

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Arney, of Millburg, were guests over Sunday at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Arney.

George Tate, of Pittsburgh, visited his sister, Mrs. Frank D. Lee, who has been seriously ill for the past two months. Mr. Tate is employed in the Carnegie Steel Works.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Weaver and family will move to-day (Thursday) to Altoona where Mr. Weaver has purchased a house at 712 Third Avenue. Mr. Weaver is a carpenter and has steady work in Altoona.

Meredith Meyers, editor of the Democrat and Sentinel, Lewistown, is being boosted as a Democratic candidate for congress in the Eighteenth district. He is a grandson of the late Benjamin F. Meyers, who was elected to congress from the Harrisburg district.

A Milroy correspondent is responsible for the information that girls wearing knickers were debarred from attending the high school in that place. The readers of this item will no doubt vary in their opinion which way Milroy is moving—forward or backward.

To bring back the lighting system in Lokanton to its efficiency previous to the disastrous fire of 1918, residents in that burg are holding fairs and bazaars. It has not been decided whether Lokanton will build its own plant or be connected with the line serving Salons.

During Saturday night and Sunday three or four inches of snow fell and later a strong wind chased it about, banking much of it in the roads and other places partially protected from the air currents. Since it is the first snow to form banks this winter, will not dare complain too much.

S. S. Horner, owner of the Mountain Restaurant, on the State road above Pleasant Gap, is looking for the fellow who one night recently kicked in the door of his restaurant, for no reason other than pure meanness. Such an act can be performed only by one of low mentality. Mr. Horner states that a new door will be required. The restaurant, quite a busy place during the summer months, is closed during the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Stahl, of Altoona, were guests over Sunday at the home of Mr. Stahl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Stahl, near town. Mr. Stahl is a machinist and has charge of a group of men who pool their time. Their employment is in the Pennay shops. Although Mr. and Mrs. Stahl have been here on several previous occasions their marriage, which occurred the beginning of September, has not been previously mentioned. The couple are keeping house and are comfortably located.

Roy Schaeffer, the huckster, received an invitation to appear at a police court in Philadelphia, the charge being parking his car in a wrong manner on a prominent thoroughfare. In that city some time in January. The invitation is from the Philadelphia police department, but Mr. Schaeffer sent in his "regrets," together with the statement that neither he nor his Ford sedan had been in Philadelphia at the time mentioned, or at any other time. It is a case of the policeman intentionally or otherwise, reporting the wrong number.

The Reporter was pleased to have a call on Monday from Charles F. Stover, of Millheim, when returning from Bellefonte where, he and Dr. J. R. G. Allison and others had gone on that day to present their claims to the auditors in the case of H. S. Ulrich, of Gregg township, a bankrupt. Mr. Stover further informed the Reporter that Dr. Miller, of Beavertown, is about to locate in Millheim and that he purchased the Lloyd Bartzes home, a modern structure, in the western section of Millheim. Dr. Miller is a brother of Mrs. (Dr.) Frank, of Millheim.

Luther Musser, the Penn Hall musical instructor, closed a winter term of singing school at Pine Grove Mills on Friday night with a splendid service, which was much enjoyed by a large audience. A successful term is also about to terminate at Pine Hall where a class of fifty were instructed in the fundamentals of music. Mr. Musser is now directing his attention to two classes in lower Penns Valley—one at Aaronsburg and the other at St. Paul—both of which number some forty scholars. Mr. Musser has splendid success in his singing schools, due to the fact that his whole soul is wrapped up in his work. The revival of the old-style "singing school" is a good thing for the community. Time was when Centre Hall, too, had its regular winter term "singing school" conducted by some able instructors, and the young folks there learned the rudiments of music. The absence of this instruction is noticeable now among the younger generation. The Reporter sincerely believes that one of the most wholesome influences in any community is exerted by good singing, and the teaching of the art through the medium of the old "singing school" should be revived.

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Mrs. Ellen Stuart, of State College, was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Jacobs, in Centre Hall, the beginning of this week.

William Luse, Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Booger, Mrs. William Bradford and Miss Verna Rowe, all of Centre Hall, were to Altoona on Tuesday.

