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Bellefonte Druggists Resent Charge of Selling Poison Indiscriminately.

Col. Henry W. Shoemaker, a member of the State Forestry Commission, has been investigating the cause of the death of numerous birds and animals in the mountains of Clinton county and recently came to the conclusion that the birds and animals had been poisoned from eating poisoned corn and food scattered in the woods by persons unknown for the purpose of killing noxious animals.

A few days after the article in question appeared in print a government inspector visited Bellefonte and probably made the rounds of the drug stores, as it is definitely known that he visited one store, at least, but he failed to find anything to bear out the fact that Bellefonte druggists, at least, are selling poison indiscriminately.

Quite a number of dead birds, including sparrows and crows, have been found in certain sections of Centre county of late, but there is no foundation for the belief that they have been poisoned. In fact the general opinion is that they have died for lack of sufficient food. The winter has not only been quite long, already, but the weather unusually cold. The snow of good depth and covered with a crust so hard that birds and small animals cannot dig through it to get to the ground on the hunt of food. The result is they die of starvation.

Veteran Railroad Conductor Retired.

Edward Zerbe, the dean of railroad conductors on the Tyrone division of the Pennsylvania railroad, was placed upon the retired list on Monday after more than fifty-four years of faithful service. Saturday afternoon conductor Zerbe was summoned to present himself at the office of the train master in Tyrone and when he did so he found assembled there quite a number of his fellow trainmen. Without any preliminaries conductor "Dick" Farrell stepped to the fore-front and in a brief speech told Mr. Zerbe just what his associates thought of him and emphasized their opinion by presenting the veteran conductor with a fine combination smoking stand and Royal easy chair, as well as several boxes of choice cigars.

Mr. Zerbe's railroad career began as a newsboy on the train over the Bald Eagle Valley when it ran from Tyrone to Bellefonte, coming here from Milesburg over the old Bellefonte and Snow Shoe road, as the Bald Eagle had not been opened up further east than Milesburg. That was during the Civil war and naturally newspapers were much sought after. During the half hour or more the train lay in Bellefonte until its return trip to Tyrone the lad Zerbe would go up town selling his papers. He still recalls the fact that when there was something especially good in the papers in connection with the northern army such men as H. N. McAllister, Edward C. Humes and a few others would hand him out a quarter and tell him to keep the change but there was one man, then prominent in the business interests of Bellefonte, who would always count him out in pennies the exact price of the paper, so that he never got a chance at getting any change from him, and it was thus as a boy his attraction for railroad-ing was formed.

Mr. Zerbe was the first passenger brakeman on the Bald Eagle Valley railroad, having started as such when the first run was made from Tyrone to Howard. Later the road was opened through to Lock Haven. He was promoted to baggage master in 1870, a few years later to extra conductor and on May 13th, 1889, made a regular passenger conductor, a position he filled ever since. Having reached the age of seventy years he was automatically placed on the retired list.

Score One for Cohen.

Commenting in last week's "Watchman" upon the good work of the business men of Bellefonte in floating the new silk mill bonds so easily we ascribed as the reason "cohesion among them," and early Friday morning a very eager reader of the paper telephoned this office that we ought to have given as the reason "Cohesion."

KURTZ.—Mrs. Harriette Louise Thomas Kurtz entered upon the Beautiful Adventure, Sunday morning, February first, in the Orange General hospital, Orlando, Florida, where she had been taken from Eustis by her physician about two weeks before. During the past summer she had not been in good health and had been under the care of a specialist in Daytona. A few weeks before Christmas she collapsed from what was supposed to be a nervous breakdown and was taken to the Daytona hospital where she improved sufficiently to return to Eustis on Christmas Day. The improvement was fancied rather than real and about two weeks ago upon the advice of her physician in Eustis she went to the Orange General Hospital, Orlando, where she was operated upon by Dr. John Singer McEwan, a noted surgeon. While she was critically ill following the serious operation, she made a slight improvement during the past week so that it was hoped she might regain strength to be around again if only temporarily, and, when the milder weather permitted, to come North, since her letters had indicated her longing to get back home. A cheerful letter written by her while propped up in bed on last Thursday was received here the day after her death but on Friday evening her condition was not so promising and Sunday evening came a telegram announcing her death that morning. To friends, who regret that her passing should have occurred alone, and among strangers comes the reassuring statements of herself and nurse that everything possible for her comfort had been done. Although a native of Pennsylvania, since the death of her husband sixteen years ago, she has traveled at her pleasure, spending the winters in California, part of a year in European travel, has lived in Atlantic City, New York, Philadelphia until finally, enamored of the winter climate in Florida, she has made it her home for five years returning North for the warm months until this past summer which she spent in Eustis.

