

SOLDIER BOYS HOME.

After Week's Train Ride Troops Arrive at Bellefonte Late Tuesday Night.—Boal Troop Feted Wednesday Evening.

Centre county's soldier lads—the Boalsburg Machine Gun Troop and Troop L, of Bellefonte—after six months' stay on the Mexican border, arrived home late Tuesday night. Troop L and horses detained at Bellefonte where an enthusiastic crowd was on hand to welcome them home. Lieut. Boal's boys layed over at Oak Hall all night and on Wednesday morning were escorted to Boalsburg by a big delegation of its citizens, accompanied by the Boalsburg band. Strong mother love induced Lieut. Boal's mother, who is past seventy-seven years of age, to make the trip from Boalsburg to Oak Hall early Wednesday morning to greet her son. The horses were taken to Camp Boal and the boys, numbering about seventy, put in the day with loved ones, and in the evening at five o'clock were banqueted at Boal Hall, covers being laid for ninety-six. The hall was beautifully decorated with the national colors and the word "Welcome" stood forth with a meaning greater than ever. A number of speeches were made and music by the Boalsburg orchestra was a feature.

A train of thirteen cars conveyed the boys of Troop L, Boal Troop, and Troop B, of Lyrono, to their destinations, the trip from El Paso being made by way of Dallas, Texas; Little Rock, Ark.; Memphis, Tenn.; Louisville, Ky.; Columbus, O., and Pittsburg.

Officers Installed.

The following officers were installed in the Centre Hall Castle on Friday evening:

- Past Chief, S. H. Gross.
Noble Chief, E. M. Brown.
Vice Chief, B. E. Potter.
High Priest, G. A. Crawford.
Master of Records, D. M. Bradford.
Clerk of Exchequer, J. A. Martz.
Keeper of Exchequer, A. C. Ripka.
Venerable Hermit, John M. Rines.
Sir Herald, B. E. Keller.
Ensign, Charles Crust.
Esquire, R. Keller.
Worthy Bard, C. E. Bradford.
Worthy Chamberlain, J. W. Stump.
First Guardsman, Chas. Stump.
2nd Guardsman, E. C. Lutz.
Representative to G. L., R. I. Smith.

Allison-Letch.

Budd Allison, of State College, and Miss Annabelle Letch, of Blanchard, were married in Bellefonte last Thursday.

Spring Mills.

Lloyd Smith, who has been sick for a week or two, is improving.

Mrs. H. I. Brian has been very ill with pleurisy.

R. G. Keunally went back to Burnham to work on Saturday.

Mrs. Claude Haines of Rebersburg is spending some time at the T. M. Gramley home.

Edward Jamison and family spent Sunday at the T. H. Jamison home.

Samuel Stitzer bought a team of horses at the Rebersburg horse sale on Monday.

The Decker brothers bought the garage from the Lee Motor company. Mr. Hoerman of State College has rented and will operate the same.

Harry Uisich has quit the condensation and gone to drive the Cornub oil wagon for the Atlantic Refining company.

Mrs. L. M. Allison is visiting her sons, Eugene and Clair, in Renovo for a week. Another little girl has been added to the Eugene Allison home making the third daughter.

The members of the Common Weal Club of the Y. W. C. A. attended the play in the Grange Auditorium at Centre Hall on Thursday evening and were very much pleased with it. It took three cars to convey them to Centre Hall. Those present were; Lois Ulrich, Marion Finkle, Mina Bowman, Miriam Long, Ethel Hettlinger, Opha Slagle, Florence Bariges, Katherine and Aita Sinkabine, Edna and Helen Neese, Carrie and Bertina Heckman. They were accompanied by Messrs. John Neese, Dean Braucht, Rufus Finkle, Mrs. B. S. Braucht and Mrs. C. P. Long.

The sudden death of J. S. Meyer on Monday was a shock to his many friends. Only a week previous he assisted in installing the officers in the Grange. He was a loyal member of the Spring Mills Grange, a member of the I. O. O. F. and a member of the Salem Reformed church. He took the initiative in establishing the Lecture Course at this place. In all these places he will be missed and his place will be hard to fill. The many friends of the family sympathize with them in their bereavement.

The Mifflinburg Telegraph tells of the success attained by three sons of Mr. and Mrs. James Leitzel, now of Reno, Union county, but formerly of Gregg township where the family lived. The young men, Paul, Roy H. and Samuel, are located in Chicago. The former holds a position with the Bell telephone company but soon expects to be admitted to practice law in the Windy City. The latter two are employees of the Chicago Tribune, in the press rooms.

