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PATTON HAS THE UPPER HAND.

Patton has every reason to look forward to a brighter future this summer than, perhaps, have many of our neighbor towns. It is reported that the Patton Clay Works are now behind in their orders, and that things will shortly begin to hum there. And speaking of conditions, generally, out-of-town folks are usually prone to forget that the Patton Clay Manufacturing Company has and is helping Patton to an extent that no other northern Cambria county town can boast of. Right down to brass tacks practically every other community in northern county relies solely on the coal mining industry. Patton does too, to a certain extent, but such things as a silk mill and a large clay products plant, both working, are points that no logical person can overlook.

And then, too, Patton has a contractor of no mean proportions, in the person of W. B. H. Williams, who now is in the beginning of several large road contracts for the state and other interests. Mr. Williams is a large employer of labor, and he is not to be overlooked in the progress of Patton, and in his help to the community at a time when the coal business slumped. Mr. Williams usually has his work within striking distance of Patton, too. Just another point in favor of Patton's prosperity, and just another argument to show your neighbor town's resident why Patton is not so bad off as it is painted, when he tells you the coal business has put us all to the bad.

After all, you can find but few empty houses in Patton. The census figures will disclose, no doubt, a loss in population to the town, from that of ten years ago. But with that, there is no occasion for the folks in our community to feel badly about it. While it is the general custom to regard growth in population and material wealth as essential to prosperity, there are other and less apparent evidence of growth or decadence. The moral character of a people must be regarded as one of the essentials of national development. Even if Patton may have declined in point of population figures, there is no denying the fact that we have a better class of people, as a whole in our confines in 1930 than we did in either 1920 or in 1910.

Of course, you meet the proverbial street pessimist daily. He tells you of the hard times we have, and of the lack of work. Many times he is the fellow who holds many jobs but not many of them for long. Or he is the man who won't work unless he is paid a wage beyond his worth. He is the man who knocks conditions in general and Patton in particular. But have you ever noticed that the man who really wants to get along, usually manages to do so. He'll work for whatever he can get until something better turns up.

Every once in a while, we bump into a business man from another town, who deplors business conditions in general in his community, and also takes occasion to tell us how "bad" he hears the conditions in Patton are. We always tell him that Patton is just a little bit better than his town and tell him why. We are always happy to tell him about a Clay Products plant in Patton, that has been here ever since back in the "Nineties", and which he, with all his brethren, don't seem to remember. We tell him of the Silk Mill, which also helps and helps considerably the community. And we tell him, too, of W. B. H. Williams and his industries, which now are an even dozen or more.

Mr. Williams, always business from top to bottom, is optimistic about conditions in general for the summer. Mr. Williams is in a position to know. He, alone, has contracts that is handling a great deal of Patton labor right now, and that is also helping many other communities. We can all be thankful he has his headquarters in Patton.

Don't let the other fellow tell you how bad conditions are in Patton. They are not nearly as bad here as they are in that particular fellow's home town. And Patton can look forward too, to a brighter summer, than can most of our neighbors for **PATTON DOES NOT RELY ENTIRELY ON THE COAL MINING INDUSTRY.**

Barnesboro is now looking forward with anticipation to a new shirt factory, soon to be completed, and promoted by their enterprising citizens, that will employ female labor to a large extent, and that will, without doubt, materially benefit the town. Barnesboro has long relied SOLELY on the coal industry, and Barnesboro has been hard hit for the past few years.

It takes a few industries besides coal mines these days to keep a community moving. Patton has them. Despite what other say, Patton never has been as bad from a business or labor standpoint during the past few years, or since the bituminous coal industry hit a slump—as have our neighbors.

Boost for Patton. Really you have no reason to knock it. Be thankful for what we have. You have reason to be thankful.

OBSERVATIONS FROM THE SIDELINES.

The Cambria Freeman of Ebensburg tells of that annual pest "Daylight savings time" coming upon us, and hopes that it will not interfere with the regular seven o'clock period for "Amos 'n Andy" on the radio. The worst is here Brother Moore, we have to arrange to be home at six o'clock P. M. eastern standard time now, to hear the comedians. But that is not as bad as it was a couple of years ago when we lived in Carroktown which operated on standard time, and worked in Patton, observing Daylight time. We left Patton at 12 o'clock noon, Patton time, and arrived home for lunch at 11:05 A. M. Carroktown time. We departed from Carroktown at 11:50 A. M. and arrived in Patton at 1 P. M. In the evening, we left Patton at five o'clock and arrived in Carroktown at 4:10 P. M., and then the good wife made us wait two solid hours for our supper. Indeed, Bro. Moore, we are content to hear "Amos 'n Andy" at 6 o'clock, and hope no fanatic tries to jumble the north of the county's time periods this season.

"Hi" Andrews of the Johnstown Democrat has been slapping Editor Walter Thompson of the Mountaineer-Herald at Ebensburg quite hard recently. Looks to us as though Walt is a regular "devil". Perhaps "Hi" told some truths, too—at least in part of his story. We refer Walt back to some editorials written just prior to the primaries last fall. The editor of the Courier no doubt is all kinds of a dog in some circles (politically) but rise or fall, sink or swim—we don't straddle the fence to see whose field we're going to fall into after the primaries are over.

