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William Black and John Gress walked to Needmore last Friday to attend the Soldiers' Reunion. On Sunday they walked as far as Big Cove Tannery on their return trip, and from that point they were given a ride to McConnellsburg in Rev. Peterman's auto.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Pittman of Wilkensburg, Pa., are spending a two weeks' vacation in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Pittman, near Carlisle, Pa. Mr. Pittman is Assistant Cashier at the Wilkensburg office of the Peoples Natural Gas Co., a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Company.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Wible, near Fort Littleton, spent several days during the beginning of this week in the home of their son David, in Ayr township. Although having long passed the three score and ten years allotted to man, Mr. and Mrs. Wible are remarkably well preserved, and they are in reasonably good health.

Mr. David Knepper, of Dublin Mills, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Harry Zern, of Wells Valley, were in town a few hours Monday, and made the NEWS office a pleasant and profitable call. Mrs. Zern (Verda Woodcock) was one of the students in the Summer Normal schools that the Editor conducted way back in the eighties.

A joint meeting of the Reformed and the Presbyterian congregations of McConnellsburg will be held in the Reformed church, Wednesday evening, September 16th, at 7:30 o'clock. The Federated Board has prepared a special program and a special surprise for the meeting which will be in the interest of the fall and winter work in the two congregations. All are urged to attend.

The NEWS office had a very pleasant call Monday morning from Mrs. Martina P. Smith, Mrs. Calvin Morgret, and the latter's son Earl—all of Whips Cove, and Mrs. Lizzie Kuhn, near McConnellsburg. The party from the Cove, accompanied by Mr. Andrew Mellott, came over Sunday and spent the night in the home of John and Mrs. Kuhn, who reside on the Lincoln Highway on the Ridge west of McConnellsburg. Mrs. Kuhn says that 130 automobiles passed her door last Sunday and that the dust was just "something awful."

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shinn, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Greer, and Master Charles Shinn, in one car and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Staley, and Mrs. James Russell in another car, and all of Carnegie, Pa., came Saturday to visit Mrs. Angeline Sipe and her daughter Miss Myrtle, on Sunday the party, with the addition of Miss Myrtle, went to Gettysburg, and returned to this place same day. Monday was spent overhauling the cars, and in calling on acquaintances, and on Tuesday the party left for Carnegie, Mrs. Staley is a daughter of Mrs. Angeline Sipes, of this place.

Rev. R. E. Peterman offered seats in his Ford car to Mrs. Henry Comerger, Mrs. Lizie Baldwin, and the local Editor of the NEWS, and took them with him to attend preaching services and Sunday school at the Lutheran church, Big Cove Tannery, last Sunday. It was a great treat to all of them. They found a live Sunday school under the efficient supervision of Justice of the Peace, George E. Clouser, and they heard an excellent sermon by the pastor. The Organist, Miss Theresa Duffy, is an accomplished musician, and led a choir of good voices. We can sincerely compliment the congregation for good singing.

FORT LITTLETON.

Mrs. D. F. Fraker who has been visiting friends in Pittsburgh, returned home Wednesday, she was accompanied by her daughter in law, Mrs. Zeld Keith and her little daughter, of the "Smoky City," who will spend some time here.

James J. Patterson, and brother, of Pittsarn, autoed to this place Saturday, remaining until Monday and taking home with them the former's son George, who spent the summer here with his aunts, the Cromer girls.

William Orth and sister Sue spent Saturday and Sunday, visiting their sister, Mrs. Lavina Early, and other friends in Wells Valley.

Milo Peck returned Sunday from a visit to his parents at Honey Grove.

Rev. Wesley Cline made a trip to lower end of County last week, preaching several times for the good people down there.

Mrs. Elijah Baldwin visited friends at Dublin Mills last week. Baldwin Fraker made a trip to Franklin county last Friday.

Mrs. Margaret Henry, of Clear Ridge, was in town Monday.

Miss Pearl Taylor who is employed in the home of Mrs. Emma Mills, visited relatives at Dublin Mills last week.

