



On the Road With The Herald Traveler

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Who said we were going to have a dry year here in Box Butte county? Rain—we have a plenty, but none to spare. A few are commencing to beef, but don't—for things could not be better than they are at the present time.

It was muddy, but we started out Tuesday morning early and fought the mud for seven miles to the home of John Coupens and had the nicest visit with them we have had for some time. After spending about an hour with them we started on to see a neighbor and ran into a pond and got hung up for awhile, but got out on our own power and beat it back to take dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Coupens, as we had a previous invitation which we were glad to accept. John came here twelve years ago from Platte county and says that he would not go back to live on a bet, for this is a more healthy country and one can produce more to the acre here than can be done there. John is farming forty acres to wheat, sixty to oats, fifty to corn and forty to spuds. They are milking ten cows and say that the cows make their living. Mrs. C. has three hundred and fifty little chickens and some of them are almost ripe now.

Carl Kohrman came to this county thirty-six years ago and lives just two miles from where he first lived at home with his father and mother thirty-six years ago. Carl owns three hundred and twenty acres of good soil and is farming fourteen acres to wheat, twenty-five to oats, fifty to corn and seven to spuds. He also has twenty-five acres in alfalfa. Carl says that corn, hogs and alfalfa are the best crops for him and he tries to raise about fifty hogs per year. Carl tells us that when they first came here they had to carry their supplies on foot from town as they had no team for two years after coming here.

August Kohrman was born here thirty-two years ago. He owns one hundred and sixty acres adjoining the farm of his brother Carl. He has fifteen acres to wheat, fifteen to oats, thirty to corn and he has about fifty good Poland China hogs. August says he does not know much about any other country, but this is good enough for him.

Who said it did not rain in western Nebraska? We are blessed with the nicest rains of any place in the state—just enough and not too much. We did not get to drive out into the country Wednesday because of the rain Tuesday night, but we did get to go to the circus, for we had to take the children. We did not care to go, but of course the kids wanted to see the elephant and could not go alone, so we went along.

Thursday morning we headed north and the first stop was at the home of Fred M. Shemadine, who came to this county this spring from Polk county and is operating eight hundred acres of land and owns three hundred and twenty acres. He has two hundred and sixty-five acres of winter wheat, one hundred and fifteen acres of spring wheat, seventy-five acres of corn, fifty acres of beets and forty-five of spuds. Fred tells us that he likes this country fine and says he can produce more to the acre on this land than can be done on three hundred dollar land in the east.

Our next stop was at the fine home of William F. Patterson, one of the old settlers of this county, who came here in the spring of 1855 and homesteaded and has lived on the place ever since. The old soddy is still standing in which he lived until the fine modern home was built two years ago, but now they have one of the finest homes that you can see in the country. It is modern from cellar to garret and has the Deleo lighting and water system. The first floor is finished in oak and the second in fir. Mr. Patterson owns nine hundred and sixty acres of good soil and is farming the most of it. He can tell some tales of the hardships that come with the early settlers in any new country, but he is an example of what can be done if one sticks to a country like this. He says that there never was a better country for a young man to get a start in than this, nor a better time than now. Mr. Patterson

ELLSWORTH

At high noon Wednesday, June 1, a very beautiful home wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents, when Miss Veronica Kennedy and Ross Schafenburg were united in marriage. Father Murray officiated. Both young people are well known in this community, Miss Kennedy having taught school the past year near Ellsworth and the two years previous was connected with the War Risk insurance department in Washington, while Mr. Schafenburg, who has resided in or near this vicinity the majority of his life, is now well and favorably known as the competent manager of the Joy ranch north of Lakeside.

Both bride and groom were beautifully dressed, while Miss Margaret Kennedy and S. E. Stewart, who stood up for the occasion were at their best. Immediately after the ceremony some forty relatives and friends of the young couple were seated at a most elaborate wedding dinner after which

is farming four hundred and twenty-five acres to spring wheat and eighty acres to corn.

