

Country Correspondence

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

PLEASANT GAP.

That stinginess that keeps people from spending money foolishly is a virtue.

Our enterprising butcher, Joseph Lex, expects to reopen his shop in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins Baumgardner motored to Tyrone on Sunday to spend a day with friends in that thriving little railroad centre.

The only way to make chronic grumblers repent of their folly is to increase their calamities until they can see that their former condition was the happier.

Only thirty per cent. of the legal voters of the South precinct of Spring township cast their ballots at the recent primary election. About the same percentage of men and women responded.

It matters not of what people accuse you, you are not justified in holding them in contempt, because that is a propensity of vicious minds, and, therefore, cannot be assumed in demonstration of superior virtue.

Dr. Bartlett left for Scranton, on Monday, where he will be in the limelight at the great Masonic blowout in session there this week. Dr. Dale, of Bellefonte, is looking after the doctor's patients during his absence.

Three auto loads of old-time gypsies pulled up to the cross roads at the Gap last Sunday, and dispensed with a sumptuous lunch on the Ephriam Keller lawn. They were quite orderly, and attracted a crowd of observers.

Harry Corl and wife, of Westmoreland county, were over Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. Jonathan Bilger. Mr. Corl returned home on Sunday evening but Mrs. Corl was prevailed upon to remain here for several weeks.

Mrs. Swoope's genteel canvass at the Gap in the interest of her husband was quite prolific in results at our recent primary, as predicted. The shrewd lady gave it as her opinion that he, only, is a true statesman whose labors are devoted to the preservation of liberty.

The Deity has created man for action, and surrounded him with every means to develop it. When a small boy with face aglow, straining every nerve to get the most marbles, he is the same as though the scene was for a race for Governor or the business patronage of the community.

Good is seven times more influential than evil; salt is seven times stronger than the thing it preserves; the right amount of good performed on Sabbath day would save the evil of the other six days, but alas, much of it is divided into doing homage to evil even by professed Christians themselves.

The closing of the old landmark, the Centre County Banking Co., two weeks ago, has caused no more alarm than the falling of a leaf in this community. Our people seem to have the utmost confidence in the honesty and integrity of the stockholders of the institution. Some of the depositors may be slightly inconvenienced for a time, but all seem satisfied that matters will be satisfactorily adjusted in course of time. Instead of condemning and denouncing the unfortunate institution, all view the situation in a philosophical way. The sympathies of our people are with the bank.

About half of our high school pupils participated in the county high school athletic events on Hughes field on Saturday, all of whom were elated beyond expression. Pleasant Gap boys and girls joined the races, the shot put, the ball throw and the broad jump, every feature of which bids fair to result in lasting benefit. The praises sounded by our representatives are numerous. Efficiency, endurance, stronger muscles, faster and deeper respiration, dilated arteries, development of skill and physical vigor are apparent conditions. Learning on the athletic field increases the reserve power of the mind. Jean Noll, Vera Hile, Ida Markle, Ruth Barner, Leonard Peters, Walter Wolford, George Caber, Randall Keller and David Weaver were active participants. The joys the day afforded will not be forgotten. Our entire community

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

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UGLY EZ AH IS IN DAT
SHAWT A TIME!!



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will get a very full return from the opportunities the contest afforded.

When a cool-headed woman sets herself to entrap a man she is very apt to succeed, especially if she is nearing that age when ladies object to leaving the family record where every Tom, Dick and Harry can get at it. She may love him, and she may not. If she does not she will probably tie him with her apron string, and go on striving to catch one who suits her better. You may be sure she will not let her prisoner loose until after she has entrapped another more to her liking. She is not to blame for trying to get a lover to her taste, but it is not exactly right for her to keep a poor fish on the trout-line until it is starved or worn out, and then throw it back into the stream again when she gets another. There is probably more dishonesty practiced in match-making than in any other branch of business pertaining to society. Shrewd, ambitious mammas resort to a variety of tricks to get their children well fixed in life, but not more than the children themselves. They study to seem what they are not, adopt methods which would be considered dishonorable in business affairs, and bring influence to bear that would shock a politician. Men profess to be highly moral put on the appearance of being in easy circumstances, and even go so far as to make great pretensions as to what they are worth. The facts may be exactly the reverse of all this, their sole object being to get wives who are able to keep them.

The woman who falls a prey to a swindler of this stamp is truly an object for pity, but not more so than the man who gets roped in by a woman who marries merely to keep out of the old maid row. In such instances there is no rest, no happiness, no comfort, but it is their own choosing and they must abide the consequences. However, the young man who is not smart enough to discover that he is being played for oysters, ice cream, picnics, balls and operas, deserves to be pinched severely. It may be no fault of his that he is so short-sighted, for he may have been born that way, yet a real hard pinch may improve his sight. The same may be said of a majority of the young ladies who suffer from laceration of the heart. Civilization refuses to sanction any style of test beyond that of honest public marriage.

Young people should be honest enough towards each other to make their intentions known. If they are going together for fun, it had better be understood. If the friendship develops into love there will be no trouble in adjusting matters to the change, and if it should not, or if new attachments be formed, neither party can charge the other with unfaithfulness. Young men often regret that their spouse takes love matters so seriously, but lack the courage to talk with her plainly on the subject, and allows her to drift on and on until at last he is compelled to abandon her abruptly or marry her. If he is tender-hearted and does not want to make her miserable for a time he marries her—and makes her miserable for all time.

RUNVILLE.

William Resides, of Tyrone, spent Tuesday at the home of L. J. Heaton.

Children's day services will be held in the U. B. church in this place, June 11th.

Mrs. Addie Swisher, of Mill Hall, spent Sunday with her brother, W. T. Kunes.

