

Country Correspondence

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

PLEASANT GAP.

Miss Christine Weaver spent the week-end at Lock Haven, returning home Sunday evening.

Mrs. Harry Armstrong and her brother, Walter Galbraith, enjoyed a week-end visit at Yeagertown a few days ago.

Miss Helen Noll had a severe attack of indigestion the past week but is now on a fair way to recovery. This will be good news to her many friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Keller, of Philadelphia, after spending a week with Mr. Keller's parents, E. K. Keller and wife, returned to their home a few days ago.

Postmaster George Showers and family motored to Portage and Clymer to visit friends and relatives. They report having had a most agreeable visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sheppard, of Horseheads, New York, left on Saturday for their home, after spending a part of their vacation as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Noll.

John Herman and wife, after spending their two week's vacation at the Grange picnic, Pleasant Gap and Bellefonte, returned to their home in Philadelphia, Monday last.

Mrs. Anna Roush, formerly Miss Anna Rimmer, is spending a week with her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. David Rimmer. In the mean time she has been calling on her numerous old-time friends. She says she likes her new home in the Mountain city very much, but never can or will forget her old home with its many agreeable associations.

It is alleged that the Witterock's last two week's pay, on September 10th, aggregated about \$9,000, about double what was paid out since the recent change of management. When we take into consideration that Pleasant Gap has a population of 732 souls, and most of the employees reside at the Gap, hence it is that our workers are enthusiastic over the recent change in management. Prospects are quite encouraging.

William Florey and wife, accompanied by Mrs. Rachel Noll and her sister, Mrs. Blanche Fetterhoff, motored up to Altoona Sunday last to take observations of the big automobile track. The entire bunch are strict advocates of the "Providence of God and the Divinity of Christ," hence were too conscientious to take in the recent thrilling races. They evidently think there was no harm in running up on the Lord's day to inspect the massive auto-track.

The candidates for President who have been officially nominated, are quite numerous. The fellows who are eager and willing to serve their dear constituency are, Calvin Coolidge, John W. Davis, H. P. Faris, W. Z. Foster, Frank T. Johns, Robert M. LaFollette, Gilbert O. Nations and William J. Wallace. Outside of Coolidge and John W. Davis, the balance might be designated as dissatisfied side-shows. However, their entries may cause some mix-ups when the final poll is tabulated.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Keller and daughter Elizabeth have returned to their home in Philadelphia, after spending their vacation here and at the Granger's picnic. Paul is a well qualified accountant. He accepted a position in the offices of the P. R. R., at Altoona, when quite young and after serving with distinction for a number of years was transferred to the Broad street offices of the P. R. R., Philadelphia, where he never misses a day, barring his annual vacation. He is greatly attached to his work, and the probabilities are that he will continue in the P. R. R. service until he is, according to custom, legally retired.

Earl Rimmer and family expect to move into the home of Mrs. John Herman. A good move, as Mrs. Herman has quite a roomy and desirable house but find it rather monotonous to occupy the commodious premises alone. Mr. Rimmer is the husband of Mrs. Herman's daughter Elsie. It is reasonable to suppose that the new combination will never agree to disagree. The house to be vacated is owned by Mr. Ralph Noll and up to date in every respect, with all modern improvements and since it will be vacant on October first and the only vacant

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

MISS LUCY WANTER KNOW WHUT US DOOES WEN DE WHITE FOLKS VISIT US CHU'CH, BUT BOUT DE FUS' THING US GINALLY DOOES IS STOP DE MEETIN' EN PASS DE HAT'!



house at the Gap, it will be snapped up as soon as it becomes known that a vacancy exists.

The prude, no matter how young, is known by her stolid air of resistance to mankind in general. She is started out in life with an immense conceit of her moral attributes and becomes, as she grows older, offensive when she believes herself to be polite. It is well to avoid either extreme, and be convinced that an artless gaiety, tempered by refinement, always pleases and attracts.

