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Observations from the Sidelines.

ONE GOOD thing about the Christmas season, so far as husbands and fathers are concerned, is that it comes only once a year.

AMONG the "Willie Westinghouse" patents recently announced is a Tom Thumb fire extinguisher to be carried in the vanity case of women who smoke, and a soft soap that will wash politics clean. Both are badly needed.

A GOOD Newspaper is not possible without the cooperation of its patrons. And in this connection we ask all our readers to help make this paper a better one from week to week by sending in, mailing or phoning any little news items you have.

CHRISTMAS is just what one makes it for himself. And you'll find that Christmas really means a lot to you if you treat it with the right spirit. The right spirit, this year, is in helping the needy right here in our home community. You have still ample time to make a "real" Christmas for some one else besides yourself.

FORMER Speaker C. Jay Goodnough, Cameron county, has been chosen as the Pinchot candidate for Speaker of the Legislature and his election appears to be certain. Goodnough will prove a good speaker. He has served several terms and in satisfactory manner. There could be many choices not so good.

COUNTY Controller Henry L. Cannon continues to warn taxpayers of the county's financial condition, which is anything but a pleasant matter to contemplate. And if the Secretary of the Commonwealth is correct in his interpretation of the law, this county will have to devise ways and means to buy voting machines in the very near future. However, the people, themselves, by open referendum caused the voting machine obligation.

THE EBENSBURG Office of the State Highway Department, and its superintendent, are to be congratulated in the manner in which they promptly condition the roads in the winter months. Especially is this true when icy conditions sometimes materialize within a period of an hour or so. The department has ash piles along the state highways at convenient points in this section of the county and they are not afraid to use them with liberality when occasion demands.

WE HAVEN'T learned of any definite action having been taken as yet regarding the state taking over the highway between Patton and Carrolltown. But, supposing the state recognizes the need of the petition of the citizens of Barnesboro, Hastings and Susquehanna township and, makes the township road between Barnesboro and Hastings a state road, then, perhaps there will be a sore populace in Patton, but we will have only ourselves to blame.

NO man is better qualified to speak on county finances than Henry L. Cannon, county controller. He is in position to know what is going on and what he says carries weight. He is not

an alarmist, speaking for political effect, when he warns that we are hopelessly in debt and must use every means to economize. By his speeches before the service clubs and elsewhere and through his official reports he is educating the taxpayers on the condition of affairs, and it is up to the state legislature and other county officials to find and apply the remedies.—Nanty-Glo Journal.

COLONEL WOODCOCK, Director of Prohibition Enforcement in the eastern area, announced last week that there would be no "holiday flare" indulged in by his agents on Christmas or New Year's Eve, no "first page" or "spectacular stunts," no mobilization to "search drinkers" in wet cities. He is directing his attention toward the big sellers. No one knows what success he will have in this new policy, but certainly he should accomplish more than was ever accomplished by these highly publicized raids that never advanced Prohibition a single step, and usually make a laughing stock of the whole system.

A NUMBER OF road improvements in northern Cambria County seem to be on the verge of approval by the state in Cambria county, and if the state is fair they will not ask the Cambria county commissioners to help to any great extent in the building of them. Cambria county has spent considerable more money in the past than most counties have, pro-rata, in construction of roads now state controlled. Projects now under consideration in the county by the state include the unimproved highway in Elder township below Hastings towards Westover, a piece in Hastings borough, the relocation and rebuilding of the William Penn highway from Ebensburg to Munday's Corner and the section of the road from Ashville to the Blair county line. Heaven knows, the latter two mentioned, and both much traveled highways, are in need of repair. Let's hope action on both of them comes next summer, but let's also hope that Cambria county won't have to spend too much of her meagre finances, to assist the state in improving them. Under the present plans the entire cost of these improvements would be borne by the state, but the county will be liable for whatever property damages accrue by reason of the relocation and grading of the highway in question.

FIX THE PROPER PENALTY.

THE United States supreme court has just held that reckless driving is a crime of such seriousness as to take it out of the group of petty offenses, for which punishment can be imposed without granting defendants trial by jury. The kind of driving that endangers life and property is an act of such obvious depravity, as Justice Sutherland puts it, that "to characterize it as a petty offense would be to shock the general moral sense."

All right, if reckless driving is such a grave offense that the supreme court must take cognizance of failure to grant a defendant a jury trial, then let legislatures and courts make the punishment fit the crime. If reckless driving which, by mere chance, falls to kill, is comparable to willful discharge of a gun that fails to kill—and the supreme court, in effect, says it is—then reckless driving should incur penalties much more severe than those commonly imposed.—Johnstown Tribune.

FOR MORE DEPORTATIONS.

