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the Home Community like a blanket,  
and circulates far more extensively in  
north-eastern Cambria County than  
does any other newspaper.

**OBSERVATIONS FROM  
THE SIDELINES.**

**FOLKS**, when you have a news  
item, let your home town paper know  
about it. Be fair to us. We want every  
item you know about, and are mighty  
glad to get them.

**THE STATE Highway Department**  
is to be congratulated in the efficient  
manner in which their maintenance  
forces keep the roads in good condi-  
tion throughout this section of the  
state.

**ROY EATON DECKER**, for many  
years an editor of the Courier, now of  
the Curwensville Herald, in a letter  
written us the other day comments that  
"we are getting out a h-l of a good  
paper." Thanks, Roy, we compliment you  
in the same manner.

**THE DROUTH** may be responsible  
for an increase in food prices but after  
all is said and done, we wonder  
whether the greater part of the in-  
crease won't go into the coffers of a lot  
of profiteering middlemen, who usually  
can see and realize material benefits  
from any disaster.

**AUTOMOBILES** have been coming  
out in new models, new designs and  
new colors so fast these last several  
months that we have lost passing  
identification of a great many of  
them. It appears, too, that folks will  
have to pay even less for really better  
cars this season.

**MAYOR SAYLOR** of Johnstown  
has announced that no carnivals will  
be permitted in the city as long as he  
is in office. Carnivals, at the best,  
don't help a town any. Patton, should  
know that from past experience. Home  
town merchants don't profit any by  
carnivals, and neither does the com-  
munity at large.

**HUNTERS**, beginning Wednesday  
of this week, are privileged to train  
their dogs in the woods subject to the  
rules laid down by the State Game  
Commission. The recent rains will  
help the sportsmen a lot. Dry weather  
is not conducive to giving the dog  
a chance, and the forest fire hazard  
will not be so great either.

**HAVE** you ever noticed how a little  
paint improves things in general? Don't  
you think that Patton might be bright-  
ened up quite a bit, if some of the  
property owners were to invest in this  
particular commodity? Appoint your-  
self a committee of one, Dear Reader,  
and look the town over. It won't take  
you long to pick out the sore spots.

**GOOD REPUBLICANS** must not  
pay much attention to matter con-  
tained in the news and editorial columns  
of the Johnstown Democrat. Remem-  
ber, the Johnstown Democrat is funda-  
mentally a Democratic newspaper, and  
as such, seeks to cause consternation  
in Republican ranks. Propaganda from  
the "enemy" should be taken with a  
grain of salt.

**ACCORDING** to the recent cen-  
sus, Los Angeles shows the highest  
percentage of gain of any city in the  
country. It also shows an exodus from  
good towns like Curwensville or Idigets,  
morons, followers of Aimee Semple Mc-  
Pherson, scabs and other dampfolks  
in a surprising number. The East may  
be effete, but thank God, it doesn't  
boast of a town like Hollywood's  
Suburb.—Curwensville Herald.

**IN LOOKING** over the files of the  
Patton Courier from the first issue  
back in 1893, up until the present time,  
one gets a very detailed history of  
Patton from the early days. Many  
things long since forgotten bob up in  
black and white. Many things well  
worth while are portrayed, but, also  
there are things not so pleasing. By  
the files of the home newspaper, we  
can pick out the periods when Patton

was booming, and when it was not.  
The Patton Courier was a good news  
paper at times—at other times it was  
indifferent. The newspaper is a good  
mirror of your town.

**DOWN** in Johnstown a thirteen  
year old boy has sat in a tree for more  
than 800 hours, or considerably more  
than a month. Where is the honor in  
this? What joy does it bring his par-  
ents? Rains, cold weather, etc., are  
not going to do the health of the boy  
any good, and neither is sitting in a  
tree. This foolishness is more serious  
than the general public realizes. Every  
boy is entitled to his health. Sitting  
in a tree surely isn't good for an active  
boy.

**AND NOW** the time is at hand  
when the young folks must return to  
school. Vacation time is over. The  
orderly procedure of a good old Amer-  
ican education is again about to take  
place, here in Patton, and all over the  
land. And well again have High  
School notes in our paper, and the  
community will turn an ear and an  
eye to football, and basketball and  
school activities. There is no deeper  
interest in a community than its in-  
terest in its school affairs. May Patton  
High come up to every expectation of  
its well-wishers.

