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ALL On the Road With The Herald Traveler

All the Late News
About

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R. L. Evans is a Kansan who has been here only a few years, but likes this county better than anything he has seen so far. He is farming one hundred and forty-five acres to corn, oats and spuds, with thirty acres of spuds, and says that potatoes are a sure crop and bring the largest profit, but that he believes in planting some of all.

B. H. Hibbert is one of the large farmers we have met. At the present time he has three hundred acres of winter wheat and is planting one hundred and fifty acres of corn. He raises about fifty hogs per year. Mr. Hibbert came from Gage county five years ago and likes it much better here. Although he was hailed out last year he is not discouraged and is going ahead as though nothing had happened.

Starting out on Tuesday morning on our daily travels, our first stop was at the home of Charley Wolk, a boy from our old home county of Hamilton. We were glad to see him, and from the way we killed time we think Charley was not sorry to see us. When he left Hamilton he moved to Bayard and farmed irrigated land, but he says no more of it for him. Then he moved to the hills and went into the cattle business and still has the ranch and cattle out there but moved close to town to send his children to school. He has about two hundred cattle out in the hills and is farming one hundred and sixty acres one mile west and one-half mile north of town and is well pleased with this country and would not go back east to live.

G. G. Nelson is a newcomer to this county, having come from Ellsworth this spring. He is farming two hundred and forty acres to corn, wheat and oats. They like this county much better than farther east. We also met Mr. Nelson's father while there and had a very nice visit with him. He also ordered the Herald, having it sent to Lakeside, as there is where he lives.

After leaving Mr. Nelson's we wondered where do we go from here, but we soon came to Art Roach's residence and commenced our line of questions. We found that Mr. Roach was an old timer as he had been here about thirty years and seen all the changes from a sheep range to the present time. Mr. Roach farms quite extensively to mixed crops but depends mostly on the lowly spud for a money crop. In 1919 he raised 10,800 bushels of potatoes from one hundred acres. He says that potatoes will stand more grief than any other crop, for they can be hauled off and still make a good crop.

We had heard about the McCorkle ranch so we coaxed Lizzie to take us out to see for ourselves just what was there and we found the genial foreman, Mr. Wilson, willing to show us what there was and tell what had been done. It was a surprise to us to see the fine cattle and hogs that are in the feed lots and the hundreds of bushels of corn and the cattle. We have fed many in our time and think we know what a good steer is and it has been years since we have seen as good a bunch as we saw there. They have six loads in the yard at the present time and have shipped one hundred and fifty head out in the last few weeks. They have two cars of hogs in the yard and have shipped three out. How did they raise the corn to feed that amount of stock, one might ask. Here is how it was done: Mr. McCorkle believes in this country and in the spring of 1920 broke out on his ranch eight hundred acres of virgin soil and planted it all in corn, and we are told that the whole eight hundred acres made an average of twenty bushels per acre. Now the eight hundred acres is mostly in wheat and he is having more of the virgin sod plowed up and is planting it to corn as fast as three tractors can plow it. If one wishes to see big things done go out to McCorkle's ranch.

Across the field from the McCorkle ranch is the Hashman ranch, owned by our county commissioner. Mr. Hashman owns two thousand and eighty acres which is operated jointly by himself and son, Leo, who lives on the ranch. Leo was born on the place and still lives there. They have two hundred acres of alfalfa on the ranch and run from one hundred and fifty to two hundred cattle and have plenty of alfalfa. It is one of the best crops have about two hundred tons left over, as they get three crops per year from alfalfa. It is one of the best crops that they can raise. One reason they can do so well on alfalfa is that the ground is low and does not dry out, as

it is shallow to water—only about ten feet.

We overtook J. A. Dillon on the road driving four horses and a gang plow but stopped him long enough to ask a few questions. Mr. Dillon came here from Merrick county five years ago. He is farming three hundred and twenty acres of land and believes in mixed farming. He has twenty-five acres of alfalfa and is planting fifteen to spuds and fifty-five acres to corn. He thinks one can make more here than in the east. He has thirty head of cattle and a number of hogs.

Wednesday morning we drove out of town bright and early before the rest of the gang were out of bed, and the first stop was at the beautiful new home of M. B. Price, who came to this county two years ago from Oklahoma and bought a hundred and sixty acre farm just west of town. He has built up as fine a place as one will see in a day's travel, having spent about twelve thousand dollars on improvements. The house is modern throughout and he has his own light plant. He also owns and operates a quarter section four miles east. Mr. Price tells us that last year he raised more crops for the labor expended than he ever did any place he ever farmed. His potatoes made about one hundred and forty bushels per acre and corn from thirty to fifty bushels. He thinks this the nicest country to farm in he has even seen. We had a very pleasant visit with him and we are thinking that we will renew the call.

Our next stop was at the home of J. N. Johnston who lives one mile north and one and one-half miles west of town. We found Mr. Johnston planting corn but he kindly stopped long enough to tell us about the early days of this county. He pre-empted the quarter section that lays north of Tenth street in this city and has seen the antelope roaming over these prairies in droves. That was thirty-five years ago. He came here with a wife and three small children, one team, a cow and no money.

