

THE SEASON'S OUTLOOK.

Crop Reports and other interesting items, furnished by Pioneer-Express Reporters from...

Bathgate, Drayton, Olga, Carlisle, Crystal, Hyde Park, Waltham, Bowmont, Neche and Joliette.

BATHGATE.

One day last week the office owned by A. H. Ewing, was sold to Mr. Gilday.

The farmers in our neighborhood are busy back-setting, the recent rains facilitating that work very much.

We are promised a rare treat in the way of a law suit—assault and battery cases—if they are not withdrawn.

J. W. Works went to Neche Saturday night to seize some mules for Mr. Nichols.

The prevailing opinion among a great many men along the line is that Bathgate has the brightest future before her of any town in the county.

David Ferguson is back from Duluth, having visited a great many lumber yards. He will have one of the largest and best selected stocks of lumber ever brought into Pembina county.

There was a misunderstanding by some of the boys in regard to the dance on Friday night. Some of them thought it was postponed, and they knew nothing more about it till Saturday morning.

The game of base ball played by the Bathgate and Hamilton boys at Bathgate on last Friday, resulted in a victory for the Bathgate boys.

Prof. B. G. Binks has been delivering a series of lectures to rather small audiences. His lectures were interesting, instructive and amusing.

On last Sunday the writer had the pleasure of forming the acquaintance of Judge D. Dwyer, one of the supreme judges of Ohio, and Mr. John McEasters, also of Dayton, Ohio.

These two gentlemen, like many others, had never heard anything about Pembina county, and only by chance came this way from Winnipeg.

They were surprised and pleased beyond expression at the appearance of our county. The judge has about 3,000 acres of land near Bismarck, and he very candidly remarked that they had plenty of stone (grey heads) down there which could be used for building purposes.

The seasons are about fifteen minutes earlier at Bismarck, and it don't take quite so long to get to the bottom of the soil in the Missouri valley.

According to Judge Dwyer of Ohio, the soil in Pembina county is from six to ten inches deeper than in the Missouri valley, while the subsoil is about the same.

Two of these gentlemen have gone out to Devil's Lake, but with an idea of returning to Bathgate to examine more closely the feasibility of investing in a flouring mill and straw board manufacturing. They claim that Bathgate is the best opening they have found for that business.

Within the last few days we have heard many inquiries from parties at home and abroad concerning the status and probabilities of the coming fall crops. Recently we have visited the country surrounding Bathgate, Carlisle, Hamilton, Bruce, Tyler, Caville, Hallson, Young, Alma, Milton, Olga, Beaulieu, Baltimore, St. Thomas, Neche and Hyde Park, in Pembina county.

Three weeks ago the early crops were promising, but the late ones seemed doomed. No grain had fallen for several weeks. The ground was parched and cracked. One week and a half ago the early crops too, seemed drying up and the farmers in some localities were nearly discouraged.

Some week ago last Monday the first rain for several weeks fell in this county—the eastern part of it at least. Some poor wheat was sown. Perhaps one piece in twenty throughout the county shows poor seed, but will make at least half a crop. Two per cent. of the crop may not be cut at all, on account of poor seed. Five per cent. from poorly prepared and poorly worked ground will produce but half a crop. Ten per cent. from effects of drought will produce but half a crop. Eight per cent. on account of wetland and late sowing, etc., will produce but half a crop. Which makes an equivalent of sixteen per cent. total loss from all causes considered, or in other words 78 per cent. that will produce a full crop. After careful observation and diligent inquiry from all sources up to the present time we estimate, that 78 per cent. of the wheat sown in this county will yield twenty bushels per acre. If that be so the average for every acre of wheat grown in Pembina county is fifteen bushels.

Fields of wheat, which two weeks ago seemed too dry to head at all, are now covered with heads five inches in length. The wheat in the western part of the county has preserved its deep green colour through all the dry weather and much of it promises thirty bushels per acre.

CARLISLE.

The picnic, of which notice was given last week, came off in Mr. Eastman's grove last Tuesday and proved to be a very enjoyable time. After refreshments were served a lengthy and interesting programme of speeches, readings, singing, etc., followed. The singing being very good. The sum realized for the pastor of the M. E. church for whose benefit the picnic was given, amounted to the handsome sum of \$47. While all contributed

towards the enjoyment of the occasion, the efforts of Mr. Eastman and family are worthy of special mention. The grove is tastefully fitted up and should be used again—and yet again for a similar purpose.

NECHE.

Mr. Dulton's hardware store will be ready for stock in the course of a few days.

Messrs. Trotter Bros. have started the erection of a store 26x40 on corner of Fifth street and Third avenue.

Johnson & Holmes are about to erect a large machine warehouse next to the Tremont House.

