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County Correspondence

Items of Interest Dished Up for the Delectation of "Watchman" Readers by a Corps of Gifted Correspondents.

PLEASANT GAP PICKUPS.

Some people are born mean, while others thrust themselves into mean

Pleasant Gap, owing to the season the year, is at present unusually healthy. No doubt our doctors think we are misserably healthy.

The happiest individuals in this world are those who are so constituted that they grow to full size, have good appetites, can witness the antics of a rat without screaming, and get their feet wet and not take their death of cold.

Frank Barnes is busily engaged in erecting some necessary out buildings, hennery, coal and wood house, etc., be-

Husbands are not always what they seem, neither are wives; and each are very much what the other makes of them. Most young women regard matrimony as the aim and end of life. So it is to many. Too often 'tis but the shadow they have caught.

The farmers' institute convened here on Friday last and continued until Saturday evening. Instead of holding their meetings at Noll's hall they secured the M. E. church. The meetings were fairly well attended and the addresses delivered were very interesting and highly appreciated by our farming community.

A Mr. Dale, motering up the pike the latter part of last week, ran over and killed George Hile's favorite hunting dog. George says that if the careless driver would have had sense enough to sound the alarm of approaching danger, the dog would surely have had sense

enough to get out of harm's way. George loved to feed his little dog, And pat him on the head:

But now it is all off. Since the poor little dog is dead.

Both of our Sunday schools, the M. E. and Lutheran gave their annual Christmas treat to the children on Sunday last, a commendable practice that has been in character will go farther, and yield more true happiness in this world, than all the haughtiness and asperity we can possibly assume. It was a grand and pleasing sight to see the effect that this kindly act of charity had on the boys and girls of our Sabbath schools.

Compare the life of a brilliant wor eats heartily without a thought of unpleasant results, hangs out of a window to chat with a neighbor, or stands bareheaded on the corner to see a circus go by, and never a twinge of headache. When carefully dressed the brilliant woman may be pretty and have a dis-tinguished look, but the every-day specimen, when she gets her best dress on, is simply handsome.

Our Bellefonte and Pleasant Gap motor car line is certainly a great and most desirable convenience to our shoppers and pleasure seekers. We now can leave the Gap on the noon car, do our shopping in Bellefonte and return on the 1.30 ping in Bellefonte and return on the lost p. m. car, thus being absent from home only two hours. While this new departure is quite beneficial to the purchasing it proves somewhat detrimentation in the province of the province of the purchasing of the purch marked the other evening that he actually believed that some of our people in need of a poke of tobacco, or a nickle's the opportunity of hopping a car and going to town and making their purchases there, instead of patronizing home industry. Anyway, it is but natural for people who reside in small cities to have a desire to occasionally visit a larger metropolis. It has always been so, and

Pleasant Gap has twenty-two widows The youngest is twenty-two years old, and the eldest eighty-eight, and it must be admitted that they are a very cheerful, contented and respectable bunch of humanity. One of this number, not the into the forest, where they harvest the oldest, for unknown reasons has it in for the bachelors. She ventilated her opinion rather freely at the postoffice a few evenings ago. She said the bachelor was living only for his own comfort, a hot house plant to be nurtured and cared for by others; he is appreciated only by a doting mother or a maiden sister. There are some good purposes for which he might be used. He might be put in those positions attended by much danger; then, if lives were lost, there would be few to mourn. And again, he might be heavily taxed, for certainly no others have as much right to bear the public expenses as those who have none depending upon them. When drafts are made to fill up depleted armies, the proclamation might read: "Draw only from the list of bachelors." They might be made gas inspectors, dynamite supervisors, or assigned any position in which it would be dangerous to put a great and good man. In the hot arraignment the bachelor did not receive a square deal, as he was not present to defend himself.

