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Observations from the Sidelines.

CHRISTMAS is here. Your joys will be all the greater if you have been among the hundreds of thousands all over the nation who have helped make the Christmas of those less fortunate a happy one.

WE STILL believe that the merchant who advertises is the merchant who garners in the business. We believe, too, that the advertising merchant has more to be thankful for this Christmas, than the fellow who didn't.

ALL KINDS of people make up the world. The fellow who refuses to put chains on his car when the roads are icy is one kind. He may get along all right, but he is endangering every careful driver, who provides his car with chains, that comes in his proximity.

POST-OFFICE folks, while busy during the present Christmas rush, nevertheless, have noted a marked decrease over the amount of business as compared last year. In some of the cities, Johnstown included, considerable extra help, employed to help out in the anticipated rush were sent home as the rush failed to materialize. It is thought that the depression in business and the consequent shortage of money, has resulted in far less Christmas presents being mailed.

THERE has been prosperity during the past year in the automobile industry, at least. Motor vehicles and trailers shipped and delivered last year by American factories amounted to \$3,415,636,810, an increase of 34.1 per cent, as compared with \$2,546,807,053, reported for 1927, the preceding census year. In addition the value of parts, accessories, etc., reported by these establishments amounted to \$302,359,743, making a total output of \$3,717,996,553 an increase of 30.5 per cent over the 1927 total of \$2,848,442,843.

CONTINUATION of the drought resulted in decreased plantings of winter wheat in Pennsylvania, the department of agriculture reported during the week. The actual planting was five per cent less than the August intentions to plant had promised and is six per cent below the plantings of 1929. The current fall acreage has been estimated at 1,076,000 acres, as compared with 1,145,000 acres last year. The current planting, moreover, is still below the harvested acreage total of the present year, when 1,116,000 acres remained to be harvested after abandonment of three per cent of the planted acreage, due to winter killing.

CHRISTMAS. **HARD-HEARTED,** indeed, is the man who would deprive his children of the best part of the Christmas celebration by telling them that Santa Claus is a myth. Such a man should be deprived of the right to possess children. Let the little tots place implicit faith in the existence of Kris Kringle until they shall arrive at an age when the destruction of the illusion will not bring grief and sorrow to their young hearts. No child was ever harmed by believing that Santa Claus brings him his Christmas gifts. Children of this age of progress too soon learn to lay aside their childish ways. They desert their playthings and learn of the sterner realities of life at too early an age to enable them to drink of childhood's cup of innocent pleasure. Let them cling to Santa Claus. The good old man will lead them in paths of joy, teach them to be unselfish, kind of heart and concerned in the pleasures of others. When St. Nick is eliminated from Christmas festivities the greater part of the child's happiness in the event will have disappeared. Long live Santa Claus!
In our own town, as well as in most

every hamlet and city in the United States, volunteer Christmas Relief Committees or Organizations, were formed this year, to assist the needy and to make the Children of those folks, temporarily unfortunate, happy with the belief that Santa Claus is a living, human unselfish agent. We all feel better because there IS a Santa Claus—at least in the spirit of our hearts.

CUT WORK TO INCREASE JOBS.

HERE'S one way to help out the unemployment situation. Trainmen, engineers and firemen of the Reading Railroad at Harrisburg are making voluntary reductions of their monthly working time to provide work for their fellow employees, it was learned on Saturday.

The men lay off from work on a certain number of days each month in order that other men, now on the extra lists, may get their share of employment. The plan is operative among both freight and passenger crews and affects five hundred men at Harrisburg alone.

The plan was worked out on a mutual basis among the employes with the approval of the railroad officials, and in co-operation with a national movement sponsored by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers.

REGULATING THE DRIVERS.

WITH the State Legislatures all over the country preparing to convene early in the coming year, the question of financial responsibility for automobile accidents again presents itself for action. It will come up in at least a dozen states, and the old story about compulsory insurance will again be heard, with Massachusetts, the only state now having that requirement, brought up again as an example for good or evil.

But the outstanding need in legislation restricting drivers, seems to be first of all provision for uniform licensing regulations. At present only eleven states and the District of Columbia require licensing of drivers by examination. Accident records show that those eleven states have a markedly lower accident record than in the other thirty-seven. Examination of the drivers obviously keeps some incompetent drivers off the road.

So, before considering compulsory insurance, says the Philadelphia Public Ledger, which after all, is only an attempt at financial adjustment for accidents that should never have happened, it would be well to examine and fortify the laws dealing with the qualifications of those who drive motor vehicles. States lacking examinations should provide for them. States having examinations should make sure they are sufficiently rigid. And all of provisions for revoking the licenses of drivers who prove by their actions that they are a public menace.

