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A TOWN OF TWO PEOPLE.

Colonel Wilson, of the Philadelphia Bulletin, has been looking up some interior Pennsylvania towns, and writes an entertaining article concerning them. After telling of the sale of the entire village of Uhlertown, Bucks county, to one man, some time ago, he tells of a town not so far from Middleburg which will be of interest to our people. He says:

"Pennsylvania can boast of even a smaller town, and one with only two inhabitants. Its name is Nekoda, and it is on every map of the United States. Nekoda is in Perry county, five miles from Millersburg, on the Pennsylvania railroad, between Altona and Harrisburg, and seven miles from Liverpool on the Northern Central railroad. The town has two mail deliveries daily and a daily stage line connecting it with Millerstown, Liverpool and McKee's Half Falls.

"The population consists of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Baker, and never before in the history of the country has one man had to perform more offices than this solitary male. He is the justice of the peace, postmaster, burgess, town council, chief of police, election inspector, president of the board of health, blacksmith, druggist, general storekeeper and the holder of many other offices. Mrs. Baker is the president of the Ladies' Guild, Health Protective Society and numerous other organizations, which she has created and promoted during her long residence in Nekoda. She is now in her seventy-third year while Mr. Baker is in his seventy-sixth. They are both hale and hearty, and carry the burden of their many duties with a cheerfulness and strict attention to business that in comparison puts to shame the officials of some other towns who have only one office to fill, and even neglect that.

"Mr. Baker was born in Nekoda. He knows every stone in that interesting place, where he has spent his useful life. There is not a tree or shrub, eye, even a blade of grass, that is not familiar to his eye. The politics of Nekoda are strictly Republican. The Squire, as Mr. Baker is affectionately termed by the other citizens, meaning his wife, always votes to please the community.

"The Squire did his courting from Nekoda. The blushing damsel whom he asked to share his many honors over fifty years ago was Miss Eliza Rieckbaug, of Millerstown. Her father was the jolly host of the Cross Keys Hotel, which flourished in the old stage days. Many a night young Baker footed it home by the light of the silver moon from Millersburg to Nekoda with the firm determination in his mind that the next time he saw Lizzie he would just out and say it. She had many suitors. That winter was a hard one for Sammy. His determination always weakened when he found himself in Lizzie's father's cosy parlor, and it was not until they were both capized out of a sleigh into a snow bank that Sammy found courage to speak. Then, at they frantically clutched at each other, Sammy cried: "Now I've got you, and I'll keep you forever." This was how he proposed, and the marriage followed shortly after, when the chief of police, burgess, town council and all the other officials carried off his bride in triumph to reign unmolested for fifty years as the first lady of Nekoda.

"The statistics of Nekoda, for the last half century show that there have only been one marriage and two births. The latter blessed the union of Sammy and Lizzie, over forty years ago, since which time the offspring became full-fledged, and flew the nest. One became Mrs. Valeria Hopple, the wife of the agent for the Pullman Palace Car Company, at Broad Street Station, Phila., and the other is Colonel Joshua D. Baker, the manager of the Lafayette Hotel. The statistics which have been faithfully kept further show that there have been no elopements nor failures in Nekoda during this long period. The town is of a purely mercantile character, its entire business being centered in what is known to the community as Baker's store, which is also the town hall, church, residence-location, and everything else. It is in this building where grim justice presides, surrounded by well-stocked shelves of hardware, drugs, dry goods, notions and groceries.

No one has ever been arrested for drunkenness. No other town in the United States can show such a record. Perfect harmony exists in the community, and a solid vote was cast for '60's, which has remained an unbroken law even since.

"The money question has always been an open one at Nekoda. Farmers from the surrounding country, who come there to market, are compelled to change the standard to suit the burgess, chief of police and the storekeeper. Yesterday it was three eggs for a two-cent stamp. To-day it is a head of cabbage and a bunch of carrots. Fine dress goods are worth two bushels of corn a yard, while double-barrelled shot guns bring as high as two loads of hay. The standard is ever varying, but the population of the town inclined, if anything, to a cheese standard.

"The residents pride themselves on their horses, cows, sheep and poultry—but the spring house must not be forgotten. It is in this cool sequestered spot that Mother Baker's dainty pies and big bowls of rich cream can always be found. This little spring house, with its quaint oaken door, is known to traveling salesmen from all over the State, and many a one drives out of his way to visit the hospitable town of Nekoda, where good cheer is always ready and the door wide open."

A Miner's Alaskan Experience

David Ward Says He Found Nuggets as Thick as Potatoes.