After an illness of nine weeks from dropsy, Daniel Deaney continues to be confined to bed at the home of a daughter, Mrs. J. J. Clark, at Greensburg.

Reports from the Lewistown district are that the works are gradually employing more men and that labor is being sought more than during the recent past.

An inch of snow fell Monday night, Tuesday morning was clear and bright, but then the sky became overcast and under this veil the snow remained during the day.

The Reporter is pleased to mention that James E. Stewart, of New Bloomfield, is in a very much better physical condition than for some time. He is again able to walk about, attend meetings and social functions.

Mrs. Palmer Drumm and Miss Anna Drumm, of Sunbury, sister-in-law and sister, respectively, of Rev. M. C. Drumm, are guests at the Lutheran parsonage, having arrived there Tuesday evening for a few days' stay.

Mrs. Robert F. Allen, of Williamsport, who spoke at a previous banquet of Centre county Democrats, will be present again on Tuesday evening at the banquet to be held at the Brockerhoff House, mention of which is made elsewhere in this issue.

Charles W. Wolf, of Aaronsburg, well known throughout this section of Penns Valley recently suffered a severe stroke of paralysis. His entire right side is affected and left him unconscious for a considerable time, but later he is being reported as very much improved.

David Smetzler, who has been residing on a farm near Bellevue, Ohio, will make sale of his farm stock and move onto a property containing a few acres near Green Springs, some fifteen or twenty miles south of Bellevue. Mr. Smetzler is a former resident of Potter township and a brother of James Smetzler, of Centre Hall, and R. J. Smetzler, of Potters Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Henry Smith and daughter Miss Margaret, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dickson, all of Williamsport, made an auto trip through Penns Valley on Thursday of last week, stopping for a brief time at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. J. Cloyd Brooks and Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Smith. The former is the head of the Smith Printing Company, and Mr. Dickson is a candy manufacturer. They were trying out a large new car, just purchased by Mr. Smith.

Messrs. J. Cloyd Brooks, T. F. Delaney, Edward Durst, F. E. Wieland, F. V. Goodhart, L. Frank Mayes and H. Leigh Ebricht attended the 29th annual meeting Group Six, Pennsylvania Bankers Association, held on Tuesday at the Penn-Alto hotel, Altoona. Among the good things on the program were addresses by W. W. Allen, Jr., Philadelphia National Bank; Major Lynn G. Adams, Superintendent of State Police, and Colonel Edward J. Rice, New York City. William Luse accompanied Mr. Durst to the Mountain City window shop and visit his sister, Miss Cora Luse, who is a teacher in the public schools of that city.



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MAPPING THE EUROPEAN SKY

Work of Photographers, It is Believed, Will Be Productive of Highly Important Results.

An ambitious scheme to map the entire sky of Europe is being carried out under the direction of the British weather bureau. The bureau, as a preliminary to the larger undertaking, has already successfully mapped the sky of France. Professional weather observers, as well as amateur photographers, in all parts of the continent are to be asked to assist. The work is intended to help the science of meteorology, the progress of which in recent years has been due in no little measure to the synoptic cards on which are reported simultaneous observations made at different stations. It is thought that even more important results and much more useful data will be obtained from synoptic photographs of the sky. The photographers will be asked to co-operate on lines much the same as were adopted in mapping the sky of France, an undertaking that was completed a month ago, and the results of which are now being analyzed. Exposures will be made daily, probably over a period of a week or two, twice a day, once at 9 o'clock in the morning and again in the afternoon. The photographs will be sent to the national weather bureau, where the causes of the weather conditions at the time will be retraced from them.

WRITES OF LIFE IN PERSIA

Customs and Costumes Were Something of a Shock to Observant American Visitors.

Arthur Sherburne Hardy writes interestingly of Persian costumes in "Things Remembered." He describes that of the ladies of the court as "a caricature of the costume of the corps de ballet, a dress which had captivated the shah's fancy when visiting Europe," and which spread generally through the upper circles of society. As to the costumes in general, the streets of Teheran offer none of those brilliant color effects which dazzle the eye in India, Mr. Hardy says.