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An ice cream social will be held in connection with the Presbyterian church in this place on July 30. All have a cordial invitation to attend.

Hon. Jud LaMoure will start the erection of a large store on lot adjoining LaMoure & Suffer's, which will be occupied as a drug store by Mr. D. McCollum.

Mr. Gooding, our railroad agent, has gone to St. Vincent to relieve his brother for a couple of weeks, during his visit to the eastern seaboard. Billy must hurry back.

Rev. John Scott of West Lynne, will preach at Neche at 11 a. m., of Sabbath July 29th, and at 2:30 p. m., will dispense the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Bay Centre. We bespeak for both a good house.

Mr. Shuman, our good natured telegraph operator, has returned to our midst to stay. He says Winnipeg has too many houses for him and he prefers skipping across lots to going around.

Miss Hattie Flynn, our efficient teacher, has returned from Olga where she has been attending to her homestead duties and will stay with us now, much to the relief of the parents of our many youngsters here.

The C. H. Smith's Uncle Tom's Cabin Co. gave a performance in Trull's Hall here on the 17th. They had bumper house, people coming from the mountain to take in the show which, by the way, was excellent and proved a perfect treat to our folks.

CHURCH NOTES.—Rev. O. Goldie will preach on Sabbath, July 22d, at the following places and hours. Tyner at 11 a. m., Ernest at 2:30 p. m., and Neche at 7 p. m. His friends will be glad to hear him and he will be pleased to see a good many of his old friends.

Mr. Fred Winters, manager for G. Winter & Co. here, has been removed to the Hamilton branch house of that firm. We are all sorry to have him leave us. Through his pleasant manner and gentlemanly qualities Fred has won us all over, and we regret his removal. Fred promises to visit us occasionally and will always be welcome to Neche.

Milt Moorhead has just received from B. J. A. Ford, of St. Paul, through his agent here, Mr. Gooding, an elegant Fisher piano which has a remarkably sweet and powerful tone. We understand the price to be \$500. Milt has commenced taking lessons and can be heard at any time during the small hours of the night drumming away. He thinks he will be able to discount Blind Tom.

It is rumored that sometime in September there will be a trotting and racing meeting held here for horses owned in the county and also athletic games for which large prizes will be given. A half-mile track will be built south west of the town for this purpose. Although arrangements are not definitely settled as yet.

A remarkable case of curing by imposition of hands took place here three weeks ago. Miss Etta Flynn, who had been troubled for years by a soreness and swelling on her face, had tried all available remedies, but without success, till as a last resort it was suggested that she should visit little Harry Kerby, who is the 7th son of a 7th son of a 7th son, who lives in this vicinity. Miss Flynn accordingly paid him a visit and had the little fellow touch the affected part with his finger. The result was wonderful; the soreness rapidly passed away and the swelling went down immediately. Miss Flynn feels confident that the trouble has gone away never to come back.

DRAYTON.

T. H. Story has been applying a coat of paint to the exterior of the church, which much improves its appearance.

Several new wells have been sunk recently in town and all afford excellent water.

Mr. H. Tweelie has built two large additions to his barn which before was one of the largest buildings of the kind in the county.

Refreshing rains have revived the crops and enlivened the hopes of farmers and everybody. A paying crop is now the probable outcome of the season.

The Drayton base ball club played the Grafton boys on Tuesday. Their report on arriving home was, "We met the enemy and we were theirs." They were feeling as well as could be expected, and hope for better luck next time.

Drayton is being well supplied with lectures this week. Rev. C. A. McNamara delivered an instructive lecture in the Methodist church on Tuesday evening to a good audience. Subject: "India." Prof. Binks will supplement this with four lectures on Phrenology on the remaining evenings of the week.

PERSONAL.—Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Healy spent last Sunday in Grand Forks. Gen. Beadle returned with them to Grafton. Mr. Lindsay has returned from his trip to California, and has taken enlarged ideas of the country which takes seven days to go from centre to circumference. Mr. Lindsay and family are now the guests of Judge Tweelie.

Mr. Pharis, from Detroit, brother of J. W. Pharis has been visiting in this vicinity. Mrs. J. Carruthers, of Grand Forks, and Miss Wood, of St. Paul, are visiting Mr. A. W. McCrea's County Treasurer Wardwell and wife, accompanied by his father, Rev. L. D. Wardwell, paid our town a visit on Friday last. Their visit was a pleasure to those who made their acquaintance. Mr. E. Cull has been making a trip to the Pembina mountain country, and returns better satisfied with this part of the valley. Mr. Willie Fletcher took in Cole's circus at Grand Forks on Saturday.

OLGA.

Father St. Pierre has commenced to build a Catholic church which will be a frame building.

