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WHY STATLER WAS DEFEATED.  
 In the earlier part of the campaign it was thought that Lohr and Statler would easily make the Republican nomination for the Assembly.

Mr. Statler has been a Republican, but one who really tried to act in his legislative capacity in behalf of what he believed to be right. Both Mr. Statler and Mr. Lohr were for the local option bill. This fact ordinarily would merit them no support from those who believe in the continuance of the liquor trade. The "Wets" wanted a man who if not pledged to liquor was not bound for local option and they thus secured M. W. Spelcher who was neither hot nor cold; neither wet nor dry, a sort of go-as-you-please candidate. To increase the latter's chances of winning, he was coupled up with Mr. Lohr who would get the hunch vote and Mr. Spelcher would get some of them too.

Mr. Statler would not bare his neck to the ring and therefore they early decided that his political head must be lopped off. Another fact that militated against Mr. Statler was that he voted against the Full Crew act, thus causing him to lose the entire railroad vote and many of the labor votes in general.

SAYS PEACE IS NEAR

An early peace among the warring powers of Europe is predicted by many persons who are in a position to know the condition of affairs.

The son-in-law of the James J. Hill has just arrived from Europe where he went to learn the real conditions there.

Hill made a record trip abroad. He was only seven days ashore, but in that time he traveled from Liverpool to London; across the Channel to Havre; to the headquarters of King Albert of Belgium and back again. He had a long talk with King Albert and got a glimpse of the front, near Dunkirk.

"Germany cannot struggle against the overwhelming financial strain and the economic conditions since the war," he said, explaining why he believed peace would soon come. "There will not be another winter campaign and peace will come just as suddenly as war broke out. The French people have put their living on a practical basis—this being sufficient to sustain them in health. King Albert whom I have known for a score of years, is in splendid health and confident of early restoration to his people of the section of Belgium held by the Germans."

The daily prayer of millions of hearts throughout the world is for peace and each hour adds to the dreadful list of fathers, husbands and sons slain—and all for what purpose no living creature can truly tell.

CAUSES OF DISCORD

A St. Louis minister in a recent lecture on "Optimism" defined that term as "making lemons out of lemons that are thrown at you" and denied that this phrase had been coined by Woodrow Wilson. The Reverend gentleman, Rev. Chas. L. Kloss, gave four great causes of discord in a family:

The bossy husband, made powerful because of his pocketbook, which he never permitted anyone to take from him; the unspanked spoiled child that had its way so much it did not like it; the gad-about woman who wanted to go anywhere but home and who tired herself so spending more than her husband's income that she could not have strength enough to enjoy herself and the invalid that wore out half a dozen stout persons and whose sole existence seemed to be devoted to making others miserable.

The newspapers are full of the stories of unhappy homes and lives made miserable because both husband and wife do not do the right thing. The old saying that to have a happy home there must be two bears therein—Bear and Forbear—is certainly a true one.

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MEYERSDALE  
 H. S. BRIEFS

Base Ball.

For the last two weeks the boys of the M. H. S. have been devoting their evenings after school in strenuous try-outs at the ball ground in Slicer's old. The purpose is to organize a good reliable ball team with which to combat and conquer all challenging ball teams of Meyersdale and vicinity. A good deal has been accomplished towards this end, as has been proven in the few games played already. The team has plenty of aggressive spirit and with a little more batting practice, should prove hard to defeat. The pitching department is as good as can be expected and with proper support will prove effectual. With a temporary lineup the H. S. defeated the Meyersdale Giants, Clark's All Stars, and the Rex Club. In a game with the firemen, the H. S. lost out through a few errors but otherwise put a thrilling game. The team is confident of taking over the firemen in the near future.

Manager Leckemby and Captain Groff have reported the following lineup:—  
 Ray Saylor c; Wm. Leckemby 2nd; M. Hady 1st; K. Brant 1st. and ss; F. Grof 3rd; G. Blake rf; S. Grier l & p; N. Suder cf; F. Boucher 1st & p.

All teams between ages 16 and 19 years, wishing games write or see W. Leckemby, Mgr. of the M. H. S. Base Ball Team.

Why did Grace Michael look so sorrowful last week? Was she thinking of the long walks she used to have with Edward Leonard, with Bud's pet dog "Snookums" trotting after them. But, alas! there will be no more such walking as poor "Snookums" died. Needless to say, Grace was the chief mourner.

Last Tuesday a new teacher, Gregg Darrow, was added to the High School faculty. As her first duty she was compelled to give Wilbur Statler a shaking up. You may be sure that we were all good after that!

In locating the sense of touch, Edward Crowe said it was found on the hair of a cat. Ed. must have been thinking of the time the wild cat was after him.

Harvey Meyers informed us the other day that he was becoming bald-headed. We all hate to see him lose his beautiful locks, but perhaps when school is out and his mind is not so heavily taxed they will be replaced.

Norman Suder, in giving the cause for the Spanish American war, said that it was caused by a "Resurrection" in Cuba.

Carl Daugherty said, in locating Cuba, that you see it from Mexico.

Clarence Siehl showed his happiness as well as his vocal ability when on entering English History class one morning he asked Miss Livengood if he might sing. We have a "Caruso" to add to our collection of interesting characters in school.

Claude Deal will doubtless be a jeweler some day as he is seen carrying a silver vanity case with him, and was detected engraving his initials upon it. Some one is having her engraving done gratis.

