

**THE BRICK AND TILE INDUSTRY AT SPRINGS 1915 BEST SEASON.**

As winter is again here, the D. D. Otto Brick and Tile works at Springs have shut down and will remain quiet until the first warm days of spring will again warm the earth and will permit the clay workers to operate as usual.

The past season was a very good, and in order to supply the great demand and to keep the yard well stocked, Mr. Otto with his assistants have been manufacturing brick until the end of the year.

Never before has the demand for clay products been so great as the season of 1915, as the greater part of the material that was manufactured, the past season, is gone.

A close estimate shows that the factory turned out during the last season approximately 100,000 brick; 22,000 silo blocks; several thousand hollow building blocks and 100,000 feet of drain tile, ranging in size from 2 1/2 to 8 inches in 8 inches.

To burn all of this material in the kilns it required about 4,500 bushels of coal, besides the vast amount that was consumed in the large furnace for generating steam for the boilers; nine kilns were required to the work.

One of the large orders that was filled this season was the brick for the Orphans' Home near Grantsville which required 45,000 brick. The building was constructed by Petry Bros. and is one of the largest and finest buildings in this vicinity. The heating and plumbing was done by Baer and Company of this place.

This summer was Mr. Otto's first experience in the manufacture of silo blocks and it was not until after exercising a great deal of patience and losing a lot of valuable time, that this proved a success. A brick or tile die is a very complicated affair and must be adjusted to the fraction of an inch in order to have the die to work.

The writer himself has been employed at this place for the last four successive years and is prepared to say it requires labor, patience and skill to do this work successfully. But when the die is once properly adjusted and understood, an automatic cutting table was put to work, the silo blocks were turned out at a lively rate and Mr. Otto was soon able to prove to the farmers that a tile silo is far superior to any wooden one. During the fall months four large silos were constructed with the almost indestructible blocks and several orders were placed recently for the next season.

Burning brick in the kiln is a very interesting work. After the material is once dried it is placed in the kiln and is fired up slowly until a certain heat is apparent, then the kiln must be fired continuously, day and night for a little over three days, depending largely on the number of times the night fireman falls asleep. But if the night fireman pays close attention to the furnaces there is no time for sleep or any other pastime.

With the new machinery installed the output per day is considerably greater than formerly. In the spring of 1914 the factory was equipped with new machinery throughout. At present it is possible to manufacture 15,000 standard size brick per day, or about 10,000 four-inch drain tile, and other sizes in proportion.

Owing to the great demand for clay products, it is possible that this factory will within a few years be equipped with artificial heat, thus enabling the clay workers to continue operations during the cold winter months.

**The "Honorable."**  
The title of "honorable" is used loosely in the United States, being given by courtesy to almost anyone who holds or who has held an important public office. The title is especially bestowed upon members of congress, governors, state senators, judges of the higher courts, and high federal officials. In Great Britain the title of "Honorable" is borne by the members of commons as a body, by the members separately when referred to in debate, by judges of the high court of justice when not peers, and by all the children of dukes, marquises, earls (except the oldest son, who bears the courtesy title of Lord), viscounts, and barons.

**Proof of Cow's Leanness.**  
There was once an old Garrabost proffer who, when giving evidence before the Crofters' commission, admitted that while he was the owner of three cows, "the beasts were as thin as Pharaoh's lean kine."

The chairman, thinking to corner old Kenneth, asked him to say how lean Pharaoh's kine were.

Even a seventeenth-century divine would have wanted a day or two to think this over. But Kenneth answered at once:

"They were, sir, so lean that they could only be seen in a dream."—London Tit-Bits.

