

Democratic Watchman

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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.

J. H. Bailey fell from a load of hay recently and fractured several ribs. The big Baileyville picnic which this year was held on Saturday, August 18th.

Fred Randolph and wife, of Huntingdon, registered at the St. Elmo last Thursday.

John I. Markle, of Bellwood, spent Sunday at the J. A. Fortney home on Main street.

Mr. Shank, of Stoyestown, was an over Sunday visitor of Rev. and Mrs. J. E. English.

The Baileyville ball team defeated the Warriors nine, last Saturday, by the score of 17 to 5.

Mrs. Samuel Grove spent Friday with her old friend, Mrs. Emma Peters, on east Main street.

A new toboggan slide has been erected in the Academy grove to the delight of the youngsters.

Mrs. Lillie King McCullough, of Clearfield county, are visitors at the Ward home, on Main street.

Harry Keller and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Williams made a motor trip to Huntingdon and Tyrone on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Livingstone, of Altoona, were brief callers on Sunday on a trip over Tussey mountain.

Charles Goss and wife, of Harrisburg, spent Sunday with Mrs. A. F. Goss, who is much improved in health.

Mrs. Margaret Grove has left our town and gone to make her home with the J. G. Strayer family, at Gatesburg.

Rev. J. W. McAlarney and wife motored to Hollidaysburg and spent the early part of the week among old friends.

F. M. Homan and family and Mrs. Harpster, of the Branch, were in town on Saturday afternoon on a shopping expedition.

W. Sherrad Moore, the popular drover, is out as a candidate for sheriff on the Republican ticket in Huntingdon county.

John F. Garner and daughter, Miss Julia, came over from State College and spent Monday evening with friends in town.

Our baseball nine still holds the lead. Last Friday they defeated the strong State College aggregation by the score of 17 to 3.

Samuel Everhart Goss, of Lancaster, was here for a week's vacation with his wife and son Jack, returning home yesterday morning.

Frank Keller has sold his farm near State College to the Leather Bros., who will sell it out in lots. It will be known as East State College.

Charles M. Stover, the hustling agent for the International Harvester Co., delivered a gang plow to S. A. Homan, at Baileyville, last Friday.

The road from Pine Grove Mills across Tussey mountain is being put in good shape for automobile travel, thus affording a short cut to Huntingdon and Bellefonte.

Earl Calvert and wife and Mr. Calvert's mother, Mrs. Emma Calvert, of Altoona, and the Samuel A. Homan family picnicked at Paw Park park, on Spruce creek, last Sunday.

Mrs. John Garner, Mrs. William Spotts and Mrs. Lydia Resides, all of State College, attended the funeral of their brother-in-law, Garrett Smith, at Candy, N. J., on Tuesday.

Misses Betty and Margaret Bloom, of State College, were entertained at dinner last Friday by the Dannelly sisters, while Mrs. Adaline Fye visited at the Mrs. Sue Peters home.

On going to the barn last Friday morning, Milton Wieland, who lives on the W. Miles Walker farm at Fairbrook, discovered that one of his best horses had committed suicide by hanging itself.

The wheat crop, only about a sixty per cent. yield, has about all been harvested in this vicinity. The corn and oats have picked up considerably during the past two weeks, owing to the frequent rains.

During the electric storm which passed over this section last week the Judy home at Baileyville was struck by lightning. Little damage was done but both Mrs. Judy and her daughter were stunned by the shock.

Mr. and Mrs. George P. Irvin, Mrs. E. D. Isenberg and Mr. and Mrs. John Bell will compose a motor party who will leave this morning for a two

JACKSONVILLE.

Miss Thelma Montieth is spending a few days with friends at Hublersburg.

Joseph Dunkle and family were Sunday guests at the Fern Dunkle home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Orndorf, of Howard, were Sunday visitors at the William Orr home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Daily, of Altoona, were over Sunday guests at the George Ertley home.

Miss Helen Resides, of Williamsport, is spending her vacation with relatives and friends here.

Cincero Yearick and family, of Philadelphia, motored to this place last week for a visit at the home of Mr. Yearick's father, County Commissioner John W. Yearick.

Misses Ethel Neff, Elnora Weight and Rhea Kling, three young ladies of this place who are taking the summer course for teachers at the Lock Haven Normal, spent Sunday at their respective homes here.

Reed Deitz, Hazel Deitz and Deane Deitz, of Blanchard, spent last Wednesday with Mrs. Mary Deitz and daughter Josephine, putting in their time picking and canning cherries, and as the three of them are quite industrious a good supply of the fruit was put up for next winter's use.

The Little Nittany valley community picnic will be held at Meadowbrook park on Saturday, July 28th. Committees have been appointed to superintend the amusements which will consist of baseball, races and various athletic sports. A good band will furnish the music. The public is invited and a good time is assured all who will attend.

