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LOCAL ITEMS.

—The ice crop, thus far, has been a failure.

—A wedding will come off in the Lutheran church, next Sabbath evening.

—James Solt returned to Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, on Wednesday morning.

—There seems to be a great deal of sickness through this section as our physicians are on the go all the time.

—Rev. C. W. Rishell and wife of Madera, Clearfield co., spent several days of this week with his mother in this place.

—While too much freeze endangers the peach crop, a lack of freezing will hurt the ice-cream crop, for next summer.

—Linden Hall's musical convention, last week, was a success, under P. Meyer, with Sadie Bitner as organist. The proceeds were \$107.50.

—The parties to whom we have recently sent bills, we trust will have the kindness to send the needful at once. Thanks to the few who have.

—S. W. Smith an employe on the Lewistown Sentinel, has returned to our town to stay and thinks of running a farm in the spring.

—Merchant Thompson, of Potters bank, agrees with the REPORTER, that the tick system is the bane of all business, and a curse to seller and purchaser.

—Greenbrier church, north of Penn Hall, is billed for a musical convention, with J. S. Meyer, of Penn Hall, as manager and Lowell Meyer as assistant.

—The Centre Democrat says H. K. Hicks and family have made Philadelphia their home, where Mr. Hicks has a good position in a large hardware establishment.

—In forming new resolutions for the year, parents would be wise to include this:

Resolve that your boys must quit smoking the vile cigarette and keep off the streets after dark.

—There will be an unusual amount of tugging and hiffting around the coming spring in our valley. Every fellow may find it necessary to have his lab labeled to know where he belongs.

—An earthen jar, containing Spanish coins to the value of \$500, has been found in the hollow of a tree at Hanna, Ind. Moral: Seek your fortune in hollow trees.

—Pennsylvania has lots of 'em, hollow trees.

—More extraordinary egg eating is reported this time from Crawfordville, Ind., where Case Arnold devoured six two raw eggs and then adjourned to a restaurant and ate a hearty meal. What a cackling he could set up—egactly.

—The combined wealth of the Vanderbilt family is said to foot up \$284,000,000. On that they should be able to have two kinds of pie for breakfast without even touching on the principal. There are many readers of the REPORTER who may have a happier life than the Vanderbilts.

—Our exchanges chronicle new schemes to cheat unsuspecting farmers. When one swindle plays out by being exposed thro the press, a new plan is hatched. The REPORTER tries to keep farmers posted on these swindling games and warns them against such, altho the rascals may get mad. Farmers be on your guard, with heavy taxation and small incomes, the swindler is continually plotting to take what little you have left.

—Indiana county has a fiend in human shape who delights in mutilating horses. He recently visited the barn of M. B. Wyncoope, and cut the tongue out of a fine stallion. This is about his fortieth victim. The scoundrel needs Judge Lynch's service badly. The fellow should be whipped every hour of the day for the rest of his life and be fed on toads and snakes.

—Farmers should keep watchful, scoundrels are still after them. If it is not grain it is implements or something else. Just now produce sharpers are getting in their work. A newly printed circular is being sent to farmers offering a price for poultry about double the price that the honest dealer can afford to pay. The farmer jumps at the offer as a rule and ships his choice birds to the bogus dealer, expecting to receive his money in a day or two, but he never hears from the sharpers unless it be when the next poultry season rolls around and the swindler renews his fraud under a new name.—Philadelphia Record.

—The small boys of this town are too much for making noise when out in the evenings annoying with their yells the business men as well as other persons on the streets. These boys should be kept closer to their mama's apron strings after dark. It is the most dangerous hour for their morals and spoiling them generally, to be out in all kinds of mischief under the cover of darkness. Parents would do wisely by keeping their boys at home after dark—they will thank them for it in after life. Several of our citizens have complained of the annoyance above mentioned, and if parents will not interfere, the town council might pass an ordinance that all disorderly boys caught on the street at night shall be taken to the lock-up.

—Rev. Fischer and Dr. Emerick came near having a serious accident, last Thursday afternoon. In driving towards town with horse and buggy, as they reached Lee's, near the station, several dogs ran out at the horse, causing him to start on a run. He was turned to the railing in front of Bartholomew's store, where both front wheels broke down. The Dr. at once sprang out and took hold of the horse's head to prevent him from getting away again, and summoning all his strength for this purpose, he sustained a severe sprain of the shoulder and left breast, which disabled him for several days. The horse, however, did not get away again, fortunately for Rev. Fischer who still remained in the buggy and was unable to make a hasty exit from it, on account of being lame from the severe fall he had several weeks ago.

MUSICAL CONVENTIONS.

