

Democratic Watchman

Belleville, Pa., November 13, 1903.

Golden Chestnut Grove.

Union County Farmer Opening Giant Burrs to Find Profits. Tiny Grafted Trees' Crops Electric Lights, Armed Guards and Bloodhounds Help Mr. Sober to Keep Away the Enemies That Annoy Him.

Coleman K. Sober of Lewisburg will realize at least \$3500 from the yield of his chestnut farm this season. The nuts are now being harvested and aside from the presence of the weevil in some, the crop is pronounced the finest of any gathered since the chestnut farm experiment began, about eight years ago. Mr. Sober owns a tract of 700 acres about four miles from Paxinos, 300 of which are devoted to the chestnut grove. This part of the property was originally covered by a forest of hard wood, principally chestnut and oak. When the timber was cut Mr. Sober began the work of reclaiming the then waste land by grafting Paragon chestnut scions on the sprouts that spring up about the chestnut stumps.

Mr. Sober, besides being a stock raiser and a wealthy lumberman, is a member of the Pennsylvania Game Commission. He is extensively interested in forestry and his chestnut orchard experiment was for the purpose of demonstrating whether or not the mountain lands of the State, denuded of their timber, could not be put to profitable use for the purpose of raising nuts.

TWO STATES WATCHING HIM.

His success has not only proven the excellence of his judgment, but the experiment has attracted attention from the authorities of both Pennsylvania and New York. His chestnut grove farm is visited frequently by prominent men who are interested in the preservation and rehabilitation of forests.

Mr. Sober has expended thousands of dollars on the experiment and for several years storms and failure in grafting almost disheartened him. But he finally discovered the "tongue" or strip graft and this has proven so complete a success that the grove increases splendidly each year.

He employs a dozen men on the farm, some of them to care for his stock—being some splendid racing horses—but most of them in the chestnut grove.

GUARDS IN WATCH HOUSES.

The matter of protection against thieves has been a serious question in past seasons. But now he has built two watch houses, the grounds are lighted by electricity and two fierce bloodhounds aid in the nocturnal preservation of the nuts.

The Paragon chestnut burrs do not open by the action of the frost, as do those of the native mountain nuts. The burrs take on a yellow shade when the nut has ripened, many of them dropping to the ground. Then men equipped with baskets and wearing heavy leather gloves gather the burrs and carry them into great piles to dry. A week's drying in the sun opens the burrs and the great brown nuts drop out on the ground.

Many of these nuts are so large that a single one can hardly be covered with silver half-dollar. Their kernels are almost as sweet as the native mountain nut, and when boiled or roasted are rich and mealy. The best grade of nuts from Mr. Sober's farm bring \$10 a bushel in the Philadelphia market. He has 75,000 trees, and three years hence it is expected that they will yield at least 1500 bushels of nuts.

DOES OTHER THAN THIEVES.

The principal foes of the chestnut farm—aside from the weevil—are the weevil, the burr worm, fire and fungi. Mr. Sober has flocks of hundreds of game chickens running at large in the grove to exterminate the weevil miller, and at night, in the early summer, traps made with electric lights and cool oil are fixed in scores of places throughout the grove to catch the pests.

During the past year Professor N. F. Davis, of Bucknell University, has been studying the enemies of the chestnut and methods for the extermination of the same. He has also under observation the matter of propagation of seedlings, so as to secure good roots. Mr. Sober has been quite successful with the seedling shoots, and Professor Davis' observations are expected to greatly enhance this feature of the orchard. None of the yielding trees is over twenty feet high, and, indeed, some of the grafts have borne fruit the third year. As many as 300 burrs have been taken from one tree.

Sam Parks Sentenced.

Sent to Sing Sing for two years and three months. His physical condition excites the Court's Clemency—Customary Defiance Has Vanished—May Appeal.

Sam Parks was last Friday sentenced to two years and three months in Sing Sing prison. This sentence was passed on the charge of extorting \$500 from the Tiffany studios.

It was alleged that Parks as walking delegate of the Housewives and Bridgemen's union, forced the Tiffany studios to pay him \$500 to call off a strike. This was Parks' second sentence for extortion. On the first he was released from Sing Sing on a certificate of reasonable doubt. In imposing sentence Friday, Judge J. B. Burger said he took into consideration the physical condition of Parks, who is said by physicians to be suffering from consumption in an advanced stage.

