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Country Correspondence

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

PINE GROVE MENTIONS.

A light vote was cast at the primary Tuesday. Joseph Fleming and J. F. Meyers are among the sick.

Rev. J. W. McAlarney is holding a series of revival meetings at Dunganwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Whitmer, of Linden Hall, spent Saturday evening in town.

Harry Bickett, of Fairbrook, visited his mother, Mrs. Emma Bickett, in town, on Sunday.

Aaron C. Kepler, our potato culturist, is busy raising and carting his tubers to market.

The many friends of Maggie Hill will be glad to learn that she is recovering from her recent illness.

Large crowd of rooters accompanied our ball team to Petersburg last Saturday and we won to the tune of 9 to 6.

David Houser and family motored to Altoona last week to spend several days with their former neighbors, the Coleman families.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Miller, of Niles, Ohio, spent last week visiting their former neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Emory John, near this place.

After spending a month with her mother at the old Kepler homestead Mrs. Florence DeVoe Meade has returned to her home in Maryland.

Mrs. Wight Bierly has arrived home from the University hospital, Philadelphia. She underwent an operation while in the city and is convalescing nicely now.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Miller and son Ray and Mrs. Stere and Mrs. Emma Nelson and daughter Cora, of Belleville, were callers among relatives here on Sunday.

While threshing at the D. G. Meek farm at Fairbrook, Saturday, the rear end of John Miller's machine broke through the barn floor and was considerably damaged.

Charley Custaborder, C. Y. Wagner's right hand man in the big Belleville mill was in town last week. He was using a cane, but is getting better of his lameness.

Charley Stuck and family and Jas. Kline and family, motored to McClure, Snyder county, to attend the annual reunion of the Kline clan, at which one hundred and fifty were present. A big layout was the feature.

James Hoover, a former Pine Grove Mills resident but of late years living at Snow Hill, Md., is spending a week among relatives and old neighbors. He has a hankerin' to come back to Centre county and there is no doubt but that they would receive a royal welcome.

Dr. Stork has been very liberal with our people lately. He left a little daughter with Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Gearhart. The granddaddy, proprietor of "Bells Inn" is all puffed up over the advent. Sunday morning a little soldier boy was left at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Lauck, it being No. 3 in their happy family.

Pennsylvania Uses 1,000,000 Gallons of Gas Daily.

Gasoline consumption in Pennsylvania has for the first time reached the enormous amount of one million gallons daily, according to estimates prepared by the statistical bureau of the Atlantic Refining company. This new high mark, brought about by the increased number of automobiles, is coincident with the additional one cent tax on gasoline.

From the State tax of two cents a gallon the revenue is therefore \$20,000 a day, of which one-fourth goes to counties for road building, and three-fourths into the State general fund.

The Atlantic Refining company bases its figures for total gasoline consumption on an estimated registration of 918,000 passenger cars and 71,000 solid tire trucks on July 31st. The gasoline consumption, in July, of each passenger car registered, is 23.14 gallons. The July consumption of the average truck is 137.28 gallons. These figures have been arrived at by tabulations kept throughout a period of ten years.

—We can die of old age at thirty-six.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

DEY'S PLINTY O' FOLKS WHUTS GOT BRAINS, BUT DEY AIN' GOT MUCH O' WHUT YOU CALLS 'BILITY!!



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Changing Farm Conditions.

It is a fact well known among those who have made a study of the subject, that dairy products such as milk, butter, cheese, etc., which are sold from the farm do not take from the land very much of its fertility. The nitrates, the phosphates, and the potash are important elements of soil fertility, and when it is necessary to put these back in the soil, it is found that they are the most expensive ones to supply. As has been said, these elements are not contained to any great extent in dairy products, and so when they are disposed of by the farmer, he is not robbing the soil, and it is not necessary to buy fertilizers to bring his farm back to normal productivity.

When grain, such as wheat, corn, oats and even hay is sold from the farm, these contain all those valuable elements, that is the nitrogen, the phosphorus, and the potassium. In order to keep the farms up to a profitable productivity, we must put these back in some form of fertilizer.

