

# Democratic Watchman

Bellefonte, Pa., May 14, 1920.

## PLEASANT GAP.

Since the weather conditions have improved an army of men, women and children about the Gap are industriously engaged in gardening.

Ed. and George Emel, former employees at the Whiterock quarries, who left here some time ago to better their condition, have returned and are again on the Whiterock payroll; the boys were eager to come back and now declare that Whiterock is good enough for them.

Mrs. Leslie Miller and children, formerly of Pleasant Gap, but for several years residing at Woodlawn, Beaver county, who have been visiting Mrs. Miller's mother at Millheim, completed their vacation by spending a few days at the J. T. Noll home at the Gap, before returning to their home.

A rather suspicious character, who was the possessor of a handsome umbrella asked me a few days ago if stealing an umbrella was a sin? It is not so declared in the decalogue, or, at least, not in the old version. Common law is silent on the subject, probably because it existed before the umbrella became a thing of prey. The unwritten law, or common usage, appears to regard the appropriation of an umbrella in time of rain as one of the inalienable rights of freemen; classing it probably, under the head of "works of charity and necessity." To take an umbrella when he has no immediate use for it, will stamp a man a thief or a fool. The fool carries his umbrella in clear weather, and the wise man when it rains.

Peter Shuey, a few evenings ago, after leaving the Stitzer store, and on his way home, ran against a young lady (the night was cloudy and dark) creating a very unpleasant sensation. The young lady screamed at the top of her voice, ran into the nearest house available and said a negro attempted to assault her. The poor girl was no doubt sincere in her allegations but the incident was a clear case of imagination and fear. Mr. Shuey later liquidated the occurrence satisfactorily to all concerned, thus sidetracking a multitude of gossipers. There is no end to the trouble and inconveniences caused through fear, imagination, and superstition. Let us suppose a case. Suppose you were passing through a lonely piece of country after night, and there were two roads leading to where you were going; one which passed by a graveyard, and the other, although considerably longer, didn't pass within sight of the ghostly spot, which road would you take? Dollars to doughnuts you would take the roundabout way. Of course you would; and nine out of every ten would do the same thing. By so doing you will not be confessing to a belief in ghosts, or spooks, only admitting a frailty common to the human family. It is not necessary to stop here to argue that there are no ghosts, because intelligent people do not believe in them. Now, this may be putting it a little too strong, for there are some very good people who believe in ghosts, haunted houses and evil spirits. Such beliefs are much more common in Great Britain than in this country. Ireland has the reputation of possessing more superstitious people than any other country, but the facts show that it is scarcely on a par with Scotland, England, and Germany. There is no denying the fact that we are all touched with superstition. It seems to have been born in us, and no amount of schooling or training will thoroughly eradicate it. Comparatively few believe in ghosts, yet none, or at least very few, can honestly say that they are not afraid of haunted houses, graveyards and places where strange lights have been seen, or queer sounds heard. As an illustration: Down south, more particularly in Tennessee and Kentucky, most of the farmers have on their farms family graveyards. Surrounding this sacred spot is where they raise the luscious watermelons. The melon patch adjacent to the little graveyard is never neglected, whereas, if planted anywhere else the producer loses all his labor and melons as well. It goes without saying that the colored race are prodigiously fond of melons, and it also is a fact that they are the most superstitious mortals on earth. How many who read this can walk any distance through a dark, lonely place without their heart beating faster, their breath coming quicker, and experiencing a choking sensation in the throat. How many are there who do not whistle or hum the air of some good old hymn and walk brisker than usual, on such occasions?

It is usual to account for this state of affairs by attributing it to inherited superstition. This seems to apply well enough to the belief in ghosts and supernatural manifestations, but it does not cover the matter of temerity. For this some better cause or causes, will have to be assigned. This is not a difficult task if science is not barred. It teaches that sunlight is a nerve stimulant. Darkness, must therefore be the reverse, as it is the negative corresponding to the positive known as light. When the stimulus is removed, the tone of the entire system is lowered. This is so marked in nearly all species of birds that with the approach of darkness they become drowsy and seek their roosts. They are also more easily frightened. This is due to the well established fact that nerves which have become weakened, and have lost their tone are more easily disturbed than when in proper tone. This applies with equal force to man, as many events which can easily be recalled will clearly show. That which would create no fright at all in daytime may start a panic at night. Superstitious people and the unfortunate mortals who believe in ghosts and the ones subjected to fear, are entitled to the sympathies of mankind.

## A Hot One.

He—The woman I marry must know at least as much as I do.  
She—You are certainly very modest in your requirements.—Boston Transcript.

## Would Not Need Them.

Mrs. Newbride—When you found that you couldn't accept the invitation to our wedding, why didn't you send your regrets?  
Miss Royal—Oh, I thought you'd have enough of your own pretty soon, dear.—Kansas City Star.

## The Undeclared Office Boy.

"But didn't you get off once before to attend your grandmother's funeral?"  
"Yes, sir, she came near being buried alive that time, sir."—Sydney Bulletin.

## Love of Danger.

Young Man—Please come out in the garden with me.  
Fair Co-ed—Oh, no, I mustn't go out without a chaperon.

## Political Announcements.

### DELEGATE TO NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

We are authorized to announce the name of Col. J. L. Spangler, of Bellefonte, as a candidate for delegate to the Democratic National convention to be held at San Francisco on June 28, 1920, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the 21st Congressional District as expressed at the primaries to be held May 18th, 1920.