There is as much honor and sincerity and integrity among school boys as there is among school girls, and has not the real mother watched and trained and guarded the sons of her household as she has her daughters? The mother of the girl is tender of her own, like the hen, too often seeks to smother another one's chickens. A girl denied the pleasure of associating with her boy classmates either becomes a willful and disobedient girl, seeking surreptitiously oftentimes the company of rude and undesirable companions, or a disagreeable pride, who sees harm in everything.

Home is the school for all things, especially for good manners. And yet there is a higher thought in connection with instilling good manners—the wonderful power which the parents have, especially the mother, in moulding the lines of their children so that their future may be rich in promise of a better life even beyond the grave. Immortal life—what mother does not pray that it may be a glorious one for her darlings. And to her sons a true mother will instruct that a sweet-tempered, intelligent, refined girl, even though she is not wealthy, will make a far better wife than a vain, selfish, exacting nature, whose only aim is to get all she can out of life, irrespective of any other one's wishes or rights.

The Klansmen had a wonderful turnout at Centre Hall Saturday afternoon and evening. The principal spokesman, a gentleman from Altoona, made a very able address. He touched on all subjects pertaining to the organization, with a master's hand, and in a teachable spirit. He demonstrated that he is a shrewd and skillful manipulator of the organization he so ably champions. It was agreed by all that the speaker is a man of colossal intellect, with a heart to match his mind. The Klansmen of Pleasant Gap were well represented and had the satisfaction of aiding in initiating over 200 new members. One of our enthusiasts said that the speaker should be stamped with the stars and eagle on one side, and the cross on the other.

Men and women, old and young, associating together constitute society. The older ones exchange ideas and the younger ones, in imitation of their elders, fall in love, marry and raise families; hence society is the great bulwark, indeed the protection of the home. The girls are surrounded by the best of influences and shielded from harm; the boys are given the benefit of the companionship of those whose natures are gentle and kind, and whose example tends to soften the roughness of the average boy, who is, after all, only an animal in the first stages of his life. He likes rough play and would rather climb trees, hunt, go swimming, fish and play ball than sit in the parlor and talk to visitors. That is all right, for athletics develop and strengthen the body, but a boy can be an athlete and a little gentleman at the same time. But when the coltish days are past and the youth goes to college, he should be rid of all traces of boorishness. Our young boys and girls grow up to take the places of their parents, who naturally pass from the activities of life to the restfulness of the beyond, and when they come into full possession of their inheritances they realize what they have missed if their manners are not such as to entitle them to the places in society once held by their fathers and mothers.

JACKSONVILLE.

A. A. Garrett purchased a new Edison victrola last Tuesday.

Mrs. Mary Dietz and daughter Josephine spent Sunday with friends at Benchar.

Many of our people attended the Ku Klux Klan demonstration at Centre Hall on Saturday evening.

Nevin Yearick had the misfortune to pierce the palm of his hand with a nail, one day recently, with the result that his hand is very sore and painful at this writing.

T. P. Beightol, who has been ill at his daughter's home in Howard, is recovering slowly at this writing. Mr. Beightol has been sick for about ten days with kidney trouble.

The gripe is passing around in this vicinity. Those who have been on the sick list the past week are Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Ertley, Miss Mary Bartley, Mrs. Willis Bathgate and children, Nevin Yearick, Joseph Neff and Mrs. William Dixon and son Melvin.

The Ladies Aid society met at the home of Mrs. Emma Vonada, on Wednesday, with the following members present: Mrs. Martha Yearick, (president); Miss Mary Bartley (secretary); Mrs. John Condo, Mrs. Annie Ertley, Miss Alto Yearick, Mrs. Joseph Neff, Mrs. James Bartley, Mrs. N. H. Yearick, Mrs. Emma Shaffer, Mrs. Gass and Rev. Gass, Mrs. Emma Vonada and Z. W. Hoy. The society decided to spend the evening of September 25th at the home of Rev. Gass. The members and their families are cordially invited to attend and make this an evening long to be remembered. Refreshments will be served by the ladies. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Edna Rogers, on the first day of October.

More than eighty-five per cent. of the United States' corn crop is fed to livestock and somewhat less than ten per cent. is used for human food. The hog is the largest consumer of corn, forty per cent. being fed to swine on farms. Horses and cattle are next in order.

