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OBSERVATIONS FROM THE SIDE LINES.

—NORTHERN CAMBRIA SPORTSMEN are making effort to afford good fishing in the streams of the north of the County and the same large group of men will see to it that the laws are rigidly observed. The illegal fisherman should be dealt with sternly.

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EVERY ONE of our readers who was in attendance at the Exposition this week cannot but feel thankful that such a good big show is being held so close home. The exposition is an affair of Cambria county and Cenertal Pennsylvania interest but it covers the nation. If you haven't been up to Ebensburg yet do so before the week is finished.

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—PENNSYLVANIA last year had a safety campaign which resulted in many old automobiles being scrapped because they were unfit to be driven. This is all to the good but something should be done also about the new cars that are scrapped because of unfit drivers.

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—EAST CARROLL TOWNSHIP has a force of men at work this week patching up the improved road between here and Carrolltown. This road cost the township a lot of money, and is not any too good at best. It is one of the most traveled highways in this section, and great efforts should be made at the next session of the Legislature to have the state take it over. It would lift the burden of maintenance from the township and place it where it justly belongs.

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—THE FOURTH OF JULY, while to some extent more modified than it was some few years back in the reckless handling of fireworks, still causes quite a toll of dead and injured each year, and every precaution should be taken. Fireworks casualties, however, are now in second place. A bottle of hootch with some of its contents in the stomach of a driver of an automobile, possibly comes first in the celebration of the glorious holiday's toll. There are lots of other things besides careless handling of fireworks to be stopped if we are to have a really safe and sane Fourth.

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—CAMBRIA COUNTY POMONA GRANGE is chastised by the Master of the State Grange for the stand it has taken by resolutions condemning the Prohibition amendment, and the state organizations threatens to revoke its charter. The Grange it is said is supporting prohibition as a state unit and the action of the Cambria county unit doesn't jibe right. So far as Cambria county is concerned, the members of the Pomona Granges have seen the evils as they exist. They may have to rescind their resolutions, but that won't make the evils cease to exist either in the county or in the state.

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—AFTER ALL, aren't the old Pennsylvania Blue Laws just as much the law as is Prohibition. A rigid enforcement of both of them would make Mexico seem a much more attractive place than we now vizualise it.

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—THE STREET COMMISSIONER and his force have made a mighty good job of paving the alley between Magee and Lang avenues. Now some of our readers are having us suggest that they excercise in like manner on Lang avenue itself between Fourth avenue and Fifth avenue. This is a much traveled route, but it's still the old-fashioned clay road to all who pass over it.

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—HITCH HIKING is all right in its place, but the driver who picks up the hitch hiker might have some expense if he wrecks his car and then also wrecks the constitution of the free passenger. The average automobile owner usually don't mind picking up someone who has legitimite business on the road, but they should balk at the proposition of hauling the bunch of mere younsters that nightly solicit rides between Patton and Carrolltown and between Patton and Hastings.

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—NOTHING MAKES a town look more run down at the heel than a lot of business buildings that need a coat or two of paint. We have all noticed erstwhile unattractive towns suddenly become pleasing hamlets when co-operation among its citizens caused them to paint-up. Patton could in two weeks time look much more prosperous if some business building owners could only notice the drabness that their properties reflect to the rest of the world.

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NO PLACE FOR FEAR PERMITTED.

Gangland, whether it be in Chicago or Cambria county, relies to a certain extent on threats that they sometimes carry out, to inculcate fear in those who may be about to divulge to the constituted authorities facts or allegations soncerning the gangsters.

Last week, in a Cambria county murder case, a demonstration of this method was made on a witness during a luncheon hour with the result that the witness made an effort to contradict her testimony.

The Hoffman murder case involves a gang. That some of that gang are still on the outside looking in at others of their imprisoned members is evident. Fear is the main stay of the crook and the murderer. Fear, however is a thing that cannot be instilled forever. Murder will out. Time and again have criminal rings destroyed themselves. Law and order will eventually prevail. The right track is being reached in Cambria county—because criminals overreach themselves in organized society.

