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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.

It remains to be seen whether "Teddy" is a Bull Moose or a Republican bellwether.

The man who takes himself seriously is either a success or a fool, and sometimes both.

If lies were eliminated from life, some people would have very little to say to themselves.

There's generally something wrong with a man's honor when he has to talk about it continuously.

Bryan leaving Ford, said they parted friends. Parting with them is about the only way Bryan can keep his friends nowadays.

If the United States had backed down as Germany has, critics of the President might have been justified in some of the things they have said about him.

The Bull Moose holds out the olive branch, but the only thing that's worrying Republicans is the Bull Moose's strength that's already inside the breast-works.

The Progressives call for the "dethronement of invisible government," their idea being apparently the enthronement of Theodore as the embodiment of visible government.

Naturally the people who didn't believe in the first term for Mr. Wilson, are the ones who think the Baltimore platform ought to keep him from the second term. Nature has no mercy on ignorance.

Mr. Griffith, storekeeper at the new penitentiary, and family, after spending a two weeks vacation at Pittsburgh, their former home, returned recently and are again enjoying the comforts of their new and cosy home at the Gap.

Irvin Harrison, one of the employees at Whitecroft, had the misfortune of crushing his little finger while engaged at his work. Dr. Shelly was called and found amputation of the injured member was essential. The doctor performed the operation, and his patient is getting along nicely.

Pleasant Gap has been highly favored since the grip is so distressingly prevalent throughout the country. We have had but one well defined case in our village. Jared Evey was the unfortunate victim, but he has sufficiently recovered to enable him to again drive his team. He reports a loss of eighteen pounds in weight.

It is reported that our motor car lines have a material increase in their passenger traffic since the suspension of business at the Hotel Kokan at Whitecroft. It must not be inferred that our boys go to Bellefonte with a view of patronizing the hotels, as they have legitimate business at the county seat.

An energetic umbrella mender visited Pleasant Gap last week. After a thorough canvass of the village he evidently felt as though a much needed rest is what he required, and by some unknown means he gained admission into the residence of Samuel Noll. In this instance he displayed his good sense and judgment by selecting one of our finest residences located only one block from our post office. A little after day-break the following morning Mrs. Noll heard some one closing their front door rather quietly. On investigating she observed the mechanical genius making a hasty exit. They later discovered that their uninformed guest had quietly reposed by the side of a warm radiator. On the night that this incident occurred, Ruth says she slept as sound as a rock, but the night following was a restless night for her. The poor fellow could no doubt have had a pillow for the asking since Mrs. Noll is well and favorably known for her kindly acts of charity.

We have a woman residing in the lower end of Pleasant Gap who is an ardent believer in ghosts. She says she quite frequently hears strange noises emanating from cellar to garret in her habitation, and if reports are correct there will be a house to let at an early date, unless these unwelcome and unpleasant visitors desist. She says she has an abhorrence in living so close to the graveyard, anyway. The women in question is fairly intelligent but is mentally weak so far as ghosts are concerned. Suppose you were passing through a lonely piece of country after night, and there were two roads leading to where you were going, one of which passed by a graveyard, and the other, although considerably longer, didn't pass within sight of the ghostly spot, which road would you take? Nine out of ten would take the longer road. This is only a frailty common to the human family. We should attribute this fact to inherited superstition. People down south say the safest place to start a watermelon patch is adjacent to a cemetery. It is there the melon is unmolesated.

Earl Tibbens, who recently purchased the Eckenroth property, has erected an extensive, up-to-date chicken house, and expects to engage in the poultry raising business in a business-like manner. Pleasant Gap has quite a bunch of chicken fanciers, in fact most families here have good sized flocks of the feathery tribe. A number of these have secured choice, blooded stock, the paying kind. The chicken business is a paying investment when you devote your energies to the production of eggs. Good winter layers soon pay for their feed and keep, even at the present high cost of grain. But to raise chickens for marketing is a losing game. An experienced chicken producer will tell you that to raise chicks right and as they should be raised, will require an outlay for feed for each chick of one-half cent a day or fifteen cents a month. Now figure how many to feed the chicks five months before they are ready for our market here, and you have it in a nut-shell. Five times fifteen, or seventy-five cents, is the actual cost of your marketable chicken, and about the best you can realize is about forty cents a head. This sounds like reduction descending, but it's a fact.