With its tremendously rich resources, America has been wasteful in much of its industry. In their effort to secure the largest financial return, our citizens have stripped from the land many of these valuable resources. The timber, the ores, the oil, and many of the farm products can never be replaced. As a result much of America has become permanently impoverished.

Some of the countries of the world have been wiser than we have been. This wisdom has not always been practiced conscientiously. Often it has been the result of necessity. Instead of selling raw material with the least possible expenditure of labor, they have used their rarer limited resources, have used their skill and have expended much labor, and have sold the resulting finished products.

Switzerland, with few natural resources, has sold what? First, its wonderful scenery to visitors who bring their money and in exchange get the marvelous mountain views.

Switzerland is thus enabled to accomplish that which the old adage says cannot be done, that is to eat its cake and have it too. While they sell their wonderful views, their scenery is still retained. Switzerland has also a limited amount of wood. Instead of selling this as lumber, the Swiss have learned to carve beautiful objects from the wood which they sell. They are thus in reality disposing of their labor and not of the raw material.

Denmark also is an example. She has not exported grains or even cattle to any great extent, but she has exported great quantities of dairy products so that she is known over the world as one of the foremost exporters of these products.

We in America need to study these lessons. Especially here in Pennsylvania do we need to consider carefully what we are doing. This is what is being done. We sell, or have sold, our timber. We are selling our coal. We are selling our oil. We are selling our grains and farm products which, as previously shown, contain those valuable ingredients which can be replaced only at great cost.

When we stop to carefully consider these matters, we cannot fail to clearly see that it is time for many farmers to call a halt in some of their methods and to reconstruct them on more intelligent lines which conform to the changing conditions. More than they have done they should turn to dairying as a basic industry. By so doing they will be increasing instead of depleting their farm fertility, and will be fostering an industry the demands for whose products is bound to increase. The farmers are destined to receive increasing returns in money, for there can never be any great slump in the demands for dairy products.

In Centre county, and to a great extent in other parts of Pennsylvania, the farms are owned by men or by the estates of men, whose money has been made in producing and selling grains and cattle. In many cases the original owners of the land have made their money and have retired, having removed to the cities and towns. They have leased their farm holdings to younger men or to men who have not been so financially successful. These original owners, having been successful in making money by raising and selling hay, grain and cattle, are conservative and are not inclined to change their methods of farming even when the general conditions are changing. The farms are leased with the idea that the tenants shall pursue the same methods which have been used before on the farms. The increasing demands for the products of the dairy, call for new methods of farming. Especially is this true since the cities demand that the conditions which surround the production of milk shall be improved. The tenants of the farms cannot afford to make the physical changes necessary, and the owners are adverse to making the changes. If the owners could be led to see that dairying presents a more encouraging field of endeavor to the eastern farmer than do some of the older methods of agriculture, a great and marked step would be made in advance. Owners would then encourage and would aid at least in the financing the reconstruction of barns to meet the demands of the dairy industry, and they would aid their tenants in providing the equipment necessary and in following the methods required for producing an increasing volume of milk to be sold in the fluid state as well as in the manufacture of other dairy products. There is an increas-

ing demand for these things to be consumed in the rapidly growing cities and towns.

The west is the logical field for the location of our great grain fields, and for the growing of cattle. The east must gradually produce less and less of these things, and must continue to be increasingly the producer of dairy products. Let us get in line with these facts, and act accordingly.

BOALSBERG.

Mrs. McIntyre, of Altoona, is visiting among friends in this vicinity.

Miss Mildred Gingrich went to Williamsport to enter business college.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kimport, of Elmira, N. Y., are visiting friends in this vicinity.

Cyrus Wagner, of Altoona, enjoyed a week-end visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wagner.

Mrs. Paul Stairs, of Greensburg, was a guest of her aunt, Mrs. E. E. Stuart, and other friends.

Mr. John Wagner went to Gettysburg on Monday to resume his work in the Theological seminary.

Miss Marjorie Slagle, of Altoona, was a recent visitor at the home of her grandfather, D. W. Meyer.

Nevin Meyer is making some improvements, about his residence among them being a new porch.

Mrs. Wendell Busch, of Washington, D. C., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McFarlane.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kern and baby, of Lemont, spent Sunday with Mrs. Kern's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith.

