

RATTLE OF THE REAPER!

Reapers from the Harvest Field with Various Other Items of Interest, Furnished by Alert Reporters of the Pioneer-Express From

St. Thomas, Bathgate, Bowsmont, Hamilton, Drayton, Ernest, Alma, Hallsion, Cavileer, Young, Bay Center, Walhalla, Rockwell Place, Neche, Elgin and Mona.

ST. THOMAS.

Business is brisk and everybody seems hopeful.

Mr. N. A. Mott and lady returned on Monday from a visit to their friends in Ala. Minn.

Joseph P. Hager, editor of the Times returned from St. Paul on Saturday evening, accompanied by a younger brother who intends spending some time in our town.

There has not been much harvesting done around here, yet, but it is a surprise even to those acquainted with the country to see the number of harvesters which daily leave the town.

Mr. L. E. Storms is building himself a handsome two-story cottage in the south part of the town and some of the boys hint that L. E. will be found only a short time among the ranks of the bachelors. Correct, L. E., show the boys how to do business, and what a willing spirit can do.

Crop prospects were never better than at present in this locality and the only regrets expressed are that there is but one elevator in the town, and that it will not be able to take in one half the grain to be marketed here, as we have a country forty miles west which is tributary to us.

It is rumored that Mr. C. M. Samson, our popular station agent is about to resign his position. Samson will always have the good wishes of the boys with him and I don't know but the girls too; but I would like to know what he is figuring on. I hope he don't mean to leave St. Thomas.

Mr. A. W. Irish has, we understand, leased the Garfield House to a gentleman from Winnipeg. We have not heard what Mr. Irish intends doing, but it is to be hoped he will still remain in town as he was one of the first to settle here, and has since then been, we might say, a right bower of St. Thomas. He is a whole-souled fellow and the boys would miss him much if he left town.

It is much to be regretted that none of the elevator companies except Pillsbury & Hulbert have looked on St. Thomas as they should have done in regard to its being one of the best points for buying wheat on the line. Grafton has three elevators, and uninterested parties, even Graftonites themselves admit that we have a better wheat country than they and wonder what will be done here this fall with only one elevator.

Our social and talented young physician, Dr. Hodson, seems to be somewhat depressed of late. Many sympathize with him, especially the females, in fact I think it is too much of such sympathy that is killing the fellow, for were it anything short of a wound from Cupid that troubled him, no doubt he would be able to prescribe for it himself as he is honored with the well deserved reputation of being one of the best doctors in the Valley.

Messrs. W. J. Ferguson, J. W. O'Connor, J. Anderson and T. J. Lemon spent three days of last week on the Pembina Mountains west of here. They returned on Thursday evening minus T. J. Lemon who is supposed to have followed an elk towards Turtle Mountains. Tom was too far from that gentle voice which would say "don't you go Tommie don't go," and consequently there is no telling when he will turn up as he was last seen about thirty-seven miles west of St. Thomas and still going west.

The people of St. Thomas and vicinity were wakened at an early hour Friday morning last by an approaching thunder storm which soon burst with fury upon the country and town. The flashes of lightning were so frequent that there was almost continuous light. The rain fell fast for a time and many feared that it would be followed by hail but such, fortunately, was not the case. The lightning struck Lemon Bros. store in the centre of the town, and the Cameron House stables in the south end but without doing very much damage to either. The elevator in course of erection at Archville or Auburn about eight miles south of here was struck by the lightning set on fire and entirely destroyed. Pillsbury & Hulbert, have the public sympathy, for their loss has been considerable as the elevator was well nigh completed.

BATHGATE.

Some of Cavileer's young people visited Bathgate last Sunday.

Farmers are busy cutting their grain in this part of the county.

Mr. Stone of Grand Forks, was in town a few days this week, looking up business interests.

Men are at work building the section house in Bathgate. It is located just east of Ferguson's lumber yard.

The church services were well attended on Sunday. Most of our young people attended church before they went out to drive.

A large force of men is at work on the elevator of Pillsbury & Hulbert. They will have the steam power in and will be ready for wheat in two weeks.

James and Ross of this place now handle the Racine Farming Mill. This firm is thoroughly reliable, and have worked up a large business in the county.

There has been a few harmless run-aways within the past week, but it would make most people feel just as safe if there were no teams left carelessly without tying.

Some of our French friends get too full for pleasant utterances sometimes. Some of these things can be more easily remedied when our town is incorporated, though we think we have the most orderly town in the county.

From all parts of the county come words of encouragement in regard to the organization of a county agricultural association. Farmers say it is just what they have been wanting and are glad it is organized, and located at Bathgate.

