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## Washingtonville

Mrs. W. D. King and son of Salem spent several days this week with their folks.

Delmore miners were laid off Monday on account of the cutting machine being repaired.

A very pleasant time was had in the home of Miss Grace Welkart when she was hostess to members of the Women's Home Circle at her home New Year's Eve. The ladies made this a watch party and stayed until the bells about town rang the New Year in. Invited guests included Mrs. Carl Welkart, Mrs. Morell Welkart, Mrs. Ray Stouffer, Miss Florence O'Leary, Miss Amanda Bilger. A Christmas exchange of pretty gifts was an interesting feature. A dainty luncheon was served. The club will meet next week at the home of Mrs. Harley Wood.

Clifford Herron, who has been confined to his home with scarlet fever, is able to be up and around.

Wm. Welkart of West Point spent Sunday at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Warner and J. N. Paisley were elected to the office of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Orr in Columbiana.

On account of a tie vote for marshal at the recent election, at a meeting in the mayor's office Tuesday evening, Geo. Hall was elected to fill this office for the next term. C. E. Bertolotto and F. L. Stouffer were elected members of council. The following were appointed to serve on the council: Amy Muir, J. D. Smith, Ed. Herrmann, Lawrence Fieldhouse. Andy Muir was appointed president of the council, J. S. Davis treasurer and Chas. Stouffer, secretary.

Misses Ruth and Charlotte Bossert were Youngstown visitors, Monday.

O. Bossert was elected president and J. N. Paisley clerk and treasurer of the school board. The other members of the board are Frank Boston, vice-president and J. S. Davis.

Gideon Woods is bedfast at his home. He was stricken with paralysis last week.

Mrs. Mary Woods of Salem is here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Woods.

Anthony Scheetene of Youngstown is sick at the home of his father here.

Mrs. Fred Welkart and Mrs. Fred Ghard were Leetonia visitors, Saturday.

C. A. Welkart purchased G. E. Gilbert's car.

Miss Charlotte Bossert returned to Mount Union, Monday, after a two week's vacation.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Murphy.

Hurry Thos. purchased the Hugh McIntosh property on Union street and will take possession soon.

Fred G. Dyer purchased the Elmer Manser property on Railroad street.

W. C. Welkart and family of Leetonia spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Welkart.

Artheth Firth, who has been seriously ill with diphtheria and scarlet fever, is much better. Her father is bedfast with diphtheria, but not seriously ill.

Mrs. Carl Welkart was a Salem visitor, last Saturday.

Miss Margaret Archibald of East Palestine spent Friday here at the home of her sister, Mrs. Emmet Carlisle.

Mrs. Chas. Moore returned to Cleveland, last week.

Rose Davis resumed his medical studies at Kent after spending his holiday vacation here with his parents.

Mrs. Charity Roller and son Eugene spent New Year's in Youngstown.

Mrs. Harry Gayer of Salem was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barrow, New Year's.

Regular services in the M. E. Church next Sunday morning and evening. All are invited.

A good social time was had at the dance in the town hall last Saturday evening.

W. E. Roller is taking the census in this community.

James Needham is still suffering with blood poisoning in his leg.

Miss Margaret Bailey spent last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jan. W. Bobb at West Point.

School reopened Monday after a week's vacation during the holidays.

## MILLVILLE

Jan. 7.—Misses Clara and Viola Zimmerman were hostesses to the Home Circle Club members and their families for their fourth annual holiday at their homes New Year's Eve. The house was tastefully decorated with the season's colors and thirty-one friends enjoyed a delightful evening, a splendid dinner having been conspicuously featured of the evening. The committee on entertainment had arranged a clever guessing contest which they enjoyed. Miss Mary Archer was awarded the first prize and Mr. Orville Bush won the consolation prize. The main feature of the entertainment was cards, which were played until after the new year arrived. The party broke up, having spent a delightful evening. The guest list included Miss Mary Archer of Chestnut Valley and Miss Lucy Arner of Hubbard. Mrs. Fred Oesch will be hostess to the Larkin-Club of Ten at her home in this afternoon.

