

Democratic Watchman

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Country Correspondence

PINE GROVE MENTION.

Ernest Trostle transacted business at Rock Springs on Monday. Postmaster David Barr is confined to bed with a nervous breakdown. D. S. Peterson is installing a new heating plant in his home at Baileyville.

Miss Ella Livingstone spent her Christmas vacation with friends in town.

Luther Peters is steering a new Buick sedan and T. A. Frank a new Essex.

James R. Smith suffered a relapse last week but is again somewhat improved.

Henry McWilliams has been housed up the past two weeks with sciatica and stomach trouble.

John W. Miller and Hall F. Stover spent Sunday at the S. A. Homan home, at Baileyville.

George Miller, of Curwensville, spent part of the Christmas season with friends in Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Deibler, of York, spent Christmas at the William Deibler home, at White Hall.

W. A. Wagner and wife motored down from Juniata and spent New Year's day with Mr. Wagner's mother.

The many friends of Mrs. Wallace Musser will be glad to know that she has recovered from her recent illness.

J. F. Rossman has installed radios in the homes of James E. Peters, R. W. Roed and Ed Harpster, at Rock Springs.

Mrs. J. Max Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Woomer and Mrs. Wieble spent Sunday with the Haugh family, at State College.

The P. O. S. of A. officers will be installed this (Friday) evening, the exercises to be followed with eats and a smoker.

The week of prayer is being observed with union services in the Lutheran church, the ministers taking turns in officiating.

Very little improvement is reported in the condition of John G. Strayer, who is still at the home of his son, in Blair county.

Miss Irene Pletcher returned to the C. M. Dale home on New Year's day after spending the holidays at her home in Howard.

The new arrival at the William Dodd home is a boy. It's the first born and naturally the young parents are quite happy.

Miss Anna Mary Hess entertained her girl friends, Miss Mary Thomas and Miss Ella Martz, both of Pleasant Valley, on New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bowersox, of State College, spent the last day of the old year at the J. Calvin Gates home, at Pennsylvania Furnace.

Alfred Lee, J. F. Kimpfort and Bob Lucas motored to our town the last day of the old year to look after a little business needing their attention.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wogan and Fred Corl, of Altoona, spent part of the holidays with friends in this section, being accompanied home on Sunday by J. C. Corl.

On account of the inclement weather last week rural mail carrier J. W. Sunday went on a vacation and Walter Johnson carried the mail between State College and Pine Grove Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Kitchen motored in from Washington, Pa., and were guests during the holidays at the Lucas home. On their return home they were accompanied by Mrs. Geo. E. Meyers.

Methodist quarterly conference was held in the M. E. church here last week. Dr. Riley, of Tyrone, was in charge, and he took occasion to commend the pastor, Rev. Norris for his excellent work.

While skating on the mill dam during last week's cold weather Walter Ferree broke through the ice and got a chilly bath. He was quickly rescued but was kept in bed several days to prevent him becoming ill.

After a delightful Christmas vacation at the home of her parents, Prof. and Mrs. E. B. Fitts, Miss Grace Fitts returned to Twinville, Crawford county, on Monday, to resume her work as teacher in the vocational school.

Mrs. Sue E. Peters was given a birthday surprise party on Sunday. Many close friends went to her cosy home, all laden with well filled baskets of good things to eat and following a sumptuous dinner a very pleasant afternoon was spent with music and social chat.

As a token of appreciation the Presbyterian congregation gave Rev. Kirkpatrick a purse of \$30 as a Christmas reminder. The Reformed congregation gave Rev. Moyer \$31 and the council of the Lutheran church voted Rev. English an increase of salary to the \$2,000 mark.

The annual butchering day at the D. W. Thomas home was an old-timer. Eight big porkers were turned into hams, shoulders, side meat, many cans of lard, bushels of sausage and liver-wurst. The elaborate dinner prepared by Mrs. Thomas was enjoyed by every helper at the butchering.

JACKSONVILLE

The election at the Reformed church on Sunday was well attended.

The Ladies' Aid society met at the home of Mrs. Nevin Yearick, on Saturday evening, with a fair attendance of members.

Visitors at the Joseph Neff home on Sunday were Mrs. Harry Hoy, Mervin Hoy, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Bartley and daughter Rebecca, and Miss Evelyn Neff, of State College.

—If you see it in the "Watchman," you know it's true.

PLEASANT GAP.

Mrs. Powell, of Harrisburg, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Knoffsinger.

Mr. and Mrs. James Stover are the proud parents of a young son.

Our street lights were turned on last week, making it a trifle better for pedestrians. The new lights, however, cannot be mistaken for a conflagration.