A few days since the writer looked through a field of wheat that stands five feet high and bears some heads that measure about seven inches in length. We do not know the name of the owner; but the field is south west from Bathgate.

On Sunday night one of the heaviest thunder storms of the season passed along the course of Tongue river. The oldest inhabitants say they have never witnessed a more vivid and frightful display of lightning, while the crash and roll of thunder was deafening.

Byran Culver of Iowa, and O. A. Eddy of New York, spent some time in Bathgate and vicinity last week. They took with them some samples of Pembina county wheat to show the eastern infidels. They say the crops in this county are ahead of anything they have seen elsewhere. They expect to return to this county in the near future.

Mr. Chas. Stabling has moved his house on to the lot just back of his blacksmith shop. Mr. Taylor has moved his family and household goods back from Neche. He concludes that Bathgate is a pretty good town to live in. Chas. D. Stack visited Grafton Monday. Mrs. J. W. Works started Saturday morning for a visit with her people at Crookston. Dr. Sutton has been under the care of himself for a few days, and under his medical treatment he is recovering. On Monday, Mrs. Tiffany purchased a lot on Garfield street from D. Ferguson, and intends to erect a building at once. R. D. Hoskins returned from Crookston Monday night and reports the storm of Sunday night at that place, the hardest they have experienced. Mr. Snodgrass had the misfortune to lose some money last week. J. B. Steffen is kept busy these days in the harness business.

DRAYTON.

Farmers are all busy reaping the harvest and the engineers and machine men are going up for hasty and heavy work.

There are a good many new steamers in this neighborhood and grain will be moving in larger quantities than ever before.

The streets of the town have been greatly improved by the county grader. Road Overseer D. Graham is doing the thing up brown.

The new cabinet for the post office, all the way from Connecticut, arrived in good shape and is now fulfilling its duties to the satisfaction of the townspeople.

The storm of Sunday scared a good many but hurt none. The thunder bursts and lightning flashes were alarming, but the wind and hail were not heavy enough to thrash out grain to any extent.

WANTED.—A good man to run the Drayton ferry. A few dollars in the right direction would place us in easy communication with Minnesota and Norwegian wheat and trade, besides being a profitable investment on a small scale.

IMPROVEMENTS.—The Canadian Hotel has been improved greatly in appearance by a coat of paint applied by E. McQuinn. Dayman & Smith's new addition has been painted by Mr. T. H. Story of Bowsmont. Various other improvements in the way of building and painting too numerous to mention.

The Good Templar lodge held a very pleasant meeting Monday night. We understand an interesting program was prepared by the committee, Miss Annie McCrea, Messrs. F. S. Wallace and S. F. Johnson, but your reporter was unable to ascertain the particulars. We are in hopes the next pass word will be easier.

The elevator is about completed, the engine, boiler, belting and various other necessities having been placed in proper running order. The total capacity is nearly fifty thousand bushels and the elevating apparatus is run by a fifteen horse power Atlas engine. The Messrs. W. A. Anderson & Co. inform us they intend to pay the highest cash price for wheat and will store at the usual elevator charges. They are also putting in a feed mill and will be able to chop feed at a moderate rate of toll. This will prove a great benefit to our town as the price of wheat here will be so near railroad prices it will not pay farmers to go out of their way to the railroad.

PERSONAL.—Charles L. Wallace, editor of the South Side Observer, New York state, is expected here to-night (Friday). He intends to feed on prairie air and prairie chickens a month or so for the benefit of his health. Rev. J. E. Woolner and family, from England, came to town last week and, we understand, intend to make their home with us. Welcome. Mr. Woolner will preach Sunday morning and evening. Geo. Atchison, Esq., of Canada, and proprietor of one of Drayton's best farms, is here buying out lumber yards and rushing things in general. He evidently thinks Dakota farming pays. David Meyers has returned from his eastern trip well pleased and satisfied to find his crop looking so well. The county superintendent paid us a short visit last week, but that is all we know about it. Commercial agents B. W. Jacobs, of Craig, Larson & Smith and W. J. Sanderson, of Fairbanks, Morse & Co., spent a few pleasant hours with us this week.

HAMILTON.

Russel Bros. have purchased a steam thrasher and will be ready for business.

Our merchants are busy unpacking goods and getting ready for the fall trade. It only needs three weeks more of such weather as we are having, to make the harvest a success and the yield the best in the history of the county.

Mr. Mores was in town Tuesday perfecting arrangements for running the elevator his firm is building here. He was surprised at the rapid progress of the work, and pleased with the prospects.

