

DOES NOT AGREE WITH
DR. H. A. SURFACE.

I read with interest Dr. Surface's ideas as given recently in the high school in Meyersdale and think that while he may be able to discuss the fruit and tree business, do not agree with him regarding his game protection. I don't believe Dr. Surface was born in the country on a farm; if he was then he is no hunter for a hunter can surely give better views and ideas on game protection than he advised Meyersdale pupils and public.

Dr. Surface takes the wrong way to increase our game by offering protection to noxious animals such as red gray foxes, mink, weasel, skunk, possum, hawk, and owl and some varieties of snakes also which cause the destruction of rabbits, pheasants, gray squirrels, partridges, turkeys both wild and tame, and in fact all kinds of small game as these animals all great game eaters.

I know far more than the best hunter in the state. All these should be positively classed noxious and a premium offered for each head. Get rid of and clear out of existence the animals named and hawks and owls and you will see our game increase. Don't talk down bounty. Get it vigorously up on each animal—more than what we have on the list. Don't divide up from weasel to mink. Put the bounty up and put more noxious animals on the list and see if it isn't the best game planter that ever was introduced into the state of Pennsylvania.

There's not one of these animals that Dr. Surface has mentioned in his lecture that could live and thrive on crickets, grasshoppers, worms and mice and while once in a great while they may be used for a foxy desert, the fox, weasel, skunk etc depend for their life on game that we should keep.

Let good enough alone. Don't tamper with the bounty but talk it up. Where would all of our hunters' license money go if the bounty were taken off these animals? Give the hunter at least a little reward and credit for the dollar that he spends to take a little hunt.

Now dear readers, think of this what you will, but I know by my experience as a life time hunter that a fox lives principally on rabbits, on young and old pheasants, young and old partridges etc. being principally the hunters' game and farm chickens, lambs and turkeys. Every single animal or owl kills and destroys more game in one year than the best hunter in the state.

My experience as a hunter and trapper teaches me all this. I have observed it fully for years and any good old hunter that has ever had climbed these old hot mountains will step in, cite and agree with me that what I have written is about the same thing they know and have experienced, while hunting and trapping in the state of Pennsylvania. Let me hear from some other hunter in next week's issue of the Commercial. I will come later if this is not rejected.

HUNTER AND TRAPPER.
Garrett, Pa.

COURT NEWS.

The Conemaugh Brewing Company lost its case against P. J. McGrath, of Meyersdale, the jury rendering a verdict for \$49 in favor of Mr. McGrath. The brewing company sued to recover \$900. In his affidavit of defense, Mr. McGrath alleged that \$500 had been illegally drawn from his account in a Johnstown bank. When confronted with the check he admitted that the signature was his own. He said that if he had signed the check he did not know it.

The following cases have been continued: Frand Romesbury v. Atlantic Fuel Co., trespass; Quemaoning Coal Co. v. Bollinger Bros. assumpsit; Louis Schwartz vs. Isaac Weinstein assumpsit; Rachel A. Meila v. Jasper N. Tannehill, trespass; Edward Smith & Co. v. W. R. Sufall, sci. fa.; Frederick Gonder's executors v. Farmers National Bank of Somerset.

Charging cruel and barbarous treatment. Wilson Christner has filed a libel in divorce against his wife, Elizabeth Walter Christner. They were married in 1891. Christner lives in Garrett and is a well-known Baltimore & Ohio railroad conductor. He is represented by Attorneys Uhl & Ealy.

Peter Burley a miner, was awarded a verdict of \$500 by the jury in the case in which he brought suit against E. M. Stotler, a coal and clay mine operator, of Rockwood. Burley was permanently injured while at work for Stotler some time ago, it is alleged.

During the past two years 2,400 barnyard pollutions have been abated by Pennsylvania farmers by embankments of earth or concrete diverting the surface drainage and saving both solid and liquid manure for fertilizing purposes. It is estimated that this manure saved, is worth \$120,000 a year to the farmers of the state.

ROCKWOOD

Baltimore & Ohio Agent W. B. Conway will resume his position with the Baltimore & Ohio at this point beginning April 16, when E. F. Snyder assumes his former position as assistant agent.