Miss Emma Grove, of Clear Ridge, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Mac Richardson.

BRUSH CREEK.

Miss Bessie Brumbaugh, of Altoona, is spending a few days with Miss Sadie Barton.

Mr. and Mrs. James McKee spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Barton.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hoop, of Andover, spent Sunday and Monday with relatives near Crystal Springs.

Ross Barton spent Saturday and Sunday with friends near Sa-luvia.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Deshong of Everett, and Mr. and Mrs. John Mellott, of Gapsville, spent Sunday with the latter's brother and sister, Bruce and Sadie Barton.

Mr. J. W. Hoop and daughter Miss Sallie, of McConnellsburg, took dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Barton.

Rev. George A. Duvall who had been visiting in the home of the late John N. Hixson, returned to his home at Gordon, Pa., last Thursday.

Miss Bessie Brumbaugh and Sadie Barton spent on day last week in the home of H. N. Barton.

Adam Mellott and daughters Belle and Marie, of Gapsville, visited in the home of M. P. Barton and family on Sunday.

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Mrs. C. Miller and daughter Laura, of Coaldale, are visiting relatives in the Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Berkstreser and Mr. Miesly and family, of Saxton, spent from Friday until Sunday with the former's mother and daughter.

Miss Laura Edwards began her winter work in the Woodvale primary school on Tuesday.

An auto party from Sixmile Run took supper with Miss Marian Edwards Saturday.

Messrs John and Charles Schenck and J. E. Woodcock attended the Williams Grove picnic last week.

A touring party from Hillard, O., spent Tuesday night with E. A. Horton. They expect to visit Gettysburg, Lancaster, Washington, D. C. and Atlantic City, and will return through southern New York, and northern Ohio.

Dora Stevens began her 2nd term in the Deafness High School on Tuesday.

The Trout family, of Roberts-dale, spent Sunday with Warren Anderson.

Miss Sue Orth, of Fort Littleton, spent the last of the week with her sister Mrs. Earley.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keith, of Trough Creek Valley, spent Sunday with the family of W. R. Foster.

Reed Edwards and sister Marian attended a corn Roast near Sixmile Run on Wednesday p. m.

Miss Mary Clark, of Trough Creek, is spending a week with Mrs. W. R. Foster.

WEST DUBLIN.

We would gladly welcome some rain. Streams are very low.

Some of our folks attended the picnic of the Ladies' Temple at Wells Tannery on last Saturday and were well pleased with the picnic.

A social picnic is being planned to be held in the grove near Fair View M. E. church on September 19. Come to enjoy yourselves.

Myrtle Alloway who had been employed at Casper Brant's during the summer has gone to the home of her sister, Mrs. Roy Witter at Waterfall.

John Dillon, of Pittsburgh, spent Tuesday night at the home of his uncle, James Lyon. Mr. Dillon was accompanied by some friends. They were traveling by auto.

Daniel Lander, wife, and little daughter were at David Her-sh-

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION SUBMITTED TO THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH FOR THEIR APPROVAL OR REJECTION, BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, IN PURSUANCE OF ARTICLE XVIII OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Number One.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to section one, article eight of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby, proposed, in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:—

That section one of article eight, which reads as follows: "Section 1. Every male citizen twenty-one years of age, possessing the following qualifications, shall be entitled to vote at all elections, subject, however, to such laws requiring and regulating the registration of electors as the General Assembly may enact:

"First. He shall have been a citizen of the United States at least one month.

"Second. He shall have resided in the State one year (or, having previously been a qualified elector or native-born citizen of the State, he shall have removed therefrom and returned, then six months) immediately preceding the election.

"Third. He shall have resided in the election district where he shall offer to vote at least two months immediately preceding the election.

"Fourth. If twenty-two years of age and upwards, he shall have paid within two years a State or county tax, which shall have been assessed at least one month before the election."

Section 1. Every citizen, male or female, of twenty-one years of age, possessing the following qualifications, shall be entitled to vote at all elections, subject, however, to such laws requiring and regulating the registration of electors as the General Assembly may enact:

First. He or she shall have been a citizen of the United States at least one month.