Some how there seems to be unusual activity regarding the coming contest for

the Presidential race. Politics seems to be the leading topic indulged in at the nightly meetings at our country stores. The followers of the two old political parties seem to be equally interested. But it is a notable fact that the Bull Moosers seem distressingly quiet. They remind one of the "bound boy at a husking match," who had nothing to say. You can't blame the country store boy for becoming warmed up so early in the game, since the preliminary skirmishes are already being fought by old time rounders all over the country. The ground is being reconnoitered, and positions are being taken up which the leaders desire to have occupied later on by regular party battle lines. One of the obstacles which friends of President Wilson desire to have removed before the battle fairly opens is the Bryan one-term plank in the last Democratic platform. Mr. Wilson declines to be bound by this declaration—or rather, in which he declines to bind himself—if the members of his party wish to nominate him—and in which Mr. Bryan himself states that the plank was merely a declaration of policy and could not be binding unless enacted into law. These letters to which I dispose of the one term plank. And that is a good thing for the party and a good thing for the country. For as a matter of fact, what Democrat with the slightest chance of success if the party should by any chance fail to renominate the President. One need only mention Champ Clark and Bryan to exhaust the list of other Democratic possibilities, and to exhaust at the same time, the faintest possibility of Democratic success. Whether the party will win with Mr. Wilson of course remains to be seen. But it needs no prophetic vision to see that, with the President as an available candidate, the party could not possibly win with any one else.

AARONSBURG.

Mrs. Mabel Ham, of Sunbury, visited her father, H. E. Crouse.

Mrs. C. E. Musser is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hackenberg, of Smullton.

Charles Sommers, of State College, has come to town to spend some time with his sister Annie, who is in the old home.

Sumner Musser, who went to Milton one day last week to secure employment, returned home Monday, cold feet the cause.

Rev. Donat and family returned home after spending one week among friends in Lebanon county, where they went to attend Mr. Donat's sister-in-law's funeral.

Abner Hill, Sumner Musser and William Behm left for Milton to seek employment. Word has been received that some if not all have found work for the present.

Mr. Samuel Beaver, who has been on the sick list for some time, is not improving as rapidly as his many friends would wish. However, his friends all hope for the best.

Miss Lydia Walter, after spending several weeks as the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. D. Keener, left for Coburn on Friday, where she will visit among friends for some time.

Warren Bower, who was employed in Milton for a short time, came home Tuesday morning, while at work he had the misfortune to break an arm, and had to return home.

EAST BRUSHVALLEY.

Winter is here at last. Thermometers registered four and five below.

Thomas Harter, from Loganton, transacted business in our midst on Monday.

Not many weeks any more until we hear "Oh Yes," and "Comply with the conditions."

Yoder's horse sale at Rebersburg on Friday is looked forward to with great expectation.

Owing to the severe cold weather, and the ice on the fields, a depleted wheat crop is predicted.

Mrs. A. W. Weber, who has been on the sick list for the last few weeks, we are glad to say is improving slowly.

Henry Stitzer, who has been housed in for the last few days with a felon on his finger, we are glad to see up and around again.

The ice crop, which is an exceptionally good one, is nearly harvested. It has been a thorn to most farmer's eyes as it had to be hauled with wagons.

Evangelistic services are being held in the United Evangelical church in Rebersburg every night. A cordial invitation is extended to all of east Brushvalley.

Rumor has it that John Page, who now lives on D. D. Royer's farm, will some time near the 15th of March have sale and move in George Wise's property at Rockville.

LEMONT.

William Ishler's family is shut in with chicken-pox at present.

Many of the people of this community are shut-ins with the grip.

The Centre Furnace school has been closed on account of scarlet fever.

John Klimes has moved to town, and now occupy the S. B. Weaver residence.

Eric Martz and wife spent a few days at the home of James C. Williams, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Knoff are reported on the mend, which is good news to their many friends.

Monday and Tuesday were the coldest days of the winter to date, as it was quite windy and the mercury stood at 3 degrees above zero for a while.

The men who were here locating a route between Lemont and State College, returned to Pittsburgh Tuesday, stating that they would return in two weeks to continue the work on the survey.

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CASTORIA

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PINE GROVE MENTION.

The ice men are busy storing fine eight inch ice.

Warren Bailey has been a nightly sufferer with croup.

John Cori is having his flouring mill wired for motor power.

Nathan Dale's show windows announce his closing out his business.

