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

#### PLEASANT GAP.

The time is fast approaching when our plantation will again be troubled with bugs. We are speaking, you un-derstand, as a horticulturist, not as a dermatologist or as a household economist. The particular species that is causing us to scratch our head in deep thought is neither the cootie Americesis nor the common or boarding-house bed bug, but the pesky little critters that infest our rose bushes. Now, as every experienced lawn-mak-Now, as every experienced lawn-maker knows, there are several approved methods to restore a bug infested rose bush to what the dictionaries and the President call normalcy, and what normal minds call a state of health. It can be done with tobacco. We have been, on former occasions urged to sit under the rose bush with a two for five cent cigar, better known as Tobies, and burn a box of flivver smoke among the rose leaves; but there is a draw back. It is true that the aroma—or if you can't stand aroma you can call it something else. It is true that the smudge from else. It is true that the smudge from five cent's worth of alfalfa will invariably intoxicate the sensitive little creatures. In a state of intoxication the bugs release their strangle hold on the leaf and fall to the ground and break their neck. That's all right. But in the mean time, what becomes break their neck. That's all right. But in the mean time, what becomes of us! By the time we have smoked four of these Dairyman's delights we are dead to the world; if we smoked ten of 'em, there would be a vacancy among the enrolled Republicans of the South Precinct, Spring township; and if our name inadvertently got on the slacker list there'd be nobody but a dead hero to answer to the War Departments' roll call. If the bug must partments' roll call. If the bug must be killed with tobacco, we prefer to take the pipe, and place it carefully on the ground beneath the bush when the rose bed bugs have gone to bed. That pipe can be guaranteed to kill all animals within a radius of forty feet. But the trouble is that if we have it out there all night we shan't have anything to smoke, and the chances are the blamed thing will kill the rose bush. An ex-service man of whom we inquired, said the approved method was to steal up to the bush, grab the insect firmly just behind the ears, force his mouth open and blow tobacco smoke down his lungs, and that will finish the job. May be some of our readers can suggest a simpler What I am about to remark does

not flavor of a society event. Owing to our recent measly epidemic we have no comers or gowers and hence little doing in this line; but what I am about to demonstrate should prove of more importance than all the society events between Hell and Egypt. But it is difficult to get the public to tumble and be mutually benefitted. I want to speak of the agreeable change. We can now have strawberries from June to November. A few years ago this assertion would have been labelled a fabrication, a horticultural phenomenon; adverse to the laws of nature. The ever bearing straw-berry is here in actual fact. Tried and proven a great success. The fact has been verified in commercial and home garden production in widely varying parts of the agricultural world. The unprecedented value of this new discovery so far has been appreciated by the growers, who are reaping profits far in excess of the returns from the old time standard varieties. The hesitating public have only to try and see these wonderful berries, after which they will be as enthusiastic as those who are now growing them so successfully, and who are coining money with their new experience. The fact has been recently demonstrated that you can now pick luscious berries five months instead of one. You can begin to pick in June, the same time as the old standard or June bearing varieties. Then there is a continuation of blooming, producing ripe fruit throughout the summer and a bearing blooming period follows in the late summer and large crops develop un-til severe frosts come. The progres-sive and Americus varieties are the prolific species. The Progressive is considered the best all-around everbearing strawberry. It is a cross between the Pan-American and Senator Dunlap; the fruit very much resembles the Dunlap. This berry is very attractive and appeals to all markets. It is enormous in production and will thrive in sandy or rocky soil. But best of all they produce abundantly the first season set out. If I were overseer of the poor and had control of Spring township's poor farm I would plant 5000 plants of these berries in the early spring with the available help there. One-half of our poor tax could be liquidated the first year after planting. Every body appreciates strawberries but few avail themselves of the opportunity of producing them.

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Everything is divided equally in this world. The rich man has the twin-six and the poor man the sixtwins.

ORVISTON.

David Walker has accepted a position in the coal mines at Gorton. Mrs. Clarence Gummo, of Lock Haven, visited her sister, Mrs. George Bixel, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis N. Hume and Alexander Hume were Orviston visitors last week, at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hume,

Work is again at a standstill in Orviston. It is too bad that conditions remain so stagnant. It is an old saying that "those who work not, should not eat." But believe me, that has a new twist now. Those who work not cannot eat, and those who eat not, cannot work. If affairs are not setherly will have to copy the cooking. cannot work. If affairs are not settled we will have to copy the cooking recipe of the Bolsheviki, "One skinny youngster, well done," served in his own sauce. It is a good thing the Bolsheviki are not in the control of our country. What we have is poor enough, but that would bring disaster sure. sure.

was not apprehended. I wonder at Clinton county law that will overlook such an affair. The baby is still with the Aid society at Lock Haven.

BIXEL.—Mrs. Mary Bixel, of Lock Haven, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Bartholomew, of Al-Those who remain to mourn their loss are: Mrs. Matilda Maurer, of Watsontown; Scott Bixel, of Philadelphia; George Bixel, of Orviston; Mrs. Catherine Bartholomew, of Altoona; Rev. Harvey Bixel, at present in Colorado, near Denver, for his health; Mrs. Edith Adams and Miss Martha Bixel, of Lock Hayen; besides several grandof Lock Haven; besides several grandchildren. Mr. Bixel died several years ago. The funeral services were held at the home of Mrs. Adams, in Lock Haven. Mrs. Bixel is a very sterling woman.