Misses Clara and Viola Zimmerman will receive the Home Circle Club members at their home at the regular January meeting Thursday afternoon. The officers elected at the December meeting will assume their duties at that time. The officers for the ensuing year are: President, Mrs. Mary Kindig; vice-president, Miss Carrie Huffman; treasurer, Mrs. Jerry Kindig; secretary, Miss Ora Hatfield.

The village was well represented at the armers' institute in Greenford last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kelly of Youngstown visited here last week with their father, Walter Callahan.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Holwick and daughter, Hazel, and Winifred spent New Year's with Mr. Paul Holwick and family in Salem.

Miss Lily Cowdrey spent Wednesday in Salem.

Charles Calladine has returned home after spending several days with his sister, Mrs. Raymond Broadwater, in Youngstown.

Miss Roberta Reese and Homer Reese, Lester Crutchley, Donald Greenmeyer, Harry Wells and Chas. Calladine and Perry Parker resumed work in the Salem schools after two weeks' vacation.

Miss Elizabeth Yeager is spending some time in Youngstown.

Raymond Arner visited in Columbiana, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Oesch of Damascus were entertained Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Oesch.

Oscar and Clyde Grimm of Chestnut Grove were here, Sunday.

Roland Weingart spent his vacation with friends in Pittsburgh and returned home Sunday evening to resume work in the Salem high school.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Schaffer and son Robert were New Year's guests of W. W. Burns and family in Salem.

Miss Edith Weingart enjoyed a week's visit with friends in Damascus.

Mrs. Albert Anston, who has been in the Salem city hospital the past few weeks, returned home improved in health.

J. A. Gaunt, who was in ill health for the past few years, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. F. E. Bezz, Sunday. Funeral services were held at 2:30 Tuesday.

Mrs. E. A. Taylor and son Homer of Leetonia were Sunday callers in the village.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sheehan and children of Salem spent New Year's with J. C. Smith and family.

Miss Estella Matzenbaugh of East Palestine spent New Year's with her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Evans were in Salem, Saturday.

F. E. Bezz spent Saturday in Lisbon.

T. E. Rae and family enjoyed a visit on Sunday with friends in Alliance.

Mrs. Fred Reese, who has been ill, the past week, is now improving.

## GREENFORD

Jan. 7.—1920 is a leap year. Look out, Mr. Bachelor! It may prove fatal. The month that makes this leap year has five Sundays in it.

The farmers' institute held here last week Monday and Tuesday was instructed by J. F. Gordon of Jamestown, C. R. Wagner of Arlington and Miss Pearl Dorney of Moensville, Va. The lecture given by Mr. Gordon on Monday evening was very interesting. The program was interspersed by vocal and instrumental music, readings of papers, discussion of round-table subjects and closed by an unanimous vote to hold an institute here next year.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bush and children of Pittsburgh spent last week with relatives here and in Washingtonville.

Mr. F. Leicht and family spent last week visiting friends in Niles.

Delmont Callahan and daughter Helen are keeping house in Salem, temporarily.

Miss Dorothy Hulst, Mrs. John Hively, David Huffman and G. S. Bush are among the sick, but all are improving.

Miss Vera Weikart is assisting Mrs. John Hively with her household duties.

The next number of our lecture course will be given by "The Morning Girls" Tuesday evening, 29.

Quite a number around here have had or are having the grippe.

A New Year's dance was held in the K. of P. hall.

## EAST LEWISTOWN

Jan. 7.—Miss Dessie Weaver of Detroit is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Weaver.

F. C. Crumbacker of Youngstown visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Blosser, last Sunday.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hetrick of North Lima, formerly of this place.

Chauncey Painter is able to be around again, after suffering several weeks with lumbago.

C. H. Blosser has returned home to East Palestine after helping his father and brothers do logging several weeks.

M. M. Mellinger helped Troyer brothers of North Lima do grinding, last Tuesday.

The ringing of the anvil is again plainly heard since zero weather and icy roads are frequently with us.

