alexander Benjamin and Palmer Barnhart, of Warfordsburg, Pa., and Stilwell, of Cherry Run Pa. Funeral services were held at his late home at 2:30 p. m. on Saturday, the Rev. J. W. Hoffman officiating.

## Recent Weddings.

### FOGLESONGER—PATTERSON.

Mr. Roy FogleSongsong, of Shippensburg, and Miss Janet Patterson, were married October 15, 1914, by Rev. George M. Reed, D. D., of Newville. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Patterson, formerly of Ayr township, this county, and now living in Cumberland county.

### HENRY—HOKE.

Mr. B. Frank Henry and Miss Alice Gertrude Hoke were married Monday evening, October 19, 1914, at four o'clock, at the home of the bride in this place, by the bride's pastor, Rev. J. L. Yearick. The wedding took place in the presence of members of the two families and a few close, personal friends. The officiating clergyman used the ring ceremony. The bride wore a handsome traveling suit of blue broadcloth. Following the marriage ceremony substantial refreshments were served and Mr. and Mrs. Henry, accompanied by Miss Mary Hoke, the bride's sister, entered an automobile and went to Chambersburg where the bride and groom took train for eastern points.

Autum leaves, sprinkled with a few flowers of the season, had been tastefully arranged for the altar decorations; there were no attendants, and the bridal couple proceeded to the altar to the strains of the Lohngirig Wedding March. The bride was the recipient of rich gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry came of old and substantial families of the County. Mr. Henry is Prothonotary of this county, and was formerly cashier of the First National Bank of McConnellsburg. The bride, with her sister, has lived on west Water street for many years, and for five years, was one of our efficient teachers in the Public Schools. They are two of our best members of social and business circles, and their return to be at home to their many friends after November first will be met with hearty and real pleasure.

## What It Costs to Hunt.

If all men hunted for the profit to them computed in dollars and cents, we fear there would be very few guns sold. Some men hunt one day in a season, others hunt thirty. Let us suppose that the average number of days each hunter hunts is five. The cost for five days sport may safely be calculated as follows: License, \$1.00, ammunition, \$1.25, loss of wages for five days at \$1.25 per day \$6.25, total cost \$8.50. Suppose the hunter averages two rabbits each day he hunts, and the rabbits are worth 25 cents each, his income would be \$2.50 worth of fresh meat. This is a very fair estimate, although a noted clergyman of Dublin township claims that it cost him \$3 per squirrel.

However, no hunter ever expects to bring home enough fresh meat to pay for his ammunition and time. Hunting is sport—pure and simple—just as playing ball, fishing, riding for pleasure, and a lot more things are sport, and the sportsman expects to foot the bill and charges it to recreation. We must have the recreation. Man is like a bow, which if kept bent too long it loses its elasticity and efficiency.

## Two Horses Burned.

A fire occurred last Friday night in the stables on the Hagerstown fair grounds and sixty-one stables were burned and two valuable race horses perished. The loss was about \$6,000. It is supposed that the stables were fired during a fight among some men who were shooting craps in the stall that was first fired. A broken lantern on the outside indicated that one of the men had used it for a club with the result that the oil was spilled and took fire.

## "My Auto 'Tis Of Thee."

My auto, 'tis of thee, short cut to poverty—of the I chant. I blew a pile of dough on you two years ago, and now you quite refuse to go, or won't or can't. Through town and countryside, you were my joy and pride; a happy day. I loved thy gaudy hue, thy nice white tires so new, but now you're down and out for true, in every way. To thee, old rattle box, came many bumps and knocks; for thee I grieve. Badly thy top is torn, frayed are thy seats and worn; the whooping cough effects thy horn, I do believe. Thy perfume swells the breeze while good folks choke and wheeze, as we pass by. I paid for thee a price 'twould buy a mansion twice, now everybody's yelling "ice"—I wonder why? Thy motor has the gripe, thy spark plug has the pip and woe is thine. I too have suffered chills, ague and kindred ills, endeavoring to pay my bills since thou wert mine. Gone is my bank roll now. No more, 'twould choke the cow, as once before. Yet if I had the moon, so help me John—amen, I'd buy myself a car again, and speed some more. —Exchange.

