

INTERESTING PARAGRAPHS

Of Local and General Interest, Gathered at Home or Clipped from our Exchanges.

CONDENSED FOR HURRIED READERS

Get a Shave and Hair-cut at Downes', the barber.

George E. Brant, of Todd township, butchered a couple of pigs on Monday that weighed respectively 587 and 375 lbs. Next.

For good barbering, go to Downes, the barber.

For disturbing an Educational meeting at Springhouse Valley schoolhouse a few evenings ago, Alvey Pine was arrested, put in jail, and liberated upon his paying the costs of prosecution.

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There not being any school last Saturday, Orland, son of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Mock, of Todd township, thought he would take the gun and go hunting like other people. Much to the surprise of his parents he came home toting a nice wild turkey which he had killed. This was pretty good luck for Orland's first effort.

Next to the United States, Russia is the greatest wheat-growing country in the world. Her yield for 1908 is 517,000,000 bushels, and for the third year in succession shows a serious shortage. Her record crop was in 1904; her crop this year is 150,000,000 bushels less than it was in that year. The yield per acre was only about 84 bushels.

Parents should be very cautious about allowing their children to remain away from school on account of some trivial cause. Every day they miss is that much time lost. They will soon get behind with their studies and want to stay away from school entirely. Fault will be found with the teacher, when unquestionably the parents will be to blame.

George Lane, of Massillon, O., was here a few days during the past week trying to interest our people in the formation of a company to operate an automobile line to run between Everett and Mercersburg via. McConnellsburg. The proposition is to put three automobiles with high wheels on the route—each making one round trip a day.

The well known hostelry in Mercersburg known as the McAfee Hotel, and operated by the McAfee family for many years, has been sold to Charles McLaughlin and William Ely for \$16,500. The household furnishings and other equipments have been purchased from the present landlord, John McAfee at private sale. McLaughlin & Ely will take possession the first of next April.

A few days ago, John Peck, of Ayr township, shot and killed a dog belonging to G. Wesley Mel-lott. Roy, Wesley's son, made information before Justice Wible, a warrant was issued for the arrest of Peck, and Constable Steach brought him in. Peck paid eight dollars for the dog, and six dollars costs, and found out that a dog has the same protection as a horse, cow, or any other domestic animal.

The citizen who keeps his sidewalk clear of snow and ice during the winter season is wise. He is in a way a benefactor of humanity, because he does that which prevents accidents to pedestrians. If he clears the snow from his pavement when it is fresh he will save himself a great deal of hard labor after the snow has become hardened by travel over it, and by so doing, also complies with a law governing the removal of snow and ice from the sidewalk.

A curfew ordinance has been passed by the Town Council of Berlin, Somerset county, and last Summer it was strictly enforced. Later it became a dead letter but it has since been revived. From October 1 to April 1 all boys and girls under the age of 14 years must be at home after 7 o'clock in the evening unless they have a valid excuse. We think that this is a good law, because we believe that the home is a better place for young boys and girls than the street.

FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

At McConnellsburg on the 11th and 12th of December, and at Hustontown on the 14th and 15th.

The farmers of this county will be interested to learn that institutes will be held as follows: At McConnellsburg on Friday afternoon and Saturday, December 11th and 12th, and at Hustontown, Monday afternoon and Tuesday, December 14th and 15th.

A number of instructors from other parts of the State will be present to join with the farmers of this locality in the discussion of topics relative to agriculture. These meetings are free and open to all, and we have no doubt the farmers of this county will avail themselves of the advantages to be gained by attending these meetings.

J. L. PATTERSON, Co. Chairman of Institutes.

Abolishing Turnpikes.

The Philadelphia Press is making a strenuous effort to abolish the turnpikes in the State, and it looks very much as though it will succeed. Wherever a turnpike is located, the members of the legislature from that section are being requested to support such a measure as will throw these highways open to the public. Just how the bill will be framed has not been considered definitely, but of course it is understood that the turnpikes will have to be purchased by the State, county, or townships, or all combined, as the legislature cannot pass a measure that will arbitrarily take away the rights of the stockholders. It will depend largely upon how the bill is worded whether it will pass or not. If the burden of purchase is placed upon the county or township, it will meet with serious opposition from the rural districts, as many of the counties and townships cannot afford to purchase the turnpikes operated through their municipalities. If the bill should provide that the Commonwealth shall purchase them, they then will become State highways, operated directly under the control of the Highway Department, and will have to be maintained by the State. Herein exists one of the troubles with our present method of constructing State roads. They are built but not maintained as they should be. No difference how well a road may be originally constructed, it will wear in time and must be kept in good condition. This is not now done as it should be with the roads already made by the State. This is a very important item that should be fully considered in connection with the preparation of the bill for the purchase of the turnpikes, for we are assuming that the entire burden of purchase is to be placed upon the Commonwealth, otherwise the bill will never likely be come a law, for the reasons already given.

It looks as though a vast amount of money will be expended in the construction of State Roads within the next few years. The Highway Department will ask an appropriation of \$5,000,000 to 10,000,000 from the next legislature with which to construct roads for which application has already been made by various counties. Then there is the State Highway or boulevard across the State that has aroused considerable interest and which is generally believed should be built. These will mean the outlay of a considerable amount of money so that it is questionable whether or not the turnpike matter will be seriously considered until these are consummated. However, the State has the money and its credit is good. It might be well to adjust the whole thing at one time, for no one will deny that the turnpike is a relic of the past and should be abolished as soon as possible. Other States have done so, and Pennsylvania cannot do so too soon.—Franklin Repository.