Well-born, well-bred, ever regretful of circumstances in early life that deprived her of a college education but constantly seeking knowledge by study and travel, fully cognizant of her frailties but striving for mastery over them, impulsive, strong in her likes and dislikes advocating with fearless courage what she believed right, though detrimental to her own interests, bearing bravely more than her full share of sorrows, a friend to the sick and troubled, giving generously of energy and money—often beyond what she could afford, a child at heart in her universal love for mankind and the lower animals, this unique personality thus aptly sums up to, "My very best friend"—I have had a beautiful life working for the Master and His children and have been rewarded. My passing on will not make any stir in the world—only I have left many things undone. Some of the regretted, left-undone things may be accomplished through the provisions of her will which leaves a bequest to foreign missions of the Presbyterian church in Bellefonte and Lewistown, in memory of her husband and missionary sister both of whom were Presbyterians; to the hospital in Bellefonte and Lewistown because, physically handicapped herself, she was most sympathetic for the sick; to the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals as she couldn't endure to see an animal abused.

She was a member of the Universalist church in Philadelphia, an active worker in the Y. W. C. T. U. and later in the W. C. T. U. and Childrens Aid Society. Born and raised in Lewistown, she was sole survivor of a large family, children of George W. and Lida Snyder Thomas. Her father, an highly respected and very honorable business man of Lewistown, was of Quaker ancestry and brother of Abel Thomas, the distinguished Universalist preacher and writer. M. Louise Thomas, wife of another brother, Charles, was first president of the famous Sorosis club of New York. She was married at the Continental Hotel in Philadelphia, February 21st, 1893, to John L. Kurtz, of the Centre County Bank of Bellefonte, who died January, 1904, leaving no children. Surviving her are: A sister-in-law, Mrs. George Thomas, of Braddock, Pa.; a niece, Mrs. Harriet T. Sarver, of Braddock; two nephews—John W. Thomas, of Braddock, and Walter Thomas, of Philadelphia. A cousin on her mother's side—Mrs. James Campbell, widow of the late solicitor for the Pennsylvania Railroad, died recently.

Upon arrival of her body in Lewistown from Florida, funeral services will be held there and interment made beside the body of her husband in the Thomas family burial plot.

McMURTRIE.—James McMurtie, a former resident of Cileville, died at his home in Cleveland, Ohio, on Sunday, of pneumonia. He was a son of the late Samuel and Eliza McMurtie and was fifty-seven years old. He is survived by his wife and nine children as well as one brother, Edgar McMurtie, of Cileville. Burial was made at Cleveland on Wednesday.

GREEN.—Mrs. Grace Green, a sister of Mrs. Forrest Bullock, of Bellefonte, died at her home in Ashland, Ohio, on Monday night, aged 42 years. She was a daughter of C. pt. and Mrs. Harry Simler, former residents of Phillipsburg, and it was to that place the remains were taken for burial today.

LONEBERGER.—Mrs. Mary Ann Loneberger, widow of George W. Loneberger, died at her home in Spring township, about two miles north of Pleasant Gap, on Friday of last week, of broncho pneumonia, after an illness of only a few days.

She was a daughter of Abram Florey and was born on December 28th, 1839, hence was 81 years, 1 month and 1 day old. She was united in marriage to Mr. Loneberger on September 10th, 1862, and had lived on the farm on top of Nittany mountain the past forty years. Mr. Loneberger died fifteen years or more ago but surviving her is one son, Oscar M. Loneberger, who lives on the home-stead farm. She also leaves one brother, John Florey, and the following step-children: Augustus, John H. and F. P. Loneberger, all living in Kansas; George J., in Virginia, and Mrs. Ellen Miller, in Pittsburgh.

Funeral services were held at her late home at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning by Rev. M. C. Piper, pastor of the Methodist church, after which burial was made at Centre Hall.

