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Country Correspondence

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

PLEASANT GAP.

To be lucky you must be plucky. Roy Barnes, of Canton, Ohio, is home for a brief visit among friends and relatives.

Harry Corl and wife, of Trafford City, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Jonathan Bilger.

The Methodist congregation at their festival last Friday night were very liberally patronized.

We are having quite a siege of grip here; some twenty-five are afflicted. Fortunately the epidemic is in a light form.

Mrs. Roush, of Altoona, formerly Miss Anna Rimmey, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Rimmey, for a few days. Beware!

Consumption and not production, makes the demand for an article; and this being true, it should be increased, and the best way to increase consumption is to make prices low.

O. M. Lonebarger, our township assessor, lost a horse a few days ago. "Pety" says he was a faithful animal, but might be classed as the animal's death is not a very serious loss.

Mrs. Kimport, who at one time conducted a millinery establishment at the Gap, has branched out and is now running an up-to-date millinery store at State College. Our Miss Henrietta Gettig has secured a situation in the new establishment. Mrs. Kimport, Miss Gettig, are now in Philadelphia with a view of making extensive purchases in their line, preparatory to the spring opening.

We are progressing from day to day; our people are firm believers in the old adage "That intelligence is the life of liberty." We today have forty-two High school pupils under the able charge of Prof. Treister; besides, ten of our advanced scholars are on the roll of the Bellefonte High School. We think, that taking into consideration our population, that is going some, and is a very creditable showing.

Mr. Kanarr, of the Beatty automobile establishment, with his family, expect to move into Mrs. Rachel Zimmerman's cosy home on or before the first of April. The renovation of the premises, under the able management of Otis Hile, is in progress. They seem to be determined to make a superior out of an inferior proposition and from present activities it is reasonable to suppose they will produce the answer.

If there is any good reason for the forebodings of croakers outside of jealousy, it comes from that peculiarity of human nature that prevents us from indulging in admiration for success or sympathy for failure until results are known, or from a paucity of human hope. Hope being such a scarce article and therefore so little to be spared rather than spend it predicting the success of others it must be left for our self-dependence.

Sixteen new employees will go to work on Monday evening next, at the Whiterock quarries. In many places men are being gradually laid off but not so at Whiterock. Instead of discharging men they are adding new ones right along and from present indications the prospects are that the present pay roll of over \$4000 per every two weeks will be doubled. A great blessing for our workmen who can all find employment by applying for the same.

Mother Eve, sitting under the over-hanging branches of the trees of life, sees together the beautiful foliage to cover human nakedness, is the first example of human modesty; that modesty which is the foundation of all morality which clothes the form in graceful movements, the tongue in soothing speech, and glosses over the whole person with a meek gentility, making man a creature a little lower than the angels, and woman "last, best gifts of heaven," fit goddess of till that is good and elevating, true and beautiful in the world.

Camp No. 176 United Sportsmen of Pennsylvania turned loose 72 Kansas rabbits and 19 Maine Snow Shoe rabbits, obtained from the game commission, last Thursday. Also shipment

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

ONE REASON HOW COME
SOME FOLKS GITS RICH.
DEYS GINALLY MAKIN'
UP DEY BED IN DE
MAWNIN' WHILS' DEY
RIVAL IS MAKIN' UP
HE SLEEP!



of home trout and 20 cans of minnows for food supply for the trout. The same were judiciously distributed by our sportsmen organization. Camp No. 176 is alert and is accomplishing superlatively good work in the way of increasing our small game supply. The membership is made up of a choice aggregation of our best and most enterprising citizens. Pretenders are barred from membership.

It is all right to invest—but first investigate. We have two strong banks in Bellefonte, absolutely safe, either will give free advice how to invest money. They invite those who are not familiar with investments, to know whether or not they are investing their money wisely. Just because you are called upon and told of the enormous possibilities awaiting you in this or that particular investment—don't be misled by it. First see your banker—get his advice; let him investigate. If the investment is a good one, he will tell you so frankly. If it is not, he may be the means of saving you from serious loss. Ask your banker. It is better to be safe than sorry. The fake promoter and the wildcat operator are abroad in the land, seeking whom they may devour. My advice, like the bankers, is absolutely free. Beware!

