

Country Correspondence

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

PLEASANT GAP.

Mrs. J. D. Herman has returned home from her recent visit with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. McKechney. Brother William Kerstetter and a crew of carpenters are putting a new roof on the parsonage of the M. E. church.

Peter Shuey has moved into his new home near the forks of the road. The consideration was one thousand cash. The new residence is a very cozy one, with an abundance of room for a small family. Notwithstanding the cold and frosty weather of the past few weeks our fruit is apparently untouched and the prospect for an abundant crop is encouraging. However, later frosts, if any, may do much damage, but we hope for the best.

Rev. Rearick preached a trial sermon in the Lutheran church last Sunday. His sermon was very much appreciated by the congregation, the only objection advanced by some was that it was rather lengthy. Trial sermons are always long-winded.

About every third family at the Gap have from two to four cases of the mumps. No serious results have been reported. We also had three cases of scarlet fever, fortunately of a mild form, but all have recovered and the quarantine has been lifted.

Our old veterans of the Civil war were well pleased on receiving their pension checks a day earlier than usual. There are but three of the old boys left in Pleasant Gap; the youngest is aged 76 years and the oldest 80 years. Quite a number have passed away in the last decade from this loyal valley.

Now that the moving picnic is about over, and house cleaning is all the rage, one day of sunshine will work a wonderful change in the home about now. Women, like birds, begin singing earlier. Carpets, wall paper and white-washing are their chief topics. A cobweb annoys them dreadfully, and a dirty window renders them nervous and ugly.

It is to be regretted, but our knitting mill is about to be dismantled and the machinery shipped to North Carolina. The company has booked a number of orders, but the girls to operate the machines are not available. Most of our girls adapted to such purposes have accepted situations at the Bellefonte silk mill and seem satisfied with conditions as they exist in the new Bellefonte enterprise, and we are left to "grin and bear it." If the demands for men were as rosy here as they are for women, quite a few now out of employment would be happier than they are. We are looking forward to ascertain what the new penitentiary appropriation will be. If liberal, it is believed that quite a number of new men will be required at that institution.

Rev. Piper, of the Methodist church, preached the baccalaureate sermon on the occasion of our High school graduation on Sunday evening last. It was an appropriate and masterly effort, well received by all. When work is to be done, when cool, practical judgment is wanted, the Rev. always comes to the front with his strong nerve, his willing mind and hands, and his brain and hopeful heart.

On Thursday evening the graduation exercises occurred at the Methodist church. Six out of a class of twenty-two received their diplomas. Col. Taylor made the principal address, which was a very commendable rendition of a natural born orator. The church was packed to overflowing and all were delighted with well-balanced exercises. The orations of the six graduates were exceedingly well rendered and highly appreciated by all present. This leaves our High school with sixteen old pupils, and twenty-two new applicants stood the rigid examination for admittance next school term.

So many of our older residents are passing away. We had eight deaths in the vicinity of Pleasant Gap the past six months. After a few years go by they will be forgotten. When the good and the lovely, and those on whom the heart has rested with idolizing fondness, die, the memory of their good deeds, like the moonbeams on the stormy sea, lights up our darkened hearts, and lends to the surrounding gloom a beauty so sad, so sweet, that we would not, if we could, dispel the darkness that environs them. For the Christian, death has no real terrors; it sets the imprisoned spirit free, closing a toilsome career on earth, and returning the soul to its original and glorious home, to dwell in the presence of its God forever. Then how uncertain is life; we may be here today in the enjoyment of the best of health, and tomorrow we may be in eternity. There is but a breath of air and a beat of the heart between this world and the next. Hence it is that we should at all times be ready to meet our Master. He made us for Himself; nothing less can content the soul of man, until, existing in the unfathomable ocean of Divinity, he can securely repose upon the bosom of his Creator—"Prepare to meet thy God."

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AARONSBURG.

Thomas Hill is spending the week with his sister, Mrs. J. W. Adams, and other relatives in Huntingdon.