James Underwood who lives just north of Mr. Patterson's came to this county thirty-four years ago when Hay Springs was the nearest town. He stayed around awhile, then left to find a better place, but could not, and came back and bought six hundred and forty acres of fine soil and is farming a part and rents the balance. He has one hundred acres in oats, one hundred in corn, seventy-five in spuds, fifteen in rye and sixty to alfalfa, and says that this country is the best place to make money he has ever been in.

One-half mile north of Underwood's is the home of William Coupens, who came here from Platte county seven years ago and likes this county much better than Platte as a man can get a start much easier here than farther east. Will is farming forty acres to wheat, twenty to oats, thirty to corn and twenty to spuds.

E. S. Patterson, son of W. F. Patterson, was born here about thirty years ago and owns the west half of section 12-26-48, and has a very nice home and a nice pair of twins that we something about in another part of the paper. E. S. is farming one hundred acres to wheat, eighty to oats and twenty to corn. He says he doesn't know anything about other countries, but knows this suits him.

William Bock came to this county thirty-six years ago and has lived here since. He was telling us about selling wheat in the nineties for 33 cents per bushel, so times have been worse than they are now. William is not farming so much, but good. He has forty acres in wheat, ten to millet and seven to potatoes.

Stephen Collins is a young man who was born here and is farming and boarding out and says that a young man can get a start here if he is willing to work and that he likes this country fine. He is farming forty acres to wheat, twenty to corn and twenty to oats.

R. J. Westlake has been here for seven years and likes the country better all the time. They came from Lancaster county and say that they would not go back there to farm as they have had better success and better health here. Mr. Westlake has a very nice herd of Hampshire hogs, having about sixty little pigs at the present time. R. J. owns one hundred and sixty acres and is operating four hundred and eighty acres of corn, one hundred sixty to winter wheat, twenty to rye, twenty to oats and twenty to spuds.

J. M. Clay has lived here for the past few years and says this is the best place to make money that he knows of and he has been around some at that. He came from Custer county, but would not go back there to farm. He is operating six hundred and forty acres and is planting one hundred and forty-five acres to spuds, twenty to corn and ten to cane.

L. L. Holcomb came to this county two years ago and is operating four hundred acres. We did not see Mr. Holcomb, but had a nice visit with the Mrs., who informed us that she and her husband liked this country better than any place they had lived and thought that anyone that was willing to work could soon get a start here. Mr. Holcomb has one hundred and sixty acres of winter wheat, eighty acres of rye, forty acres of spuds, and thirty of corn and fifteen of spuds. Mrs. Holcomb is raising pure bred chickens. She has the White Leghorn, Rhode Island Red and Barred Rock strains and they are very nice.

Nels C. Nelson, who lives about nine miles north on the graded road, came here from Iowa two years ago and is operating a nine hundred and sixty acre farm and likes it. He was a railroad man before coming to this country, takes to farming as a duck to water and we predict great success for Nels. He has forty acres to wheat, seventy-five to oats, ninety-five to corn, sixty to spuds, forty to rye, twenty-five to barley and fifteen to millet.

Mr. and Mrs. Schafenburg accompanied by Miss Sarah Craig, a close friend of the bride, motored to Alliance where the bride and groom departed for a short honeymoon to Denver and other Colorado points. Miss Craig returning to her home in Omaha. The entire community wishes the young couple a long and happy life.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wightman announce the birth of a daughter, Patricia Eleanor. Mr. Wightman returned from Omaha Sunday, and Mrs. Wightman and the new arrival are expected in about two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Benjamin of near Spade were Alliance visitors Wednesday. Ellsworth Baseball club. A real ball organized and we have material for an excellent nine this season. The initial game of the season was played at Lakeside Sunday, May 29th, and while this game was lost by a 7 to 6 score, we feel that the alibi of only one practice this season is sufficient, con-

sidering that the Lakeside team has played nearly a dozen games already this year. A return game on the Ellsworth diamond will be played in the near future and we hope for better results. Sunday, June 5, we play Bingham at the home grounds and your attendance will be appreciated as we cannot have a good baseball team without support.

A. Moore announces the usual good music and good time for the dance Saturday, June 4. Ellsworth dances are a success; if you don't believe it, attend. We have a good dance every other Saturday.

