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A CROWD OF PEOPLE
The citizens of Patton, Pa., were
gathered in the town square for a
public meeting to discuss the
proposed new school building.

A NEWSPAPER POLL
The Patton Courier has conducted a
poll of its readers regarding the
proposed new school building.

Methodists Plan Big
World Meeting in 1928
Kansas City, Mo.,—Annual conference
of the Methodist Episcopal church all
over the world are electing delegates
to the general conference to convene
here May 1, 1928.

SMALL TOWN STUFF
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Sitting Bull's Nephew
May Run for Congress
Pierre, S. D.—One of the possibilities
of the next campaign in South
Dakota is that of a full-blood Sioux
Indian getting into the race for congress
from the Third Congressional
district.

INDIANA OFFICER UNDER ARREST
Alleged to have shot and severely
wounded Frank Schmitt, aged 25,
member of Indiana, Indiana county, who
is now a patient at the Duwessville
hospital, Thomasville, a deputy sheriff
was arrested last week on charges of
murder and battery, aggravated assault and
battery, and pointing firearms. Little was
recovered on the case and he is now in
custody.

That's Good
Washington—When a man under
oath guesses wrong about the age
of a girl it is not perjury. A District
of Columbia grand jury decided in
refusing to indict Victor Nishimura on
that charge.

Doctors Use Planes to
Visit Isolated Towns
Melbourne, Australia.—An aviation
medical service is being
organized by the Australian government.

MRS. LAURA BERKELHE
Federal grand jury for Mrs. Laura (Mrs.
Anna) Berkelhe, aged 28 years, of Patton,
Pa., who died of pneumonia on Wed.
nesday night of last week, were held in
Sunday morning at the home of Mr. and
Mrs. J. M. Harter of Patton. Interment
was in Patton. Mrs. Berkelhe is survived by
a son, Norman Berkelhe, Jr.

MRS. SUSAN CRUM
Mrs. Susan Crum, aged 55 years, a well
known resident of the Patton section,
died at her home of heart trouble last
Thursday evening. She had been ill only
a few days.

MRS. CATHERINE ILLIO
Mrs. Catherine (Vivian) Illio, aged
38 years, wife of Luigi Illio of Ebensburg,
died last Friday evening at the
Mercy hospital in Johnstown, following
a long illness. She had been
a patient at that hospital since Novem-
ber 15th. The funeral services were held
at the Holy Name church at Ebensburg
and burial was in the Catholic cemetery
in Lower Yoder. She is survived by her
husband, her mother and several brothers
and sisters.

MRS. JANE MCARDLE
Mrs. Jane (Lena) McArdle, mother of
P. J. McArdle, National Ohio oil pros-
pector, died last Friday evening at her
home in Patton, Pa. She is survived
by a number of children.

HORTEN BURER
Mrs. Angela Lutter, daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. Celestine Lutter of East Car-
roll township and 41-year-old widow,
died at her home in Patton, Pa., last
Thursday evening. The funeral was
performed by the Rev. Father...

INVENTS LOCK TO FOIL BANK BANDITS

Prevents Instant Seizure and Quick Getaway.

New York—A system for frustrating
robbers by delaying bandits until
the police arrive is to be intro-
duced in bank vaults throughout the
country. It was announced here recently
by the Sargent & Greenleaf com-
pany, whose president, W. R. Hill of
Rockester, N. Y., has invented a de-
vice known as the "time-delay" lock.
With the new principle of lock opera-
tion safe doors cannot open until a
pre-determined time after the combina-
tion has been released.

The time-delay lock—a combined time
and combination lock—can be set for
any period from 10 minutes to 72
hours. Thus, almost instant seizure
of funds and a quick getaway in a
fast automobile—the bold procedure
of the modern ruff—are to be met by
increasing the advantage of speed
upon which criminals depend for their
success.

Under the system outlined by Hill,
banks and brokerage houses would
have their vaults set to open for brief
intervals at various times during the
day, when enough cash could be taken
out until the next opening. In the
event that bank officials were com-
pelled to open the combinations of
the vaults a pre-determined time in-
terval would have to elapse before
the doors could swing open and give
access to the vaults.

The same principle is to be applied
in the transportation of large sums
of cash in heavy chests equipped
with time-delay locks so they can-
not be opened for several hours.

A questionnaire to police chiefs
throughout the United States and in
European capitals, Hill said, con-
firmed his belief that in bank rob-
beries, as in fires, the first few min-
utes are more important than the
subsequent hours or days in the pre-
vention of robberies and apprehen-
sion of the criminals.

