

INTERESTING PARAGRAPHS

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

CONDENSED FOR HURRIED READERS

Best of Fresh Candies at Seylar's.

Seventeen sacks of mail arrived at noon at the McConnellsburg office on Monday.

Stationery 10c to \$1.50 per box at Seylar's.

Max Irwin, of Pittsburgh, is spending Christmas at home in McConnellsburg.

Mrs. C. E. Kline, Licking Creek township, gave us a Christmas dollar yesterday.

Mrs. L. W. Seylar and Miss Mary Hoke spent last Saturday with Miss Blanche Patterson at Webster Mills.

The parcel post system is making our postoffice look like a "McConnellsburg and Fort Loudon Railway" freight office.

A little boy figured it out that since a man's wife is his better half, if he marries twice there would be nothing left of him.

Mrs. Helen Corbin and daughter Eliza, are spending the holidays at the home of Helen's mother, Mrs. E. J. Johnston in the Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fore, of Markes, Franklin county, spent last Sunday with Mr. Fore's father and sister, D. E. Fore, Esq., and Miss Katie.

The Joseph Shapiro department store on Broad Top City was destroyed by fire last Saturday night. Loss said to be fully covered with insurance.

Amos Seville came home last week to spend a few days here attending to business matters. Mr. Seville now owns a neat farm near Middletown, Dauphin county.

To forsake the fashionable French butter cafes of New York City for a better Christmas dinner at home, was the conclusion which Paul I. Johnston arrived at last week.

Mr. S. E. Peck and Mrs. B. Peck have gone to Camden, N. J., to spend Christmas day in the home of the former's daughter, Mrs. A. A. Taney at 111 Bailey Street.

Don't forget your Christmas offering for the war sufferers of the cantata in the High School Auditorium, Christmas evening. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Curtain at 7:30. Admission free.

J. D. Finley, of Burnt Cabins, sent a Christmas dollar into our hands last Friday. He reports that Burnt Cabins has experienced nothing more exciting than sleighing so far this winter.

Among the home-comers this Christmas are; Bess Taylor, Emma Sloan, Ada Rexroth, Mary Irwin, Fred Lodge and Rex Irwin. Also, Prof. and Mrs. H. E. Jones and their daughter Elizabeth, of Monessen, Pa. who will be guests in the John A. Irwin home.

While Mr. R. C. Paylor was preparing a bunch of pigeons for a bet a few days ago, he found a leg of one of the birds a silver band with the inscription "C. L. 332". Of course, Mr. Paylor does not know whence the bird came, nor to whom it belongs.

Fernando Decker, of Licking Creek township, spent much time this summer draining swampy land to make it available for cultivation. When he was through he pumped the water from the head of the swamps to his buildings and he now enjoys the advantage of running water.

Mrs. George H. Hann and her daughter Miss May Daniels, and George N. Sipes, called at the NEWS office while in town shopping Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Hann have recently removed from the Fulton Fruit farm to the old Kirk property, recently purchased by Harvey A. Black, near Middletown.

Mr. Thomas T. Cromer, of Fort Loudon, was in town a few days this week, booking orders for fruit or ornamental trees for spring delivery. Mr. Cromer represents one of the most reliable of nurseries, and he may be depended upon to make good any representation he makes. If you need anything in his line, give him your order.

Our Distant Subscribers.

Mr. O. E. Hockensmith, who has been residing at Galesburg, Ill., for some time, has removed to Cameron, in the same state.

We take the Fulton County News because we want to keep in touch with our old Fulton county friends, says L. F. Tritle, writing from Spirit Lake, Iowa. We are having a good old-fashioned winter in Iowa now—reminds of the good times we used to have in dear old Pennsylvania.

We are just in receipt of some of Colorado's "long green" sent by our old friend S. M. McElhaney for another year's subscription to the NEWS. Sam says Colorado had a bumper crop this year, lots of sunshine and pure air, and plenty of opportunities lying around loose, for those who know a good thing when they see it.

Church Notices.

Sunday, December 27th, Rev. E. J. Croft will preach at Mt. Zion at 10:15 in the morning, and at Ebenezer at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Rev. Yearick will preach in the Reformed church next Sunday morning, and in the Presbyterian church in the evening. Sunday school in the Presbyterian church at 2:30 in the afternoon.

We have been requested to say that Elder H. H. Lefferts, of Leesburg, Va., will preach at Needmore, Saturday 26th at 3 o'clock, and Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at the same place, and Sunday evening at Army J. Peck's.

