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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.

E. C. Mease and wife, of Tyrone, spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. E. K. Keller.

W. H. Ott and wife, of Bellefonte, spent Sunday at the home of E. K. Keller and wife, Mrs. Ott's parents.

Our practical butcher, Joseph Lex, has reopened his meat market. Joseph handles only the choicest government inspected meats, the kind appreciated by his numerous friends and patrons.

Rev. Noll and wife, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Herman, spent a very pleasant Sunday at the home of Dr. P. H. Shelly, at Port Royal. It will be remembered that Dr. Shelly and his estimable wife resided in Pleasant Gap some years ago. The doctor had built up a very lucrative practice here, but owing to his father's extensive practice at Port Royal the younger Mr. Shelly was called there to take charge, the elder Shelly retiring from the profession.

Personal magnetism is a subject worthy of our most careful consideration. There is a subtle, mysterious influence about some persons that is truly remarkable. One of the singular features about it is that those possessing it have little or no control over it, and those affected by it have no power to resist it. What this power is, or whence it comes, is the mystery. Its effects are so clearly marked that there is no doubting the senses. Were these effects always agreeable, there might be some grounds for thinking they are partly due, at least, to the desire to be so affected. It is generally believed that mind has influence over mind independent of the persons concerned.

A great many say they can feel the presence of certain ones without seeing or knowing that they are near. Thus it may be traced down to what is generally called like or dislike. You like certain ones because their presence is agreeable, and you dislike certain others because theirs is disagreeable. Then there are others whom you neither like nor dislike. Every Damon has his Pythias. In other words, every individual has some friend to whom he is closely attached. The ties are not those of consanguinity, yet they are strong and binding. It often occurs that these purely friendly ties are stronger than those of blood. The plain truth is that there is often less mutual affection between members of the same family than between comparative strangers. A sense of duty usually prompts men to prefer their brothers in matters of mutual interest, but they rarely prefer each other's society; so rare, indeed, that when they do, they are pointed out as freaks of nature. To a great many it looks rather silly to see brothers running around together and acting as intimate friends are wont to act.

It is generally supposed that twins are devotedly attached to each other, but such is not the case. Even the Siamese twins were constantly quarreling, and had it been possible to get away from each other, they would have done so most cheerfully. Occasionally twin brothers are found who apparently are only happy in each other's presence. Such instances are rare, however. Scientists call it magnetism, spiritualists say it is affinity of soul, but those who have it do not bother themselves about its nature or cause, being satisfied with the effect. It is the same influence that renders preachers, actors and lecturers popular. To think that the success of those before the public is due to what they say, or the way they say it, is a mistake. It is this mystery power, and it makes little difference about the elocution, the quality of voice, or the nature of the discourse. Some of the most popular actors have marked defects in voice. The uncultured preacher, one who has never seen the inside of a college, very often preaches all around those who are accounted profound scholars. Noted revivalists possess this power in a greater or less degree, according as they are more or less successful. The famous, brilliant and magnetic divine, Dr. Sunderland, the elder, was so wonderfully endowed with this power, that he quit preaching on account of it. He feared that persons were drawn into the folds of the church through his influence who did not realize what they were doing. He is said to have been able to direct the actions of persons simply by his will power, and that

without the aid of words or signs. The late Henry Ward Beecher possessed the same power, but not to as great a degree as Dr. Sunderland. He also had the faculty of transmitting it to the written page, so that those who read may feel his influence as well as those who see and hear.

The question that arises just here is whether it is good to possess such power, or to be influenced by it. There are plenty of instances where it has done a great deal of harm. It is the strength of the libertine, the chief agent of conspirators and the talisman of the arch deceivers. This, however, does not prevent it from being productive of good results. It is the power of God to influence the wicked, and that which renders music charming, and social intercourse agreeable. It is not at all strange that occasionally it should be turned to evil purposes. Bad uses are made of the things given to support life, but that does not render these things unfit for proper use. It is the use to which means are put, and not the means that are evil. This mystic power is as much a gift as any of the special talents, and its exercise no more sinful than that of the other gifts, if only exercised properly. It is not love, but is often mistaken for it. One of its peculiarities is that it is rarely mutual. In instances where it is mutual it forms a strong bond, but where it is one-sided it is very unenviable.

It is the secret of the conjuror's spell, the mind reader's skill and spiritualist's power. To be effective these must possess it in excess, in which case it becomes a dangerous thing, as it gives them control not only over the physical life of persons, but also over their soul-life. The fact that so many go crazy who have not the power of resisting it, shows that it is destructive of certain elements of mind. If properly directed it can move the world.

PINE GROVE MENTION.

Waldo Corl and wife spent Monday at State College.

Picnics are now the order of the day in this section.

W. Elmer Reed is suffering with a colony of Job's comforters.

The bulk of the grain was gotten into the barns in fine shape.

The thermometer registered 93 in the shade here last Wednesday.

Boyd Musser, of Altoona, was a caller at the Sue Peters home on Saturday.

Wilbur Sunday and wife, of Fairbrook, spent Friday afternoon with friends in town.

Paul Rupp and wife, of Altoona, spent the early part of the week with relatives in town.

Mrs. J. P. Hoffman, of McVeytown, is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Samuel Fleming.

Mrs. Emma Calvert, of Altoona, was a welcome visitor at the S. A. Homan home last week.

Miss Grace Dale, of Pittsburgh, is spending her vacation among relatives and friends in the valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Swabb, of Erie, are spending a few days at the Frank W. Swabb home near town.

Mrs. Houser, of the Glades, spent last week with her old friend, Mrs. Peters, on east Main street.

