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The Union Press-Courier gives its advertisers the advantage of the combined circulation of the two largest circulated weeklies in Cambria County and has a reader coverage that blankets Patton and the major mining towns.

Elsewhere in this issue, as well as by the placard system, the Patton Board of Health, is advertising the annual Clean-Up Week in the Borough, and has designated the period from May 8th to 13th for the spring house-cleaning. Of course, the success or failure of the movement rests entirely on the citizens themselves. Trucks will be furnished to remove the debris. Read the advertisement for particulars. Of importance, too, is the caution of the Board of Health that an inspection of properties will be made by the Board of Health beginning on May 15th—so you had better clean up the premises!

Some there may be who censure the United Mine Workers' leaders for insisting the strike penalty clause be omitted from the new contracts. But it is fact that there have been certain unscrupulous operators (smaller ones) who have purposely caused incentive for strikes, in order that they might benefit by the fines. Sometimes the operators haven't been able to make money. Giving cause for an "outlaw" strike proved a means of revenue. And don't think for a minute it hasn't been done.

We who live here in this section of Pennsylvania, are of the thought that we are right in the heart of the great coal reserves of the nation, and that Pennsylvania is one of the very highest in the country when it comes to coal deposits. Yet we are dwarfed in the matter of coal reserves when compared with many other states. According to figures released by the United States Coal Commission, Pennsylvania's reserves in net tons, totals 34,920,000,000. Seems big, doesn't it? But how many of our readers know that the state of Wyoming's reserves amount to 340,494,000,000? Or that out in Montana there are 183,232,000,000, and in Colorado, 157,670,000,000 Reserves in net tons?

While down at Clearfield the other day, District Secretary-Treasurer Dick

Gilbert called our attention to the figures, and they amazed us, just as they will amaze many others who picture our state as one of the top notchers in coal reserves. And, aside from the few states above mentioned, we can also list the following additional that outstrip the Keystone State in deposits—Illinois, Kentucky, New Mexico, Utah, and West Virginia. All of which naturally leads to the conclusion that some time, perhaps years and years hence, the big coal fields of this nation—possibly at a time when the east no longer has any more to mine.

Coal is a sickly industry now for a number of reasons: Perhaps when the Guffey Coal act becomes effective the industry will become stabilized. This unhealthy condition of the mining industry has been going on for some years, and likely had its inception with the World War. Bituminous Coal was a war essential. Partly because of insufficient mine capacity but even more on account of transportation difficulties, the country experienced substantial coal shortages early in the war. And with the demand, production began to climb. But the war finished, and during the very time when capacity was still increasing, the demand was declining. Other fuels entered the field. Operators began price cutting, miners' began suffering pay cuts to meet the price slashes. Chaos was apparent. Unions were smashed—and only when the N. E. A. came into existence did the industry begin to get on its feet again. The immediate future of the coal industry remains problematical. But coal is energy, and coal has a thousand and one uses aside from its fuel elements—and some day man will utilize and develop all these properties.

From the Johnstown Democrat, we clip the following: An increase in rates filed March 17th by the Peoples Natural Gas Company, Pittsburgh, has been suspended by the Public Utility Commission until November 1st. The proposed rate increase, as newspaper readers know, falls upon the domestic consumer. On the other hand, those who use natural gas for industrial purposes would be handed a marked reduction. The rate schedule proposed by the Peoples Natural Gas Company is simply a back handed way of subsidizing gas in the competitive battle it is waging with coal. In order that industry may purchase natural gas at attractive figures, the domestic consumer is expected to come across in handsome fashion. The Public Utility Commission has stepped into the breach. In the meantime Governor James is doing his earnest best to unhorse the commission. The disposition on the part of the utilities to boost their rates and the Governor's evident determination to hamstring the present commission should furnish food for thought—at least to the thoughtful.