Parks, whose customary air of defiance has entirely deserted him, heard the sentence without a movement of feature or outward suggestion of emotion. Former District Attorney James W. Osborne, Parks' counsel, said that he would in all probability appeal, but that no certificate of reasonable doubt would be applied for.

Mrs. Catharine Jones, aged 86 years who lived with her daughter Mrs. John Bornman, at Williamsport, was burned to death Wednesday morning. The aged lady had a childlike mania for burning paper in the kitchen range. Mrs. Bornman went to market, leaving her mother alone in the house. On her return she found the aged lady lying in the pantry, her clothing nearly all burned off, already dead. Her body was burned to a crisp, excepting her face, which she had protected from the flames by kneeling and bending her head to the floor. The clothing that was left on her person was still burning. A bunch of burned paper at the front of the grate of the kitchen range showed that Mrs. Jones had been burning paper when her clothing took fire. A week ago her clothing caught fire in a similar manner, but was extinguished before her body was burned.

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Dies Worth \$50,000,000.

Mrs. Schenley, Pittsburg's Benefactress, Expires in London.

The death of Mrs. Mary E. Schenley, which occurred Wednesday at her home in Hyde Park, London, was made known in Pittsburg Thursday and the news was received with many expressions of sorrow.

Mrs. Schenley has been Pittsburg's benefactress for many years and arrangements are in progress for a special meeting of councils to take action on her death. Mrs. Schenley inherited much property from her grandfather, General O'Hara, the noted soldier and pioneer of Pittsburg, and from her father, Colonel Croghan, of Kentucky. She was the largest owner of real estate in Allegheny county, and John W. Herron, the Pittsburg agent for the estate, values the holdings there between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000. In addition Mrs. Schenley owned valuable properties in Cambridge and Crawford counties of this state and lands in some of the Western states.

Among the notable donations made by Mrs. Schenley to Pittsburg and Allegheny are property on which is erected the West Penn hospital; a tract of 300 acres of land, which made Schenley park possible; land on which the Western Pennsylvania institute for the Blind was built; a large lot for the Newsboys' Home; large subscriptions of money for the purchase of land for River View park, Allegheny, and the gift of the old block house, with adjoining property, the site of the original Fort Duquesne, to the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Searched Woman to Death.

An owl which flew in at an open window frightened a woman to death in Gouverneur hospital, New York, Tuesday night. The woman was Mrs. Elizabeth Forschleischer, 41 years old, of 349 Madison St.

Mrs. Forschleischer was taken to the hospital in an ambulance late in the afternoon, very ill. About 8 o'clock an owl flew in through the window and fell at the foot of her bed. She shrieked in terror.

In an instant the room was in an uproar. The other women patients half rose in bed to see what was happening, and the entire staff of doctors, nurses, attendants, matrons and help of the hospital rushed to the top floor. Mrs. Forschleischer was found terribly agitated, and was soon unconscious. A nurse and a doctor tried to revive her.

The owl flew awkwardly to the lintel of a window near the ceiling and "to-whoed." He was a foot high, and as he spread his wings they were seen to be about two feet across from tip to tip. A long curtain pole was severed and the bird chased around the room. Then an elephant spring with a gallon of water was shot at the owl. Then chloroform was tried and the owl knocked down and captured.

Prospectus.

ST. NICHOLAS FOR 1904.

IT WILL BE MORE INTERESTING, AND BETTER IN EVERY DETAIL.

ST. NICHOLAS is thirty years the best and best beloved of children's magazines! "I know of no magazine here or in England which will compare with it," says Rebecca Harding Davis. "The children of this generation are fortunate in having such a magazine," adds Lucy Larcom. "Nothing that has ever come into my household of children has been in equal degree the stimulus to their artistic and literary tastes," is George W. Cable's tribute.