We had quite a shower of rain last week accompanied by a good deal of lightning and thunder.

The crops are looking quite well in this neighborhood notwithstanding the long spell of dry weather.

Farmers are busy just now breaking more land for next spring. They are determined not to be behind their neighbors in the older settlements.

A company of nine has been formed who have bought a steam threshing machine. They will operate on the mountain this summer. Mr. O. Lewis is the manager.

Look out for bears. E. Langevin two miles from here, as he was getting up Wednesday, saw a big bear carrying a pig of his, of 200 pounds, into the wood. Thursday morning three men, P. Patnaud, John and W. Brunell, sallied out to meet Bruin and laid him low as he was on his way to pay a second visit to the pigs. It is said the bear weighed 600 pounds. The boys are melting balls and declare war on the bears, which are plentiful in the woods.

COMMUNICATION.

Editor PIONEER-EXPRESS, Sir.—Allow me to express my opinion on an account which appeared in your issue of last week, of a petition which is being circulated for the purpose of opening a county road from the boundary line at the corner of section 30, between range 56 and 57, running due south. Now I should like to know who the promoter of this scheme thinks to benefit by the opening of that road. Very few indeed need it, and should it be opened, will it not cost a good deal more than the people can afford to pay at present? We all know that road will have to pass through a good deal of wet land and across the two Pembina rivers, that is the North and South branch, over which will be needed two pretty expensive bridges, without counting ravines, coulees and steep hills. Surely it would be more reasonable to take what money we can spare and spend it on roads that we have to travel on most every day of the year which roads are bad enough especially between Olga and St. Joseph. We must begin to put our highways in such a condition that we can carry our grain to markets in order to be in a position to go on with other improvements as the country develops itself.

YOUNG FARMER.

Mr. John Mager is building a barn. Mrs. Vale is doing an increasing business in her laundry. Mr. Saunterre has put the pool table that was formerly in the St. Joe hotel into the bar.

A calcium light can be seen in this town by anyone who has never seen that kind of light.

The frame of the school house is up and the work progressing under the able management of Mr. A. White.

What a direful change takes place over a man, when after the heat and burden of the day he reclines in a diligent and good attire upon a soft cushioned oscillating chair under a canvass awning enjoying the balmy zephyrs that cool his fevered brow, and the gentle and insinuating music lulls him into sweet and tranquil repose, at peace with himself and all the world, to have an enterprising hornet prospect for an arctesian well upon his unpropitiated limbs boring here and there to try his auger. I leave you to judge of his feelings and actions.

HYDE PARK.

The recent rains are telling favorably on the crops. They are just heading out and have a favorable appearance.

The building of the new church was commenced on the ninth inst., and the work is being pushed forward under the supervision of the energetic contractors Messrs. Bullock and Johnson.

On the twelfth inst., while Mr. Jas. Fee was returning from Mr. Gordon's, his horse became restive and while endeavoring to hold on his little boy the wagon being minus the box he lost his balance and was thrown under the wagon, receiving some severe bruises. Fortunately nothing more serious than to disable him from work for a few days.

CRYSTAL.

Mr. John West's only son John died last week suddenly and was buried on the 11th of July. It is a sore affliction, indeed, to the parents.

The school is doing well under the direction of Miss Oldham from Grand Forks. The attendance is about thirty-five.

A petition has been circulated for the establishment of a tri-weekly mail between Crystal and St. Thomas.

The crops around Crystal are in as fine a condition as could be imagined. A representative of the PIONEER-EXPRESS accompanied Mr. A. F. Appleton one day last week to view a one hundred-acre field of wheat belonging to the latter. Such a field of grain is a luxury to behold. Tall, thick and level as a floor, it looks as if it might yield forty bushels to the acre. Several other fields in the neighborhood look almost as well. Mr. Appleton has in all 320 acres sown. Mr. H. Strong, the bonanza farmer.

Wallace Brothers TOWN LOTS, DRAYTON!

128 Lots were sold up to May 1st. 30 " " in May and June. 88 Lots are still for sale. "A Word to the Wise."

mer of the neighborhood, has 425 acres under cultivation. Samuel King has 200 acres, Mr. Mollison, 160 acres, S. N. Venton, 150 acres. These and many other farmers around Crystal and to the west are naturally in high spirits over the present prospects of the yield of No. 1 hard.

Rev. Mr. Cooper preached to a crowded house here on Sunday last.

Miss Selma Upham, of Grafton, is visiting Miss Hogg. A drive of pine logs commenced to pass this point on Tuesday.

Rev. Mr. Anderson, of Hallock, will preach in the school house on Thursday evening.

A rough and tumble three-to-one fight came off west of here a few days ago, resulting in a badly bruised man.