Harvest is now in full blast and an idle man amongst the farms would be a curiosity. On all hands is heard the busy hum of the binder, and in a few days will be heard the still busier one of the thrasher.

At the late election Mr. A. McLean was elected to fill the vacancy caused by Frank Mitchell's resignation. Mr. McLean will make a good justice of the peace and will no doubt prove a terror to evil doers and the praise of them that do well.

Prof. Travis of Pembina, was to have preached in the Baptist church Sunday evening, but owing to the severe storm there was no service. On Monday Mr. Travis went on a chicken hunt. He had no difficulty in finding plenty of chickens, but discovered there is a wide difference between hunting chickens and shooting them.

George Glass has just opened out a large stock of collars, whips, sweat pads and everything else to be found in a first class harness shop. George is a worker and says he will not be satisfied until he has the best harness shop north of Grand Forks and he means it too. At present he is making a special run on harvest whips, made especially for binders, and he would like every farmer in the county to call and see his celebrated scotch collars just the thing for heavy harvest work. See his advertisement elsewhere.

For some days a patriotic individual has been around town trying to induce our citizens to induce the aforesaid patriotic individual to sacrifice himself for the benefit of this town, and start a newspaper. It was rather up-hill work as it did not appear as though any one enthused to any great extent. While Hamilton would be glad to have a good live newspaper, I don't think the people are worrying themselves about the matter, and seem to think in good time, as soon as a paper can be made a success as a business enterprise, we will have one.

MONA.

BORN.—On the 7th inst. the wife of Mrs. Ryland, of a daughter.

Plowing bees have been raging to a high pitch especially at evening.

There has been a large emigration from Manitoba in here, also from Minto.

Mrs. Rockwell has got up from Ontario. We are all glad to receive another settler.

Mr. Geo. Foster has gone to Grafton on a visit. We hope he will enjoy himself.

Mr. Doyle had to kill some of his sheep on account of the porcupine grass, which was very bad this year.

Duck shooting will soon be around once more, they are commencing to flock together, but are very scarce.

Haying is about over. A great many had to go several miles for hay, as it is very scarce in this vicinity.

Crops are looking splendid now, and there is every appearance of a good harvest although a great deal is on breaking.

Mr. Henry Peck met with a sad misfortune while going to work with his oxen. One stumbled on the level ground breaking its leg near the shoulder.

Coal has been discovered near here, it was tried in the blacksmith shop and pronounced to be good. There are indications of living here without freezing to death after all. Cheer up squatters.

Mr. Fred Wilson was driving his oxen one day last week when they took fright and started on a run, he tried to stop them, but had to look out for his own safety. The wagon was upset and smashed. Oxen are feeling their oats.

This post-office, it may be interesting to valley people to know, is located on the Turtle mountain trail, in township 162, range 58. Mr. McKenzie, well known throughout Walsh county, has a store at this place, under the management of Nels Teveten, who also transacts a business in the notary public line. Mr. Teveten is found to be thoroughly reliable. The business at this postoffice Mr. Teveten informs us, is steadily increasing which goes to show that the settlers here are of the intelligent stamp.

ROCKWELL PLACE.

Emigration steadily continues from Manitoba.

Claim jumping is now a contemptible action of the past.

Would be settlers can find desirable locations on the Pembina Mountains.

Activity and life is noticeable in all directions upon the unsurveyed land west of us.

The land in this vicinity is second to none in North Dakota and is being rapidly improved by the contented and bona fide settlers.

Blacksmithing has been carried on by Mr. John Wilson, formerly of Walhalla, evidently with success to himself and advantage to the farming community.

Prospects of an abundant crop from land properly managed are noticeable which with the expectation of an advance of value in wheat greatly encourages the farmer.

Mr. James Wilson, late of Crookston, Minn., shoemaker, will still do a neat piece of workmanship in his line while he attends the improvement of his fine farm in the neighborhood.

The above named, situated near the western limit of our county, is rapidly becoming an important point to the numerous settlers around it, although little known to citizens of Pembina east.

Mr. A. F. Rockwell, well known as an energetic and enterprising business man, selected this place as his hind quarters some few months since, is a cash dealer in general merchandise and doing much in the interests of a patronizing public.

ERNEST.