STAMM.—C. Frank Stamm, a well known lumber inspector for the Pennsylvania railroad, died at his home in Altoona on Sunday afternoon following a brief illness with pneumonia. He was a son of Charles J. and Caroline Stamm, and was born at Boalsburg, this county, on December 16th, 1872, hence was forty-seven years old. He learned the trade of a carpenter when a young man and after going to Altoona was made a lumber inspector for the Pennsylvania railroad. In 1911 he was married to Miss Ida McClain Swisher who survives with one daughter, Thelma. He also leaves his father and the following brothers and sisters: John A. Stamm, of Juniata; B. E., of Philadelphia; Mrs. John Johnson, Mrs. T. C. Forshy, Mrs. John Geanily, W. F. Stamm, Mary, Margaret, Catharine and Annie, all of Altoona.

Mr. Stamm was a member of the P. R. R. relief association and Trinity Reformed church. Funeral services were held at 2:30 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon and burial made in Oak Ridge cemetery, Altoona.

TAYLOR.—Following an illness of several years with heart trouble Mrs. Catharine Taylor, widow of the late George Taylor, passed away at her home on Willowbank street at an early hour yesterday morning. Her maiden name was Catharine Wian, a daughter of Solomon and Catharine Yearick Wian, and she was born in Mifflin county in 1848, hence was in her seventy-second year. Her early life was spent at the place of her birth but ever since her marriage to Mr. Taylor in 1880, she had lived in Bellefonte. She was a member of the United Evangelical church and a good christian woman. Her husband died a number of years ago but surviving her are three children, Mrs. Jennie Overley, of Altoona; Mrs. Harriet Krebs, of Bellefonte, and William C., of Bellefonte, with whom she made her home. Rev. E. J. Dunn will have charge of the funeral services which will be held on Sunday afternoon, burial to be made at Pleasant Gap.

CRUST.—Sudie Lenore Crust, wife of J. Earl Crust, died at her home at Fillmore last Wednesday evening after an illness of some months with tuberculosis, although she had been confined to bed only about a month. She was a daughter of Elmer and Regina Rumberger and was born at Centre Line on February 8th, 1892, hence was within a few days of being twenty-eight years old. She was married to Mr. Crust in 1911 and he survives with four young children, Lester, Bernard, Helen and Arline. She also leaves the following brothers and sisters: Clarence Rumberger, of Hollidaysburg; Mrs. Mary Keebler and John, of Philadelphia; Budd and Joseph, in Buffalo Run valley; Ralph, of Spruce Creek, and Mrs. Walter Crust, of Tyrone. Burial was made in Meyer's cemetery on Saturday.

FOREMAN.—Mrs. Ellen Foreman, wife of James Foreman, a well known colored resident of Bellefonte, died on Wednesday evening of last week following an illness of some months with tuberculosis. She was about fifty years of age and was born in Virginia. She was twice married, her first husband being Robert Jordan, of Phillipsburg. He died about fourteen years ago and some time later Mrs. Jordan came to Bellefonte and about twelve years ago was married to James Foreman. They had no children and her only survivor is her husband. The remains were taken to Phillipsburg where burial was made on Friday afternoon.

GARDNER.—Mrs. Esther Gardner, wife of Thomas C. Gardner, of Altoona, died in the Altoona hospital on Wednesday morning following an illness of ten days with nephritis. She was a daughter of Frank and Elizabeth Fulton Pennington and was born in Centre county on October 31st, 1883. In addition to her husband she is survived by her father and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. James Stauffer and Miss Mildred Pennington, of Lewistown; Harry and Jesse, both of State College, and Charles, of Bellefonte. The remains were taken through Bellefonte yesterday to Lemont for burial.

WHITE.—Word was received in Bellefonte this week of the death of Mace White, of Camden, N. J. Mr. White had visited here a number of times with his wife, who before her marriage was Miss Mina Dawson, a daughter of Mrs. Harvey Griffith, who with Mr. Griffith, is spending the winter in Camden.

ROBERTS.—Mrs. Minnie Roberts, wife of Samuel Roberts, died in the Homeopathic hospital, at Camden, N. J., last Saturday afternoon, as the result of a fall sustained on January 13th, when she sustained a badly broken right arm and severe nervous shock. Her maiden name was Minnie Markle and she was born at Boalsburg forty-four years ago. Prior to her marriage to Mr. Roberts in 1901 she spent a number of years in Bellefonte. She is survived by her husband and two sons, Paul and Frank. The remains were brought to Bellefonte on Tuesday morning and taken direct to the Union cemetery for burial.