## BOARDMAN

Jan. 7.—The Episcopal and Methodist Sunday schools observed the Christmas season in an appropriate manner. The children were delighted with their gifts. The members of the M. E. Church and friends did not forget their pastor, Rev. O. B. Jones, who is still unable to resume his duties. They sent him a purse of about \$75 for a Christmas gift.

Local people were pleased to have their holiday vacation at home. These young men have returned to resume their studies—Willis Berger, Robert Stafford and Allen Aldorffer to O. S. U.; Clare Catherman to Muskingum college and Ralph Agnew to Allegheny college.

Some of our folks had the pleasure of hearing the sermon "America and Jesus" by Prof. Camden C. Coburn in Youngstown Sunday evening. Prof. Coburn, who is Bible instructor in Allegheny college, is considered one of the best authorities on the Bible today.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Stafford pleasantly entertained a number of friends and relatives New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McClung were in Youngstown, Monday.

Mrs. A. W. Buckle is suffering with tonsillitis.

Miss Lydia Palmer of Youngstown was a Sunday visitor in the home of Frank Agnew.

Friends of Mrs. Homer Slagle will be pleased to know that she is keeping in strength and is much improved in health since her return from the city hospital.

Mrs. Kerr entertained company from Youngstown, Sunday.

Dr. H. S. Thorne was in Youngstown, Monday.

The high school boys and girls went to Farrell, Pa., Friday night and played basketball. The boys lost and the girls won.

The Farrell A. C. girls came to Boardman Saturday evening and played Boardman A. C. girls. Score 23 to 35 in favor of Boardman.

Sunday visitors at H. C. Heintzelman's were Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Zimmerman, Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Zimmerman and son Lewis, Mrs. H. M. Osborn and son Lloyd and Lottie Kyle of Youngstown, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Osborn of Tippecanoe, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Heintzelman of Shady Hollow, John Kyle of North Jackson, Joe Wilcox of Newark and Freda John, Dr. Levi Good is census enumerator of Boardman township.

## BLANCO

Jan. 7.—Wm. Onstott and family left on New Year's for Deland, Fla. to make their future home. Old neighbors wish them well.

Mrs. Hiram Helsel and mother, Mrs. Marshall, of Diamond, spent several days the past week with Mrs. Mattie Crowe in West Farmington.

A son was born, Dec. 31, to Mr. and Mrs. Luther Graham. He has been christened Theodore Luther.

Mrs. Emera Kale and son, H. E., the past week visited C. B. Kale and family in Newton Falls, where they recently located.

Mrs. L. W. Flick visited, Monday, with her father, John Porter.

Mrs. Francis Harzlett and son Richard of North Benton recently visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Snook.

Elmer Klingeman was in Youngstown, Saturday.

Orris Mead and John Porter are among the sick.

Warren Force and Ward Craig were Youngstown visitors, Monday.

Mrs. H. E. Kale and two daughters were visitors at Wm. Renkenberger's last Sunday. Mrs. Renkenberger has been ill for some time but is improving.

Clyde Kale and family of Newton Falls spent Saturday night and Sunday at Emery Kale's. H. E. Kale and daughter Mary also visited at the same place.

Mrs. Hinkle of Mineral Ridge is spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. L. Graham.

Theodore and Clyde Helsel and Mabel Kale have returned to school at Berlin Center after enjoying the holiday vacation at home.

Mrs. Julia Painter and son Delmar of Youngstown visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Force, last Sunday.

## CONFEDERATE CORNERS

Jan. 7.—Miss Vera Cook spent a week in Alliance visiting friends.

Miss Lydia Bieber had a furnace installed in her home.

Mrs. Julia Painter is taking care of her aunt, Mrs. Snyder, of North Lima, who was operated on for tumor.

Walter Johnston is having a lighting plant put in his residence.

Our school is in full swing again after two weeks' vacation.