CENTRE HALL.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Shoop visited out of town over Sunday.

Mrs. W. E. Park visited her sister, Mrs. D. A. Booser, during the week.

Mrs. H. W. Kreamer spent the week at the home of S. S. Kreamer, at Lewistown.

Mrs. John Stuart, of State College, is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Jacobs.

Mrs. Florence Rhone Bayard, of Tyrone, spent a week at her old home, Rhoneymede, and with friends in Centre Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. John Breon motored to Harrisburg on Friday, going with friends from Bellefonte to spend Sunday with a son, G. E. Breon and family.

Mrs. Lucy Henney and son, Wilbur A. Henney, motored to New Bloomfield on Sunday to visit Mrs. Henney's sister, Mrs. James E. Stewart and family.

Mrs. Romie Van Pelt Smithgall and children, Helen and Drew, arrived in Centre Hall on Saturday, for a visit with Mrs. Smithgall's grandmother, Mrs. Susan Spangler.

Mrs. Laura Lee returned to her home in this place on Friday evening, and on Saturday afternoon Mr. Brisbin returned from a prolonged visit to his daughters in Hartford, Conn.

Mrs. C. D. Bartholomew, Elizabeth Bartholomew, Gertrude Ruble, Edith and Doris Moltz, Miss Ruth Smith and Miss Helen Bartholomew motored to Philadelphia, spending the greater part of the week with the J. H. Lohr family, at Rutledge.

BOALSBURG.

Mr. and Mrs. David Stuart, of Crafton, are visiting at the home of Mrs. E. E. Stuart.

William Sweet and family, of Instanter, are visiting at the home of William Meyer.

Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson and daughters visited friends near Philadelphia last week.

Mrs. Leonidas Mothersbaugh entertained a number of friends at dinner on Wednesday.

Mrs. Jacob Meyer spent part of last week with her daughter, Mrs. Lee Brooks, near Spring Miller.

Mrs. D. Keller Mothersbaugh and daughters, Louise and Nannie, spent several days among friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Springer, of New Cumberland, arrived in town Sunday for a visit with their daughter, Mrs. George Garman.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCrea and daughters, of Crafton, were week-end guests of Mrs. McCrea's brothers, Harry and Robert Bailey.

Employees of the former Linden Hall Lumber company are looking forward to a pleasant three day's reunion to be spent in the mountains and Bear Meadows.

Mrs. Susan Keller and grand-daughter, Helen Keller, of Rockview; Mrs. Emma Stamm and Keller Snyder and family, of Millbrook, were recent visitors at the home of D. M. Snyder.

The agricultural department estimates that the farm population of the United States decreased 460,000 in 1922. This includes men, women and children. The total rural population is placed at 31,360,000.

A CRUELTY OF TRANSPORTATION.

No animal suffers more in the process of transportation than the calf. Hundreds of thousands of them, new born, are annually loaded into cattle trains and shipped long distances with no opportunity to take food; thousands of them taken from their dams the day they are born. This goes on winter and summer. In some States much has been done by humane societies to regulate this traffic and to prevent the worst forms of cruelty connected with the calf shipping business. In many States the societies are not strong enough to make their influence felt.

A friend writes us from a middle-western State as follows:

"I have seen in some towns where the stock train passes through early in the morning, too early for the farmers to bring the calves in that morning, calves brought in to the station early the day before and left that day to eat for several days, with nothing to eat for nearly twenty-four hours before they were started for the slaughter-house, which took twenty-four hours more in the open car.

"No matter how long they are on the way, they cannot be fed, they have not learned to eat except by sucking their mother in a warm stable.

"I have seen carloads of these suffering calves and also lambs delayed during snow blockades the past winter, many of them dying from the cold, exposure and lack of food.

"In one snow blockade the past winter the railroad company was persuaded to have a carload of calves slaughtered at this station to prevent them dying before the road could be opened so that they could reach their destination, Chicago.

"Nothing but federal legislation against this traffic in immature calves will ever put an end to these abominable cruelties. The laws governing interstate shipments, we have repeatedly found, practically tie the hands of local humane officers.—Our Dumb Animals.

HOGS AT LOWEST PRICE SINCE TAFT ADMINISTRATION, DESPITE TARIFF.

Hogs on foot in Chicago are bringing the lowest prices recorded since January, 1912, the last year of the Taft administration. The price went as low as \$6.75 a hundredweight. Cattle as well as hogs are selling at very low figures.

In March, 1921, the months the Harding administration came into power, and sixty days before the "special agricultural tariff" was enacted, the average price of hogs in Chicago was \$9.42 a hundredweight. In December of that year, after the "agricultural tariff" had been in operation for six months, and the government administration for three-quarters of a year, the average price of hogs in Chicago was \$6.92 a hundredweight. Meaning the value of the hog at the farm had declined from \$8.58 to \$6.52 a hundred pounds.