Church problems will be discussed
and plans formulated by 850 delegates,
half of whom are ministerial and half
lay representatives. Possibility of a
union between the Methodist Episco-
pal church and the Methodist Episco-
pal church, South, is seen in the fact
that members of the southern church
have been appointed on reception com-
mittees and will attend some of the
sessions.

For some years there were quadren-
nial conferences in Baltimore. In
1908 a demand for a delegated mem-
bership was lost on the first vote, 65
to 57. When the ministers packed
their valises and prepared to re-
turn home, another vote was taken
and the delegated general conference
came into being.

A movement has been launched to
cut down the 1928 number and ac-
tion is expected at the May meeting.

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When the Mountain Moves

By AD SCHUSTER

Most of the year Mud creek was
clear and belied its name. It
was only in the late summer and fall
when the glacier, high on the slope of
the mountain, started to melt in the
sun, that the mud came down and the
stream became a gray and turbid
stream. Nancy Cross, homesteader, felt
that she knew every trick of the creek
and every mood of the mountain. They
were her friends—except for the deer
and birds her only friends.

Nancy had lived alone in her cabin
for thirteen months and there was not
a mouth to pass her the time would
be hers. She had her books, her let-
ters from friends in the East and her
dreams of romance, once this experi-
ment had been tried. Sometimes when
the nights were long and a mountain
lion howled in the distance, she won-
dered if she had made a mistake, leav-
ing them all for this adventure. When
the sun rose over the mountain and
the choir of birds made the pine trees
ring, she rejoiced.

"This place is my test," she told
herself, "a test of my capabilities, and
a trial for my heart. I will know when
I go back if I ever do, I will know
myself more, much more, of the things
that count."

Her love for the mountain was not
unmixed with fear. The glacier ex-
posed now more than it had been for
half a century, seemed as a mighty
weight hanging over her head. Usually
there was snow in the gulches the
year around and winter saw the whole
mountain covered. Four dry years
had made her mountain gaunt, the
snow was gone, but there in this one
northern crevasse was a melting sur-
face of packed ice.

Little streams ran over the top of
the glacier and poured into a hole at
its foot. As fall approached the wa-
ters charmed in this hole and over-
flowing fed Mud creek. Nancy saw
the stream had never been so high or
so muddy. It was running fast enough
to cut into its banks, adding mud,
growing thicker, and with it came
small stones and sticks. Through her
field glasses she looked up at the
cause of the torrent. The glacier ex-
posed now more than it had been for
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The girl who was afraid of a glacier
had cause to be afraid of men. In a
small land office a tall man who called
himself an attorney and who made a
specialty of handling titles and
homestead rights had made a discov-
ery. If he, or some one else, could file
on Nancy's property before her time
was out, within the week, he could get
the land. It might take a suit to court
her, but he would get it. The tall man
took a shorter one into his confidence
and they planned the expedition.

"It will be worth a lot some day,"
they said "with that timber and wa-
ter power."

As they made their way toward the
mountain, letting their horses pick the
trail through the forest and over the
sides of volcanic ash, they had no
thought of a girl who lived alone to
earn this land. It was enough she had
not met certain requirements.

"We have two days," said the tall
man. "It will be a cinch."

"I don't hope," said the short one.
"she doesn't make a squawk. I hate
women what takes on."

Mud creek continued its rampage.
Nancy walked along its bank, noting
with wonder the rate with which it
was rising. It was full of mud now
almost like molasses, and yet it moved
so swiftly. It cut into the banks, eat-
ing them away in a single day as
much as an ordinary stream would in
a year, for it carried in its depths
boulders and dirt. It ground and
roared and the rolling stones bumped,
crashed and squealed.

Night came and the girl stood in
her doorway, terrified and yet held
by the weird spell of this phenomenon.
Mud creek in places was twenty feet
deep and no wider. Again it was a
city block wide and shallow. Boul-
ders hitting together jumped to the
surface and all the time came the
grumbling, mumbering sound. The
stream would have choked with its
own content had it not been for the
brooks which fed it with clear water.
fed it enough to fill the track and send
it on.

As the earth was washed from be-
neath in their route big trees fell. Nancy
heard them rattle as the limbs broke
and braced herself for the shock of a
mighty crash. She wondered where all
this weight of mud was going. If it
would take out the bridge below, and
she thanked her stars it was cutting
deep enough to make a channel and
let the mud and her cabin were safe.

The two men heard the rattle in
the woods and looked at each other
in fear. They stopped on the bank
of the creek, which was a grinding,
bobbing mass of trees, rock and sticky
toss huge boulders and they were
afraid.

"If this bank should cave in," said
the tall man, "we'd be in kingdom
come."