Even government officials are not exempt from unpleasant annoyances at times. Our assistant postmaster, John Mulfinger, has a slight limp in his locomotion, occasioned by a troublesome corn. John's usually pleasant disposition is in consequence transformed into a slight attack of crankiness. But then a painful corn is always regarded as a sufficient excuse for indulging in mild profanity. Even the ladies are permitted

to "darn a corn, any way," when they would not be allowed to "darn" anything else. Preachers have been heard to say that the tenor of their sermons is some-times so changed by the little monitors upon their toes, that instead of dwelling upon the painless life of the saved they do up the sufferings of the other fellows in a most realistic manner. John wants to know why people have corns? Be-cause people wear ill-fitting shoes, some contend that they are the product of tight shoes. This is not correct. They are caused by the rubbing of the leather against the foot, not by close fitting. The two combined produce the finest specimens. The trouble with most shoemakers is that they make the shoe to fit the last and not the foot. Corns have to be raised; they will not come voluntarily; and when they do come they must be cultivated or they will go away. They do not care for exterminators, so long as you insist on their company, they are

The credit system is becoming an intolerable nuisance, and has a tendency to embarrass the consumer and bankrupt the merchant. Sixty-six per cent. of the goods purchased at our country stores are charged on the books, and it is esti-mated that at least twenty-five per cent. of that amount is a dead loss to the merhennery, coal and wood house, etc., be chants. Under present conditions this sides beautifying the surroundings of his cosy and attractive little home; another illustration that honesty and industry is every two weeks. This is imperative, hence the consumer, if judicious in his financial affairs, has no excuse for asking credit. The sooner the wage-earner realizes this fact and adopts the cash system instead of the credit, the better for him as well as for the merchant from whom he procures the necessaries of life. In the event of a strictly cash business, the merchant could afford to sell cheap-Our late postmaster, George Copie, after a vacation of over six months, returned to Pleasant Gap on Monday and was busily engaged in shaking hands with old associates at the postoffice. Appearably he seems to enjoy the sunshine She wants as much change back as possible. The one buying on credit buys first what she really needs then takes a general survey or invoice of the contents of the store and keeps on buying unceremoniously, just as though the goods cost nothing, and in many instances they don't. The person who adopts the cash system will never regret it

We, the people of Pleasant Gap, have in the course of human events been very highly favored. Some ten or twelve years ago conditions were quite different. At that time you seldom saw a man on our streets. Women and children galore could be observed promenading continuously up and down our thoroughfares. The obvious reason was that there was no employment for our men and they were obliged to go elsewhere to seek and obtain employment. It is happily different now, since our Whiterock lime works and the new Western penitentiary have become permanent fixtures. About vogue at the Gap for many years. To everybody wanting and needing work say that the happy recipients were over- can be accommodated. They can follow joyed in the extreme would be putting it their daily vocations and be at home mildly. A little act of charity of this with their families over night, which is a pleasing and much desired transformation from the former condition. The consoling fact is that about everybody here has employment and doing well. We are in a position to defy the wolf from entering our habitations. It is true, rents and the cost of living have increased somewhat, but when we have with that of a good, every-day sort of a assured that we are a happy and conhousewife. Which is the happier? the brilliant woman is tortured with the blues, racked with pains, rendered misserable with nervousness. The every-day all-around woman sleeps soundly, laughs without fear of a stich in her side, laughs without fear of a stick in her side, laughs without fear of a stick in her side, laughs without fear of a stick in her side, laughs without fear of a stick in her side, laughs without fear of a stick in her side, laughs without fear of a stick in her side, laughs without fear of a stick in her side, laughs without fear of a stick in her side, laughs without fear of a stick in her side, laughs without fear of a stick in her side, laughs without fear of a stick in her side, laughs without fear of a stick in her side, laughs without fear of a stick in her side, laughs without fear of a stick in her side, laughs without fear of a stick in her side, laughs without fear of a stick in her side, laughs with laughs with laughs with laughs with laughs with laughs with laughs wi dollars a month are eagerly sought after and now rent for five dollars; while the better class of tenement houses rent readily for from twelve to seventeen dollars. That is going some. And even at this rapid advance not a vacant house exists in our village. Rents here are higher than in Bellefonte, in view of which fact some of our renters are talking seriously of moving into the county seat the coming spring.

Cork Forests.