Mr. Malcolm McPherson's stable was burned one day last week, and with it his binder, some harness, etc. There was no insurance.

A very heavy hail storm passed over here on Wednesday of last week, doing much damage to crops and smashing the glass out of several houses.

While the base ball match was being played on Saturday a foul ball struck Miss Trotter in the face. Outside of a swollen face, no serious damage was done.

Mr. Charles Rockliff left this week for New York, where he expects to live in future. He goes with a lingering feeling that he may possibly return again sooner.

The crops here have been much benefited by the rain, though late in coming. Some of the farmers in this neighborhood are expecting a good yield this year, while others are not so hopeful over the condition of their crops.

A base ball match was played on Williamson's grounds on Saturday last between nine men from Menzie's settlement and nine from McConnell's, resulting in a victory for the former. A return match will be played at McConnell's on Saturday next.

A destructive hail storm passed a few miles west of Bowmont on Monday of last week. Mr. Buck's crop of seventy-five acres was nearly destroyed. Other crops in the neighborhood were injured, but not seriously. Mr. Buck had fifty chickens killed by the hail.

Mrs. C. Bristol arrived Saturday from Moose Jaw, on account of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Smylie, who is suffering from inflammation of the lungs. Under Dr. Bodford's care we hope to see her speedily restored to health.

A picnic will be held Saturday, the 28th in Mr. Pajiseau's grove, preparations are being made for the enjoyment of all. Invitations will be sent to Pembina and the other adjoining points. All are welcome to come. Music, singing and readings will be furnished; also, swings, croquet and boating. A collection will be taken for the benefit of our worthy pastor Rev. W. M. Wright.

Sheriff's Sale. Territory of Dakota, County of Pembina, Plaintiff, Simon O. McGuin, Plaintiff, Defendant, Albert J. Delaney and Alfred H. Delaney. Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of an execution to me directed and delivered, and now in my hands, issued out of the clerk's office of the Third Judicial District court, territory of Dakota, in and for the county of Pembina, upon a judgment rendered in said court in favor of Simon O. McGuin, plaintiff against Albert J. Delaney and Alfred H. Delaney, defendants, I have levied on the above described real estate of said defendants, to-wit: The southwest quarter of section number four (4) in township number one hundred and sixty-two (162) north of range fifty-three (53) west, and containing one hundred and sixty (60) acres; and that I shall on Monday the 23rd day of July A. D. 1883, at the hour of two o'clock p. m. of said day, at the front door of the court house in said county and territory, proceed to sell all the right, title and interest of the above named defendants in township number one hundred and sixty-two (162) north of range fifty-three (53) west, and containing one hundred and sixty (60) acres; and that I shall on Monday the 23rd day of July A. D. 1883, at the hour of two o'clock p. m. of said day, at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the above described real estate, together with the costs of sale, and interest on the same from the first day of August 1882, at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum, at public auction to the highest bidder for cash. C. E. Brown, Sheriff of Pembina County, Dakota. Gaffney & Kneisley, Sheriff of Pembina County, Dakota.

DENTISTRY. Dr. C. STODDARD SMITH, DENTIST, Of Donaldson, Kittson County, Minn., (Graduate of the Philadelphia Dental College.)

DESIRE TO inform the citizens of Pembina County that he has opened a Dental Office in Pembina on Stutman Street, where he will be found during the first week of each month, prepared to perform any operations upon the teeth, either natural or artificial.

In regard to standing in his profession Dr. Smith calls attention of those interested to the following endorsement:

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS, CHICAGO, ILL., JUNE 16, 1883. This is to certify that Dr. C. Stoddard Smith, D.D.S., was formerly and for many years a dentist of high repute at Springfield, Ill., and is entitled to the fullest confidence, both professionally and personally. He was for several years secretary of the Illinois State Dental Society, and also of the American Dental Association.

CHICAGO, ILL., JUNE 16, 1883. This is to certify that I have known Dr. C. Stoddard Smith for more than ten years, and am well acquainted with his professional acquirements, and know him to be a skillful and careful dentist of the first rank. He was long the secretary of the Illinois State Dental Society as well as its president for 1876-77, and occupied other equally responsible places with credit to himself and benefit to the profession. I commend him to any one in need of a skillful and conscientious practitioner of dental surgery.

CHICAGO, ILL., JUNE 16, 1883. It gives me pleasure to speak most cordially and positively in regard to Dr. Smith's excellence and reputation as a practitioner of dentistry while in Illinois.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: For many years and until his removal to Minnesota, Dr. C. Stoddard Smith was a resident of this city, and in so doing I speak from my own experience in employing him during his residence here. To any person desiring the doctor's services, I can say that in my opinion there are few if any better practitioners in the West.

DR. SMITH may be found as above from AUGUST 6th to 12th.

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