

# 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.

### SMULLTON.

Butchering is in full swing at present in this neck-o'-the-woods. Some very nice porkers have been slaughtered.

Howard Orndorf, who is employed in the railroad shops at Northumberland, was home with his family over Sunday.

Herbert Stover, our progressive printer and coal dealer, was favored with another shipment of anthracite one day last week.

We are very reliably informed that a certain pedagogue of this valley, who teaches school in the town of Aaronsburg, gave special instructions to his pupils on the day of the general election, in "Vote-ology." It is said that he told his pupils to go home at the noon hour and tell their parents not to vote for the local candidate, who, by the way, is a resident of the same town in which the teacher lives. We are informed that in one instance a boy reported in a certain home, and the father of the home told the teacher to go back to school and tell the teacher that there were only four voters in his home, and that all votes were solidly for and not against the candidate referred to by the teacher. The people of Haines township have judgment of their own, and have enough good sense to use it, as will be seen by referring to the official count in the newspaper, which shows that the East precinct gave the candidate a majority of 7 votes, while the West precinct, in which instructions were given, gave the candidate a majority of 29 votes. We predict that dragging politics into the school room will not work out for the future good.

### OAK HALL.

Benner Walker, who has been in ill health for several months, is little improved.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rishel and son, of Lemont, were Sunday callers at the N. J. Rishel home.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Peters, of Meek's church, were recent visitors with relatives in this locality.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Ferguson, of Bellefonte, were week-end guests with Mrs. Ferguson's sister, Mrs. Luther Dale.

The many hunters from this vicinity are preparing to depart for the mountains the latter part of the week.

Mrs. E. Weibley and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Craig, all of Altoona, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Weibley's sister, Mrs. William Bohn.

We are glad to note that Walter Ferree is speedily recovering from an attack of scarlet fever, and will be able to return to school in a few weeks.

When Glenn Zong was returning home from Bellefonte, Friday evening, a car collided with his Ford and wrecked it so badly he could not drive it home.

### BOALSBURG.

Israel Reitz, of Petersburg, was in town Monday.

Frank Fisher, of Juniata, spent some time in town this week.

Albert Meyer, of Pittsburgh, enjoyed a visit with his parents and friends the past week.

Workmen from Sunbury treated the exterior of Nevin Meyers' house with a coat of stucco.

S. W. Smith, of Centre Hall, was in town Friday for the new "trailer" built by A. E. Gingrich.

Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick is conducting evangelistic services in the Presbyterian church this week.

The numerous sportsmen in this vicinity are making preparations to go to their hunting camps on Friday.

Miss Margaret Ferree has resumed her position in the eighth grade school, after an absence of two weeks.

George Shugert shot a white squirrel, that attracted attention when placed on exhibition in the J. D. Patterson store.

### PLEASANT GAP.

Mrs. Fred Roush, of Altoona, is visiting with her parents.

Bruce Harrison, of Boalsburg, was a visitor in our town Saturday.

Mrs. Harry Meyer and daughter-in-

## HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

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T' SET TIGHT EN LISTEN  
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DOES ALL DE TALKIN'!



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law, of Huntingdon, were visitors here last week.

Mrs. Thomas Buck, of Berwick, is visiting at the Sam Weaver home.

Jack Mulfinger, of Spring Mills, was here Wednesday helping his brother to butcher.

Misses Bertha Rimmer and Henrietta Gettig were week-end visitors among friends in Altoona.

Last Thursday at noon the dinky from Whiterock and a Packard touring car ran together. No one was hurt but the car was badly damaged.

Those from this place who took advantage of the excursion to Washington on Sunday were David Weaver, Clarence Zeigler, Clarence Hoy, Musser Irvin and George Gheen.

### Lost the Toss Again.

Downhearted and weary, owing to an unexpected reverse on the football field, George, the enthusiastic football captain of a village team, wended his way homeward.

Before he had gone far, however, he lay down by the wayside to rest his tired body, and soon fell into a deep slumber.

Later in the evening a woman seeing the prostrate form, tried in vain to rouse him. So she procured some water, and sprinkled on his face, following it up with a vigorous fanning with her handkerchief.

At last her efforts were rewarded, and as he slowly opened his eyes he exclaimed disgustedly: "Just our rotten luck, playing against the wind and rain again."

### One on the Policeman.

The witness had just been severely reprimanded by the court for having called the officer a jackass.

"You mean to say that it is a misdemeanor to call a policeman a jackass?" asked the witness.

"It certainly is," was the answer. "Is it any harm to call a jackass a policeman?" queried the witness again.

"None whatever," smiled the judge. As the witness left, he turned and said to the policeman: "Good-bye, policeman."

### Not for Him.

The old farmer was slowly but surely dying. Lying in an apparently unconscious state, he suddenly opened his eyes and addressing his ancient spouse, said, "Mary, that ham smells very good. I almost think I could eat some." Whereat Mary dolefully replied, "Thee get on with the dying. That ham is for the funeral."

Dusty or Misty Atmosphere Means a Great Deal in Aviation and Navigation.

Visibility is a large factor in air flight and in various surface operations, especially navigation. A knowledge of conditions governing visibility is therefore of considerable importance. Dustiness or mistiness may be due to incomplete combustion of coal or other fuels, seen as smoke at lower levels. Some dust particles come from volcanoes. Some, it is thought, may come from interplanetary spaces. The weather bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture was provided with an instrument for measuring atmospheric dust in May, 1922. A dust count has been taken daily during the last year.

