

**AT THE COURT OF SPRING.**

Tell me, ye pussies, in soft gray gown,  
Who is the notable coming to town?  
And why do you sit in this satin array  
On the willow bough by the broad high-  
way,  
Patiently waiting the hivelong day?  
Sage was the nod of the wise little head.  
"We attend at the Court of Spring," she  
said,  
"And we welcome the March wind, shrill  
and keen,  
For is he not herald of our love Queen?"  
The wind made this note as he bent low  
and kissed her:  
"First lady in waiting, the little gray  
sister."  
—Harriet De Witt Butler.

**WASHINGTON NOTES FROM A  
FORMER CENTRE COUNTIAN.**

By J. C. G.

The Pennsylvania State Society of Washington is outstanding among its comrades in the capital city. It is the oldest continuous organization of its kind in Washington and one of the most successful ever founded there, and likewise distinguished for its enthusiastic membership and brilliant entertainments.

Every member of the Pennsylvania delegation to Congress is a member of this society. It is further honored by having within its circle a cabinet member, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, and such other prominent Pennsylvanians as the new Postmaster General Hubert Work, ex-Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer, Gifford Pinchot, A. P. Moore, owner of the Pittsburgh Leader, and husband of Lillian Russell; General John S. Rickard, and General Farnsworth. The officers of the society are: President, Representative M. Clyde Kelly, an enthusiastic supporter of the society ever since his election to the sixty-third Congress; first vice president, T. Lincoln Townsend, vice president of the Electrical Supply company, born at St. Clair, Pa.; second vice president, Dr. John S. Arnold, Port Treverton, Pa.; third vice president, Mrs. Frank L. Crilly; secretary-treasurer, Edwin A. Neese, who has held that position fifteen years. Mrs. Neese actively aids her husband, having frequently had charge of the entertainment and served as recruiting sergeant in gathering talent within the society.

The purpose of the society is purely social. The meetings are friendly monthly gatherings. The best talent procurable is sought. In addition to the speech made by some well-known person, there is a musical program and dancing. Frequently stereopticon views are shown together with travelogues through other countries. At a recent meeting a particularly good selection of the coal fields was presented.

Membership must be paid up. No person is retained on the club roll if he fails to pay his dues of \$3 a year. The speaker at each meeting is always a person of consequence who usually has matters of consequence to bring before the society. Governor Sproul was present at the last meeting. Other men who have been guests of honor are Gifford Pinchot, Secretary Mellon, Hubert Work, General Farnsworth, James M. Beck and Secretary of Labor Davis.

The unique plan of the society for handling its work is the use, not of any permanent committee, but of a new committee for each service appointed monthly by the President. Only one person acts continuously, Mrs. Howard S. Reeside, who is permanent chairman of the reception committee.

Meetings of the society are always characterized by unusual entertainment. At recent meetings, the Aeolian Quintet which makes a number of the records for the Aeolian Vocalion, Lillian Russell and Miss Louise Hunter, just retired from the concert stage, have given excellent performances. Each meeting is a brilliant social event.

The Pennsylvania State Society was founded in 1907, the moving spirit in its founding being the late Col. S. R. Stratton who called the first meeting. At the end of its first year of existence its membership numbered 150. At present its actual membership is 1,000 men and women and the regular meetings are frequently attended by more than 150.

The first meeting of the year 1922 was held on the night of January 27th, a date long to be remembered by Washingtonians as the beginning of the great snowstorm, despite which 900 were in attendance. Gov. Sproul was the speaker of the evening and the entire Pennsylvania delegation to Congress was present occupying most of the boxes. At that meeting the New Willard ball-room was selected as the regular meeting place of the society. Ex-Rep. Barchfield, who lost his life in the Knickerbocker theatre collapse the night following this meeting, was a member of the Pennsylvania State Society.

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**STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH WARNS AGAINST  
CARNIVALS.**

In an effort to prevent the yearly incidence of venereal disease following in the wake of carnivals, the State Health Department has issued the following communication to all mayors and burgesses of Pennsylvania communities. A copy of the letter is also sent to State Fair Associations asking that they co-operate by refusing concessions to shows and exhibitions known to be of a licentious nature.

"The traveling carnival has been a definite spreader of venereal diseases. The usual personnel of such a group is of the lowest order and the female contingent are in many instances commercial prostitutes.

"These facts together with the stimulation engendered by obscene exhibitions result in a wake of venereal disease which, from an economic standpoint alone, is most damaging to a community.

"It is with no desire to curb legitimate amusement nor attempt to regulate the morals of a community that this communication is forwarded to you. On the other hand, in the interests of public health, it becomes our duty to inform you that the granting of a license for an amusement of this kind, called by whatever name, is taking a risk with public health.

"The State Health Department strongly urges the refusal of licenses for such amusement in the State of Pennsylvania.

"It is gratifying to note that a large number of mayors and burgesses have already taken this step. If you are one of them we congratulate you, if not, please give the matter careful and conscientious consideration.

"We shall be pleased to enlighten you further if any questions regarding this matter come up. In order to co-operate we will have the State police force notify us in advance of any exhibition to be presented in a given locality. They, in turn, will take the necessary steps to enforce the gambling and obscenity laws, in this manner overcoming any advantage which a carnival may have in getting a definite location for their show in the State. This will only be done in connection with local authorities and it is sincerely trusted that their services will not be necessary to any large extent; this owing to a general compliance through the State with the above suggestions."

**Real Estate Transfers.**

John Thomas, et ux, to J. T. Beckwith, tract in Taylor township; \$400.

