



FORESTERS IN SEVEN MOUNTAINS

Festoon Roadways With Snakes—The Unsuspecting Shiver and Questions How He Got There

The state foresters, who are building road in the Seven Mountains, are giving expression to their esthetic natures. This particular territory is very alive with snakes—the rattle snake predominating in number, while the dreaded copper, black and various striped species, more or less vicious reptiles, also abound. The method of road building is to cut away the underbrush to the width of fifty or more feet, which permits the strip to be used as a driveway, but the main idea is to protect the state lands against forest fires. The brush, rubbish, and leaves are removed from the roadway, and as a rule such a clean path checks the onward march of "mountain fires." The foresters take delight in cutting the brush to the line of the surveyor, but not content with this, the hundreds of reptiles killed are festooned along the brush-edge of the roadway in such a manner as only a forester can conceive. The forester in charge permits the killing of snakes only when found within a fixed distance from the roadway, this regulation being necessary so that not too much time of the state's employes is devoted to crushing with the heel the serpent's head. These trained woodsmen enjoy the experience of leading the uninitiated from Patsy Garrity's headquarters, in the Seven Mountains, through these festooned avenues. The unsuspecting hears the rattle of the bell-snake in the distance, but is told that the reptiles are holding carnivals and consequently desporting themselves on the bushes at that particular hour. Invariable the city-bred shiver himself and asks whether it was Milfill or Centre county he last passed through.

New M. E. Church.

Work on the foundation for the new Methodist church at State College is progressing nicely. Contractor Flynn has a large force of men at work laying concrete in order to strengthen the foundation walls. In some places the concrete work will be from ten to fifteen feet thick. This has been found necessary, owing to the nature of the soil. This will be completed in a few days and the masons will begin laying the walls. So many modifications have been made in the plans for the exterior that it will be some weeks ere the details are worked out. The building, however, will be fashioned somewhat after the famous Pine Street church, Williamsport, which is considered the handsomest structure of its kind in the state.

From Jail to Pen.

The superior court, sitting at Philadelphia, through Judge Porter, handed down a decision in the Alva Force larceny case, which had been appealed from the Clinton county court affirming the same. Force was convicted of stealing a razor from the Clinton county jail, while he was an inmate of that bastille on a charge of stealing cement bags from the Clinton Ice and Coal Company, and sentenced to the penitentiary by Judge Harry Alvan Hall, where he is yet. Through C. S. McCormick, Esq., Force's attorney, an appeal was taken from Judge Hall's decision, which the superior court sustains. Force will stay in the pen.

To Test Nominations.

An action in equity to test the legality of nominations of the various parties for state treasurer this year was begun in Dauphin county court. It was brought by G. E. Eiter, and is planned to secure a judicial determination of the question by restraining the certification of the nominations and their printing of ballots until the length of term is settled in the courts. An answer is to be filed within a week.

Telephone Picnic August 6th.

Branch Company No. 7 and 8 of the Patrons Rural Telephone Company will hold their annual picnic at Rhonemede, Saturday, August 6th. This is an event looked forward to with pleasure by those interested in this particular telephone line, as well as others in sympathy with the telephone movement as conducted under the system of which this branch company is a part.

Ostrich Farm in State.

W. H. Hile arrived in Bloomsburg with six ostriches, procured in South Africa, the nucleus of an ostrich farm of a new strain which he proposes to establish in Columbia county. The ostriches have already been placed on a farm and this will be followed by the establishment of an ostrich feather factory.

The Business Men's picnic will be held at Hecla Park, Thursday, August 23rd.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS SUSTAIN

By Superior Court—Spring Township Board is Not Obligated to Arrange With Bellefonte Borough for School Privileges.

A number of citizens of Spring township, residing near Bellefonte, petitioned the court of quarter sessions to grant a rule compelling the school directors of Spring township to enter into an agreement with the borough of Bellefonte, whereby children of school age in that township would have the privilege of attending the Bellefonte schools, and especially the Bellefonte High School, and the expense thereof be borne by Spring township; the petition also asked that the tuition then due Bellefonte borough for the schooling of a number of Spring township pupils who attended Bellefonte schools, without the consent of the Spring township school board, be paid.

The answer filed by the school directors of Spring township denied the right to pay for such schooling, as they had a High School established at Pleasant Gap, and that the usefulness of their school would be destroyed. And "That in establishing the High School at Pleasant Gap they took into consideration that the largest number of pupils lived in and around Pleasant Gap, who were ready for High School training, and also that there was a suitable building at that place for the high school, and that the school directors exercised the wisest discretion possible, and that their conclusions are arrived at after mature deliberation."

