

THE REPORTER.

He's sometimes a bit of a nuisance, it's true. He's oftentimes almost a pest (Especially so if the things that you do would thrive in obscurity best) He's nervous, persistent, irreverent, sharp. He works on a high tension plan. (A fact to consider by people who carp At the work of the newspaper man).

From facts and from figures, from gossip and guff. From rumor and whisper and hint. In hurry and haste he must gather his stuff And put the cold truth into print. Of course now and then there's an error or two In the stories he gives you to scan. But, all things considered, the blunders are few In the work of the newspaper man. It's foolish to fight him or try to "hold out." He'll follow his hunch to the end. He isn't a foe, that it's wise to fount. But he sure is a regular friend. You trust him, he's with you; deceive him, you lose. For he'll finish the thing he began, Which is simply the job of supplying the news. So be good to the newspaper man! —Berton Braley.

An Interesting Letter from the Great Northwest.

Many readers of the "Watchman" in Walker township will no doubt recall Will Truckenmiller, who was born, raised and spent the most of his life in that place, but who twenty years ago went to the great northwest of the Dominion of Canada and located in Alberta. In olden days he was a frequent contributor to the columns of the "Watchman" and his beautiful poems and articles descriptive of nature illustrated most forcibly his love for the great outdoors. And now, after years of silence, he has again written for this paper the following article descriptive of the country he has adopted as his home:

Blackfalds, Alberta, Can. Dear "Watchman":— Thinking a letter from this part of the great Northwest might be of interest to your readers I will endeavor to write one and make it as readable as I can.

The climatic condition here is as to rainfall, semi-arid, there being about twenty inches per year, most of which falls during the summer. The winters are cold and dry with a comparatively light snowfall, at present about eight inches. Spring comes on about the last of March, but frosts occur until the first of June. We have no blizzards and no cyclones.

This is a great grass country and at one time was pastured by great herds of elk and buffalo. But now blooded cattle, mostly the Shorthorn and Angus breeds, have taken their place.

Splendid crops of oats, barley and the new spring wheats—Marquis and Huron—are grown, while for hay, timothy, broom and rye grass are the leaders. All kinds of hardy vegetables do well, potatoes, cabbage and lettuce of the finest kind being grown. The summer nights, however, are too cool for corn, tomatoes and melons. Wild fruit is to be found in abundance, such as suskatootons, blueberries, raspberries and cranberries. The soil is quite varied, running all the way from sand to stiff clay. The country consists of rolling valley with broken, dividing ridges. There are many streams and lakes.

If the editor of the "Watchman" loves fishing as well as he used to, I would like to take him with me on some of my fishing trips and see him hook a ten pounder. There is a large lake (Gull lake) ten miles west of here and I made three trips to it last summer, catching on the three trips one hundred fish weighing from two to ten pounds each. There is very little game here, only a few deer and a scattering of small game, but fifty to seventy-five miles west of here deer and moose abound in plenty. A few years ago pheasants and prairie chickens were quite numerous, and I frequently went out of an evening after supper and bagged a half dozen, but a disease blight struck them and almost wiped them out. A few scattering birds were left and as they are now breeding quite rapidly it is hoped that in a few years they will be plenty as ever.

The town of Blackfalds is located on the Calgary—Edmonton railroad, eighty-five miles north of Calgary, and if any readers of this brief article ever come this way I hope they will stop and see me. All Pennsylvanians are welcome. My home is just across the street from the railroad station.

Has Bellefonte changed greatly in the past ten years? I suppose not; but the faces on the street, they no doubt have changed. Many of the familiar faces of those days are gone forever. Others, like myself, have accumulated gray hair and glasses, even if they have accumulated nothing else. So now I suppose it would seem like a strange town to me. Well, well! tempes fugit! Life's years are short when one looks back and ponders over them.

WILL TRUCKENMILLER.

—Japanese manufacturers are now experimenting with articles made from a tough fibre paper which is manufactured from the fibre of the mulberry tree. A collapsible life-boat, which can be folded up and weighs but a few pounds, is among the most interesting productions, now in an experimental stage.

—Subscribe for the "Watchman."



Report of Sales of War Savings and Thrift Stamps as Credited to the Various Postoffices in Centre County.

Table with columns for Postoffice Name, W.S.S. sold during Dec. 1, 1918, and Total W.S.S. sold from Dec. 1, 1917, to Jan. 1, 1919.

The above is the final report of W. S. S. sold at the several postoffices in Centre county, not only for the month of December, 1918, but for the entire campaign. A large percentage of the postmasters devoted considerable of their time in advancing the sales of these government securities. In certain localities, where postoffices seemed to have had large sales, the sales are entirely due to the efforts of district chairmen. Taking it as a whole, however, great work has been accomplished by reason of the fact that the postmasters, as a general rule, stood back of the government, as well as the boys at the front.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Immediately after November 11th, 1918, (Victory Day) your chairman sent a letter to every school teacher in Centre county, numbering approximately 335, with the request that the several school teachers should, with the assistance of their pupils, purchase and sell W. S. S. to the limit of their ability; and that an appropriate certificate, showing actual service of the various schools in the county would be presented to each school in the county showing the number of W. S. S. sold from "Victory Day" to December 31st, 1918. The county superintendent, Mr. Eiters, sent a letter to each school teacher, urging that they do all they possibly could in this particular government work. Much to my surprise, however, only nineteen of the three hundred and thirty-five school teachers in Centre county have seen fit to comply with not only my request but the request of the county superintendent of schools, and in order that proper credit may be given to those nineteen, I wish to give the following tabulated statement showing where credit is entitled to be given:

