

INTERESTING PARAGRAPHS

Of Local and General Interest, Gathered at Home or Clipped from our Exchanges.

CONDENSED FOR HURRIED READERS

Blank notes at the NEWS office. Howard W. Truax, one of Belfast township's rising young farmers spent part of the last day of the old year in McConnellsburg.

When buying a cough medicine for children bear in mind that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is most effectual for colds, croup and whooping cough and that it contains no harmful drug. For sale by all dealers.

John W. Guinnels, jr., and Ira L. Peck, who have been spending their holiday vacation with their parents at Knobsville, returned to Norristown Monday to resume their work in the Schissler College of Business.

H. H. Hertzler, of Burnt Cabins played "sub" for his son Blaine who carries the mail between McConnellsburg and Burnt Cabins, and made a trip to the County Seat through the rain Tuesday. Time is dealing gently with the "Squire," and he is as active as a school boy.

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St. Paul's, McConnellsburg, Preparatory Service Saturday afternoon, 2:30. Sunday School, 9. Communion, 10:30. No evening church service. Christian Endeavor, 6 o'clock.

Tannery church, Sunday School, 1:30; Church worship at 2:30.

Mayor Nelson S. Pratt has requested the Spokane, Washington, Chamber of Commerce, The Ministerial Alliance, ward improvement clubs and residents to endorse a project by which a work farm will supplant the city jail as a corrective institution, which, he says, is a relic of the dark ages. He also urges the establishment of an institution where the destitute can find employment.

Mr. Clem Brant, who had been employed on the T. A. Coleman & Sons' Dairy and Fruit Farm near Altoona, during the past summer, returned to his home in Licking Creek township just before Christmas, and expects next Monday to remove his family to Altoona. Mr. Brant and family will be accompanied to their new home by his sister, Miss Zena, who will remain with them for a short time.

Sister Anna Albright, of Baltimore, a Lutheran Deaconess arrived Tuesday to assist in the family of Wm. Woodall. Sister Anna was ere during the first sickness in the Woodall family and nursed Mr. and Mrs. Woodall and their daughter, Myrtle, has returned to assist during the continued illness of Mr. Woodall, and to wait upon the two children, Frank and Stella, who now have typhoid fever.

A letter from James S. Akers, formerly of Akersville, but now a prosperous business man residing in Texarkana, Ark., says they have not had a flake of snow this winter, and but very few frosts. Their winter gardens are looking fine. "There are some advantages to be gained living in Fulton county," says Mr. Akers, "but I should not care to try a winter there again." He says their town is growing steadily, that they have natural gas for heating and lighting purposes, and that a large glass factory has just been put into operation. Mrs. Akers is a daughter of John Plessinger, of Belfast township. The name "Texarkana" suggests at once that part of the city lies in Texas and part in Arkansas; or like Bristol, Tenn., half lies in Tennessee, and half in Virginia.

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LEGISLATURE MEETS.

John F. Cox Again Speaker, and W. E. Crow, President of the Senate.

The Legislature convened at noon Tuesday and its organization was just as Senator Penrose had planned it should be several months or more ago. John F. Cox was chosen Speaker of the House and William E. Crow as President of the Senate.

Governor Stuart's last message was read and a bill providing over \$700,000 for salaries of members, the inauguration, postage, stationery and so on was introduced.

The sessions of both houses were held Tuesday afternoon and yesterday morning at 10 o'clock the House held a session to pass the appropriation bill on second reading. The House then adjourned until January 16th when the bill will be passed on third reading and will go through the Senate on first reading. On January 18th the bill will have passed the Senate finally.

More on the Age Example.

The following from Geo. Gaily Chambers, a former teacher in this county, but now a member of the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania, is given in answer to a query in connection with the "lady's age" last week.

The NEWS feels flattered that teachers of the caliber of Prof. Chambers should be interested. Prof. Chambers writes:

"In last week's NEWS the following example is given:

1909	5	8
69	4	29
1840	0	9

and the question asked as to what is wrong with it. There is nothing wrong with it. The difficulty arises in interpreting the result. If we wished to write a denominate number like 7bu. 3qt. in the form for computation, we would likely write

bu.	pk.	qt.
7	0	3

We could, however, write

bu.	pk.	qt.
6	4	3

since 4 pecks make one bushel.

On the other hand if we wished to write a date like December 9, 1839 in the form for computation, we would likely write

1839	12	9
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we could, however, write

1840	0	9
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since twelve months make one year.

