

A CHAT WITH OUR NEIGHBORS

STERLING.

Lecture at Church on "Fishing"—Other Locality Items.

We are now having very hot, dry weather and an excellent time for haying.

On the evening of July 5 D. P. M. T. Spangenberg installed officers of Washington Camp, No. 279, John Bishop was initiated. Cream was served at a late hour.

A sister of Mrs. S. N. Cross, Mrs. B. Widner, and granddaughter, Miss Grace Shoemaker, from Buttzville, N. J., are Mrs. Cross' guests.

One night the Grangers treated themselves to seven gallons of cream and over 50 participated.

Mr. Beatherman's new separator at W. Musgrove's place is now running and many are patronizing it.

Claud Bortree is helping his uncle, Dick Simons, get his hay.

Rev. W. E. Webster has a young sister in Maryland sick and the family are now with her.

Sunday Rev. C. D. Rowley lectured here at 10.30 on "Fishing."

George Gilpin and family are now at Coolbaugh.

Mrs. Clitia Megargle Pheton, son and daughter of Massachusetts, accompanied by Miss Pauline Megargle of Moscow, were callers in town today.

Miss Della Wedtz of Philadelphia is a guest of the Miss Cliffs.

TYLER HILL.

Nearly All Engaged in Haying—Dairymen's Meeting.

Almost all the farmers in this vicinity are head over heels in the process of making hay. All indications point to a fine crop.

The rain Sunday afternoon came just in time to help the oats. Corn also profited by it.

Ellis Wood of Keunoza Lake was through town Wednesday buying chickens.

A number of young men from Honesdale were the guests of Mr. Dittich in his bungalow at Laurel Lake last week.

There was a meeting of the local branch of the Dairyman's league in the bandroom Friday last, at which time Mervin Noble of Calkins, recent delegate to the Middletown convention of the league, made his report. The Tyler Hill branch of the league represents over 300 cows.

W. F. Hall of Honesdale preached in the schoolhouse Sunday morning instead of Rev. Minch, who was called to his mother's deathbed Saturday. Mrs. Minch died Saturday evening and the funeral was Monday. Mr. Minch is expected back this week. His numerous friends at Tyler Hill extend their hearty sympathy to him in his bereavement.

The work at the Baptist church is being pushed rapidly ahead. Harry Petrick of Wesleyan university is spending his vacation with relatives at Tyler Hill.

James Coe is pitching hay for John Lutz. His brother, George, has been with Mr. Lutz for some time.

Charles Monnington carried the mail for Martin Jensen Wednesday.

Clara Gaston of Galliee spent several days last week with friends in this place.

DAMASCUS.

Doctor Has An Auto—Fresh Items, One on Fresh Paint.

Mrs. G. L. Armstrong of Pittsburg is spending a few weeks with relatives in Damascus and Cochection.

Dr. Otto Appleby has just purchased a fine new automobile. He is learning to run the machine and has already taken several trips.

Mrs. M. H. Keyes is visiting to Hasbrook, N. Y.

A Crossman recently took a few of his friends on an automobile trip to Hasbrook, N. Y.

Mrs. C. H. Valentine spent Friday with her parents at Milanville.

Mrs. S. Bush is visiting her daughter, Mrs. L. M. Eldred, at Cochection, N. Y.

Messrs. Ross and Mitchell are giving a new coat of paint to J. H. Mosher's house. It adds greatly to its appearance.

PLEASANT MOUNT.

The Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Moase for tea Wednesday. It is hoped the interior of the church building will be renovated in the fall.

Mrs. Emma James is visiting relatives at Scranton and her daughter, Mrs. Johns, is in Scranton.

One of our Civil war veterans, Lorenzo Lake, suddenly passed from us Tuesday last. Deceased, who had reached the ripe age of 83, expired while sitting in a chair in his house. Interment took place here Thursday, the services being conducted by Rev. George Pope.

Rev. Mr. Schenck of the M. E. church is away on a vacation.

The service at the Presbyterian church Sunday week was conducted by Rev. W. J. Crane, who years ago was the minister here. Mr. Crane has recently married again at Uniondale.

EAST CANAAN.

Mrs. EH Shafer is on the sick list.

PENROSE SAYS G. O. P. WINS.

Expects Tener Will Get There Handsomely, Also Republican Congressmen.

United States Senator Boise Penrose says the Republicans will sweep Pennsylvania this fall, electing not only the state ticket but retaining the present strength in Congress. In an interview at Atlantic City to a representative of the Philadelphia Press the Senator spoke emphatically on the situation. He called attention to the splendid administration of Gov. Edwin S. Stuart and gave his reasons for forecasting Republican victory.

He said: "If my advice is followed the same open, square, manly fight that is to be made in Pennsylvania for the president will be made in every Congressional district in the union. I tell you the people are with Taft. They are beginning to appreciate his breadth, his sanity, his usefulness. The days of the obstructionists are nearly ended. I am afraid that Senator Beveridge will lose his seat in Indiana as one effect of his opposition to the president. Others who have adopted similar tactics are likely to meet a similar fate."

"Returning to Pennsylvania, I predict that John K. Tener will prove to be a powerful candidate, and an admirable governor. He has breadth of view and character, a kindly nature and great executive ability. He has ideas that are noteworthy, and his Republicanism is of the old-fashioned, rock-ribbed variety. He will tour the state, and I predict that he will not back away from any discussion of the tariff, of the Taft administration nor of the administration of state affairs given by the Republican party under Gov. Stuart."

"I don't care to talk of the third party movement until it shall crystallize into something more than talk. When I return from my Western trip in September I may have something to say about it, about the men who compose it and their motives."

"What about the alleged movement to defeat representatives who voted with Speaker Cannon?"