The young people's Sunday school class will hold a social on Saturday evening.

Forde Walker, of Snow Shoe, spent Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Silas Emenhizer.

Burtus Witherite, of Osceola Mills, spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Witherite.

The C. E. society will hold their regular monthly business meeting on Friday evening, at the home of Joseph Reese.

Mr. and Mrs. Evan Lucas, of Altoona, spent several days last week with Mrs. Lucas' sister, Mrs. Mary Heaton.

Mrs. Sarah Wertz, of Winburne, and Mrs. Eliza Jodon, of Bellefonte, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Sallie Friel.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Poorman and two children, of Hornell, N. Y., are visiting at the homes of John Walker and Thomas Poorman.

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JACKSONVILLE.

Mrs. John Holmes has returned to her home in this place.

Mrs. Walter Daily visited friends in this section on Sunday.

Miss Martha Neff spent Sunday at the William Decker home.

Miss Ethel Neff was a Sunday guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Weight.

Misses Clara and Violet Butler were callers last week at the E. E. Vonada home.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vonada, of Zion, were Sunday visitors at the William Weaver home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Weaver and Ephriam Lucas were in Bellefonte on a shopping trip on Tuesday.

On Wednesday Mrs. Ephriam Lucas with her daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Walker, left on a trip to New York State where they will spend some time visiting Mr. Walker's relatives.

Despite the inclement weather last week quite a number of friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Lucas Wednesday evening to assist Mr. Lucas in properly celebrating his 44th birthday anniversary. Cards, other games, music, etc., were included in the program and at eleven o'clock refreshments were served. It was past midnight when the guests departed for their homes, with many kind wishes for Mr. Lucas. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Confer and daughter Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Butler and daughters, Clara and Violet, of Howard; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hoy and son Willard, John Glossner, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Neff, Mrs. Minnie Lucas and daughters, Stella, Evelyn and Gladys; Russell Lucas, Miss Gertrude Lucas, Clyde Lucas and John Roberts. Mr. and Mrs. Lucas' family include the following children: James, Francis, Mary, Kathryn, Sarah, Lucille, Doris and Eleanor, all of whom were at home but the latter who is staying with her grandmother Tyson, at Howard, and could not get home through the hard rain.

BOALSBURG.

Samuel Kaup, of Altoona, visited his mother over Sunday.

Clement Dale, Esq., of Bellefonte, was in town on Tuesday.

Rev. S. C. Stover and George E. Meyer are attending Classis at Lewisburg.

Rev. William Wagner and W. A. Rokey are attending conference at Loganton.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Johnson, of Crafton, are visiting at the home of Mrs. M. A. Woods.

A. W. Dale and daughters and William Stuart, wife and daughters spent part of Saturday in Bellefonte.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bradford and Mrs. W. A. Odenkirk and daughter Sara, of Centre Hall, spent Tuesday evening in town.

The P. O. S. of A., of Bellefonte, will decorate the graves of the soldiers in the L. & R. cemetery, on Sunday, at 6:30 o'clock.

Mrs. C. C. Meyer, of Medina, N. Y., recently visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Meyer. Mrs. Meyer motored to Pennsylvania with a party of friends.

—The "Watchman" gives all the news while it is news.

NO OBERAMMERGUA PLAY FOR NEW YORK.

With the opening of the first season of the Passion Play since 1910, the vanguard of Americans booked to see it already have arrived in Berlin on their way to Oberammergau.

Reports from that little Bavarian village which has been off the tourist route for twelve years, indicate that preparations have been nearly completed to accommodate a record gathering for the current revival. Approximately 800 newspaper correspondents were invited for the first performance, after which dress rehearsals were held for two days in preparation for the formal opening on May 14.

Visitors this year find a striking significance in the origin of the play because of the recent prevalence of contagious diseases resulting from the famine in Russia. It was due to the terrible pestilence ravaging that country in 1633 that the survivors of Oberammergau in the following year vowed to give a representation of the life of Christ regularly thereafter as an atonement for their sins.

Unusual international interest in this year's revival is manifested. Capacity audiences for all performances have been booked in advance. Advice from Bavaria show that the high character of production, which has characterized the performances for more than 280 years, has been maintained, both as to the calibre of the cast and the scenic equipment. The management has been bombarded more than ever with financial schemes, all of which has been declined scrupulously in the spirit of the original vow. The lofty ideals inspiring the cast and producers are further enun-

"benedictions and dollars" offered by an American syndicate for him to appear in the United States.

It was proposed that Lang should receive any amount he might name, together with expenses. The offer also emphasized a belief that he would bring a great benefit to the religious community in the United States and that his visit might promote international friendship. It was proposed that the play should be staged, as at Oberammergau, in a huge open-air theatre in New York, with Lang heading the cast. Whatever profit might be made, the American syndicate proposed, could be devoted to the populace of Oberammergau.

"The good and friendly people of America," said the proposal, "would receive you with love and send you back with benedictions and dollars."

Lang, an upland villager, replied modestly thanking the syndicate and expressing appreciation of the spirit of the offer, but declining because to do so would make him feel like an "uprooted tree." He agreed that a new international spirit of kindness should prevail, and that the Passion Play would could contribute thereto, but continued:

"I am not a professional actor; I am in Oberammergau and cannot give up the conditions and traditions of my village. The Passion Play for us is the fulfillment of a vow which our ancestors have given. We shall never forget this fact. Were I to do so, it would undermine the power of religious experience which has enabled me to give any performances, and I should not be able again to properly impersonate the Saviour."

He also revealed the fact that an American offer was rejected in 1914, providing for high weekly salaries for himself and two other members of the cast.—Reformatory Record.

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