#### Country Correspondence

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

#### PLEASANT GAP.

Mrs. Jacob Corman is spending a few weeks with her husband at Lock

Clayton Reish, manager of a private fish hatchery near Allentown, was a week-end visitor here among his former friends and associates.

The thief who depends on pilfering

In the days when modesty was at a premium, we designated them as limbs; now, since they are boastingly becoming such a common commodity, exposed openly and defiantly to the public gaze, they are known as legs. We are surely growing weaker instead

Deep, thorough plowing, with a good point, is the initial act in business of every farmer; and to make his vocation a success, this signal instrument needs not only to be run into the soil of his field but must also be made to run through every area—social, political, financial and commercial that bears any relation to him.

It often happens that a young man finds his girl is in love while he is only in fun. He regrets that she is taking it so seriously, but lacks the courage to talk with her plainly on the subject, and in the fond hope that she may outgrow it, he allows her to drift on and on until at last he is compelled to abandon her abruptly or marry her. Hall. If he is tender-hearted and does not want to make her miserable for a the sleighbells are jingling and sled-time, he marries her and makes her ding parties are already the night ditime, he marries her and makes her miserable all the time.

He, only, is a true statesman whose labors are devoted to the preservation the latter end of the week among his of liberty, and that man who enters old friends and neighbors here on Satthe field of politics for the purpose of furthering some private scheme of his own, or engages himself in the interest of any one class of the people, untack of sciatics less it be for the purpose of counteracting some untoward policy of another, is not deserving of the honor of statesman, nor should he be entrusted with the affairs of a people whose hap-piness depends upon the preservation of their liberties.

Mr. Emerick, our energetic bus line manipulator, had his snow scraper at work on the state road and made a superb job up to the forks of the road at the Gap, but for some reason did not extend his work up to the postweek, which will be shipped south.

The annual meeting of the joint council of the Lutheran church will be held at the home of the secretary.

Owing to the prevailing style of extreme short dresses here, it is doubtful if they will carry out their threat.

I. O. Campbell, one of our meeting this street. ful if they will carry out their threat. farmers, recently invested in three They might freeze their much expos-

Miss Virgie Bilger returned home 150 head of porkers. on Friday evening last, from an extended trip east; the trip of her life. Civil war veterans, left last Thursday Her nephew, Frank Rockey, extensive to spend the Christmas season with hardware merchant, of New York city, his children and grand-children in motored here in his touring car, and prevailed upon his aunt to accompany him home to New York city. They motored from here to Scranton and remained over night with Mrs. Bender and family. Mrs. Bender, by the way, is a sister of Miss Virgie. The folls a sister of Miss Virgie. The following morning they journeyed to their destination in New York, after which the Rockeys and Virgie proceeded to see about all that could be seen for one straight week. They took in the greatest of shows, the Hippodrome, and innumerable other sights. They also motored through the State of Vermont; Virgie said it was a very fine trip, but says Vermont is not in it with old Pennsylvania. On her re-turn home she stopped with her sister, Mrs. Bender, at Scranton, four days.

"Christmas at Golden Gulch," an interesting play in two acts, will be rendered at the Pleasant Gap Methodist church on Monday evening, December 25th, at 7:30 o'clock. The ac-

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## HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

A 'SCUSE AIN' NOTHIN' CEP'N JES' A LIE ALL DRESSED UP IN GOOD CLOES!



tors are strictly home talent, some of also expects to spend Christmas in whom are quite proficient, capable beyond question, and it goes without saying that they will give us a very satisfactory treat on this occasion. The list of characters are:

Toby Dent - Master Gerald Millward Richard Curtis, manager of the mines, Dick Barlow, mine foreman Harry Griffith

Rea Florey, Harry Williams, A. M. Kerstetter, miners and pupils in Miss Vale's school. Johnny Hart - - Harold Stitzer Hap Sing, Chinese servant Leonard Peters

Mabel Curtis - -Blanche Meyer Bridget Burke, camp cook Viola Dunklebarger Mrs. Dent, Toby's mother Marion Gettig Helen Vale, school Ma'rm Maude Herman

Mrs. Vale, Helen's mother Mrs. Wm. Kerstetter Queen Esther, the camp orphan

This is one of Seymour S. Tiball's for a livelihood is only kept from stealing everything he sees through fear of being caught. Were the law against robbery suspended for a time, what a lot of thieves we would have!

This is one of Seymour S. Tiball's famous popular plays, and with the best of our home talent on the program we predict that the Methodist church will be packed to overflowing, and the public will be delighted with the assured success.

#### PINE GROVE MENTION.

Miss Ida Sunday, of State College, here for her holiday vacation. Clarence Corl and wife were Sunday visitors at the John B. Witmer

Rev. J. Max Kirk atrick was entertained at supper on Sunday at the home of postmaster Barr.

The Catherine Johnson farm of 220 acres was sold to James Markle, of State College, for \$30,200.

The Pine Grove scribe wishes for all a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Johnson attend-

ed the funeral of Mrs. George Markle, at Grazierville last Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. F. Dale Osman and

wife spent the latter end of the week at the Oscar Witmer home at White Over a foot of snow in this section,

James Mayes, of Huntingdon, spent

J. N. Everts, who has been confined to bed for some time with a bad attack of sciatica, is now able to hold

down his easy arm chair. C. M. McCormick and wife, of Circleville, were in town on Saturday evening making some holiday purchases and calling on friends.