Earl Lego, of Philadelphia, was home over Sunday but returned to the City of Brotherly Love on Monday morning to resume his regular vocation. He is much pleased with his new location, as Philadelphia is somewhat larger than Pleasant Gap.

The many friends of Miss Edith Herman were delighted a few days ago when she returned to her home from the hospital after an absence of several months. She is apparently on the road to permanent health, and is as happy and cheerful as ever, much to the satisfaction of her many friends at the Gap.

Poor human nature! How tearfully does it deceive itself when it flies to drugs to relieve every disease. Look into our large commercial interests, where more is done with the head than the hands; where every kind of good for the passions is not only superabundant in quantity but of the most stimulating quality; and where thousands through the unnatural degree of excitement of the brain, bring very great injury to their health.

A certain individual at the Gap had better let up on his foolish methods of peeping into windows in the early morn and late at night at the homes of a number of inoffensive families.

Many of the inmates are so frightened that they are afraid to venture outside their homes. At a recent gathering it was decided that a number of men will lay in wait for the offender, and if he is caught he may be treated to a coat of tar and feathers. The man had better make a new resolution while the resolutin's good.

Left over from last week.

Mrs. Gheen and children spent their Christmas at Rauchtown.

Henry Evey, of Lemont, is visiting with his son and wife.

Mrs. Blanche Meyer and son Robert are visiting in Huntingdon.

Miss Emeline Noll, of Philadelphia, was home over the week-end.

Miss Bess Eekiroth and grandmother Bilger are both seriously ill.

Miss Mildred Sampsel, of Niagara Falls, is home on a ten day's vacation.

Maurice Knoffsinger, of Williamsport, spent Christmas here with his parents.

S. S. Williams, a former school professor at the Gap, was visiting here last Tuesday.

Miss Pauline Noll, of Philadelphia, is visiting with her father, Wm. Noll and wife.

The Harry Grove family, of Lewisport, spent two days at the Gap, making their headquarters at the home of mother Herman.

Miss Louis Rishel, a talented teacher of Holyoke College, Mass., is spending her vacation with her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Rishel.

Mrs. Anna Roush and little son went to their home in Altoona, Sunday, after a six week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Rimmer.

The William Shuey family will move into the William Kerstetter home, as soon as it is vacated by the Harold Kerstetter's family.

The M. E. church congregation held its annual Holiday celebration the night before Christmas, producing a delightful play as one of the features of the program, all participants doing their best to make it a success. The attendance was quite large and the evening was greatly enjoyed by every one.

John Herman and family, of Philadelphia, made a brief Holiday visit with friends in Bellefonte and the Gap. Somehow John Jr. thinks his devoted mother is hard to discount as a render of good eats and Jack Jr., says, that Elsie can cook good too. The youngster is unquestionably correct in his allegation.

Our neighbor, Harold Kerstetter, has secured a remunerative and desirable position in Pittsburg, and during his absence, Mrs. Kerstetter and son Ammon, will stay at the home of Mr. Ammon Kerstetter for one month.

Kerstetter's parents at State College, to remain until spring, at which time the probabilities are, they will build a house on their newly acquired lot, in the vicinity of the Cross Roads.

Miss Shaffer, teacher of our primary school, gave a fine Christmas entertainment on the day before Christmas. The parents of the pupils were the invited guests, and quite a number availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting the school on that occasion, an evidence that they appreciated the efforts of the teacher. Miss Shaffer is yet young in her chosen profession, but from indications is making a great success of her work. Samuel Noll Jr., and Larry Noll, deserve special mention inasmuch as they acted their parts admirably well and were generously applauded.

AARONSBURG.

John Frazer, of Akron, Ohio, spent the holiday season with friends in town.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to the "Watchman" and all its friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Crouse were Christmas guests at the Boyd Vonada home in Bellefonte.

Mrs. C. G. Bright has been confined to bed the past week suffering with a severe case of the grip.

T. C. Weaver has had a radio installed in his home and now the family is busy listening in.

Henry Steffen spent the Holidays with his two daughters, Mrs. Stonge and Mrs. Moser, in Danville.

Charles Bower, one of our aged men, has closed his house on north 2nd street for the remainder of the

winter and gone to live with his son Luther, who lives on the Musser farm west of Millheim.

Franklin Haines, of Akron, Ohio, spent the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Haines.

Mrs. W. H. Phillips had as week-end guests her daughter, Mrs. George McKay and daughter, Miss Florence, of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Cyrus Bower spent Christmas at State College, the guest of her sisters, Mrs. Wallace Kerstetter and Mrs. Taylor.

Miss Lizzie Yarger spent several days in West Fairview, the guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman D. Luse.

Mr. and Mrs. George Weaver had as guests, Sunday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Ardery and two daughters, Mrs. Nevin Cole and Miss Verna, of Bellefonte, and Earl Weber, of Smulton.