BALL.—Dr. Franklin P. Ball, the well known physician and surgeon of Lock Haven, died very suddenly of heart disease on Saturday night while on a professional visit at the home of LeRoy T. Gleason, in Williamsport. Dr. Ball, who was sixty-four years of age, was quite well known in Bellefonte, as he had frequently been called here in consultation with local physicians and on a number of occasions to perform operations. He had been a resident of Lock Haven for about thirty years, having gone there from Chester, Pa. One daughter, Mrs. Armstrong, survives.

KELLERMAN.—Gerald R. Kellerman, son of Harry and Stella Williams Kellerman, of Spring township, died on Tuesday following an illness of one month. He was born on February 3rd, 1919, hence was one year old to the day. Burial was made at Pine Hall yesterday.

GARMAN.—Kenneth E. Garman, infant son of William and Carrie Albright Garman, of Benner township, died on Thursday of last week of neuritis, aged 2 months and 23 days. Burial was made in the Meyer's cemetery on Saturday.

Bellefonte Ladies Confer Degrees at Centre Hall.

On Saturday, January 24th, thirteen members of the Ladies Temple of Bellefonte journeyed to Centre Hall by train and that evening conferred the Temple degree upon seven candidates for admission to the Central Queen Temple of Centre Hall. In addition to the Bellefonte degree team twenty visitors were present from the Spring Mills Temple who assisted in the work. The Spring Mills ladies made the trip to Centre Hall and return by sled, while the Bellefonte ladies remained over night and were entertained by Centre Hall ladies.

The candidates admitted to the Centre Hall Temple were Mrs. M. L. Bartges, Mrs. J. M. Coldron, Mrs. T. L. Smith, Mrs. C. M. Smith, Miss Lizzie Feterolf, Miss Ruth Schreckengast and Miss Hazel Ripka.

After witnessing the splendid work of the Bellefonte degree team and disposing of all the regular lodge business, the Centre Hall ladies made the evening one of special enjoyment by serving refreshments of sandwiches, pickles, ice cream, cake and coffee.

Central Queen Temple is an energetic and prosperous organization and has very bright prospects for the future. Some of the best and most representative women of Centre Hall and vicinity are to be found on its roll with prospects of others coming in right along. One reason for their high standing is their steadfastness in practicing true fraternity spirit.

Entire Estate Goes to Upkeep of Church.

The real estate of the late John Vonada, of Hubblesburg, was sold at public sale on the premises on Saturday, January 24th, by the executors, Mrs. Amelia Swartz and N. A. Krape, the auctioneer being L. Frank Hayes. The farm, located near Lamar, in Clinton county, was sold to H. L. Truckenmiller, of near Bellefonte, for \$10,100. The farm contains 110 acres. The house and lot in Hubblesburg was sold to Mrs. Amelia Swartz for \$480.

Some years prior to his death Mr. Vonada executed a will in which he stipulated that his entire estate should go to the support of St. Mark's Lutheran church, at Snyderstown, directing his executors to dispose of his property and convert the proceeds into a fund properly invested, the income of which should be devoted yearly towards the payment of the pastor's salary and any other necessary expenses for the upkeep of the church.

Mr. Vonada had been a member of the church for years and a member of the church council as long as he was able to be present at the church services. Both he and his sister, Mrs. Swartz, have been faithful supporters of the church and willing to do all they could for its welfare. Mr. Vonada gave as his reason for his bequest that the fund would remain a memorial to his name and would help to keep alive the work of the church in the valley, evidently realizing that keeping up the rural church is becoming somewhat of a problem.

A Suggestion.

As St. Valentine's day is approaching, here is a suggestion for an appropriate remembrance. Get a thrift stamp folder, attach as many stamps as you would ordinarily invest in flowers, candy or a sentimental card, and send to your best girl with enclosed verse:

"Oh, when you stick a stamp on this I pray you think of me; For as you love your country, So I am stuck on thee."

FOR A CHILD.

"To a little boy (or girl) along with love I send this little gift; My Valentine I'm sure you'll be When you see this Nifty Thrifty."

Local Institute of District No. 3.

On Friday afternoon and evening, January 30th, the local institute of District No. 3, comprising Spring, Benner and Walker townships and Bellefonte borough was held at the Bellefonte High school building with about sixty teachers and directors present. County superintendent David O. Eters and assistant superintendent M. F. Pletcher were also present and assisted in the discussions.