After hearing the testimony, etc., in the case, Judge Orvis made the rule absolute. From this order an appeal was taken to the Superior Court.

The Superior Court, in considering the question whether the school directors were discreet in the matter of establishing the high school at Pleasant Gap, contends that it is a reviewable discretion and may be overruled, if unreasonably or arbitrarily exercised, but says that there is no statute pointed out to them authorizing the court of quarter sessions to compel, by a direct proceeding, the directors to make a contract with the directors of another district, such as was decreed in this case. The opinion concludes as follows:

"But this power manifestly does not include the power here claimed and it is needless to say that it is not included in the general jurisdiction of the court of quarter sessions," and "the order is reversed and the whole proceedings dismissed."

In short, the decree of the Supreme court means that Spring township is not obliged to enter into an agreement with Bellefonte borough for school privileges of any kind, and that the indebtedness already incurred by the pupils alluded to need not be paid by Spring township. It is inferred that no township can be forced to enter into an agreement with an adjoining district to school a portion of its pupils, provided the township has adequate school facilities of its own. The opinion is quite lengthy, but the substance has been given above.

Score a Tie.

Rain interfered in the eighth inning of the base ball game between Millheim and Centre Hall, at the former place Saturday, and when the contestants left the field the score stood a tie—5 to 5. It looked like a defeat for Centre Hall up to the eighth inning when the score read 5 to 3, but by a determined effort the score was tied before "old Japs" took a hand in it and put a stop to the game. The rain was undoubtedly welcomed by Millheim since none were out when the score was tied and the chances of scoring several more runs were good. Smith pitched a good game for the locals, but was handicapped by the absence of his running mate—Kerlin. An injury to this player necessitated the placing of a new man behind the bat, and this combination was not as strong as it might have been.

R. G. E. Omices.

Millheim Castle, K. G. E. No. 353, installed the following officers to serve during the present term:

- Past Chief, Charles Bron
- Noble Chief, Harry Hassinger
- Vice Chief, B. O. Muser
- High Priest, C. G. Hassinger
- Venerable Hermit, G. R. Boob
- Sir Herald, Ed. Garner
- Worthy Bard, C. H. Bron
- Worthy Chamberlain, Harry Confer
- Esquire, Sumner Stover
- Esquire, E. D. Keen
- 2nd Guardsman, Fred Golyer
- 1st Guardsman, Ray Auman
- Trustee, F. F. Muser

The remarkable story of Miles Poin-dexter, the standard bearer of insurgency from the Far West who has become a national figure in his first term in Congress, is one of the leading articles in Human Life for August.

At the advanced age of eighty-nine years and four months, Mrs. Rebecca Curray died at Port Matilda.

LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

Reporter Subscribers' Correspondent Column—New Department.

Your issue of July 14, page 2, contains an account of the lynching in Newark a week ago, but I should like the Centre Reporter, which is always welcome at our home, to have the facts of the case, heinous as they are.

"There is a reason for everything" and the tax payers of Newark and Licking county have been saloon burdened for many years. The licensed or unlicensed saloon is expensive to its patrons and all those directly or indirectly connected with it, which means every man, woman and child, and often the cat, has to suffer.

I spent thirty-two years in a small town where they have what Ohioans call "the Pennsylvania Model License Law," and it does not take me long to tell my "wet" friends that the old hotel at Spring Mills has scores of drunkards to its credit, and nothing that I have ever heard can justify the licensed or other liquor business. Our city voted "wet" about 1600 but the county vote overcame this and gave the entire county about 700 "dry" majority. The law became effective January 1, 1909, and the saloons were to close up, but it is no easy thing to quit violating law when it has become second nature to you. Liquor, under license laws, can not be sold to men of temperate habits or within certain hours, or on Sundays, etc., but these license laws were violated even after the saloons were voted out.

