The social season is now fully upon us, and almost every evening we have either a dance, a camp fire, a euchre party, a moonlight trip to the Peak or the Deadening, or some other form of pleasure, to have our little paper once more with us.

The editor wishes to take this opportunity of expressing his gratitude and thanks to the guests at Skyland for this gift.

Another great improvement this year is the blasting out from the road up the mountain of all the large rocks, and this great improvement has made the road seem almost like a new one to those who are used to it in its old and rough condition.

Another improvement this year is a large cooling box or refrigerator which requires 200 pounds of ice a week to keep it at proper temperature. The ice necessary for this purpose, is brought from Hagerstown by rail to Luray, and from there is hauled by team to Skyland. This enables us also to have ice cream each week, which we have never had before.

While ten days ago Mr. Walter Campbell, of the Masoonic Inn, Luray, who has always shown such a generous and enterprising spirit in his dealings with Skyland, started a subscription list for a telephone from Luray to Camp. He was ably assisted immediately by Col. G. G. Stealey, Mr. Heaton, Dr. Johnston, Capt. Meitgar, Mr. Cregin, and many other guests, with the result that the telephone line is now completed, and as soon as the new telephone is placed in the post office, which will be in a day or two, we will be able to call up Central at Luray, and the great convenience which this will be to every one at Skyland will undoubtedly amply pay for the money invested. The editor wishes to take this opportunity of expressing his gratitude and thanks to the guests at Skyland for this gift.

The Pastime Hall which is being erected for the use of guests of Skyland through the generosity of Mr. A. G. Heaton, who at his own expense, is building this charming rustic meeting place, is well under way and will probably be in a sufficient state of completion by August 15th for us to have a dance there.
This building is being put up in a most substantial manner and for many years to come, will doubtless add much to the pleasure of all who come to Skyland. The main dance floor will be 42 by 24 feet, and will not only be suitable for dancing purposes, but will have at one end a stage for theatrical performances, with dressing rooms, wings, scenery, etc. The entire building is being put up under the supervision of Mr. Heath, who can be seen every day busily engaged in superintending this work.

LIST OF GUESTS.

At the date of the present issue of the BOOKLETT here are 74 guests in Camp. These together with the numerous carpenters, ma­sons, laborers, waiters, cooks, etc., make a total of over 100 who are being fed at Camp, this not in­cluding the 20 men who are work­ing here, and two children of Mrs. Scott, Captian Philip Metzger, Mr. C. W. Rider, all of Wash­ington; D. C.; Mr. S. Bicton Mason, Jr., Baltimore, Md.; Miss Alice Pa­ker, Hyattsville, Md.; Miss Belle Stübbins, St. Louis, Mo.; and Mr. and Mrs. James L. Murphy and child, Mrs. Madele Barnes, Mrs. J. Jacques, Miss Dence Herendeen, Prof. C. W. M. Black, Harvard University, Cam­bridge, Mass.; Mr. Robert Black, Nashville, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. Z. Black, Philadelphia, Pa.; Miss C. R. Nesbitt, Mrs. Louise Irwin, Mrs. Harry C. McLean, Miss Susan P. Pollock, Miss Ulla A. Pollock, Miss Wellesle Pollock, Mrs. S. P. Quacken­bush, Miss Edith Quackenbush, Miss Cecil Dun, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Paul Dean, Miss Matie Stampaer. The Camp has never before been filled to its utmost capacity, and at present it is really dificult to see where other guests who are expect­ed during the coming weeks will be accommodated, but Mr. Pollock has undoubtedly made arrangements to stock them safely away, and prob­ably the next issue of the BOOKLETT will see over eighty guests at Skyland.

New cottages and tents have sprung up like magic. For instance, was this the case with the cabin which is now occupied by Mr. Vic­tor Mandell and family of Wash­ington. This cottage was started on Thursday afternoon of one week and finished and occupied by Thurs­day of the following week. It is a charming little two-roomed cottage with rustic mantle and open fire­place, built of peoplar and white pine, and covered on the outside with chestnut bark, which makes it so much in harmony with its sur­roundings that at a little distance one could hardly tell it were there. Another handsome cabin also with chestnut bark, was built in about ten days, and around among the trees and at the edges of Furnace Field are mostly occupied by Mrs. Shipman, of Wash­ington, and her daughter Mrs. Lawyer and family of New York. The little cottage is...
Colonel O. O. Stealey arrived in Camp the latter part of July, remaining until the first of August, when he left for his usual summer sojourn at Saratoga, N. Y.

On the night of August 4th Miss May Jameson entertained the Camp by a fire on the cliff. The Little Chief was dressed in full regalia with crimson sash and bugle, and assisted in the music with his guitar. The largest crowd was gathered on the cliff which has ever been seen there. The fire was a very bright one and particularly interesting to the assembled company, was the bright glare of the fire across Kettle Canon on Bushy Top Mountain. This mountain was brought out in bright relief, and the effect was weird and beautiful.