#### SMULLTON.

Jacob Walizer is on the sick list. Raymond Bair is busily engaged in hauling posts to his farm west of

A shooting match was held here Saturday last which created some in-

Mrs. Nathaniel Shaffer has gone to son-in-law.

Fay Winters, who has been on the sick list for a week or ten days, is better again. Victor Brungart, of this vicinity, expects to have electric light installed

in his house and dairy barn. Jacob Winkleblech began the operation of his saw mill north of town and has considerable custom work on

Howard Orndorf and wife have moved their belongings to Woodward, where they will work on the farm for Mr. Orndorf's uncle.

The talk of the town for the past week has been on the electric light question. So far as we know all houses have been given for wiring and it looks as though this town will be wired electrically.

Sprucelawn cottage has been deserted since last fall, and puts on a lonely appearance, marking the place where once lived "The man of the town." He left some of his town people with something they will never forget, and now delights himself in his accomplishments.

Roy Held will vacate his home in town the last of March and will become a citizen of the town of Madisonburg. He will then take over the mail route between that place and Millheim, which contract was awarded him a year ago, but was given over to Charles Duck for the first year. We are sorry to see him leave, for both he and his wife are very agreeable

Herbert H. Stover has finished his work as auditor of Centre county for the year 1921 and is home busily engaged in the printing business. He tells us that the treatment he received while in Bellefonte was of such a nature that it was a pleasure to mingle with the people of the county seat, coming home with the satisfaction that he has made for himself there a host of friends. If we are favored with the electric light in our town Mr. Stover contemplates the installing of an electric motor to run his printing machines.

### JACKSONVILLE.

Miss Helen Orr has been away on a few day's visit.

The H. B. Weight family are now busy making preparations to move. Fred Haines and family were callers at the Ephriam Lucas home on

A nice baby girl arrived in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Yearick on Saturday morning.

The robins have made their appearance in this locality, which is a sure indication that spring is on the way. Earl Confer is suffering with an attack of the grip. Z. E. Hoy, of Howard, still continues quite ill, while Mrs. Craft is improving.

"SPELLING BEE" CONTESTS

NEXT POPULAR CRAZE. The old-style "spelling-bee" craze, with some new angles, is sweeping New England and the rural sections of the Middle West. It no doubt will soon strike Pennsylvania and be a feature of the county fairs and the Chautauqua. The new idea is to have the champion speller of each county in the State enter a contest, then reduce that to the best speller in the State, and follow with a tri-State or national contest. The New York Times is pushing the plan in the State, and the Boston papers have taken up the cud-

The spelling bee has been immortalized by Whittier in his poem, "In School Days," where the poet tells of the winter sun shining down upon the school-house by the road and touching "the tangled golden curls" of a little girl with "brown eyes full of grieving," who stood by a small boy with "can pulled low" 'cap pulled low."

"He saw her lift her eyes, he felt The soft hand's light caressiing. And heard the tremble of her voice As if a fault confessing.

"I'm sorry that I spelled the word; I hate to go above you. Because"-the brown eyes lower fell-

"Because, you see, I love you!" For more than thirty-five years Missouri had a champion speller in Prof. D. Jones, of Kansas City. Before he retired he had taught for fif-ty years. For more than thirty-five years he had issued a challenge to the world to a spelling contest. Often the challenges were accepted. Sometimes they became almost endurance contests. In one of such contests Prof. Jones spelled 15,000 words, missing only fourteen, to his opponent's

seventeen. Some years ago an eleven year old school boy spelled for eleven hours, 1400 words and never made a miss. The words were read from a schoolbook used in the sixth grade, the boy being William Boselager, of East St. Louis, a pupil in the first division of the sixth grade of the Webster Street school, of East St. Louis, Ill. The champion speller of New York is Virginia Cook, fourteen years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Cook, of New Rochelle, N. Y., who in a State fair contest conducted by the State Department of Agriculture proved the Department of Agriculture proved the best speller, every county being represented at the fair grounds in Syracuse. Last July Harold J. Howland, editor of the Independent, of Jamestown, won the annual spelling match at the Chautauqua Assembly held at Chautauqua Lake.

Pennsylvania can boast of many good "spellers;" so can New Jersey and Delaware. The matter has attracted attention at the University of Pennsylvania, and the professors welcome the coming of the "bee" as welcome the coming of the "bee" as an aid to education and popular interest in a branch of study that needs brushing up once in a while. Franklin and Marshall College has some excellent "spellers," who, no doubt, would go into an intercollegiate contest. Dislocklybis 1 odges? test.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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A number of people about town are ill with cold and grippe. Mrs. Zebley spent last week with friends in Wilmington, Del.

Miss Edith Allen, of Texas, is visiting at the Ross Harter home. Rev. J. Max Kirkpatrick of Centre Hall, visited in town last week.

Miss Anna Sweeney is spending some time with friends in Centre Hall. Prof. Lenks and sister motored to Jersey Shore Friday, returning Sun-

Mrs. George Rowe returned home Monday from a visit with friends in Altoona

Mrs. Charles Segner and daughters, Misses Mary and Rachel, spent Saturday in Bellefonte. Mrs. Mitchell Stover, of Altoona, recently spent several days with her sister, Mrs. Charles Kuhn.

Mrs. Alice Magoffin has returned from a visit of several months with friends in the western part of the

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