That old bugaboo of folks over Cambria county, who have occasion to visit Johnstown during the summer months—Daylight Saving—bids fair not to be present this summer, and indications are that Johnstown's clocks will not be moved forward an hour on Sunday, April 30th. If not, it will be a blessing to a lot of rest of us who don't live in the city. Daylight saving may be all right,

but it must be universal to work out to the convenience of all.

The hostility of politicians to the Civil Service has been brought sharply to the public eye by the pending bill in the state legislature to remove from the protection of civil service thousands of employees of the Department of Public Assistance. Although the bill at Harrisburg is sponsored by Republicans there is little more sympathy for Civil Service among Democratic politicians, although they did enact the legislation. Republicans propose to strike down. The average politician has no use for civil service for practical political reasons. It interferes with him obtaining jobs, as political rewards for followers in whom he is particularly interested. He is most concerned in having the jobs go to men and women who have been helpful to him, regardless of whether they possess the ability necessary to enable them to pass examinations and thus prove their qualifications for the jobs they seek. That is only part of the story, however. The politician has another argument which, from his point of view, is highly important. Once under the protection of civil service, he contends, the person appointed to the job usually becomes a political drone. No longer can he be relied on to work day and night for the advancement of the party machine and to serve the interests of his party leaders. He ceases to be a political asset. The fact that he may render efficient service to the public does not weigh strongly for him with most politicians. They want in the jobs those who will do the hustling for them when a campaign is on and bring in the votes.

Anyone in a position to hear complaints of politicians about the headaches they have to endure because of the pressure on them for jobs in state, county or municipality naturally would be inclined to ask why they do not find relief by placing all jobs under civil service. A few politicians believe they might be better off if there were civil service, but they constitute a small minority. The best proof of that is the difficulty always experienced by citizens in trying to obtain even a small measure of civil service.

Republican leaders have no intention of creating in the present session of the legislature a civil service system for all state employees, effective in the immediate future. They want nothing like that to interfere with them placing during the coming months thousands of politically-elected in the jobs now held by the Democrats. It might be thought by some that after the job of connecting Republicans with the pay roll is completed a movement to "freeze" their friends in their jobs against the day when Democrats might have another victory. If such a thing were to happen it would be a complete switch from the idea of the politicians that they want to keep the employees on a spot where failure to deliver politically could cost them their jobs.

State Treasurer F. Clair Ross, addressing the Jefferson day dinner of Berks county Democrats last week, described Governor Arthur James as a "scared and confused reactionary" and "breaker of promises." He added: "While tangled foreign affairs oppress and threaten us, matters here at home are equally dis-

turbing. We have in the Governor's chair at Harrisburg a scared and confused reactionary of the old Vire School . . . An ambitious climber who stirs strife within his own ranks while he fixes his eyes on the alluring road to the White House. The promising young breaker boy from Plymouth is turning out to be just that . . . 100 per cent promising . . . and another hundred per cent breaker of those promises."

Ross asserted the Republican controlled legislature had been paid \$639,000 in salaries and expenses by the middle of March and "had exactly eight bills to show for its work." He called the administration's program "the brain child of frustrated Tories." He attacked as "political" the Van Allsburg relief plan, now in the House, which has as its aim to remove unemployment relief workers from civil service and place the hiring and firing authority in the county boards. And Treasurer Ross is exactly right in making that declaration.

HASTINGS NEWS

Miss Mary Holtz, York Business college enrollee, spent several days at her home on Beaver Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kelly of Detroit, Mich., spent Saturday at the Buck home on Beaver Street.

Mrs. James Murtha of Pittsburgh spent the week-end at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Weakland.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Sheppard of Pittsburgh spent Friday at the I. P. Yahner home in East End.

Miss Naomi Binder is visiting in York at the home of her brother, Paul Binder.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Haluska and son Dick and Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Yahner of Patton were Sunday visitors at the John Niebauer home in East End.

Mrs. H. J. Easy, son Ferd and daughter Sue were Friday callers in Altoona.

Mr. and Mrs. Steele Clark of Cherry Tree spent Wednesday at the Clark home on Spangler Street.

