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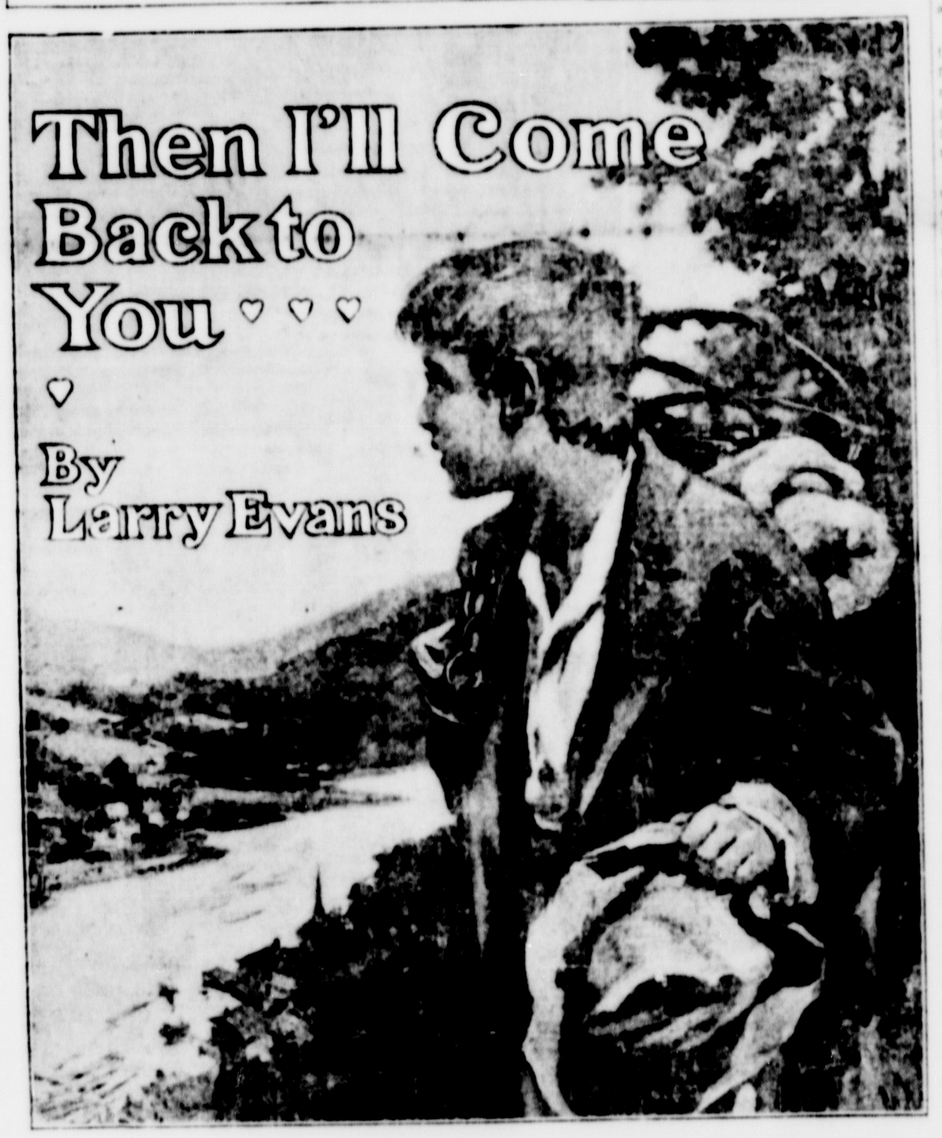

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

AN OBSERVER SUBSCRIBER DESCRIBES PLEASANT AUTO TRIP TO HIS BIRTHPLACE.

Millington, Md.
November 20th, 1916.

Centreville Observer,
Centreville, Maryland.