The bird house prizes amounting to \$10.50 were awarded as follows: Floyd Ringer, 1st, \$2.50; Walter Wiltrout, 2nd, \$2.00; Lawrence Schrock, 3rd, \$1.50; Leonard Schrock 4th \$1.50; Chas. Beck, 5th, \$1.25; Clarence Enos, 6th, \$1.00; Charles Benford, 7th, 75c.

Mrs. Elizabeth Rush has gone to Pittsburg where she will be at the Mercy Hospital and will be operated upon for a complication of diseases. Mrs. Cora Healy and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Frank Otto, are the guests of the former's daughter, Mrs. Fred Schmucker of Holsopple.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mingle and Mrs. Mary Bridgum have moved to Johnstown, where they expect to make their future home.

Miss Emeline Snyder is the guest of her relatives and friends in Pittsburg. Ross Snyder of New Centerville, is seriously ill of pneumonia, this being the second attack of the disease within the year. His condition is reported to be slightly improved.

Daniel Earle Miller has returned home after spending several days with friends at Chicago Junction, O. Mrs. D. J. Wolfsberger, one of our aged residents, fell at her home here recently and brok her left arm above the wrist.

BIG.

TOBACCO

Little Talks on Health and Hygiene
By Dr. Samuel Dixon.

The spirit which hovered about the red man's council fires floating upward in the smoke of the peace pipe seems to have charmed all mankind. The use of tobacco in one form or another in three centuries and a half has become world wide.

Despite the almost universal indulgence and the praises that have been sung of the soothing effect of tobacco, science condemns it and offers an imposing array of experiments to prove the ill effects which follow its use.

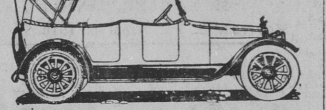
Tobacco is a drug which contains powerful poisons. Its charm lies in its drug effects. If it has any beneficial effects they are not discoverable to the scientific investigator. On the other hand there are certain decided results tending to physical deterioration which are readily recognizable. It is a heart depressant and experiments on animals have shown that it has a tendency to produce hardening of the arteries. Some of the foremost authorities have made clinical observations which indicate that the use of tobacco has similar effects on man.

As is generally the case in the use of drugs there is a tendency to increasing indulgence. Those who have had experience in athletics are familiar with the fact that the use of tobacco results in interference with the breathing by depressing the heart action. There are other affections common to smokers.

To make a summary in brief the results of all scientific investigations seem to prove conclusively that the use of tobacco is distinctly harmful to the majority of men.

In all of the horticultural districts of the state, one or more commercial sprayers are needed. A man who will render good conscientious service with a spray pump, using the boiled lime-sulfur solution, either home-made or the commercial, can do a lot of good in his community and should prove as useful to the citizens as a man with a threshing machine, corn-shredder or cider press.

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Fine sale bills printed here.

WARNINGS ISSUED FOR
FOREST FIRE SEASON

First warnings of the approach of the spring forest fire season were issued recently from the office of Commissioner of Forestry. Two thirds of Pennsylvania's 1,000 forest fires last year burned between April 15 and June 1, and every one who visits the woods during these times of exceptional danger is asked to be more than usually careful with fire.

All the snow has left the mountainsides, and a very few days of dry weather will make the forest floor a mass of tinder, to be ignited by the smallest spark. To add to the hazard, the trout season opened Saturday, the 15th, and thousands of fishermen will be traveling along the mountain streams every day during the months of greatest fire danger.

The fire warden system has been placed on a working basis, and every other preparatory step has been taken which the small amount of money available will allow; but no fire warden system can entirely counteract the carelessness of the individual sojourner in the forest. Snows have been heavy and frequent in the forest parts of the State, and this will somewhat reduce the fire danger; but two weeks of dry weather will completely neutralize the influence of the whole winter's snowfall.

The Department of Forestry offers these suggestions to the man who does not want his favorite camping ground next year to be a charred and disfigured reminder of his own carelessness:

Break your match in two before you throw it away.
Clear off a spot ten feet in diameter for your camp fire. Watch the fire all the time, and be dead sure it is out before you leave it.

It doesn't take a conflagration to broil a trout. Have a small fire which will burn to coals quickly. Dry hardwood branches are best for cooking. Throw your pipe ashes and cigar and cigarette stubs into streams only, or bury them in damp mineral soil.