Mrs. Dave Kilne, son Teddy and daughter Margaret were Saturday motorists to Altoona.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Simelsberger of Duke Center spent the week-end at the B. R. Hindmarsh home.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Strittmatter were recent visitors to Altoona.

Eddie Brezon of Spangler visited friends here Saturday.

Mr. Anthony Soisson of Nicktown spent several days of the past week at the home of his son, F. L. Soisson.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Weakland and week-end guest Mrs. James Murtha and Mrs. Walter Elder motored to Altoona on Sunday afternoon to visit relatives.

Charles Held of Johnstown was a business caller here on Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Paul Winland of Akron Ohio is visiting here at the home of her mother Mrs. R. E. Easy.

Misses Betty Dillon and Florence Jansure were Sunday afternoon callers in Carrolltown.

HIGHWAY OFFICIALS ANNOUNCE CHANGES IN STATE PERSONNEL

The Pennsylvania Highway Department last Friday announced 132 appointments to the staff personnel and 66 dismissals.

Appointments included: District 9, Hollidaysburg—Ellsworth C. Krouse, Barnesboro, rodman, \$1,020; Francis R. Dabbs, Gallitzin, rodman, \$1,020; Chalmers C. Golden, Johnstown, chairman, \$1,020.

Maintenance, District 9 Ebensburg, Hiram F. Ribblett, Conemaugh, assistant maintenance superintendent, junior grade, \$1,860.

Dismissals included: Headquarters: Margaret M. Sweetney, Lilly, typist, \$1,020.

District 9, Hollidaysburg—Leo J. Westrick, Elder township, Cambria Co., rodman, \$1,020; Dennis C. Thomas, Elder township, Cambria county, rodman, \$1,020; Cornelius E. Gearhart, Elder township, chairman, \$1,020; Donald J. Gagahan, Johnstown, rodman, \$1,020; Harry D. Ickes, Alum Bank, Bedford county, chairman, \$1,020.

Maintenance — Ebensburg: Jacob Kleman, Portage township, assistant maintenance superintendent, junior grade, \$1,860; Margaret G. Brown, Patton, clerk-typist, \$1,020.

INMATE AT COUNTY HOME 22 YEARS, IS DEAD

An inmate at the Cambria County Home for the last 22 years, Miss Sarah Boyle, 79, died in the institution at 7:15 o'clock on Monday evening. Death terminated an extended illness.

Miss Boyle and her mother, Mrs. Nancy Boyle, formerly of Cresson, became homeless 22 years ago when other members of the family died during a diphtheria epidemic. The mother died about a year after entering the institution.

During her stay at the home Miss Boyle assisted with the work and on many occasions assisted in serving tables and other domestic work.

L. A. Zubrod, superintendent at the home, said that Miss Boyle was one of the best known persons in the institution and her work during more than 20 years was a great help to the authorities.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the home with burial in the county cemetery.

Card of Thanks

We wish through these columns to thank all those who assisted us in our recent bereavement, the illness and death of our husband and father, Peter Grozanic; for the floral offering, and use of cars at the funeral.—Mrs. Mary Grazonick and Family.

Observatory Work Starts.

State College. — Construction has been started on the first unit of a proposed multiple astronomical observatory at Pennsylvania State College. A ten inch telescope manufactured in the college astronomical instruments laboratory will be mounted in the unit, which will be completed next month.

Gallitzin Men Jailed.

Wrist watches, an electric shaver, cigars and cigarets valued at about \$80 were stolen early Saturday morning

from the Cambria Mercantile Company at Gallitzin. Saturday evening State and local police arrested Geo. Sanger, 31, and Thomas Sennett, 31, both of Gallitzin, who are said to have admitted breaking and entering the store

Slick Again Elected.

Clyde S. Slick, well known Johnstown printer, again was reelected as Secretary-Treasurer of the Tri-State Typographical Conference at the 48th annual convention in Erie last Saturday.