Miss Constance Gordon of Keyser, W. Va., was a visitor in high school on Monday afternoon.

The Senior Class Play, "Professor Pepp" bids fair to be a big success. Everyone who wishes to laugh and grow fat should prepare to witness the performance the night of June 2nd.

Dave Noel's philosophy has reached the point when we are forced to seek Webster for a proper understanding. We praise the lad for his industriousness.

Yes, a Freshman was wearing a Senior class pin, but alas! the "Sophies" are wearing the Freshman Class Flower.

The Sophomores should not talk so loud when the Freshmen are around, because they might be sorry sometime. Take advice "Sophies" please don't beg your "Tulips."

Mary Emeigh and Joe Shultz are very prominent individuals. In the pictures of Meyersdale shown at the Summer Garden, Joe and Mary appear in life size upon the screen. Their debut was a marked success and Mary doesn't know which company to enter. Most probably the Keystone, but whichever company she joins, Joe will be the leading man.

NOTHING SO GOOD

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 It's not so much our money,  
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 These wars are hard on tollers,  
 As we're planting of th' seed,  
 And so, it's bread and broilers  
 That th' hungry nations need.

They're looking to us, Sonny,  
 For the golden roos of wheat;  
 For tasseled corn and honey,  
 And a lot of things to eat.  
 While guns keep up their dinning,  
 And men keep up their fight,  
 God sees that Peace is winning,  
 And our farms are safe to-night.

They're looking to us, Sonny,  
 For the planting of the soil.  
 No, No. It isn't funny  
 Trading cannon for their toil.  
 But, let God's will be ruling,  
 And bend above your plow,  
 For if man needs your bounty  
 You must feed the hungry NOW!

by Livingston Larned

His Nerves

Stayfield's nerves were bad and his particular horror was noises. He had fled from the city to escape its eternal din, but even the sanitarium he selected was not a soundless paradise. Into the first room that was assigned him the noise of dishwashing penetrated and into his second room the snores of his next door neighbor penetrated.

"I'll take a room in a cottage he announced at the office, and he was immediately shown to a large ground floor apartment that overlooked a beautiful lawn.

"This is the first quiet spot I have struck for seven years," he announced to the boy who showed him the room. "And here's a quarter for bringing me to such a peaceful den." But the peace was soon disturbed by the sound of a lawn mower, one of the noises that entailed a special torture for poor Stayfield.

However the lawn mower was a mere trifle compared with the sound that awaited him that evening when he returned from the ball building, where he had just dined, to the welcome restfulness of his own cottage retreat.

"Of all the sounds in the world that I most abominate," he said to himself, "the chief is the sound of a squeaky hammock, and here, almost at my window, is the vilest sounding one that it was ever my misfortune to listen to."

And sure enough on the porch of a neighboring cottage that was close to his own, a hammock gently swayed, and the swaying was accompanied by a metallic shriek of rusty, abrading iron that Stayfield declared to himself was little short of diabolical.

"And there's a woman in it," he said "and no doubt she is one of those nervous people who are perfectly unconscious of the noise they make themselves, but who want everybody else to be as soundless as the grave. Well, there's no rest for me in my room until this thing stops. It's just a question of how long a woman chooses to swing."

WHY PEOPLE SQUINT

Have you ever seen a person draw his or her Eyes together?

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special noises that each one of them was sensitive to for fifteen minutes by the clock. "I hope my hammock didn't annoy you," she said in parting. "Oh, not at all," he answered quickly. "Of course I noticed it, but I put it out of my consciousness as far as it related to myself, and only feared that it might spoil your rest and retard your cure."

Perhaps you have noticed that the man with a long tongue rarely ever has a long head.

PERSONAL AND LOCAL

Mrs. George H. Hocking is enjoying a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Sturgis, Oakland Md.

W. H. Dill for years business manager of the Miller Mfg. Co. has resigned to accept the position of office man for the Wilmoth Co. He will be succeeded by J. N. Lint in the position made vacant.

Baer & Co., plumbers have been busy of late with the following improvements: Put in a bathroom, hot water heat system for Ross Welfley of Salisbury; Will Marts, hot water heat at Shady Lawn; bath room for Samuel Saylor Berkley Flats; Elias Marteeny, bath room and hot water plant; Henry Siehl, bath room and electric lighting, Trans-Meyersdale; Ira Fike, bath room and hot water plant.

"Now's my chance," said Stayfield to himself, and hurrying to his room, he seized a bottle of oil that he had found on the shelf in his closet and made his way to the neighboring porch. It was dark but he had a small flashlight in his pocket. Turning this on the rope that held the objectionable hammock, he proceeded to pour oil in a wholesale manner.

"Who's that?" a voice from the hammock suddenly demanded, and another flashlight encountered Stayfield's and was turned directly into his face. By the light of his own tiny electric he saw a pretty pale face, surmounted by disheveled locks, turned toward him. But there was a smile on the face and no particular hostility in the glance.

"I beg your pardon," declared Stayfield, returning the smile. "But I noticed that your hammock squeaked horribly, and I thought you might like to have it oiled."

"How very kind!" she murmured. And right then and there Stayfield standing with his bottle of oil in one hand and the flashlight in the other, and the young woman sitting upright in the hammock, they discussed the question of disturbing sounds and of

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