We have some men in Pleasant Gap who never enter some of our business places unless they are loaded to the ears with moonshine poison and seem never to be satisfied unless they can expose their ignorance and at the same time make it unpleasant to all around. Some day some of these undesirable guys will wake up in the hospital and ask the nurse whose mule kicked them. These vipers don't seem to realize how many earthly Edens have been made desolate by this vile stuff. How many starved and naked orphans have been thrust upon the charities of an unfriendly world; how many graves have been put in evidence for confounding and broken-hearted wives; thousands and thousands of unhappy homes have been wrecked through this wicked practice. We can't blame our enterprising women for organizing temperance organizations with a view of putting a stop, or causing a halt to this senseless, harmful practice. The sins of the parents are thus visited on the children unto the third and fourth generation. No system of education, no grace itself can eradicate this great and growing evil.

Monday night was the occasion of Mrs. Jonathan Bilger's 94th birthday. A most elaborate supper was served to the thirty-six relatives and close friends who were fortunate enough to be present on this glorious occasion. The menu was simply wonderful; the best the market affords was in evidence and the thirty-six lucky participants enjoyed the hospitality and abundance of choice eats immensely. It was after the midnight hour when the gay festivities closed. Not one of the eager participants enjoyed the festivities more than did Mrs. Bilger herself. She seemed so pleasant and agreeable throughout that all present sincerely hoped that the good old lady would live for years to come when joyous repetitions would follow. Scarce a day passes that we do not hear of the loveliness of women, the affection of a sister, or the devotedness of a wife, and it is the remembrance of such things that cheers and comforts the dreariest hours of life; yet a mother's love far exceeds them in strength, in disinterestedness, and in purity. The subject of this notice is always cheerful and happy. Cheerfulness is a spring of power and of pleasure, alike to our physical, our mental and our moral nature. God bless the good old lady, and spare her for years to come, it is the wish of her many friends. Mrs. Bilger, after a short night's rest after her birthday party, arose the following morning at her usual hour, called her daughter Virgie and said she could not quite understand her feelings; said she experienced a soreness in her limbs, had a tired feeling, just like some old woman; Monday she was 94 years old.

AARONSBURG.

Paul Stover, of Dauphin, spent a day recently with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Stover, on north Second street.

Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Stover had as guests, Sunday, their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Weller, of Shamokin.

Mrs. E. G. Mingle has been housed up during the past week owing to having a siege of grip. We are glad to note she is slowly improving.

Mrs. Effie Weaver, who for some time has not been as well as usual, has during the past week been quite ill. However, her neighbors hope she may soon recover.

Mrs. Benjamin Stover, who has been ill for some time, is at present confined to bed and is suffering great pain. His physician, Dr. Braucht, of Spring Mills, is doing all for him he can do.

Fred Wolfe, of Akron, Ohio, was called home during the past week owing to the serious illness of his father, Charles Wolfe, who was stricken with paralysis, Wednesday, the 6th. His condition has improved slightly, though he is not able to speak as yet. His many friends hope he may soon begin to improve more rapidly.

OAK HALL.

Enos Rupp, of Pittsburgh, spent the week-end at the J. J. Tressler home.

Mrs. Nannie Gilliland and family visited at the James Gilliland home, near Bouldsburg, on Sunday.

Mr. Benner Walker, who has been in a critical condition for several months, is slowly improving.

Edgar Clouser and Miss Dona Gramley, of Altoona, were recent guests at the Lowerde home.

Miss Nellie Wagner, who has been assisting at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Sue Peters, for a month, returned home recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Houtz and daughter, of State College, visited recently at the home of Mrs. Houtz's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Rishel.

JACKSONVILLE.

Leon Monteith went to Clearfield on Monday on a business mission.

Chester Neff has decided to have a public sale this spring, then move to Howard.

Mrs. Mary Deitz returned home on Sunday after making a delightful visit with friends in Lock Haven.

Mrs. Joseph Neff, who had been on the sick list for some days, is now enough improved to be up and around.

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Ralph Pletcher, of Howard, and Miss Helen Womelsdorf, were recently married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Womelsdorf.

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