Public Ledger, Philadelphia, Pa., March 4, 1908.
 David Ward, who left his home in Kansas City three years ago on a prospecting trip through Alaska with but little of this world's goods, arrived in the city last evening and registered at the Central Hotel. He had with him, as a mute testimony of the richness of the newly discovered gold fields, nuggets of the rich metal as big as guinea eggs.

He is enthusiastic over the vast extent of the gold deposits in the regions of Alaska, the more so because, he says, by far the richest finds are on American soil at least 100 miles from the Canadian line. "If I tell you just what I think," he says, "you would hardly believe me. I spent three years in the cold region traversing a greater part of the territory, and I tell you frankly there is enough of the yellow metal there to make every one of the 15,000 people already there or on their way Millionaires. Why, sir, nuggets are as thick there as potatoes in a prosperous farmer's patch."

To illustrate the richness of the field Mr. Ward gave an account of his finding some of the nuggets he exhibited to a Ledger reporter, saying: "In Company with two native Indians, who acted as guides and packers, I was working my way along a big tributary of the Yukon, far over on the American side of the line, when we stopped to rest for night. The natives began digging into the ground so as to strike stakes for a cache for our provisions to keep them out of reach of the dogs, when one exclaimed that he had struck a rock and we must change our location. I examined the hole and found in it nuggets as large as potatoes. I soon discharged the natives and spent several months there. "After I had secured all the gold I could possibly carry I left for Dawson City, arriving there October 1. I left there for Dyea and took a steamer for Seattle, arriving at the latter place early in November. At the Mint in San Francisco I exchanged 100 ounces of my gold for \$1683. In all, I brought back with me in round numbers \$12,000 worth of gold.

"I am now returning home from Washington, where I have been in the interest of my claim. As soon as I get it properly protected I will take a company with me to carry on operations. Running through the regions is a large river, which can be easily diverted from its channel. Its bed contains nuggets as thick as gravels in the bottom of many rivers.

Where American Magazines Go.

The wide range of the circulations of American magazines and the manner in which they penetrate the farthest points of the earth found new evidence last week, when a single list of five hundred subscriptions to The Ladies' Home Journal was received by the magazine from Bulgaria, the list being headed by the name of Her Royal Highness, the Princess Maria Louisa. George Kuman, the Siberian traveler, said

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that he found this magazine in homes on the steppes of Siberia, while Peary met with it in Greenland. It is an interesting fact that The Ladies' Home Journal has subscriptions in fifty-nine of the sixty-five generally accepted civilized nations of the earth. During the single month of December last, for instance, it received subscriptions from Syria, Japan, Uruguay, Turkey, Congo Free State, Transvaal, Liberia, Natal, Sierra Leone, Zululand, Bavaria, Bahamas, Burmah, Brazil, Bohemia, Canary Islands, Honduras, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, San Salvador, Chili, China, Egypt, Cuba, Fiji Islands, Germany, Hawaii, Madras Presidency, Hungary, Korea, Java, Straits Settlements, Malaysia, Siam, Samoa, Palestine, Peru, Portugal, Tasmania and the Danish West Indies.

From One Point of View.
 "Woman," she said, oracularly, "should have all the privileges that man has. She is showing her ability to do all that he can do in the business world."

"Yes," he admitted, "she is rapidly bringing herself down to his level."
 The more she thought of this remark the stronger became her determination to keep out of all suffrage movements.—Chicago Post.

There Never Was One.
 Great Picture Buyer (to hostess)—What do you think of an artist who painted cobwebs on the ceiling so truthfully that the servant wore herself into an attack of nervous prostration trying to sweep them down?
 Hostess (a woman of experience)—There may have been such an artist, but there never was such a servant.—Tit-Bits.

Not With Her Voice.
 "He does not love me any more," the maiden sang to shame him;
 And as the notes reached papa's ears
 He murmured, "I don't blame him."
 —Town Topics.

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 —N. Y. Journal.

Daughter of Mother Goose.
 "Where are you going, my pretty maid?"
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 "And why are you going, my pretty maid?"
 "To purchase a duke, sir," she said.
 —Chicago Daily News.

Sound to Keep On.
 Flip—There'll always be a good deal of traveling.
 Quip—How do you make that out?
 Flip—Because no sooner does one man get back than all those that haven't traveled have to start off at once to escape hearing him talk about it.—N. Y. Journal.

Mean.
 Young Wife—The Bible tells us to cast our bread upon the waters and it will return to us a hundred fold.
 Young Husband—Well, for Heaven's sake, Mary, don't cast any of the bread you make upon the waters, then.—N. Y. World.

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