

Country Correspondence

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

PLEASANT GAP.

Mrs. John Uhl is visiting with her sister, Mrs. William Sempel, in Pittsburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Evey, of Hollidaysburg, spent the week-end at the hospitable home of Harry Griffith and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Keller, accompanied by their daughter Betty, are visiting with numerous friends at the Gap and vicinity.

Miss Henrietta Gettig has accepted a position in Kalin's shoe store, Bellefonte. From what we know of Henrietta we are satisfied she will make a decided success in her new position.

Mr. William Rossman, one of our most highly respected citizens, was seriously ill with heart trouble the past week. He is gradually improving, which is gratifying to his many friends here.

Our progressive cattle buyer, T. E. Jodon, will ship another car load of fresh cows to the Philadelphia stock yards in a few days; they are a very attractive bunch, mostly blooded stock, the kind that appeals to the eastern buyers.

Mr. Seanson, teacher of our intermediate school, with his half a hundred scholars, held an "Hallow-een" masquerade a few evenings ago. The occasion was a very enjoyable one and was admirably handled and highly appreciated by all participants.

The W. C. T. U. of the Methodist congregation here, held a numerous attended masquerade party at the M. E. parsonage last week. It proved a very interesting entertainment. The object was to increase their membership, and from current reports they succeeded admirably in their ambitions.

Our Sportsmen's club is forging ahead; they now number over seventy members, and new applications are coming in weekly. And, best of all, the aggregation consists of the better class of our community. In fact they don't admit irresponsible parties, in other words, they object to admit every Tom and Harry, with a view of increasing their membership.

The Ladies Aid society of the Methodist church will hold a social in Noll's hall tomorrow evening. All are cordially invited to attend. Our sisters of the Ladies Aid are wide-awake and up to date, self-relying and independent. The multitude who will patronize them on this pleasant occasion will make no mistake. A most agreeable time is a foregone conclusion.

Our young Methodist minister, Rev. Kepler, is taking a course in State College. He is making good as minister of our M. E. church. Glad to say that he is beloved by his entire congregation and the community at large. He is endowed with great energy, strong, practical, common sense, uncommon powers of observation, and strong affection. Kind hearted, devoted, and in every way a thorough go-ahead personage. Such a person will paddle his own canoe, and prove a good and devoted public servant.

For some reason there seems to be no enthusiasm in the coming gubernatorial contest, and the indications are that an unusually light vote will be polled here. Not one candidate has visited the Gap up to this time. On former occasions candidates galore were scouring the country, with a view of winning the prize. With the temperance men they were usually jubilant in the praise of water, and he would be willing to invoke the aid of a flood to overwhelm and destroy all who will not vote for his ticket. With the wine and beer drinker, he could drink and leave all his comrades under the table. He is so familiar with bad spirits, they spare him—I may say, preserve him; he was sure of the vote that bore the odor of alcohol. Should he halt at the house of a pious family, he asked a blessing at the table, read the scriptures and took the lead in family devotions, watching his d—s for fear they might betray him and cost him a constituency of christians. Such are the conditions. May the time soon come when truth shall thunder all around the horizon and the lightning of law strike and paralyze the profane hand that touches with fraud that ark of the covenant, the ballot box. Politics is a funny game. "Give us this day our daily bread."

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

DOCTUH 'ZAMINE BOSS EN SAY HE BETTUH LAY OFF EN TAKE A GOOD RES' BUT SHUCKS! HE AIN' NEVUH FOUN' NOTHIN' LAK DAT DE MATTUH WID ME!



This is a very familiar sentence to many of us. However, many of our neighbors are probably not aware of the fact that we have in our community a poor family that were without bread for the weary space of two long days. It seems distressingly hard that suffering should be allowed to exist in our community when a just God has given us such a bounteous supply to draw upon. A sweet faced little girl called upon a young and charitably disposed young lady and in sympathetic tone made an appeal for bread. The young lady in question was just getting ready to go to the unveiling of the soldier's monument at Milesburg, but, after hesitating, abandoned the trip and invested her bus fare money for bread to alleviate the sufferings of the family that were driven to want. The suffering family resides within a quarter of a mile of one of our overseers of the poor, but the mother could not bear to ask the township for aid. Our overseer has a reputation for being economical when it comes to spending money too lavishly, but it must be said to his credit that he never allows any one to go to bed hungry. On more than one occasion has he been known to put his hand in his pocket and aid deserving and needy suffering humanity, and the township was not called upon to help to liquidate. This I call true charity. No doubt as soon as our christian, the philanthropist, and those who may be favored with a bounteous store of the goods of this earth, learn of this suffering from want and poverty, relief will be forthcoming. Church members and christians should remember the poor; the thought of their wants and sufferings should lead them to the observance of benevolent duties enjoined upon them by the Savior who profess to serve and worship, and by the religion they profess to practice. This is an opportune time for the christian to show by his words that he is not merely a professor, but an exemplar of the doctrines inculcated by the Savior. They should show their love to suffering humanity, they should extend a helping hand to their less fortunate and less prosperous neighbors. Christians are laborers together with God. Remember that the benevolent man is the truly happy man.

Great credit is due to the young lady who deprived herself of a trip to Milesburg and gave the money necessary for the trip to these poor, needy ones. It was a truly charitable and commendable change of heart, and is being highly appreciated by the good people of the community.

JACKSONVILLE.

Lewis Garbrick and Paul Schreckengast, of Centre Hall, were visitors at the Harry Hoy home on Sunday.

Some of our farmers are butchering their early porkers, which are in good condition for so early in the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Bathgate and Mr. and Mrs. Fern Dunkle and children, of upper Marion township, were Jacksonville visitors on Sunday.