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**Ethel's Handicap**

"I wouldn't say it to any one but you," the stout woman confided, as she settled herself with her embroidery, "but the way Mrs. Dankle is bringing up her daughter makes my hair stand on end! I pity Gladys Dankle—her mother says she is only 18, but she certainly looks 25, and I don't wonder, the freedom with which she is allowed to go all the time! My Ethel keeps her complexion and her sweet girlish ways because I don't push her forward constantly! It is perfectly scandalous the way Mrs. Dankle openly angles to get Gladys married! I tell Ethel that I certainly hope she will marry some time, when she reaches a suitable age—and if she falls in love with the right man—but I am not throwing her at their heads at her age! Gladys Dankle rode by the other afternoon in Howard Diggs' car and you should have seen the supercilious smile she cast at us—just as much as to taunt Ethel with the fact that Ethel was out of it! 'Never mind, Ethel!' I said. 'Properly brought up girls do not go automobiling unchaperoned, even in daytime, and Howard will get tired of her forwardness!' Ethel didn't seem to cheer up any. She said Howard tags around after Gladys every minute and can't see any one else.

"But that is because her mother invites him there all the time," continued the stout woman. "Before I'd chase anybody that way! Of course, whenever I see Howard I am cordial as any lady would be, and ask him to drop in. At the time I got him to promise to come to dinner and he didn't come, he explained perfectly by the fact that he had a sudden toothache that drove everything out of his mind.

"Whenever there is a party or anything Gladys Dankle deliberately grabs all the young men. It is awful! 'Ethel, I have often said to my daughter, 'remember when you are out to be kind and generous to the other girls and share your friends with them—that's the way I bring her up.

"I think it looks lots more modest and girlish at a party to see a young girl quietly seated at her mother's side instead of standing in the midst of a circle of men all fighting over her dance card the way Gladys Dankle did the last party I attended! 'Ethel, I said, 'I hope I shall never see you acting so disgracefully!' Ethel agreed with me, too, for she said: 'No, mother, there's not the least danger of my being in Gladys Dankle's situation!'

"Ethel rebels sometimes and says that Gladys is having all the fun, but I point out to Ethel that she can't tell who is watching and admiring her reserve and quietness. She said yes, that was just the trouble—if she knew it might help. Sometimes I really don't understand Ethel. I am very careful about Ethel's associates, and when I have little parties for her I mingle with them and try to draw them out in conversation, but it strikes me the young men nowadays aren't very talkative. I try to lead them onto serious and elevating topics like the cost of living and how an economical wife helps, but they don't seem interested. It is perfectly wonderful how cheaply Ethel can run a house, figuring it out on paper. I have her plan meals that way. I expect Gladys Dankle wouldn't know how to get a meal if she died for it—all she can do is giggle and make eyes.

"Ethel says if she had eyes like Gladys' she could manipulate them, too, but I'm sure I'd never want my daughter to flirt deliberately as Gladys does! 'Be arch and fascinating,' I tell Ethel, 'but be clever about it—don't throw it on as Gladys does!' Ethel says there's no danger of any one thinking she was doing anything but making a face if she tried with her pug nose and large mouth to be arch—the dear child does like to have her joke! Many of our greatest actresses have had irregular features, as I remind her.

"I'm sure any one with any discrimination would feel Ethel's charm. I tell her that personality counts so much more in the end than mere prettiness, but Ethel says the end seems so far off. I think I'll have to take Ethel away on a trip. You never can tell what will happen on a trip! Not that I expect or want anything to happen, because Ethel is far too young to be thinking of anything serious! It certainly would be a blow to Gladys Dankle queening it around in Howard Diggs' last season car to have Ethel come home wearing a three carat engagement ring! I can't bear to think of losing my Ethel!"

**A Strong Recommendation.**  
A colored servant had been discharged by her mistress because of various failings, and a few days afterward called with a request for a recommendation.

Her former employer, with the best heart in the world, decided to assist her in obtaining a new situation, and wrote a letter which dilated upon all the colored girl's good qualities and made no mention of her shortcomings.

Dinah read the letter through with glowing eyes, her black face shining more with every word. When she had finished, she turned to the lady and said:

"Laws, missus, but yo' certly did say dat nice. Now, missus, with er strong recommen' like dat ter back me, don't yo' think yo' could hire me fo' dat job ergin'?"