Sirs—Enclosed find an account of a trip made to my former home and birthplace. A party of five made the journey in an Overland car to Lebanon, Pa., by way of Wilmington, West Chester, Whitford and then on the Lincoln highway to Lancaster. This road is noted for being the finest in the state, but I must say that our Maryland State roads are quite equal or better than it, as the state roads through the Eastern Shore are the finest I have ever had the opportunity of riding over. I find so many roads in other sections that are neglected and show the great error of not maintaining them after they are built.

The trip was interesting all along and the scenery was superb as we went over hills and through valleys. When we left Lancaster for Manheim we found more beautiful scenery. As we approached the ountains, robed in their autumnal beauty, we found traveling difficult. A heavy rain had made the clay roads very treacherous and slippery. But the Overland climbed the mountains and hills with splendid ability, and with much credit to both the car and my brother, who was at the wheel. Descending the mountain, we approached the Colebrook furnaces, just outside of Lebanon, which is a spot of great interest. There we saw the various stages of separating dross from iron, and the casting of pig iron.

Arriving at ebanon at 4.45 o'clock, everything seemed strange. Twenty two years have elapsed since the writer visited the town. One characteristic still retained by the city, however, is its hospitality. That is conspicuous to even a stranger, so much so that a stranger immediately feels at home. The citizens are always ready to assist, direct or give any information that may be required.

We soon found the home of our cousin, D. F. E. Bamberger, and he received us with a very cordial welcome. During our stay he kept us busy sight seeing and meeting old friends and relatives.

One thing that appealed to us was the spacious barns with ample room for everything the farmers grow. Good markets surround this section and produce of all kinds brings fancy prices. Some of the prices might be mentioned as follows:

Butter, 38 and 40 cents per pound; onions, 8 cents per quart; celery, a quarter stalk; white potatoes $1.40 per bushel and higher in peck quantities. The most reasonable product is milk, retailing at seven cents per quart.

On our last day's stay we motored to Harrisburg. On our way over we took in the Hershey Plant, which is a wonderful place to behold, with its enormous factory, schools and everything that is required for a wonderful industry of this kind.

On arriving at Harrisburg we were much surprised, as we found the streets so nice and the city much larger than we had anticipated. Upon inquiring we found that they have a population of 90,000.

We took in the state capital with all its beauty. It is a wonderful building showing the great ingenuity of man.

We returned home by way of Colebrook, viewing another portion of their great industry, where the ore is mined and hoisted to a great height by cable cars, one loading while the other is being unloaded. We proceeded again over the mountains and hills through valleys to Sunnybrook and the scenery is even more picturesque and beautiful on this route. We finally reached the Lincoln Highway at Coatsville and returning came home by West Chester and Wilmington.

In conclusion, will say that we never have taken a trip that was so educating, as it shows the various customs of how work is done in various communities. The left hand plow for instance is still used almost exclusively in Lebanon county, which seems very odd to us. But on the other hand, they stick to it as the proper plow. Another noticeable incident was the industrious women thereabouts. They attend market with their husbands and help with the farm work. You seldom pass a field but what there are women at work helping husk corn at this time of the year. Yet, when you enter their homes, everything looks neat and well kept and to take a meal with them is to find a table loaded with everything that appeals to the inner man.

Yours very truly,
DAVID L. BAMBERGER.

"CHRISTMAS SPIRIT" BELIEVES SUDLERSVILLE SHOULD HAVE COMMUNITY TREE.

Sudlersville, Nov. 24th, 1916.

The Observer,
Centreville, Maryland.

Dear Sirs—I was very much interested in one of your editorials last week, in which you called attention to the fact that Christmas approaches rapidly and that now is the time to begin laying plans for another Community Christmas tree in Centreville. I was interested from a two-fold point of view. First, because I was present last year at the ceremonies about the tree in Centreville and was impressed with the beautiful simplicity of the community tribute to our Beloved Saviour. Secondly, being a resident of Sudlersville, where there is no newspaper to agitate such a movement, I hoped that it might be the means of starting a similar movement here.

