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Country Correspondence

Items of Interest Dished Up for the Delectation of "Watchman" Readers by a Corps of Gifted Correspondents.

PINE GROVE MENTION.

N. O. Dreiblebis is putting up a one hundred ton tile silo.

Jack Frost laid his icy touch on the garden truck on Monday morning.

Bumgardner and Moore shipped a car load of cows from this section last week.

An effort is being made to have the Gatesburg school reopened for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Williams motored to Tyrone on Saturday to visit Fred Williams.

John M. Keichline Esq., of Bellefonte, spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. W. K. Goss.

Mr. and Mrs. John Coble, of Leont, were over Sunday visitors at the Will Thompson home.

S. E. Ward is now engaged in putting a galvanized iron roof on the Samuel Fleming house.

Traford Roush Mertz, of Cincinnati, is spending his vacation here among the scenes of his youth.

A number of friends were entertained at a porch party at the S. E. Ward home on Tuesday night.

The venerable Thomas A. Frank, who has been ill at his home in the Glades, is now improving.

Mrs. Maude Fry, of Rock Springs, spent the Sabbath with her mother, Mrs. W. K. Corl, at White Hall.

Ernest Royer, who has been ill the past month with a nervous collapse, is now able to walk about his room.

While watching a ball game on Saturday Mrs. Ben Everhart was hit in the face by a ball, causing a painful injury.

Col. Isaiah Beck, who recently returned home from the Altoona hospital, has about recovered his normal health.

Mrs. Clara Trostle, who spent the past month with friends in Harrisburg and Perry county, returned home last Friday.

After spending her two week's vacation with friends here Miss Minnie Collins returned to Philadelphia on Monday.

While berrying along Tussey mountain last Friday Cal Trostle and Mac Fry killed a rattler with ten bells and a button.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Thompson and Mrs. John Coble spent Monday in Bellefonte on a business and shopping expedition.

George Woods and wife, with George III, are here from Pitscain for their two week's vacation at the Dr. Woods home.

A fund of \$53.00 was realized for the Near East sufferers at the motion pictures in the I. O. O. F. hall last Saturday evening.

Joe Johnson motored to Bellefonte on Sunday to visit his friend, John Martin, who is improving from a recent serious illness.

Mrs. Etta Corl and daughter Esther, with her son Albert at the wheel, motored to Harrisburg last Thursday, returning on Friday.

The Roaring Run hunting club about twenty strong, which included the members and their wives, enjoyed a chicken dinner at their new lodge early in the week.

George W. Rossman underwent an operation at his home last Saturday evening and as soon as he regains sufficient strength will be removed to a hospital for another operation.

Thomas Glenn, of State College, underwent an operation at the Jefferson hospital, Philadelphia, on Saturday evening, and latest word from the Quaker city is that he is getting along very satisfactorily.

Every person who can do so should attend the farmer's picnic to be held at Pine Hall tomorrow. The Citizens band will furnish music, there will be a baseball game in the afternoon and a big festival in the evening.

The venerable Daniel Johnson is quite ill as the result of a stroke of paralysis sustained on Monday morning. His brother, Joel Johnson, of Bellefonte, who is past 92 years old, was up to spend a day with him.

W. H. Stuart, of Boalsburg, whose home was destroyed by fire last week, was painfully burned on the face and head while trying to save some of his household goods. He carried \$1600 insurance, but that does not cover his loss by any means.

Lester Gohen, a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Gohen, was married in Philadelphia last Saturday to a young lady of that city. The young couple will come here to spend part of their honeymoon before leaving for Florida where they will make their home.

Jacob Kepler and Ed Davis motored in from Johnstown on Saturday and it being Mr. Davis' first visit to Centre county Jacob showed him the sights at State College, Penn's Cave and various other places. Returning home they took Mrs. J. Will Kepler with them.

John Musser Ward and wife, of Akron, Ohio, are visiting friends in the valley. John was born and raised at Stormstown and he doesn't look a day older than he did when he went to Akron a dozen years ago. He is now employed in one of the large rubber manufacturing plants of that city and is getting along splendidly.

Word was received here on Monday morning of the death of Elmer Hoy, at a hospital in Ohio. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Hoy and was born at Pine Hall twenty-six years ago. He is survived by his mother, now Mrs. Vogue, of State College, and one brother, Walter Hoy, also of State College. The remains were brought here for burial in the Pine Hall cemetery.

