

Read Hostetter's ad this week. Rev. S. J. Pittinger will preach at Mount Zion next Sunday. Chambersburg's high school male teachers are all college men. Stop at Dickson's drug store and get a cool refreshing drink of soda water.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dawney at Hustontown last Sunday. John Houpt has been quite poorly at his home at Big Cove Tannery for a month.

International Stock Food for sale at D. Edward Fore's, Knobsville. Best in the world.

A full line of Staple Groceries just received at Robinson's and will be sold at rock-bottom prices for cash.

Charlie Stenger, between the Fulton House and Downes' barber shop is prepared to do all kinds of watch, clock, and jewelry repairing. All work guaranteed.

Fall term Central Commercial College, Cumberland, Md., Winchester, Va., begins September 2nd. Write for catalogue and free lesson in Gregg Shorthand. Scholarship \$45.

James White Bryantsville, Ind., says DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve healed running sores on both legs. He had suffered 6 years. Doctors failed to help him. Get DeWitt's. Accept no imitations. Trout's drug store.

There will be an ice cream supper and box social, held at Siloam church Saturday afternoon and night, Aug. 17. Proceeds for the benefit of the church. All are invited.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. W. F. Hart's family, who have been sick the past ten days having symptoms of La-grippe, have lately suddenly developed into those of typhoid fever. We hope that no other cases will develop.

If the action of your bowels is not easy and regular serious complications must be the final result. Dewitt's Little Early Risers will remove the danger. Safe, pleasant and effective. Trout's drug store.

A Night-Blooming Cereus that has been accepting care for six years at the hands of Mrs. A. U. Nace without yielding any returns, surprised her family Monday evening by unfolding two most beautiful and fragrant flowers. Next morning, those flowers that had for a few hours, given so much pleasure to the family and the numerous friends who had called during the evening, had folded themselves up never again to open.

A subscriber to the Mercersburg Journal suggests that correspondents, in reporting loss of buildings by lightning, should state whether or not the building contained a lightning rod. In this way the public would have some facts from which to determine whether or not lightning rods protect buildings to the extent claimed.

A special to the Philadelphia Times Monday say that William Hiles a prosperous farmer of Buck Valley, near the Maryland line, reports that his 15-year old son Chester was kidnapped last Friday night, Harvey Brabson formerly of McKeesport, is charged with the crime. He is believed to have fled to the mountains of West Virginia.

According to data collected by the war department, the cost of the United States army per soldier is more than any other nation in the world. It is five times the cost per man of the German army and about seven times that of the Russian. While nobody is likely to claim that one of our soldiers could whip five Germans or seven Russians, it is nevertheless true that a well fed soldier is vastly better than one who is poorly fed.

The Christian Endeavor societies of the Reformed, the Lutheran and the Presbyterian churches respectively, in this place, and the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal church, held a delightful union service in the Presbyterian church last Sunday evening. It was conducted by George A. Comer of the Lutheran church. Among those who made interesting addresses were Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Woodcock of Altoona, and Miss Ella Linton, of Allegheny. There is no reason why such services should not be held more frequently.

Miss Myrtle Sipes, of New Castle, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Sipes of this place.

It is said that the Shade Gap railroad is being extended to Burnt Cabins. We'll keep an eye on it, and if they finish it, let you know.

O. O. Buck, Beirne, Ark., says: I was troubled with constipation until I bought DeWitt's Little Early Risers. Since then have been entirely cured of my old complaint. I recommend them. Trout's drug store.

Miss E. Elizabeth Patterson, of Webster Mills, a teacher of music in the Soldiers' Orphan Industrial School, at Scotland, has been elected principal vocal music teacher at Blairsville College for Women at Blairsville, Pa., and in consequence thereof has resigned her position at Scotland.

Mrs. E. J. Barney, wife of Rev. J. H. Barney, postmaster at Clearville, has gone on a visit of several weeks' duration. Her first stop will be in Winchester, Virginia. She will then attend the Virginia Central Christian Conference held by the Timber Ridge Christian Church in Hampshire county, West Virginia, where she formerly resided and where her husband was pastor of the church for a number of years. After spending several weeks among her friends she will spend some time with her youngest brother, Dr. J. J. Pittman, of Meyerstown, near Charlestown, Jefferson county, West Virginia.

What a Tale It Tells.

If that mirror of yours shows a wretched, sallow complexion, a jaundiced look, moth patches and blotches on the skin, it's liver trouble; but Dr. King's New Life Pills regulate the liver, purify the blood, give clear skin, rosy cheeks, rich complexion. Only 25c at W. S. Dickson's drug store.

Whips Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Mellott spent last Sunday with their daughter Mrs. T. R. Starr at Crystal Springs.

