

Country Correspondence

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

PLEASANT GAP.

It is your own fault if dogs and traps visit you the second time. Miss Davis, of Bellefonte, one of our public school teachers, was obliged to close her school a week ago on account of sickness.

Mr. Maurice Mulfinger has purchased the Frank Barnes homestead and will hereafter be registered as an owner instead of tenant.

And it snowed—Pleasant Gap can boast of having fourteen inches of snow by actual measurement, while two miles away, at the head of Greensvalley, Mr. Knoeffinger reports a solid bed exceeding two feet.

Mr. Hector Griffith, the efficient store-keeper of the western penitentiary at Rockview, had a very serious attack of pleurisy and was bedridden on pneumonia, but his temperature is dropping and he is on a fair way to recovery.

Court opposition, rather than cowardly shrink from it, heaven is the place where no insults are given, or no aggression made.

The friends of Mr. Freeman Hile are doing their utmost to have him appointed state game protector for this district to succeed Mr. G. A. Mosier, who has been promoted to a traveling position.

There seems to be more horses than stalls in our community, in the language of the illustrious Abraham Lincoln. In other words, there is a great scarcity of houses for rental.

After the disastrous fire which destroyed the barn of Mr. Joseph Zelesnick, with all his farm implements and grain to winter his stock, Mr. Orris Mulbarger, who occupies the William H. Noll Jr. & Bro. farm, volunteered to keep the horses and Mr. William Stover took the cows in charge until a new barn could be erected.

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HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

PAHSON DONE GOT SO HE MAKE 'EM STAN' UP T' SING WHILS' DEY PASSIN' DE HAT--AH SPEC DA'S SO'S DEY KIN GIT DEY HAN' DOWN IN DEY POCKET MO' BETTUH!!!



a heart to match his mind. He is American gold, minted in the church and stamped with the stars and eagle of liberty on one side, and the cross on the other; highly regarded and beloved by all.

CENTRE HALL.

A small child of Burton Fetterolf's died early in the week. Mrs. G. I. Yearick and two grandchildren left for Johnstown the beginning of the week.

Franklin Ruble, after a week's visit with his aunt in Altoona, returned to his home on Saturday. Miss Mabel Arney spent part of Wednesday in Bellefonte, shopping and looking after some business.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Smith left Wednesday for Philadelphia, where they are attending the automobile show. Mrs. Mary Foust, teacher of the grammar school, spent last Friday night with Miss Estella Hosterman.

H. W. Kreamer, one of our oldest citizens, has been on the sick list for several weeks, but is now improving slightly.

Mrs. Donelson and Mrs. Wilson, mother and sister respectively of Mrs. C. A. Spyster, are making a short visit at the Spyster home.

Mrs. Mary Dinges Smith, who has been in the home of W. W. Kerlin for three weeks, left there on Wednesday and returned to her home in Pittsburgh on Friday.

A number of young friends surprised Miss Anna Garis on Saturday evening. As Sunday was her birthday, she was presented with many pretty and useful gifts.

Miss Grace Smith left Friday of last week for Mifflinburg, where she spent a few days with friends, and from there went to Ardmore and Philadelphia, where she is visiting with relatives and friends.

The Stork paid a visit to the home of Grover Weaver, just east of Centre Hall, on Sunday morning, and left a wee girl weighing 11 pounds; a companion for the two boys already members of their home—William and Eugene.

Master Warren Homan, son of Chester Homan, of State College, came to Centre Hall on Saturday to visit his grandma, Mrs. Henry Homan. On Monday his mother came to Centre Hall for a few hours, and took the lad home with her.

On Tuesday Mrs. Price, sister of M. L. Emerick, left for Chicago, where she will visit for some time. She was accompanied as far as Pittsburgh by her niece, Miss Carrie Emerick, who then returned as far as Altoona, where she visited with friends for several days.

BOALSBURG.

A. W. Dale attended a meeting of the Bell telephone directors in Bellefonte on Thursday. Mrs. Charles Segner and daughters entertained a few friends at a quilting on Wednesday evening.

A number of local sportsmen spent Saturday in the mountains in search of dogs reported running deer.

Elmer Houtz has decided to vacate his farm east of town and will become a resident of Boalsburg, occupying the Williams home on west Main street.

GAME SLAIN IN PENNSYLVANIA MADE 18,000,000 POUNDS OF MEAT.