The present Fordney-McCumber profiteers' tariff, which was supposed to "protect" the producer of hogs and other livestock, has been as much of a failure so far as the farmers of the country are concerned as its agricultural tariff. For the last nine months there has been a duty of 50 cents a hundred pounds on hogs, of 75 cents a hundred on fresh pork, and 2 cents a pound on "bacon, hams, shoulders, and other pork, prepared or preserved," but it has not kept the price of the farmer's hogs from slumping.

Farmers have learned from costly experience that the Republican tariffs of the last two years have done little or nothing to stimulate the prices of agricultural products or make the production of foodstuffs a profitable enterprise. On the contrary, the tariff has cost the farmers of the country—according to the experts of the Farm Bureau Federation—about \$300,000,000 a year more than it has benefited them.—Ex.

NATURAL WONDER OF "THE ICE MINE."

The State Geological Survey recently issued a report on the natural wonder, near Couderdport commonly known as "The Ice Mine." The report points out that it is neither a mine nor a cave but only a prospect shaft that was sunk years ago on a hillside with a northern exposure in Sweden Valley.

A member of the State Geological Survey who visited the place reports that the ice accumulation is neither mysterious nor artificial but explains it as follows:

"The hillside under which the ice lies is made up of a mass of loose broken slabs of rock covered with a thin coating of soil. In winter cold air enters the rock mass through many openings and lowers the temperature of the rocks far below the freezing point. Very little ice forms in the shaft during the winter because the air is too dry. In summer the circulation of the air is the reverse of that in winter. The cold rocks chill the air passing between them and it emerges at many places but noticeably at the shaft. Moisture from the humid summer atmosphere collects on the walls of the shaft and is frozen by the cold air which comes from the rocks."

The owner of the lands where the shaft is located has built a fence around it and placed a trap door over the opening. Only those who pay the price are permitted to feel the cool temperature which often hovers around the freezing point.

Fooiling 'Em.

Old Aunt Sally enjoyed a wide reputation among her acquaintances in Virginia for all the household virtues of cleanliness. Once, however, in order to sustain that reputation, she admitted resorting to deception.

A neighbor in passing discovered Aunt Sally industriously scrubbing her piazza floor and sought an explanation.

"Well," said Aunt Sally, "I kinder thought of folks sees this piazza clean they wouldn't suspect how mah kitchen looks today."—Los Angeles Times.

THE STINGERS.

Keep an eye on the hornets, yellow jackets and wasp family generally; they are a tribe that, like the Sioux, Blackfoot and Apache Indians of old, are not to be trusted. But something must be said with regard to precise identifications of tribal forms, for it is worthy of note that only the social or colony-living Hymenoptera are prone to give the battle, and often upon very slight pretext.

Those that live solitary lives, that build their nests alone, as the mud-daubers, jug makers and diggers, never are offensive, though they can sting savagely if caught. They use their stings largely to kill their prey, but never to defend their homes. And this seems strange, too, for among these solitary Hymenoptera are some of the largest, most swiftly flying and fiercest looking species, as the big locust killer, the long-waisted wasps and spider hunters. That they possess a very considerable poison is made evident by the manner in which their insect victims succumb.

Altogether different are the social stingers, including the paper-nest hornet, the common wasp and the yellow jackets, for, like their cousins, the bees, they possess a community spirit to such a degree that they seek to defend most valiantly their homes against all comers. They show absolute bravery without the least fear, and will tackle a trespassing cow as quickly as they would a rabbit. We have no doubt that an elephant, a tiger or a traction engine would cause them not a moment of hesitation.

Some kinds of these stinging folks are more truculent than others. The larger yellow jackets are as good-natured as Italian bees and will hardly resent a slow and close inspection of the exterior of their nests in stumps or rocky places. The smaller yellow jacket often resent an approach nearer than five feet, especially after the nest, which is generally on or a little beneath the surface of the ground, has been jostled by shaking bushes or even heavy footfalls. A sudden movement is apt to arouse their suspicious ire, so look out for a streak of black and gold coming straight and almost with the speed of a bullet for your face.

The big, white-faced black and white ringed, paper-nest hornet, perhaps the world's first paper maker, and responsible for the big global gray rot of that material hanging from tree limb or vine, is never warlike unless its colony home is actually attacked. This is a useful species from its fly-catching habits; it rarely builds where it greatly menaces any one, and yet it is ever an object for destruction by boys and men, which is really wrong, for hornets certainly should be respected because of their honest defense of their homes. Away from home they will not sting.

