

Thirty-four Years Ago.

March 1, 1888.—Isaac Spieher, of Potter township, intends moving West.

The farm of John Love, deceased, located near Tusseyville, was knocked off at public sale to Wm. C. Love at \$48.25 per acre for 160 acres.

The weather has been cold the past few days. Saturday evening there was about two inches of snow, followed by mild and slush on Sunday.

REBERSBURG

Lester Minnich, who is employed at Milton, has returned home, his wife being on the sick list.

Mrs. John Wert, of Livonia, is seriously ill with dropsy. There is no hope for recovery.

Samuel Gephart and O. F. Stover and son Mahlan spent a day the past week at Bellefonte on special business.

Allen Winkelnblech is confined to his bed with a light attack of pneumonia.

Perry Winter, who has been confined to his bed for the past three weeks with pneumonia, is not improving but instead is getting weaker.

Lee Kidder, who is employed at the Burnham steel works, has a two weeks' lay off and is spending the time at this place among relatives.

James Harbauch, who was employed at Creson as a carpenter, has returned home and will spend the remainder of the winter with his family.

Claude Haines and wife spent a few days the past week in Philadelphia where Mrs. Haines had an X-ray examination made of her knee which has given her trouble for over a year.

FRUITTOWN.

Walter Bubb and Eva Dippery spent several days last week in Lewistown. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Faust and children spent Saturday at the T. J. Fielesher home.

Mrs. Navel returned home one day last week, after a few weeks' visit with her sons in Millfin county.

William Searson and family, of State College, spent Sunday afternoon at the Edward Bubb home.

Harris Bubb, who is in training at Camp Meade, was home on a four-day furlough over New Year.

Charles Ramer and son Joe, of Millroy, and Helen Boddorf, of Jersey Shore, spent Sunday at the S. E. Jordan home.

It is our sad duty to announce the death of Rev. A. J. Horner, who passed away last Thursday at his home in Youngville. He was buried Sunday forenoon at that place.

Georges Valley

The farmers about here have their ice-houses full and still there is lots of ice left.

Miss Effie Confer, of Pottery Mills, spent last week at the home of her uncle, George Breon.

Ruben Breon and Miss Ellen Crader have returned home after spending a week with friends at Port Clinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Emerick, of Ohio, spent a few days last week at the home of C. W. Lingle. Mrs. Lingle is a sister to Mr. Emerick.

Killed By His Own Gun.

An unusual and fatal shooting accident occurred Wednesday morning of last week at 9:30 o'clock, in Fox hollow, a mile and a half from Parvin and about eleven miles from Lock Haven, when Henry Jacob Bower, aged eighteen years, son of John Bower, tenant farmer on the Stevenson farm owned by the Joseph Long estate, was instantly killed by the discharge of his shot gun.

The young man had set a fox trap a short distance from his home, and had gone out to ascertain if a fox had been caught, when he found a dog in the trap. In proceeding to open the stiff spring jaws of the trap, he apparently used his gun as a lever, with his foot holding down one side of the spring. While thus engaged the barrel broke from the stock of the gun, and the parts dropping to the ground, the trigger struck an old rail. One of the shells was discharged and struck the young man in the abdomen just below the breast bone. He took a few steps and dropped over dead. The heavy load took an upward course and shattered his heart and lungs.

The report of the gun was heard by the young man's mother, who ran from her home to the spot, and was horrified to find her son lying dead in a pool of blood.

Coroner L. L. Liken, being notified of the tragedy, proceeded to the Bower home, where he empaneled a jury and held an inquest, the verdict rendered being one of accidental death, in accordance with the facts brought out as related above.

The young man was very industrious and a great help to his father in tilling the soil. He was well thought of in that section and his sad and untimely end is a shock to all his acquaintances.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Saturday forenoon at 9 o'clock and burial made at Rosecrans.

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AUDITORS' STATEMENT--

Of the Receipts and Expenditures of POTTER TOWNSHIP

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1917

Table with columns for Receipts and Expenditures for J. B. Fortney, Collector Road Tax 1916. Includes items like 'To Balance', 'By cash to S C Brungart', etc.

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HELP WIN THE WAR.

War-Saving Certificates Offer New Chance for Small Investor.

The man with limited means—even the school boy or girl with a few pennies to spare now and then—who wants a safe and profitable investment which at the same time will help our country, finds his opportunity in the new war savings certificate plan.

During the month of January, 1918, war-savings stamps will be sold at \$4.12 each at post offices, banks trust companies, and many business houses and factories throughout the country. At the beginning of each succeeding month the cost of the stamp will increase one cent. All war-savings stamps issued during 1918 will mature January 1, 1923, when they will be redeemed at \$5 each. The difference between purchase price and the price of maturity represents the interest the Government will pay the holder, 4 per cent compounded quarterly.