Therefore, whenever the result of a subtraction is a date and there is a zero in the month's place, that date must be read as December of the previous year."

GEO. GAILEY CHAMBERS.

The many friends of Miss Maude Baumgardner, of Wells Tannery, who is now the wife of Dr. Humphreys, will be pleased to learn that she is well and happy. She and her husband are missionaries in China, and just now are making a long journey between the cities of Shanghai and Ninguenfu. The first fifty days of the journey is made on a house boat drawn by natives. After leaving the river, they will spend the next twelve days traveling in Sedan chairs carried by the natives. In writing to her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Baumgardner at Wells Tannery, Mrs. Humphreys says that when she sees the great opportunity for carrying the light of Christian civilization to those benighted people, she is happy in the thought that she is permitted to be an instrument in God's hands to assist in this glorious work.

Mr. Jacob Motter of the Cove, returned home Monday, after having spent twelve days on a visit to his son John in Altoona and his brother Henry at Blueball, Cambria county. His son William, accompanied him to Altoona.

Wm. Cline of Dublin township and R. W. Wagner who lives over the line in Huntingdon county were pleasant callers at our office yesterday. Mr. Wagner was arranging for bills for a large sale he will have in March.

Mr. Samuel Hess, one of Belfast township's hustling farmers, spent a few hours in town on business yesterday.

Mr. E. C. Vannart, of Lambertville, N. J., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Mellott of this place.

UNCLE JEDEDIAH'S DOG.

Painful Silence Followed the Owner's Tale About Him.

"No," said Uncle Jedediah, reflectively, as he leaned back against the sugar-barrel at the postoffice. "I don't suppose anybody'd believe it, but that there dog of mine, Andy Jackson, has been run over by thirty-two or thirty-three red honkers from up Portland way come a-sizzlin' along the pike at a forty-mile-an-hour gait, while Andy Jackson laid asleep in the middle of the road. Every blessed one of 'em jounced over him, and b' Gosh! I thought he was a goner sure enough; but, after the last one had passed over him, he opened one eye and began scratchin' his left ear with his off hind leg, like he thought there'd been a fly or two buzzin' around, and then he gapped a bit and turned over and went to sleep ag'in. A week later another feller come a-bikkin' through on a little pink gas-buggy with a Noo Jersey number tagged on to his hind wheels, and that old dog stood square in the track of it just as if it wasn't any more'n so much puff. I never expected to see the pore animal alive ag'in, and I turned my head the other way, drendin' the spekticle I felt shore he'd been turned into, but by Jiminy! a half an hour later I found him a-settin' on that there counter just behind the sugar-barrill catchin' flies. It's been the same all along. Car after car has run over him, and he's got so now when he hears one comin' he runs out o' the store like mad and lies down before it, as much as to say that he liked bein' run over."

"Well, that's mighty funny," said the stranger in town. "How do you account for it, sir?"

"Wa-al, I dun'no," said Uncle Jedediah; "but I guess his bark is so thick they can't break through to no vital part."

A painful silence followed in which the stranger joined, looking sternly meanwhile out of the door.

"Can I sell ye a muzzler?" asked Uncle Jedediah, after a while.

"What for?" asked the stranger, with a frown.

"The safety of the public," replied the old man. "I have reason to believe, young man, that there be times when you bite."

More Than Five Feet.

A certain newly-rich man had built himself a fine house. He thought it well to have a library, and went down to a book-store, where he ordered some books.

"What kind of books?" asked the clerk.

"Why, books," replied the man. "Books, you know; reading-books."

The books came and were installed in the library. Soon after a friend came up to look over the place.

"Here," said the man, "is my library. Here is where I love to get with a book and a pipe, and forget the outside world."

The friend was somewhat of a book-shade. He took down a book, looked at it, and put it back; took down another, looked at that, and put it back, and repeated the process several times.

Then he asked: "John, where did you get these books?"

"Oh, replied John, 'I picked them up here and there. Whenever I found one I liked I bought it. It has been the work of many years.'"

"But isn't it strange that you should have bought six hundred copies of McGuffey's Fifth Reader?"—Washington Star.

SLIPPED OUT.



"Sorely came near being engaged once."

"How so?"

"The night he was getting ready to go and ask the girl, a fellow came along and asked him to go bobbing for eels."

Little Willie Knew.

Little Willie, the son of a German-town woman, was playing one day with the girl next door, when the latter exclaimed:

"Don't you hear your mother calling you? That's three times she's done so! Aren't you going in?"