We take pleasure in printing in our columns this week a poem from Nora Kathryn Stevens, a former Taylor township girl, who is now a resident of Kansas. The poem was written for, and recently appeared in, the "Twentieth Century Review."

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The Pumpkin.

For all general uses the pumpkin is dryer and sweeter baked. Cut in quarters or halves, remove all seeds and place in a large dripping pan. Bake, without adding water, for about one hour, or even less, according to size. The skin will then be soft and crispy and the flesh dry and mealy. Scrape out with a spoon, put into a colander and press through. It is then ready for pies, pancakes or croquettes.

To cook pumpkin properly requires a slow, steady fire and long cooking to insure richness and flavor. It is almost impossible to cook it slowly over a gas stove without burning.

The seeds are appetizing and among the Italians take the place of our salted nuts. Wash free from the sticky shreds that surround them, then dry in the sun or a rather cool oven. When ready to salt, spread on a baking pan, salt liberally, then set in a hot oven, shaking and stirring often until crisp.

Cross Questions.

A game played by any number, who sit in a circle. Each puts a question to his right hand neighbor, and receives an answer. Each of the players in turn then repeats aloud the question that his left hand neighbor asked of him and the answer that his right hand neighbor gave.

In order that the result may be more amusing it should be agreed before hand what kind of questions should be asked. For instance, it may be agreed that each is to ask why his neighbor does certain things, real or fictitious. Thus, B asked C, on his right hand, "Why do you sit so near the fire?" C answers, "Because I like the heat." A asks B, "Why did you fall in the water?" and he replies, "Because I went too near the edge." When it is B's turn he must tell A's question and C's answer, thus: "Why did you fall in the water?" "Because I like the heat, and so on. The game is often played by giving the right hand neighbor a predicament and the left hand a solution and then telling the predicament that comes from the left and the solution from the right. The game is then called "predicaments."

Why Corn Pops.

The making of starch for stiffening clothes will help us to understand why popcorn bursts open when exposed to heat. When the grains of starch are put into water and boiled they lose their powdery nature and blend with the water into a pasty mass. The effect on each starch granule is a softening and a considerable increase in its bulk and finally its rupture and diffusion through the water. Now, we cannot see the inside of the grain of corn just when it is about to burst, but in view of what happens to the granules of starch it is likely that as the grain gets hotter and hotter the moisture in the cells softens them first, and then when the heat becomes too great for the moisture to remain in the fluid state the latter suddenly turns to steam, and the now plastic starch of the grain expands in every direction. And as it expands it loses its moisture and thus becomes firm and brittle again.

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Hard Winter Predicted.

The leaves of the hickory trees are turned up at the points. This is a warning to the New England farmer to cover his potatoes deeply and to get ready in other directions for a hard, cold winter.

And from Kentucky comes the disheartening, shiver-producing news that the coats of the 'possum and the 'coon are unusually heavy and thick. When, says a Kentucky paper, these weather-wise animals go to the trouble of growing heavy coats for winter wear, the hunters begin to stack up an extra supply of firewood, and the darkies to think the cabin and to lay in all the light wood knots they can find.

The ultra intelligent and concerted may deride all such long-range weather prognostications as these, but nevertheless some of them may be as scientific at the bottom as are some of those that go on bearing the sanction and approval of the government. The government can do some things well, but it has no signs that reach to the days that will follow the Christmas holidays, and if we reject the signs of the folk who are close to nature we must meet the vicissitudes of the winter without warnings. We must go into it blindly. The 'possum and the 'coon may indeed be wise weather prophets.

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Cider Making.

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Racket Store News Underwear

Well, the time of year is here to be thinking about what kind of underwear you are going to buy, and it has been for sometime, by the way we have been selling it. You know what that 18-oz. fleece lined goods is. Well, we have sold enough of that case of 32 dozen, that we have to send an order this day to size up on. Think of buying an 18-oz. underwear for 43c. each, or 85c. a suit. Our ladies' are 23c. each, or 45c. a suit; boys' heavy fleece underwear—union or separate—48c. suit; children's separate underwear, 10c. to 23c.; ladies' fascinators, 24 to 45c.; ladies' fleeced hose, 2 pr. for 25c.; bed blankets, 50-68-82c. to \$1.25; horse blankets, 65 and 50c. Talk about

Winter Buggy Spreads

We think we have one now that beats them all, for the money. It is a double plush robe, weight about 7 lbs., for \$2.50. See it.

CORDUROY PANTS

for everyone. Well, we have sold more of these goods than ever. You may say, Why? Because the farmer and everyone else that wears them find them the cheapest to wear; and another reason is, we have them. We bought heavy this year. Boys' knee pants, 48-60-75 and 95c.; boys' long cord pants, \$1.15 to \$1.75; men's cord pants, \$1.25-\$1.75-\$1.88-\$2.20-\$2.45. These cords are all lined.

HOG! HOG!! HOG!!!

The time of year is also here for the killing of hogs, and we want to say that we have our old line of Butcher Knives again, and at old prices. We have that plain handle 6-in. knife at 15c., and that round handle 5 and 6 in. at 20 and 25c. We have the scrapers at 8 and 9c.; also, lard cans, the same as last year, 50-lb. at 33c. each. Get prices on Grinders and Stuffers.

SHOES

Here is a shoe that we bought 48 pr. of, and it is to be a solid leather shoe all through. We have one of them here with the sole cut through and the counter cut through, and we find both solid leather. Well, we hear you say that is the sample. So it is; but the manufacturers allow us to say to you that they are all to be just like this one, and if they are not, we will get you a new pair for them. The price is \$1.75.

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