**AFTER 25 years** Kansas has re-  
pealed its law under which it is a  
crime to manufacture, sell or give  
away cigarettes. Pennsylvania has a  
law prohibiting the selling or furnishing  
of cigarettes to folks under 21 years  
of age, but for the past several years  
we can't see anybody living up to the  
letter of the law. Surely not in North-  
ern Cambria county. The mania of a  
few fanatics to "judge their neighbor"  
is a national menace. They do not wait  
until the neighbor has broken a fun-  
damental law before trying to punish  
him; they must pass a new law which  
is almost certain to make him a law-  
breaker.

**WHAT DOTH IT  
BENEFIT A NATION?**

Prohibition law enforcement agents  
swoop down on a town and "clean-up"  
a few alleged violators of the Volstead  
Law.

Prohibition law enforcement agents  
once more, or perhaps several times  
more swoop down on a town and  
"clean-up" some more alleged violators  
of the Volstead law. Perhaps some of  
the original alleged offenders are again  
"cleaned-up."

But the town is not made an emblem  
of temperance by a long shot. Don't  
kid yourself into thinking that anyone  
who wants a drink of prohibited spirits  
goes thirsty for a minute even though  
an attempt is made to cause the source  
of supply to be cut off.  
It's more or less like one trying to  
stop all the leaks in a sieve and only  
ten fingers to do it with.

It's the spirit of the law itself that  
makes its enforcement impossible. So  
long as there are customers—there will  
be goods for sale.

Each and every customer is just as  
bad as the "merchant."

And this same condition seems to  
hold good all over our nation. And it  
is a condition that is fundamentally far  
worse than existed before Volsteadism  
was inaugurated.

"What does it profit a nation?"

**A STATEMENT IN  
JUSTICE TO PATTON.**

Down at Frugality, about a week ago,  
a costly fire occurred, and the citizens  
of that place naturally called upon out-  
side towns for help. The Patton Fire  
Company did not receive a call, nor did  
they know anything about the fire.

However, in times of stress and  
excitement, such a fire causes the word  
was passed around Frugality, that the  
Patton Fire Company had been called  
and that they refused, or did not, put  
in an appearance. The local firemen,  
happily, knew nothing about this.

In justice to the Patton Firemen,  
and to all concerned, the company that  
suffered the heaviest loss at Frugality  
has caused to be published in the pub-  
lic press the fact that the Patton Fire  
Company NEVER received a call, inas-  
much, owing to the fire, telephone  
communication with Patton was cut  
off.

Rumor travels fast, especially if it  
is rumor reflecting upon others. This  
is written in order that our many rural  
readers in the section of Frugality  
may know the truth of the matter.

The Patton Fire Company never re-  
fuses aid to its neighbors and it never  
will. Neither does the Patton Fire Com-  
pany hesitate in soliciting outside aid  
if they have a conflagration in Patton  
that they feel is beyond their power  
to control.

Fire Companies in Northern Cam-  
bria County have a system of helping  
one another out, and this fact and  
good feeling has been instrumental in  
saving thousands of dollars worth of  
property.

**THE CAMBRIA  
COUNTY FAIR.**

Only a little more than a week re-  
mains until the annual Cambria County  
Fair opens for a week's showing  
at Ebensburg, and this gigantic exhibi-  
tion can be a success only through the  
co-operation of all of the residents of  
Cambria and adjoining counties by  
their attendance.

Sponsored and financed to a great  
extent by Charles M. Schwab, this  
greatest of all county exhibitions in  
the East has been brought right to our  
doors in order that we may learn and  
enjoy things. Every community in the  
nation would be glad to blessed in the  
manner we have been.

But the Cambria county fair, with  
its gigantic plant and its host of fea-  
tures annually, can not be a success  
indefinitely unless the people support  
it one hundred per cent. We should  
all be Fair Boosters. We should be ex-  
hibitors. We should attend it.

True, depressed industrial conditions,  
have not given the fair the attendance  
in late years that it really deserves.  
However, all of us who can go should  
do so. For the money invested in the  
price of admission there is no where  
else in the United States that you  
will learn and see as much.

The plans for the Cambria county

fair this season excel all fairs held at  
Ebensburg heretofore, and that is say-  
ing a great deal. It is pretty hard to  
imagine the display of much more  
than has been there before.

Be a booster for the fair. Go there  
some time during the week yourself.  
Tell your friends to go.

**RECOVER STOLEN CAR  
IN SOUTHERN STATE**

Homer C. George, Sheriff of Cam-  
bria County, Saturday received a com-  
munication from authorities at Mem-  
phis, Tenn., that an automobile belong-  
ing to Howard Smith, of South Fork,  
and which had been reported stolen  
some time ago, was recovered in that  
city in the possession of two men, one  
of whom, when taken into custody,  
said that his name was Howard Smith.  
The other man's name was Samuel  
Marlin and he said he had been picked  
up by Smith in Chicago. The two men  
are being held in Memphis for the  
Cambria County authorities.

