

FROM PLATEAU AND PLAIN

Crop Notes, Hays and Mishaps, Personal Mention, etc., from Five Different Points in Pembina County

NECHE.
Neches, Ernest, Bay Center, Bathgate, Beaulieu, Joliet, Rosa Lake, Walhalla, St. Thomas, Onabruk, Elgin, Gardar, Drayton, Mountain and Hamilton.

The telegraph operators went out on strike here last Monday.

Our farmers are enthusiastic over the prospect of an abundant harvest.

A large machine business is done here with farmers, and all branches of business are looking up.

Steps are being taken to organize a dramatic club, and as the material is here in abundance we look forward to some good entertainments in the near future.

J. L. Barlow, editor and proprietor of the Dasset Advertiser, has moved his office to Neche and will in a short time issue a large weekly here. The name has not been decided upon.

Gretna is to have a 50,000 bushel elevator, to be built by the Ogilvie Milling and Elevator company. The Canada Pacific company will also soon start the erection of a round house and grade three side tracks, all of which means more business for Neche.

The question of the further bonding of the Neche school district was voted on last Friday and resulted in a majority of seven in favor of bonding. The poll stood 58 for and 51 against. The amount to be raised is \$1,500, for the purpose of building a schoolhouse, which will be located in the town.

Mr. J. E. Turner, agent of the Canada Pacific company at Gretna, has just returned from Winona, Minn., where he has been attending the deathbed of his father. Mr. T. reports no crops any where on the line of travel from Winona north equal to ours.

Neches' quota of sports to the Grand Forks steamboat excursion returned last Friday and things have resumed their wonted cheerfulness, even to the peanut opener. Kiteflier, the two duds, the old and new one, Lucia de Larimore, the man with the torpid liver and sleek partner are all happy.

And now the festive small boy, not to mention several of the larger ones, pass away idle moments down at Shay's slough popping away with their little guns at the many snakes to be found in the snake hole recently discovered there. Last Tuesday Messrs. Sufell, Robertson and Milt Moorhead, shot during the space of three quarters of an hour no less than 113 of all sizes.

A very curious case has just come to light here. A woman a few miles west of Neche vomited up a snake one day last week, of the Garter species, twenty-four inches long, and since vomited up the skin shed by the snake while in her stomach. She is of the opinion that she swallowed it some two years ago in drinking slough water. This is no myth but an actual fact, as the skin can now be seen at the drug store of N. McCollum.

The ice cream festival last Monday night was a complete success, notwithstanding the threatening appearance of the weather. There was quite a large attendance. The assemblage was addressed by the Rev. Messrs. Smellie, of Nelson, Man. Scott, of Emerson and our own pastor, Mr. Caswell. There were several readings and recitations, prominent among which were those of Mrs. and Miss Murdock, while the singing and music were excellent. The tables groaned beneath all the delicacies of the season, and were presided over by Mrs. N. McCollum, Mrs. M. J. Tynan, Mrs. C. Murphey and Mrs. J. Stewart, and others. The many cakes and baskets of fruit were disposed of at the close of the evening and brought good figures. The financial result more than answered expectations, the sum of \$87 being realized, which will be applied to the clearing off of the debt on the church here.

BAY CENTER.
The following dispatch was sent to the St. Paul Pioneer Press in regard to the crops in this neighborhood:

I have watched with much interest the crop reports from different parts of the Red River valley, and, while the later reports are more favorable, there is still an indication of a short crop. This may be true of the section of country through which the railroad runs, but back from these lines of road I believe the crops are generally better. So far as my observation goes (and I have traveled quite extensively through Pembina county), the crops look as well as could be wished. We have not suffered to any great extent for want of rain, and, wherever grain was sown in good season and properly put in, the crop, from present indications, promises a good yield. Even grain that was sown late promises a good yield. Our farmers feel encouraged, and are well satisfied with present prospects, and our merchants are looking forward hopefully to the "after harvest" trade.

(The following was intended for our last issue but failed to reach the type in time.—Ed.)

People have been enjoying the fruits of their vegetable gardens for the past few weeks.

Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. E. G. Dum-

ble of Pembina were visiting friends in this neighborhood last week.

The farmers here are profiting by last year's experience and are building granaries. Crops are looking favorable.

Mr. Gordon has made his new residence handsome by a couple of brick chimneys. The schoolhouse has been improved in the same way.

Mr. Wm. Wright, living on the fraction north of here, was very agreeably surprised last week by his neighbors coming to do his breaking for next year's crop, he being a new settler and an aged man with no help of his own. They returned home early in the evening, leaving the old gentleman happy.

ERNEST.
Mr. F. McGuin has moved into his new house.

Orders have been given for five threshing machines by different parties in the vicinity.

Farmers are commencing to oil up their binders and get them ready for action.

Mrs. O. R. Daniels has been very ill for some time past. We hope soon to see her convalescent.

The new schoolhouse in district No. 51 is completed. Its dimensions are 20x30 feet, one story high. The workmanship is first class and credit for the same is due Otis Lee.

One of our eligible young men has struck oil, metaphorically speaking; and the advice he receives from his elderly friends is "keep the carriage rolling or you may possibly lose."

The Rev. A. K. Caswell's work here, and at Hyde Park will be taken next Sunday by the Rev. Prof. Travis, of Pembina. Services at Hyde Park at 11 o'clock a. m., and at Ernest 2.30 o'clock p. m.

On the evening of July 26th about twenty couples from our neighboring town and this place gathered at the schoolhouse and spent a very enjoyable evening. The main feature was tripping the light fantastic, music being furnished by Mr. Wm. Wilson.

At about twelve o'clock the excellent spread of good things provided by the ladies was well patronized, after which dancing was resumed. Mr. E. G. Lee and Fred Hargrave, the managing committee, are entitled to much credit.

BATHGATE.
Mrs. Tracy came down from Winnipeg on Friday.

Garsfield street is lined with steam threshers.

Bathgate is the great headquarters for machinery.

Miss Snodgrass made a few days' visit at Baltimore.

Ike Foster contemplates a trip to Turtle Mountain soon.

Luke & Trahn are sending out a large number of binders.

Frank Willson was up from Grand Forks Saturday night.

Miss Campbell is assisting Mrs. Tiffany in the line of dressmaking.

A party left Bathgate on Monday for Turtle Mountain and west.

Mr. Metcalf, editor of the Lansing Mirror, was in town last week.

Between sixty and seventy voters signed the petition for incorporation.

Mr. Hoskins returned from Crookston Monday night, and he came back single, too.

A good many men from the neighborhood of Beaulieu postoffice were in town on Monday.

Felix Chenier is making it lively with the Osborne harvester. He is working for Ferguson.

We are informed that William Foster has imported another blooded bull—a Durham this time.

The lawsuit of Wm. L. Stewart vs. Ernest Erners was decided by Justice Ferguson against Erners.

Mr. Merrill's family have arrived, and they are happy in their comfortable quarters over Luke & Watt's store.

A good many of our boys indulge in swimming in Tongue river just below the dam where the water is clear, deep and swift.

Frank Hodgins started Sunday for a short visit with his family at the Mountains. Mr. Birch takes his place in the store.

School officers of several different districts have been in town during the past week negotiating their school bonds with C. L. Parker.

Messrs. Gibson and Swinton started for Winnipeg the first of the week, to be gone a few days and take in the sights of the city.

Mr. M. O. Matthews has returned from his overland trip to Devil's Lake. He still likes the Red River Valley and Pembina county.

Sackett & Willson have just received a car load of Appleby binders to place upon the St. Paul harvester. The St. Paul promises to do good work this year.

Messrs. Young, Buchanan, Spicer and West were in from Young postoffice last week. They report crops looking well in that part of the county.

"Greenie" who had charge of Johnston & Swinton's store the first of the week, says that if Monday is any criterion business is picking up in Bathgate.

David Ferguson's lumber yard was pretty badly handled again during the past week. They sent out about forty thousand feet of lumber, besides shingles and lath.

Miss Carr has returned to her home at Tyner. Her many friends in Bathgate will miss her at the postoffice, where she has served as deputy so long and faithfully. Miss Armstrong takes her place.