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WOULD PATTON FAVOR BLUE LAWS?

Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and other newspapers in the large cities of Pennsylvania are now conducting newspaper polls on sentiment regarding the existing Pennsylvania Blue Laws, enacted way back in the 1700's.

Three propositions are put before the public that of the continuance of the law a modification of the law, or the repeal of the law.

In all the cities where the poll has been conducted the repeal of the law comes far ahead in the minds of the people, according to the figures.

After all, there is no gainsaying, the Pennsylvania Blue Laws, if rigidly enforced, would react on each and every one of us—whether you are in favor of the law or not.

You couldn't buy a newspaper on Sunday if the law were enforced to the letter as we understand it.

Baseball seems to be the main factor of contention in our particular section.

But is baseball any worse as an "evil" sport than is automobiling, golf, smoking or any number of other innocent pastimes?

We wonder what the readers of the Courier would decide if we were to conduct a poll along the same lines as the dailies are doing

We have been urged from some quarters to do it.

Perhaps we will.

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VACATION GOOD SENSE

The vacation season is on and health officials in many places are issuing their annual warnings to vacationers to take their outing safely and sanely. There are various things to watch out for, chief among these being the purity of the drinking water. If that is not positively assured, every drop of water should be boiled before it is used for drinking or preparing food. Another warning concerns the indoor worker who plunges suddenly but unwisely into outdoor life. It is fine to acquire a healthy coat of tan, but this must be done gradually. Sudden excessive exposure to the sunshine can cause severe burns and serious illness. A vacation should be a period of recreation and building up, physically and spiritually. Rest, change of scene, new activities, fun and even work are all legitmate vacation factors, but they should be taken or let alone acording to the individual's need.

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SCIENCE AND CRIME

There is a great deal of meat for crime reformers in an exhaustive new work on the crime problem called "500 Criminal Careers," by Sheldon Glueck and Eleanor T. Glueck.

The work shows, through general statistics and individual case-histories, the complicated, manifold factors that contribute to crime and points out our astounding failure in handling it. It offers no ready-made panacea other than emphasizing the need for collecting facts, scientific research and experimentation with methods.

One of the impressions the unbiased reader will take away from it is the futility of attempting to solve a problem created by physical, social and mental diseases by passing laws. Poverty, lack of education, unemployment, low standards of family life, weakness of character, surroundings—a multitude of separate and distinct causes such as these have contributed to the growth of crime. And we, in America, have actually been of the opinion that the cure for law-breaking lies in more laws!

We must bring science to the crime problem, as we have brought science to industrial problems. Is it a coincidence that the most law-ridden of the world's great nations is likewise the most lawless?

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A LEADING FIRE CAUSE

Misuse of electricity and electric applicances ranks high in the list of fire causes. It results in an annual loss of approximately $14,000,000 in this country.

"Handy-man" installations and extensions may be found in hundreds of thousads of homes where they are a constant menace to life and property. It is a common practice to add unsafe lengths of lamp cord and to loop extensions around nails or other metal projections.

Blown fuses, instead of being replaced, are doctored and made to work, in spite of the fact that they are no longer fuseable. During inspections in one city recently a bushel basket of pennies which had been used to supplement blown fuses, was collected.

Even the best of wiring wears out in time. Unless it is replaced by a capable electrician it presents a dangerous hazard.

Most cities now have examinations of buildings and property in order to remove hazards. However, these occur only at long intervals. The solution of the problem is up to the public. When it permits amateur installation of electric appliances and fails to replace old equipment, it is unconsciously courting destruction.

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NEWSPAPERS

Acording to The American Press, there are 160 newspapers in the United States which have been published continuously for 100 years or more. Of these, 65 are dailies, 95 weeklies.

One of the weeklies, the Annapolis, Maryland, Gazette, is more than 200 years old, having been established in 1727. Five papers still in existence were published before the Revolution. The oldest of all dailies is the Hartford, Connecticut, Courant, founded in 1764.