The cork oak is a kind of jack at all trades among trees, and its service indiin possession of a cork forest. If a man in either of these countries has a forest worth of tobies, would take advantage of the opportunity of hopping a consequent of the opportunity of hopping est works for him and he stays in town.

Cork trees grow on the rockiest and poorest land. The poorer the land the finer the quality of the cork. Every eight or ten years the outer bark is stripped from the trees to furnish the ever more highly prized cork of commerce. By dividing the land up in blocks this decennial harvest will produce a fairly regular income.

These same oak trees produce acorns, often heavily, which are sold to some farmer, who drives his herd of lean hogs acorns and turn them into salable meat. A Portuguese hog is expected to gain two pounds a day for ninety days when

acorns are ripe More than this, there is beneath the oak trees some herbage fit for goats to but bundled their gifts up in all sorts eat. Thus the cork forest owner in Lisbon gets income from three contractors—the cork stripper, the pork raiser and the goat raiser. And with care the forest lasts forever. The individual cork tree is good for a hundred years or more. after which it is a fine big salable tree, with enough young ones near it to take

its place when it is gone to market. In Portugal a cork tree, ready for its third stripping, is considered worth \$25. When in full bearing an acre of these oaks will yield from one to three tons of cork at a stripping, now worth about \$70 a ton to the grower. Most of this is profit. The pork is profit. It is the common rule that the income from the pasture pays the small cost of the caring for the forest.—J. Russell Smith, in Country Gentleman.

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Christmas In Porto Rico.

While the American children are hanging up their stockings their cousins in Porto Rico are placing their shoes and a pasteboard box filled with fresh grass on the window sills. The grass is intended for the mules on which the three wise men rode.

After the presents are removed a note is usually found at the bottom of the box. The note states that the children have not been as good as they should have been, therefore the wise men do not deem it proper to leave better presents. Magnificent presents are promised for the next Christmas provided the children behave themselves during the next twelve months. Then a postscript follows, stating that the mules were offended at some little sins committed by the children and couldn't eat the grass.

The Secret of the Tree

A tall fir whispered in the wood, "I'd tel! a secret if I could." Then all the dry leaves on the ground Whisked up and down and all around To see if they the news might hear And spread it quickly far and near.

But the tall tree answered not the call It bowed politely, that was all, And flung its tassels to the breeze And looked the wisest of all trees. But when I came beneath the tree whispered, "Yes, I'll tell it thee."

Then, as I rushed in eager haste And threw my arms about its waist, I held my breath that I might hear— "My child, I'm coming soon to be Your very own dear Christmas tree."

EMPTY STOCKINGS WAIT THE CALL OF SANTA - MAY HE FILL THEM ALL



Long Ago Christmases In Some Other Lands

In "Merry England" long ago one of the joys of the children on Christmas morning was the going about from friend to friend singing happy carols and greeting all whom they met with "A Merry Christmas to you!" This custom is still kept up in a few parts of England. It is from old Mother England, girls and boys, that we get our cheery greeting.

In Germany the Christmas tree was the chief joy of the children. In Belgium the children hung up their stockings on Christmas eve and at the first peep of day the next morning were out of bed to see what gifts were left for them. In France the little people, instead of hanging up their stockings, ranged their shoes on the hearthstones to be filled with Christmas toys and sweets. And in Holland the children were always sure of a happy Christmas, for that is the country from which Santa Claus hails.

The children of Sweden and Denmark did not depend on Santa Claus, of queer packages, sometimes covering them with hay, sometimes cotton or wool and sometimes strips of different colors of cloth, and instead of sending them about by messengers, as we so often do in America, they started out bright and early Christmas morning and delivered each bundle in person. Their manner of delivery was peculiarly their own too. They would knock at the door, and when it was opened, instead of handing their gift to the person before him, they would hurl it into the middle of the room, then turn and skip away.

A Christmas Secret. Christmas is a time of secrets, So I'll whisper one to you; Grandpa says that all who try it Grandpa says that all who try Find that every word is true "Would you have a happy day? Give some happiness away."

Grandpa says this little secret Should be carried through the year And if all would try to heed it Earth would soon be full of cheer. "Would you have a happy day? Give some happiness away."