In the suit about the hay, mentioned last week, Justice Wylie commanded that the hay that was cut and all the hay standing on the place be divided equally between the contending parties.

Each day as it comes and goes makes the Pembina county farmers more sanguine of an abundant harvest. The coming fall promises to be one of unprecedented prosperity and plenty. From

the best of our information, Pembina county stands ahead of any other county in Dakota as to crop prospects for the fall of 1883.

DRAYTON.
That was a very enjoyable picnic at Mr. Mehan's grove, last Wednesday.

Messrs. Miller and Almas propose starting a millinery business in town soon.

Messrs. Brown, Stokes and Wells, wholesale men, were in town last week.

Mr. A. Black was thrown from a horse the other day and sustained an injury in his knee.

Mrs. David Graham was thrown from a buggy a few days since, but with the rest of the unfortunates is improving.

A Sunday school picnic to Mehan's grove near St. Andrews, is talked off. Let it take place.

Messrs. Dayman & Smith are building a new postoffice adjoining their store. A part of the building will be used as their own private office.

Mr. John Smith, from near Brockville, Ont., is visiting friends. He is much pleased with our town and county, and we hope to see him become one of us.

Mr. Tom McDonald had a narrow escape from a serious accident. He fell from the elevator building, but came out right side up with care.

Mr. Harry Bush had the misfortune to break his leg last Saturday while leading a mow. Dr. Musgrove adjusted the fracture, and the patient is putting in his time getting well.

H. L. Crandell, of New York, has arrived, and is assisting in hurrying forward the work on the elevator. Messrs. Anderson & Crandell have shown much enterprise in furnishing facilities for the convenient shipping of our grain.

One more unfortunate—or rather less unfortunate than some of the others, was Rev. H. P. Cooper, whose horse ran away with him. The injury was trifling. This completes the chapter of accidents so far as known at the present writing.

Crops have been making better progress since the rain, than it was thought they could make so late in the season. The average yield will be nearly as large as last year. With the greatly increased acreage of grain tributary to this town and the high prices anticipated, our town is likely to have a decided impetus this fall.

JOLIETTE.
Hay stacks are beginning to loom up.

Mr. McKibbin's new house has been improved by a coat or two of paint.

Death has again entered our midst and taken as his prey Miss Maggie Hunt, who has during the summer been residing in Winnipeg. She was brought home from there sick with typhoid fever, and only lived a few days after returning. The parents and friends of the deceased have the sympathy of the entire neighborhood in their sad bereavement.

Our picnic held Saturday was very well attended, and all appeared to enjoy themselves, especially at the dinner table. After partaking of the good things provided, the entertainment began, which consisted of readings, speeches, recitations, singing, etc. Those taking part did themselves credit and pleased the audience.

ROSA LAKE.
Settlers have experienced little or no difficulty in getting their required quantity of land in the district surveyed this year.

The surveyors have almost finished their work on range 58, we expect range 59 to be completed some time during the summer.

The Rev. Mr. Wait has been conducting divine service at the house at Mrs. Ellertons during the past few weeks. We hope he may continue his work.

Breaking which had almost ceased during the dry weather is being pushed on vigorously since the recent rains. There will be a large acreage sown here next year.

The surveyor's outfit have organized a base ball club with E. H. Hutchinson as their captain. They were badly whipped by nine grangers at Rosa Lake a short time ago.

Breaking "bees" have been in order lately. We have noticed the significant fact that the young ladies have always the biggest turnout of teams. Of course all are actuated by disinterested motives.

WALHALLA.
Mr. John F. Mager is going to increase the capacity of his mill.

Several half breed weddings will take place this week in this vicinity.

Mr. LaFond, late of Pembina, practices as a tonsorial artist every Saturday evening at the Walhalla House.

A religious revival is in progress here. Several of our young men are interested in the meetings.

Barley harvest has begun and the prospects of a good yield maketh the owner wear a benign smile.

The St. Joe Hotel is about to be re-furnished and opened to the public. Mr. McDonald will be mine host.