A Turnpike Verdict.

On Thursday of last week, the Franklin county Common Pleas court awarded the Chambersburg and Bedford turnpike company \$40,033 for the eighteen and three-tenths miles between the Fulton county eastern border and Chambersburg. The viewers had awarded the company \$23,500; but this was not satisfactory to the former owners and the case was taken into court. Practically the same mileage remains to be settled for between the eastern and the western borders of Fulton county.

Lottie Akers.

Miss Lottie Akers, aged 27 years, 5 months, and 29 days, died at the home of her stepfather, Mr. James Mellott, south of Saluvia, on Thursday of last week, and was buried at the Sideling Hill Christian church on Monday, the services being conducted by Rev. T. P. Garland, of Needmore. Miss Akers had been an invalid for many years. Her mother, only recently gone on a visit among friends in the West, was called home to attend the funeral.

Probably \$4,000,000.

The State Highway Department during the first eleven months of 1914, expended \$3,790,916.51 at least on the highways of the State and overhead charges. The figure is probably larger than this for there are some contracts awarded of which there is no record yet in the Auditor General's Department.

"Some Big" Onions.

This office received by mail on Tuesday, three onions, the combined weight of which is 1 pound and 6 ounces. They were raised by Mr. Walter W. Smith, of Emmaville. One of these "ingons" weighs half a pound. That they grew from seed places them on the champion list for size.

Helman--Neff.

On Thursday, December 10th, by the Rev. F. N. Parson at Newville, Cumberland county, Mr. Irwin Helman, son of the late Michael Helman, of this county, was married to Miss Pearle Neff, of Newville. The young people have the congratulations of their Fulton County friends.

Mr. Russell Nelson who teaches in the public schools of Princeton, N. J., was accompanied home for the holidays by a young friend from Italy, student at Princeton Seminary.

A package containing a half-dozen linen handkerchiefs was dropped in town last Saturday. The finder will confer a favor upon the owner by returning them to Reisners' store.

The Belgian Relief Fund.

The following letter is self explanatory, and shows that the money subscribed by our people has been sent to the Christian Herald Relief Fund and put to work for the benefit of those for whom it was intended:

New York, Dec. 23, 1914.
W. R. SLOAN,
McConnellsburg, Pa.

Dear Friend:
We take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your favor of recent date enclosing check for \$58.34 for The Christian Herald Relief Fund for the Widows and Orphans of the War in Europe.

Kindly convey our sincere thanks to the members of the McConnellsburg Civic League for this contribution which in accordance with their instructions will be used for Belgium.

It certainly must be a source of great satisfaction to those who have subscribed to this Fund to know that the first real American cargo to reach the suffering Belgians was that bought with the first installment of \$40,000.00 of the Christian Herald Relief Fund.

Trusting that this generous gift may be the means of saving life and alleviating much suffering among the stricken families who are the innocent victims of the War, we are,

Very truly yours,
The Christian Herald.

17 Firebugs are Convicted.

During November, and up to December 17th, the Department of the State Fire Marshall has obtained the conviction of seventeen firebugs, the majority of whom set fire to buildings in order to get the insurance money.

These convictions covered a wide territory, showing the extensive work of the deputy marshals, convictions being made in Berks, Crawford, Carbon, Westmoreland, Schuylkill, Clarion, Beaver and Dauphin county.

Six of the men sentenced, when confronted with the evidence of their guilt gathered by the deputy marshals, confessed rather than go to trial. All were sent to the penitentiary except one who was sent to the insane asylum, two to county jails and two who are awaiting sentence.

Home for the Holidays.

The following students and teachers are home for the holidays: Orlen Mock and Rudolph Spangler from F. & M. Academy, Lancaster; Miss Anna Reinsner, McKeesport; Miss Jean Johnston, Shippensburg; Misses Ethell Hays and Grace Shimer, New Jersey; George Reisner, State College; Miss Bess Helman, Chambersburg; Miss Mary Baumgardner, West Chester, and Miss Mary Jane Johnston, Western Pennsylvania.

What They Eat.

The meat ration of the British and the German soldiers is about a pound and a quarter a day; that of the French soldiers only half a pound. But the French soldier has nearly twice as much bread as the Englishman and about ten ounces more than the German. The mainstay of the Kaiser's soldiers seems to be potatoes—three pounds and five ounces a day for every man of them.

Dr. Stiger's House Burned.