If you own or use engines, have spark arresters on them.
Burn your brush on calm, damp days, not on dry, windy days.

Be twice as careful now with fire as you would be at any other time.

If you see a fire, immediately notify the nearest fire warden or forest officer.

Don't stop at that—help him put it out.

COUNTY AUDITOR'S REPORT

It cost \$147,130.68 to run Somerset county in 1915, according to the annual report of County Auditors Chas. W. Brenneisen, Joseph C. Miller and Edwin L. Fox, who have just completed their inspection of the County Commissioners' accounts. In addition, six courthouse bonds aggregating \$6,000 were redeemed and \$7,960 interest on bonds was paid, besides \$816 State tax on the bonds, leaving a balance in the courthouse building fund of \$25,206.93. This balance on January 1, 1915, was \$21,342.81 to which has added \$18,640.12 bond tax during the year.

According to the report of the County Auditors, the Somerset Co. Poor Directors received from all sources during the year 1915 the sum of \$52,183.48, all of which was expended except \$9.95.

Quite an item in the receipts for the year was money received for maintaining insane patients in the county hospital from five neighboring counties. These receipts were as follows: Allegheny \$26.19; Cambria, \$4,260.28; Fayette, \$4,113.23; Washington, \$1,358.28; Westmoreland, \$2,580.91.

CONFLUENCE

Miss Bertha Cramer of Unamis was shopping in town Saturday.
Rev. E. B. Boyer, who recently recovered from a severe attack of typhoid fever, preached a very able sermon in the Lutheran Church last evening.

Harry T. Flanigan of Flanigan Station, was in town Saturday greeting friends and transacting business.

W. B. Conway of Rockwood, who recently recovered from a long attack of rheumatism, visited his friends, Mr. and Mrs. William Burnsworth, here Saturday for a few hours.

Mrs. C. E. Yeagley, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Frantz Hospital, has so far recovered as to be able to be removed to her home.

Dr. H. H. McIntyre of Connellsville was a business visitor here Saturday.
Mrs. Nelson Gerhardt, an aged lady of Somerset, is visiting her son, F. S. Gerhardt and family, and other relatives in town at present.

Mrs. Andy Schell and little daughter of Oakland, Md., are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Gerhardt and sister, Mrs. J. L. Burnworth here.

A program is being prepared for the W. C. T. U. entertainment which will be held in the Methodist Church Thursday night, April 20.

Mrs. Samuel Zimmerman and children of Connellsville have been visiting relatives and friends here.

KEYSTONE PARAGRAPHS

Chartiers creek, once a favorite with fishermen, is no longer inhabited by the finny tribe, according to persons who have used hook and line along its bank this spring. Acids from factories at Washington and Canonsburg, supplemented by sulphur water from many coal mines, have driven the fish from the stream.

Mrs. Mary Gunder, aged forty-eight, of Star Junction, is in the Cottage State hospital, Connellsville, suffering from a gunshot wound in her abdomen. While her husband and a boarder were quarreling in the Gunder home, Mrs. Gunder stepped between the two as her husband fired his shotgun.

Struck by a Pennsylvania train when their automobile stalled on the tracks at Hydes Crossing, near York, Mrs. Curvin Snyder, aged forty-seven, was killed and four others narrowly escaped death. The others, who jumped to safety, were the woman's husband, their two children, Mary and Virgie, and John Roth.

Twenty-three Washington and Jefferson college seniors, in charge of Professor J. C. McGregor, went on a four days' trip to the national capital. The purpose is to give the students a definite idea of governmental affairs. They had an audience with President Wilson.

Five additional mills at the Standard Tinplate company's plant in East Canonsburg will be put in operation about June 1. Seven new mills were started a few weeks ago. When the five now under construction are completed the company will have a twenty-two-mill plant, employing 2,000.

Confused by automobiles coming from opposite directions in front of his home, Robert A. Orr, four years old, son of Dr. C. A. Orr of Crafton, ran in front of a machine driven by Burton G. Myers of Crafton, and suffered injuries from which he died in his father's office a few minutes later.

Fayette city residents are indignant over a published statement that only eighteen births were reported there last year. The records of the registrar for Fayette City and Washington township show that from Feb. 1, 1915, to Jan. 1, 1916, there were 234 births and 76 deaths.