Among other national peculiarities which the author found it difficult to become accustomed to was the apparent complete disregard of the passage of time, and the popular disregard of the importance of punctuality. He tells some interesting things about Persian rugs, some of which, he says, receive treatment as regards dirt which would shock a New England housekeeper. For the Persian spreads his rug wherever he may happen to be, to rest, to eat, to say his evening prayer. The gloss which comes with age he attributes to his bare or stocking feet.

Riches of the Ruhr Basin.

The Ruhr basin in Germany, extending 32 miles to the east of the Rhine, and practically the center or headquarters of industrial Germany, is one of the richest coal and iron regions in the world, remarks the Detroit News. It has the second greatest coal field, is the seat of the great Krupp works (at Essen), and contains a number of other manufacturing towns. Ruhr not only takes the lead in Germany in the production of iron and steel implements and machinery, but it also produces great quantities of salt and textiles. With only 40 per cent of its coal-fields being worked, the Ruhr valley before the World war was producing 90,000,000 tons of coal a year, and it also produced 5,000,000 tons of pig iron.

The valley is naturally of great importance—both from an industrial and from a military and a strategic point of view.

Isolated From the World.

Lonely St. Kilda, one of the out-Hebrides islands, with a population of 75, is just nine months behind the news of the world. When the West Highland steamer Hebrides started for St. Kilda on May 19, she took a big consignment of newspapers, periodicals and books to help the fishermen and their families catch up with the news, or to get acquainted with some of the latest best sellers. For many years the number of inhabitants has remained about the same. During the war the Germans destroyed a wireless station there, and since then the St. Kildans have had no connection with the outside world other than the very infrequent visits of the good ship Hebrides.

Audiences Throw Off Heat.

Exciting plays and motion pictures cause the bodily temperature of audiences to rise and result in the throwing off of heat so that judicious theater owners utilize such plays as a substitute for fuel, according to a Boston professor of note, who says that he had made actual tests on theater audiences, in Boston playhouses, and asserts that many theater owners observing this phenomena lower their heat supply as acts approach "the end." Fat persons, according to Professor Miller, give much more heat than thin ones as well as greater moisture, which is also beneficial since the average theater atmosphere is rather dry.—Scientific American.

Eastern Hauteur.

The sister of one of my friends recently married a Bostonian, writes Baird Leonard in the New York Morning Telegraph. "And where are you from, my dear?" asked an ancient dowager, surveying her through a lorgnette at the first function given for her in her husband's home town. "From Texas and Missouri." "Mersey! Is it necessary to mention both places?"

MAY SUPPLANT MORSE CODE

American Army Officer Said to Have Devised New Alphabet Superior to That in Use.

A vista for the extension of communication by radio, land lines and cables has been opened with the announcement of the invention of a new universal alphabet by Maj. Gen. George O. Squier, the chief signal officer of the army.

The new alphabet, hailed as the greatest advance in the science of communication in many years, is 2,655 times faster than the International Morse code now universally used. It is designed to supplant the latter, which was invented eighty years ago. The Morse code, General Squier said, is entirely out of date and unsuited to telegraphy as known and practiced today.

HARM DONE BY LEAFHOPPERS

Small Insects Inflict Immense Damage on Vineyards, Greatly Lessening Quality of the Fruit.

Grape leafhoppers, tiny, greenish insects always present in greater or less numbers in vineyards, occasionally do considerable damage to foliage and reduce the quality of the fruit, according to entomologists at the New York agricultural experiment station, at Geneva. Most of the damage is done by overwintering adult insects which in the early spring feed largely on strawberry and raspberry leaves, although they are also found on blackberry, currant, gooseberry, catnip, Virginia creeper, burdock, beech and sugar maple, declare the station specialists. Neglected fence rows, brush, weeds, tall grass, etc., furnish ideal winter protection for the pests, and vineyards in the neighborhood of such places usually suffer most from leafhopper injury. The adults lay their eggs on the grape vines and the young hoppers hatch out in large numbers, usually about the beginning of summer.