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Absolem Liggett to Jacob Wetzler, tract in Liberty township; \$90.

Wm. F. Courter to Chas. A. Courter, tract in Liberty township; \$450.

Jacob Wetzler to Daniel M. Shank, tract in Liberty township; \$58.80.

County Commissioners to John A. Erb, tract in Taylor township; \$10.

Joseph Bumgardner, et al, to Wm. P. Courter, tract in Liberty township; \$150.

H. Laird Curtin, et ux, to Harvey Heaton, tract in Boggs township; \$276.

Harry Dukeman, sheriff, to Wm. C. Lynn, tract in Rush township; \$2,000.

County Treasurer to County Commissioners, tract in Taylor township; \$1.

Ruth M. Bair to Mary C. Biddle, tract in Philipsburg; \$1.

Wm. M. Biddle to Ruth M. Bair, tract in Philipsburg; \$1.

Ruth M. Bair to Jennie E. Harvey, tract in Philipsburg; \$1.

E. F. Harvey, et ux, to Ruth M. Bair, tract in Philipsburg; \$1.

H. Laird Curtin, et ux, to Charles Lucas' heirs, tract in Curtin township; \$1.

Charles Lucas' heirs to Annie L. Fetzer, et bar, tract in Curtin township; \$930.

John Singer to Charles D. Singer, tract in Curtin township; \$409.

Mary A. Craig, et al, to J. B. Craig, tract in Huston township; \$3,000.

James H. Rider, et ux, to Mary P. Minnemyer, tract in Spring township; \$650.

Maggie M. Shuey, et al, to Frank R. Tharp, tract in College township; \$2,000.

W. L. Foster, et al, to Percie L. Sandford, tract in State College; \$500.

Wm. H. Fletcher, et ux, to Herbert S. Schenck, tract in Howard township; \$4,000.

Jacob S. Williams, et ux, to Ernest Q. Spotts, tract in Worth township; \$700.

James E. Long, et ux, to James H. Quigley, tract in Liberty township; \$250.

St. Paul M. E. Church to Wesley Foundation, tract in State College; \$1.

J. R. Hughes, et ux, to Joseph M. C. Smoyer, tract in Bellefonte; \$550.

Louis Adelman, et ux, to Edgar R. Buzzell, tract in Philipsburg; \$8,000.

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**SCARCITY OF BUCKS THREAT-  
ENS HERDS OF DEER IN  
STATE.**

The deer hunting season in Pennsylvania should be closed for at least two or three years.

This is no cheering news to the thousands of men who get supreme joy out of the annual trip into the mountainous regions of the State in quest of bucks. It probably will bring a storm of adverse criticism and comment on the grounds that it is unnecessary and that there are enough individuals engaged in blighting the joys of life without adding further gloom.

Nevertheless it is a fact that unless deer hunting is prohibited in Pennsylvania for a couple of seasons at least in the near future the deer herds are going to be sadly depleted and it will require a far longer closed period to bring them back.

The reasons are many, but one stands out above all others. The bucks have been killed off to such an extent that now there are not enough remaining to maintain the necessary propagation rate.

This is not wild reform propaganda; it is said as the result of personal experience and investigation aided by the views of men who are experts on wild game.

True, there are deer in Pennsylvania—plenty of them, the mountainous regions are full of them—but most of them are does.

A ratio of one buck to four or five or even six does should maintain the herds, but at present it is doubtful whether there is one buck to each twenty-five does in Pennsylvania.

And this despite the efforts of a very capable State Game Commission, one of the best in the entire world, as a matter of fact.

Does are plentiful, bucks are scarce, what will the result be? In another decade there will be no fawns unless bucks are continually imported from other sections.

Then the does, too, will become scarce, and the task of bringing the herds back again will be far more difficult than ever before.

At the present time practically the only bucks that remain each season for breeding purposes are the spike horns of the previous season. The Game Commission must have foreseen trouble when the limit on horns was raised from two to four inches. Formerly it was permissible to kill spike-

horn bucks with spikes two inches above the hair. Then the minimum was raised to four inches because so many baby bucks and does were killed by mistake or by hunters simply taking a chance. Any one who has hunted deer knows that it is absurd to look for four-inch horns in the brush. It is difficult enough to see full grown horns. Spike horns serve for propagating purposes in a pinch, but continued breeding from the spike horns means that the herds are being recruited from immature sires and must suffer in consequence.

Of course, there are a few stray bucks of regal proportions. The figures compiled by the Game Commission on the season's kill prove this. But they really represent pretty nearly the last of the big fellows that should serve as the backbone for future increases.

During the last season I spent a couple of days wandering through a mountainous section that had formerly been a paradise for the deer hunter. Each year it used to furnish hundreds of bucks. This season something less than twenty were killed in the district and there were ten times as many hunters, so many, in fact, that they literally knew the front name and address of every doe and fawn in that particular section of the mountains. During one day's tramp I saw more than twenty does and one spike horn buck without even encountering the spoor of a real big fellow.

Undoubtedly any agitation along these lines will bring protests galore from those who do not want to be denied the sport for a couple of years, even with the knowledge that the compensation at the expiration of that time will more than make it worth while. This spirit is evidenced by the words of one mountaineer who discussed the subject thus:

"Yes, the bucks are about cleaned out, but there's a few left, and who wants to quit hunting? Let the State import some."

That is always the trouble. While there are a few of anything left the opposition to giving them a chance to increase is always strong.

But in this case it is really a serious problem, and the State officials must take some action.—By T. Von Ziekursch.

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