We are accustomed to think of 100 years as a period of time before which nothing of importance existed in America. The evidence of these old newspapers helps us to relize that 100 years is not such a very long time. There were settlements West of the Mississippi 100 years ago, on such firm foundations that the communities and the newspapers established then have flourished ever since. Two newspapers in Iowa, one in Arkansas, one in Missouri, are in the list of these centenarians of The American Press.

These and the rest have survived because they filled a need of their communities, the need of interchange of ideas and of news. Neither radio nor the out-of-town daily can ever put such community papers out of business.

News of Days in the Past

TAKEN FROM THE FILES OF THE PATTON COURIER.

(EDITOR'S NOTE—No editions of the Patton Courier being issued on the week of the Fourth of July of 25 and 35 years ago, we are utilizing this week to tell of the business men and business places in Patton 35 years ago.)

The town of Patton was located by A. E. Patton in 1891 and named for his father, General John Patton.

The site of the town at that time was nearly all woods, and the town was laid out and lots sold by the Chest Creek Land and Improvement Company.

There was no postoffice nearer than Carrolltown until the spring of 1891, and the first mail was sent to Patton in April of that year with E. A. Mellon as postmaster. The mail came triweekly from Ebensburg, overland, until railroad passenger service was inaugurated in August of 1892.

The late E. C. Brown, laid out the town. The first sale of lots was held in April 1892. The first new building erected after the lots were sold was that of the late A. J. Jackson, later the town's first buress.

The First National Bank was opened in September, 1893. Patton was organized as a borough on Sept. 11th, 1893 with the following officers: Burgess, A. J. Jackson; Councilman: E. C. Brown, Ed A. Mellon, P. P. Young, S. M. Wilson, Dr. S. W. Worrell and John Yahner; School Drectors: J. E. Dale, Wm. Parcell, Dr. Noonan, W. J. Donnelly, Samuel Cornelius, Harry E. Barton; Justices of the Peace, Jesse E. Dale and James Mellon; Constable, M. M. Crain; Assessor, J. R. Cornelius.

A. J. Jackson was foreman of the Chest Creek Land and Improvement Company.

The Patton Coal Company was the leading mine developers and were responsible for the location of the town.

Magee and Lingle were the first independent coal operators in the Patton section.

James Mellon, the first justice of the peace(and incidentally a justice of the peace today) was among the early settlers of this district and resided here since 1862.

S. M. Wilson was proprietor of the Commercial hotel, Patton's first big hostelry.

The Patton Supply Company was the pioneer business establishment.

H. S. Buck was one of the early Patton settlers and engaged in the furniture and undertaking business. He was originally in the firm of Fisher and Buck.

J. M. Robison was the first proprietor of the Palmer House.

Walter Weakland conducted a grocery and ice cream parlor.

The late Geo. S. Good 35 years ago had erected the Good building, and was owner of a large merchandising store as well as stone quarreies north of the town. The Clay Works were not yet constructed.

W. H. Denlinger and E. F. McLaughlin were partners in the Cambria Hardware Co.

B. F. Wise operated a saw and planing mill.

Jas. W. Hoy was the jeweler.

Paul Biller was the blacksmith.

Reuel Somerville hung up his shingle as a lawyer here in 1894.

Aaron and Samuel Weakland were in the livery business.

Dr. Worrell had an established medical practice. He came here in 1893.

W. L. Thompson was in the clothing business, as the junior member of the firm of Woolf and Thompson, later buying Mr. Woolf's interest.

Mirkin and Kusner were in the clothing and furnishing business.

E. J. Severin conducted a harness store.

T. N. Nagle was a liveryman.

C. W. Hodgkins conducted the Patton Drug Store.

R. F. Gallagher conducted a novelty and racket store.

P. P. Young and Brother, conducted a meat market.

A. M. Thomas was in the hardware, tinning and plumbing business.

J. R. Cornelius was in the furniture and undertaking business.

John Yahner opened the first hardware store in Patton.

Ricker, Gould and Company operated a machine shop.

E. Will Greene was the first editor of the Patton Courier.

August K. Huber was one of the town's first stone masons.

All of the above information was taken from a booster edition of the Patton Courier hearing date, March 7, 1895.

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