THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY

Items of Interest Culled from Our Exchanges.

C. F. Wilson & Co., of Johnstown, have been awarded the contract for the erection of a public school building at Holsopple. The building will be heated by a vacuum steam heating system.

Edward Berkley is confined to the home of his son-in-law, William Forney, in Somerset Township, suffering from a broken arm and fractured ribs. While standing on a ladder picking cherries, the ladder slipped, throwing Berkley to the ground.

A movement is to be launched at Holsopple for the circulation of petitions to be forwarded to the inter state commerce commission asking that the Baltimore & Ohio railroad be forced to erect a passenger station at Holsopple. A box car has been serving as the station since the depot was destroyed by fire a year ago.

The Cairnbrook Water Co. is contemplating the establishing of a water plant there that will be second to none in that part of the county. A dam will be built and the mains run into all parts of Cairnbrook and Central City. A temporary dam of a considerable capacity will be built. Later a largen and more costly reservoir will ne built.

Lawrence and Critchfield of Somerset were the successful bidders for the proposed new high schoil building at Connellsville, their bid being$137,823. The contract was awarded to the Somerset firm upon condition that it furnish bond in the full sum of the contract with the American Surety Company. It furnished a certified check upon theFirst National Bank of Bedford for $2,800.

Mahlon H. Meyers, of Johnstown, and C. J. Lehman, of Holsopple, are negotiating for the purchase of nine acres of land on the lower edge of Holsopple owned by Peter Berkebile. The tract adjoins 20 acres owned by Messrs. Meyers and Lehman, who have started a hog ranch. At the present time they have only six hogs, but this number will be increased. Only the surface will be included in the deal.

Jay Christner, who enlisted in the U. S. Navy last May, was in Somerset passing a furlough with relatives. When his furlough expired last Tuesday he returned to the naval training station at Newport, R. I. The young man has been in the training school on the Island, but when he returned he expected to be put on one of the battleships and he is looking with interest to the things he will see on the cruise.

A coal deal of considerable importance in Somersea county was transacted the past few days in Shade and Stonycreek townships. Between 350 and 400 acres of B and C Prime seams have been sold. William Gahagan, of Windber, has purchased a one-half interest; Albert Gohn, of Windber, a one-fourth interest, and Ellsworth Ling, the original owner, retains a one-fourth interest. Mr. Ling has been mining a little coal about five miles south of Cairnbrook, on the Lincoln Highway. Later, a bigger plant will be installed.

Chief of Police S. W. Mullen and W. R. Moore, of Windber, have been unusually successful in raising ginseng which is a valuable crop to cultivate. They recently bought a quarter acre on the outskirts of Windber and now have more han 25,000 ginseng plants, small but flourishing theeon. Soon another quarter acre will be in cultivation and from this it will evidently proceed to the cultivation of the plant in immense quantities. The industry is no longer an experiment but gives promise of a profitable business.

Leonard, the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Westover of Cairnbrook, drank what remained in a small bottle of ioline Thursday afternoon, and since has been in a critical condition. Dr. M. V. Brant is the attending physician. His 17-year-old brother had procured the iodine and was occasionally applying it to a flesh wound He had placed it on the bureau, where Leonard procured it and proceeded to drink it| The mother of the boy was at the time a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. John C. Fleegle, of Ogletown and on getting the message she hurried to Windber and took the train for home.

In an official bulletin issued at Headquarters, United States Marine Corps, Washington, recently appeared the name of Preston A. Fortney, of Confluence, as a sharpshooter. He is the son of Mrs. Catherine Fortney, of Confluence, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at its SanFrancisco, Cal. recruiting station on December 20, 1915 and is now serving with the detachment of U. S. Marines who form the American Legation Guard at Peking, China, where armed men from every civilized nation, including the warring European countries, are living in comparative friendship. Considering the fact that Fortney is scarcely more than a recruit, his performance in gunnery is looked upon by Marine Corps officals as very promising.

THE FOREST REFUGE.