LOCAL police authorities everywhere who are contending with the gangster problem will welcome the announcement by Mr. Doak, the new Secretary of Labor, of a more vigorous deportation movement. If Congress grants the necessary funds, there will be an increased staff of investigators to trace the records of known gangsters and obtain the evidence to justify their shipment out of the country. Of late these alien gentry have been very resourceful in employing able legal counsel to defend them in deportation proceedings. It is necessary for the

department to use every legitimate weapon at its command. Frequently the defendants have succeeded in interposing long delays. Mr. Doak would have Congress authorize the setting up of adequate machinery for expediting hearings.

Without attracting much attention the Federal authorities have been deporting many undesirable aliens through a continuous process. But they would be able to do much more with the proper equipment. It is interesting to learn that among those on Mr. Doak's "little list" who "never would be missed" are some of those who recently were proclaimed "public enemies" in Chicago.

SHIFTING OUR POPULATION.

THE Altoona Mirror on Saturday last had the following editorial, which to our mind, hit the nail on the head: Two significant news items have just found their way out of the national capital. One involves the restriction of immigration at the present time. Having already more workers here than we can find employment for, expediency suggests a sharp curtailment in the number of aliens permitted to come here with the intention of making our country their permanent home. This may look like incivility, but it is nothing of the sort. It is merely a precautionary step dictated by wisdom as well as expediency. It is apparent to the most careless and superficial observer that there are already more workers in the country than we can find employment for. We have our hands quite fully employed in taking care of the unfortunates who are already here—some of them from birth—and it would be the extreme of rashness to permit the introduction of other helpless ones now.

While we may sincerely sympathize with inhabitants or other lands who are facing extreme poverty in their home sections, we do not feel that it would be a wise policy to encourage immigration at the present time. We also have idle people on our hands; it does not seem expedient to increase their number by opening our gates to the free entrance of all comers.

LET US ROUT OLD MAN PESSIMISM.

WE HAVE had too much talk about "hard times" and "the general depression" and not enough about the comparative prosperity of the mass of the people. Many have joined in the chorus of pessimism without any justification whatever. It is simply the habit of imitation. Conditions as a whole are not what we would like to have them—far from it. But there is no sense in trying to make bad worse by going about shaking our heads and predicting that the bottom will drop out of this country. Improvement is inevitable; and if the signs are not all wrong it cannot be far away.

Leaders of trade and finance insist that recovery is in sight. Colonel Leonard P. Ayres of Cleveland, internationally prominent business forecaster, only the other day declared that the end of the depression was at hand. He does not look for a rapid recovery, but believes that it will be so gradual as to be almost imperceptible. The change for the better, he says, "will begin as a combination of minor improvements." He counts much on the wave of constructive activity. "Such new construction," to his mind, "is the most effective force making for business recovery."

It is typical of Americans to run to the superlative. If we prosperous we have the greatest prosperity the world has ever known; if we're depressed the depression is deeper than the Grand Canyon. We have, taught ourselves to expect too much. Having gotten into this frame of mind, when the wind blows a little harder than usual we become sad, mournful and discouraged. Have confidence in ourselves and in America.

JURORS NAMED FOR JANUARY COURT

Two Clergymen Included In Panel Drawn for Civil Sessions Soon.

- One hundred and ten names have been drawn from the jury wheel for the January term of Civil Court at Ebensburg, as follows:
- Alvin Ambrose, laborer, Johnstown.
 - Adam Antol, merchant, Vintondale.
 - Ralph Alexander, farmer, Croyle township.
 - Clarence Allison, laborer, Johnstown.
 - Biran Alvine, merchant, Upper Yoder township.
 - Russel Altimus, truck driver, Blacklick township.
 - George Buckska, carpenter, Johnstown.
 - George E. Beisel, farmer, Adams township.
 - Ed Bowser, farmer, Cambria township.
 - Henry Broberg, proprietor, Hastings.
 - William Bird, butcher, Johnstown.
 - A. X. Baker, farmer, Chest township.
 - H. A. Bailey, minister, Johnstown.
 - William Boltz, barber, Johnstown.
 - Charles Bender, farmer, Clearfield township.
 - Harve Behr, fireman, Portage.
 - E. W. Bowman, laborer, Reade township.
 - Frank Bishop, laborer, Johnstown.
 - W. E. Boyle, laborer, Johnstown.
 - Stanley Campbell, clerk, Westmont.
 - F. G. Coleman, grocer, Southmont.
 - Mary Clearick, housewife, Lower Yoder township.
 - John Carr, laborer, Brownstown.
 - Edward Carmel, street commissioner, Nanty-Glo.
 - George At Casey, engineer, South Fork.
 - J. J. Dummi, clerk, Spangler.
 - Fred Entler, miner, Elder township.
 - Hugh O. Evans, carpenter, Ebensburg.
 - J. Lewis Evans, mine superintendent, Johnstown.
 - W. J. Evans, salesman, Johnstown.
 - Frank Franks, laborer, Reade township.
 - B. F. Fresh, merchant, Nanty-Glo.
 - Francis Fulton, railroader, Tunnel-hill.
 - Christ Ford, retired, Conemaugh.
 - D. A. Glass, farmer, Munster township.
 - George Garretson, laborer, Stonycreek township.
 - C. C. Gohn, minister, Johnstown.
 - J. I. Glass, farmer, Reade township.
 - Charles W. Goss, garage owner, Nanty-Glo.
 - George Gates, merchant, White township.
 - Archibald Gall, laborer, Patton.
 - William Gaffney, laborer, Johnstown.
 - W. T. Harrison, farmer, Middle Taylor township.
 - Charles J. Hanigan, electrician, West Carroll township.
 - George F. Mimes, molder, Johnstown.
 - David W. Hunt, laborer, East Conemaugh.
 - Jahn Huber, upholsterer, Johnstown.
 - Edith Hecker, Johnstown.
 - Francis J. Havel, machinist, Johnstown.
 - Joe Holtz, farmer, Susquehanna township.
 - Robert R. Jones, camp manager, Cresson.
 - Lody Knauer, laborer, East Taylor township.
 - John E. Koontz, rol turner, Johnstown.
 - Alquin Kline, farmer, West Carroll township.
 - Lewis Klatter, merchant, Spangler.
 - I. N. Krug, laborer, Westmont.
 - Alex Kirsch, farmer, Barr township.