Miss Pauline Musser returned home Saturday from Bellefonte, where she spent a week with her sister, Mrs. John Tressler.

Master Meale Weaver has been quite ill with pneumonia but is greatly improved and hopes are felt for his entire recovery.

Miss Lodie Harter returned home Sunday from Nittany valley, where she spent some time with her brother, Forrest Harter.

Abraham King, who spent the winter in Saloma with his son Boyd, came to town Monday and is at the home of his son, A. S. King.

Miss Marian Haines, who for the past year has been in Akron, Ohio, came home for two weeks, expecting to return to Ohio again the latter part of this month.

Mrs. George S. Cunningham and daughter Jessie are ill, Jessie having a severe case of pneumonia. Her condition has improved, but the mother is not doing as well as could be desired. However, it is sincerely hoped they may soon be quite well again.

Rev. Jacob Stover and family moved here from Centerville. They will soon occupy their home purchased from Mrs. Jennie Sylvis. Rev. Stover is a native of our village and having decided to quit preaching concluded his old home town would be a desirable place, has come into our midst to live. May they enjoy life among us. A hearty welcome to them.

Sunday afternoon some of the town boys started out for an automobile ride, going to Bellefonte, and had gotten back as far as the Dr. Musser farm when one of the rear wheels broke, throwing them all out of the car. For a little while none of the boys knew much of what was taking place, but finally they regained composure enough to get about helping, each other find out their injuries. All of them were badly bruised and cut up, but so far as known none were injured internally. The boys are all under the care of Dr. Musser and it is hoped they will soon recover. What might have been death to them resulted only in some bruises and cuts and they have much to be thankful for.

ORVISTON.

Mrs. Anna Confer is some better and her father, David Confer, has also improved in health. We hope it will be permanent.

Mrs. Thomas Budinger, of Snow Shoe, is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. Ellis Harvey. Harry Mann, of Milesburg, is visiting his little daughters, who have made their home with their aunt, Mrs. Harvey, since the death of their mother.

Mrs. John Hysong, of Pitcairn, came to the assistance of her sisters, Mrs. Amelia Rickard and Mrs. Amanda Boyer, to help them nurse their mother, Mrs. Rebecca Womer. Mrs. Boyer is quite ill. Her daughter, Mrs. Mary Brown, came to see her.

Mrs. Philip Dietz returned from a month's visit to her daughter, Mrs. Albert Linder, at Ridgway. She had a very pleasant time, and says she thinks no one has any nicer grandchildren than she has. Mrs. Linder expects to visit her parents before long, and will bring her wee daughter with her.

Mrs. Catherine Packer, known as "Aunt Katie," by her many friends, expects to move with her son Oscar Packer and family, over to her old home in Romola. We will certainly miss the dear old lady, and her cheerful presence will be missed by many others. We hope she will find time and opportunity to come to see us often.

Rev. Avery Long, who has been holding revival services at the Church of Christ, has gone to attend meeting somewhere else. The Orviston folks were well pleased with the good old man and hope to see him again. Rev. Merrick is helping to get the Monument people a church and is also continuing the revival services here, as well as aiding in other places.

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RUNVILLE.

Mrs. Grant Houseman, of Altoona, spent Tuesday with her mother in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Bennett spent Sunday at Valley View, at the home of Andy Spicer.

Mrs. George Bend, of Coalport, spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mrs. Ida Witmer.

Martin Brewer, of Philipsburg, attended Harris Hugg's sale on Friday, and also visited his daughter, Mrs. Lee Hoover.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Walker and family, of State College, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Walker's brother, Forde Walker.

