

Mrs. George Ranck, of Bethel township, is reported as being very sick.

All dollar medicines 88 cents at Trout's Drug Store.

Mr. Stillwell W. Truax and son Blair were in town a short time yesterday.

All rubber goods guaranteed at Trout's Drug Store.

Mr. Gale Shaw, of Hancock, spent last Thursday night in the home of Ex-Sheriff Alexander.

HIDES WANTED.—Highest market price paid for beef hides, horse hides, wildcat skins, and all kinds of grease, at Paul Wagner's Tannery, McConnellsburg.

That same old stork sneaked into the home of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Mellott last Sunday morning and left them a nice ten-pound baby girl.

HIDES.—James Sipes & Sons pay the highest market price for beef hides at their butcher shop in McConnellsburg, also highest price paid for calf skins, sheepskins and tallow.

The Cooper lot, fronting on the south side of east Main Street, opposite the property of the late John Linn, was sold at public sale last Saturday to D. E. Little for \$260.

Harvey Cooper bought the O. W. Mellott timber tract advertised by Geo. A. Harris. The property is situated near the Siding Hill Baptist church in Belfast township.

There will be a Christmas entertainment in the Asbury Methodist church at Greenhill, on Thursday evening, December 24th, to which everybody is cordially invited.

You should always remember that most cough and cold cures are constipating. Yet the most important thing to do when you have a cold is to move the bowels. You cannot promptly cure a cold until you do this. Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup stops the cough by allaying inflammation of the throat and lungs, and it drives the cold from the system by gently moving the bowels. Children like it for it tastes nearly as good as maple sugar. Sold by Trout's drug store.

A Russian Jew named Solomon Kelly, who has peddled notions &c., through this county and during the last twenty-five years, was robbed of his pack valued at \$130 while staying all night in the home of Morton Hess, of Belfast township, November 30th.

Extravagant Road-Building Proposal. From The Philadelphia Record.

The Pennsylvania State Grange at Altoona was entertained by Mr. Weeks, of Philadelphia, chairman of a committee of motorists, with a proposition to amend the State Constitution so as to provide for an issue of \$50,000,000 in bonds for good roads. It is not probable that the people of Pennsylvania would ratify so extravagant a scheme, even if two successive Legislatures should be reckless enough to submit it to them. With a surplus of nearly \$10,000,000 in the State Treasury and revenues constantly pouring into it, wherein lies the necessity of borrowing a vast sum of money for good roads or any other desirable object? After all that may be reasonably expended for State highways or township roads under wise management, the margin of Treasury surplus, with its steady accretions, would remain much the same.

It would be unjust to attribute to the promoters of this extravagant scheme a design to induce the people of the Commonwealth to contract an enormous debt and pay interest upon it in order that the banks may continue to farm the Treasury surplus at its existing volume without interruption. But such would be the precise financial result of the operation. Instead of a loan of \$50,000,000, or an expenditure of \$5,000,000, experienced engineers estimate that Governor Stuart's plan of rehabilitating the historic old turnpike, the shortest route from Philadelphia to Pittsburg, and almost entirely free from toll gates, would cost less than \$3,000,000. For the rest, the people of Pennsylvania in a former generation had enough experience of such State expenditure as is involved in this scheme of an immense loan for good roads. It is not likely that the experience of the present generation would differ in this respect.

#### Rats.

George Kelly is worse than "old pizen" on rats. A few evenings ago, he went to Hohman's butcher shop, and dropped down a door which had been previously left open to entrap the rodents, and then, with a rat terrier and a club, he killed twenty-eight rats. That was such fine sport, that he tried it another evening, and succeeded in killing fourteen. If your premises is infested with rats, just take them up to George, and he will show you how to get rid of them.

#### Farm For Rent.

In case the Mill property and farm of Mr. Elijah Baldwin at Fort Littleton is not sold by the first of January, the same will be for rent on advantageous terms. Apply to Elijah Baldwin, Fort Littleton, Pa.

#### THOMPSON.

Quite a large crowd greeted the pastor, Rev. Powers, at Antioch last Sabbath evening, at the beginning of the revival services at that place. Services will be held every evening this week; also on next Sunday evening when further announcements will be made.