Mrs. John Harkins and sons, John and William, of State College, were guests of Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Wagner last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Zeigler, Mr. and Mrs. Heverly and baby and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Coxey and children, of State College, spent Sunday with friends in town.

The ladies of class No. 9 of the Lutheran Sunday school will have a conundrum social at the home of Ernest Hess, at Shingletown, on Saturday evening, September 22nd.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hazel and daughters, Misses Mary and Jane, went to Lewisburg on Tuesday, where Miss Mary enrolled as a student in the musical department at Bucknell.

The Reitz and Lohnberger families spent Sunday at Crystal Spring park; Mrs. Henry Reitz and son Fred and guest, Mrs. Hattie Miller, continuing the trip to Sunbury, Williamsport and other points.

AARONSBURG.

After spending a week or ten days with his daughter, in Northumberland, C. G. Bright returned home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Charles, of Hartleton, and Mrs. Fesse, of Millifinburg, were guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. G. Mingle.

Monday the Misses Margaret Cunningham and Irene Musser went to Lock Haven where they entered Central State Normal school as students, for the winter term.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Ardery, of Belleville, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. George Weaver, in this place and with Mrs. Ardery's other sisters, in Woodward and Coburn.

Sunday, 'Squire and Mrs. Stover, their son John, and Frank Burwell motored to Milroy, where they spent a few hours among Mr. Stover's nieces, among them Mrs. Shem Aurd.

Mr. and Mrs. William Nevil and family, of Clarence, spent the week-end with Mrs. Nevil's mother, Mrs. Henry Mowery. They were guests Sunday of Mrs. Nevil's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Burd.

Mrs. Thomas Hull was the motor guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. McHose, of Millheim, who were also accompanied by Mrs. McHose's mother, Mrs. Augusta Edmunds, on a one day trip to Huntingdon, where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Patton and Mrs. C. C. Bell and son Earl.

OAK HALL.

A. C. Peters purchased a Ford touring car last week.

Mrs. E. C. Rodell was a recent visitor with her parents at Millersburg.

Phillip Dale, of State College, transacted business at this place on Tuesday.

E. E. Reish was a guest at the home of John Korman, near Belleville, on Sunday.

Miss Martha Smith, of Spring Mills, was a week-end guest of her friend, Miss Eliza Gilliland.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ross, accompanied by Miss Bell Ross, of Pleasant Gap, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ross and children, of Belleville, were Sunday visitors at the L. K. Dale home.

Real Estate Transfers.

J. L. Winegardner, et al, to Samuel Frankenberg, tract in Millheim; \$500.

Samuel P. Orndorf, et al, to Washington Camp, No. 357, P. O. S. of A., tract in Haines township; \$450.

Miriam I. Dreese, et al, to Mary M. Shope, tract in State College; \$4,100.

Mary M. Shope to Mabel J. Gentzel, tract in State College; \$7,000.

Samuel T. Williams, et ux, to S. Augusta Gray, tract in Worth township; \$1.

Phillipsburg Coal & Land Co., to John Goldthorpe, tract in Phillipsburg; \$325.

Thomas B. Charles, et ux, to William E. Smith, tract in College township; \$12,500.

Michael Woomer, Admr., to Elizabeth C. Taylor, tract in State College; \$3,900.

Elizabeth E. Taylor, et bar, to Henry A. Garner, et ux, tract in State College; \$6,100.

Reed R. Randolph, et ux, to George M. Nearhood, tract in Ferguson township; \$2,000.

Elsie M. Mingle, et bar, to Ellery W. Tice, et ux, tract in Howard; \$1,500.

POLITENESS IS A SUPERLATIVE TRAIT.

By L. A. Miller.

It is an undeniable fact that politeness is the best trait or characteristic a man can possess, and if it is not born in him it can be readily acquired. It goes a long way in smoothing over the rough edges of life and has been the means of enabling many a young man to rise in the world who otherwise might have remained in the lower strata.

While it is not necessary to fawn upon the rich and the great or influential; for a man should at all times preserve a proud independence, but if one is considerate of others he will find, often to his surprise, that these kindnesses bear unexpected and grateful fruit. A man need not go through the world shoving all others aside and trampling the weak under foot. At the same time he should not permit himself to be imposed upon.

