



On the Road With The Herald Traveler

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Our next stop was at the home of C. E. Heath, who has lived here thirty-two years and owns 800 acres of deeded land and 640 of school land. Mr. Heath was out farming about a mile from the house, but while there we noticed that he had something new—or at least new to us. It was a cement house with a cement roof. We have seen cement houses, yes; but cement roofs, no; and we were curious to know how it was put on, so we drove out to see him and to ask a few questions. He told us that the house was an old one fixed over but one would not know it from the outside. He told us that the roof, put on as it was, did not cost as much as a new shingle roof would have, and that it was put on over the old shingles by putting on metal lath on top of them. It makes a very fine appearance and is indestructible. He was farming with three four-horse teams and was taking the lead himself. We asked him in what line of farming he had been the most successful and he thought that mixed farming paid the best—corn, rye and hogs and cattle—and he did plant some potatoes but thought it was a little far to haul spuds, for he is thirteen miles out.

W. Nye lives nigh unto Heath, so we wandered there to see what we could find and we found Mr. Nye on a disk working hard, but he kindly took the time to tell us what we wanted to know. He came to this country thirty-four years ago with a wagon and team, a wife and three small children and thirty-five cents in money. He said he probably would have gone back to the wife's folks or some other place if he could have gone, but could not, so stayed by it and today he is independent. He owns 960 acres of land and a lot of good stock. He is living on the homestead that he took up thirty-four years ago. He also believes in mixed farming.

Our next stop was to see Frank Trenkle. We found Frank rather under the weather, but able to talk to us. He also is one of the old-timers in this country, having come to Box Butte county in '89. Mr. Trenkle has just completed one of the finest modern homes we have been in for some time. It is complete from electric lights to heat and bath, cost \$7,000. He is a believer in mixed farming.

Just down the road from Frank's is the home of E. Morgan, who has recently moved in here from the cattle country to try his luck farming, but thinks he likes the cattle better than the plow. He is planting thirty-five acres of spuds and fifty of corn and thinks that the spud is the best crop for a money-maker.

After leaving Mr. Morgan's, we wandered around through gates and pastures and came to the home of Adolph Brost, who came to this country twenty-one years ago and now owns seven quarters of land for which he paid from \$200 to \$300 per quarter and now it is worth about \$50 per acre. He is another advocate of mixed farming.

Thursday, May 6, we started out on our trip of exploration by visiting at the home of A. L. Donovan, just east of Third street. Mr. Donovan is an old settler, having lived here ever since the city was founded. He knew the country before there was any farming done and is now engaged in farming and is a strong advocate of the potato crop, as he says that potatoes will grow under more adverse weather conditions than any other crop that he knows anything about, but he also advises not to try one crop, but advocates mixed farming. He is farming one hundred and sixty acres and has eighty of it in spuds. When asked what in his opinion was an average crop of potatoes, he said that one hundred bushels was about right.

A. L. Schwasinger was the next man interviewed. They have been here three years and have made good at the farming game. He believes in mixed farming but plants more potatoes than any other crop. In 1920 he had fifty-three acres of potatoes and harvested seven thousand five hundred bushels and sold the most of them at one dollar per, which is not half bad.

Just down the road from Schwasinger's is the farm of H. Koester, who came to this county from Seward county three years ago and purchased three hundred acres of land and is well satisfied with his change. He is planting eighty acres of potatoes and is farming extensively of other crops. We had a very pleasant visit with him and we hope to have an opportunity to repeat it.

From Koester's to Keegan's is only a short distance, so we coasted down to the farm home of J. A. Keegan, who also owns a fine town residence which they occupy part of the time, but as their children are all married and gone they have to see after the farming operations. Here we found the first herd of registered Durham cattle we have seen in this county so far. Mr. Keegan has a nice herd of cattle and Mrs. Keegan has a very fine flock of Buff Orpington chickens. It might not be out of place right here to express our own opinion as to the breeding of pure bred stock of all kinds, as we have been engaged in the

time he was working on the road in Wyoming and they had stopped for some time and he thought he could not lose the time, so he started out on foot for Broken Bow where the Burlington was building. At that time it was about four hundred miles, but that did not stop him. He went and worked and today he is one of the rich men of this country. He owns several hundred acres of land and large numbers of cattle and hogs. He shipped two cars of hogs last year off his raising and has as fine a drove now as one will see in any country. While Mr. Seidler believes in the raising of stock and thinks this is a stock country, he is farming quite extensively, having 140 acres of winter wheat and 150 acres of corn, besides rye and other small grain, as well as ninety acres of alfalfa.

When we called on Mr. Seidler he and two of his boys were working on a new place he is building up. He bought a good new house in Antioch and had it moved over; in fact, bought three buildings and moved them all over, a distance of about eighteen miles.

It looked to us like that some young lady might be going to change her name and address and live happy ever after.

Our first stop on Monday morning was at the home of A. L. Wilson, who owns a very neat and up-to-date dairy a mile west of town. He is milking twelve cows at the present time and informs us that he has an accredited herd, being tested by the state every six months. He has a fine herd of fat and contented cows and is selling his milk to many customers in town. Mr. Wilson has two good silos and thinks that they are the best thing to prepare feed for dairy cows. He has been here thirteen years and thinks this county is hard to beat.

Two miles west of town is the home of C. Nepper, who came to this county eleven years ago from Carroll county, Iowa. While Mr. Nepper his done very well here, he still thinks that Iowa is hard to beat. Chris has 115 acres of the finest wheat we have seen and is planting 100 acres of corn and, following out the idea of mixed farming, he is also planting twenty acres of potatoes. He tells us that he was hailed completely out last year. Let us hope that it does not happen again.

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R. T. Ely and family were callers at the Carl Nichols home Sunday. Mrs. Joe Morrill and little son returned to Bridgeport Sunday after a short visit with her mother, Mrs. Mary Sherlock.

Shelton Boyer and family spent Sunday at the Herman Case home. O. A. Woods and C. A. Geil of Gering were transacting business in Angora Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Venell and

children were entertained at the Jewell home Sunday.

John Burry, Charis Lambertson and W. R. McCroskey were business visitors at Scottsbluff Saturday.

Miss Lucile Hull returned to her school duties at Hemingford Sunday after spending a few days with her parents.

Miss Edith Fletcher spent the week end with friends at Dalton.

Mother's day was observed in a very appropriate manner by the Angora Sunday school. A short program

sisting of readings and songs was given after which each mother was presented with a rose. Twenty-five mothers were present and due tribute was paid them in every way. There was a total attendance of 105 and we predict a good attendance for the Sunday school from now on.

Several children from the country took the eighth grade examinations in Angora Thursday and Friday.

W. M. Woolsey has rented his place and is having a public sale Wednesday.



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