Eighteen million pounds of meat was taken out of the Pennsylvania forests by hunters during the last hunting season, and according to John M. Phillips, of Pittsburgh, the new president of the State Game Commission was worth, at a conservative estimate, almost \$8,000,000.

"Approximately 6000 deer were shot last season," said Mr. Phillips. "At the prevailing market prices for venison the meat represented a value of \$600,000, which is the interest at the rate of 6 per cent. for one year on \$10,000,000. Therefore these deer represented a value to the State of \$10,000,000."

Recently a bulletin of the State Agricultural Department represented the value of the sheep owned in the State at \$200,000. The comparative figures will give some idea of the greatness of the deer industry in the State, which is growing all the time, although fifteen years ago the deer was almost extinct in Pennsylvania.

"All of the game killed in Pennsylvania during the past hunting season represented the equal of an investment of \$10,000,000." The Game Commission is going to spend considerable effort this year in trying to restock bear in various mountain sections of the State. Demands for bear are coming from hunters everywhere ever since the commission adopted the practice of trapping and transporting to more hospitable regions the Potter county bears.

"Last year ten bears within sixty miles of Pittsburgh were sought by 5000 hunters," said Mr. Phillips. "The hunters got two of them. Originally we placed six in the Ligonier region, and another increase in their number can be looked for by next year."

In codifying the game laws the Game Commission will recommend that the fees of non-resident hunters be increased to \$15.—Ex.

Vigilance Needed.

"Deacon," said the preacher, "why is it that every time you takes up the collection you brings back so many buttons, plugged nickels and other trash that don't help to pay de pastor's salary?"

"Ah don't know, parson." "Ah does. It's because you's proud. You hold yo' head high instead of watchin' what goes into de plate."—Birmingham Age Herald.

PINE GROVE MENTION.

Mrs. Charles C. Gates and two interesting children are visiting friends at Tyrone.

Mrs. D. G. Reed spent Monday at the Fred D. Osman home on east Main street.

Rev. J. S. McAlarney is conducting very successful revival services in the Methodist church here.

J. W. Sunday, Mrs. C. E. Close and Mrs. H. S. Illingworth are all housed up with illness this week.

Joseph B. Goss went to Johnstown, last Friday, where a good job awaited him in the steel works.

Word has been received here that the condition of J. C. Buchwalter, of Lancaster, is regarded as quite serious.

Charles H. Martz, who had been visiting relatives at Cincinnati and Cleveland, Ohio, returned home on Friday.

Owing to ill health Elmer Barr has been compelled to give up his job at State College and return to his home here to recuperate.

A. S. Bailey and sister, Miss Nannie, motored to the county seat on Saturday to look after some business matters and do a little shopping.

Communion services will be held in the Bethel Reformed church on Sunday morning, at the regular hour, with preparatory services Saturday evening at 7:30.

Our mutual friend, Will Grove, has decided to quit the farm in the spring and retire to a comfortable home in Lemont. Christ Houtz, who the past year has occupied the Snyder farm, will move onto the Grove farm.

S. E. Ward has closed his home on east Main street and with his family gone to State College where they will be for the winter at the William McBeth home, making it more convenient for the two boys who are students in the State College High school.

John W. Miller, with his crew of threshers, just got through with their threshing last week and pulled in after threshing 57,000 bushels of grain. Of course Mr. Miller took a day off during the hunting season, went out by himself and bagged a big buck.

William H. Jacobs, the venerable Civil war veteran who has been very ill for several weeks, is now so much improved that he is able to sit up. During the war he served as a member of Company M, 19th cavalry. He spent six months at Andersonville as a prisoner of war.

Early in the month H. S. Illingworth and wife spent a week visiting Mr. Illingworth's father, the Rev. Ralph Illingworth, at Columbus, Ohio. Henry and his father also made a trip to Chicago but the former was not very much impressed with the country in general and says he prefers the Keystone State.

The heaviest snowfall of the season occurred on Saturday night and Sunday and a high wind on Sunday night drifted shut many of the byways so that travel is through fields. The Highway Department cleared the state road with their big snow plow so that travel on that thoroughfare has not been impeded.

RUNVILLE.

Charles Smoyer is very sick at this writing.

L. J. Heaton is visiting at Greenwood and Altoona. Walter Kauffman, of Ryde, is visiting at the home of his brother, Earl Kauffman.

Miss Byrl Walker, of Snow Shoe, spent Friday night with her sister, Mrs. Louis Emehizer.

Mrs. Maggie Lucas, of Altoona, spent Friday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Mary Heaton. Miss Verda Sparks, of Altoona, spent Saturday night with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Sparks.