Second. He or she shall have resided in the State one year (or, having previously been a qualified elector or native-born citizen of the State, he or she shall have removed therefrom, and returned, then six months) immediately preceding the election.

Third. He or she shall have resided in the election district where he or she shall offer to vote at least two months immediately preceding the election.

Fourth. If twenty-two years of age and upwards, he or she shall have paid within two years a State or county tax, which shall have been assessed at least one month before the election.

Fifth. Wherever the words "he," "his," "him," and "himself" occur in any section of article VIII of this Constitution the same shall be construed as if written, respectively, "he or she," "his or her," "him or her," and "himself or herself."

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 1.

ROBERT McAFEE, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Number Two.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to section eight of article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth article thereof:—

Amend section eight, article nine of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which reads as follows:—"No act of the General Assembly shall limit the amount to be recovered for injuries resulting in death, or for injuries to persons or property, and in case of death from such injuries, the right of action shall survive, and the General Assembly shall prescribe for whose benefit such actions shall be prosecuted. No act shall prescribe any limitations of time within which suits may be brought against corporations for injuries to persons or property, or for other causes different from those fixed by general laws regulating actions against natural persons, and such acts now existing are avoided," so that it shall read as follows:—

The General Assembly may enact laws requiring the payment by employers, or employers and employees jointly, of reasonable compensation for injuries to employees, or for occupational diseases of employees, whether or not such injuries or diseases result in death, and regardless of fault of employer or employee, and fixing the basis of ascertainment of such compensation and the maximum and minimum limits thereof, and providing special or general remedies for the collection thereof, but in no other cases shall the General Assembly limit the amount to be recovered for injuries resulting in death, or for injuries to persons or property, and in case of death from such injuries, the right of action shall survive, and the General Assembly shall prescribe for whose benefit such actions shall be prosecuted. No act shall prescribe any limitations of time within which suits may be brought against corporations for injuries to persons or property, or for other causes, different from those fixed by general laws regulating actions against natural persons, and such acts now existing are avoided.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 2.

ROBERT McAFEE, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Number Three.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to section twenty-one of article three of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby, proposed, in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:—

Amend section twenty-one, article three of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which reads as follows:—"No act of the General Assembly shall limit the amount to be recovered for injuries resulting in death, or for injuries to persons or property, and in case of death from such injuries, the right of action shall survive, and the General Assembly shall prescribe for whose benefit such actions shall be prosecuted. No act shall prescribe any limitations of time within which suits may be brought against corporations for injuries to persons or property, or for other causes, different from those fixed by general laws regulating actions against natural persons, and such acts now existing are avoided."

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 3.

ROBERT McAFEE, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Number Four.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania abolishing the office of Secretary of Internal Affairs.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That article four of the Constitution of Pennsylvania shall be amended by adding thereto section twenty-three, which shall read as follows:—

The office of Secretary of Internal Affairs be, and the same is hereby, abolished; and the powers and duties now vested in, or pertaining or belonging to, that branch of the execu-

tion department, office, or officer, shall be transferred to such other departments, offices, or officers of the State, now or hereafter created, as may be directed by law.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 4.

ROBERT McAFEE, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Number Five.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth in accordance with provisions of the eighteenth (XVIII) article thereof.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth (XVIII) article thereof:—

Laws may be passed providing for a system of registering, transferring, insuring and guaranteeing land titles by the State, or by the counties thereof, and for settling and determining any and all claims or disputes of interests in lands the titles to which are so registered, transferred, insured, and guaranteed; and for the creation and collection of indemnity funds; and for carrying the system and powers hereby provided for into effect by such existing courts as may be designated by the Legislature, and by the establishment of such new courts as may be deemed necessary. In matters arising in and under the operation of such system, judicial powers, with right of appeal, may be conferred by the Legislature upon county recorders and upon other officers by it designated. Such laws may provide for continuing the registering, transferring, insuring, and guaranteeing titles of land, and for settling and determining any and all claims or disputes of interests in lands the titles to which are so registered, transferred, insured, and guaranteed; and for the creation and collection of indemnity funds; and for carrying the system and powers hereby provided for into effect by such existing courts as may be designated by the Legislature, and by the establishment of such new courts as may be deemed necessary.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 5.