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CHINESE SERVANTS EXCELLENT

Intimate Glimpses of the North's Home Life in China.

Chengtu, China, April 13th, 1924. Dear Home Folks:

Well, another busy week has passed and still I haven't gotten my letter started on its way. But I feel quite ambitious tonight, in spite of the heat, and I'm surely going to get this letter finished.

Bill and I have been alone all day. Miss Aster is over helping Miss Oeden (the sister of the British Vice-Consul) keep house over the week-end. We like being alone. We have been very busy today. Last night we spent out in the country, and I stayed out this morning to teach my little foreign kiddies their Sunday school lesson. I walked in from the country at about the hottest part of the day and had just my little black straw hat on. I felt pretty well tired out by the time I reached home, so after dinner I laid down and tried to keep cool. Bill and I had supper out on the veranda. That is one nice thing about having servants. You can have your meals served anywhere, and they don't mind the extra work, if there is any. I'm ashamed to confess how utterly dependent on my servants I have become. You know I used always to wash my own stockings and handkerchiefs at the Seminary and I said I would always do it out here, and also my darning. Well, I never have done the darning, and, although I started in by washing my own stockings and handkerchiefs, I soon began turning them over to my woman to do, and now I don't do a thing along that line. And I must tell you that my boy is doing the washing very well, indeed, now. I just had to insist upon his doing it well, and now he does it without my saying anything. We certainly have a fine boy, that is, our own personal servant. The other servants we share with Harriet. We call him Lao Cheu. Cheu is his last name, and Lao is the term used to designate a coolie. We hope to be able to take him with us to Chungking. As he is not married I see no reason why we may not be able to do so.

I am enclosing in this letter a copy of the program of last night's concert. Although we are out in what is supposed to be "the wilds of China," we have some of the good things of civilization just the same. Last night's program was very fine.

I am beginning to think of some of the things that I need out here, don't have, and can't get. I wish you would send me a bolt of white and a bolt of black three eighth inch elastic. I say a bolt because I want to have plenty of it on hand. A ten yard bolt of each will do. I would also like to have some crochet cotton (use your own judgment about the numbers) and some more white embroidery floss. The elastic ought to be sent in a tin box, in order to keep it dry. I wish, too, you would send me a selection of vegetable and flower seeds. I want to have them when I get down to Chungking. You can make almost anything grow out here. Even I keep putting on weight right along. The last time I was weighed I weighed 152 pounds. Isn't that awful? But I feel well and my clothes still fit me, so I really am not worrying.

There are many, many more things I would like to write about, but I must stop. It is now twenty minutes of ten and I must get to bed and try to get some sleep. It is as warm here tonight as a July night at home. We need rain badly. Our coolies tell us that our well is just about dry. Although it is the rainy season, we haven't had a hard rain for almost a month. Everything is on the verge of drying up. Although I hate the condition of the streets when it rains, I do hope we'll have rain soon.

Next Sunday is Easter. I can't realize it is so long since I left home. I think of you all every day and wish I might see you, but I'm happy here. I guess I must have been born to live in China. The life just seems to suit me and I don't mind the odors in the streets at all any more.

SARAH.

Western Penitentiary Changes.

At a meeting of the board of trustees of the western penitentiary, held last Thursday, David I. McCahill was elected chairman to succeed H. D. W. English who resigned some time ago. Mrs. Iams had been acting chairman since Mr. English's resignation. The board also elected Stanley P. Ashe as warden to succeed John M. Egan, who recently resigned to become effective October first. But he was granted a leave of absence until that date and Mr. Ashe took charge on Monday. The resignation of John P. Whalen deputy warden at Pittsburgh, was requested and promptly given. From present indications it looks as if the penitentiaries at Pittsburgh and Rockview will in the future be conducted more as penal institutions than they have for some time past in accordance with the wishes of Dr. Ellen Potter, head of the State Welfare Department.

Announce Course for Cow-Testers.