Reports from schools purchasing and selling 400 or more W. S. S.: Plum Grove, Potter township. High School, Walker township. Schools purchasing and selling 300 W. S. S. and less than 400: Seventh Grade, Bellefonte (High School building). Zion, Walker township. Schools purchasing and selling 200 W. S. S. and less than 300: Oak Grove, Ferguson township. Pine Hall, Ferguson township. Schools purchasing and selling 100 W. S. S. and less than 200: Hublersburg Grammar, Walker Twp. Seventh Grade, State College. Dale, College township. Pine Grove Mills Primary, Ferguson Township. Schools purchasing and selling less than 100 W. S. S.: Tower Grammar, Rush township. Munson, Rush township. Tower Primary, Rush township. State College High, State College. Pleasant Gap High, Spring township. Special Grade, State College. Linden Hall, Harris township. Rebersburg, Miles township. Runville, Boggs township.

About ten days ago I received from Philadelphia sufficient "Certificates of Service" so that every teacher in Centre county would be supplied with one, showing the exact number of W. S. S. purchased and sold in each grade or school in our county. Should there be additional teachers in our county who might wish one of these appropriate certificates for their schools they will receive it promptly after I receive the total number of W. S. S. sold, etc., according to my former requests.

It might be advisable for the district chairman of each school district in the county to make inquiry of the teacher of their respective districts as to the activity of such teacher, and also ascertain why, if there is a reason, such teacher did not make the report requested.

Your chairman dislikes very much to make public the limited information concerning what the 335 teachers

in Centre county did in the W. S. S. campaign, but the 19 teachers who made their reports as requested are entitled to receive credit and also to receive the "Certificate of Service" which has this day been mailed to them.

LIMIT HOLDERS.

Centre county has 181 limit holders of W. S. S. Appropriate buttons and membership certificates have been presented to each of them. No corporation in the county took advantage of the purchase of the limit of \$1000.00 maturity value. Of our 181 members of the Limit Club of the U. S. three memberships are held by young men who have seen active service in France, and who are "over there," at this time.

"OVER THE TOP" CERTIFICATES AND FLAGS.

Your chairman will, during the week, send to all district chairmen in the county who took their respective districts "over the top" a certificate issued by the National War Savings committee, signed by Mr. Frank A. Vanderlip, the national chairman; by Mr. William West, acting state director and countersigned by your chairman. Honor flags have been distributed to those townships, boroughs and villages where the per capita exceeded \$20.00 per person.

I trust that the people of Centre county will during the present year, remain interested in war savings, and purchase these government securities to the limit of their ability. They are a first-class investment; in fact, the very best that can be obtained.

Stamps for January, 1919, cost \$4.12 and are redeemable January 1st, 1924, at \$5.00 each.

War savings stamps for the year 1919 will be blue and slightly smaller than the 1918 issue and will be ornamented by a portrait of Benjamin Franklin.

The new war savings stamps will be pasted on a new certificate and will not be redeemable when pasted on a 1918 certificate.

Thrift stamps, which are redeemable in war savings stamps, will not be changed in the new year. Thrift stamps purchased in 1918 can be put on the same card with those bought in 1919 and both can be used in the purchase of war savings stamps.

FINAL 1918 W. S. S. REPORT.

From a letter just received from the State Director, the following appears: "The following counties went 'over the top!'"

Table with columns for County Name, Column 1, P. C. for week, Column 2, P. C. to date, and Total W.S.S. Sold.

"Huntingdon county is in the 20th place with a per capita for the week of 30c. and a per capita to date of \$12.20; Blair county is in 11th place with a per capita of 34c. and \$15.73, respectively; Clinton county is in 6th place with 74c. and \$17.70, respectively; Clearfield county is in 30th place with 18c. and \$8.65, respectively."

"From the above will be noticed that there were five counties in Pennsylvania which went "Over the Top" during the 1918 W. S. S. campaign, and that Centre county secured fourth place with a per capita of \$20.37, thereby raising \$82,545, maturity value, during the year."

Very truly yours, W. HARRISON WALKER, Chairman War Savings Committee for Centre County. Bellefonte, Pa., January 13th, 1919.

—For high class job work come to the "Watchman" office.

Losing Faith.

Old Lady—I don't believe this Sure Cure Tonic is a goin' to do me any good.

Friend—It's highly spoken of in the papers.

Old Lady—Yes, but I've taken forty-seven bottles, and I don't feel a bit better. I tell you what it is, Sarah, I'm beginning to think these newspaper editors don't know everything.



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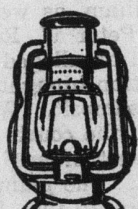
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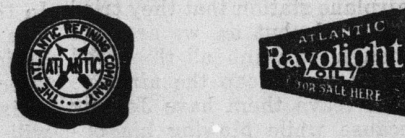
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No matter how much care and thought I give to the purchase of my Shoes, I make mistakes. For example, in order to get good quality in Boys' extra heavy High Top Shoes I purchased them in the black leather, because it is very much better than in the tan, but the average boy or parent does not look to the wear and service of Shoes; they want what they think is style. In this case boys want Tan Shoes and this black one is not selling. My motto is to have nothing on my shelves that does not sell and I will sell them to you at a loss. These Shoes are made of leather, not shoddy, but absolutely solid. They are the old-fashioned peggy kind, bought to sell at \$5.00 I will close them out at \$3.50.

I have many other such bargains to offer from now until Christmas, this space is too small to tell you of all the bargains that I have. I never advertise anything that I do not fully carry out, all I can say is to come and see for yourself.

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