Henry Schaffer and E. E. Forney attended school board meeting at the Beard school house, on New Year's.

J. R. Sauerwein and family of Canfield spent New Year's at Walter Johnston's.

Roads will be built next summer from the Marquis school house south and west through Calla to No. 2 school house; also from East Lewistown to the Greenford and Beaver township lines.

Homer Stackhouse and family of Winona visited several days with E. E. Forney and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Detwiler called on his brother-in-law, Geo. Bush, who is not as well as friends would like to see him.

Daniel Forney celebrated his 83rd birthday Jan. 5.

Mrs. John Dressel has decided not to build a house on the site of the one destroyed by fire.

A good road will be held at the Boyer school house Monday evening, Jan. 12.

The "wets" have it—a thirst!

## ELLSWORTH

Jan. 7.—The third number of the lecture course will be given the evening of Jan. 14 by the Southern Jubilee Singers. Don't fail to hear them as they come highly recommended.

A farmers' institute will be held in the grange hall Friday, Jan. 15, starting at 10 o'clock a. m.; afternoon and evening sessions. Grangers will serve dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole were recent visitors here.

Mr. John Davis of Warren was here recently.

New officers of Ellsworth grange were recently installed.

Harold Slough of Berlin Center called here recently.

Emory Cutting had a hand broken, Friday, cranking his machine.

Paul Mathews, after spending the Christmas vacation at his home here, has returned to Hiram, where he attends school.

Heman Crum was in Youngstown, Saturday.

Mrs. Sarah Howard and Miss Flora Rose were in Youngstown recently.

Charles Allen is ill with influenza.

Joe Cessna and Harry Schaefer were at Atwater, Friday.

There will be preaching in the M. E. Church, Sunday morning.

Pupils who do not miss a day at school for three months are Ernest Baringer, Ralph Winans, Mabel Penney and Frances Baringer. For the month of December, Esther Hammond, Hampton; Wesley Pressel and Freda John; any words in spelling during the month of December.

Ben Goist has returned after spending a few days in Minerva with Rev. Alton and family.

Dr. H. S. Thorne was in Youngstown, Monday.

Jan. 13, a good attendance is desired.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gordon were in Salem, Sunday.

Merle Bardo of Berlin recently called on Elizabeth Resler.

Sunday visitors at Berlin Center were Dr. Gudgett having his house on West street papered.

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E. E. Forney is at work as census enumerator.

Roy Renkenberger and George Hill were in Youngstown, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Keeler of Sebring visited Clyde Shilling, Sunday.

Chas. Flickinger is saving for Chas. Kuntze needs at Benton Station.

Mrs. Susie Hoover has returned from a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. Ella Kale.

J. J. Smith has a new touring car.

Mr. and Mrs. Heman Grouse and Mrs. Earl Orr visited at Ezra Shilling's in Deerfield on New Year's.

## BERLIN CENTER

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Mr. and Mrs. Foster Hillis spent Sunday at Harry Kale's in Shellown.

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## NORTH LIMA

Jan. 7.—The regular meeting of North Lima grange will be held Wednesday, Jan. 14, when officers for the year will be installed. Members will please note the change in date.

Mrs. Mary Hanesa, wife of Solomon Hanesa, died last week following a brief illness. Her death occurred in Florida, where she is in company with her two daughters and son Charles had gone to spend the winter. The body is expected to arrive here in what they expect to be a few days.

Mrs. Della Snyder, widow of the late Jacob Snyder, died Saturday following an illness of two days. She was formerly Della Buzzard, and was a life-long resident of this county. Surviving are one son, Harvey, of Toledo and two grandsons, Lloyd of New Buffalo and C. of Indiana. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon by Rev. L. E. Hill in the Evangelical church. Interment in the North Lima cemetery.

Ladies of the Searchlight Club gathered at the home of Mrs. J. O. Enrick.

Mrs. Sarah Bruce has gone to Cleveland for an extended visit.