RETIRING ADMINISTRATION LEAVES FINE SURPLUS

REORGANIZATION of the fiscal machinery of the Commonwealth stands out as the chief achievement of the administration of Governor John S. Fisher, which comes to an end on the 20th of January next.

Over the four year period the administration has handled \$630,000,000 of public funds. It has accumulated a surplus of \$20,000,000 to serve as a nest egg for the incoming reign of Gifford Pinchot.

And all this was accomplished in the fact of tax reductions authorized by legislative enactment at the recommendation of the governor. No government agency or state institution suffered because of the accumulation of the huge surplus. Sufficient funds are available to keep every department at full speed until the end of the fiscal biennium on May 31st. Not only that, but each sub-division of the government, has funds at its disposal which may be drawn upon in the case of an emergency.

Quiet efficiency with close attention to detail constituted one of the outstanding characteristics of the Fisher regime. The Governor, himself, is of a modest, unassuming disposition. Something of this trait seems to have permeated through all the departments without in any way diminishing the determination to leave a monument of constructive achievement.

No program launched from Capitol Hill has been accompanied by the blare of trumpets or the beat of drums. Work—*not talk*—seemed to be the slogan of the administration. Governor Fisher set the example in this respect. Extended interviews with the executive have been few and far between.

There are two kinds of readers to this paper—the fellow who subscribes, and the fellow who makes a habit of reading his neighbor's paper.

BRICKBATS, BOUQUETS

THAT the Cambria Freeman of Ebensburg, has taken over a new semblance of appearance was evidenced with the issue of last week, announcing concurrently the change of management. And the new manager is none other than Thos. A. Owens, who also has charge of the helm of The Patton Courier. The added newspaper at Ebensburg will introduce Mr. Owens in the field of newspaperdom as now operating a chain of newspapers. Whether or no he has ambitions to add others to the already acquired string is not known; but, should his ambitions head in that direction we know he will be headed in a successful venture. Mr. Owens is a worthy man in charge of newspapers and it is our sincere wish that he will find his added venture a successful one.—Barnesboro Star.

And then, also, on Monday, there came into our sanctum, Editor Thos. A. Owens, newest manager of the Cambria Freeman, the northern Democratic organ here for the past 63 years, that Tom states will be strictly non-political under his guidance, which sounds good, but usually doesn't mean much at a County Seat. Tom also vouchsafed the information that the venture is being made entirely on his own hook and that the Freeman is not a new link in the talked-of chain of papers. Glad to hear it, Tommy—nothing like being independent you know. Anyway, we're going to look on him as always, providing nobody pushes, or tramps on our sore toe.—Ebensburg Mountaineer-Herald.

The Cambria Freeman of Ebensburg, came out under new management last week. Thomas A. Owens, hustling publisher of the Patton Courier, took over the Freeman which has been leased by D. J. Moore of Windber for the past two years. It is being issued from the Patton office at present. The future political policy of the Freeman which has always been Democratic, was not announced by the new management, but the Courier has been coming to the front as the official Republican weekly of the county in the last few campaigns. Mr. Owens is a fine printer and the Journal wishes him every success. The county seat town should support two weekly newspapers much better than it does.—Nanty-Glo Journal.

HOOVER SENDS OUT XMAS MESSAGE TO DISABLED

A message of appreciation and of best wishes for Christmas and the new year has been sent by President Hoover to the various veterans' organizations and hospitals throughout the country. The message said: "Again I send you my Christmas greeting and best wishes for your happiness in the New Year, with renewed assurance of the nation's grateful remembrance of your service and sacrifices. "I do pray that the new year will bring you blessings and new hope for the future. To those in hospitals or ill in their homes, restoration of health; and to all more of comfort and contentment. "The Nation is ever mindful of your patience and fortitude, is vigilant in your behalf, and so long as your needs endure, will respond with devotion to your service."

HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE IS FATALLY INJURED

Struck by an automobile at eight o'clock on Friday evening while at work with a State Highway Department maintenance crew on the road near South Fork, George W. Fuller, 50, of South Fork, suffered a fracture of the skull and was pronounced dead, when taken to the Mercy hospital in Johnstown by Perry Facsimmi, of South Fork, reported to have been the driver of the machine that struck him. It is believed Fuller was killed instantly.

ENDS DIGESTIVE ILLS QUICK AND GAINS 10 POUNDS

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LOCAL AND STATE NEWS OF INTEREST

Condensed Items Gathered from Various Sources for the Busy Reader.