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Every one who comes to Camp shows much interest in the dogs who are regular residents here, especially in Mike, Mr. Pollock's handsome white bulldog. Mike has a splendid disposition, and is very fond of his master. In fact, seldom have we seen a dog more attached to any one than he to Mr. Pollock. He is constantly with his master, and would allow no one to lay hands upon him without taking his part in an active manner. The natives and mountaineers have a wholesome respect for Mike. Then there are the beagles, of which there is quite a pack, and little Kruger, the Dachshund. Besides this, Mr. Brininst, the manager of the copper mine, has several fine puppies, one of which lately has changed hands, and now proudly guards the residence at Indian Rock. Then there is Woowoo, the plucky little spaniel terrier belonging to Mrs. Murphy. He is a new type to the mountaineers and hearing him call Woowoo, they have fallen into the idea that he is a woowoo dog. Then there is Dewey, Mrs. Stealey's black and tan, and last but not least, Jerry and Snip, the bright little dogs belonging to Mr. Judd.

By the way, we forgot to mention that the names of the donkeys are Don Pedro, who looks like a Spaniel, Teddy Roosevelt, and plain Jack, the best looking of all.

A dramatic entertainment is being prepared by Mr. Rider, to be given as soon as Pastime Hall is available. The cast will be composed mostly of the same talent which so distinguished itself in the performance given three weeks ago. It will be a three act comedy entitled courtesies.

On Friday, August 2nd, nearly all the entire camp took a trip by moonlight to the large deadening beyond the Parks place. This is the largest party which ever went out to an entertainment so far from camp. Songs were sung and refreshments served.
On the night of Tuesday, July 30th, a large party of between 20 and 30 went to the Stony Man Peak to see the sun set and the moon rise. About twenty of the party remained all night on the Peak to witness the wonderful, fairylike spectacle which is presented by the valleys and peaks spread out in a vast amphitheater in the pale moonlight, making a scene entirely different from that witnessed by daylight. They were further rewarded by a magnificent lunar rainbow at about three o'clock, and numerous meteors. No one who has not spent a night upon the peak can realize what a grand experience this is. Not less beautiful was the coming of the dawn and the sunrise. Lunch was served to the party at midnight.

Mrs. R. S. Sprague, who is always the inspiration of these all night parties to the Peak, said that she had never spent so delightful a night there, or one when moon, sun and temperature were all so favorable. The party consisted of Mrs. Sprague, who is always the hostess. At noon, some of the guests were heard to say that they believed the best dances of all are held at Cliff Cabin.

A eucher party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Stealey at Field Cabin on July 29th. This party proved to be one of the most enjoyable of the season, refreshments being served after the game was over. The first lady's prize was won by Miss Annie Clark. It was a gold stamp case. The first gentleman's prize, a handsomely bound copy of "The Crisis," was won by Mr. Rider.

Mr. Heaton gave a progressive eucher party at Indian Rock on July 31st, in honor of his guests. All guests at Skyland were cordially invited. The first lady's prize, a picture in gold frame. The second prize, a decorated pitcher, was won by Miss Mildred Dean. The first gentleman's prize, a silver matchbox, was won by Paul Jameson, and the second gentleman's prize, a thermometer, was won by Miss Wildred Dean. The first gentleman's prize, a silk matchbox, was won by Paul Jameson, and the second gentleman's prize, a folding drinking cup in leather case, was won by Mr. Blakely. The second gentleman's prize, a fine shaving mug, was won by Mr. Pollock.

On July 18th a very pleasant dance was given at Field Cabin by Mr. Pollock, and refreshments were served.

Another congenial party took a one-day trip to White Oak Canon about the same time, luncheon being served on the banks of the stream at the head of the Bridal Veil waterfall. The young ladies of the party took a swim in one of the large pools. The party was composed of Miss Mary Dean, Miss Mildred Dean, Miss Norton, Misses Eaton, Misses Clark, Mr. A. G. Heaton kindly tendering the use of his cottage for the evening. The first lady's prize, a lady's beautiful hair brush, was won by Mrs. Murphy, the second lady's prize, a picture nicely framed in gilt frame was won by Mrs. Stealey. The booby prize, a beautiful Japanese fan, was won by Miss Jameson. The first gentleman's prize, a folding drinking cup in leather case, was won by Mr. Blakely. The second gentleman's prize, a fine shaving mug, was won by Mr. Pollock.

On July 4th, while the company were seated at breakfast, the young men of the Camp fired a salute with their revolvers outside the dining-hall and simultaneously the phonograph was so arranged as to play Sousa's patriotic "Stars and Stripes Forever," which was followed while the guests ate breakfast with other patriotic music. After breakfast was over the young men of the Camp had arranged to have a flag-raising on the cliff. This ceremony proved to be very interesting. Mrs. Charles Black made a patriotic ad

Stony Man Camp,

The Rustic Gem of the Blue Ridge.