Why cannot we fellow Sudlersvillians get together and have a Community Tree? Sudlersville is one of the livest and most progressive towns on the Eastern Shore and should we stand idly by and let Centreville get ahead of us? This would be a commendable thing for the proposed League in Sudlersville to take up.

I would be very glad if other Sudlersville residents would take up this matter through the Observer next week. What is the sentiment of Sudlersville regarding a Community Tree?

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

A JOY RIDE IN POETRY—"ANTI SPEEDER" SAYS SOME THINK ROADS MADE TO "BURN."

Stevensville, Maryland
Nov. 20th, 1916.

Editors The Observer,
Centreville, Maryland.

Dear Sirs—It seems that this is an era of joy riding. A great many automobile owners are, apparently, suffering with the obsession that the county roads were made for them to "burn." Sooner or later, though, the majority of these speed fiends come to an inglorious and disastrous end. The following expresses my sentiments exactly.

Come on fellers, all pile in—just a little pleasure spin. Out of neutral into low, second an back and off we go. Yep, we took that corner fast; nearly hit that guy we passed. See that look he gave to us? Cranky, old, slow speedin cuss. Anyway we're out of town where you don't have to creep around. Now, old gal, come take your juice, limber up and cut'er loose. Ain't she hittin fine though boys? Slips along without a noise. See me hit that farmer's dog. Felt like it might have been a log. Dogs should keep themselves inside when a feller wants to ride. Clippin' now at sixty-two. Think it's fast enough for you? Gosh, we almost hit that car; bet he thinks we are going far. Wonder how he likes to eat dust kicked up by this gal's feet. There's another piggie dead; caught him right behind the head. See that bunch of feathers fly? Well, a chicken's got to die. What! You are a nurse, you say? Then where am I any way? Hospital? We had a wreck? Lost my head, but saved my neck.

ANTI-SPEEDER.

SAYS DEMOCRATIC DONKEY IS USING HEELS INSTEAD OF HEAD—OFFERS ADVICE.

Barclay, Nov. 22, 1916.

The Centreville Observer,
Centreville, Maryland.

Gentlemen—Is it not about time for the Democratic party in Maryland to use a little more head and a little less heels? It seems to me that Maryland Democrats are getting into an excellent position to be snowed under by their old friends, the Republicans, unless the two factions arrive at some reasonable solution of their differences. It is absolutely senseless for a condition such as now exists to continue. That there should be such rivalry between the state and city organization as to bring about the defeat of a Democratic candidate for the United States Senate is sesinine to an unpardonable degree.

It is for this reason that I suggest the use of brains instead of heels. The two organizations have been animated with the desire to see which could kick the other the harder, instead of pulling together and using their brains for one common Democratic purpose.

Are there not enough big men politically in Maryland to bring this feud to an end. This cannot be done everyone realizes, without concessions from both sides. It is doubtless true that each faction has reasonably good grounds for disagreeing with the other. But this does not necessarily indicate that this brainless warfare must continue indefinitely.

Let's have a little less heels and a little more brains.

MARYLAND DEMOCRAT.

COUNTY FARMERS SHOULD ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORT CORN CLUB WORK.

Queenstown, Nov. 24th.

Editors The Observer,
Centreville, Maryland.

Gentlemen—Every farmer in Queen Annes county must join me in feeling proud of the splendid record achieved by our boys in winning the state corn growing championship for the third straight year. Is it not enough to encourage every farmer to get solidly behind County Demonstrator White and give him a Boys' Corn Club that will sweep the state again in 1917.

I believe that the majority of Queen Annes county boys are energetic and aggressive enough to join heartily in the Corn Club movement. All they need is a little less unfavorable criticism from some parents or a little more encouragement from some others to make the Queen Annes club the biggest and best in the state.

It behoves every man interested in agriculture to give the boys a bigger boost next year. Let everybody get together and help make it four in a row.

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