The musical conventions are in full blast now in various sections of the county, and some six or eight are on the carpet for this winter's season.

Appropos to this subject we might say that the first musical convention held in this county, came off in Centre Hall some 30 years ago, under the direction of Prof. Carter, of New York. It was then looked upon as a "big thing," being something new, and noted singers from the county and other parts attended. It was the first convention of the kind held in the central part of the state, and of course, attracted attention far as well as near.

This convention was a success and largely attended. The next convention, we think, was held the following year, in the Luth. church, at Aaronsburg, and was gotten up by the lovers of music there, J. G. Meyer, W. C. Duncan, J. P. Coburn, J. G. Kurtz, and others, who also secured the services of Prof. Carter. This, the second convention, was also a grand success and largely attended by singers from a distance.

After that these pleasant gatherings became more numerous, with J. G. Meyer as musical conductor, and from two to three were successfully held each winter following, until they became quite common, and now we find them billed every winter in near a dozen localities. Every instructor in vocal music coming in for his share of conventions with his classes in vocal music and local talent is mostly relied upon to make them a success.

Subsequently a number of conventions were held at Centre Hall by Prof. Perkins, of Boston. Prof. Curran, of Lock Haven, also held conventions for a number of years in different sections of our county. Later on these musical gatherings were mostly conducted by Prof. W. T. Meyer, then by P. H. Meyer, Lowell Meyer, and J. S. Meyer.

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PRICES OF MEAT.

It is notable that while there has been a decline in the price of every commodity, especially in food products, meats are the only exception—they have kept up, in fact are above ante bellum quotations.

Beef is selling higher now, live weight and in the butchers' stalls, than at any time heretofore, with the exception, perhaps, during the civil war. Beef could at one time be bought at from 4 to 5 cts. per lb. dressed, by the side, and was sold retail by the butchers at 7 to 10 per lb. Beef, by the side, has for the last few years been bringing from 6 to 8 cents per pound dressed, and retails at from 10 to 18 in the butcher shops. These prices are likely to remain, from all indications. If it were profitable at one time to raise beef cattle for the market at 4 to 5 cts. dressed, all else being lower in price, now, it must be more profitable with market prices so much higher for meat.

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AARONSBURG.

Mrs. Sarah Shafer had an arm broken by a fall. She suffered much pain in the arm and thought it rheumatism, but the doctor examined it and found one of the bones broken.

Rev. Dietzler and family have returned from Harrisburg, where they had been attending the funeral of Mrs. Seabold, the mother of Mrs. Dietzler.

John Shunk, who had been a pauper on Haines township for some years, was buried on the 7th, aged 79 years. He leaves two wives, one more than the law allows.

Jackson Sylvis is an applicant for the postoffice and is circulating a petition through the neighborhood.

Adam Winkleblech, the oldest citizen of Haines township, is quite ill, and his physician visits him twice a day.

The Michael Musser farm was not sold the highest bid being only \$47 per acre, which was bid by Wm. W. Bower.

John Dunkle was married last week to Miss Mary Oyster, of Penn twp.

Wm. Burd is now a pensioner, and his first voucher is for \$1300.

Mrs. Joseph Jordan died on the 8th, aged 83 years. She had been a sufferer from cancer of the face for more than a year.

Jesse Wert who had been visiting among his friends in Dauphin county, has returned and reports says Jesse has made a meal.

Mrs. Rodgers has again returned to Bellefonte, and her sister, Mrs. Coburn, has gone to Akron, Ohio, to visit her niece, Mrs. Harvey Musser.

William Boob is building a smithshop at Coburn, and expects to go there in the spring and engage in buggy smithing.

The railroad company put up their new signal at the station last week, and is a daisy, and is a big improvement over the old one, one that Agent Kremer can feel proud of.

It is rumored that Coburn had a quiet wedding last Saturday evening, Esq. Garthoff officiating.

On last Thursday night burglars broke in A. J. Campbell's, agent, grain house, and stole about two barrels of roller flour and seven or nine hams. On Saturday he got out a search warrant and with constable George Mench started out on a search for the flour and hams, but returned in the evening after searching several houses without finding the articles or thieves. It's a pity that they didn't find them, for there has been too much stealing going on this while past, and it's time that the parties are hauled up for it, and no doubt they will be sooner or later.

There will be a singing convention held here in the Evangelical church, by Prof. J. G. Meyer, of Aaronsburg, assisted by his son, Prof. W. T. Meyer, of Shamokin, as organist. Proceeds, one half to pay for the bell on Evangelical church, the other half for benefit of new Reformed church. A good time and big turnout is expected, especially if should have sleighing at the time.