On Friday evening the new school house on the fraction, district No. 51, was used for the first time to benefit—by means of a harvest dinner—the Rev. E. Nelthorpe, pastor of the M. E. church. It was a red letter day event, not soon to be forgotten. All present were surprised, many delighted. The affair, the work of five days, can be, without the least mental reservation, written up as a real success. Though many could not be there and many more did not hear of it in time the number present far exceeded the expectations of the most sanguine. The ladies excelled themselves. To them belongs the praise. The provisions were abundant, substantial, excellent and of such great variety as to amaze even the most experienced. Enough remained to best be used for many more, for a number of baskets were not so much as opened. Mr. B. Snyder efficiently discharged the duties of chairman. Prof. Travis in a brief speech gave wit, wisdom and sympathy. Rev. A. K. Caswell touched and glanced upon a few surface thoughts about Union. Mrs. Decker recited "The High Tide" so as to leave no room for criticism. Mr. John Harvey in a humorous way told about "Farmer Ben's Theory." He also very musically described the kind of girl he desired to voluntarily go out west with him and very soon after surprised everybody by openly declaring his wish to run away with "Old Brown's daughter." Methodist spirit was thrown into the opening and closing choruses. The selections were "Jesus lover of my soul" and the "Doxology." Mr. Nelthorpe accepted the collection \$26.25 and gave hearty thanks. Mr. Nelthorpe in a speech, paid a warm tribute to the community in general for their uniform kindness and sympathy. Everything went merry as a wedding chime and none went home dissatisfied.

NECHE.

The boys find much sport bathing in the Pembina river during these warm days.

Wm. Elliot, mine host of the Elliot House, has decorated his building by a nobby sign.

We are in the midst of our immense wheat crop and everybody wears a smile of supreme satisfaction.

Mr. Vosper is building a neat residence on Fifth avenue adjoining his office where he will soon move his family.

Mr. Barlow, from Minnesota, has recently arrived among us, bringing a complete outfit for taking photographs.

Our new elevator is looming up in good shape. Mr. Tolms has a large force of men pushing the work rapidly forward so as to be ready for the No. 1 hand.

As the evening shades prevail the young swains can be seen starting off in various directions across the prairies and through the wood. No reports are, available as to the time of their return.

Our corporation election of last week resulted in the election of Hon. Jud. LaMoire, T. O'Brien and V. Quackenbush for council. J. W. S. Robertson, treasurer; Joseph Laporte, clerk; F. Vosper, justice; Fred. Wright, marshal and assessor.

Our school district which now comprises the corporation of Neche recently elected Dr. Donovan, Wm. D. McIntosh and P. Jennings, board of education. Steps will be immediately taken for the erection of a school building.

Monday Aug. 20, at 8 p. m. a meeting was held at the Presbyterian church for the purpose of organizing a Presbyterian congregation. Rev. R. J. Creswell preached and presided. Rev. Prof. Travis made an address. Rev. A. K. Caswell led in the constituting prayer. The roll was then formed and contained the names of 21 communicants. Rev. Wm. Travis led in the ordaining prayer, by which and the laying on hands, David Christison was solemnly set apart to office of the ruling eldership and thus the Neche Presbyterian church was duly organized.

ALMA.

The boys around here are getting into the habit of trading pants.

Tuesday and Wednesday were very cold but now warm weather has taken its place again.

Prairie chickens are plentiful just now and people are taking advantage of them and saving their bacon.

Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Lang are sick at Cavileer, just now, attending the sick bed of their sister Miss Jackson.

Mr. Hewitt, found his cow after a few days searching; the persons who cut the rope were evidently in need of the rope as a piece has been taken out.

Last Saturday we had a very heavy fall of rain, accompanied with high wind. Little harm was done except shelling out some wheat that was a little in advance of the rest.

Mr. James Isaac, while engaged in raking hay with one of his oxen, had a runaway. Buck started on the home stretch, the driver began to draw on the lines, but all to no avail, however he was brought to a stand still before anything serious occurred.

ELGIN.

There is now talk of a railroad passing through this vicinity.

Mr. J. Yeo, of this place, is a good carpenter and is putting a lot of fine work through his hands this season.

The future residence of Dr. Montgomery and H. Montgomery Esq., of Toronto, is now in course of erection in this vicinity.

On Friday evening last a large party of the jolly young folks of this vicinity assembled at the residence of Mrs. Lang, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

The new blacksmith shop is fully equipped a long felt want, the blacksmith puts in some hard pounding and generally comes out best man as the shares come out pretty thin.

Haying is about done with and many of the young bachelors have gone to the valley to assist their friends in the large harvest fields. The season being favorable they will have no need of looking for work during harvest.

BOWSMONT.