"Nothing will come of it. They voted right, and their action needs no defense. When the American public understands, as it will understand some day, the outrageous persecution to which that great old Republican has been subjected by seditious muckrakers, it will take its revenge on the conspirators."

"I want the people of Pennsylvania to scrutinize the records of the Taft administration in the nation and the Stuart administration in the state. I want them to study the new tariff and to make their own observations and to form their own opinions concerning conditions in the nation and in Pennsylvania. If this shall be done, I have no fear of the result."

"Pessimism is a contagious disease. Prosperity is its antidote. All signs point to the effective check of the malady. There has been so much misrepresentation that, naturally, many believe the false prophets. The approaching campaign will give an opportunity to show up the detractors in their true colors. This will be done in a fair discussion of everything for which the Republican party stands, and I anticipate that Pennsylvania will lead the country in just that kind of discussion."

The Salt Charm Failed.
Some three years before the Franco-German war broke out Count Seckendorff accompanied King William I. on his visit to Napoleon III. and was present at the celebrated dejeuner given in the Pavillon de Diane at Fontainebleau. King William, who was sitting next the empress, was asked by her to pass the salt, and in complying with this request he threw a little salt over his shoulder. Upon the empress exclaiming, "Why do you do that?" the king explained that in his country it was the custom to do so when passing the salt to ward off bad luck and any chance of a quarrel. The empress in a prettily turned speech at once replied, "But surely there is no danger of anything interfering with our friendship." In less than three years the Germans had crossed the Rhine.—London Spectator.

Our Eccentric Phrases.
Why do we always talk of putting on a coat and vest? Who puts on a coat before a vest? We also say putting on shoes and stockings. Who puts on shoes before the stockings? We also put up signs telling people to wipe their feet when we mean their boots or shoes. And a father tells a boy he will warm his jacket when he means to warm his pantaloons. We are a little eccentric in our phrases at times.

An Odd Epitaph.
The following epitaph is to be found in a cemetery within seven miles of New York's city hall:
Reader, pass on; don't waste your time over bad biography and bitter rhyme, for what I am this crumbling clay insures, and what I was is no affair of yours.

In the Game.
"I am in the hands of my friends," said the political sidestepper.
"Yes," replied the harsh critic, "and every time your friends look over their heads they seem impatient for a new deal."—Washington Star.

Couldn't Talk.
De Style—You say that loving pair of deaf mutes were sitting in the parlor and didn't carry on a conversation? Gumbusta—They couldn't, for they were holding hands.—New York Press.

I never knew an early rising, hard-working, prudent man, careful of his earnings and strictly honest, who complained of bad luck.—Addison.

YOUTHFUL FORTY-NINERS.

According to One of Them They Were Just a Lot of Boys.

"It makes me laugh," says an old miner, "to see the sort of pictures that artists draw when they want to illustrate a story of early mining days in California. They make the 'Forty-niners' old men, bearded and wrinkled and dressed like dime novel heroes."

"Why, we were just boys, most of us, and trousers patched with flour sashes and fancy buttoned coats. I remember we paid \$50 a pair for heavy cowhide boots to wear in the ground sluices—that was before rubber boots came along."

"The oldest man in camp here in Weaverville was short of thirty, but we called him 'the old man,' and one of my partners never had any name but 'Empire Mills,' because that was the brand on the flour sack he happened to resent his breeches with."

"We were just a lot of rip roaring young farmer boys turned loose in a country where we expected to shovel up gold like corn at home. We didn't think it was a white man's country anyway. Every one of us expected to wash out a peck measure of nuggets and go back home. We used to say that the best thing Uncle Sam could do was to dig out all the gold and give the country back to the Mexicans."

"Some of us had seen lively times getting across the plains. I had walked most of the way myself and dodged Indians and Mormons; the Salts had it in for me and a lot more of the Gentiles and they would have paid us off in lead if they could have got the chance. I got to California in time to be a 'Forty-niner, and in May of '50 I was cramped down below town on Weaver creek with three partners."

Human Inequality.
There is a notion, and a most pernicious one, that it is the highest realization of republican form of government that all the people should by some forcing process be made as much alike as possible. All human beings are born equal only in the single fact that they all come into the world by the same natural process. The same equality exists in the matter of death, since what we call life is extinguished for all under the self-same conditions. But that is all the equality that is possible, for human beings are all unlike and unequal in bodily and mental characteristics, and to such an extent does this lack of equality go that it is seen in the peculiarities of every individual.—New Orleans Picayune.

Her Dear Friend,
Susie—Now, when I'm asked to sing I never say, "Oh, I can't!" I always sit down at the piano—Jennie—And let the audience find it out for themselves?—Illustrated Bits.

The First Step.
Young Woman (before milliner's window, to her maid)—That hat is perfectly lovely. I must have it. Marie, be sure to remind me to kiss my husband when I get home.

Quickly Subdued.
Von Blumer (roaring with rage)—Who told you to put paper on the wall? Decorator—Your wife, sir. Von Blumer—Pretty, isn't it?

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HER SEX SAVED HER.
Mother to manager—You've heard my daughter's voice. What role do you think she ought to study?
"If she were a man I should say auctioneer."



WHEN SHE WENT HOME.
"Polly, I met an old friend today whom I hadn't seen in years."
"You didn't ask him to dinner?"
"No; he said he was hungry, so I took him to a restaurant."



SEEING THINGS.
Magistrate—What's the matter with this prisoner, officer?
"Well, yer honor, he's chasin' rain-bows in th' daytime an' star gazin' at night."



THE LURE OF THE EAST.
Old Man—You'd better stick to the ranch, boy.
"When a lawyer can make \$30 an hour in New York? I guess not."

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