Joe Winter and his niece, Miss Emma, are spending several days visiting friends at Clearville.

David A. Garland of Needmore was in our vicinity last week with his matches looking out for a trade. David, did you get a trade? Mr. and Mrs. Elijah A. Hoopengardner spent Sunday afternoon with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Denton Hoopengardner.

David Smith continues in ill health.

Rev. A. W. May will preach at the Jerusalem church next Sunday morning at 10:30.

Rev. S. L. Baugher of Virginia will preach at the Whips Cove church next Monday evening at 7:30.

Teachers' Examinations.

Bethel, Gordon's school house, August 8; Thompson, Centre, August 9; Wells, No. 2, August 12; Brush Creek, Emmaville, 13; Union, Centre, 14; Belfast, Needmore, 15; Ayr, Webster Mills, 16; Tod, McGovern's, 17; Dublin, Ft. Littleton, 19; Taylor, Hustontown, 20; and Licking Creek, Harrisonville, 21. Usual requirements and limit. Open 8 a. m. Hope boards will meet at same time and place.

Amaranth.

Jacob Spade and Geo. Carson made a flying trip to Franklin county last week.

Miss Hulda Hoopengardner of Lashley spent part of last week with her aunt, Mrs. Robert Carson.

Marshall McKibbin and John Rhea, made a business trip to Pittsburg last week.

Harry Hoopengardner of Jumboville is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hoopengardner.

Joseph Deneon of Hyndman is visiting relatives in our valley.

Miss Sadie McKibbin spent Saturday and Sunday with the family of Dr. Wm. L. McKibbin.

Anthony Spade, of Emmaville, was the guest of his son Jacob of this place part of last week.

Squire R. J. Sigel who has been quite ill of fever for the past month, We are glad to note is improving.

Miss Elva Snyder of Pine Ridge was the guest of Miss Bertha Rhea part of last week.

SMUT IN THE OATS.

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the strong acid from the hands. It will take time and care to dry the seed oats thus treated sufficiently for drilling. If there is any trouble, sow it by hand. One thorough treatment will give exemption for many years.

Unless farmers take some active measures, such as indicated, the oat smut will grow greater year by year. The department of agriculture at Washington estimates the annual loss to the farmers of the United States from the oat smut at eighteen million dollars.

Squire D. D. Swanger, of Lurgan, the President of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company and who has always been a progressive citizen and farmer, used one of the tests and his crop was of better quality and a larger yield. He says in part in a note to the Chronicle: "In the spring of 1900, my son, D. B. Swanger, who resides on my farm, gave the hot water method a trial on part of his field and the result is a perfect success. The part sown with prepared seed came up nicely and the best of all not one head of smutted oats could be found, while the balance of the field was as badly smutted as usual."

Squire Swanger has sent to the Valley Spirit two samples from his oats crop this year. In the following letter he gives their history and tells how easily and cheaply any farmer can rid his oats of smut and increase the yield and add to the quality of the oats crop.

To the Editor of the Spirit:— Sir: Two bunches of oats out of two fields on my farm, near Lurgan, and of this season's growth, which I send you have this history:

The first is from seed prepared for the crop of 1900 resown for this year's crop without process. The second, or smutted sample, is the product of unprepared oats. The seed of both samples came from the same oats. The bad sample had the advantage of situation and richness of soil. One year ago I offered George H. Stewart, Shippensburg, who seemed to then doubt the efficacy of the treatment, five dollars for every head of smutted oats that he might find on the trial acre that my son, D. B. Swanger, had sown, but I still have my money and the gentleman must worry along without it.

There are five methods of partially or wholly eradicating smut. Two dry ones and three wet. The first of the last three is the hot water one or the one my son used. In the last two, chemicals are used so, as will be seen, in the last three methods the prepared seed must be dried and as the bulk of seed cannot be reduced to the original bulk the drill must be set to sow about one-fourth more seed than in the unprepared seed.

The hot water method is sure and the way of preparation is this: Put about one and one-half bushels of oats in a salt or phosphate sack and tie it and immerse in a kettle of water heated to one hundred and thirty degrees and keep in, say five minutes, take out of the water and raise the temperature of the water to one hundred and thirty-five degrees, put bag and contents back into the water for 15 minutes. (My son in his first trial in 1900 only kept it in for ten minutes in the second dipping.)

Now, as the cost is practically nothing, as the farmer can prepare his own seed between this and the spring of 1902, I hope many of the farmers of the Cumberland Valley will make the test and they will be pleased, I feel sure.

The results as the samples show, are no dust while threshing, nice golden straw, nice bright grains and no poison to the animals while feeding either the grain or straw. I might add much more but hope this will call attention enough to induce others to try one of the methods and I feel sure they will be pleased. I will try to answer anyone wishing further detail.