To woman, particularly, to whom the social atmosphere is life itself, the few bits of caution, advice, warning and general information given above will not come amiss, although we do not wish to intimate that the majority of ladies are unfamiliar with the rules and regulations of society; for they are not.

The idea of devoting so much space to apparently trivial matters in connection with social life is merely to aid in the observance of those laws, the intricacies and details of which no one can retain in the memory.

Ladies are adepts in conforming to the slightest, and, to the average observer, the most insignificant forms laid down by the autocrats of society, but it sometimes comes to pass that they need recourse to the letter of the dictum and cannot trust to what they think is the proper thing to be done in the circumstances and under the conditions then prevailing.

As people are known and judged by their manners and the way they conduct themselves when in the company of others, it should always be born in mind, therefore, that politeness ought to begin at home. Isn't it strange that men are not more polite to their wives, who are certainly more to them than other women. The man who takes off his hat as politely to his wife when he parts from her on the street as he would to a lady acquaintance of yesterday; who opens the door for her to enter; who would no more speak harshly to her than to any other lady, is very likely to retain her first affection, with the addition of that similar, closer love which comes of close companionship. Women admire men who are genuinely interested in them and who never fail in anticipating their slightest wishes, wants and desires.

At a dinner given in New York, at which the best society of the Metropolis was represented, a lady bantering asked United States Ambassador Choate, who had just been selected for the English Mission, what he would prefer to be if he were not Mrs. Choate's husband? "Mrs. Choate's second husband," was the prompt and gallant reply.

In the domestic social circle do not fail to talk with your wife and children; tell them the interesting happenings of the day, but do not bring your business cares home with you; children are always pleased when papa talks to them or notices them in any way, and are eager to know about things which are new. The wife, on the other hand, should be a husband's confidant, for her advice is often of the soundest and most practical sort. She knows little or nothing of business, it is true, but she has a level head, just crowded to overflowing with common sense. All wives are not sages and philosophers, it is true, but you can depend upon it that when a woman advises her husband it is with a heart filled with love and affection, and an overwhelming desire to be of benefit to him.

Remember, women are the mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of men, and they should command the respect due them by virtue of their exalted station. And again, man is the natural protector of woman, by reason of his superior physical strength, and he should, at all times and in all places, see that she is protected from harm of any kind. Any young, man or adult man who is tenderly regarded of the wants of mother, wife or sister, is one to be trusted; he has a good, kind heart and is one of nature's noblemen; he is a gentleman in sincerity and truth, and his reward is the consciousness of having performed the obligations imposed upon him.

Every Ninth Person in Pennsylvania Has Automobile.

One out of about every nine inhabitants of Pennsylvania owns an automobile now. The population of the State under the 1922 census was 8,720,017 and at present there are approximately 912,000 passenger cars licensed in the State, according to Register Eynon, of the automobile division.

At the close of 1922 there were 746,797 passenger cars registered in Pennsylvania, which meant that about one out of every eleven persons in the State owned a machine. Since 1922 the number of passenger cars in Pennsylvania has increased more than 140,000. On an average of five persons to a family there is a registered passenger car in the State for one out of every two families.

The State Highway system, which does not include county and township roads, embraces approximately 6000 miles of improved highways, according to State Highway Commissioner Wright.

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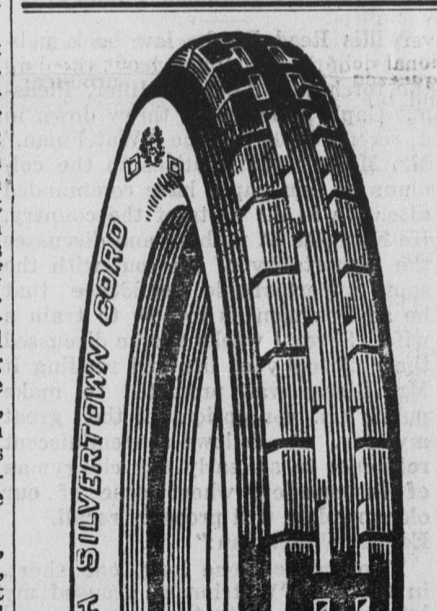
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