When patiently some heavy load of care
Hard pressed in silence you must meekly bear,
With willing spirit turn aside and go
To some deep forest, where the zephyrs blow
Through leafy coronals and flowers bloom;
In beauty in their nooks of fragrant gloom;
Where all the feathered choir is full in tune
And teeming with the happiness of June.
Near by from out the blooming locust trees
You hear the hum of many busy bees;
The dale that passes through each peaceful nook,
Gives up the music of the tireless brook
And 'round the forest monarchs stately stand,
Like sentinels, to guard their native land,
While from the bowers of these lofty trees
There comes the soothing of the summer breeze.
The spirit of the woods is prevalent
And all the tranquil air is redolent
With fragrance and a sense of solitude
Will calm your heart till in a restful mood,
The carping cares have drifted far away
And you have found delight in such a day.
Thus you may turn aside and find release
From burdens in a perfect sense of peace:
With quiet heart and liberty of thought
May find the freedom you so often sought;
Companionship with your creator there,
And lo you'll find him everywhere.

H. Phillips

ROCKWOOD

Mrs. M. R. Brennan of Johnstown, narrowly escaped drowning on Wednesday of last week while in bathing in the Casselman river, South Rockwood. She was rescued by her brother W. C Gardner who heard the screams of his sister. Although there were several in bathing at the same time, they seemed spellbound by the scene.

Mrs. R. S. Beachy and children who have been visiting here departed on Thursday evening for their home in Kansas City, Mo.

Mrs. R. M. Miler has returned home from a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Merrill, of Garrett

The Christian Church at New Centerville had its steeple struck and torn down by lightning Friday afternoon. Rockwood was asked for help and a number of men went in autos and helped to prevent the utter destruction of the building.

The Mothers' Association of Rockwood held their annual picnic in Hay's grove on Thursday evening.

Roy Critchfield of Rockwood and Daisy Zearfoss of Friedens, Pa., were married recently at Cumberland.

Prof. O. O. Saylor, formerly of the Rockwood schools, spent Wednesday in this place calling n friends.

There will be no preaching services in the United Brethren church Sunday on account of the pastor being away on his vacation.

Rev. I. J Duke and family, H. A. Miller and family, J. D. Locke and Miss Helen Bell Rush, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hay and Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Miller composed an auto party which left Rockwood Thursday morning for Pittsburg, Buffaalo, N. Y. and several other points of interest in New York state.

Miss Mary Johnston is suffering from an injured wrist received at Oakford Park, Jeannette, on Thursday. A boy was thrown off a "joy wheel" striking Miss Johnston with such a force that she was knocked down tearing the ligaments in her right wrist.

George Fishburn has resigned his position as assistant agent at this place and has accepted a position with a rubber company of Akron, O. Roy Snyder was promoted from the freight department to the assistant agentship.

The Kingwood Lodge I. O. O. F. will hold their annual picnic on Saturday, September 2. They are making preparations to make this picnic the greatest in the history of the lodge.

On petition of John W. Shaffer, of Stoyestown, Judge Ruppel has issued a rule on John H. Blansett, of that place, to show cause why he should not institute an action in ejectment against Shaffer for the possession of a lot of ground in Stoyestown borough, title to which is claimed by both parties.

The Hessian fly made its appearance in York Co. in wheat that was sown very late in the fall.

THE NATION IS SHOCKINGLY UNPREPARED.

It is apparent that we are shockingly unprepared. There is no room for controversy on this point since the object lesson on the Mexican border. All our available regular troops (less, I believe, than 40,000) are there or in Mexico, and as these have been deemed insufficient the entire national guard has been ordered out. That is, we are summoning practically all our movable military forces in order to prevent bandit incursions. In view of the warnings of the past three years, it is inexcusable that we should find ourselves in this plight. For our faithful guardsmen, who with a fine patriotism responded to this call and are bearing this burden, I have nothing but praise. But I think it little short of absurd that we should be compelled to call men from their shops, their factories, their offices and their professions for such a purpose This, however, is not all. The units of the national guard were at peace strength, which was only about one-half the required strength. It was necessary to bring in recruits, for the most part raw and untrained. Only a small percentage of the regiments recruited up to war strength will have had even a year's training in the national guard, which at the maximum means a hundred hours of military drill, and, on the average, means much less. Men fresh from their peaceful employments and physically unprepared have been hurried to the border for actual service. They were without proper equipment, without necessary supplies; suitable conditions of transportation were not provided. Men with dependent families were sent, and conditions which should have been well known were discovered after the event. And yet the exigency, comparatively speaking, was not a very grave one. It involved nothing that could not readily have been foreseen during the past three years of disturbance and required only a modest talent for organization. That this administration while pursuing its course in Mexico should have permitted such conditions to exist is almost incredible.—From Mr. Hughes' Speech of Acceptance.