D. D. SWANGER,
Lurgan.

Persons wishing Dental Work done by Dr. Stevens in this place will note that he is away from town from the 25th to the end of each month.

Eye Examinations for Glasses.

Dr. Curtis wishes to announce that all eye work done, or arranged for, on or before August 24th will be done at a considerable reduction from the usual rate.

There is less sickness now, and the doctors have more time at their disposal than they will have later. After August 24, the regular rate will be charged.

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George Mumma has gone to Jeanette, Westmoreland county where he has employment.

Samuel Deavor has gone to Clearfield, where he is employed in a tannery.

Samuel Blake has returned to his work at Clearfield.

Quite a number of our people attended camp meeting in Wells Valley on Sunday.

Threshing machines are plenty now. Just a middling yield of grain.

Abram King an aged reader of the News took suddenly ill last Thursday afternoon and is still quite ill.

Republican County Convention.

Pursuant to the call of the county Chairman the delegates met in convention in the courthouse at 1:30 p. m., on Tuesday. The convention was called to order by Prof. B. N. Palmer, chairman, and the following delegates were enrolled: Ayr Geo. W. Glenn, Thomas Shaw; Belfast, B. A. Truax, Levi Mellott; Brush Creek, John N. Hixon; Dublin, Hon. S. L. Buckley and G. W. Praker; McConnellsburg, M. R. Shaffner, and H. O. Unger; Taylor, B. N. Shaw, and Wm. Witter; Tod, Hon. Peter Morton and Samuel R. Cromer; Thompson, I. W. Zimmerman and Richard Hollenshead; Licking Creek, H. S. Daniels and Alex Skipper.

A permanent organization was made by the election of M. R. Shaffner, Esq., Chairman, and H. S. Daniels and Hon. S. L. Buckley secretaries.

The following gentlemen were placed before the convention for the office of Sheriff—James C. Alexander of Ayr, George W. Morton, and Milton Mellott of Belfast. On the sixth ballot, Geo. W. Morton was declared the nominee. S. A. Nesbit was elected delegate to the State convention, M. R. Shaffner, county chairman; and Clarence Trout, secretary, and Dr. J. W. Mosser, Dr. A. D. Dalbey and Hon. D. H. Patterson a committee with power to fill vacancies on the ticket.

There was no nomination for Treasurer.

To Save Her Child

From frightful disfigurement Mrs. Nannie Gallegor, of La Grange, Ga., applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve to great sores on her head and face, and writes its quick cure exceeded all her hopes. It works wonders in sores, bruises, skin eruptions, cuts, burns, scalds and piles. 25c. Cure guaranteed by W. S. Dickson, druggist.



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can quote you Buggy Harness—everything complete, from \$5.00 to \$50.00.
Team and Farm Harness, \$4.00 to \$20.00.
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Collars, 95 cents to \$2.50.
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Summer Lap Robes 25 cents to \$2.50.
Full Line
of everything used by a horse owner. We manufacture all our goods, and guarantee them to be right, or money refunded.
H. L. NORRIS,
Three Springs, Pa.

GUESSING CONTEST.
FREE SOLID-GOLD FREE OPAL RING FREE
Any person having work at my store, Cooper Building, will be entitled to a guess on the number of beans contained in the jar in my window. The person guessing the nearest will receive a solid Gold Opal Ring. Contest closes October 1. All work guaranteed.
H. W. KILLIAN.

McConnellsburg & Ft. Loudon Passenger, Freight and Express Line.

R. C. McQUADE, Proprietor.

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Leaving McConnellsburg at 12:30 o'clock, P. M., making connection with afternoon train on S. P. R. R.
Returning leave Ft. Loudon on the arrival of the evening train on S. P. R. R.
I am prepared to carry passengers and express to make connection with all trains at Ft. Loudon.

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Office on Square,
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FIRST CLASS
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A Clean Cut and Towel with each Shave.
Everything Antiseptic.
Razors Sterilized.
Shop in room lately occupied by Ed. Bralle.

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First Class Accommodations.
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Proprietor.

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I have now on hand the largest, best and cheapest assortment of Hand Made Harness in Pennsylvania, and sell them cheaper than the cheapest. Harness from \$8 to \$25 always on hand. REMEMBER, we make all our work BY HAND and guarantee it to be all right.
Fly Nets and Summer Dusters very cheap and at COST with Harness.

Farm Gears
of all kinds always on hand ready for use. We give SPECIAL low prices to our FULTON COUNTY customers. Whips, Collars, Hames, Bridles, and every thing for the horse.
Write or call for prices before you buy.

W. S. HOSTETTER,
Mercersburg, Pa.
S. E. Cor. Diamond.

LITTLE'S EXTENSION.
LOTS FOR SALE.