G. Freeman Pollock, Prop'r.
OBITUARY.

In the midst of the happy camp life at Skyland, July 24, 1901, at 10:15 p.m., the Shadow of Death crossed the threshold and bid from the view of her loved ones Mrs. Louise Pollock, the proprietor's mother.

Mrs. Pollock was the famous and most prominent kindergarten teacher in this country. She was known and loved wherever kindergarten work was carried on. Besides her life work among her own race, she introduced the first Kindergarten Training Class for colored women in this country, and the graduates of these classes are now successful teachers in the public kindergartens of Washington, D.C. She was the organizer of free kindergartens for the poor, which were the stepping stones to the introduction of public kindergartens for all. Her works on kindergarten, and her song books, together with the influence of her life, she not only left to the present generation, but for future generations as well.

But it is of her last days we would speak. The same gentle, sweet, Christ-like spirit and manner that characterized her entire life, were the most prominent features of her illness. It was a joy to care for her and to provide for her desires and necessities, because of the pleasure and happiness that the most trivial service gave her. To be near her was to love her. She was happy in life and happy in death. Not only was she satisfied and happy "to do His will" while on earth, but satisfied and anxious to go when He called.

Thursday afternoon, July 25th, when the remains were taken to the city for funeral service and cremation, as was her request, the guests of the Camp met at her cabin and followed the hearse and family silently to the gate. To all her friends, and to those who placed the ashes in their last resting place, there was no feeling of the presence of the "grim monster" called Death, but rather the inward peace and happiness which naturally accompanies the realization of a triumphant entry into Life.
DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT.

On the evening of Saturday, July 20th, a most successful dramatic entertainment was given by the talent of the Camp. It was a comic farce in one act, entitled the Boston Dip. The dining room was handsomely decorated and arranged with scenery improvised for the occasion. Music was furnished by the Stony Man Camp Orchestra. Scene: Private drawing room in Monsieur Adonis' dancing academy:

CAST OF CHARACTERS:
Mr. Moses Mulligrub, — Oswald Blakeley.
Monsieur Adonis, — W. F. Rider.
Mr. Richard Dasher, — Robert Black.
Mr. Lavender Kim, — C. W. L. Black.
Mrs. Moses Mulligrub, — Mary Owen Dean.
Miss Ida Mulligrub, — Diana Norton.
Miss Eva Mulligrub, — Mildred Dean.

The entire Camp was surprised and delighted at the fine showing made by this amateur company. For a week before the play they worked very hard with rehearsals morning and evening, with the result that every thing went off smoothly and without friction.

Each and every member of this company deserves great praise for their work, and we are looking forward with great pleasure to the second performance to be given by the same company with a few changes, in a week or so.

Mr. William P. Rider acted as stage manager, and to him is due serving all credit and praise for the splendid results achieved. He worked diligently in entertaining and instructing the company. Mr. Rider was formerly a member of the Soldiers' Home Dramatic Company, favorably known for its good work.

COPPER NEWS.

To those who have visited Skyland in past years, but are not with us this year, it will be interesting to know that Mr. Pollock has made a deal with some wealthy and influential Pittsburg gentlemen for the development of the copper deposits well known to exist on his property. For years this copper has been considered by many as of great value, but it remained for Mr. H. F. Brin­ ton, of Chicago, Ill., to discover the real value and location of these rich deposits. Mr. Brinton commenced his work of prospecting at Skyland, and spent the entire cold and dreary winter located in a small cabin there, and devoted every pleasant day to his researches. It is not the purpose of these gentlemen to develop the old copper mines formerly open­ ed back of Stony Man Peak. The ore which they propose to work is located in an immense towering cliff about 300 yards south of Little Stony Man. At the present time the work of opening this mine is progressing rapidly, Mr. Brinton having some twenty men at work at the present writing. A road is being built from the old Stony Man road to this mine, which, it is said, is a better constructed road and has a better grade than any road recently constructed in the vicinity. The blasting has only just commenced, and during the next month several car loads of ore will be shipped to Colorado, Pittsburg, Chicago and New York, for the purpose of assaying and making exhaustive tests, to ascertain the value of the ore. When this is done, the future plans and operations of the company organized to develop the property will be completed, and as Mr. Pollock retains a good interest in the mine for himself, it is to be hoped for the good of Skyland that the mine will turn out to be a rich one, as it is believed by Mr. Brinton and the gentlemen associated with him in Pittsb­ urg, will be the case.

BUGLE NOTES.

The lawn tennis court in the center of the field has been put in splendid shape this year. The devotees of this sport who are seen daily playing tennis are Miss Dean, Miss Mildred Dean, Dr. Durfee, Mr. Robert Black, Mr. Paul Dean, Mr. Paul Jameson and Mr. Rider.

The flower garden back of the Dinning Hall this year is very beautiful. Especially are the poppies of all varieties fine. The gladiolas are better than they have ever been before, and Mr. Pollock has 300 varieties in his garden. The guests are welcome to pick all the flowers they wish from the garden, except the gladiolas, which he reserves for his own pleasure.