J. Frank Snyder, Clearfield, Pa., announces that he will be a candidate, at the Spring Primary Election, for Delegate from the 21st Congressional District of Pennsylvania to the Democratic National convention, and states that, if elected, he will support that candidate for President who shall have received the highest number of votes cast in said District by the voters of the Democratic party for said office, and will use all honorable means within his power to aid in securing the nomination of such candidate for President.

### DELEGATE TO NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

We are authorized to announce that Melville Gillett, of Smethport, McKean county, Pa., is a candidate for Delegate to the Republican National Convention, to be held in Chicago, in June, 1920, subject to the decision of the Republican voters of the 21st Congressional District as expressed at the primaries to be held May 18th, 1920.

### ASSEMBLY.

We are authorized to announce the name of Frank E. Naginoy, of Bellefonte, as a candidate for nomination for Assemblyman for Centre county, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county as expressed at the primaries to be held on May 18th, 1920.

### FOR ASSEMBLY.

We are authorized to announce the name of L. L. Harvey, of Bellefonte, as a candidate for the Legislature, subject to the decision of the Republican voters as expressed at the primaries on May 18th, 1920.

Young Man—But we don't need Fair Co-ed—Then I don't want to go.—St. Augustine Record.



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(Political Advertisement.)

## Governor Sproul Can be Nominated FOR PRESIDENT

if Pennsylvania Republicans elect as National Delegates men who will stand or fall with him—who will be loyal to the end. Every friend of Governor Sproul should

### Vote for

HARRY B. SCOTT AND AUGUSTUS H. GAFFNEY  
Philipsburg, Pa. Kane, Pa.

### For National Delegates

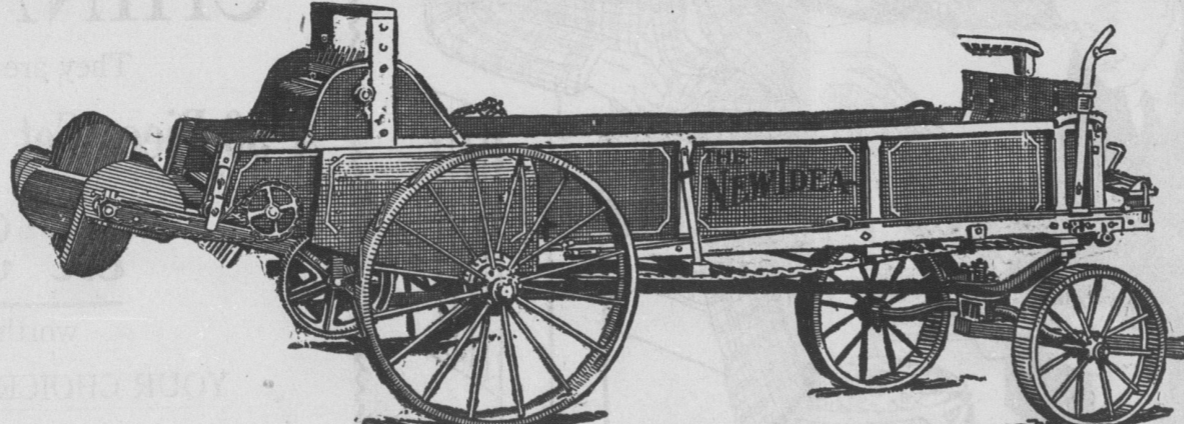
### BECAUSE

they are the only candidates for National Delegates in the 21st District who are not using Governor Sproul's name to elect themselves, but who will go to the Chicago Convention to help nominate him. They have no second, third or any other choice. As Pennsylvanians, their motto at Chicago will be:—

## Pennsylvania for a Pennsylvanian

FIRST LAST ALL THE TIME

Primaries, May 18th, 1920.



BUILT like a wagon. Solid bottom bed with heavy cross pieces, and supported by full width of sides. Front and rear wheels track. Axles coupled together with angle steel reach; coupled short, dividing load between front and rear axle. Wide-tired wheels. No moving parts on rear axle. Axle not used as a bearing for gears to run on. Chain-Driven Exclusively. Positively not a worm or cog gear on the machine. No clutch. Operated by only two levers. The lightest, easiest running and most practical Spreader. Dubbs' Implement and Seed Store.

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Shoes.

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The Price is Only \$6.50 and \$7.00

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### MAY SPECIALS!

We are going to make this month the banner month in all our departments by marking down our prices.

### Coats and Coat Suits--May Prices.

This mark-down May sale will give each customer the opportunity to save from 20 to 50 per cent. on every Coat and Suit—all this season's models. Sport Coats from \$10 up. Full length Coats from \$15 up. Ladies' Suits from \$23 up.

### Shirt Waists.

All Shirt Waists are put in the May special sale. New models of fine Voile from \$2.25 up.

### Sweaters.

Slip-over Sweaters, Children's Sweaters and Tuxedos are in the May reduction.

### Middies and MIDDIE Blouses.

Regulation Middies and Hand-Smoked Blouses, all colors.

### Shoes.

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Men's Work and Dress Shoes. Ladies' Black and White, Cordovan in high and low shoes. Children's White, Black and Cordovan Shoes in high and low.

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