Men in office failed to support or enforce these laws and the violations were so flagrant that a Law and Order League was formed and evidence put into the hands of the Anti-Saloon League which sent detectives to serve search warrants on some of these places. Detectives were sent from a Cleveland agency to serve the warrants, but they were assaulted while reading them and barely escaped with their lives. They were stoned and threatened on every corner, and were given no protection by the city, except to be arrested and locked in the city prison, and themselves charged with assault because a saloonist was handcuffed. The other detectives, not put in prison, tried to get out of the mob ridden city. The subject of the lynching was "spotted" as a "dry" detective and on being pounced upon fled for his life, but after being pushed off a street car and later from an opportune automobile, the mob succeeded in capturing and pummeling him. Drawing his revolver the detective shot the saloon keeper, Mr. Howard, who held him. This saloonist was a policeman at one time, and was released from the police force under strained relations. He is said to have been a school teacher of excellent qualities. Think of it—teacher, policeman and saloonist! What a pity!

After a further brutal assault by the crowd, the patrol wagon was summoned and the half-dazed detective landed in the county jail at about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. About 7:30 p. m. a liquor infamed and factional crowd, composed of blacks and whites, assembled at the jail. The silence of the curious crowd and the constant urging of the baser element of men and women spurred the leaders to pound on the jail doors. Hammers, sledges and railroad rails were used to batter down the doors, which took about one and one-half hours work.

The mayor addressed the frenzied leaders, admonishing them to go home. He was consistent enough to follow his own advice but was later routed from his bed and informed that the lynchers had accomplished their end.

The sheriff, all the while, remained helpless while others treated the matter lightly. The telephone was brought into use and the militia at Columbus sent for. Upon the advice of the captain of police—the chief being at home in bed—the mayor telephoned to the city prison and told the turnkey to release the other detectives in his keeping lest they should suffer a similar fate.

It is useless to rehearse the incidents after the jail doors gave way, except to say that the prisoner, falling in an effort to take his own life by setting fire to his coat and wrapping it about his head, was found cowering in his cell like a trapped rat. With a wild harangue the crowd marched him about the public square with a noose around his neck. While attempting to leave a parting message he received a fatal blow on the head with a hammer in the hands of one of the infuriated mob. This was followed by a pull on the rope and the frightful affair was over. A half-hour later an officer (?) cut the rope from the body of the man which lay in the gutter. An undertaker removed it to the morgue where it remained until the following Sunday when it was shipped to the home of the young man's father in Kentucky.

The result of this winking at the

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PARAGON CHESTNUTS.

The Irish Valley Chestnut Farm, Owned by C. K. Sober, a Great Success.

The growth of the Paragon chestnut by C. K. Sober, the well known citizen of Lewisburg, at his famous farm in Irish Valley, Northumberland county, is attaining a world wide prominence in that not only is the National government keeping in close touch with the developing of the fruit, but other countries have also taken notice of the experiment which has resulted so successfully.

No one who has not visited the farm knows, nor has any idea, of the great scale on which the propagation of the Sober Paragon chestnut has been carried. Over five hundred acres of land extending along the mountain side for fully a mile is one huge chestnut grove. The young burrs are just beginning to develop for the year's crop, and the trees which are a beautiful green are well filled.

Such an interest in chestnut culture has been aroused all over the country and the demand for young grafted trees has become so great that Mr. Sober has been compelled to start a nursery to supply them. Fully ten acres have been planted and here rows of young seedlings have been grafted to the Sober Paragon nut and orders for them have been received from all parts of the country and Europe. There are at least three hundred thousand young trees in growth, and heavy shipments have been made in car load lots. One feature of the Paragon nut is the desire of the prominent nurserymen of the country to secure sprouts, but Mr. Sober has contracted with the Glen Bros. of Rochester, N. Y., to handle all that he can supply.

There are one hundred thousand trees bearing nuts at this time, and the yield this year will run into the thousands of bushels.

Prof. Nelson F. Davis of Bucknell University has just completed an inspection of the entire grove and nursery stock and reports them entirely free from the chestnut disease, which created such havoc in and around New York City. There is no trace of the disease in the Irish Valley farm, and Prof. Mickleboough, an expert, reports that he could not find the disease in this part of the state.

What the Local Newspaper Does.

Did you ever stop to think of the good that the local newspaper accomplishes? Of the good causes that it boosts, of the good deeds that it commends, of the encouragement it lends to individuals every day by cheerful and helpful notices? And then just think, too, of the many unpleasant things that the local paper does not print because it might do some one harm or make some one feel sad. These things are not taken into account by the city daily. But it is the purpose of the local paper to do good and not evil, and it often sacrifices valuable news articles out of respect for the feelings of individuals.

The local paper is always anxious to print the good things about people and reluctant to print the bad. It's object is not to do injury but to help everybody by a friendly boost just every chance it gets.

