

# Democratic Watchman

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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.

The loyal workers of the Lutheran church were entertained last Thursday afternoon by Mrs. John T. Noll. All were highly delighted with the program throughout.

Hector Griffith, who has been seriously ill for several weeks, has sufficiently recovered to enable him to continue business at the old stand—the store rooms of the Rockview penitentiary.

How natural it is for the populace to howl and shout its hearty approval when a "masher" gets thrashed for insulting a woman; and public sympathy goes out to a woman who has been abused by a brute of a man.

On Tuesday of last week Mrs. John T. Noll entertained a jolly bunch of five hundred players, four tables being in play. The following guests participated: Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Jordan, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Millward, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bilger, Miss Anna Rimmer, Earl and Paul Lego, and the Misses Marion and Helen Gettig. A sumptuous lunch was served after which all repaired to their homes delighted with their pleasant night's experience.

On Wednesday evening of last week Mr. and Mrs. Gauth entertained a five hundred party. The guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bilger, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Noll, Professor Treister, Earl Lego, Billy Harter. A very pleasant evening was the result. The caterer for the occasion was highly complimented for his efficiency in serving a most delicious fried oyster luncheon with innumerable side-dishes in evidence. All went away delighted with their pleasant experience of the evening.

There was a party of unusual interest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rimmer, on Saturday evening last. The guests present were the Misses Anna and Bertha Rimmer, Marion Gettig, Joseph Wagner, of Oak Hall; Fred Rouse, of Altoona, and Will Tressler, of Linden Hall. The entertainment was one of the leading social events of the season and was highly appreciated by all present. The out of town visitors call here frequently, on account of their agreeable associations.

Last Thursday night the wives of our Sportsmen's club held a five hundred card party in the club's hall. Three tables were in evidence. The eats on the occasion were appropriate and elaborate, to the enjoyment of all present. The wives, mothers and sisters of the members are cordially invited to be present at these agreeable entertainments, which as a rule, are a permanent fixture, occurring monthly on the last Thursday night of each month. Special invitations are not necessary.

The McNitt Lumbering company is busily engaged in shipping chemical wood, having added a number of new men for the occasion. Apparently, they are having a good demand for this product; quite a number of our teamsters are engaged in hauling the wood to the station for shipment. The excellent sledding adds materially to the removal of the finished product to the railroad. Mr. McNitt's happy combination of tact and push enables him to proceed in business with unabated energy, while others content themselves in folding their hands, laying off their employees and encouraging idleness. Mr. McNitt's success is due in the main to his success as an organizer, his fairness and integrity in dealing with his subordinates, and his unbending force of will power.

Were the laws against robbery suspended for a time, what a lot of thieves we would have! This world is made up of a peculiar class of people, some of whom have been posing for years as honest citizens, and no one would for a moment accuse them with having a propensity to despoil others of their rights or their property. A little pilfering is at times engaged in by people who may not know that they are thieves and robbers, and if an opportunity is not afforded for developing the latent disposition they may never know it and die honest and respected. In some the disposition to take undue advantage, and to get that which belongs to another without an equivalent, is so strong that it crops out in their business transactions. If

### HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

DAT SHO WUZ A GOOD DINNUN DE OLE OMAN COOKED FU DE BOSS TO-DAY --- HE USED UP FO' NAPKINS!



caught at it they are sometimes denounced as rascals, but more often, pointed out as shrewd, sharp business men. This is one of the fashionable forms of petty thievery. The thief who depends on pilfering for a livelihood is only kept from stealing everything he sees through fear of being caught.

In slavery times it was fully demonstrated that slaves made the hardest masters. The common field hand, who had writhed and smarted under the lash of a cruel driver, when raised to the position of overseer, plied the whip with a heavier hand, and increased the task with less mercy than the boss of whom he complained so bitterly while yet a common hand. The same is true in nearly all classes of laborers. It is not every one who will be thus, but the spirit is there, and it remains through all ranks. In some it is much stronger than in others. The under dog in the fight howls and whines, and begs for quarter until he gets on top, then he growls and chews, and tears with vengeance, never once thinking, much less caring for the pain and injury it is inflicting on the other dog. The spirit of petty tyranny is often shown in those who are both master and servant. They are all gentleness and humility toward those above them, and all austerity and dignity to those below them. They bend the knee and bow the head to those in authority, yet crack the whip and turn a deaf ear to those below them. As a rule, the more servile they are to the one, the more exacting and unfeeling they are towards the other.

### BOALSBURG.

George Homan purchased a Ford runabout last week.

Miss Cox went to Ohio last week to spend some time with an aged aunt, who is ill.

John Hess, of Altoona, was a guest at the Fortney home from Saturday until Monday.

Theodore Segner has secured employment with Van Zandt, the butcher at State College.

Misses Nelle and Anne Holter, of Howard, are visiting at the home of Charles Mothersbaugh.

D. W. Meyer is spending some time with his daughter, Mrs. Harry Lonebarger, at State College.

Mrs. George Homan and daughter Marjorie spent several days last week visiting friends in Tyrone.

Mrs. J. R. Harter and son Robert went to Altoona, Saturday, for a few week's visit with friends.