Arrangements are now under way whereby Ellsworth will have a Fourth of July celebration, under the management of St. Bernard's church and the Ellsworth Baseball club. Areal ball game, broncho busting, bareback riding, running races, foot races, etc., with a good live dance in the evening will be some of the events. No celebration has been held in Ellsworth for two years but they are always a success. For further particulars, watch this space.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Young, Miss Grace Young, Miss Ruth Crowfoot, and Eugene Kennedy motored to Alliance Monday, stopping off at Antioch for the ball game on the way home.

Dr. and Mrs. Moore of Antioch made professional calls in this vicinity recently. Sheriff Bruce of Rushville made a professional call in this vicinity recently and it is reported that one of our leading brands of "hootch" will now be off the market indefinitely.

Rainfall has been very plentiful this year and the frequent rains have made it necessary for rail officials to carefully watch the tracks. Tuesday night section men were called out between Bingham and Antioch. Every thing was found in normal order except the tracks at Bingham, which were covered by sand to a depth of two feet. This, however, was soon cleaned up and No. 42 was delayed only a few minutes.

Arrangements have been made to have an Ellsworth write-up in The Herald every Friday issue.

Don't forget the dance Saturday night and the baseball game between Ellsworth and Bingham on the home diamond Sunday, at 2:30 p. m.

HEMINGFORD

The Decoration day program here was as usual one of the most interesting events of the year. In spite of the rainy weather throughout the day there was a capacity house and many people standing and some could not get in the opera house at all.

Mr. Shumway of Scottsbluff gave a splendid address, paying a most fitting tribute to the mothers of the land and also to the soldiers of the three wars.

The Hemingford band, the male quartet, the Campfire girls and the soloists furnished splendid music, appropriate for the day. In the afternoon at 1:30 practically everybody went to the cemetery where the band played, the quartet sang and the Legion boys conducted appropriate services and decorated the graves of the dead.

W. D. Johnson and wife and Rev. Mr. May and wife spent Monday evening with Prof. Embree and wife.

Miss McKnight, for the largest part of nine years a foreign missionary, spoke at the Methodist church Tuesday evening of this week. She departed Wednesday morning, accompanied by Mrs. A. J. May, Mrs. S. A. Grimes and Mrs. Robert Gibson for Crawford, where the district meeting of the women's foreign missionary society was in session on Wednesday and Thursday.

George Jones, employed in the Lockwood store, who has been sick for a few days, is on duty again though with a little less pep than he usually demonstrates.

Last Tuesday evening it quit raining and went to "pouring," and it poured and poured, etc., until it was over. The lightning struck the lighting system in the home of Charles Davidson and burned out all the fuses, globes, etc., causing a little excitement.

Miss Blanche Wiltsey who has been very sick with rheumatism for several weeks, is again in the store at her usual task.

A large audience attended the memorial services at the M. E. church Sunday morning and the program was highly appreciated by those present.

Miss Mary Coil and Otto Uhrig were united in marriage Wednesday noon at the home of Miss Coil's sister near Marsland. The Coil and Uhrig families were guests and every part of the occasion went off pleasantly. Rev. Mr. Cox, pastor of the Congregational church officiated. Mr. Uhrig is cashier of the Farmers' State bank here and is well known and respected. Miss Coil was teacher in the high school here last year. The newlyweds are well known and have a host of friends who wish them well on their matrimonial voyage. They are to occupy the Ben Price home in the west part of town. Allison Johnson who is attending business college at Chadron is at home this week assisting with the spud planting.

Frank Potmesil is recovering from an operation and will soon be himself again.

Road dragging is the principle item of interest these days. They are in fine shape and the rain coming so frequently fixes them for another dragging. The good road proposition looks fine here, thanks to the commissioners.

Mrs. A. J. May is expecting a visit from her sister, Mable Rush and husband from Centralia, Ill., this week.

POTENT

He hugged her in the shadowy hallway. "Oh," she giggled breathlessly. "I never realized the power of the press until this moment."

And possibly if it were not for the nuts and bolts in this world about half the population would have to go to work or starve.

If this thing keeps up the Germans may yet discover that they lost the war.

President Harding Says:

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