Here's Official Notice

That Santa Is Real

NY one who doubts that there really is a Santa Claus-and it is reported that a few boys. and girls have such doubtshas only to refer to official communication 34,926 from the office of Henry D. Hamilton, former adjutant general of the state of New York, which was delivered by special messenger to a committee of seven youngsters cared for by the Society For the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Word spread among the 200 children who were to spend their Christmas at the headquarters of the society in New York city that their elders were romancing when they told of a jolly old fellow who traveled in a sleigh and distributed presents at Christmas time. Miss Ada A. Penchoen, the matron, first learned of the skepticism of her charges when a committee consisting of four little girls appeared before her and wanted to know the truth.

She consulted Ernest K. Coulter, the superintendent, and then advised the committee to communicate with the adjutant general of the state.

Three little boys were added to the committee at a mass meeting of the children, and this communication was forwarded to Albany:

General H. D. Hamilton, the Adjutant General, Albany, N. Y .: We are a committee of seven little boys and girls, and we want to know whether Santa Claus is really coming to see us at 7 o'clock next Saturday evening with a sleigh full of toys. Some bigger boys and girls have told us there ain't no Santa Claus and that even if there was he wouldn't be coming in a sleigh and with reindeer, for there ain't no snow and there ain't no reindeer that we ever saw. Anyway, Jimmy Farrell says that in these days, if there was any Santa Claus, he would be coming in an airship. Won't you please tell us? And don't make us wait, so we won't be disappointed.

This communication was signed by George Collella, Frank Conway, Rocco Fanella, Levina Cavanaugh, Lillian Otto. Rosie Gennoldi and Rosina Gennoldi. Here is the reply:

Received A. G. O., Dec. 18. No. 34,926. First Indorsement. The Adjutant General's Office.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 18. Returned to writers through the official channel with the information that according to our roster the distributing offic referred to was last on duty issuing and delivering supplies at posts in the vicinity of these headquarters on or about Dec. 25 last. At that time his means of transportation was especially noted, as instead of an army wagon of the standard pattern. or an aeroplane, he used a sleigh, drawn by a team of reindeer instead of army mules. The speed made, however, was swift, and deliveries, according to the best information obtainable, were accomplished with a promptness rarely attained in our

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By command of the governor.
HENRY D. HAMILTON, The Adjutant General

Christ and the Children. When rulers and titled men questioned him Jesus placed a child in the midst of them and said, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." Socrates sneered at the grief o? a mother weep-

ing for her babe. If Plato suggested that every village should select a distant hilltop and build a pen for the exposure of unwelcome children; if Aristotle urged laws making the drowning of sick and weakly babes compulsory on their parents; if Seneca said, "We slay the wornout ox and horse, and it is not wrath, but reason, that separates weak children from strong:" if Cicero rebuked his friend for grief because he missed the dead babe, then every lover of childhood must rise up to speak for that Christ who took a child in his arms, whose love brooded over the child as the stars looked down upon the little town of Bethlehem and who sent down through the ages this word, "Suffer little children to come unto me." Jesus said, "Take heed that ye offend not one of my little children," and "Their angels do always behold the face of my Father," and hope dawned for childhood. From that hour Jesus' disciples began to make life happy for children. -Rev. Newell D. Hillis.

Why is it that a barber will scratch and rub your head for an hour and not touch the particular spot that itches.

Medical.

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Tile Nativity. The Nativity has found its best treat-

ment in painting. The early painters dealt only with the fundamental theme -the Virgin, in humility and adoration and without the holy joy that the Christ Child had been born into the world, largely introduced by later artists; St. Joseph. gravely, wonderingly silent, the shepherds and the hymning angels. The chronology of the several events generally grouped under the subject of the Nativity has, of course, scant observance, as a rule, at the hands of the artists. The adoration of the Magi and the annunciation to the shepherds are depicted on the same canvas. An altar piece now in the Metropolitan Art Museum, New York city, makes use of the simultaneous scene in its arrangement. The shepherds are hearing the message of the angels, and the kings come not, however, as commonly shown, with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, but un-

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