## They Have a Pony.

Last week Sheriff James J. Harris went to Franklin county and bought a pony, a cart, and harness for his children. The little fellow is 43 inches in height and weighs but 350 pounds. Its name is Black Beauty, and although it is only three years old, it is well broken and quite a pet. The children have given all their little playmates a ride behind Beauty, and when any of them have candy, the pony tries to get some of it. Beauty wears little shoes about as large as a man's watch case. She is very strong for her size, and can haul five children in the little cart. If we are not mistaken, it is the only real small pony in the County.

## Local Institute.

The first local Institute of Thompson township, was held at Oak Dale school, Friday evening October 16, 1914. The following questions were discussed: Spelling, how taught? How do you start beginners? What makes a successful school? The following teachers were present:—Denver Evans and Jessie Yeakel, of Thompson, Flora Shives, of Ayr, and Thomas Truax, of Belfast. The literary program was well rendered. Jessie Yeakel, Sec.

The first local Institute of Wells township was held at No. 2 school Friday evening October 16. The following question were well discussed:—Language and literature—How taught? Busy work methods for primary pupils. How can we as teachers, pupils, patrons and directors better our schools?

A creditable literary program was rendered by the school. All teachers of the township present but one, also, a teacher of Huntingdon County, and a number of patrons, and one director.

The Inst. adjourned to meet in three weeks at No. 1. Primary School, with these questions for discussion.—1. How do you teach primary Arithmetic? 2. How can we overcome tardiness. We urge all teachers patrons and directors to attend. Eleanor D. Sipe, Secy.

## Burned to Death.

Mrs. George W. Pfisterer was burned to death at her home in Shippensburg on Tuesday of last week. They were boiling apples in a big kettle out of doors and while the rest of the family were in getting dinner, Mrs. Pfisterer attempted to fix the fire when her skirts became ignited, and she was so badly burned that she died in a few hours.

## POSTURE.

Little Talks on Health and Hygiene by Samuel G. Dixon, M. D., LL. D., Commissioner Health.

"As the twig is bent, the tree is inclined."

Few people appreciate the value of correct posture. Not alone does it have a decided effect upon our bodily health but an equal if not a greater, bearing upon our mental attitude. When a man is down and out we plead with him to "brace up." It is almost impossible to associate incompetency and weakness with a firm upright carriage. Resolution seems to be the natural accompaniment of an erect well poised physique. Not alone for its effect upon ourselves but for the impression which it makes upon our fellows we should endeavor to cultivate an upright bearing.

If you slouch at your work you really incapacitate yourself. A proper position sitting as well as standing or walking is required to insure the maximum use of body and brain. A depressed head and shoulders means a contraction of the chest and a corresponding inability to expand the lungs to their full extent. Any lessening of our maximum breathing capacity is harmful.

This position if persisted in may also interfere with the heart action. It is particularly important for growing children, especially for those of school age to acquire a proper posture.

Considerable attention has been given to the seating of pupils but until every backless bench has been removed from our school rooms and every child is given a properly designed seat which will permit the feet to rest on the floor and a desk of proper height, we will not have begun to do the necessary work in this direction.

The acquirement of a graceful upright carriage by both boys and girls is an acquisition whose value both in the social and business world can scarcely be over-estimated. The man or woman who has fallen into careless habits in this respect will find their efforts to correct them well repaid.

No violent gymnastics are necessary. A few simple exercises and a little determination can accomplish much toward making proper posture, a permanent good habit which will benefit us physically and mentally.

## Large New Hotel.

On account of the increasing automobile travel on the Lincoln Highway, the hotels that formerly catered for the traveling public with ease, now find themselves swamped. No town along the entire route has better hotels so far as quality or service is concerned, than our own town of McConnellsburg, but during much of the time during the summer, their capacity was totally inadequate. New and larger hotels are being planned all along the line. Just now a company has been organized for the construction in our neighboring town, Bedford, of a four-story hotel, with a frontage of 120 feet, and extending back 300 feet. In the building will be a first class moving picture show, photographic gallery, orchestra, barber shop, restaurant, with a garage attachment for the storage, and repair of automobiles.

## Auto Accident.

Whice J. L. Patterson and party were on their way to the Hagerstown fair last week, their auto skidded into a telegraph pole on the east side of Cove mountain, and was damaged to the extent that they could not have it repaired in time to use it on the trip. The very slippery surface of the newly rounded track was responsible for the accident, when they turned out for another auto.