Miss Ellen Sayner, of State College, spent several days last week as the guest of Mrs. George E. Meyer.

Mrs. Dorsey Struble and son, of State College, were visitors at the home of Willis Houtz on Tuesday.

Mrs. William Goheen went to Arch Springs last Wednesday to visit her daughter, Mrs. E. R. Tussey and family.

Mrs. M. A. Woods and son William returned home Monday, after spending several weeks among friends in the western part of the State.

Owing to the illness of three of the characters the home talent play from Centre Hall was not presented in the Boal hall on Saturday evening, as was announced.

The ladies bible class of the Reformed Sunday school spent Tuesday at the home of Elmer Rossman, west of town, quilting comforts for the orphans' home.

### AARONSBURG.

Abraham King came over from Salona and has been visiting his son, A. S. King and family, in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hull had as supper guests, Saturday evening, Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Snyder, of Millheim.

Harvey Tressler shipped his household goods to Renovo, on Saturday, as his employment is there he will locate there.

Walter Orwig and son David, of Northumberland, came up Friday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Orwig's aunt, Mrs. William Bitner, of Spring Mills.

Mrs. C. E. Musser arrived home from Williamsport, where she had spent a week with her mother, Mrs. Robert Hackenberg, at the home of another daughter, Mrs. George Miller.

Rev. and Mrs. Hollenbach returned home, Friday evening, after having spent a few days with their parents, and Rev. Hollenbach attending a meeting of the P. O. S. of A., in West Milton.

Evangelistic services conducted by Rev. C. B. Snyder, in the Evangelical church, closed Sunday evening without any visible results. However, such services and sermons could not do other than awaken new zeal and faith in Christians; therefore, the faithful pastor's efforts have not been in vain.

Tuesday evening, January 23rd, Mrs. John A. Bower entertained thirty-two of her friends at her cozy home on Front street. A few games were indulged in after which a delicious luncheon was served and Mrs. Brown, following that, gave a Larkin neighborhood party demonstration. A fine line of Larkin products were shown and sold. Those not present should give Mrs. Brown a call, as the products are good and prices reasonable. All present enjoyed the evening and went to their homes feeling that an evening thus spent cannot but create a more neighborly attitude.

### RUNVILLE.

Charles Smoyer, who has been sick for several months, has not improved any at this writing.

W. T. Kunes spent last Sunday at Mill Hall, at the home of his sister, Mrs. Addie Swisher.

Rev. G. A. Sparks is conducting a revival meeting in the United Brethren church at this place.

The Ladies Aid society held their regular monthly business meeting at the home of Mrs. D. F. Poorman, on Thursday.

### IN HONOR OF BUCHANAN.

The recent bequest by a public-spirited citizen of Lancaster of \$25,000 for the erection of a proper memorial there to James Buchanan, long a resident of that city, promises to give some belated recognition to a much-maligned and misunderstood American statesman. Buchanan was not one of our great Presidents, and it was his misfortune that he was followed by Lincoln, who was truly great, but he was by no means such a weakling as he is often pictured.

It is one of the curiosities of our politics that the policy adopted by Buchanan toward the southern States which threatened secession was taken up by Lincoln and followed closely for the first forty days of his administration, when he was forced to more vigorous action by the attack upon Fort Sumter. Yet Buchanan has been most harshly censured because he did not nip secession in the bud, while Lincoln, who allowed it to grow in strength and military efficiency for nearly six weeks under his very eyes, is hailed as the perfect embodiment of American statesmanship. The truth, of course, is that both men were thoroughly patriotic, and that they acted from purely disinterested motives. They held divergent views upon public questions, but when it came to the preservation of the Union they pursued absolutely identical policies.

Through the loving piety of his devoted niece, Harriet Lane Johnson, a statue of Buchanan is to be erected in Washington, despite the bigoted opposition of Henry Cabot Lodge, and it is a good thing that similar honors are to be paid to him in his home town, inasmuch as he was Pennsylvania's only President it would be well also to have a suitable monument to him in the Capitol grounds at Harrisburg, where visitors are now compelled to look upon a bronze effigy of that perfect flower of Republican machine politics, Matthew Stanley Quay. The Lancaster man is a thousand times more deserving of such a memorial.

In a tribute to Buchanan under the heading, "A Gracious Bachelor," the *Louisville Courier-Journal* refers to him as "at once one of the strongest and yet one of the weakest of men," and adds these words of praise:

Whether as Senator or as Minister to England, Mr. Buchanan served his country intelligently and effectively. From 1830 till 1856, he was no mean figure in what is the most dynamic period of American politics. In any company of men of that time, his education, character, happy temper, gracious manner and ingratiating speech won for him high rank.

Though he brought to the White House experience gained at the Court of St. James and in what in his day was known as "the American House of Lords," Mr. Buchanan signally failed as President. He failed as President because he imagined that things could be done at the White House by means that are effective at diplomatic courts or in some legislative assembly, because he lacked hard-headed common sense and driving courage.

Promoted from the Senate to the Presidency, Mr. Buchanan's administration showed that the Senate is none too good a training school for the fashioning of Presidents.