All roads in this section led to Baileyville last Saturday for the annual community picnic, the biggest feature of which was the basket dinner. When it comes to good eats the women of Ferguson township are right up in the front row and their exhibits at the Baileyville picnic are always in the A No. 1 class. The baseball game in the morning between the Glades and Fairbrook was won by the latter by the score of 5 to 4. The afternoon game between Baileyville and Pine Grove Mills was won by the latter 14 to 3. The picnic committee cleared up about \$450. Visitors from a distance included Dr. H. Clay Campbell and wife and Edgar Bowersox, of Philadelphia; Mrs. J. K. P. Ward and Ellsworth Ward and wife, of Washington, D. C.; Isaac Ward, of Youngstown, Ohio; Mrs. Scott Bailey, of Altoona; George Waite, John Heberling and Prof. A. C. Weaver and wife, of Tyrone; Samuel Boop, of Lock Haven, and others from nearby points.

SMULLTON.

John M. Winters, of Philadelphia, is spending his annual vacation here with his mother, Mrs. P. D. Winters.

John Orndorf and Herbert Stover have improved the appearance of their homes by the application of a coat of paint.

Some of our folks have been attending picnics and reunions galore the past week, and report a very enjoyable time.

W. M. Grove, of near Bloomsburg, was in town one day last week doing some surveying work for evidence at the September session of court.

John Smith and brother, daughter, grand-son, and cousin were lively callers at the home of Herbert Stover, on Sunday. Always glad to see them.

County auditors Gramley and Stover attended the funeral of County Commissioner George M. Harter, at Howard, Tuesday of last week, the trip being made in Mr. Stover's car.

J. Victor Brungart has enlarged the size of his Hill Crest farm by purchasing a portion of land from J. N. Moyer, of Rebersburg. Mr. Moyer has sold the balance of his land to W. J. Bair.

We are informed that one of our Miles township pedagogues was given some important instructions by one of the school directors under whose jurisdiction he expects to teach school. It seems as if it were good for him as he seems to be quite a different kind of a boy. Good advice is sometimes profitable.

Rev. Noah Fehl, of Irwin, Pa., filled the pulpit in the Methodist church here on Sunday, and his discourse was very interesting and instructive. He spent his annual vacation with his parents in this place. He has made remarkable progress intellectually, as was evidenced by the efficient way in which he handled his discourses, and we are always glad to hear him.

LEMONT.

The apple crop will be a good one in these parts, this year.

The continued dry weather is beginning to tell on the corn.

Ernest Johnston and family are enjoying their vacation camping along the Bald Eagle.

The work on the new bridge is moving along slowly, but about as fast as can be expected.

What potatoes have been raised seem to be turning out good, with very few rotten ones.

We can hear the whistle of the steam thrasher these days as it goes from barn to barn.

Helen Longwell came up from her Baltimore home to spend some time with her grandmother, Mrs. Alice Williams.

The College township school board has teachers for all the schools, and intend opening the term Monday, September 11th.

The Gleaners, of the Methodist Sunday school of this place, and their friends, had a very pleasant time at their social held last week.

James Elliott and Mrs. Eve Ments, of this place, were quietly married on Saturday and moved to Houserville, in the H. I. Ailman house. Good luck to them.

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THE STRENGTH OF PROHIBITION

By Margaret H. Barnett.

The Literary Digest is conducting a national poll on prohibition, which is attracting considerable attention. Partial returns of this "straw vote" give 135834 votes in favor of strict enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment and Volstead Act, 145727 votes in favor of a modification of the Volstead Act to permit the sale of light wines and beer, and 76039 in favor of the repeal of the Prohibition Amendment.