W. R. Daniels is critically ill at his writing.

Miss Abbie Pittman and sister Georgia spent Sunday at Isaac Hewitt's.

Mrs. Willard Lytton spent Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Simpson.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hess is spending some time with her daughter Mrs. Geo. F. Mellott at Lemaster Franku county.

Mrs. J. C. Hewett and little grandson Clyde spent Sunday with Mrs. J. C. Carbaugh.

Lemuel Gordon of near McConnellsburg made a business trip to Thompson the first of this week.

Health Officer Peck, of Needmore was looking into the conditions of the school houses and grounds of this township on Monday.

Mrs. J. C. Carbaugh's well was completed last week. They found a strong current of water at the depth of one hundred and eighteen feet.

J. E. Simpson and J. F. Hess have contracted to paint several houses, for J. T. Bridges, in Hagerstown, this winter.

Alvah Gordon of Elkins, W. Va., spent a few days at his home here and attended institute in McConnellsburg. He is a former teacher of Thompson.

Preaching at Damascus Sunday at 10 a. m. and at Laurel Ridge at 3 p. m., Antioch in the evening at half past seven.

#### Farmers' Week.

If you have not seen the program for Farmers' Week at The Pennsylvania State College, which begins Dec. 30, 1908, and closes Jan. 5, 1909, write for it, addressing the School of Agriculture and Experiment Station, State College, Pa.

The program for Farmers' Week at The Pennsylvania State College shows over 100 practical exercises and lectures. They include stock judging, corn-scoring, seed-testing, identification of weed seeds, growing alfalfa, fertilizer results, butter making, milk-testing, cattle-feeding, meat-dressing, poultry judging, fruit-growing, cooking demonstrations, forestry, plant diseases, uses of cement and electricity.

The list of speakers includes, not only regular instructors in the schools of Agriculture, Engineering and Science, but Direct or Thorne, of the Ohio Experiment Station; Director Voorhees, of the New Jersey Experiment Station; B. D. White, of the Dairy Division, U. S. Department of Agriculture; Prof. Graham, of the Ontario Agricultural College; H. E. Cook, of New York, and a number of Pennsylvania men eminent in their respective lines of work.

Men and women interested in practical farm or home subjects will find the week, Dec. 30 to Jan. 5, a profitable one to spend at State College. The only expenses are for traveling and living. The Pennsylvania R. R. Company will sell a reduced rate round trip ticket from all stations on its road to Bellefonte or Lemont and return. Get up a party of neighbors to go.

**BRILLIANT SPARKLING CLEAR**

No smoke, no soot, no flicker. No "frosed" chimneys, no charred sticks. Burns out clean with a big, round, steady, white flame to the last drop without readjusting wick.

**"Family Favorite" LAMP OIL**

Best light for the eyes. Does away with every lamp trouble. Costs no more than inferior kerosene oil. Almost every dealer has it. Inquire.

**WAVERLY OIL WORKS CO.,**  
Independent Refiners  
**PITTSBURG, - - PA.**  
Also makers of Waverly Special Auto Oil and Waverly Gasolines.

#### Notice of Annual Meeting.

A meeting of the Shareholders of The First National Bank of McConnellsburg will be held at its Banking House on Tuesday January 12th, 1909 between the hours of 12 o'clock m and 2 o'clock p. m. for the election of Directors, for the ensuing year.

MERRILL W. NACE,  
Cashier.

#### A System of Free Roads.

From The Philadelphia Press.

The Commonwealth never undertook a work more worthy of its power, resources and standing than when it embarked on the policy of road improvement. It has been engaged in this work for five years and has constructed 525 miles of improved roads, paying from two thirds to three-fourths of the cost and investing more than \$5,000,000 of State money, yet there is a general discontent with the result. This has been shown strongly at the convention of the State Grange, at Altoona, and the dissatisfaction of the farmers is only an echo of the general sense of disappointment with the working out of the State's beneficent policy of improving the public roads.

The trouble is that the State has not proceeded on any system. Its road improvement has been determined by local requests from here and there and its work has been patchwork, widely separated, giving the State good roads in spots and these not the most important spots. If the State money is to go into roads it ought to go into the main roads and not be sunk altogether in obscure secondary township roads.