It has recently been pointed out in extenuation of Mr. Harding's shortcomings as President that the public should not forget that for years he was "exposed to the debilitating influence of the United States Senate." This point is not lacking in pithiness. It is probable that the man from Lancaster would have made a better President than he was had not been handicapped by Senatorial tradition and viewpoint.

Asperities growing out of political controversy in Buchanan's day have now happily passed away. Pennsylvania's only son to become President was in more ways than one an admirable figure. Like Van Buren, he was a bachelor, and had not a little of the bachelor's distinctive charm. Considerateness that is often drained by demands of the domestic circle was profusely expended by each of these two men upon those met by the way as he passed through life.

A memorial worthy of James Buchanan's gracious spirit might well long ago have been erected in his honor.—Exchange.

### OAK HALL.

Glenn Zong purchased a new Ford car last week.

Mrs. W. E. Homan was a visitor in Tyrone several days last week.

Miss Margaret Ferree, who had been on the sick list last week, is improving at this writing.

Merchant and Mrs. R. J. Lowder are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter.

Mrs. Forest Evey and Mrs. George Bohn, of Lemont, visited in this vicinity one day last week.

Mrs. E. C. Rodle visited several days last week with her daughter and parents in Millersburg.

William Raymond, our local coal and grain dealer, went to Osceola Mills last week in search of coal.

Miss Sarah Gilliland returned home recently, after spending several weeks with relatives in Punksutawney.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lohr and family and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Frazier, of Linden Hall, were visitors at the Zong home in this place, on Sunday.

Elwood D. Zong, who has been laid off from his work at the Lime and Stone company for over three months with a broken arm, is slowly improving, and hopes to resume his work in the near future.

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Last night, a warm clear summer evening, I took a stroll up a queer street in Philadelphia, in an odd tangle of forlorn brick alleys that lie off one of the oldest squares in the city. In the hush of the after-supper hour, with the blue dusk filtering up the channels of streets, and a burning fever of color still in the sky far overhead, I came upon a quiet, clean narrow by-way of two-story houses. They were very neat with woodwork painted white and tiny white marble steps on a little causeway of brick pavement. It was quite literally an alley—a place for walking, no thoroughfare for vehicles, as the space between the houses was not over ten feet wide. There was something about that tiny street that caught at my heart. Its humility and its rustic cleanliness, its honest simplicity, the muller curtains at the small windows, still showing the folds of the ironing; the box of geraniums at one doorway; the little green pump in the middle of the alley where some urchins were playing in the overflow of water.

On the doorstep of one of these houses I found a little girl reading. She was, I guess, about nine years old. All round her, children were playing noisy games, but she was bent over her book, absorbed and carried away.

Like any honest bibliophile—or shall I say bibliovore—I can never see any one reading a book without a passion to find out, by means foul or fair, what it is. So I stopped and said, "Well, Sister, what are you reading?" "A story," she said, looking up with a clear, natural smile, not in the least frightened or abashed.

"What story?" I said. "She showed me the book. It was 'Fifty Old Stories Retold.' I didn't see the name of the retailer, but the title of the story in which her small mind was swimming was 'The Three Other Wise Men of Gotham.' I knew there had been three Wise Men of Gotham but these Other Three were new to me.

I was intensely eager to sit down beside her and read with her, but I was half afraid some one would come out of the house and think I was a kidnapper; and also my cursed shyness intervened. (I am always at a loss with children, unless I know them well). So I went on my way, with the regretful feeling that I was missing a chance to look into the clear spring of a child's mind, and see reflected in that pure mirror the enchanting outlines of wonder and delight.

In the soiled little book she had shown me was the label of a Public Library, and I thought that nothing could ever repay the people who founded and conducted that library for the service they were rendering. Here, in this poor little stamper, lost in the heat and strident clamor of a great city, a child had escaped from the cage, into the free and wind-clean open spaces, into fairy land.

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### Toboggans and Skis are Popular at Penn State.

With snow and ice constantly on the ground since early in December, Penn State students, both men and women, have become enthusiastic supporters of skiing and tobogganing as winter sports par excellence. Numerous ski jumps and glides have been developed and hills surrounding the college are usually dotted with the students. That all are not yet professionals is attested to by the scratches, bruises and limps that are very much in evidence as the students go to and from classes.

### Oldest Living Thing.

The oldest living thing in the world is the cypress in the churchyard of Santa Maria de Tule, a few miles from Mexico City. Its age is between five and six thousand years. It is said to have been a stripling two hundred years old when Cheops built the Great Pyramid. In 1903 the tree was 126 feet in circumference.

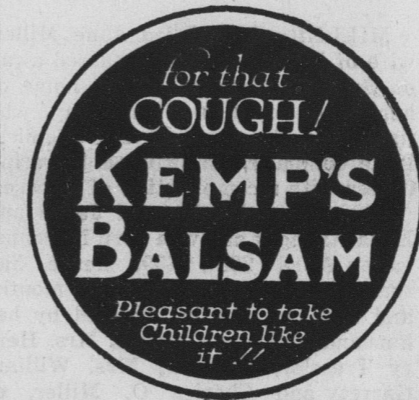
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