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Number Six.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

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Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth article thereof.

Amend section eight, article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, which reads as follows:—"Section 3. The debt of any county, city, borough, township, school district, or other municipality or incorporated district, except as herein provided, shall never exceed seven per centum upon the assessed value of the taxable property therein, nor shall any such municipality or district incur any new debt, or increase its indebtedness to an amount exceeding two per centum upon such assessed valuation of property, without the assent of the electors thereof at a public election in such manner as shall be provided by law; but any city, the debt of which now exceeds seven per centum of such assessed valuation, may be authorized by law to increase the same three per centum, in the aggregate, at any one time, upon such valuation, except that any debt or debts hereinafter incurred by the city and county of Philadelphia for the construction and development of wharves and docks, or the reclamation of land to be used in the construction of a system of wharves and docks, as public improvements, owned and to be owned by said city and county of Philadelphia, and which shall yield to the city and county of Philadelphia current net revenues in excess of the interest on said debt or debts, and of the annual installments necessary for the cancellation of said debt or debts, may be excluded in ascertaining the power of the city and county of Philadelphia to become otherwise indebted; Provided, That a sinking-fund for their cancellation shall be established and maintained," so that it shall read as follows:—

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provided by law; but any city, the debt of which on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, exceeded seven per centum of such assessed valuation, and has not since been reduced to less than such per centum, may be authorized by law to increase the same three per centum in the aggregate, at any one time, upon such valuation. The city of Philadelphia, upon the conditions hereinafter set forth, may increase its indebtedness to the extent of three per centum in excess of seven per centum upon such assessed valuation for the specific purpose of providing for all or any of the following purposes,—to-wit: For the construction and improvement of subways, tunnels, railways, elevated railways, and other transit facilities; for the construction and improvement of wharves and docks and for the reclamation of land to be used in the construction of wharves and docks, owned or to be owned by said city. Such increase, however, shall only be made with the assent of the electors thereof at a public election, to be held in such manner as shall be provided by law.

In ascertaining the borrowing capacity of said city of Philadelphia, no amount shall be excluded from the calculation a credit, where the work resulting from any previous expenditure, for any one or more of the specific purposes hereinabove enumerated shall be yielding to said city an annual current net revenue; the amount of which credit shall be ascertained by capitalizing the annual net revenue during the year immediately preceding the time of such ascertainment. Such capitalization shall be accomplished by ascertaining the principal amount which would yield such annual current net revenue, at the average rate of interest, and sinking-fund charges payable upon the indebtedness incurred by said city for such purposes, up to the time of such ascertainment. The method of determining such amount shall be excluded or allowed as a credit, may be prescribed by the General Assembly.

In incurring indebtedness, for any one, or more of said purposes of construction, improvement, or reclamation, the city of Philadelphia may issue its obligations maturing not later than fifty years from the date thereof, with provision for sinking fund at maturity, the payments to such sinking-fund to be in equal or graded annual installments. Such obligations may be in an amount sufficient to provide for and may include the amount of the interest and sinking-fund charges accruing and which may accrue thereon throughout the period of construction and until the time of such ascertainment. The amount of the interest and sinking-fund charges, as required by section ten of article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, until the expiration of said period of one year after the completion of such work.

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In matters arising in and under the operation of such system, judicial powers, with right of appeal, may be conferred by the Legislature upon county recorders and upon other officers by it designated. Such laws may provide for continuing the registering, transferring, insuring, and guaranteeing titles of land, and for settling and determining any and all claims or disputes of interests in lands the titles to which are so registered, transferred, insured, and guaranteed; and for the creation and collection of indemnity funds; and for carrying the system and powers hereby provided for into effect by such existing courts as may be designated by the Legislature, and by the establishment of such new courts as may be deemed necessary.

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A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 6.

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A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 7.

ROBERT McAFEE, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Number Eight.

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