One of the State Grange resolutions advocates State roads between county seats. This proposes a rational policy which if persistently pursued will give us in the end a system of State roads connecting all county seats and making continuous highways across and up and down the State in every direction.

Many of these are toll turnpikes. These public roads in private hands naturally follow the traveled ways between county seats. These are the roads the State should first acquire. With the purchase and freeing of the toll turnpikes a very important system of State roads would be put at once in possession of the State. The State system could then be strengthened and developed by the improvement of these turnpikes and their extension as free roads to other important points crossing county lines.

The results of road improvement on this system could at once be seen, appreciated and enjoyed. It would give the State both improved highways and free highways along the principal lines of travel. These would gradually connect and make an unbroken State system serving every part of the Commonwealth and unweaved by a single toll gate.

#### Harrisonville M. E. Church Notice.

Revival services at Siloam. Fourth quarterly meeting will be held at Asbury, Saturday afternoon, December 19th, at 2:30. District Supt. E. M. Stevens will preach at Siloam, Saturday evening at 7.

Asbury—Sunday, Dec. 20th—Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.; Christmas sermon by Dr. Stevens, at 10:30 a. m.

Siloam—Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.; revival services by pastor, at 9:30 p. m.

LUTHER W. MCGARVEY,  
Pastor.

## Bargains In Hats and Feathers

— AT HUSTONTOWN —

ALL STRICTLY NEW GOODS.

Hats that were \$2.00, now \$1.25. Hats that were \$1.75, now 85c. Hats that were \$1.50, now 75c. Hats that were \$1.25, now 65c. Hats that were \$1.00, now 50c. Baby caps of felt, white bear skin, and silk embroidered, at HALF PRICE. Feathers of all descriptions from 5c. each, up; Soutache Braids, 2c. yd; ruching, allover lace, veiling, etc. at lowest prices.

Thanking the public for past patronage and soliciting a share in the future.

Mrs. H. C. McClain.

## Stop - Look - Listen

Santa Claus will visit the store of

— D. H. PATTERSON & SON, —

At Webster Mills,

At the Xmas Holidays—and will have a load of Toys with him,

## Railroad Trains,

Sleds and Wagons for the boys and Dolls for the girls, and a large assortment of Candies for the children. All are invited to come and see him.

There will also be found a lot of Novelties suitable for

## XMAS GIFTS

Consisting of fancy Glass-ware, Decorated China-ware, Toques, Fascinators, Men's and Ladies' fancy Handkerchiefs; also, Oranges, Figs, Dates, and Nuts of all kinds.

## The Irwin Store.

We are ready with a Complete Assortment of

## Holiday — Goods

FOR CHRISTMAS BUYING.

Our special effort this season in the direction of Original Novelties and New Features has met with most gratifying success, and we shall deem it a privilege to show you a very extensive assortment of

FANCY DECORATED CHINA, CUT GLASS, SILVER NOVELTIES, SILVERWARE, LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELRY, BOOKS, FRAMED PICTURES, LADIES' AND GENTS' TOILET CASES, CARD ALBUMS AND

Card boxes, Toys, Dolls and Novelties of all kinds for the Children, Groceries Candies.

## GOLDEN STAR AND WHITE SEWING MACHINES.

We feel confident that the most critical examination of our stock will convince you it is not equaled elsewhere in merit or in price. We invite you to give us your business.

THE IRWIN STORE.

#### TO UNITE CHURCHES.

Presbyterian, Reformed and Welsh Are Interested.

As a direct result of the movement to secure a unity in the Christian churches by the establishment of the federal council of the churches of Christ in America, which closed its session in Philadelphia, announcement was made last Wednesday that a joint committee representing the Presbyterian church in the United States of America, the Reformed church in the United States and the Welsh Presbyterian church has recommended to the respective bodies a consolidation of the three churches.

Dr. William H. Roberts, former moderator of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America, was chairman of the committee representing that body; Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, of Hagerstown, Md., was chairman of the committee of the Reformed church, and Rev. R. T. Roberts, of Wilkesbarre, headed the committee of the Welsh church.

Miss Maye McEldowney, of Hagerstown, and Miss Bess Motter spent last week the guests of J. G. Alexander's family.

#### Why We Like a Mule.

Because he is the most tireless worker on the farm.

He eats less than a horse, but does more work.