The next place we stopped was that of L. C. Ogden, who is operating three hundred and twenty acres, of which two hundred and twenty are farmed. He came here from Merrick county seven years ago. Mr. Ogden believes in mixed farming and is farming corn and oats and raising around one hundred hogs per year. He is also planting fifteen acres of spuds.

Just over the hill from the Ogden place is the home of Julius Rehder, who came to this county in 1900, rail-roads for a few years and then bought the place where he lives and built it up. He has a very nice farm. He is farming one hundred and twenty acres to corn, wheat and oats and fifteen acres to potatoes.

When the sun was drawing nigh unto the zenith and we were wondering what was coming next, we stopped at a large brown house that looked good to us and when we saw the folks they also looked good. We told Lizzie to stop and we got out and asked the portly good-looking gentleman who lived there and was informed that it was N. G. Leishman. We do not know what they meant by naming him "N G", for it is not appropriate. We think both Mr. and Mrs. Leishman are hard to beat. We had dinner with them and are invited to call again and we think we will. Both Mr. and Mrs. Leishman were raised here and have seen the city grow from a few board shanties to the present time. Mr. Leishman owns all of section twenty-one and farms two hundred and fifty acres and has plenty of alfalfa and the balance in pasture.

Our first stop after dinner was at the potato farm of R. E. Bassey, who is planting one hundred and sixty acres of potatoes. He is nearly done plowing and is about half ready to plant. When we were there they were working with one three-bottom tractor, a four-horse disc and one harrow, and they were doing a fine job. This is the largest field we have found so far in our travels. To give one an idea what it takes to plant so many spuds they have one car of Ohios from Minnesota and about the same of Red Triumphs that was raised here. Just imagine the work of cutting and planting two carloads of potatoes. We are going to keep our good eye on this field this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Spath came to this county three years ago from Lancaster county and own and operate eight hundred acres, mostly to wheat

and oats, with forty acres of spuds thrown in for good measure. Mr. Spath is a believer in the future of the cattle market and is going to go largely to cattle in the future. He thinks it the best place for a young man to get a start of any place he ever saw and would not go back east to farm. He says that the potato is the surest crop one can raise. Mr. Spath also has thirty-five acres of good alfalfa.

Charles L. Darnall, who joins the farm of Mr. Spath and is also a brother-in-law, came to this county one year later, in farming three hundred and twenty acres to wheat, corn and oats. He was hailed out last year, but is not discouraged and thinks this the best country to farm in that he knows.

Two miles north and one mile west is the dairy farm of L. L. Peters, who owns two hundred and thirty three acres of fine land and has one of the best herds of Holsteins we have seen in many moons. He knows how to keep things in shape. Everything was as clean as a Dutch kitchen, the cows were fat and slick. He is keeping his herd tested and is complying with the requirements of the state law, which is hard to do in some cases. Mr. Peters has just installed a power milking machine and thinks it will save considerable labor in milking. He has a silo fourteen by thirty-six that he fills for feed and has several stacks of alfalfa yet to feed. He is planting fifty acres of potatoes and says that they are a sure crop and make money, but take lots of work.

Thursday morning we drove out to the L. E. Bliss farm and looked over the many things of interest. Among them was the slaughter house, where the most of cattle that are used in town are slaughtered, and from what we saw there we know Alliance is getting the best of beef to eat. We saw fine cornfed beeves that are as good as you see anywhere and everything was in fine shape. Mr. Bliss came here from Madison county three years ago and likes the country fine. He believes in mixed farming and is planting one hundred acres of corn and thirty acres of potatoes. He is also a hog raiser and says there is money in them.

At the farm of R. A. Wyland we found R. A. Busy plowing for potatoes with six horses, but we had a very nice visit with him. He is running a section of land and doing the most of the work alone. He has one hundred acres of spring wheat, fifty of oats, two hundred of corn and sixty of spuds—some work for one man. Mr. Wyland is a general auctioneer in addition to his farming activities.
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The Philadelphia North American prints a two-column editorial on "What the Sunday School Lacks." Any boy could have told the editor that it lacks a place where a fellow can go fishing in the summer or skating in the winter.

A mild winter is a solution of coal problems, none the less helpful because it is accidental.

The perfect girl is already married or about to be married. And a new crop is growing up fast.

According to recent dispatches there is not enough room in Geneva both for tourists and the league of nations, and the league is planning to move on. Tourists will regret losing the opportunity "to do the league" in an afternoon.



Foresight vs Hindsight

While it is not possible for all of us to have the foresight with which Thomas Jefferson was gifted when he made the purchase of that vast tract of land known as the Louisiana Purchase, nevertheless we can in our own way look into the future with much greater confidence if we are prepared to meet whatever conditions may arise.

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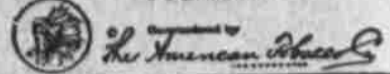
"Is your boy in favor of daylight saving?"
"I reckon he is," replied Farmer Cornstossel. "If he goes on stayin' out o' nights, pretty soon he won't be using any daylight at all."—Washington Star.

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