**TENTH ANNUAL REUNION  
HELD AT SALEM CHURCH**

Notwithstanding inclement weather  
conditions which undoubtedly curtailed  
the attendance at the Salem church  
reunion and home-coming of approxi-  
mately 300 and the exercises proved  
highly enjoyable. One of the features  
of the features of the services was the  
enthusiastic community singing of old-  
time hymns.

**News of Days  
in the Past**

**TAKEN FROM THE FILES OF  
THE PATTON COURIER.**

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.**

From the Files of The Courier of  
Friday, August 25, 1905.

A big picnic under the auspices of  
St. Mary's church will be held in the  
grove on Labor Day. The usual at-  
tractions will be in evidence and din-  
ner and supper will be served in ad-  
dition to light refreshments.

A movement is on foot to build a  
trolley line from Altoona to Patton  
via the Buckhorn to connect with the  
Northern Cambria Street Railway.

Lacking less than a year of round-  
ing out a century of life, Thomas Wills,  
of Loretto, died Tuesday. He passed  
away at the home of a daughter, Mrs.  
Rebecca Baker, of St. Augustine.

Who wants a job as motorman or  
street car conductor. Almost time to  
send in applications.

Work on the trolley line in Patton  
borough will be started next week.  
Mrs. Frank E. Farabaugh, who has  
been seriously ill of typhoid fever, is  
convalescing.

a new residence for himself on Mellon  
avenue.

Miss Bertha Kilber of Hastings and  
Mr. Edwin J. Dietrick of Altoona were  
married in St. Bernard's church on  
Wednesday morning at five o'clock by  
the Rev. Father Innocent.

The Patton Fire Co. No. 1, and the  
Patton Silver Cornet Band accom-  
panied by a large number of others  
went to Philipsburg Thursday morning  
in a special car to attend the Fire-  
men's Convention.

Lightning struck a telephone pole in  
front of the Residence of Joseph Karl-  
heim on Tuesday evening when his  
two little children, Wilfred and Hilda  
were on the porch. The former was  
sitting in a chair at the time and was  
knocked down, while the latter who  
was standing up was also knocked down  
and stunned by the stroke. Neither were  
injured much and soon regained their  
normal condition.

**THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.**

From The Files of The Courier of  
Thursday, August 22, 1895.

On Thursday, John Kelly, of West  
Magee avenue, met with an unfortu-  
nate accident while working at Pardee  
Colliery, by being struck with a fall  
of coal. His collar bone was broken,  
and he received a concussion of the  
spine besides being bruised on several  
parts of his body.

J. C. Patrick, a photographer, and  
John C. Cibulka, a tailor, both of Coal-  
port, were in Patton on Wednesday  
morning and have rented rooms and  
will proceed to do business in our town

beginning September 1st.

On Thursday morning at three o-  
clock the two-story, double frame  
dwelling house belonging to James A.  
McCans, which stood near the Marks  
dam on Lang avenue, was consumed  
by flames. Due to prompt action on  
the part of the Patton Fire Company,  
other nearby property was saved.

The boiler, engine and other machin-  
ery for the new Patton steam laundry,  
owned by D. A. Buck, has arrived and  
will be placed and put in operation as  
soon as possible. Mr. Buck is going  
to a good deal of expense in putting  
in steam and expects to turn out work  
that will compete with any foreign  
laundry.

There are more apples to be seen  
in the north of the county than in the  
southern townships, states the South  
Fork Record. There is an orchard on  
a high hill on the road between St.  
Augustine and Patton that is loaded  
with an average crop of large, luscious  
apples, of which there will probably  
be 500 bushels; but elsewhere the crop  
is below the average, and the fruit,  
generally, is small.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mellon of Pat-  
ton spent a few days at Cape May and  
other eastern points during the week.

**WANTED**—The Fuller Brush Com-  
pany can use man to handle built-up  
route in Patton, Hastings, and sur-  
rounding territory. Good earnings to  
start; repeat business assures steady  
income. Write 430 Central Trust Bldg.,  
New York City.

**PLYMOUTH ROCK** broilers for sale  
at Luke Ryan's. Leave orders at the  
Patton Drug Co.

**Mobilgas**  
THE NEWEST GASOLINE

**It's a HIT!**

**INDEPENDENT OIL CO. INC., OF PENNA.**

**ETHYL**  
AND MOBILGAS  
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**SHERIFF**

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