Manufacture of shells at the plant of the Standard Steel Car company, New Castle, will be discontinued, according to orders issued by W. C. Graham, general manager of the plant. This action followed the strike of the men engaged in the manufacture of shells.

New Kensington will celebrate its silver anniversary in June and plans are being made for an "Old Home Week" celebration. During the week there will be addresses, music, parades, athletic games and dancing.

A feature of the Washington and Jefferson college commencement in June will be the presentation of "As You Like It" on the college campus by undergraduates on Alumni day, Tuesday, June 20.

Fred, three-year-old son of Judson Orndoff of Oak Forest, near Waynesburg, while playing in a yard with a neighbor's dog, almost lost his nose and one ear when the dog attacked him.

Sixty-seven mothers received pensions in Blair county last year, according to the annual report of the board. Hereafter the larger families will receive first consideration.

Rev. Dr. C. C. Hays, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Johnstown, notified his congregation that he had decided to refuse an increase of \$500 a year in his salary.

An effort is to be made by the Warren Chamber of Commerce and business men to bring the annual encampment of the Second brigade, N. G. P., to Warren this summer.

Forty thousand checks, totalling nearly \$5,000,000, were distributed through the mails by the Pittsburgh Bank for Savings, which closed its doors last December.

After a quarter-century Gildo Ramsey of Monongahela has caused the arrest of a man who he says robbed him of money and jewelry to the value of \$700.

Owing to the cool and wet weather farmers have been delayed greatly in their spring work and much of the plowing for this season's crop is yet to be done.

Attempting to board a freight train on the Erie railroad, John Burns, twenty-year-old son of John Burns of Sharon, fell beneath the wheels and was killed.

A branch of the Pennsylvania Women's Division for National Preparedness has been established at Washington.

Two thousand miners have returned to work in the Monongahela valley following a strike of two months.

C. P. McQuiston, horseman and farmer of near Hadley, was attacked by a horse suffering from rabies.

Roy Carnesew Killed by Car.
Roy Carnesew, aged twenty, died at Warren, O., of injuries suffered when he was struck by a street car.

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RECENT SOMERSET COUNTY WEDDINGS

Miss Irene V. Rhodes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Rhodes and N. C. Schrock, both of Jefferson Township, were married at the parsonage of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Lavansville, by the Rev. H. M. Petrea.

Miss Lella Yoder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Yoder, of Elklick Township, and Daniel Brenneisen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Brenneisen, of Garrett County, Md. were married at Summit Mills, by the Rev. L. M. Beachy.

Miss Belinda Lichty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lichty, of Jenner Township, and Ross Kiernan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kiernan, of Boswell, were married at the courthouse, by Marriage License Clerk Charles I. Shaver.

Miss Gertrude Nichol, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nichol, of Somerset, and J. A. Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Coper, of Ligonier, were married at the parsonage of Grace United Evangelical Church, by the Rev. G. A. Collin.

Miss Carrie E. Snyder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Snyder, and Russell H. Landis, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Landis, both of Rockwood, were married at Rockwood, by the Rev. O. G. Krye.

Miss Blanche Drenner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Drenner, of Garrett and Wm. Franklin Knepper son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Knepper, of Berlin, were married at the parsonage of the Garrett Lutheran church by Rev. W. H. B. Carney.

Miss Emma L. Paul, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Paul, and Jos. B. Gordon, son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Gordon, both of New Paris, Pa., were married at the residence of Rev. Thos. B. Michel.

Those interested can easily determine when the horse will be at any of the above places mentioned in the circuit by adding just two weeks to the stand last made at that place, except that stated concerning at L. M. Mankamyer's; here the horse will be at the close of each week. The season will continue to July 1, 1916.
L. M. MANKAMYER, Keeper.

An average farm with six cows and four horses will produce in the barnyard probably fifty tons of manure in a year, which in comparison with commercial fertilizer has a cash value of about \$250.

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You've heard a lot recently about the "renewal" of old orchards; have you stopped to consider what it might do for YOU? Fruit-growing is becoming increasingly profitable, and it will pay YOU to set out more trees this spring—but fix up your old trees first—pay expenses while the new ones are coming on. When you spray ANY tree, use a

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THROUGH

Items of Interest
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