Editor PIONEER-EXPRESS: I have been looking over the columns of the PIONEER-EXPRESS to see if there was any prospect of a fall show this season. Surely Pembina county is not going to let so important an enterprise drop after once getting it started. We should be able to get up a splendid fare in this county. There is a fair prospect of a good sample of grain this season, and it would be a step in the right direction to improve the seed grain of the country. If the farmers were more particular in cleaning up their seed grain there would not be so much trouble about the grading system when they drive on the market. There is some good stock and it would be the means of encouraging more to import good cattle. There is nothing that pays the farmer better than good stock and especially in this country, where there is such an abundance of feed. Hoping to see this subject brought before the public. I am etc. A FARMER.

CAVILEER.

Miss Ellen McBean is off visiting friends at Milton.

The new grain is already pouring into the thrashing mill.

Mr. McHugh of Bergstrom Bros., stove dealers was in town last week.

J. B. Aspenwall representing D. M. Ferry & Co., seedsmen was in town last week.

A. French is about to remove from Cavileer to his farm for about a month till he finishes his falls' work.

The school in District No. 7 will close this week, the teacher Miss E. Wilson attending the teachers institute.

G. H. Gray has been considerably indisposed the past week, but is now some what recovered. Come, George! You must set them up for the boys on that girl.

The plasterers are putting a finishing coat on the parsonage, and P. H. McInnes' house this week. Mr. R. Thacker is doing the work and it is needless to say it is well done.

HALLSON.

Postmaster G. Egilson has been improving the post-office and dwelling house lately.

Mr. Sigfus Olafson and Miss G. E. Knappald, had a happy wedding day last Thursday; S. J. Bjornsson, J. P., made the knot.

A. Solvason met with a painful accident a few weeks ago when he got his leg broken above the knee. Mr. E. Jonasson, is attending the unfortunate boy.

Our wide awake store keeper G. Johanson, is putting up a No. 1 solid log building, which he intends to make a headquarters for all kinds of trading business next fall.

We had the pleasure the other day to see Mr. B. Hulsted climbing the dwelling house of J. P. Hallson, our first and oldest Pioneer in the Tongue river valley, to put a fine painting coat upon it.

YOUNG.

Mr. Geo. West came up on a visit last Thursday.

Mr. Gibson, of McKittrick & Gibson, Bathgate was with us a while last Saturday.

The machine agents have been kept pretty busy for the last two or three weeks setting up and starting binders. The editor of the St. Thomas Times gave us a call last Friday and seems to be well pleased with this part of the country.

As Frank Kinnon was harrowing for Mr. West, last Monday, the harrow caught in a root and turned them over on the horses. The horses are badly cut up and the chances are they will not recover. But for the timely assistance of a few neighbors they would have killed themselves instantly.

BAY CENTER.

The lightning on Sunday night of last week was the sharpest ever experienced in this neighborhood. Mr. Noice was so unfortunate as to lose 35 tons of hay, which was struck by lightning and burned.

WALHALLA.

Wednesday, Aug. 22, a meeting was held at the house of Mr. Peters as a preliminary meeting for the organization of a Presbyterian church there. Quite a number of members and adherents of this church live in and around this place.

Church Directory.

BOUNDARY CHURCH. A. K. Caswell, pastor. Preaching at Ernest on the following Sabbaths: July 8, 22; August 5, 19; September 2, 16, 30; October 14. Time 2:30, p. m.

HYDE PARK—on the following Sabbaths: July 15, 29; August 12, 26; Sept. 9, 23; Oct. 7. Time 3, p. m.

TYNER—on the following Sabbaths: July 8, 22; August 5, 19; Sept. 2, 16, 30; Oct. 14. Time 11, a. m.

BAY CENTER—at 5 o'clock, p. m., on the following Sabbaths: July 15, 29; August 12, 26; Sept. 9, 23; Oct. 7.

NECHE—At 11 a. m., on Sabbaths June 17, July 1, 15, 29; Aug. 12, 26; Sept. 9, 23; Oct. 7. At 7 p. m. on Sabbaths June 24; July 8, 22; Aug. 5, 19; Sept. 2, 16, 30; Oct. 4.

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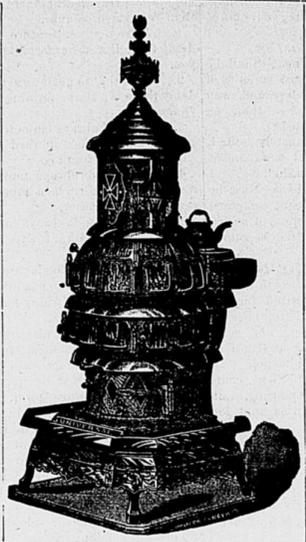
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