Mrs. William Heimbaugh has been entertaining her father, Mr. Tipton, of Southern Ohio.

Mrs. O. J. Freer and family have entertained as guests her brother Jas. Martin and son of Wheeling, W. Va. Services in the Reformed church will continue each evening this week. Wm. communion services next Sunday morning.

Roy Williams and family moved to Lisbon, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hetrick are the parents of a daughter, born Jan. 1.

A daughter was born on Dec. 26th to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lipp of Youngstown.

Miss Ellen Kenrich has been confined to her bed a week by illness.

## KNAUFVILLE

Jan. 7.—D. M. Knauf died at his home in Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 23, after ten days' illness of pneumonia. He lived in this locality until he moved to Tacoma, about 20 years ago. He is survived by his widow, Mary Kenrich Knauf, and seven children, Mrs. Mabel Linton and Carl living in Tacoma and Olive, Linette, Anna, Wilbur and Howard, at home, and three grandchildren. Albert, three boys and two sisters, Lydia Lower, Elizabeth Toot, Nicholas and Isaac and Frank.

Miss Pearl Regal returned home, Saturday, after spending a week with her aunt in Canton.

Dorothy Knauf spent several days last week with her parents in Ash-bula.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Brown, Cecile and Orville Esterly spent New Year's at Nicholas Knauf's.

Dorothy Knauf and Walter Regal returned to school in Canfield after two weeks' vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wilson spent Monday afternoon with W. W. Hendricks and family.

The English are very much worried over the slang in the subtitle of American moving pictures. They can't understand why a bloke should be called a guy.

When women get to serving on juries it will probably be as hard to convict a good-looking man as it now is to convict a good-looking woman.

Investigations of high food prices are all right, but what the public would like is not more inquiries but a remedy or two.

How much profit should a profiteer make? A good question for five years in the past?

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## GEEBURG

Jan. 7.—Ray Leonard of Rosemont was a Sunday caller here.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams were at Sam Gault's, Sunday.

Myron Arnold of Youngstown visited at H. H. Kenzie's, Sunday.

Maudie Yeager spent New Year's at Thos. Yeager's in Canfield.

Raymond McKenzie of Alliance spent a few days here with his parents.

Miss Esther Miller spent a few days in Canfield with Mr. and Mrs. John Harroff.

Miss Flora McKenzie of Youngstown spent New Year's here.

Urias Yeager was in Youngstown, Saturday.

Conrad Bunte, who has been sick, is improving.

Ralph Beard of North Jackson visited at Urias Yeager's.

School reopened Monday after two weeks' vacation.

## TURNER STREET

Jan. 7.—Mr. and Mrs. Bert Creed and sons Lester, Clifford and Wilmer, and daughter Emogene of Berlin and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gray and family of Youngstown spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wilson.

George Reed of Canfield was at James Reed's, Wednesday.

Miss Emogene Creed was at T. R. Thomas' Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde DeCamp, daughter and two sons and Allen DeCamp of Warren spent Sunday with W. S. Rhodes and wife.

Grace Wilson returned home New Year's after spending her holiday vacation in Warren and Youngstown.

I. S. Pershing and family were at John Brown's, Sunday.

A. L. Hensch called on Adam and Elmer Drost New Year's day.

Miss Emogene Creed is visiting her cousin, Grace Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brown and H. E. Brobst helped I. S. Pershing with his butchering, Wednesday.

I. S. Pershing and J. S. Ockerman called on James Reed, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Childster and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Harry May and children at their New Year's dinner with F. R. Ewing and family.

Mrs. Wilson called at John Brown's Monday afternoon.

Mrs. A. L. Wilson spent Tuesday in Potosi with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Owens.

Thomas, James, Nora and Mary Keeler were Sunday visitors at F. R. Ewing's.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wilson, daughter Grace and Emogene Creed spent Friday with J. H. Reed and family.

## NAVY LIBRARY WORTH VISIT

Apartment in States, War and Navy Building at Washington Should Appeal to Tourists.