It takes more than the Johnstown Democrat to remember things. Editor Eldridge in the "Nanty-Glo Journal" last week brings up the old, old, rumor of the Cresson Record getting oodles of job printing from the Vore campaign a few years back. Our only regret is that the Patton Courier didn't get any of it. But we'd only have it all spent by now, anyway.

State politics are all mixed up. We can't make any prediction as to the winners until sometime after the primaries. And if anyone will tell us just what Cambria County is going to do, and to what extent they are going to do it, we'll be much obliged.

But Cambria county politics are "warming up" and they are "warming up" to the extent that they promise to be "hot" very shortly. Especially so, the Congressional situation. But remember, the present Congressman has proved himself a good congressman, a capable congressman, and a congressman who has established himself at Washington, and we see every advantage in returning J. Russell Leach to Congress.

One thing about "Hi" Andrews of the Johnstown Democrat is that he can find out how "bad" a town is, but seldom locates how "good" it is. We admit we read the Johnstown Democrat daily, and we're inclined to believe that all of Cambria county, Patton included, must be an organized band of bootleggers—or consumers—or both.

Anthony Podkalic, a 7-year-old school boy residing at one of the small mining villages near Osceola, was made a cripple for life late Friday afternoon while he and his companions were engaged in freight jumping to ride home from school.

SPORTSMEN OPPOSE LICENSE INCREASE

Additional Revenue for Fishing Permits Not Favored by Cambria County Sportsmen's Association

At a meeting of the Cambria County Sportsmen's Association held at Ebensburg last week in Deck Lane's studio several matters of interest to sportsmen generally were discussed, the most important of which was the proposed increase in cost of fishing licenses. The association went on record at last Friday night's meeting as being opposed to any such increase. Many of the clubs throughout the county affiliated with the association were represented. The meeting was presided over by the Hon. Joseph Washington, of Sankertown, member of the Legislature from the Second Cambria District.

Matters pertaining to the Sportsmen's Day at the Cambria County Fair were also discussed, but no definite program has as yet been arranged for this event, Wednesday of Fair Week has been set aside as Sportsmen's Day this year and promises to be a gala event for the sportsmen, not only of Cambria County, but throughout the entire State.

It was also decided that President Washington should send out to all sportsmen throughout the county a questionnaire in regard to the increase in cost of fishing licenses and a proposed firearms bill, in an endeavor to learn the sentiment of the entire county in regard to these matters. Booklets are also being sent out to sportsmen throughout the State explaining the wild turkey situation, about which a great deal of discussion has been had lately, in an effort to secure a "gobbler law," protecting the hen turkey.

Announcement was made at the meeting of the State Convention of the Conservation Council of Pennsylvania, which convenes at Johnstown on May 26. Persons attending the convention will be the guests jointly of the Cambria County Sportsmen's Association and the Johnstown Sportsmen's Association. An elaborate program embracing speakers representing all departments of the Fishing and Forestry Departments of the State is being prepared. All farm grangers and sportsmen's clubs of Schuylkill, Blair and Cambria counties are invited to attend this convention.

SMALLER FARM ACREAGE, BUT BIGGER CROPS GROWN

Outstanding Feature in Progress of Farming in Pennsylvania

An increase in the total production of the more important field crops in Pennsylvania, accompanied by an actual decrease or only a slight increase in the area growing these crops, has been one of the outstanding features in the progress of farming in this state during recent decades, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Between 1884 and 1924, the annual production of corn was increased 18,000,000 bushels, while the area growing the crop was increased only 170,000 acres. Wheat is even a better illustration of the trend. An increase of 2,000,000 bushels in total annual production during the 40-year period was accompanied by a decrease of approximately 200,000 acres growing the crop. The trend in oats is very similar to that of wheat. The production increased 2,000,000 bushels, while the acreage decreased 170,000.

The production of buckwheat jumped from 3,332,900 bushels in 1884 to 4,838,000 in 1924, while the acreage dropped from 228,365 to 224,380. The potato crop has increased almost 100 per cent during the last four decades, while the acreage has gained only 25 per cent. Hay shows a trend similar to that of the grain crops. The production increased from 3,559,900 tons in 1884 to 3,559,900 tons in 1924 to 3,871,000 tons in 1924 while the acreage decreased slightly.

Increasing acre yields of these crops account for the greater production on the reduced acreage. This upward trend in acre yields is due to several factors, among them being the extensive use of high-grade fertilizers, better cultural methods, improved varieties, more effective control of insects and diseases and the abandonment of marginal land.