And St. Nicholas for 1904 will be more entertaining, and better than ever before. B. L. Farjeon wrote before his death a delightful story called "A Comedy in Wax." It has adventure for the boys, fairy doings for the girls, and a pretty bit of a love story for their elders; and will run through several numbers. These there will be other stories, short and long, from Ruth McEnery Stuart, Bertha Runkle, Cyrus Townsend Brundage, Joaquin Miller, Gabrielle E. Jackson, Elliott Flower, Grace MacGowan Cooke, Frank R. Stockton, Albert Bigelow Paine, Julia Plumber, Laura E. Richards, Tudor Jenks, Lieutenant Charles Margaret Vandergrift, Howard Pyle, Charles F. Lummis, and scores of other well-known writers.

The list of verse writers and artists, some of the very best in the land, who have promised their work to St. Nicholas in the next twelve months is a long one. Some of the interesting articles, all of which will be splendidly illustrated, will tell of Japanese athletics for American boys, some queer mail carriers, interesting signs of old London, children in the White House, the Emperor Adrian's wall, day with Hudson Maxim, how some animals sleep, secret alphabets, diving for pearls, historic dwarfs, and many other fascinating subjects.

"To-day is a good day to subscribe! No girl or boy should be without St. Nicholas. Only three dollars a year, and that small sum means limitless pleasure and profit for the young people in the home."

THE CENTURY FOR 1904.

CAN YOU AFFORD NOT TO HAVE THE CENTURY THE COMING TWELVE MONTHS.

The Century for 1904 promises a wealth of reading and pictures that surpasses even the highest standard achieved during 1903. Perhaps most notable of all the strong features of the volume will be Dr. S. Weir Mitchell's "The Youth of Washington," told in the form of an autobiography. It will be a daring and unique piece of historical work, written as if it were done by General Washington himself, setting down in Mr. Vernon in his old age and recording, solely for his own eye, the story, of his youthful life.

Then there will be a series of articles on "Italian Villas and Their Gardens," written by Edith Wharton and illustrated, largely in color, by Maxfield Parrish. Ernest Thompson Seton has prepared "Fable and Wood-myth," brief papers in a new vein, the illustrations in the author's most fantastic and amusing style. Early numbers will bring John Burroughs' "Current Misconceptions in Natural History." Already have commenced the important Thackeray letters, telling the story of the great novelist's friendship with the Baxter family of New York, with facsimiles of manuscripts and drawings by the author. Ray Stannard Baker, whose articles on the Great Northwest and the Great Southwest have been leading and widely accepted features of recent volumes, will continue his notes on these regions; and there will be valuable contributions by Jacob A. Riis, Dr. James M. Buckley, and scores of other notable writers.

Fiction of the volume will include Jack London's strong new novel "The Sea-Wolf," Mand Wilder Goodwin's clever "Four Roads to Paradise," and a wealth of short stories from Anne Douglas Sedgwick, J. J. Bell, Maurice F. Egan, Roy Rolf Gilson, E. L. Sabin, S. Weir Mitchell, David Gray, Gouverneur Morris, Albert Bigelow Paine, the list might be indefinitely lengthened.

The artists whose work will appear in the Century for 1904 include the best of the day. It is not a question for any cultivated thinking man or woman to-day, can I afford to take the Century this year? The question is rather, can I afford NOT to take the Century?

"One of the finest magazines of the day."—Ozland, Cat., Tribune, 48-44

A RUNAWAY BICYCLE.—Terminated with an ugly end on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill. It developed a stubborn ulcer unyielding to doctors and remedies for four years. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured. It's just as good for Burns, Scalds, Skin Eruptions and Piles. 25c, at Green's Pharmacy Drug Store.

Medical.

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.

TO DISPROVE FACTS. IT IS DECIDEDLY EASY TO VERIFY BELLEVILLE OPINION.

Nothing by way of an introduction could be as good as the experience and opinions given below, which could increase their value. Belleville people can safely be left to draw their own conclusions based on such convincing proof as this citizen offers. What is there lacking in evidence like this to satisfy a dyed-in-the-wool doubting Thomas?

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Travelers Guide.

CENTRAL RAILROAD OF PENNA. Condensed Time Table.

READ DOWN		READ UP	
No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4
11:45	8:40	8:22	7:40
12:20	9:10	8:52	8:00
1:00	9:40	9:22	8:30
1:40	10:10	9:52	9:00
2:20	10:40	10:22	9:30
3:00	11:10	10:52	10:00