A. S. Stover journeyed to Harrisburg, last Thursday, where he was met by his daughter, Miss Marian, for a trip to Philadelphia to witness the Mummer's parade on Friday. On the trip home he was the guest of his son Paul and family, at Dauphin.

Miss Magdalena Weaver left on Monday morning for Beavertown, where she expects to make her home for the present. The home she vacated on the same lot with that of the Misses Haines will be occupied by J. D. Winklebleck and family, in the near future, who will vacate the home they now occupy as the owner, William Wolfe, desires to occupy it himself in the spring.

'Coons and 'Possums—Fur, Food, and Sport.

"This item is for the ladies," said a radio announcer reporting a big football game. "As I look around the stadium, I see 1,000 red hats, 1,500 orange hats, and about 30,000 raccoon coats." Though his guess on the number of raccoon or their fur coats was doubtless wide of the mark, the number of fur coats worn by both men and women for sports and driving has increased enormously in the past few years, and this bit of comment on such an unusually large outdoor gathering is not surprising. The raccoon ranks third among the four most important fur bearers in this country from the standpoint of financial returns from the annual catch, the other three being the muskrat, the skunk, and the opossum.

It would seem that this animal should be more highly valued and protected throughout its range during the breeding period and the time of unprime fur, since it affords not only a valuable source of food and sport, yet it shares with many other fur animals the charge of being harmful to poultry, a fact which has doubtless delayed favorable legislation. Thirty-seven States have given the raccoon protection, with open seasons ranging from one to five months, while it is still unprotected in ten States. Three months, in the opinion of the biological survey, is a sufficient open season for any fur bearer, and if the coming generation of boys and girls want raccoon coats to wear to football games held elsewhere, evidently some effort must be made to conserve the source of supply.

The same considerations apply as well to the protection of the opossum, which, like the raccoon, is valued both for fur and food. The natural habitat of the opossum is confined to 29 States where the close season should, says the biological survey, begin not later than March 1 and extend at least to November 1. This would protect the opossum during the breeding season.—Ex.

Animal Sleep.

Animals of the lower orders obey peculiar laws in regard to sleep. Fish are said to sleep soundly. It is said that some may be taken in this state if approached with caution. Many birds and beasts of prey take their repose in the daytime. When they are kept in captivity, this habit undergoes a change. We therefore consider it might have been necessary that demanded that they take advantage of the darkness, silence and the unguarded state of their victims. In some menageries even the hyenas sleep at night and remain awake during the day. With few exceptions animals seek shade, silence and seclusion for sleep. The lion is a notable exception since he takes his nap at noonday on the open plain.

Other exceptions are the eagle and condor, who pose themselves on the most elevated pinnacle of rock and sleep in the clear blue atmosphere and dazzling sunlight. Birds, however, are furnished with a nictitating membrane, generally to shelter the eye from the light. Fish prefer to sleep under the shadow of a rock or woody bank. Of the domestic animals, the horse seems to require the least sleep and he usually sleeps in an erect posture.

Birds that roost in a sitting posture are furnished with a well-adapted mechanism, which keeps them firmly supported, without voluntary or conscious action. The tendons of the claws are so arranged as to be tightened by their weight when the thighs are bent, thus contracting closely and grasping the perch or branch. In certain other animals that sleep erect, the articulations of the foot and knee resemble the spring of a pocket-knife, which serves to keep the blade open.—By R. D. Van Hoosier in our dumb animals.

Magnet Collects Tacks

A mining company in Idaho recently performed a unique experiment in ridding a highway of tacks, nails and other metallic objects which cause tire punctures. An 1,800-pound magnet operated by 72 storage batteries was attached to a truck and dragged over the road. About 500 pounds of nails, tacks, bottle caps and other metal was collected on a mile and a half of road.

Gun in Cop's Club

A revolver is encased in a policeman's club by a new invention. It enables him to shoot quicker if attacked.

Hunters Care Little for Gnu's Ferocity

The gnu, with the head of a horse, the long, narrow face, the body of a horse, an antelope's legs, an upstanding mane and a flowing tail that reaches to the ground, is indeed a fantastic creature, writes Lillian Gish, F. Z. S.

His terrible voice, his pose—everything about him suggests fierceness. But though savage in captivity, he is extremely nervous, with a great regard for his own safety.

A herd of these gnus on the veldt is an alarming sight. Prancing and wheeling, and tossing their heads, they approach a strange object in single file, forming themselves into a solid square as they come near.

In this position they will stand for hours, glaring at a tent set up on the plains, as though ready to tear it to pieces.