Among the people from this section who attended the dedication of the soldier's monument at Milesburg last

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The first service in the Reformed church here since the interior of the edifice was repaired and almost entirely done over was held last Sunday. A good-sized congregation was present and everybody was so pleased with the interior of the building that they are now considering exterior repairs.

PINE GROVE MENTION.

Ray and Elmer Witmer spent Sunday with friends in Clearfield.

Mrs. Eliza Leech is suffering from injuries sustained in a fall down stairs. Don't fail to attend the closing sessions of the Chautauqua in the I. O. O. F. hall.

N. E. Hess and Will Leech left on Wednesday on a bear hunt in Columbia county.

Mrs. Dice W. Thomas returned home on Sunday from visiting friends in Altoona.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Martz motored in from Cleveland, Ohio, and are visiting relatives hereabouts.

On Friday morning when farmer Will Cole went to the barn he found his Guernsey bull dead.

Every man in this section who owns a gun or can borrow one will be out on the hunt next Wednesday.

Morris Smith and son Earl motored down from Altoona and spent Sunday at his parental home here.

Mrs. S. A. Dunlap is spending a month with her two sons, John C. and Randall Dunlap, at Cherrytree.

John William is the name of a little son that has arrived in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude C. Williams.

The members of the Fleetfoot hunting club held a banquet at the Mrs. Al. Witmer home on the Branch on Friday evening.

Following a month's treatment, at the Bellefonte hospital, Mrs. G. R. Dunlap was discharged on Sunday and returned home.

Leonard Griffin, tenant on the Snyder farm at White Hall, was taken to the Bellefonte hospital on Monday for an operation for appendicitis.

Paul Ward, who underwent an operation at the Glenn sanatorium two weeks ago, has been discharged and is now at his home at Baileyville.

Mrs. Lizzie Mallory came down from Altoona on Monday to visit her sister, Mrs. J. P. Kimpfort, who fell down a flight of stairs last week and sustained a number of painful bruises, but fortunately, no broken bones.

Edgar Hess, whose car was stolen while in our town last Wednesday night, found it the next day in Lewistown where the thief had deserted it when he ran out of gas. No trace of the man who took the car has been discovered.

J. H. Bailey and wife and Mrs. Nannie Bailey motored to Milton on Saturday and spent the Sabbath with Dr. Frank Bailey. On Monday they went to Williamsport where the elder Mrs. Bailey consulted Dr. Haskins, the eye specialist.

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BOALSBURG.

Dr. William Fry, of Pine Grove Mills, was in town on Tuesday.

Miss Anna Sweeney returned, Tuesday, from a week's visit in Centre Hall.

Mrs. J. F. Harkins and sons, of State College, are visiting at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Wagner.

A number of members of the Knights of Malta attended the funeral of Mr. Blaine Noll, at Jacksonville, on Monday. Rev. Kirkpatrick will conduct services in the Presbyterian church next week, beginning Monday evening, at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Henry Reitz and brother, Jerry Dunkleberger, returned on Tuesday evening from a two week's visit in Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Frank Ross and children and Miss Sara Goodhart, of Spring Mills, were callers at the home of Mrs. Murray, on Sunday.

The Modoc hunting club will celebrate their fiftieth anniversary with a banquet on Saturday evening at the home of D. W. Meyers. The Laides Aid society will serve the feast, which is assurance that it will be of the best.

Unexpected Answer.

"Now boys," said the schoolmaster, "when I ask you a question you must not be afraid to speak out and answer me. When you look around and see all the fine houses, farms and cattle, do you ever stop and think who owns them now? Your fathers own them do they not?" "Yes, sir," shouted the boys. "Well, where will your fathers be in thirty years from now?" asked the teacher. "Dead," shouted the boys. "And did you ever see in the streets lazy men lounging about, waiting for some one to give them money? Well, where will they be in thirty years?"

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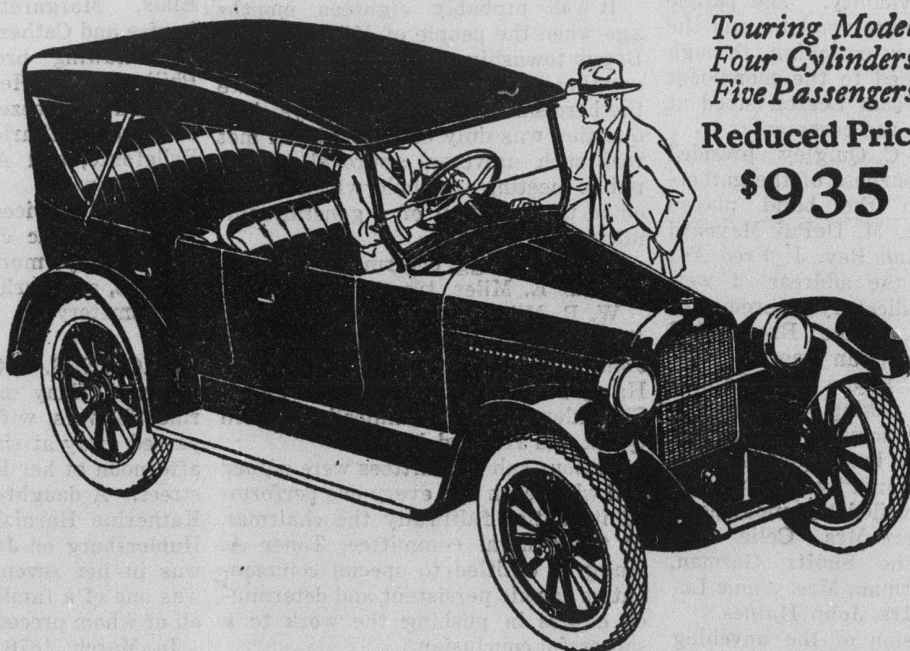
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