He is always as good as cash in the bank.

He never falls through a hole in a bridge and generally keeps out of danger.

He is an excellent saddle animal if you know how to saddle him.

His feet stand hard roads better than those of a horse.

He is more intelligent than a horse.

He is never in love, but attends strictly to business all the time.

He is never sick but once, and then he dies. But who ever saw a dead mule since the war?

He never stops to fight flies as a horse does, because his hide is tougher.

He is just as gentle as a horse if he has not been spoiled in breaking.

His age cuts little figure in a sale. Nobody cares much how old a mule is.

He will bring from \$150 to \$250 when he is full grown if he is big and smooth and strong.—Farm World.

Subscribe for the "News," only \$1.00 a year.

## TWO HEADS

ARE BETTER THAN ONE!

Talk it over with the WIFE. Plan so you can cut down the daily expenses. Open an account with us so you will have a place for your savings where they will be safe, not only from thieves, but from yourselves—money in the house is a temptation to spend. Have a purpose in your growing habit of depositing in

## The First National Bank

OF McCONNELLSBURG,

3 PER CENT COMPOUND INTEREST.

## FULTON COUNTY BANK

McConnellsburg, Pa.

(ORGANIZED IN 1887.)

3 per cent. Interest Paid on Time Money.

Deposit it, when you have a surplus, with \$ \$ Borrow, when in need from

The Fulton County Bank.

The officers are men with years of practical training in their respective lines. They are thoroughly competent and exercise prudence and the utmost care in the management of this institution. They do not have a dollar invested in stocks or corporation bonds. Individual liability and security to Depositors of more than \$300,000.00.

W. H. NELSON, - - - Cashier.

EIGHTEEN STOCKHOLDERS

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## INSTITUTE

Special Sales in Millinery During Institute Week.

We have the most attractive display of hats in town. Hats of superior materials and excellent workmanship; Hats not equaled anywhere else. The newly trimmed Velvet, Silk, and Felt Hats; in fact, hats in every fashionable color, among them some

WORTH ALMOST DOUBLE THE PRICE WE ASK

We will be pleased to have you call at our Store during Institute Week. Everybody welcome. All hats trimmed free. Store opposite Postoffice.

MRS. A. F. LITTLE.

## J. K. Johnston's

Give a Serviceable Gift. **Xmas** Give a Serviceable Present.

GOODS ARE SERVICEABLE.

#### For The Men

Neckties, 10 to 50c.  
Mufflers, 25c to \$1.00.  
Umbrellas, 75c to \$1.00.  
Kid Gloves, 50c to \$1.00.  
Golf Gloves, 25 to 50c.  
Hose—fancy, 10 to 25c.  
Fur Caps, \$1.00 to \$1.50  
Coat Sweaters, 50c to \$3.50.  
Handkerchiefs, 5c to \$1.00.  
Suit Brush, 25c.  
Suit Cases, 1.00 to 5.00.  
Cuff Links, 25c.  
Pocket Books, 10 to 50c.  
Fancy Shirts, 50c to \$1.00.  
Shoes or Suits always make a serviceable gift.

Hair Brush, 25c.  
Over-gaiters, 25c.  
Hand Bags, 25c to \$1.00.  
Side or Back Combs 10 to 25c  
Hair Ribbons, any width or color.  
Watch Guards, 25c.  
Patent Leather or Gun Metal Shoes, 1.50 to \$3.00.  
Fur Sets—Muffs \$1.50 up. Fur Scarfs, 75c to \$4.50.  
Silk Shirt Waist Patterns, any color.  
A Dress or an Overcoat is a serviceable present.

#### For The Children

Fascinators, 25c to \$1.50.  
Wool Gloves and Mittens 10 to 25c.  
Kid Gloves, \$1.00.  
Fancy Collars, 5 to 25c.  
Handkerchiefs, 5 to 25c.

Golf Gloves, 25c.  
Mittens, 10 to 25c.  
Handkerchiefs, 5c. up.  
Hoods, 25c.  
Toques, 25 and 50c.  
Leggins, 40 to 60c.  
Children can always use Hose, 10 to 25c.  
Fur Sets, 1.25 to \$1.60.  
Dress, Coats or Suits are always useful presents.

J. K. JOHNSTON.