Different deductions are drawn from these figures. Some add those favoring a modification of the Volstead Act to the number favoring repeal, and make a large majority against strict prohibition enforcement. But it would be just as logical to add the number favoring modification to the number favoring strict enforcement, thus making an overwhelming majority for prohibition. If we omit the middle class, and compare the other two, we have almost 136000 for strict enforcement, against 76000 for repeal, a very substantial majority. One newspaper jumps to the conclusion that the results of prohibition have disappointed some of those who formerly favored it. Is such a conclusion justified by the facts in the case? Before national prohibition was adopted, some States had state wide prohibition for periods varying from sixty to ten years, and less. All these States had opportunity to test prohibition, and instead of repudiating it, they all ratified National prohibition. In some States, Pennsylvania for example, prohibition has not yet been given a trial. But even with the very imperfect enforcement in this State, the results have been gratifying. As one example—the warden of the Dauphin county jail said recently: "A decline of seventy-five per cent. in the number of cases for drunkenness in Harrisburg is apparent since prohibition went into effect," this in spite of those beverages called "home brew."

Another example—the Legislatures of 1913 and 1917 appropriated \$220,000 to purchase a site and build a home for inebriates, the finished product of the saloons, of which there were approximately 11000 in the State. Then National prohibition came, and the work halted. Now a plan is on foot to ask the next Legislature to pass a bill permitting the land and the money to be used for a home for epileptics. Information will be given the Legislature of 1923, "to show the utility of an inebriate home now." Prohibition is evidently expected to prohibit, even in Pennsylvania.

It is significant that a number of the candidates for the nomination for Governor of Pennsylvania declared for Prohibition enforcement in their platforms. A few years ago would any candidate of either of the leading parties have declared for prohibition? The fact that there is opposition to prohibition should not occasion either surprise or dismay. There is always opposition to reform measures.

A study of the facts concerning prohibition will give a much more accurate idea of the strength of the measure, than can be gained from a "straw vote" on the question.

Prohibition did not come as the result of a sudden hysterical impulse, as

some would have us believe. It came as the result of a long, hard, steady fight, which began, in some of the older States, two hundred years ago. It was a fight which, for years, seemed to be against hopeless odds, a fight in which many of the fighters suffered financial loss, some of them even the loss of life. National prohibition is a wonderful victory.

After the Prohibitory Amendment was adopted by congress, it required ratification by the Legislatures of thirty-six States, seventy-two legislative bodies. The adverse vote of but thirteen legislative bodies would have kept prohibition out of our National Constitution. The liquor forces could not control even thirteen legislative bodies. What does this indicate?

Before National prohibition came, twenty-six States had state-wide prohibition, and all the other States but four were partly "dry" under local option laws, some of them fifty to seventy-five per cent. Even in Pennsylvania, one of liquor's last strongholds, there were about a dozen counties "dry" under judicial decisions.

Maine adopted statutory prohibition in 1858, and constitutional prohibition in 1884. Some years later the question was re-submitted to the people, and prohibition was again carried. It would have been a notable victory for the liquor interests if Maine had repudiated prohibition, but Maine did not do so.

Oklahoma was organized as a State with prohibition in its constitution. Three years later a local option and high license amendment was submitted and defeated by a majority of 21077.

Kansas adopted constitutional prohibition in 1880. Under this law, liquor could be sold for medical, scientific and mechanical purposes. The Legislature of 1909 eliminated these three exceptions.

Prohibition is strengthened by the attitude of the public press, and the railroads and other important corporations. Even before National prohibition came, hundreds of newspapers and magazines refused all liquor advertising and the corporations refused to employ drinking men.

Even liquor men admit that prohibition has come to stay. The attack is not upon the Amendment, therefore, but is directed against the enforcement of it. An effort is being made to so modify the enforcement act as to permit the sale of light wines and beer. But the forces which achieved

such a monumental victory as National prohibition will not go down to defeat before light wine and beer.

Law enforcement is of extreme importance. Any evasion or weakening of the enforcement of prohibition is an encouragement of the lawless spirit which would defy all law. Every voter, man or woman, should see to it that his vote or her vote is cast on the side of strict enforcement of our fundamental law, our National Constitution. Every such voter may feel assured that victory will be on the side of prohibition, in the future, as it has been in the past.

BOALSBURG.

Mrs. White and son John spent several days last week in Milesburg.

Forester and Mrs. Ludwig and sons, of Johnstown, are visiting Mrs. Barr.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Sommers and baby Betty, of Pleasant Gap, were callers in town on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clement G. Dale, of Houserville, were visitors at the home of Austin Dale, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Meyer were week-end guests of their daughter, Mrs. Lee Brooks, at Pleasant Gap.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Weber, of Huntingdon, spent several days at the home of their brother, S. E. Weber.

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