D. E. Little has purchased land lying between the Chambersburg and Mercersburg pike at the forks east of town. He has had it laid off in lots with alleys and streets, and has already disposed of six.

There are yet a number of very desirable ones that will be sold on Easy Payments.

D. E. LITTLE,
McConnellsburg, Pa.

VALUABLE MACHINERY
Private Sale.

The undersigned desiring heavier machinery will offer at private sale near Laidig, Fulton County, Pa., the following BARGAINS:

- 1 K. ENGINE, PEERLESS, portable, 18 H. P.—good as new.
- 1 SAW MILL, O. S. in good condition.
- 1 NEW SAW MILL.
- 1 HUBER TRACTION ENGINE AND THRESHER, 12 H. P.—Thresher New.
- 1 GOOD SECOND HAND THRESHER.
- 1 CHOPPING MILL—capacity, 40 to 60 bu. per hour.
- 1 BARK MILL with all Bevel Gearing, good as new.
- 1 VICTOR CLOVER Huller in good condition.
- 1 SHINGLE MILL, capacity 40 M. per day—good as new, with Pulleys, Belting, Counter-shafting—all complete.
- 1 NEW ACME WAGON.

We wish to settle up our books and conduct our business in a different way. Energetic young men can here find what they are looking for, and at reasonable prices, for cash or on payments, with notes and approved security, good only for 30 days.
Address,
JOHN F. JOHNSON,
Hancock, Md.

ROUSS RACKET STORE
Has Made Another Great Hit.

We have now in stock another lot of American plate arch-top mirrors, that will cause you to wonder who stole them. Note the price: 8x10 white enamel frame, 14c; 7x9 arch top, 20c; 8x10, 25c; 9x12, 30c; 10x14, 35c; 10x17, 45c; 12x18, 38c; 12x20, 40c. If you are in need of any of these, do not wait. Large palm leaf fans, 1c each, and we have others as high as 18c. Summer lap aprads with knotted fringe, full size, 45c. Motr. balls—50 in box—3c. Paris Green, 7c box or 25c package. Window screens, 11c. 12 in. wide sweat pads (not the narrow ones), 32c. Brooms, 13, 15 and 20c—see them. Umbrellas, 45, 65, and 75c with double frames. Teachers' Bibles, 35 to 98c, and family Bibles, \$1.75. Suspensers, 5 to 38c. Men's working shirts, 19 to 45c. Boy's working shirts, 23 to 29c. As nice a line of dress shirts for 48c as you see any place else at 75. If you are in need of any overalls or pants don't fail to see what we have. Men's overalls, 38 to 70c; pants, 60 to \$1.80. Boys' overalls, 18 to 35c. Screen wire, 28 in., 9c; 30 in., 10c; 32 in., 11c; 34 in., 12c yard. Axle grease—tin boxes—5c. Glass tumblers, 20c dozen. Lamp globes, 4 and 5c; lantern globes, 5c. Writing paper in boxes, 5 to 13c a box. Envelopes that you pay 10c package—for 4c; also at 2c package for 25 envelopes. Alarm clocks, 58 and 75c. Jar gums, 4c dozen. Sealing wax strings, 4c dozen; sealing wax, 2c for 4 pound bars. Glass jars at the lowest prices. Machine oil, 3c bottle. Russet shoe polish, 8c. Blackola, 8c large size. Whip sockets, 5c. 1 gal. glass oil cans, 18c. Horse shoe nails, 11c lb. Horse rasps, 18, 20 and 25c. Shoeing hammers—solid steel—20c. Pincers, 25 and 50c. Hatchets, 30, 35, and 45c. Knives and forks, 39 cents. We have a nice line of school and pen tablets 3 to 7 cents. Thanking you kindly for the increase in our business, we are,

Respectfully,
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Now is the time to get a Nobby Suit—Tailored the best—at a low price, to keep our workmen employed through dull season.

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NEW Summer Hats

I have just received a lot of new Summer Hats in all the latest fashions.

All styles of Trimming and notions.

Hats, Ribbons, Laces, Feathers, Flowers, Silks, Chiffons and Veilings.

Also a lot of ready trimmed hats.

If you want to get a bargain, come to our store.

Mrs. A. F. Little,

Just Finished Our Annual Stock Taking,

and as usual we find a good many things that ought to have been sold before this. We shall mark down prices on many articles during July and August and the people who will go to the trouble to come here, will be able to save money—"A dollar saved is a dollar made."

Baby Coaches and Go Carts are now cut in prices. The red ink pen goes on price cards of many other things from day to day.

H Sierer & Co
FURNITURE MAKERS,
New store on Queen St.,
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