The afternoon session was given over to organization under the chairmanship of Prof. C. L. Gramley, of Pleasant Gap, and to practical demonstrations in number work and reading, given respectively by Miss Alice Dorworth and Miss Elizabeth Dorworth, with groups of children from the first grade of the Bellefonte schools. The visiting teachers and superintendents, as well as the teachers of the upper grades in the Bellefonte district, were not only entertained by this procedure but were also surprised and delighted with the results obtained with the children who had had but four months of school training.

After the demonstrations the institute assembled in the auditorium of the building where the subject of "A More Enthusiastic School Spirit in the Rural Community," was ably discussed by Mr. Gramley and Mr. Glenn Rogers, of Hubblesburg. Miss Elizabeth B. Meek, who has been doing very valuable health work in the Bellefonte schools, outlined this work and discussed the possibilities of extending it throughout the county.

The evening session opened with a delightful concert by the Bellefonte High school orchestra, after which the following subjects were discussed:

"How create a desire to read in pupils who have never read voluntarily?" Discussed by Mr. Gramley, Mr. Eters, Miss Ella Levy, Mr. Weik and Mr. Sloop.

"Arithmetic—Interest and Devices for Drill." Discussed by Miss Mary Underwood and Mr. Eters.

"Supervision of Study and Lesson Assignment." Discussed by Mr. Pletcher and Mr. Sloop.

"Standard Tests and Measurements." Discussed by Mr. Sloop and "What can Teachers do in Nature Study?" Discussed by Mr. Weik.

Between sessions a very excellent supper was served by the household arts department of the Bellefonte High school, which was enjoyed by the whole institute, as guests of the Bellefonte teachers.

Tate—Saltzman.—Paul J. Tate, a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tate, of State College, and Miss Florence Saltzman, of Beaver Springs, were married at the home of the bride in the latter place on Wednesday of last week, and going to the College were tendered a big reception at the home of the bridegroom's parents on Thursday evening. Mr. Tate was an employee of the Pittsburgh Postoffice when called for service in the world war and in France he helped to handle the mail for the soldiers of the Seventy-ninth division. After his discharge from the service he was given his old job in Pittsburgh and it is in that city the young couple will make their home.

White—Dorman.—Epley White, of Spring township, and Miss Ida Dorman, daughter of Mrs. E. M. Dorman, of Lock Haven, were married at the Methodist parsonage in Flemington, on Wednesday of last week, by the pastor, Rev. W. A. Lepley. Following the ceremony a reception was given Mr. and Mrs. White at the home of the bride's mother and later they departed on a brief wedding trip to Buffalo and Niagara Falls. Mr. White is a well known farmer in Spring township and it is on the farm they will make their home.

Nighthart—Meskell.—Harry Nighthart, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Nighthart, of Bellefonte, and Miss Lola Meskell, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meskell, of Cedar Run, were married at the home of the bride's parents on Wednesday of last week by Rev. G. M. Shimer, pastor of the Methodist church at Mill Hall. The bridegroom is one of the members of old Troop L who served overseas in the world war. For the present they will reside with the bride's parents.

Sager—Aikey.—Harry E. Sager and Miss Grace Aikey, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Toner Aikey, of East Lamb street, were married at the Methodist parsonage on east Linn street last Thursday evening by the pastor, Rev. Alexander Scott. Mr. Sager was one of the Bellefonte boys who served overseas during the world war and saw some hard fighting.

Page—Loomis.—George W. Page, of Bellefonte, and Miss Georgie Rose Loomis, of Altoona, were married in Hollidaysburg on Saturday afternoon by justice of the peace C. Irvin Lewis. Mr. Page is employed as a fireman on the Pennsylvania railroad with headquarters in Bellefonte and it is in this place they will make their home.

Peesse—Bartley.—John Vincent Peesse, of Bellefonte, and Miss Sadie Bartley, of Flemington, were married in Lock Haven, on Wednesday morning of last week, by alderman Levi T. Carpenter.

Will sell a few shares in gas well in best McKeesport territory. Have map on hand showing location. —J. M. Keichline. 2-1f

Will have a car load of Larro feed in a few days.—J. S. Waite & Co. 5-2t

Socially.