Mr. Boob, of Aaronsburg, is building a coach makers shop. He has leased the ground of M. J. Decker, opposite the hotel. They raised it on Tuesday, and intend having it ready to occupy in a few days. Hope it will be a success for him.

Felix Breninghouse has sold his property to Lot Condo, consideration, \$950. That is as good a blacksmith stand as there is one in this end of the county if it is carried on right, as I think Lot will be the man to do it, for there is always plenty of work.

On New Year's night a party from this place and a few from Millheim had a turkey and oyster supper at the Seashore in Millheim, and reporting having a good time, only they hadn't the coon along.

R. V. Shafer has concluded to stay and has rented the hotel stand for another year and will petition for license for same.

Mrs. C. F. Deininger, of York, had public sale in Millheim last Saturday. Deiningers had contemplated moving to Millheim in the spring, but Mr. Deininger died, and Mrs. Deininger will stay in York.

The Millheim and Coburn turnpike Co. put up a new bridge over the race in Millheim. It is a big improvement over the old one, being higher and wider.

There seems to be a new hog disease in this section. W. F. Smith loses dozen or so.

James Duck and son purchased a steam saw mill and are getting ready to do some sawing.

We had quite a number of surprise and birthday parties the past week. The principal one took place in Smithville, in honor of Lizzie Barley's birthday. She received numerous presents from the 28 guests.

We are sorry to state that Editor Deininger is very low at present; he is unable to attend to his work. R. A. Bannister being in charge.

The teachers and scholars of the Liberty school gave an exhibition last Saturday, which was very good.

Next Saturday the personal property of Daniel Ulrich will be sold at public sale.

MADISONBURG. Elleroy Shafer, of Illinois, and a Mr. Yesrick of Nittany Valley, were the guests of David Bartges a few days last week.

Mrs. Peter Yearick has been on the sick list but is reported some better.

BIG SUIT.

A case of wholesale suing will be had before Esq. Reifsnnyder, of Millheim, on Monday next, we understand. The Dauphin Co. horse insurance company, has sued some 40 policy holders, from Centre Hall and other parts of the valley, for nonpayment of assessments. The policy holders, we are informed, give as their reasons, 1st, that the Company is not paying its losses to parties whose horses died, and, 2nd, allege that agents told them there would be no assessments, yet the policy afterwards contained an assessment clause.

No doubt there will be a gay old time, and Millheim will be as full of horse insurance law as a dog is of fleas.

—Says the Millifunburg Telegraph, 9 inst: Our neighbor, Rev. W. K. Foster, received a very handsome New Years present, no less than a bright, bouncing boy baby. How very appropriate on the part of his esteemed partner for life, for it was only a week or so previous that he delivered a very effective sermon from the text "Unto us a child is born." The Reporter congratulates Mr. and Mrs. Foster—he a Centre Haller, she from Halfmoon upon the advent of a little son.

—Powers' shoe store is having a big rush for boots and shoes at this season, and as usual are well prepared to meet it. They have an immense stock of new goods which embraces everything in the line of foot wear. Lumbermen's gum boots, and all kinds of boots for teamsters and workmen, at lower prices than ever. Ladies' and gents' dress shoes and in fact anything you want to see in the line of boots and shoes at lowest prices, at Powers' shoe store, Bellefonte.

—The Philad. Branch has opened up its fall stock of clothing. An immense stock of fall and winter overcoats can be found there for your inspection. They have overcoats in all styles, price and quality. Remember the Philad. Branch when in need of clothing.

—Mrs. Snyder, an aged widow, living a short distance east of this place, is seriously ill.

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—For a fine dress boot or shoe, look at Mingle's stock, Bellefonte before purchasing.

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At the Centre Hall tannery. Oil, plastering hair, lace, kip, upper, harness, sole and a general stock of leather for sale. Hides tanned on shares. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Call or address, J. S. Row.

29 dec. 11.

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Bargains! :-: New Goods! We are now prepared to have the public call at our store and inspect our new line of goods. They were selected with the greatest care and embrace an endless variety of new designs and patterns worn during the Fall and Winter seasons. Our line of Fancy Plaids, Tricots, Fall Prints, and All-Wool Suiting, are fine, and will please our early customers, and are selling rapidly. Woolen Blankets, Carp, Quilts, and many other goods. SPECIAL BARGAINS! :-: SPECIAL BARGAINS. Come and see the special bargains we are offering in Cashmere; prices lower than ever. Our stock of Ready-Made Clothing, Overcoats, Gossamers, Gum Coats, is complete and will speak for themselves. Come and see the new goods at Harper & Kremer's.