**MINE WORKERS TRI-STATE CONVENTION.**

At the biennial convention of the United Mine Workers of America held in Indianapolis, the past week the question which interested the bituminous coal diggers the most was whether soft coal operations of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and western Pennsylvania will meet the representatives of the union workers in conference after the convention to negotiate a new wage scale.

Mine workers' officers hope to be able to bring about a wage conference in three states and re-establish an interstate agreement. The Ohio miners have already agreed upon the wage scale, they expect to present to the operators subject to the approval of the international convention. The Ohio men will ask for a ten per cent increase on a mine run basis.

**GRANTSVILLE.**

The Rex Club of Meyersdale played a game with the Mt. Nebo boys on the Grantsville floor last Thursday night and were defeated, score 48 to 19. The game was fast all of the way through with quite a bit of roughing on both sides. Bedford of Meyersdale received a badly skinned arm and Stanton of Grantsville had a tooth broken off. Blocher acted as referee, Walter Gress as umpire. G. Broadwater was timekeeper. A dance was held after the game. The lineup was as follows:

The Mt. Nebo team went to Salisbury on Friday night for a game with the Salisbury team and were defeated, 26-7. Rev. Monn was referee, Blocher, umpire.

The Grantsville high school girls played the Salisbury Stars on the latter's floor on Saturday night and were defeated 3-7. The Boys' National rules were used with the result that it proved more of a football than basket ball game and a muscular scramble instead of a scientific game of basket ball and especially the girls' game, was originally intended to be. Rev. Monn refereed the game the first half and U. O. Blocher, the second half. The lineup was—

Grantsville	Position	Salisbury
Edna Durst	F.	Mary Reich
Dorothy Younkin	F.	Florence Lichtler
Esther Engle	C.	Effie Lichtler
Hazel Younkin	G.	Marg. Newman
Marie Conner	G.	Nell Statler

The game was played in the new hall and a dance was held after the game.

The families of Bert Swanger, Joel Miller and Clarence Loechel have been conlined to their homes with grip for the past week.

Rev. Joab Kombar an Armenian, lectured at the Reformed church on Sunday in behalf of the foreign missionaries.

Services were held in the Lutheran church Sunday a. m. by Rev. Oney.

Services were held at the Catholic church on Sunday and Monday by Rev. Father Aloysius.

Bert Zellers spent last week with his brother, Charles Zellers.

Rev. Oney took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schaeffer on Sunday.

Mrs. E. B. Durst has been suffering from pleurisy the past few months.

Miss Winifred Boring has been sick the past week.

Mrs. Fred Livengood is recovering from an attack of grip.

Will Gnagey is visiting friends in Grantsville and neighborhood.

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After attending his dying mother, Dr. J. Spangler, fifty-five years old, one of the most prominent physicians of Huntington county, was struck and instantly killed by eastbound express No. 30, on the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad at Mapleton, Pa.

A large quantity of unfinished powder and chemicals was destroyed, with much valuable machinery, when Solvent Recovery building No. 3 at the Aetna explosives plant, near Mt. Union, was burned. The loss of property is about \$60,000.

Miss Miriam Nutt, daughter of County Commissioner Charles H. Nutt of Uniontown, has been appointed a deputy coroner by Coroner S. H. Baum. This is the first time a woman has been appointed a deputy coroner in Fayette county.

James Sivits, fifty-four, a stonemason employed by the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, was killed instantly at Connelville, Pa., when he was caught between a turntable and the wall at the roundhouse. His body was crushed.

Harrison Wilkinson, aged forty-five, of Sandyville, W. Va., was instantly killed in the Townsends mill at Fallston, near Beaver, Pa., when lifted from his feet and dashed head first against a ceiling by an elevator.