VICINITY OF MEYERSDALE

Alvin Kretchman and Robert Faidley motored to Berlin Sunday.

Miss Nellie Beals spent Saturday and Sunday at Charles Bittner's.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Engle spent Sunday evening at Milton Mishler's.

Miss Martha Maust is helping her sister, Mrs. Ben Bender.

Harper and Jasper May from Boswell, spent Thursday at Geo. Beal's.

Miss Sadie Maust is working for Christ Bender's.

Elmer Miller and Robert Haer who was working for the Muncy Lumber Co. have quit and gone to Legonier.

Miss Erma Bockes is working at Howard Peck's home.

Miss Margaret Kendall, from Ohio, and her brother George, from Meyersdale, spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. James Beals.

Mr. and Mrs. William Miller spent Sunday at Wilson Saylor's.

Mrs. Robt. Faidley who was visiting friends and relatives at Berlin, returned home Sunday.

Norman Zimmerman, James Beals and Robert Faidley were business callers in Meyersdale Saturday evening.

BUSINESS MEN TRY TO AVERT STRIKE

Ask Congress to Direct U. S. Inquiry Into R. R. Wages.

FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT

Members of United States Chamber of Commerce Vote Overwhelmingly In Favor of Letting Interstate Commerce Commission Adjust Controversy.

Washington.—In order to ascertain the position of the business men of the nation on the controversy between the railroads of the country and the unions of train service employes, which was precipitated by the demand of the latter for an increase in wages that would amount to $100,000,000 a year, the United States Chamber of Commerce recently submitted the matter to a vote of all its members. They were asked to express their opinion as to whether the dispute should be allowed to take its course with the possibility of a great strike that would tie up all the transportation lines throughout the country and paralyze all business, or whether they would favor the adoption to a joint resolution by the two branches of congress directing the Interstate Commerce Commission to investigate and pass upon the matter.

The vote received was a very large one and represented business organizations in every part of the country. The result was overwhelmingly in favor of placing the matter in the hands of the Interstate Commerce Commission, 984¾ votes being cast in favor of this course and only 28¼ against it. The result showed clearly that the business interests of the country are unalterably against permitting the transportation lines to be tied up by a national railroad strike that would paralyze the commerce of the country and inflict enormous losses on all classes of citizens.

Chairman Wheeler of the Committee in charge of the matter for the Chamber of Commerce appeared before the representatives of the railroads and their employes at their conference in New York in June. He announced the result of the Committee's inquiry among the business men of the country and urged both parties to the dispute to get together and adopt the course suggested. As a result the committee of managers representing the railroads submitted a proposal that the whole subject be placed before the Interstate Commerce Commission as requested by the representatives of the business interests. As an alternative they offered to submit the demands to arbitration under the Federal law. Both offers were refused by the union leaders, who announced that they would go back to their unions and get authority to declare a strike. This they have since been doing.

Meanwhile a resolution has been introduced in Congress directing the Interstate Commerce Commission to make an investigation of railroad wages. This resolution is now awaiting action. It is believed here that if nothing further is done by Congress or by the parties to the wage dispute to bring about a peaceful settlement the business interests of the country, through the United States Chamber of Commerce, or some other organization, will appeal to the Government to take some direct and decisive action to prevent the destruction of national prosperity by a strike on all the railroad lines.

NO MONEY TO BUY SHEEP.

The suggestion made a short time since by the Agricultural Department to place 5,000 sheep on Pennsylvania farms on a profitsharing plan, has met with hearty response from the farmers who have made requests for 7,000 sheep thus embarrasing the Agricultural Department which is without funds to buy the sheep. Perhaps some plan can be made by which the Department can raise the money.