WEHRUM IS NOW VERY DEPOPULATED TOWN

Only 15 of 300 Households Remain and Must Vacate by 15th of May

Wehrum, Indiana County once a thriving, bustling coal town of 300 families, is about deserted and after the 15th of next month will probably be totally deserted so far as homes and families go, as notices have been served upon the 15 remaining tenants to vacate the properties of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation by May 15. With its population all gone, the postoffice will of necessity have to be closed. There are 150 to 200 houses, singles and doubles, together with stores and other business places. The probabilities are that the buildings will be sold to any persons who want to buy them, and will be torn down and moved away, or, if not sold, will be permitted to decay. Bethlehem, it is said, would be glad to co-operate with any manufacturing firm that could make use of the town of Wehrum, which has concrete roads, an abundance of water and coal, electricity and an up-to-date school.

The school building, a brick structure costing about \$80,000, was built only a few years ago by the Buffington Township School Board and is owned by the school authorities. The small township schools are being abandoned rapidly and pupils are being transported to this new school structure at Wehrum which will be continued in use and will probably be the only center of activity in Wehrum.

DOLLAR DAY Values

This Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday ONLY
April 30th, and May 1st, 2nd and 3rd

- Women's Silk DANCE KERCHIEFS 50c**
- Hand Bags, Womens, \$1**
- Womens rayon Undies, \$1**
- Men's Dress Shirts, \$1.15**

A Community Treat!

- Men's Broadcloth Pajamas **\$1.85**
- Men's Balbriggan Shirts & Drawers 2 for **\$1**
- Men's Dress Hose, 4 pairs for **\$1**
- Men's Silk Hose, 2 pairs for **\$1**
- Men's Balbriggan Union Suits for **\$1**
- Men's White Broadcloth Shirts at **\$1.50**
- Boys' Wool Mixed Sweaters at **\$1**
- Men's Pure Silk Ties at 50c and **\$1**
- Men's Athl. Shirts and Trunks, at 2 for **\$1**
- Big Boys' Wool Long Pants **\$2**

\$1 Day Special
Women's and Misses' up to \$12.50 value
SPRING COATS - \$5
To \$17.50 vals. at \$10.00
To \$25.00 vals. at \$15.00
Lot of Girls' and Misses' Coats at only \$2.00
Women's & Misses' Spring DRESSES
Up to \$15.00 Values,
\$3.85, \$5.85, \$7.85

- Boys' Wash Suits Fast Colors at 59c and **\$1**
- Boys' Dress Caps For **\$1**
- Boys' Wool Knickers For **\$1**
- Women's and Misses' New Spring Hats **\$1.98**
- Women's House Dresses Reg. and Extra Sizes **\$1**
- 81x90 Bleached Sheets For **\$1**
- 42x36 Pillow Cases at 1 For **\$1**
- Voile Ruffle Curtain Sets, 2 Sets For **\$1**
- 42-in. Bleached Pillow Tubing at 3 Yards For **\$1**
- Part Linen Toweling Bleached or Unbl. 8 Yds **\$1**

- 36-in. Tubfast Dress Fabrics, 4 Yards **\$1**
- 36-in. New Spring Cretonnes, 4 Yards for **\$1**
- Filet Quaker Curtains Pair **\$1.65**
- 13x44 Heavy Turkish Towels at 4 For **\$1**
- 36-in. Window Shades at 2 For **\$1**
- Children's Spring Hats Assortment of styles **\$1**
- Little Girls' New Spring Coats, Sizes 1 to 4. Blue, Rose, Tan **\$3.98**
- Women's 'Kerchiefs, 15 For **\$1**
- Women's Neckwear 2 For **\$1**
- Women's Rayon, Muslin Undies 2 For **\$1**
- Women's Pajamas at **\$1.25**

Men's New Spring Suits & Topcoats
Special 2 prices only
\$16.50
\$21.50
Students' 2 Pants Suits **\$12.50**
Boys' Regular \$8.50, 3 Piece Suits, With 2 pairs of lined knickers. Sizes 6-16 **\$5**
Children's Hose 4 Pairs For **\$1**
Ladies' 75c Silk Hose French Heel 2 Pairs **\$1**
Women's Silk Hose Full Fashioned Foot Pair **\$1**
Women's 75c Extra Size Hose, 2 Pairs For **\$1**
Men's \$1.00 'Penn' work Shirts, 2 For **\$1**

- Women's Silk and Rayon Hose, 2 Pairs For **\$1**
- Women's Girdles at **\$1**
- Women's Onyx Full Fashioned Silk Hose, French heels Service Wt., Pr. **\$1.15**
- Infants' Nainsook Dresses, 2 For **\$1**
- Tots' Wash Dresses, 2 For **\$1**
- Infants' and Children's Sweaters For **\$1**
- Childrens Pajama Check Union Suits, 2 For **\$1**
- Boys' 75c Balbriggan Union Suits, 2 For **\$1**
- Women's Gauze Vests, 1 For **\$1**
- Women's Union Suits 2 For **\$1**
- Men's Overalls and Jack-cts, each for **\$1**
- Lot of Boys' Suits, while they last **\$2**

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CAUSES OF FIRE
A review and analysis of causes for this spring's interesting fact that which have burned caused by transiently included all visit the forest for another. They cause with smoking pally cigarettes. Ca their camp fires ar der this caption.
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"3. No matter how may be, it should exercise, sufficient regulated amounts
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