The dust counter used collects the dust from a known volume of air and deposits it on a small and very thin glass disk, where by means of a powerful microscope the particles can be counted and their character determined. Tests have shown about 90 dust particles a cubic centimeter on a very clear, dry day, and as high as 933 a cubic centimeter on one day of limited visibility, but with the same dry condition of the air, which prevailed on the former occasion.

### Electricity Thaws Meat.

Frozen beef or mutton has been difficult to handle hitherto because of the care required to thaw it after shipment. Days were needed to defrost it properly, and during the process much of the meat was lost. If the defrosting was hurried, the meat lost its flavor.

A new method, whereby an alternating current of electricity is passed through the meat, promises material help for the packing industry. By the use of electric current an entire beef carcass can be defrosted in an hour, without deterioration and without impairing the keeping qualities of the meat.

This process is expected to be of particular value on shipboard, where it is most desirable to keep fresh meat frozen, but where, until now, slow thawing has prevented its wider use.

### Too Much to Expect.

"You are a man of courtesy."

"I try to be," answered Senator Sorghum.

"What would you do if a woman were to be the opposing candidate?"

"You've got to draw the line somewhere. I'd give up my seat to a lady in a street car, but not in the United States senate."

### Wool Growing is Declining.

The production of sheep for wool alone is rapidly on the wane in the United States. More and more emphasis is being placed on the production of lamb and mutton for the table, although only 3.7 per cent of the meat consumed by the average American for the last five years was lamb or mutton.

### Qualified.

"We want a man for our information bureau," said the manager. "He must be a wide-awake fellow and accustomed to complaints."

"That's me," replied the applicant.

"I'm the father of twins."—Cornell Widow.

## Alcohol and Fuel to be Derived from Paper Mill Waste by New Process.

Waste sulphite liquid that now pours from paper mills into rivers will be utilized in manufacturing alcohol and fuel by means of a new chemical process recently discovered and thoroughly tested by chemical engineers.

This announcement, considered one of the most important in years in the paper industry, will be made before the cellulose division of the American Chemical Society by Prof. R. H. McKee, head of the chemical department of Columbia University, who was associated with Dr. Max Kahn, New York, in the discovery and preparation of intarvin, one of the two recently discovered substances that check diabetes.

"At present, for every cord of wood used in the paper mills the manufacturer obtains 1,000 pounds of pulp and 1,000 gallons of waste sulphite liquor, which flows into the rivers adjoining the plants, causing death of fish, disagreeable odors and other inconveniences so great that stringent laws have been passed in some States, and were they rigidly enforced, mills would have to close down," declared Doctor McKee.

"Under the new process this waste liquor will be fermented and a good grade of commercial alcohol obtained. Then after the alcohol has been distilled off, the residual material will be evaporated and may be used as fuel."—Milwaukee Journal.

### Disappearing Silver Dollars.

The silver dollar as a medium of exchange is fast disappearing, according to a report of the United States Treasury Department. The entire stock of silver dollars in this country amounts to 491,000,000, but only 57,000,000 are in circulation. The treasury holds 425,000,000. Aside from this vast accumulation of the metal hoarded in vaults, \$247,000,000 in small silver coins is in circulation. The withdrawal of so many silver dollars from circulation accounts for the fact that they are so rarely seen in this part of the country, although in some of the western States, where silver is a factor in the life of the community, there are plenty of "cart-wheels." It is not uncommon in California, for instance, to receive four silver dollars in change for the five-dollar bill. Most persons will not be wile to the retirement of the bulky coins, which wear holes in the pockets and are so cumbersome to carry around. Silver coins larger than our half dollar have never been popular in any country.

While the good old-fashioned "greenback" is by far the most popular in the United States, objections have been offered to it on sanitary grounds. We have not yet gone to the English extreme of withdrawing from circulation bank notes once paid into the central treasury and issuing new ones in their stead, but soiled specimens are now laundered by special machines. More frequently than formerly banks are sending worn notes to Washington for renewal. Gold, silver or paper, all money seems to have a fatal facility for burning, if not wearing, holes in the pocket.

### Improving His Knowledge.

Mr. Leight was in the habit of attending meetings which often detained him after the usual hour of retirement.

One night Leight was very late, and his wife, after fretting herself into a temper, went to bed, determined to give her husband a lesson on his return that he would long remember.

When she had been upstairs for several hours she heard a knock. Putting her head out of the window she said:

"Is that you, Ernest?"

"Yes, Maude. Come down and open the door."

"What has kept you so late?" asked his wife.

"We have been discussing the great benefits of fresh air," was the reply.

"Well," answered his better half, "you can lecture tomorrow from experience."

And down went the window with a bang.

### Not His Job.

A man who was out of work was given a job in a theatre. He was duly installed in his new position, and, as instructed, put in an appearance on the opening night.

"Now, then," shouted the stage manager as the clock struck 8, "all is ready. Run up the curtain."

"This was my run, for our friend."

"Wot yer talkin' about?" he asked, roughly. "Run up the curtain? I'm a stage, and not a bloomin' squirrel."

—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

### MEDICAL.

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The advance of a division under fire in the none-too-late war had been halted and orders were given to dig in. Earth began to fly at one point where, behind a natural mound, the top of a doughboy's head was to be seen, while cigarette smoke curled lazily upward.

"Dig in! Dig in!" yelled a lieutenant on a tour inspection.

"Hush," replied the soldier reproachfully. "Don't disturb my contractor."

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—The American Legion Weekly.

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