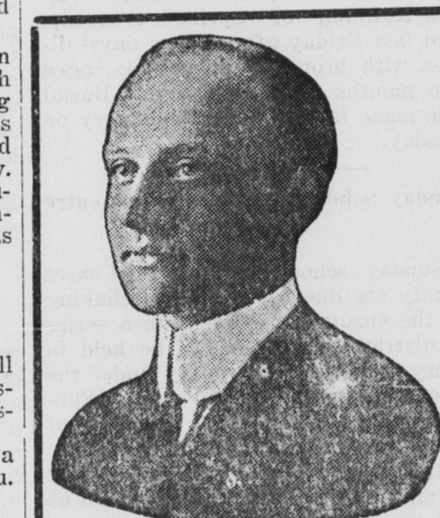
Mr. and Mrs. F. Walker and little daughter Helen, of DuBois, and Mrs. Sarah Walker, of Wingate, spent last Monday at the home of Ida Witmer.

The funeral of Mr. Joseph Rodgers, which took place from his late home on Saturday afternoon at one o'clock, was attended by a large concourse of friends. His pastor, Rev. G. A. Sparks, officiated, using for his text, "I die, and surely God will visit you;" Joseph's message to his brethren, which brings to us Brother Rodgers' last message to the young people of his home church when he addressed them so eloquently the last Sabbath he lived. At that time he said, "Oh, if I could only say something that would be the means of helping you to give your young lives to the Lord Jesus, how gladly I would do it." He attended all the services of the day and rendered several selections on the organ, and sang in the church at both morning and evening service. He was appointed leader for the following Sabbath evening for the Christian Endeavor society, but instead, was ushered into the home prepared for the faithful, where congregations never break up and where all is peace and joy. Those from a distance in attendance at his funeral were, William Baumgardner; Wells Tannery; Miss Margaret Witherite, of Pittsburgh; Mr. and Mrs. L. Dale, of Juniata; Mrs. Annie Witherite and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Garbrick, of Tyrone; Mrs. William Young, of Arden, Del.; Miss Jennie Taggart, of Philadelphia; Wesley McClaren, Theodore Moore and Earl Hobby, of Ocochea Mills; Mr. Dunlap, and several men whose names we did not learn, of the Order of Modern Woodmen, of which Mr. Rodgers was a member; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Poorman and family, Mr. James Smoyer and family, and Mrs. Della Rine, of Bellefonte; Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Conway, of Snow Shoe; Mrs. Jacob Shank, of Curtin. Mr. Rodgers was a staunch member of the United Brethren church of Runville, a good father and faithful husband, and will be greatly missed both in his home and church. The family have the sympathy of all who knew him, and in this way desire to express their appreciation of the kindness of all who helped in their hour of sad bereavement.

Movings.—Clarence St. Clair moved from the Clem Iddings property to one of the Kauffman farms in the valley, Miss Fannie Kauffman occupying the place vacated by Mr. St. Clair. W. H. Lucas, of Jersey Shore, will occupy his own home, vacated by Fannie

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BOALSBURG.

Capt. and Mrs. Febiger spent last week among friends in Philadelphia. Samuel Kaup, of Altoona, spent several days at the home of his parents.

"The Prairie Rose," a play given by Pine Grove Mills talent, was well attended.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. Brown on Tuesday evening, April 12th.

Prof. Hoffman and family, of State College, moved into the house vacated by Dr. Gearhart.

Miss Mary Corl returned from Pleasant Gap, where she spent the winter among friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hazel and daughters, Gladys and Jane, visited friends at Madisonburg on Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Segner and daughter, Miss Rachel, and Miss Cathryn Dale, spent Friday in Bellefonte.

Miss Madaline Markle went to State College to spend some time at the home of her cousin, Mrs. Luella Struble.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fisher and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fisher, of Sunbury, spent Saturday and Sunday in town.

Miss Annie Weber returned home Friday, after a pleasant visit at the home of her brother, P. M. Weber, at Huntingdon.

Harry Ishler, accompanied by his sister, Miss Della, recently visited Mrs. Ishler, who is a patient in the Bellefonte hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Homan and Mrs. Harry Hoy and daughter, of State College, spent Tuesday at the home of Charles Mothersbaugh.

Messrs. D. W. Meyer and S. R. Rishel, and Misses Mildred and Catherine Gingrich, motored to Altoona on Saturday and were accompanied home on Sunday by Mrs. J. P. Wagner and Marjorie Slagle.

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