LOCALS

Miss Grace Horner, of Tusseyville, spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. Edward E. Bailey.

The Old Fellows and their families will gather together in their annual social in Grange hall tonight (Thursday).

A detailed report of the boros finances for the year 1916 are in the hands of the printer and will appear in next week's issue of this paper.

I. V. Musser, of Mifflinburg, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Meyer, of Centre Hall, left for Columbus, Ohio, last week to consult a specialist. Mr. Musser has been in ill health for some time.

A baby boy came to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Reish, who tenant the Bradford farm at Old Fort, on Friday. Being the first-born in the family the parents are unusually happy.

Mrs. Irvin Stover, of Yeagerstown, who has been spending the past several weeks with relatives in Boalsburg, visited at the John D. Lucas home on Saturday where she was joined by her husband, later returning to Yeagerstown.

Centre Hall harbors a thief who is making a practice of lifting blankets from the hoods of standing automobiles, and it may be wise to keep an eye open in the direction of your car as it stands in town these cold nights. Recently George E. Heckman lost two blankets in this manner.

William Bailey, in full military dress, arrived in Centre Hall on Wednesday morning, after having remained on the cars at Oak Hall since ten o'clock the night before, together with the other members of the Boal Machine Gun Troop which had just arrived from El Paso, Texas.

Mrs. G. O. Benner, in returning home from a meeting of the W. C. T. U., on Saturday evening, fell on the icy sidewalk at Smith's store, fracturing her left arm. Mrs. Benner has been unfortunate in having both arms broken by falls on the ice, an accident last winter resulting in a break of the right arm.

The sophomore class of the Mifflinburg High school was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. I. V. Musser, whose eldest son Harold is a member. The occasion was one long to be remembered by the members of the class as well as those past school age, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Meyer, of Centre Hall.

The William Grossman farm near Tusseyville will have a new tenant next spring in the person of S. S. Horner, son of George Horner, of Pleasant Gap, and who recently came in from Illinois where he had been working. Mr. Horner will succeed Herbert F. Grove, who by April 1st will have finished his first year on that farm.

Messrs. L. M. Boyer and Cleveland H. Eduard, top-notch farmers of Gregg township, were callers on business at this office last Thursday. The former is the new agent of the rural telephone line in his section. The latter is agent for farm machinery and will soon come before the readers of this paper with a display advertisement along his line.

W. Frank McClellan purchased the "Young" farm from A. P. Leister, in Georges Valley, and next spring will move onto it. Mr. McClellan, for more than ten years, was one of the rural route carriers from Spring Mills. Since the change of rural routes, Mr. McClellan has been running the auto milk truck between Spring Mills and Mill Hill.

John H. Puff, grand deputy chief of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, in this district, installed officers in the lodges at Millheim and Madisonburg Monday and Wednesday nights of last week, and in the Centre Hall lodge on Friday evening. He was accompanied by the following members of the local order who comprised the team: Messrs. Milton Bradford, Clyde Bradford, Edward Brown, Earl Lutz, Boyd Potter, A. C. Ripka, Robert Smith and William Stump.

In this issue appears the sixtieth annual statement of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Centre county, of which Frank M. Fisher, of Penn Hall, is secretary. The company last year paid fire losses to the amount of \$7178.32. The business of the company has enjoyed a steady and deserving growth until today the risks in force are more than four million and fifty-four thousand dollars. An outstanding feature of the report is the amount of insurance written within the past year, represented by the figures \$901,679.00.

The state police ordered the youngsters not to coast on the state road on Nittany mountain. After enjoying this sport for many, many years it seems like encroaching on the rights of the youth, but conditions have changed so much since coasting was begun that at present the "long bob" would be a menace to every automobile that crossed the mountain when the roads were in condition to fully enjoy the sport. It is better to yield to the demands of the cops than be responsible for a wreck that might terminate seriously for the coaster as well as the auto occupants.

QUEER IDEAS ABOUT TEETH

They Have Been Worshipped and Are Worn as Amulets—Some Other Superstitions.

The mothers of Bretagne will not touch a baby's gums, lest the teeth grow crooked. Teeth have often been, and to this day sometimes are, worn as amulets. Sharks' teeth serve this purpose in Samoa.

There was a tradition that from the time Choroos, the Persian, carried off a piece of the true cross from Constantinople, the number of teeth in the mouths of men was reduced from thirty-two to twenty-three. It is needless to say, however, that mankind is usually provided with a full complement of thirty-two.