Excellent fiction is provided for the greater part of the August number of The Ladies World, which has just reached The Reporter's exchange table. The place of honor is given to a novelette by Anne Stollen, who has written too seldom of late years.

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law and allowing the lawless element to wailay the president of the Law and Order League, and throw bricks and beer bottles through the windows of "dry" advocates is: the mayor, sheriff and chief of police, after being suspended by the governor, later resigned, thus avoiding public trial; other police officers suspended, and the placing in jail about twenty suspects, who will receive a fair trial and justice meted out to them in the near future.

A widow and family mourn the loss of a husband and father, and parents weep over the death of a favorite son. They may alleviate their sorrow somewhat by taking advantage of an Ohio law which allows \$5000 damages. Our city, county and state, in disgrace and with bowed heads, will try to out-live what has been brought upon us by the laxity of law and intensity of feeling.

Knowing that your readers are not concerned about Newark and Ohio as I am, this letter writing will not soon be repeated. Nevertheless this is a common cause and an unequal contest, helping your brother, without a fighting fund, against the allied liquor interests, which have an almost endless fund at hand, but the cause is just and will triumph finally.

Yours truly,
G. H. LONG,
Newark, Ohio.

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NEW STEEL FOUNDRY

At Burnham Now in Operation—The Building 185x700 Feet

The new steel foundry at the Standard Steel Works at Burnham is certainly an active proposition—one that should add materially to the profits of the plant and the financial interests of the community. The building is one hundred and eighty-five feet by seven hundred feet, built of structural iron with the wampum tile roof. It is built in three spans. The first will be used for shaking out and dry floor, the second for wet sand chipping, and the third will be devoted exclusively to moulding of steel casting.

The equipment consists of four open-hearth furnaces with an aggregate capacity of 200 tons of molten metal that can be forced to exceed 240 tons if necessary. The ladles are sixty ton capacity and the lifting and pouring of metal and handling of flasks will be accomplished by electricity. The crane tracks are twenty-two and one-half feet from the floor and the chains all so arranged that they float clear of the ordinary man's head, which will eliminate the danger of accidents from reckless crane boys and swinging blocks and chains.

The advent of the new shop will double the capacity of the plant and accommodate one hundred and fifty moulders, their helpers and the necessary laborers. The first full heat of fifty tons was poured last week and proved a complete success.

Liberty Township Teachers.

The school directors of Liberty township, including the town of Blanchard, elected the following teachers for the term beginning in September:

- Blanchard High school, Prof. Shuman Williams; grammar, M. A. Rebecca F. Glossner; intermediate, Samuel Smith; primary, Mrs. Laura F. Beschdel; Monument, William Batschlet; Mountain school, Miss Olive Gardner; Hunter Run, Miss Mary Johnston; Bowles school, Scott Holter; Clark school, Melvin Winslow; Big Run, (Pole Cat) school, Charles Bolspue.

Business Men's Picnic Privileges.

The Passenger Department of the C. R. R. of Pa., will up to Tuesday, August 9th, receive bids for the various stand and other privileges, on account of the Centre-Clinton county Business Men's Picnic, at Hecla Park, Tuesday, August 23rd.

These include, restaurant, ice cream, fruit, confections, nuts, soft drinks, tobacco and cigar stands, and other privileges proper to the occasion.

Harris Township School Teachers.

The board of directors in Harris township elected the following teachers for the 1910-1911 school term of seven months:

- Boalsburg High School, H. C. Rothrock
- Grammar, E. H. Williams
- Primary, Mary M. Grove
- Rock Hill, H. M. Hosterman
- Walnut Grove, Blanche Rowe
- Shingletown, Charles Horner

Aaronsburg.

Miss Cortner, of Salons, was the welcome guest at the home of her uncle, George E. Stover.

Mrs. John Condo, of York, visited at the home of her son-in-law, Dr. J. Bowersox, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Kurtz, of Millersburg, and Merchant James Lenker and daughter, of Lemont, were welcome guests of Mrs. D. H. Lenker, last week.

Miss Rebe Miller, of Lock Haven, visited at the home of her uncle, Clarence Muser, over Sunday.

Prof. Leathers, of Curtin, accompanied by Miss Gates, of Mt. Eagle, were guests at the home of Prof. R. U. Wasson, one day last week.