Rev. Prof. Travis, of Pembina, will preach in this place Sunday, at 7.30, p. m. All are invited to attend.

Some nice bedding and other furniture passed west to grace some desolate shanty and gladden the heart of its owner.

Some farmers are making active preparations for harvesting, going after implements, setting up, building granaries, etc., while others are busy securing their hay.

The roads are in a much better condition than formerly. Mr. Joe Walker, road supervisor, and his able assistants, having had the work done where it was most needed.

Rev. Mr. Nelthorpe preached a funeral sermon July 30th for Miss Somerset who died June 18th aged 21. His text was Rev. 14: 13, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord." It was an eloquent and affecting address.

The young people, it is evident have at last become firm believers in the proverb that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, therefore preparations for sev-

eral amusements are approaching completion.

Walhalla's young people turned out en masse to attend the social hop at the Ernest mehan house. They all report an excellent time. One young man walked seven miles to attend and owing to the recent rains encountered coulees full of water through which he was obliged to wade. Such enterprise deserves credit. No wonder this country is progressing so rapidly.

GARDAR.
Our town presents a very busy appearance at all times. Teams constantly pass through to the Mountain.

The artistic touch of the painter's brush has improved the aspect of the town. The schoolhouse standing out a piece from the store looks well now.

Rev. Hans Thorgrimson has just reached us from Iceland and will be stationed at Mountain, that place being central for his extensive work.

Mr. F. Bergman is about leaving for Europe, expecting to be absent two years, during which time he will be engaged in collegiate studies with a view to preparation for the ministry. He has won many friends in this neighborhood who will all join in wishing him a successful career.

ELGIN.
The population still continues to increase. Every quarter section has a settler and still they come. Good luck to them all.

A Sweede, whose name we did not know, died last week a few miles north of here from an overdose of the concentrated quintessence of alcohol.

Mr. Watson our new postmaster is a man of good business tact, and the settlers round about the office of which he has charge may expect every satisfaction.

Crop prospects cause farmers to be very hopeful and confident of the resources of this part of the country. There has been plenty of rain throughout the season.

This neighborhood claims to have one of the best base ball clubs in the county, and extends a friendly challenge to any other nine to meet them on any one of our numerous base ball grounds in this vicinity.

Our friend Mr. Giles has been building a new house and before occupying it he invited some of the neighbors to a "jolly good time," and many did enjoy the evening which owing to a dense fog was prolonged until morning, for none could leave for home.

There are several flourishing Sunday schools in this vicinity; one held at Mr. Jacob's and Mr. Anderson's northwest of here on alternate Sunday's, Mr. Anderson superintendent. One at Mr. Henry Watson's, Mr. Watson supt., and one to the east at Mr. N. F. Murney's, Mr. Thomson, supt.

ONABRUCK.
Mrs. Rielly, sister-in-law to Mr. Jacob, has been staying with that gentleman for a short time. She is from Illinois.

This is the name given to that part of the Pembina Mountains, which will shortly have a postoffice directly, west of Milton.

Mr. Gray of Cavileer, has started a store here and is well patronized. His fair assistant is popular in the neighborhood, especially with the young gentlemen.

Rev. Chas. A. MacNamara held a Sunday service recently which was well attended. Our Sabbath school and prayer meeting still continues to become more interesting.

ST. THOMAS.
Miss Grandy of Bathgate is visiting friends in town.

We hear that Wm. McKenzie is about to go into partnership with Geo. Lemon our town site man.

Mr. Editor, when does chicken shooting begin? Should it be done on Sunday?

The Baptist church has been opened, and now Rev. Mr. Appleby is to be heard every morning and evening.

W. H. Holbrook has started for Minneapolis. We understand his object is to boom the town and induce some persons to build an elevator.

The crops round about our town present quite an encouraging appearance. Farmers feel happy and machine men are busy. All we long for now is good prices to start with.

BEAULIEU.
Mr. Dyce representing the C. Aultman & Co. machinery firm was looking over town last week.

The most of the farmers are busy putting up hay. A large amount will be required for next season.

Nearly all the stock for the Beaulieu mill is subscribed, and work will be begun as soon as possible.