Mrs. W. F. Reynolds was hostess, Tuesday night, at the February meeting of the Bellefonte Chapter of the D. A. R. Dr. Martin, of the department of History, at Penn State, was the speaker of the evening, greatly pleasing his hearers with his talk on "Significance of American Revolutions."

Miss Caroline Harper entertained with six handed five hundred Monday night in compliment to some Bellefonte visitors.

Mrs. William Bottorf was hostess at a card party Tuesday evening, given at her home on Spring street.

PLEASANT GAP.

Miss Helen Noll is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Paul Keller, at Altoona.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Mulfinger are rejoicing over the arrival of a young son.

We have had excellent sleighing for the past two months and no indication of a let-up.

Frank Irwin, engineer at White-rock, had the misfortune to have several toes crushed.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reish and children were week-end visitors among friends at Oak Hall.

Daniel Irwin returned home from Niagara Falls a few days ago, and expects to join the Whitecock aggregation.

We have about five or six vacant houses at the Gap, but from present indications all will find occupants by April first.

The broken arm of Peter Shuey is knitting nicely, and it is to be hoped that he will be able to resume his avocation at the penitentiary at an early day.

Peter Shuey has rented the John Griffith premises and will change his residence on April 1st. Earl Rimmer and wife will occupy the residence of Shuey as soon as vacated.

John Weaver and wife have purchased the old James Brooks homestead at the foot of the mountain and will make their future home in their new accession after April 1st.

Thomas Jodon, our energetic cattle dealer is traversing Centre and adjacent counties purchasing cattle. He finds a ready market for his products. His average slaughter aggregates from 15 to 20 head weekly.

Dan Schloteman (retired) says that the Almighty never measures a preacher's worth by the salary he gets; still, on the other hand, that doesn't seem to be any reason for not giving him salary enough to live on.

Jack Noll's famous collie dog, "Laddie," visits more Pleasant Gap families than all the women of the Gap combined. It may seem strange, nevertheless it is true, he gossips less than any one of the entire aggregation.

J. A. Weaver has accepted a position at the penitentiary and is now numbered among our State employees. Edward Houser, who has been having a vacation since the closing down of the state road work, also started work at the penitentiary this week.

The Whitecock Lime Co. is progressing nicely. Quite a number of their former employees, who left the works to better their condition from a financial point of view, are returning and resuming their old positions here. They realize that Whitecock is good enough for them.

Mrs. Miller Newman, of College township, is visiting with her mother-in-law, Mrs. John Herman. Although apparently well when she arrived here, she took seriously ill on Tuesday morning; the family became alarmed, sent for the doctor, who exerted every effort for her relief. Glad to note that she is slowly recovering.

Henry Noll, proprietor of our new garage, is progressing nicely. He is not bothering about any six or eight hour law. Owing to the rush of business at the new establishment he has of late been averaging fifteen hours a day. Henry is industrious and proficient. He is a natural born electrician and all around mechanic, and is bound to succeed.

Our No. 8 grade grammar school will hold a box social at the Pleasant Gap house hall on Saturday evening, February 7th. Don't forget the date, but come and enjoy the festivities. The commendable event will be enjoyed by old and young, who participate. No. 8 is composed of the proper material to entertain and assure a most enjoyable time for all who will make it a point to be present. Everybody is cordially invited to go and enjoy a good time.

Hewitt, McNitt and McMullen just completed the cutting of timber located at the side of the mountain between Zion and Hecla. The tract yielded 25,000 mine props. Mr. Elwood Brooks, the veteran lumberman, is superintending the removal of the props to the Pleasant Gap station for shipment. Some eight teams are engaged in the hauling, a good paying mid-winter job for our farmers. The hustling Ripka farmers have two teams hauling from Greens valley to the station and it is alleged that they are clearing up \$250 every two weeks. That is going some. But it must be remembered that the Ripka's are out early and late, and never keep tab on the clock to know when to quit. They have a reputation as non-quitters.

The management of our state roads are prevailing on Noll Bros. to again open their hotel. From fifteen to twenty regular boarders are guaranteed throughout all next season in the event that the same will reopen. That, in connection with the patronage of the traveling public would no doubt prove a profitable venture. It is true that the cost of living is up to a high standard, but with a downward tendency apparent. The advanced rates of boarding should meet any emergency. It is the consensus of opinion here that if the proper party would open the old landmark for the accommodation of the public their efforts would be rewarded with success. It is to be hoped that the grand opening of the hotel will be announced at an early day.