The navy library, in the state, war and navy building, is a lovely place to seek up atmosphere. Like the building itself, it is thirty-three years old. When it was built, England, France, Spain and Italy presented the marbles of porphyry, steatite and malachite with which the walls are paneled. Mexico sent the pieces of onyx which encrust the gallery. The round stone over the door came from the ruins of Pompeii. The connoisseur in marble who visits Washington will enjoy a call here.

In the center of the large room, lined with shelves of weighty tomes on naval matters, there is a large and important green-topped table. Around this table sat the strategic board of the Spanish-American war. Here also the naval advisory board for the great war made their secret plans and experiments. Edison, Maxim, Miller and many others conferred over it, with the windows carefully darkened and a guard before the door.

There is a quaint side to the library, too. A little white-haired lady can be seen any time, fitting about the shelves of dark, heavy books, or cutting and pasting busily in her corner by the window. This is Miss Mason, daughter of a former secretary of the navy. She has been in the library 25 years. If you happen in near noon she may give you a cup of tea on one corner of her desk.

And of all charming places to have an unexpected cup of tea, with a sweet little lady, this quiet nook among the books is recommended.

## TWO TRAVELERS CAME BACK

According to Army Captain, Mules Returned From That Dim and Undiscovered Shore.

The regimental morning report is a fearsome document. On it appear all the changes in status of men and animals for each preceding 24 hours. It happened in an Ohio regiment once that two mules fell ill one night. The veterinarian gave his verdict of hopeless, and the captain of the supply company accordingly made the proper entry on the morning report: "Two mules, from duty to dead."

But under the care of the grizzled old stable sergeant the mules recovered and next morning the captain found them alive and kicking. Now, entries made on the morning report can never be erased, which made the situation embarrassing for the captain. However, he was a man of resource, and the next day's report carried the startling entry: "Two mules, from dead to duty."

Shrub May Prove Valuable.

Two years before the war, as the story is told, two German chemists applied for permission to experiment with the plant life on a great semi-arid ranch in central Mexico. Their request was granted, with the understanding that they furnish a complete report of their findings. The two chemists worked feverishly, and chiefly on a squat, odorless shrub called "gobberadora," long reputed to possess medicinal properties. Suddenly they disappeared; what they had discovered was never known. Now, after experiments with this same desert shrub which they have found in drier parts of New Mexico, chemists of the United States department of agriculture believe that they have discovered another alkaloid to add to the list which already includes morphine, quinine and cocaine. Its chemical and pharmacological properties are now under investigation.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

## TRAPPER'S TOMB A LOG CABIN

A humble log cabin which stands in a trackless forest near Lake Athabasca, in western Canada, was once the home of a fur trapper, its builder. Now it is a tomb, sheltering the frozen body of its former occupant, who died here, alone and unheeded, nearly two years ago. To investigate the cause of the trapper's death, a fearless member of the royal northwest mounted police journeyed to the desolate scene in midwinter, braving the terrors of the wilderness for months before reaching his objective, situated miles from railroads and civilization. The corpse was in a perfect state of preservation, due to the cold, dry air, and was not moved from the bunk on which the trapper passed away.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Last Report.

An eminent engineer said in our hearing yesterday that in Italy the workers are giving two hours of their time as a free gift to the state. They realize that increased production means ultimately increased wealth. In Germany there are signs of the same spirit among the colliers. But in old England the following story admirably illustrates the industrial situation: Two miners were discussing the minimum wage. "Say, Bill," said the first, "what's this 'ere minimum wage?" Bill spat. "The minimum wage! That's what we gets for gold down; an' if we wants ter make any more brass, we goes and does some work for it."—London Morning Post.

City Markets.

Of 227 cities in the United States having estimated populations of more than 30,000, more than one-half (128) had municipal markets in 1915 according to a bulletin on the subject recently issued by the census bureau.

## PLACES BLAME ON MERCHANT

According to English Visitor, He is Responsible for Extreme Styles Adopted by Women.