George W. Bell, of Spruce Creek, spent Friday among friends in town.

Fred Stover came down from Altoona and spent Sabbath with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Hess spent Sunday at the old farm home on the Branch.

Charles E. Stover went to the Smoky city on Monday in quest of a winter's job.

Fred C. Roush, a fireman on the Pennsy, spent the early part of the week at his home.

Mrs. Ida Williams, who has been a grip victim the past ten days, is slowly recovering.

The thermometer registered ten degrees below zero on Monday and Tuesday mornings.

Dr. C. T. Aikens, of Selingsgrove, transacted business at State College in the early part of the week.

We stand corrected; the Mrs. Devine sale will be February 4th, and not in March, as formerly stated.

Jessie D. White is housed up with scitica, so that the First National bank is shy one of its most efficient and obliging employees.

Robert Pennington Campbell, proprietor of Penns cave, circulated among friends at State College in the early part of the week.

At a recent congregational meeting held in the Pine Hall Reformed church M. E. Dreiblebis was elected an elder and P. M. Cori a deacon.

Frank McFarlane, farmer and business man of Boalsburg, braved the elements on Tuesday and drove to State College on a social and business trip.

The I. O. O. F. festival is now in full swing and will continue tonight and tomorrow evening, in the Lodge hall at Pine Grove Mills. Everybody is invited.

Mrs. J. F. Weiland, of Linden Hall, was a Glades visitor in the early part of the week, going there to see her father, "Squire" Miller, who is ill with bronchial trouble.

George Burwell held the lucky number which drew the fifty-two piece dinner set at the M. E. Watt store recently. George is now being inquired after by the gentle sex.

Rev. Mr. Flack and family have their household belongings located in the parsonage, although the reverend and his wife are both grip victims at the W. H. Goss home nearby.

A. S. Bailey is housed up with bronchial trouble. Mrs. Susan Goss is quite ill with heart trouble, while Mr. Goss, Mrs. Elsie Cori and Mr. and Mrs. Mac Fry are grip victims.

Harry and Ralph Meek, of Pittsburgh, and A. J. Musser, of Clearfield, spent several days among friends here last week, coming here to attend the funeral of the late W. H. Musser.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Klinger are receiving congratulations over the arrival of a chubby baby boy, who has been named John Arthur. This being the first born the young parents are exceedingly happy.

Curstone gossip says that a new store building is to be erected on the post-office corner. It will be a three story brick structure, with the upper stories made into apartments. Postmaster Barr is already looking around for a suitable place for the postoffice.

The annual meeting of the Farmer's Trust company at State College was held on Tuesday afternoon. The officers elected were Hon. J. T. McCormick, president; N. E. Hess, first vice president; Dr. L. E. Kidder, second vice president; Nelson E. Robb, treasurer, and President E. Robb, secretary and trust officer. Dr. C. T. Aikens, E. C. Ross and Prof. Willard were elected auditors, while the old board of directors was re-elected.

On Monday morning the mail was somewhat delayed owing to a side-swipe collision with Mr. Shoop's Saxon car. The carrier was just pulling from the Miller mail box on the state road when a big car came along and side-swiped the mail car, wrecking the front and putting the steering gear out of commission. The car was towed to a nearby smith shop where a lot of handy fellows made the necessary repairs and in two hours the carrier was on his way. It was a miracle that Mr. Shoop escaped with his life.

WOLF'S STORE.

Lumbering is again in swing.

Not everything that appears to be in a house is there.

The stork on his visit left a fine baby at the home of H. B. Hough.

Miss Nora Confer was a prolonged visitor in Pennsylvania recently.

Thomas Confer is employed by his brother-in-law, Mr. Rotes, of Coburn.

Cold weather, smooth ice: Some skating, much vice.

The large surface of smooth ice on Weaver's dam is being used to a large extent by skaters.

Most people are through with their ice harvest. The Weaver brothers supplied a foot ice for thirty cents a load.

Those on the sick list are Mrs. Clyde Waite, Mrs. Henry Showers and Harry L. Diehl. We hope for their speedy recovery.

Harry Ziegler moved his family and personal belongings from the Scholl home east of Wolfs Store to the O. H. Wolfe home in Wolfs Store, recently.

John Wert, who had assisted his brother McClellan with the farm work during the past year, contemplates going to Illinois, where he was formerly engaged.