Joe Johnson, who is holding down a fat job near Water Street, was here on Sunday with his family.

Our hustling merchant, Ed Martz, motored to Huntingdon on Monday to lay in a new stock of merchandise.

The Samuel Fleming family attended the funeral of David Rhoads, an uncle, at McVeytown, last Saturday.

Dr. Hanley and wife, of New York city, are snugly located in the Grapp mansion at Erb's gap for the summer months.

J. Cal Markle, of Tyrone, helped Aaron C. Kepler with his wheat harvest last week, returning home on Monday.

Mrs. James Hoover and daughter Mary, of Snow Hill, Md., are here for a ten day's visit with old friends in the valley.

C. M. Dale and wife, with Mrs. Dale's mother, motored to Bellefonte on Saturday evening to visit the McGirk family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Walker spent Sunday with Mrs. J. Ed Elder, who is recovering nicely from a recent surgical operation.

Rev. Mr. English spent last Sunday at his former home at Williamsport, arranging to move their household goods to this place.

W. H. Glenn and wife, accompanied by Mrs. Laura Krebs, motored to the county seat on Saturday evening to do a little shopping.

Fred Williams, wife and daughter came down from Tyrone and spent the Sabbath at the Williams parental home on east Main street.

Our ball team went to Lemont on Saturday afternoon and came home with the Lemont salp dangling at their belts, the score being 11 to 9.

Rev. J. Max Kirkpatrick and wife are spending their vacation among the minister's home folks at Shirleyburg. They will be away until August 15th.

Mrs. J. Edward Decker and three interesting children came up from Bellefonte and spent the latter end of the week among relatives in this section.

William Brooks Fry is spending this week with his grandmother, Mrs. Etta Corl, at White Hall, nursing a broken arm sustained while cranking a car.

Thomas Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. John Cunningham, of Sausburg, and Ed Livingstone, of Petersburg, were registered at the St. Elmo early in the week.

Merchant Walter Shultz, of Spruce Creek, shook hands with old friends in town on Tuesday, spending most of the day at the N. C. Neidigh home at White Hall.

I. O. Campbell and wife and E. T. Parsons and wife motored over Old Tussey last Friday and spent the day pleasantly at the Archie Laird home at Sausburg. On the homeward trip

they stopped for lunch at the Paw Paw park.

Miss Siesko, of Williamsport, is a guest of Miss Mary Thompson. On Tuesday they were joined by Miss Daugherty, of State College, on a trip to Penn's Cave.

Samuel E. Goss, of Reading, spent last week with his mother on west Main street, looking after the settlement of the estate of his father, the late W. H. Goss.

At a congregational meeting held in the Presbyterian church at Graysville, last Friday evening, it was unanimously voted to extend a call to the Rev. Harry Davis Fleming, of Bellefonte.

Lumberman Elmer Long is the owner of a Bengal hound which recently dropped a litter of thirteen pups, all living and doing nicely. He has a market for all of them at \$15.00 per head.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hannah, of Duncarvin, and the venerable John Frantz, of Taptown, spent Tuesday at the Methodist parsonage. Mr. Frantz is past 82 years of age but as frisky as a man of fifty.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin are spending their honeymoon at the I. O. Campbell home at Fairbrook, and helping during the harvest season. They expect to go to housekeeping at State College in the near future.

W. A. Collins spent last week in the Iron city, bringing back with him his little grand-daughter, six year old Ruth Collins, an orphan, who will make her home here. The little girl is fortunate in having such a delightful home to go to.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas, of New Castle, accompanied by Mrs. G. W. Ward, were brief visitors here while on an auto trip through the State which included stops at Punxsutawney, Harrisburg, Allentown, Reading and Philadelphia.

Our townsman, W. F. Thompson, has leased the old Academy grove near town and will equip it as a recreational park. Necessary buildings will be put up and the grounds equipped with water and electric light. The park is located close to the state highway and will be a most delightful spot for family picnics.

The venerable Henry Potter recently purchased a new Chevrolet car and forthwith started out to visit his friends. Last Thursday, after leaving his neighbor, I. O. Campbell, at Fairbrook, he collided with the big bus on the state highway in the Glades, smashing one front wheel and otherwise damaging the car. Mr. Potter was accompanied by Miss Bertha Campbell but neither one was injured. The car was towed in for repairs.

CASTORIA

Bears the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. In use for over thirty years, and The Kind You Have Always Bought.

At a recent meeting of the Ferguson township school board the following teachers were chosen for the ensuing school year:

Pine Grove Grammar—A. L. Bowserox.

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Baileysville—Rebecca Meyers.

Marengo—Herber Harpster.

Tadpole—Mr. Walker.

Centre—Mr. Ralston.

Pine Hall—Miss Grassley.

Branch—Miss Shelley.

Krumrine—Bruce Harrison.

Oak Grove—Miss Bohn.

White Hall—Miss Knapp.

The Kepler and Gatsburg schools will remain closed. The schools will open the first Tuesday in September for an eight month's term.

A surprise birthday party at the Methodist parsonage last Thursday evening proved a most delightful social event. During the day the pastor, Rev. J. S. Hammac, was out among his parishioners and later invited out for supper. When he returned at almost ten o'clock he found the parsonage filled with friends. It took him only a few seconds to realize the gathering was in honor of his birthday anniversary and at once entered into the spirit of the occasion. Games, music and refreshments made up the program of the evening and it was a late hour when all the guests departed for their respective homes, wishing the

young divine many more such anniversaries.

Hardly Complimentary.

Old lady—Thank you so much for your song, my dear. It took me back to my childhood days on my father's farm, and while I listened to your voice I seemed to hear the old gate creaking in the wind.—Boston Transcript.

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