BANK'S DOORS ARE CLOSED FOR AUDIT

The doors of the Farmers and Merchants National bank in Tyrone were closed last Thursday by order of the board of directors pending an audit by the United States controller, who is in Tyrone to look over the affairs of the bank and make an audit of the accounts.

The only intimation depositors had that the bank would close Thursday morning when the doors failed to open and a notice was posted stating that the doors of the bank were closed by action of the board of directors in the interest of the depositors, until the controller can make an audit of the accounts.

FRAN MIGNOGNA.

Funeral services for Frank Mignogna, of Portage, who died Thursday in the Mercy Hospital at Johnstown, were conducted Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock in St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Interment was in the Polish Catholic Cemetery.

Reuben Kline, farmer, Barr township.

Forest Kelly, farmer, Upper Yoder township.

Edward Kepso, clerk, Johnstown.

Thad Kibler, farmer, Elder township.

Harry A. Ling, electrician, Ferndale.

Virginia Leib, housewife, Cresson.

William T. Lydic, alderman, Johnstown.

James Lin, minister, Elder township.

Dennis Link, farmer, East Carroll township.

Emily Lane, housewife, Ebensburg.

B. W. Lambing, clerk, Johnstown.

Arthur B. Lewis, miner, Summerhill.

Thomas Langham, laborer, Johnstown.

Elmer S. Martin, milhand, Daisy township.

Lorenzo Martin, salesman, Scalp Level.

Charles Miller, laborer, Stonycreek township.

Marporie Myers, housewife, Ebensburg.

A. C. Maurer, laborer, Patton.

William Morton, weighmaster, Susquehanna township.

James McCaffrey, clerk, Johnstown.

Paul McCleaster, milhand, Franklin borough.

Robert Nicholson, laborer, Johnstown.

Bert Overdroff, milhand, Johnstown.

C. C. Oris, truck farmer, Lorain.

Robert H. Owens, merchant, Johnstown.

G. B. Plunkett, farmer, Ashville.

E. L. Patch, foreman, Johnstown.

Edward Paul, clerk, Johnstown.

Joseph Roberts, foreman, Lower Yoder township.

H. M. Ross, confectionery, Westmont.

C. M. Rinebolt, laborer, Johnstown.

C. Alvin Scollons, druggist, Barnesboro.

Paul Strong, foreman, West Carroll township.

Simon Speicher, miner, Lower Yoder township.

Lee Spangler, farmer, Upper Yoder township.

Henry Sherwin, miner, Cresson.

Richard Sharbaugh, engineer, Johnstown.

Harry Stephens, farmer, Gallitzin township.

George Sadmiller, retired, Brownstown.

Ida J. Taylor, housewife, Ebensburg.

Walton Wilson, laborer, Summerhill.

Alvin Watt, blacksmith, Allegheny township.

William Whitmore, laborer, Barnesboro.

Clyde Weston, merchant, Gallitzin.

Clara Weyant, housewife, Cresson.

John Wilkins, brakeman, Johnstown.

T. R. Wagner, clerk, Southmont.

Walter Westover, teamster, Summerhill township.

Elsie Weaver, housewife, Cambria township.

Elmer Feigh, miner, Patton.

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Milton W. G. charged with Evans' court. rected to pay and the prosecu other half. The alleged theft graph kit, recel section radiator
John Casaba Nanty-Glo, con Judge Ivan J. M rday afternoon to minors, were ning to jointly p of \$50. John C serve not less th 30 days and h to serve not less 30 days in the
Andy O'Leary, with aggravated was found guilty recommended to court.
Frank Gillish, with larceny and was discharged. McKenrick and upon the counti alleged to have s
Frank Markdis, town, charged w not guilty and divided between prosecutor, Davi town.
Herbert Free charged with a found guilty an mercy of the Co Reed's court Pri defendant was sen
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