"Not yet," responded Willie imperturbably.

"Won't she whip you?"

"Naw!" exclaimed Willie in disgust. "She ain't goin' to whip nobody! She's got company. So, when I go in, she'll just say: 'The poor little man has been so deaf since he'd had the measles!'"

Tricks in All Trades.

Stranger.—"Zum Donnerwetter, now you have cut my chin a second time! If you can't shave better than that you will lose all your customers pretty quick."

Barber's Apprentice.—"Not at all! I am not allowed to shave the regular customers yet, I only shave strangers!"

Miss Meta Fryman returned to her home in this place last Saturday after having spent a few days among friends in Mercersburg. She is suffering this week with an ulcerated jaw.

Wilson Myers and C. F. Brewer, two of Thompson township's substantial citizens, spent a few hours at the County seat on business yesterday.

FAST COLORS.

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The fastest colors on the market today are what are known among dyers as hydrosulphite colors that are dyed in a caustic bath with hydrosulphite.

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Tossing in the Blanket.

Tossing in the blanket, which has been forbidden to the troops of the Aldershot division as the sequel to a fatal accident, is a very old sport or punishment. "Blanketing," Ben Jonson called it, and in Hollinshed (1577) we find a denunciation of "jesting, placing, blanketing, and such other filthy and dishonorable exercises." The French have a special verb, "berner," for it, "berne" being the name given to the sheet or blanket used. Sancho Panza's tossing is certainly the most famous in literature, and the question arises whether the practice came to France via Spain from Morocco. For the verb "berner" is also used for the Moorish punishment, in which four men hold the victim by his ankles and wrists and send him as high as they can—presumably with no blanket to catch him.—London Chronicle.

Tree Planting on English Waste Land.

Coke of Holkham, so we learn from Mr. W. H. R. Currier's short "History of English Agriculture," began his great agricultural work about 1776 on an estate where, as old Lady Townshend said, "all you will see will be one blade of grass, and two rabbits fighting for that"; in fact it was little better than a rabbit warren. He transformed the bleak, bare countryside by planting fifty acres of trees every year until he had 3,000 acres well covered, and in 1832 had probably the unique experience of embarking in a ship which was built of oak grown from the acorns he had himself planted. Between 1776 and 1842 (the date of his death) he is said to have spent £536,392 on improving his estate.—London Globe.

Dog and Horse.

As compared with the dog the horse is a stupid animal. The animal trainer will tell you that in intelligence it is "nip and tuck" between the dog and the elephant, and that in comparison with other of these animals the horse is nowhere. It is only in his docility and affection that the horse is the "animal next to man," and even in these respects the dog is a worthy competitor with him. When it comes to "knowing things" our faithful friend the horse is left far behind by our other friend and companion, the dog.

Time's Changes.

Mildmay is a philosopher in his way. The other evening Mrs. M. gave him a scolding that would have made almost any other man crazy. But Mildmay said never a word in reply. He only murmured to himself: "And that is the woman I used to hold on my knee and call my little pooty woosy!"

Lighthouse for Peace Memorial.

Would not a lighthouse be a fitting memorial of the peace that has prevailed on the great lakes since the war of 1812? The neutrality of the great lakes is a triumph of common sense and humane instincts over warlike impulses. It also illustrates the superiority of the unwritten to the written statute.

Wireless-Telephone on Warships.

According to daily press reports wireless telephony has not proved an unqualified success on the battleship fleet. It was impossible to send messages over any great distance except under the most favorable conditions, and when the telephone was in use the telegraph had to keep silent.

Spectacles.

The invention of spectacles is variously attributed to Alessandro di Spina, who died at Pisa in 1313; to Al Hazen, the Arabian (eleventh century), and to Roger Bacon (1214-92). It is quite safe to suppose that the invention was not earlier than the beginning of the eleventh century.

A Word for the Unsatisfied.

Those who are quite satisfied sit still and do nothing. Those who are not quite satisfied are the sole benefactors of the world.—Landon.

Racy.

The race isn't always to the swift. Sometimes it is to the wise man who knows how to fix things.—Chicago Daily News.

Now You Know.

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Charles R. Whitel, Fort Littleton, Pa.
Robert W. Broadbeck, Burnt Cabins, Pa.
George Rexroth, McConnellsburg, Pa.
Harry Hamill, McConnellsburg, Pa.
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