Cleaning up the hibernating places is one effective step toward combating leafhoppers, while very good results have been obtained from spraying over the young hoppers with nicotine sulphate in water or in bordeaux mixture.

Honor Awarded Scots.

The best English is spoken in Glasgow, or at least John Masfield says so. Mr. Masfield has given Englishmen a shock with this statement. While the Scots have consistently argued for decades past that the best English is to be found in Scotland, and especially in Edinburgh, it remained for Masfield, himself an Englishman, not only to accord the highest honors to Scotland but to hang them on Glasgow. English members of parliament, however, are not willing to accord any such distinction to the members of the Scottish labor party, as the latter are frequently hard to understand in debate. Masfield, who recently was judge at a Glasgow music festival, declared that the quality of speech of Glasgow children came as a revelation, and added that the children promised to be the best speakers of English. He even went farther and said he fancied there might be a time when the Scots would be the best singers of the musical world.

Improved Phone Service.

Edmonton people are now able to talk to those in Salt Lake City, Utah, 1,100 miles away, as a result of satisfactory phone connection established between the Alberta government telephone system and the Mountain States telephone system, which serves some of the western states. It is now possible to talk long distance on a 1,000-mile circuit from Alberta. The new connection was made at Coufts a few days ago, and a conversation held between Edmonton and Helena.

Rubber From Milkweed.

Rubber plantations in the United States may be a realization in the not far distance if the recent prediction of Henry Ford that the common milkweed could produce rubber in satisfactory quantities, is fulfilled. Nor is milkweed rubber an invention of Ford, but in many of the laboratories of this country, investigations have been in progress for several years as to the possibilities of the milky juice of plants of the temperate zone as a source of rubber.

Cook Kept on the Job.

Visitor—Is your cook going to stay?
Mrs. Speed—It happens quite by accident that she is.
"How do you mean 'by accident'?"
"She dropped a saucepan on her foot and can't walk."—London Answers.

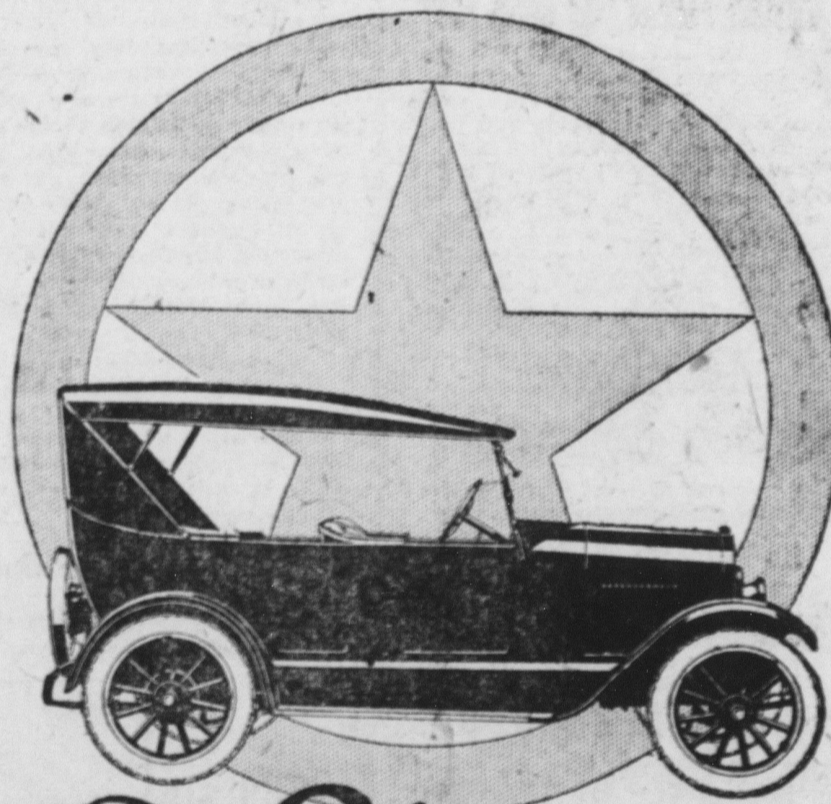
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