The crops are looking better than in any part of the county we have seen. It promises to come well up to the average here.

Rev. Mr. Huntleigh, of Pembina, was up last Sunday organizing the Baptist congregation, of which Mr. Nun will have charge.

Mr. Dike, in charge of the surveying party, was looking over this congressional township and will likely proceed with work here at once.

T. A. Isabell met with a painful accident last Thursday. While assisting in building a log frame at Mr. Goff's a log fell on him breaking his leg between the knee and ankle. Dr. McLachlan is attending the unfortunate man.

The result of the division election only gives dissatisfaction to a few parties near Rosa Lake. We heard parties who voted for it affirm that if they had seen the matter in its right light at first they would not have done so.

Mr. Waite, Presbyterian minister at this point, holds regular services at three places each Sunday. The Sunday schools are doing well and have a good attendance and good teachers. There will be a union Sunday school picnic next week

at or near Mr. Bidlake's, three schools taking part.

By appointment of the Presbytery of Pembina Rev. Mr. Crowell and Mr. T. E. Yerxa visited Beaulieu on Thursday July 20 and organized the Beaulieu Presbyterian Church. This organization consists of thirty-six members representing twenty or more families. John McKinnon and Geo. W. Sumpter were elected, ordained and installed as elders. A large gathering witnessed the impressive services under the shade of the beautiful trees on the Pembina mountain. Rev. Messrs. Travis and Wait rendered the committee much valuable assistance in their work. Rev. R. Wait, the Presbyterian missionary, is well fitted for his work and is meeting with great success. He has several other points under his care which will soon develop into organized churches.

HAMILTON.
Mr. William Crowston has sold his very fine farm of 160 acres near town to Mr. Randall, Sr., for the sum of \$5,000. The price is considered very reasonable as the farm is one of the best in the county. Mr. Crowston has gone on a visit to his former home near Wingham, Ont.

Revival services are being held in the Baptist church. On Wednesday evening the Rev. Mr. McDonald, of Winnipeg, preached to a large congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Whit Yerxa, of Beaulieu, were in town Monday. Mr. Y. reports the crops splendid in that locality and the prospects of fall trade good.

As most of your readers are aware, the Hamiltonian has ceased to exist. Peace to its ashes. Mrs. Mitchell has gone on a visit to her former home in Elk River, Minn.; and Frank goes west to Washinton Territory on a prospecting tour. During their stay in Hamilton Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell have made many friends by their kindness and sociability, and it is to be regretted that the effort to establish a newspaper should not have been a success. Our business men are confident the enterprise will yet succeed, but they little know what an uphill contract it is to make a paper pay in a small town.

Mr. F. Thoms, of the firm of Mores, Thoms & Sheldon, has arrived in town with a large gang of men to commence work on the new elevator. All the available help in town will be secured, and the building pushed to completion as rapidly as possible, so that it may be ready for the first grain.

A force of men, trying to settle the question of which is the laziest man in Hamilton up to date find it a tie between Dave Wright and Wm. Fawcett with A. McLean a good second. If his lungs don't give out and he can keep the crowd at work, Hamilton will have the best streets in the county.

Frank Lawrence has returned with his family and is now comfortably settled in his new residence on Fifth street. Mr. Lawrence is busy getting the Pillsbury & Co. Elevator in shape for the fall trade.

The old elevating apparatus has been thrown out and a boiler and engine is now being put in. Several changes will be made to facilitate the handling of the grain and Frank expects to be ready for the first load of the season.

A large amount of farm machinery is daily leaving, principally for the West, and all the dealers report a satisfactory business.

Harvest has already commenced, some farmers having cut barley. Good judges say the yield will be number one. The wheat crop is improving rapidly. Unless some very unlikely misfortune overtakes it, it will be above the average of last year.

The county grader is at work grading Third and Fourth streets, under Captain O'Hara and Road Boss Johnson.

MOUNTAIN.
Mr. N. S. Thorlakson will accompany Mr. F. Bergman of Gardar to Europe and together they will study for the ministry. Mr. Thorlakson has hosts of friends in this neighborhood who will greatly miss him.

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