"320 COLLEGE AVENUE"

Following is the program and cast of characters for the Senior Class Play, "320 College Avenue" which will be presented by the Senior Class of the Patton High School at the Grand Theatre, Patton, Pa., on Friday Evening, April 21, 1939, at 8:00 P. M.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

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| Judith Wayne | Marjorie Steir |
| Val | Frank Roundsley |
| Minna | Kathleen Crowell |
| Russell | Louis Stoltz |
| Rita Day | Marjorie Morrow |
| Doreen Devine | Lillian Finett |
| Billy Grady | Frank Cossitor |
| Nydia Noyes | Elsie Jones |
| Cy | Hugh Simelsberger |
| Lee Macon | Herman Gill |
| Phyllis Martin | Helen Sheehan |
| Lucille Nouvaine | Helen Maurer |
| Ken | Joseph Bearer |
| Nan Sills | Beatrice Butler |
| Hap | Raymond Ryan |
| Pheonix | William Simpson |
| Romney | Emery Haluska |
| Ernie | Bert Williams |
| Mosetta Veens | Ethel Lesnak |
| Professor Slopes | Wendell Rowland |
| Dean Olivia D. Ool | Ruth Colberg |
| The Chief of Police | James Toseki |
| Joe, the Chief's Assistant | Joseph Swope |
| The Doctor | Charles Yahner |
| Policemen | Glen Wirt |
| | William Chirdon |
| | George Tinnick |
| Orderlies | Clair Bender |
| | John Earl Callahan |

Time: Evening. October. Present.
 Place: Living Room of a College Sorority House.
 The action of the play is continuous.

Presented by arrangement with Samuel French.
 Directed by Kathryn M. Wheeler.
 Music under the direction of William Nicholas.

Selections:

- OPENING: "Trumpeter's Serenade"
 by Fritz Spindles
- Orchestra and Chorus:
 "When the Foeman Bares His Steel"
 from "Pirates of Penzance"
 by Gilbert and Sullivan
- Waltz: Opus 39-No. 2"
 by Gurlitt Cornelius

Members of the Orchestra:

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| Bethel Mertens | George Davis |
| Frederick Henniger | Melvin Gardner |
| Louis Caretti | John Churella, Jr. |
| Clifton Dietrick | Rene Beunier |
| Melvin Fregly | Richard Arnold |
| Frederick Laurito | Frederick Mitchell |
| Clarence McCloskey | Leroy Dietrick |
| Henry L. Vezza | Gilbert Fregly |
| Mario Vezza | Russell Winslow |

Richard Lacey

Members of the Chorus

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| Anna Mary Bortman | Elsie M. Jones |
| Diana Cammarata | Anna Pristas |
| Ruth Colberg | Mary Resko |
| Mary Jane Dunbar | Beatrice Butler |
| Helen Evans | Bernadette Conrad |
| Ethel M. Lesnak | Kathleen Crowell |
| Marjorie Morrow | Alice George |
| Marjorie Steir | Helen Grazonich |
| Anna Shatrosky | Eleanor Jones |
| Nellie Wilkinson | Mildred Karlheim |
| Lillian Finett | Helen Maurer |
| Emma Gresko | Rita O'Leary |
| Rita Ann Hazenstab | Helen Sheehan |
| Barbara Westrick | Clair Bender |
| Paul Baranik | James Crowell |
| Claude Blake | Herman Gill |
| William Chirdon | Frank Kinkead |
| Patrick Laurito | Thomas Reed |
| Frank Roundsley | Raymond Ryan |
| Michael Sottile | Wendell Rowland |
| Walter Squires | Louis Stoltz |
| Michael O'Donahue | James Toseki |

Bert Williams



Now stand up, Mister

Your foot is about a quarter of an inch wider (and longer, too) when you put your weight on it. So when the man who serves you here snugly ties the laces of your new shoes and says, "Now stand up, Mister," he's double-checking. We're sticklers for perfect fit—it has so much to do with your comfort and the way your shoes hold their good looks.

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