

Correspondents' Department

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JULIAN.

Among the sick list John Parsons is somewhat improved, also Mrs. J. P. Tallhelm; but Mrs. Hartcock is still very low at this time and poor hopes for her recovery.

Geo. W. Parsons and wife, of Williamsport, spent Sunday and Monday with Mr. Parson's father.

Earnest Moore left on Sunday morning for Dayton, W. Va., where he will work this winter in a lumber camp.

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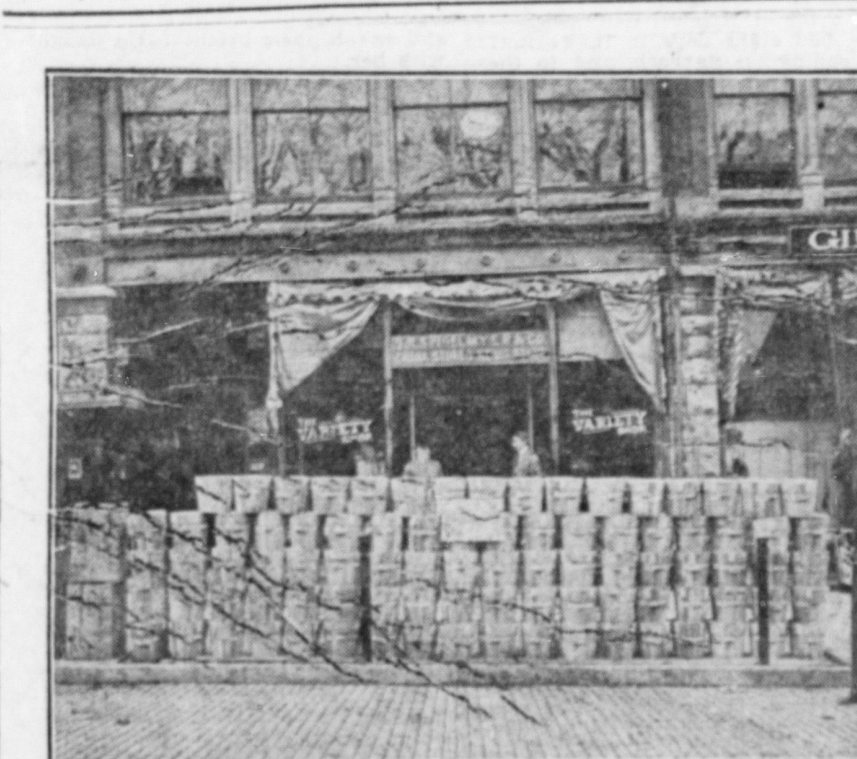
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Arizona Goes Democratic. The first state election in Arizona has resulted in a sweeping Democratic victory for senators and representatives in congress and state offices, according to admission of Republican leaders. The amendment to the constitution eliminating the recall of judges, believed to assure statehood, carried almost unanimously. There appeared to be little hope for any Republican on the state ticket, with the possible exception of Cleveland for secretary of state. This result assures two more senators for the democrats in addition to the gain of one democrat to the lower house of congress.

Mr. and Mrs. John Snyder, of Mill Hall, recently celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding. He is 87; she is 81.

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