The short man scratched his head
and shouted above the noise: "Let's
get out here. It's a sign, or some-
thing, that river. It's yelling!"

Nancy, in her doorway, stood on
trembling earth and in a thundering
world. The two men, headed toward
home, urged their horses on. They
and their plans had been cut off
through the offices of a guardian
glacier.

SOME OF THE NEW AUTOMOBILE LAWS

That Become Effective Jan. 1, Are Worth While Considering Just Now.

Coasting your automobile down hill
with the gears in neutral will constitute
a violation of the law after the first of
the year, along with a number of other
prohibitions given out in condensed form
last week, by the legal department of the
Keystone Automobile Club.

Only one month remains in which mo-
torists can approach a long down grade,
down the road, legally throw the
gears in neutral and "let 'er coast." After
January 1st the thrill of slipping down
grades will be lost, and the wind
whistling will prove an expensive pleas-
ure if the state police or highway patrol-
men are near by.

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A TALK ON THE EVILS OF THE DRUG HABIT

Weekly Health Letter From Dr. Theo. B. Appel, Secretary of the State Department of Health.

The puppy flocks of Flanders will ever
be an object of affection, pride and ad-
miration to American citizens. But the puppy
flocks of China can now be viewed with
most sorrow and misery. The former re-
sults of patriotic devotion, the latter
because of the unfortunate slavery it
denotes, said Dr. Theodore B. Appel,
Secretary of Health, this week.

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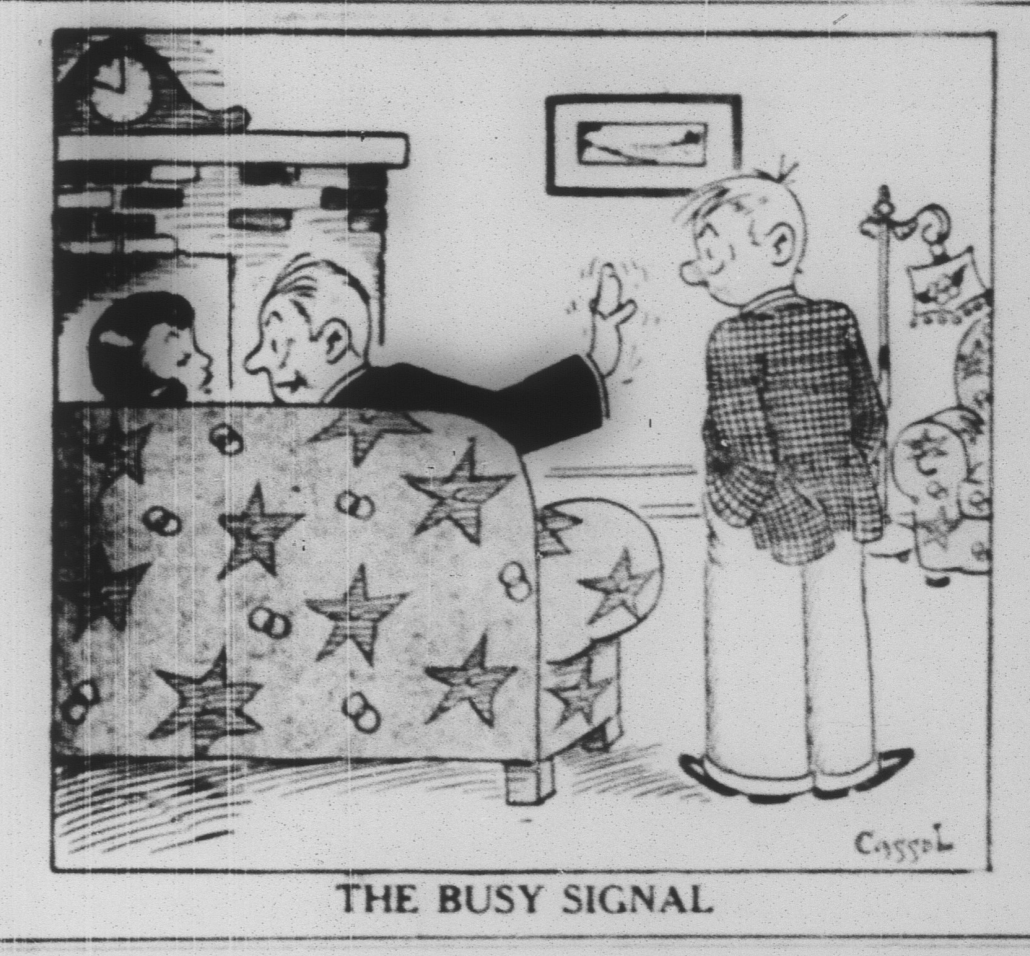
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