A merry sled load of young people from this place spent Saturday evening at Bellefonte, at the home of Mrs. Lulu Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Hancock, after visiting three weeks with their son, E. R. Hancock, at Philipsburg, came home last Wednesday.

Mrs. Silas Emehizer and little son visited last week at Snow Shoe, at the home of Mrs. Emehizer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Forde Walker.

Tools of His Trade.

Tired Tim knocked at the door of a cottage. It was a chilly day and he was very hungry.

The old lady who opened the door was a good sort. She asked him into the kitchen and placed before him a nicely cooked meal and asked him why he did not go to work.

"I would," replied Tim, "if I had the tools." "What sort of tools do you want?" inquired the old lady.

"A knife and fork," said Tired Tim.—Judge.

Cause for Alarm.

An Irishman, coming out of either in the ward after an operation, exclaimed, "Thank goodness that's over." "Don't be too sure," said the man in the next bed. "They left a sponge in me and had to cut me open again."

"A patient on the other side said, 'Why, they had to open me, to find one of their instruments.'"

After the surgeon who had operated on the Irishman stuck his head in the door and yelled: "Has anybody seen my hat?"

Pat fainted.—Judge.

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THE MAGIC WORD.

The manager of a certain department in a big store said to one of his sales managers: "I like the way you keep things running smoothly in your section, but I don't put so particular for those who might not be so particular if your good results didn't keep them keyed up to their own best efforts."

Warmed with the words, the man went about his work with a new zest. It wasn't long before he was saying to an alert little salesgirl: "You have a very successful way of handling hard customers, Miss Belle. I'm going to see what can be done for you by way of rewarding such real merit."

Miss Belle flushed with pleasure. She was so happy that she was more successful than ever with the next troublesome cranky buyer; and when she went out to lunch she just couldn't help saying to the deft girl who served her order: "It's awfully good of you to be so prompt. You must have guessed that I want to take a walk this nice noon hour."

The deft waitress carried the cheer of the friendly words in her heart all the rest of the day. It spoke out when her younger brother settled down to his studies that evening: "It's not every girl who has a brother who stays in at nights and studies and gets ready to make something of himself, instead of running the streets and getting into bad company. I'm proud of you, Jimmy-boy. You're my heart's comrade."

Jimmy dug into his work all the harder and put away for good a certain "What's the use, after all" feeling that had been trying to get a foothold in his heart, of late. The next day he said to the teacher who had patiently explained a hard point, "You certainly know how to make it clear to a fellow. I wish I knew as much as you do," and the little nagging imp of discouragement fled from the tired teacher's heart at once.

On her way home she paused to say to the small boy who sold her a paper: "It's nice to know I can depend on finding you here, right on time every afternoon, Billy. You'll make a good business man some day," and she smiled as she paid him.

Billy went home in such a glow of good feeling that he fairly shouted at sight and smell of the homely, substantial dish of hash for supper.

"Say, mother, but you're a dandy cook. A fellow can put in his best licks with a supper and a mother like this at home waiting for him." And at the word—the magic word of praise—there vanished endless baskets of clothes to be washed and endless office floors to be scrubbed; and the world was a good place to live in, after all, when one had a fine boy like Billy coming home at night with his big money and his blarney.

Nor did she dream—nor do we dream, often—how that magic word had been traveling from heart to heart, touching each with the joy of sincere appreciation, inspiring each to better work and living, before it passed on to repeat its good work.—East and West.

1854 MILES MODERN HIGHWAYS FINISHED DURING THE PAST FOUR YEARS.

During the past four years Pennsylvania constructed 1854 miles of durable highway and has under contract 185 miles yet to be constructed. It is possible to travel 700 miles over a straightaway route in Pennsylvania without getting off improved roads.

Every foot of the Lincoln highway in Pennsylvania east of Beaver now is of improved construction, and a particularly fine stretch has been laid down between Philadelphia and the New Jersey line.

Formerly in traveling from Harrisburg to Erie it was necessary when weather conditions were bad to go via Pittsburgh, Beaver Falls and Youngstown. Now a direct route leads via Lewistown, Huntingdon, Tyrone, Clearfield, Brookville, Clarion, Franklin and Meadville, cutting the running time from twenty to twelve hours.

From the New York State line at Corning an improved trans-state highway stretches to Emmetsburg, Md. Only seven miles of this highway, between Selinsgrove and Liverpool, remain to be completed and this stretch will be ready early next summer. It used to take two days to travel by motor from Corning to Emmetsburg, but over the new highway the trip can be made in ten hours.