Charging he was jolted from the step of a bus and severely injured, Paul Teretin, of Cresco, Cambria county, has filed suit for \$25,000 damages against the Beaverdale-South Fork Bus Company. Teretin said the accident occurred at Cresco bridge.

Clymer has a new weekly newspaper titled "The Clymer Herald." The new sheet made its first appearance last week and is edited by Paul Houck, a former Hastings resident, who conducts a job printing plant in Clymer.

The condition of William B. Hicks, a prominent Altoona citizen, remains unimproved at the Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore, Md., where he recently underwent surgical treatment.

Three one-act plays, together with drills and recitations, comprised the Christmas program given by the pupils of the Nagle school in Elder township on Tuesday of this week.

Anthony Romett of Spangler, aged 28, who suffered the fracture of a leg, in a Spangler mine recently, is resting well at the Spangler hospital; Mr. G. E. Valco, a medical patient, of Hastings is improved; and Donald Delaney of Carrolltown is a surgical patient.

The Rev. Edward Paul Griffin, pastor of St. Mary's of the Mount Catholic church in Pittsburgh died on Sunday at the age of 67. He was ordained at St. Vincent's college, Latrobe, and had served various charges in central Pennsylvania at different times.

Mrs. Kate Hancock, aged 37, wife of Peter Hancock, of Emeigh, died on Sunday afternoon at the Spangler hospital, where she was admitted Dec. 6th for medical treatment.

A gas well with a flow sufficient to supply a town of 5,000 people has been brought in on the Roy farm, three miles from Friedens in Somerset county. The well is the second to produce gas in that section, the first of about the same capacity having been brought in about three months ago.

Fr. Patrick McKivigan, O. S. B., son of Mrs. Margaret McKivigan of Spangler, received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at St. Vincent Ar-

ch-Abbey Church on Sunday of last week. The special honor conferred upon him comes after the completion of specialized and intensive studies in Philosophy completed last June.

A meeting of the East Carroll Township Parent-Teacher Association will be held at Concord Grange near Bradley Junction on the evening of December 30th. The entertainment will be furnished by the pupils of the various schools of the township, and will consist of music, reading and plays.

Mrs. Walter Conrad of East Carroll Township, is a patient at the Spangler hospital, being admitted to that institution on Wednesday morning of last week. She is reported as getting along nicely.

JOHNSTOWN FIRM IS GIVEN CONTRACT AT SANATORIUM

Berkelbie Brothers, of Johnstown, general contractors on the new \$300,000 hospital unit now under way at the state sanatorium at Summit, Friday appeared winner of an extra \$34,650 contract at Harrisburg, for the construction at the sanatorium of a tunnel, sidewalks and service lines to connect the new building with the main institution. The bid of the Johnstown firm was the only one submitted for this particular work.

MILLION AND A HALF TO COMBAT RHEUMATISM

Expenditure of \$1,500,000 to combat rheumatism has been proposed by State Health Commissioner George H. Bigelow of Massachusetts. Devising the treatment of this maddening as the greatest chronic disease problem confronting the Commonwealth, Dr. Bigelow has recommended the spending of that amount in a hospital, clinic, research and educational program.

SEEKS TO REGAIN PROPERTY.

Alleging that the lessee, Achilles Alexas, has defaulted in payments of rent for the months of August, September, October, November and December at the rate of \$759.75, a month, or a total of \$4,759.75, the United States Stores Realty Co., Friday filed an action in ejectment to regain possession of the store room at the northeast corner of Main and Franklin Streets, Johnstown.

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Having thereon frame dwelling-ho double frame dwell Also, all its righ in and to that cen lying chiefly in Log County, Pennsylvania tion interest in shi ship, Cambria Coun scribed as follows stone pile corner n of Kittanning Run pile is a common ed William Decker is a part, and lan and Coke Compa Sylvester C. Baker, Robert Black Warr by said land of Alto Company, formerly ing closely up Kit four following cour west 250.8 feet to degrees, 30 minutes a stake, north 81 west 411.5 feet to a gress, 30 minutes, maple stump; then toona Coal & Coke Patrick McGuire, s minutes, east 1616 stump; thence, by gress, 30 minutes, stone pile; thence, degrees, 53 minutes a fence corner; the erly of Anthony M gress, 50 minutes, stake; thence, thro Decker Tract, sou minutes, west 382 line of the Robe Tract; thence, by s Warrant Tract, s minutes, west 857.7 ing; containing on five and thirty-on (125.31) of an acre, the land commonly Decker Tract.
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