Miss Lucile Edmunds is visiting at the home of her uncle at Oak Hall. William Ream and family, of Lock Haven, were the guests of his parents over Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Orwig, of Hartleton, visited at the home of her son, Walter Orwig, and family.

Postmaster Harter and wife, accompanied by Charles Mensch and family, of Bellefonte, took supper at the home of Lewis Mensch.

Ebon Bower, of Bellefonte, spent a few days with his parents and best girl.

Miss Leah Sweigart and Messrs. Jesse Kreible and John Fisher, of Philadelphia, have come to spend their vacation at the home of William Guisewite, which place is known for the best entertainment.

Warren Winkleblech spent the Sabbath at the home of John Detwiler, near Centre Hall.

Miss Martha and Beatrice Coll, of State College, are spending their vacation with their parents here.

Thomas Hull, who is employed at State College, spent a few days with his family at this place.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The Williams family reunion will be held at Martha, August 27th.

Dr. F. K. White, former treasurer of Centre county, represents this district on the Democratic state central committee.

Prof. White, a graduate of the Edinboro Normal, has been elected principal of the Ferguson township high school.

The Glen Iron correspondent to the Lewisburg Saturday News says that Miss Mazie Ertel is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Irvin Shirk.

Miss Lydia A. Muser, of Millheim, formerly a school teacher but now a nurse in the Bellefonte hospital, is in West Union, Iowa, on a vacation.

The Reporter will be glad to receive local news of real interest from any quarter. The columns of this paper are always open for news—news fit to print.

Letters of administration on the estate of the late John Wolf, of Potters township, are advertised by Mrs. Jennie E. Wolf, the administratrix, widow of the deceased.

Bellefonte will have its new school building ready for occupancy by the time the 1910-1911 term opens, Monday, September 5th. Joseph R. Shultz was elected assistant to the principal.

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets gently stimulate the liver and bowels to expel poisonous matter, cleanse the system, cure constipation and sick headache. Sold by Murray and Bliner.

The Bellefonte Times printed this personal: Mrs. Nancy Bell, of Pleasant Gap, and her daughter, Mrs. Mame Wasson, of State College, visited the former's sister, Mrs. Adam Weidman, at Bellefonte.

Bell telephones were installed in the farm residences of William Colyer, Roy Shaffer and Edward Wiser, all east of O. Fort, and they are convinced that the telephone on the farm is all that it is cracked up to be.

The August issue of Woman's Home Companion is the much heralded "Good Time Number," devoted to mid-summer enjoyment, indoors and out. The regular departments and the fiction are all full of the good time ideas.

Master Wm. Baker, of York, is the guest of sons of Rev. J. Max Lantz, at Spring Mills. The youth is the son of J. E. Baker, who is connected with the lime stone and lime plant at York and who entertained Rev. Lantz during conference.

James Wiser, the nine years old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wiser, of near O. Fort, met with a misfortune a few days ago. The boy was watching the horses eat their grain, when one of the animals snapped and bit off the middle finger of the left hand.

Postmaster J. Spigelmyer contemplates moving the postoffice from its old location on Penn street to a room adjoining his store building on Main street, says the Millheim Journal. The change will be made as soon as the new quarters are put in shape.

During these busy times on the farms, few country people find their way here. The rural mail service, the telephone, the automobile, all contribute to the farmers being able to transact business speedily, which gives them more time to devote to the actual labors on the farm.

Ginseng is being successfully grown in Centre Hall by Dr. J. R. G. Allison, who has several beds three or four years old. The plant grows in shady places on the mountains in Pennsylvania, but is difficult to develop under cultivation. The ginseng roots are very valuable, and sent from the states to China in large quantities. The beds referred to are probably the only ones in Central Pennsylvania.

The city dailies recently made reference to the death of Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell, who died in England, although she was an American by birth. She studied medicine in the University of Geneva, New York, and was the first woman who ever became a fully qualified medical practitioner. The writer often heard his father, the late Dr. Peter Smith, speak of Miss Blackwell, who was a classmate. The two graduated in 1848.

Time brings changes in principals of high schools as well as in everything else. Here are a few noted: Milford Fletcher, who for eight years was the head of the Blanchard schools, was elected principal at Howard, succeeding Joseph Weirick, who goes to Snow Shos. Prof. Shuman Williams, for a number of years principal at Pleasant Gap, follows Mr. Fletcher, at Blanchard. The Spring township directors have not yet elected a principal to follow Mr. Williams.