Another improved highway connects the New York and Maryland lines, extending from Binghamton by way of Scranton to Philadelphia and then via Media and Kennett Square, within a year an improved highway will link Scranton and Wilkes-Barre with the capital. Every foot of the National pike in Pennsylvania is of improved construction.

The late Lewis S. Sadler, as highway commissioner, built most of the improved highway mileage. Speaking of his accomplishments, acting highway commissioner Biles said:

"In connection with the accomplishments of the Pennsylvania Highway Department since January 1, 1919, I have only one regret—that Lewis S. Sadler did not live to see the completion of this splendid road mileage in which as commissioner he took so intense an interest."—Reformatory Record.

The Ubiquitous Lady.

They were talking about Lady Diana Diff-Cooper, the Duke of Rutland's beautiful daughter, whom Arnold Bennett has been caricaturing in a new play.

"Lady Di," said a matron, "is the most admired and envied young person in all London. Bennett in his play sends her over here to lecture. Well, I hope she comes. Here's a story about her."

"Four women, strangers to one another, were crowded together at the same table at tea at the Carlton. 'I saw Lady Di at the opera last night,' said one of the women.

"Oh, no, you didn't," said another, laughing a little. 'My husband took her in at a party at Lord Curzon's.' 'That's strange,' said a third woman. 'She was pointed out to me by

Earl Russell last night entertaining the Shah of Persia at Cairo's.

"The fourth woman rose to go. She looked down at the other three, and a slight smile curled the corners of her pretty mouth.

"Really, how very extraordinary!" she said, in a scornful, drawing voice. 'It happens, you know, that I am Diana Diff-Cooper myself.'

"And she put out her cigarette and swaggered away. 'Well, of course, the other women separated hurriedly and in great confusion. The next morning, though, they read in their newspapers that Lady Diff-Cooper was spending a fortnight at Monte Carlo.'

PRISON HELPS THE FARMER.

The census departments shows that in 1921 there was a decrease of 41 per cent. in the total value of farm machinery products sold as compared with the year before. The largest percentages of decrease appear in horse-drawn vehicles and in tractors and traction engines.

This is a tremendous falling off, but while it has been in progress price reductions on farm machinery manufacture at the Minnesota State prison, granted in response to a request by the Minnesota Farm Bureau federation, have saved farmers of that State \$150,000 in a year.

A report from this prison shows that 7,108 farm machines have been sold in the last twelve months, including particularly binders, mowers and rakes. This represents an increase of 139 per cent. in the use of binders, 38 per cent. in the sale of mowers, and 10 per cent. increase in the consumption of rakes.

The manufacture of farm machinery in the State prison comes as a result of farm bureau activity, and should prove an inspiration to other States, for seemingly a way has been found to get at least the thin end of the wedge into the iron ring the harvest-trust has held around the throat of the farmer for years.

It has been contended that putting on the market the products of prison labor would unhorse business, but if the harvest-trust be unhorsed, nobody will grieve very much.

The farmers pay their share for the support of the restricted criminals, so it is not a bad idea for them to get something out of the labor of their wards.—Wyoming Democrat.

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According to a report by the agricultural department corn has supplanted wheat as a principal food supply of the United States. Figures show that corn is produced by 5,000,000 of the 6,500,000 American farmers. Nearly 100,000,000 acres of land are devoted to this single crop which now averages approximately 3,000,000,000 bushels annually. The crop during the war was valued at \$3,000,000,000, which is one-eighth of our national debt. Forty per cent. of the crop is fed to swine, 20 per cent. to horses and mules and 15 per cent. is used directly for human food. The United States produced three-fourths of the corn of the world.

MEDICAL.

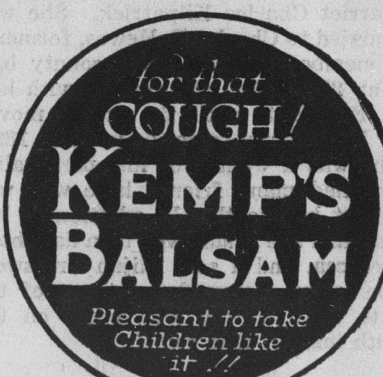
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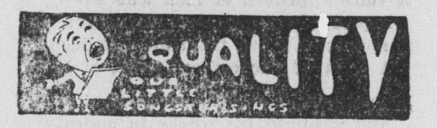
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