—Interesting remains of an ancient American race have been found on a mound at Santa Barbara, Cal. Scientists declare that skeletons found near the surface in their excavations were buried long before Europeans set foot in that section. It is estimated that the more recent remains found dated back at least 500 years. Not a tooth in any of the skulls unearthed shows evidence of decay although all are much worn due evidently to sand and grit in the food eaten. The front teeth in some instances were found to be as large as the molars of the average modern white man. The sutures of a number of the skulls had grown together, indicating that their owners lived to a great age. Among the bones were found a lump of yellow paint and one of red which passed current as money among these primitive people.

To Paint Mail Boxes White.

The Postoffice Department issued orders that all the rural mail boxes had to be painted white, with the names of the family or families receiving mail painted in black letters on both sides of the box, also that this painting must be done at least once each year. Boxes, too, must be placed on the right side of the road in the traveling direction of the carrier and in such a position that delivery and collection can be made from the conveyance.

—Over 250,000 acres of public land in six western States were offered open for homestead entry to former service men. The dates for filing entry will be announced by the land offices in the States. The land lies in Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Utah, California and Wyoming.

Real Estate Transfers.

Charles D. Snyder, et ux, to William Ellery Shannon, tract in Phillipsburg; \$2300.

Laura J. Friday's heirs to Conrad Friday, tract in Phillipsburg; \$1.

George M. Gamble, et ux, to A. G. Bashoar, et al, tract in Bellefonte; \$50,000.

Jacob B. Kerstetter, et ux, to Brade Steiger, tract in Penn township; \$1,000.

Adam L. Kerstetter to Jacob B. Kerstetter, tract in Penn township; \$400.

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Polly Williamson, et bar, to Edward Craft, tract in S. Phillipsburg; \$500.

P. J. Neill, et ux, to J. B. Neill, tract in Matternville; \$262.50.

Robert Simcox, et ux, to Frank R. Beals, tract in Rush township; \$1500.

J. A. Halderman, et ux, to Melville H. Green, et ux, tract in College township; \$1075.

Grover C. Glenn, et al, to Beta Alpha Building Corp., of Kappa Alpha Fraternity, tract in State College; \$25,000.

Charles F. Schad, et al, to Irving Warner, tract in Spring township; \$1,000.

L. Frank Mayes, treasurer, to Commissioners of Centre county, tract in Taylor township; \$22.45.

Nelson A. Shope, et ux, to John N. Krumrine, tract in College township; \$1.

Leonard Smeal, et ux, to John McCabe, et ux, tract in Phillipsburg; \$5650.

John N. Beck, et al, trustee to Clara A. Beck, et al, tract in Walker township; \$12,100.

Ella C. Miller, et bar, to A. Frank Hockman, tract in Walker township; \$2,000.

Julia Beightol, et al, to Noah Hahn, et ux, tract in Burnside township; \$750.

William Colpetzer, et ux, to Keturah E. Kraper, tract in Benner township; \$1.

William Williams, et ux, to James Beals, tract in Snow Shoe; \$1,000.

Pauline Wertz to Warren E. Townsend, tract in Phillipsburg; \$4500.

Phillipsburg Coal & Land Co. to Haswill Hozloski, tract in Rush township; \$250.

Charles E. Chamberlaine, et ux, to Herbert L. Cole, tract in College township; \$350.

Josephine Alexander to Charles E. Chamberlin, tract in College township; \$225.

Mary E. Lingle, et bar, to Charles F. Schad, et al, tract in Spring township; \$100.

Frank Sasseraman, Clerk of Orphans court, to J. Howard Lingle's heirs, tract in Spring township; \$2,400.

Jesse T. Leathers, et ux, to Jennie Ruch, tract in Howard; \$1.

Bertha Batschelet, et al, to Eugene E. Sutton, et al, tract in Liberty township; \$4,700.

Eugene E. Sutton, et ux, to W. M. Bickford, tract in Liberty township; \$1.

George W. Miller to D. A. McDowell, tract in Spring township; \$340.

Sarah E. Garis to Florence Deitrick, tract in State College; \$1,800.

Henry A. Sowers, et ux, to William M. Sowers, tract in State College; \$125.

William M. Sowers, et ux, to Joseph I. Weaver, tract in State College; \$500.

Eva M. Kirk, et bar, to Edwin D. Roan, et ux, tract in Spring township; \$5,500.

Mary Alice Wherry to Esther L. Allen, tract in Potter township; \$80.

Phillipsburg Coal & Land Co. to John B. Pedrazzina, tract in Rush township; \$230.

Carmela Lamancusa, et al, to Louie Burlozzi, tract in Rush township; \$3,100.

Anna T. H. Henszey, et bar, to Alumni Association Penn State Chapter of Delta Upsilon Fraternity, tract in State College; \$900.

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