For the death of his son, Harold Gerg, at the Main street crossing of the Pennsylvania railroad in Ridgway, Charles Gerg was given a verdict of \$2,512.25 against the railroad by the Elk county court.

**SALISBURY.**

Mrs. Lydia Shaw entertained on Wednesday afternoon between the hours of 4:30 and 7 o'clock, about twenty little folks in honor of her son, Potter's 10th birthday. Several hours were spent in playing games and in general merrymaking, after which the guests were served with ice-cream, cake, salted nuts and candy. Master Potter was the recipient of many nice presents. Those attending the party were: Donald Young, Frank Geibel, James Dietz, Darrel Kenneth Dietz, Leora Dietz, Edgar Miller, Rees Lichtler, David Lichtler, Jay Reitz, Randolph Reitz, Bernard Krause, Ralph Livengood, Mary Maust, William Fogle Robert Johnston, John McMurdo, Chester Corbett and James Swank.

**Basket Ball.**

On Thursday evening the local Boy Scout team played with Frostburg Sophomores in May's Hall here, the score resulting was 11-14 in favor of the Sophomores.—On Friday evening the Grantsville team came over and were trimmed by our local team to the wide difference of 26 to 7.—The drawing card of the season was the game on Saturday evening between the Girls' Basket Ball Team of Grantsville and the Salisbury Girls' Team on the home floor. The attendance was good, the score resulting 7-3 in favor of our own girls.

C. M. May has fitted out a spacious room in the Wilt building where all of the games will be played for the balance of the season.

Miss Mae Dickey taught in the second intermediate room several days during the past week owing to the illness of the teacher, Miss Pearl Hay.

Miss Nellie Bevan who had been nursing her sister, Mrs. Wm. Knecht during her recent illness, has returned to her home in Connelville.

Merl Baldwin, drug clerk in the Elk Lick pharmacy spent the fore part of last week in Pittsburg on business.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. Archie Cochrane on Union street on Tuesday evening, January 18.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cochrane went to housekeeping last week in several rooms they rented from Mrs. Thos. Eckerd.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Weimer and children are spending several weeks at Taneytown, Md., where they are visiting Mrs. Weimer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Althoff.

Henry Loechel who has been suffering severely with muscular rheumatism for a number of weeks is somewhat improved, but is still confined to his bed. Miss Nellie Brown a trained nurse of Meyersdale, is attending Mr. Loechel.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Yaist spent from Saturday until Sunday in Meyersdale the guests of the former's brother, Chas. Yaist and family.

George Boucher of Domascus Va. spent a day of last week with his mother Mrs. W. H. Boucher.

The Boynton M. E. Church held an oyster supper in Thomas Hall at Boynton Saturday evening.

Clyde Newman has purchased the property on Grant Street belonging to Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Hoover of Whiteford Md. The property is now occupied by Wilson Kendall and family. Mr. Newman gets possession this spring when he intends to tear down the old house and replace it with a new residence.

Norman Engle went to Greensburg last week and has procured employment there.

Dr. Bowman of Somerset and Miss Bessie Miller of Friedens were guests at the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. E. Heselborth recently.

The Grassy Run Coal Co. has granted their miners request for check weights at the mines but they did not get the 10 cents per ton raise for which they asked.

There are so many cases of the "grippe" in town that it would require too much space to mention near all the names of those thus afflicted.

The attendance at school has fallen off considerably since the grippe epidemic has started and there also quite a number of cases of chicken pox which are keeping children out of school.

**SULPHUR AS A PREVENTION.**  
Many old residents of different sections of the country recall when an epidemic of grip swept the coun that a celebrated physician recommended that everybody should wear sulphur in their shoes as a preventative as miners employed in sulphur mines were immune from the disease. A teaspoonful of sulphur should be sprinkled in the sole of each shoe and worn during the epidemic.

A teacher's institute will be held in the Jerome school house on Saturday, Jan. 22. The Victor song books will be used. All are invited.

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