The dairy husbandry extension department of The Pennsylvania State College announces that a short course to train men to take charge of cow testing associations in the State will be held at the College October 20th to 25th. An enrollment of about twenty men can be accommodated.

C. E. Gearhart, who is in charge of this work, states that cow-testers will be needed to start new testing associations beginning November 1st. Others will be placed December 1st and January 1st.

BOALSBURG.

Miss Doris Hazel is visiting her uncle, A. J. Hazel.

Mr. and Mrs. James Irwin spent Sunday with friends in Pine Grove Mills.

Cyrus Wagner, of Juniata, recently visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wagner.

Mr. and Mrs. Gutelius and Mr. and Mrs. Heaton, of Mifflinburg, were in town Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. John Demar, on Sunday visited their son Paul, who is teaching school at Waddle.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Tussey and children visited at their former home in Sinking Valley, over Sunday.

Miss Margaret Snyder, Messrs. S. R. Rishel and D. W. Meyer visited friends in Altoona on Sunday.

Charles Segner is improving the appearance of his home by the addition of a kitchen and concrete walk.

Dr. and Mrs. George Hall were week-end visitors at State College. Mrs. E. E. Brown also spent Saturday at State College.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kuhn and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Williamsport, spent Sunday at the Kuhn and Rowe homes.

Dr. and Mrs. Widder, and Miss Harpster, of Harrisburg, and Mrs. Moore, of Missouri, were guests of Mrs. Ella Barr the past week.

Mr. D. F. Kapp, of State College, entertained the Harris township school board and the instructors at dinner at the tavern on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Higgins and daughters, of Plainfield, N. J., who have been visiting Mrs. Higgins' daughter, Mrs. Edwin Webster, have secured rooms at State College.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee, of Spring Mills; Mr. and Mrs. Reed and daughter and family, of Milroy, were visitors at the home of Henry Reitz, on Sunday.

Postmaster and Mrs. Jacob Meyer are enjoying a two week's vacation trip to New York State, the greater part of the time at the home of their son, Christian C. Meyer and family, near Medina.

John R. Stover and Miss Catherine J. Weston, both of Altoona, were married Saturday evening, September 13th. The ring ceremony was used and was performed in the parsonage of the Lutheran church, Boalsburg, by Rev. W. J. Wagner, in the presence of a few relatives.

Robert J. Albright, of Boalsburg, and Miss Rebecca E. Borest, of

Stormtown, were married on Monday morning, September 15th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Fred Cox, near Boalsburg, in the presence of a few relatives and friends. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. J. Wagner.

John Wagner, who spent the summer vacation in charge of a mission church near Brooklyn, N. Y., and Miss Helen Griten, of Turbotsville; Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Harkins and sons, of State College, were guests of Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Wagner for a few days, Mr. Wagner going to Gettysburg Tuesday to complete his course in the theological seminary.

—If you want the latest and best news, read the "Watchman."

There Are a Few Left.

"What sort of a feller is Sam Susmons?" "Good enough," replied old Squire Ramsbottom, of Petunia, "but so darn old fashioned that his horse skeers at automobiles."

—The Philadelphia mint is under contract to furnish the Polish government with 12,000,000 one-zloty and 6,000,000 two-zloty silver coins. A zloty is a new Polish coin with a value of 19 and a fraction cents in our money.

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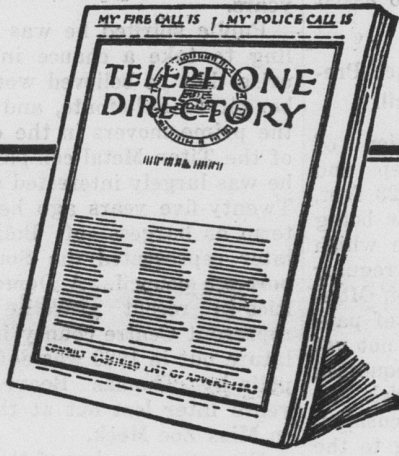
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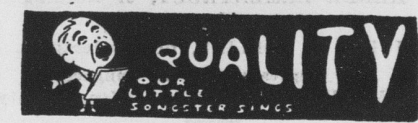
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