The entire wealth and security of the United States is behind the war-savings certificates. No person may purchase at one time more than a \$100 worth, or hold at one time more than \$1,000 worth of these securities. Thrift stamps costing 25 cents each may be purchased from time to time and affixed to a thrift card, which is supplied without cost. These stamps will not bear interest, but a thrift card when filled at a cost of \$4 may be exchanged for an interest-bearing war-savings stamp by turning the card in and paying the difference between \$4 and the current price of a war-savings stamp. With the first purchase will be obtained without charge a war-savings certificate containing space for 20 of these stamps.

If the 20 spaces are filled prior to January 31, 1918, the cost to the purchaser will have been \$4.12 for each stamp, or \$82.40 for the filled certificate, and on January 1, 1923, the Government will redeem it at \$100, giving the holder a net profit of \$17.60 for the use of his money.

Money derived from war-savings investments will be used to meet the expenses of the war. The greater part of these funds will be expended within the United States.

Water and Coal Shortage.

Lock Haven, Mill Hall and Flemington face a shortage of water and coal. Streams feeding reservoirs from which the three towns obtain water are frozen and the reservoirs contain little water. Schools and industries in Mill Hall and Flemington were closed last week. The hospital in Lock Haven is in the section affected by the water shortage. Trolley service between the towns stopped for a time, as the company was unable to keep fires under its boilers.

Pennsylvania made an average yield of 19.1 bushels of wheat to the acre while the average for the country is 15.2 bushels.

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SOAP FROM ASHES

Arabs Get Cleansing Substance From Desert Plants.

Dalook, which is burned to produce "Hottom," sprouts from the Barren Rocks.

Although the consumption of soap has largely increased in the district around Aden, there is still an important local trade in hottom, which is used as a substitute for soap. Hottom is the Arabic name for the ashcakes which result from the burning of a desert plant that grows plentifully in this part of Arabia.

The plant from which hottom is made is a glasswort or saltwort; both Salicornia herbacea and Salsola kali are said to be found in this region and used for the purpose. The Arabs call this plant dalook, and say that it is a natural one, because it sprouts from the ground where it would not seem possible that there could have been seeds or any other means of reproduction.

As a reason for their belief they point to the parched and barren rocks of Aden from which, when there is one of the rare rainfalls, these plants sprout in great numbers, but usually never to mature. The Arabs of the desert gather these plants and pile them in pits dug in the sand. They are then burned to ashes, the ashes forming a hard cake in the bottom of the pit.

The product comes into Aden by camel caravan from the mainland, one camel carrying from two to three cakes. It is estimated that 6,500 to 7,000 maunds of 28 pounds each of hottom are sold each year in the Aden market. Much greater quantities are produced and used in the Aden hinterland and in the Arabian Red Sea provinces, says a United States commerce report from Aden. The local government levies a tax of 1 cent per maund on all the hottom sold in Aden.

The principal purchasers of this product are the native laundrymen and dyers. From the former it derives another local name much used by Europeans. The hottom has the appearance of dried cakes of dark mud. Native laundrymen are known as "dhobies" and hottom is frequently referred to as "dhobie mud."

It is quite effective in washing very dirty or stained clothing, but is said to be sufficiently strong in alkali to have an injurious effect upon the wearing quality of the clothing if used regularly. Hottom is claimed to be an excellent mordant and the native dyers use it in their work. A large quantity is used in this way.

The plant has other important uses. The Arab women gather the branches and leaves and dry them thoroughly. They then crush the dried material into a powder. This powder is sold in the native bazars and is also hawked about the streets. This form of dalook is used for cleansing the body, particularly by the Arab and the Somali women. It is invariably used when the hair receives one of its infrequent washings. The dalook powder is also used to make tough meat tender.

While hottom and dalook are still extensively used, they are slowly giving way to imported soap. The use of soap in this district is increasing and that it will continue to increase is a certainty.

Art of Harnessing a Horse.

The students in the field artillery branch of the service who attended the officers' reserve training camp at Fort Riley never knew before there was just one way to harness and unharness a horse, or that it was such a complicated job. Some of them were reared on farms or ranches, but they never groomed a horse like Uncle Sam's men do, says the Kansas City Star.

Every student has two horses he must care for. He must harness them up, ride one and lead the other. When he is through he must unharness them. Sometimes he works by the hour harnessing and unharnessing, so he, too, will be able to do it in the dark.

After that comes the grooming of the horses. It sounds simple, but it isn't. The lessons of the students in grooming are practical ones and the horses have to stand for it, whether they like it or not. Sometimes a horse will spend all morning being groomed, not because he needs it, but because the students need the training.

No Use for It.

Pat walked into the post office. After getting into the telephone box he called a wrong number. As there was no such number, the switch-attendant did not answer him. Pat shouted again, but received no answer.

The lady of the post office opened the door and told him to shout a little louder, which he did, but still no answer.

Again she said he would require to speak louder.

Pat got angry at this and turning to the lady said:

"Begorra, if I could shout any louder I wouldn't use your bloomin' old telephone at all!"—TIT-BITS.

Noncommittal Reply.

"I thought you told me you were selling me a pleasure car," said the bandaged motorist.

"So I did," replied the brisk salesman.

"Do I look as if I had been having a good time?"

"Well, I've seen a great many people look the way you do after they'd had what they called a good time."

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