John Brungart, wife and children, from Kaneville, Ill., spent some time visiting relatives and old acquaintances in our midst. John is the same old "John."

Wilbur Brungart, who is employed as brakeman in the Altoona yards, is under the parental roof for several days enjoying a rest and looking after his taxidermy

interests. Anyone wishing first class work in the above line would do well by giving Wilbur a call.

D. B. Weaver anticipates installing an extensive line of new machinery in his flouring mill, thereby increasing the capacity one-half. Increased business demands same.

M. H. Wert is the proud owner of twin calves. Mr. Wert is one of our progressive farmers and anyone wishing to view a herd of fine Jersey cows can do so by calling upon him.

Jerome Brungart had a romantic experience one evening last week while returning home after dark. The time required to make the journey was several hours, during which time he had thrilling slips, slides, glooms, glances, etc., over and through the icy roads, fields, meadows, and dark woods, luckily escaping the jaws of a hungry bear. But, as always, Jerome was master of the situation and finally reached home, and now is proud of his remarkable courage, relating the facts of the above to all.

—They are all good enough, but the WATCHMAN is always the best.

TYLERSVILLE.

Albert Wagner, his wife and children have been sick with cold and la grippe.

Harvey Wise, of Booneville, was calling on his friends in this section during the week.

Daniel Ilgen, one of our most extensive farmers and owner of the Ilgen grist mill at Logan's Mills, is kept at home by illness.

Mrs. Louisa Kahl, 72 years of age, of Booneville, fell from the hayloft while foddering her cows and sustained a double fracture of one of her limbs.

There is considerable illness among pupils in the village and rural schools. The winter has been most bland and enervating for most hardy youngsters.

There has been a glare of ice most of the past week and people have had to mind their steps. Between pre-caution in our daily walks and preparedness in our daily politics life is becoming one constant round of alarm.

The following from this place went to Parvin, January 7th, to attend the golden wedding celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bierly: Mr. and Mrs. James Bierly and grandson, Charles Barner; Mr. and Mrs. George Miller and son Torrence; Mrs. Jesse Miller and son Roy, and Mrs. Derr Rishel. All the children and grandchildren of the aged couple were present.

Mifflinburg manufacturers who sell wagons, carriages and sleighs, in all of central Pennsylvania, report a splendid business in wheeled vehicles because of good crops and good times, but are much disappointed with their trade in sleighs and sleds. The market is almost lifeless except for advanced orders, long since filled. Few of our people have gone to the trouble thus far to get out their sleds and fine sleighs are yet in their canvass covers, as scarcely any one has confidence when there is a snow fall that it is going to remain for any great length of time.

The warm weather has brought the skunk out again and trappers are busy. The early fur hunters were richly rewarded for their efforts, as skunks are plenty and reckless, so that catches were heavy. Besides, at that time No. 1 fur was selling at from \$6 to \$7 each. The only trouble was that the weather was so warm that it was difficult to dry and prepare the fur for shipment. This condition and Autumn work delayed operations. When the majority of trappers were ready to begin to earn the period when the skunk retreats had come and traps were of little use. Only those who had dogs and shovels or smokers had much success. Besides the market dropped to \$3 to \$4 for No. 1 Pennsylvania skunk, which added to the discouragement. Despite all this the game is much more abundant than last year and the hole takes are heavier than a year ago. Prices even now, after the decline, are better than in 1913-'14, and it is not expected that there will be a much greater reduction. Shipments from Tylersville are made principally to the St. Louis and New York markets.

—For high class Job Work come to the WATCHMAN Office.

Medical.

Passengers on Incoming Steamers Report Vision of Whole Pack on Floating Ice.

Besides reminiscences of war scenes brought in by every ocean liner, the Scandinavian-American steamship Frederick VII had an assortment of iceberg tales. The passengers averred at least some of them did, that they saw dozens and dozens of bergs off the Grand Banks, and that around the unsubmerged base of one particularly tall plumed berg they noted large polar bears playing follow the leader.

Apparently the bears, some of which were not altogether white and thus might have been just semipolar, had the impression that they were on their way to somewhere instead of just playing ring around the iceberg rosy.

Being a neutral ship, unarmed, the Frederick VII could not do any bear shooting. Some camera bearers took snapshots, but no camera bearer caught a bear. Maybe that is why the camera men suspected that the passengers who told the bear stories did not confine themselves to the bear facts.

Medical.

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