Teeth have been worshipped, and, in fact, are venerated as relics, in some religious shrines. Buddha's tooth is preserved in a temple in India, and Singhaleses worshipped the tooth of a monkey, while an elephant's tooth and a shark's tooth served a similar purpose among the Malabar Islanders and the Tonga Islanders, respectively.

The period of teething being an anxious one in childhood, it is extremely important to have it over with. In the west of England a necklace of beads made from penny root was placed on the child's neck to assist the operation, and one of amber beads was also thought to be powerful, either being considered a help; according to the complexion of the child, so were the different colored beads used. It was also said that the first teeth must not be thrown away when they fall out, for if any animal got such a trophy the next tooth would be like that of the animal finding the old one.

PECULIAR SPECIMEN OF WASP

Insect That is Becoming More Common in England Not Pretty Thing to Look At.

The other day a fearsome insect made its appearance in the window of a local chemist's shop, relates the London Chronicle. The chemist, placing a little chloroform near the invader, soon reduced it to a comatose condition. In color and shape it was much like a giant hornet, with a very long sting. It was a specimen of the giant-tailed wasp (Sirex gigas), which is getting much more common than it was some years ago. The larva is a wood-borer, and is supposed to have been introduced to Great Britain in foreign timber.

The perfect insect is about two inches in length, has four membranous wings, and long, yellow antennae. The body is blueblack, with yellow stripes, and the long boring apparatus used by the insect for piercing a hole into the timber in which to deposit its eggs has, to the uninitiated, the appearance of a terrible sting. When hatched, the grub bores its way into the interior of the timber, where it enjoys itself for three years, or even longer.

Light Bent Back by Water.

If you ever looked down into the deep water you know that you cannot see very far, but that you can see the reflections of trees and grass and sky along the bank. Light is a kind of wave that is turned back or reflected. In passing through a window some of it is bent back so that sometimes you can see your face in the window glass just as you can in a looking glass. Exactly the same thing happens when light passes from air into water; part of it is bent back. Sometimes so much is bent back that you cannot see into the water at all. All this depends upon the direction from which the light is coming. In some cases you will not see the light coming from the surface of the water but thrown back from the bottom of the river.

Open Necks and Health.

Portraits of famous beauties who have kept their good looks late in life always show that they wore open necks and heeled shoes, says a well-known physician. Certain it is that when the neck is restricted with tight collars the important thyroid glands on either side of the windpipe, the great stabilizers of the human body, cannot do their work properly, and the correlations between other glands in the head, throat and chest are interrupted. It is these glands which store up the reserve strength and vitality so much needed in later life and which regulate the entire body and head. The thymus glands in the chest are particularly important to growing girls.

Easy to Distinguish Them.

"A press of other duties has made me neglect a certain important matter; viz. how to pick a duck," volunteered Professor Pate. "The way to pick a duck is to say 'Quack! quack!' to him with a rising inflection. If he merely quacks back he is a duck. If he answers that it is none of your jammed business he is a doctor. On the other hand, if he maintains a discreet silence he is either a toad or a diplomat."—Kansas City Star.

Tango Training.

Rankin—I just read in the paper that a famous athlete keeps himself in condition by dancing. "Phye—is that so? I must recommend it to an athletic friend of mine. "Is he a sprinter?" "No, a wrestler."

FEEL CHARM OF CORNWALL

Artists Fond of Depicting Beauties of Scenes in That Famous English County.

It has been said that of the two hundred or more canvases dispatched each year from Cornwall to London "seven-eighths have been painted at Newlyn or St. Ives." Certainly, in the tangled streets of the little town, wherever a window gives upon the sea be sure an easel stands. St. Ives gets its name from an Irish princess, St. Ia, who floated thither upon a leaf and landed on Pendinas, the rocky headland which St. Ives calls "the Island." St. Ives sits by a smooth circle of sea into which a tongue of rocky land thrusts a bold curving headland, inclosing an inner harbor in the great sweep of the bay. Up the green hillside climb the summer homes, the villas and cottages and hotels, that belong to the transient St. Ives. As its mean winter temperature is but four degrees lower than that of Rome, it has a fair percentage of winter visitors, while in summer its hotels are crowded. St. Ives does not let its visitors interfere with its business, which is pilchard fishing—a picturesque thing to the idle looker-on, but heavy-smelling work for the fishermen—and renting studios.