The more important question underneath the clothes question is what sort of appeal the new "audacious" styles are intended to make, or to make, says the Boston Transcript. Mrs. Beatrice Forbes-Robertson Hale's entertaining talk on this question starts off by saying frankly: "I do not believe that dress is based on a sex appeal." She thinks it is rather the reflection of a class appeal—the attempt to display wealth.

After democracy had done away with man's lace cuffs, frills, wig-wig coats and such ostentatious luxury of attire it became bad form for a man to show his class by his clothes, and so he advertises his prosperity by dressing up his wife.

"The modern American wife," says Mrs. Hale, "is nothing short of a shop window for her husband; she shows off his success. I speak of the average human creature, of course, not of the intellectual man. The cause of the fashionable snobbishness of overdress comes from aping the thoughts of the old society system of Europe. Our education in dress here in America has come from the merchant who has goods to sell; we don't know where we are today, trying to wear all the styles these merchants are willing to sell us. We do not wear flimsy materials because we are trying to make a sex appeal, but because it is to the interest of the merchant to sell us something perishable."

What terrible creatures these women are who think and know how to speak! The mistake was in letting them learn the alphabet!

## NEVER LET GO OF SUITCASE

Former Congressman, on Visit to France, Proved Himself Superior to Adverse Circumstances.

Dudley Doolittle, who used to be in congress from Kansas, recently returned from Europe, where he went on a secret mission for the United States government.

While in France, Mr. Doolittle had the unusual experience of roaming around several hundreds of battlefields with a seventy-six pound suitcase clasped firmly in his arms. Shortly after Doolittle landed in Paris, and just before he started for the battlefields, the handle broke off his suitcase, which contained a number of valuable documents and papers which were almost as heavy as hardware samples. There was no porter around to help Doolittle into his automobile, nor was there any around during the ensuing ten days of his trip. Therefore, there was nothing for him to do but to clasp the suitcase firmly to his chest and get the best view of the battlefields that he could from behind the obstruction.

Doolittle says that he got so used to viewing war scenes from behind the suitcase that in order to enjoy movies of the war now he has to take a miniature doghouse to the motion picture theaters with him and hold it on his lap throughout the performance.

Montaigne Had Idea of "Tanks."

While the court of inquiry is so busily engaged in weighing the various claims to original authorship of tanks, and while discussion on the subject is going on in sundry capitals, a French writer, brushing aside Wells and his "Anticipations," points to one of the fathers of literature, Michel de Montaigne, as the man to whom medals and kudos are really due. There is a prophetic entry in one of the Essays of the entry of combatants into battle inclosed in bastions "just like those which the ancients trusted their elephants to carry." There is the germ of the tank invention right enough, but that it should have taken so long to germinate may not inconceivably be regarded as invalidating Montaigne's claims to the Croix de Guerre.

Needed Coaching.

Volumes have been written about the poor English of high school pupils, but an eighth grade teacher believes that another chapter should be added to one of the volumes. When she began to plan for a basketball team at her building she asked the high school principal to send her a high school athlete for coach. The principal promised.

A few days later the new coach made his first visit to her building. They talked over plans for the winter's athletics, and then he made ready to leave. "I guess there's nothing more to tell you except to have your candycuts for the team all lined up by next Wednesday night," he said.—Indianapolis News.

Much Argentine Wool Bought Here.

The United States is Argentina's best customer for wool, according to the bureau of markets, United States department of agriculture. For the wool season of 1915-16 Argentina exported 152,698 bales to this country, or 51 per cent of Argentina's entire exports of wool. For 1916-17 the United States took 225,467 bales, or 64 per cent. For the 1917-18 season, 200,528 bales, or 75 per cent, were shipped to this country.

Tampering With Traffic.

"Why are you so silent at late?" "I'm trying an economic experiment," replied Mr. Peewiggle, "but I'm afraid it isn't going to work. I thought that by limiting the supply of my extremely valuable thoughts I might create a more pressing demand for them."