But this is a game of bluff. Let the owner of the tent show himself with a gun, and though they may gambol wildly around him, uttering loud snorts, it will be in ever-widening circles.

The first shot sends them flying, and so great is their speed that they vanish within a few seconds.

Bird's Mother Love

Example of Heroism

The boy who "stood on the burning deck, whence all but he had fled," has won the immortality of a well-known poem, but probably a certain skylark will not find her poet, although she certainly deserves one.

While beating out a field fire at Feltham, in Middlesex, firemen noticed a skylark sitting on her nest on the ground, in the direct path of the flames. The bird continued to sit on her eggs with dense smoke rolling round her, and even when the flames caught the grass of which the nest was constructed she did not stir until the firemen were close upon her.

So struck were the men with the bird's heroism and devotion that they determined to save her home at all costs. They set about isolating the nest, and were so successful that, although the fire spread all around, the nest was scarcely damaged and the eggs remained intact.—London Tit-Bits.

Grief in Animals

A man or woman who loses some dear one is overcome with deep sorrow, remembering only the admirable qualities of the lost one, but this feeling is soon softened by a multitude of external impressions and influences, so that sorrow gives way to melancholy, which in its turn diminishes.

Not so in the case of many animals. These not only retain their grief much longer, but there are cases in which it lasts as long as life itself.

The cat will swim after her kittens which some cruel man is trying to drown. The story of the dog who starves to death on the grave of his master is no fable. A stone in the Paris dogs' cemetery is thus inscribed: "He was so intelligent that he might have been taken for a human being—but that he was faithful."—Das Neue Ullstein Magazin, Berlin.

Lighting Scheme

Speaking of modern conveniences and innovations, somebody who helped design the new infants' ward at the Children's hospital, St. Antoine and Farnsworth streets, used his or her imagination. About knee-high above the floor are recesses or slits in the walls fitted with lights. When a nurse enters during the night to tuck the babies in, she doesn't have to turn on the overhead lights and run the chance of waking the tiny patients up. The low wall-lights furnish her enough illumination to do her work without disturbing the babies. Out-of-town visitors have commented more on this little arrangement than on more important features of this great institution.—Detroit Free Press.

Only One Wood for Spools

In almost the entire world, with its great variety of wood to select from, there is only one kind that is used for spools—the ordinary spools on which sewing thread is wound, writes Charles N. Lurie in St. Nicholas. By far the greatest part of the world's spools are turned from the wood of the white birch tree. It grows in many sections of the United States, but especially well in Maine. Virtually the whole world's supply comes from the great north woods. Some of the spools are made in Maine, but a very large part of the wood is shipped elsewhere for spool-making, after being seasoned where it grows.

"Music-Mad" Snakes Captured by Women

At the mouth of the Ganges, sacred river of India, there is a large tract of marshy land called the Sunderbunds. More than half this tract is unexplored, yet within its borders live a tribe of people who do nothing but catch snakes. They are purely nomadic, living in boats and plying their trade between the marshes and the by-lanes of Calcutta where are situated the venom vendors.

Eighty to 85 per cent of the total tribal strength is said to consist of women who feel themselves as much at home among the death-dealing reptiles as among human beings. They seem to possess immunity from the poison of cobra and the krite alike, or even the spotted blacksnake that is found here in great numbers.

In Calcutta there are many places where one can obtain snake venom, yet it is perhaps significant that Italy is one of the largest buyers of this strange commodity. For what it is used, precisely, is not explained.

More interesting however, is the manner in which the snakes are captured. First these reptiles are music mad. The note of a reed pipe is one thing they cannot resist and as it is being played they come as near to the player as is possible. The piper waits until he feels that the music has got hold of the serpent, then he plays faster and faster until the particular snake desired appears to be paralyzed. Then the piper calmly walks up, catches hold of the snake just under its head and thrusts it into a basket.—Grit.

Cartridges for Camels

Camels represent the most valuable possession of the people of Abyssinia because they provide means of transportation, without which life would be in jeopardy. In commerce camels are used many times as the equivalent of money. Only under extraordinary circumstance will a man dispose of his camel, as collectors of the zoos of the world have learned. But Doctor Heck found rifle cartridges were eagerly sought, and was able to secure six dromedaries for the Berlin zoo by exchanging 15 cartridges per dromedary, a trade he considered good.—Ohio State Journal.

Women Do the Hard Work

The girls and younger women of Rapa do most of the labor in the taro fields, while the older women attend to the housekeeping. The exemption of the men from agricultural labor allows them more time for fishing, and as a result of their sea experience they are much sought by captains of sailing vessels at Papeete.

The constant demand for kapa men during the period of nearly a century has led to a considerable preponderance of women in the island population.—Robert Cushman Murphy, in the National Geographic Magazine.

MEDICAL.

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