NEVER BEYOND RIFLE SHOT

Farmer in the East Jordan Country Had to Be Constantly in Reach of Protection.

"Towers in Jerusalem" strengthened the walls, which were somewhat out of repair. "Towers in the desert" and "wells" were two absolutely essential necessities in the East Jordan country in Uzziah's day and to the present hour. In 1901 I visited Shobek, a fortified town less than fifty miles south of Amman, and, while standing on its huge fortifications, was told that the limit of its cultivated lands was fixed by the distance a rifle would send a bullet. In the same castle was a well with 365 steps cut in the solid rock leading to the precious water supply. Wells were dug at great expense where water was known or supposed to exist, but for every one well there were thousands of cisterns and pools "hewed out" of the solid rock. Both pools and cisterns were protected in many places by walls and towers of defense. In my journeys east of the Jordan I have no doubt passed many ruins and towers dating from Uzziah's time.—Christian Herald.

Cheese as an Aid to Health.

The long cherished idea that cheese should form only a small part of the daily diet recently has been challenged. Not long ago the United States department of agriculture issued a bulletin recommending the use of cheese as a cheap and wholesome substitute for meat.

An interesting and important assertion by a Swiss investigator is to the effect that persons who make cheese a considerable part of their regular diet are very resistant to many intestinal diseases, such as dysentery and the dreaded typhus fever which has desolated Serbia. According to Doctor Burri, the daily meat ration in the Swiss army has already been partly replaced by cheese, with excellent results.

Question of Tongue.

Some amount of confusion is caused by the pronunciation of the name of the town Kuprulu, or Veles, in Macedonia. The difference in nomenclature is attributable to the conflict of tongues. Kuprulu, Koprulu or Kuprill, is the Turkish equivalent of the Bulgarian Valesa and the Greek Velissa, all of which refer to the same town in the vilayet of Saloniki. The ancient Greek historian Polybius speaks of the town of Bylazora, and it is believed that the Bulgarian and modern Greek names are corruptions of this. The Turkish form, with slight modification, is the cognomen of a family of statesmen who flourished from the sixteenth to the eighteenth centuries.—London Chronicle.

Too New-Fangled for Her.

A South side young matron purchased a motor-driven sewing machine. She sent for her mother to come and see the new treasure. Her mother came, saw and sniffed. "I don't like it," she said firmly, "and I don't want one of them. I find the same fault with it that mother found with my machine when I got it; I have sewed too long by hand to be converted to any of your new-fangled notions," she declared to me when I showed her my machine in operation. "Look at it!—Lickety-scoot! Lickety-scoot! And that's just what I don't like about this motor thing—there's too much lickety-scoot about it."—Cleveland Leader.

Measuring Moisture in Wood.

Experts in wood technology have perfected instruments that measure the amount of moisture in wood, and thus have given to lumbermen information of the utmost value to them, since it has saved them many thousands of dollars in freight charges. According to one writer, 1,000 pounds of green lumber fresh from the saw and cut from green logs contains from four hundred to five hundred pounds of water. Nearly all fresh-cut wood is at least one-third water. Some woods contain twice as much water as others.

Shorter Name Lowered Taxes.

The city government at Tampico, the second largest seaport in Mexico, recently decided to tax all publicly displayed signs in a foreign language. Only names of firms were exempt. The tax was ten cents a month on each letter.

The proprietor of "The American Saloon" was particularly incensed when he had to pay the first \$1.70. He aired his grievance at the Colonial club so loud that it attracted attention.

"Make it 'el Cantina Americano,' and save the \$1.70," someone suggested. "Won't do it," replied the saloon-keeper. "Must have a sign in English to make it homelike."

"Then make it 'U. S. Bar.'" He did; and saved \$1.20 a month.

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LOST—A brown muff, on the public road between Spring Mills and Centre Hall. Finder please return same to VERA ROWE, Centre Hall, Pa.

Now, Boys, Altogether.

A man was about to be lynched by a determined but considerate mob. Before adjusting the noose the leader inquired:

"Would you like to say your prayers or indulge in any other brief amusement?"

"A little exercise might be beneficial, seeing I'm run down," replied the doomed man.

"What variety of exercise?" inquired the mob leader.

"I think," said the prisoner, glancing at the coil of hemp, "I think I'd kinda like to skip the rope."

The Cause.

First Chauffeur—Bill's been a chauffeur ten years and never run over nobody yet.

Second Chauffeur—Well, Bill's an absent-minded cuss. He's always thinking of something else.—New York Globe.

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