Comrade George Deters was dis-charged from the Bellefonte hospital on Friday and conveyed to his home at Graysville in the ambulance.

Our hustling grain merchant, J. D. Neidigh, is loading a car of \$1.25 wheat on the Fairbrook siding this

hundred head of sheep and a car load of feeders. He already had on hand

Cincinnati and Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. W. K. Corl lost two of her best cows on Monday night when a straw stack collapsed and buried them beneath it. They were dead when taken out, having smothered to death.

George C. Meyers, of State College. but who is a live wire in the Boals-burg Lodge of Odd Fellows, attended the regular meeting of the Pennsvalley Lodge on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Fleming motored to Lewistown on Saturday with the intention of spending some time among relatives but anticipating the heavy fall of snow they came home the same night.

Rev. J. C. McAlarney, of the Methodist church, gave notice last Sunday evening that the next regular service will be held on the first Sunday evening in the new year, when his subject

Mr. and Mrs. John Coleman, of Altoona, were here last week with head-quarters at the J. M. Kustaborder home. Mr. Coleman tramped Old Tussey the final days of the hunting season but failed to get a shot.

Guy Roush Martz, of Ohio, who has been J. H. Bailey's mainstay on the farm the past year, quit his job on Tuesday and took the first train west in order to spend the Christmas season with relatives in the Buckeye

On the last day of the hunting seaon the last day of the hunting season Gilbert Barto, Ben Everhart and Charles Ailey brought in a four pronged buck and Messrs. Hunsinger pronged buck and Messrs. Hunsinger at Runkle's drug store and they helpand Harpster were equally successful, while Joseph J. Fleming got a large kidneys and benefitting me in every

red fox. Prof. Samuel C. Miller, of Chester, was one of the lucky shots during the hunting season. He and two companions went up on Tussey mountain with but twenty cartridges and returned Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y. but twenty cartridges and returned home with a two pronged buck and

nineteen cartridges. The kiddies are being rehearsed nightly for their Christmas entertainments in the various churches. The entertainment in the Pine Hall Lutheran church will be held tomorrow (Saturday) evening, in the Lutheran church here on Christmas eve, and in the Reformed church on Chrastmas evening. At Meek's church the entertainment will be on Sunday morning. No special exercises will be held in the Presbyterian church but a treat will be given the Sunday school chil-

#### BOALSBURG.

P. B. Lonebarger recently purchased

Mrs. Charles Sohl is visiting her mother in Philadelphia; Capt. Sohl

the city.

Andrew Kramer, of Altoona, spent several days among friends in town. The school children are preparing a Christmas entertainment for Friday

Mr. and Mrs. Zebly, of Wilmington,

lin and Marshall College, are spending the holiday vacation at their homes in town.

#### THE TRUE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Period of Good Will and Kindly Thought for Others, Most important on Calendar.

HAT if, as a Scrooge-like cynic intimates, the Christmas spirit comes to us but once a year, not even he will attempt to assert that we are not the better for it. Think what it would mean if that period of good will and kindly thought for

others were dropped from our calendar. No blessed interruption to our too generally self-centered lives; no yearly oasis of brotherly sentiment to purge us, however temporarily, of selfishness and cause us, if only for a few days to think of making others

Pre-eminently the children's festival, as of right it should be since it commemorates the nativity of the Christ Child, it transforms us all, whatever our years, into children of larger growth. We experience anew the glad expectancy of childhood, the thrill that far surpasses any realization, and find our greatest pleasure in the simple childish emotions of love and joy.

And this is the noblest Christmes gift, the gift of the true Christmas spirit that captures and takes possession of each one of us, "Except ye be converted and become as little children ye shall not enter into the kingof heaven."-Pittsburgh Dis-

#### -WESTED OF CHIEF PEACOCK PIE FOR CHRISTMAS

Gaily Plumed Bird Formerly One of the Principal Delicacies at Yuletide Feasts.

HICKEN pie, beefsteak pie. and pumpkin pie, not forgetting apple pie and cheese, the great American institution-all of these have a familiar ring to our ears, but who

of us has ever tasted the famous English dainty of dainties, peacock pie? Yet at one time, this was a brought in with a great deal of ceremony by the lady, most distinguished in all the company for beauty and high position. Many times this dish was garnished with the head and tail of the peacock in such a way as to appear that the bird was alive. Knights made vows over it to break spear in defense of beauty and distress. It was this ceremony which gave rise to the

once popular oath "by cock and pie." Probably the use of the peacock pie as a Christmas dish arose from the old belief that the flesh of the peacock is incorruptible which of course would make it a symbol of immortality and new life.

To the people of today the peacock is a symbol of vanity.

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HOOD'S SARSAPARILLA.

## Your Blood Good or Thin and Watery?

Mr. and Mrs. Zebly, of Wilmington, Del., arrived in town Tuesday noon to visit friends.

Mrs. Sarah Long is seriously ill at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willim Stover.

Misses Gladys, Hazel and Dorothy Lonebarger, Messrs. Frank Hosterman and Harold Fisher, students at Penn State, and Richard Goheen, of Franklin and Marshall College, are spending the holiday vacation at their

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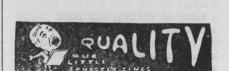
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