The fine dwelling house of Dr. P. Ellwood Stigers, adjacent to the Maryland Inn, Hancock, Md., was entirely destroyed by fire on Thursday morning of last week. The fire originated in the basement, and is supposed to have caught from some ashes thrown out from the heater. All the Doctor's books, surgical instruments, and household goods were destroyed. The loss was \$8,000.

Value of Good Highways.

In 1909 Spottsylvania County, in Virginia, voted \$100,000 to improve forty miles of highway. The year before the work was done the railroads hauled 49,000 tons of country produce away from the county seat; two years later they hauled 71,000 tons. In earlier years the cost of hauling produce to the railway was twenty cents a ton-mile; now it is twelve cents.

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

Local Institute.

The sixth local institute of Taylor township was held at Laidig school last Friday evening.

The meeting was called to order by the teacher Miss Ethel Sipes.

The school-room was tastefully decorated with evergreen and festooning; and a very able program was rendered.

The literary work was commendable. Music was furnished by graphophone owned by Jesse Laidig.

The following subjects were discussed by teachers: —1 Spelling, Orthography, and Phonetis. 2. The Dull Child. 3. How can we most benefit our Primary Grades?

Teachers present were; Fred Lamberson, Ruth Strait, O. V. Wink, Olitipa Keebaugh, Ethel Sipes and Alice Cutchall of Taylor Esther Welsh of Dublin township. Next institute to be held at Gracey School. Alice Cutchall Secretary.

The sixth Educational meeting was held at Cito last Friday evening. The following topics were discussed:—1. Exactness in work. 2. Phipiology, how taught? 3. How to conduct the recitation. There were eight teachers present. The literary work and the decorations were much enjoyed.

The next meeting will be held at Jugtown school Friday evening, Jan. 8th, 1915. The following topics will be discussed. Giving and withholding assistance. Reviews. School Government. Sophia Hohman, Secretary.

The third local institute of Brush Creek township was held at Emmaville, last Friday evening. Questions discussed were, 1. How to avoid Monotony? 2. To what extent should the teacher take part in the children's games at intermission.

Teachers present were, Russell Akers, W. W. Smith S. E. Walters and Thelma Metzler. Also many patrons and directors. The literary program was well rendered. Next institute to be held at Buffalo, January 1, 1915.—Thelma Metzler.

Notice to Shareholders.

The regular annual meeting of the shareholders of the First National Bank, of McConnellsburg, Pa., for the election of directors for the ensuing year, will be held in the Banking Rooms on Tuesday, January 12, 1915, between the hours of 12 o'clock, noon and 2 o'clock, p. m.

Merrill W. Nace,
Cashier.

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Engines on hand all the time.

Western Maryland Railway Company.
In Effect September 27, 1914.
Trains leave Hancock as follows:
No. 7—1.40 a. m. (daily) for Cumberland, Pittsburgh and west, also West Virginia points.
No. 8—3.35 a. m. for Hagerstown, Gettysburg, Hanover, York and Baltimore.
No. 1—8.30 a. m. (daily except Sunday) Express for Cumberland and intermediate points.
No. 4—9.07 a. m. (daily except Sunday) Express for Hagerstown, Gettysburg, Hanover, Baltimore and intermediate points, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, etc.
No. 3—3.35 p. m. (daily) Western Express for Cumberland, West Virginia points and the West.
No. 2—3.07 p. m. (daily) Express for Hagerstown, Waynesboro, Chambersburg, Frederick, Baltimore, New York, Philadelphia, Washington.

A. L. WIBLE
Auctioneer, McConnellsburg, Pa.
Prompt attention to all business in this line. He may be found at his home on West Water street where he conducts a barber, and shoemending shop. 5-21-15

Racket Store News.

In the last issue of this paper we told you that we had fodder yarn coming in, and that we would quote prices "next week," but we did not get it done. Well, we have sold over a ton and have our second lot in. The price is 7c a pound for the finest rope we ever had.

LARD CANS

Now we have our lard cans in, and they are good and heavy, at 33c. We can buy a can to sell for less money; but they are light tin. Butcher knives 10-13-16-20 and 25c, butcher steels 25-48 and 60c, hog scrapers 8c, Enterprise meat grinders \$1.75, 4-qt. stuffers \$4.00

Sweaters and Underwear

The time of year is here for this class of goods and we think we have a great line of these goods. In ladies' underwear, we have one that for weight can't be beat at 24c and 48c, and in men's, we have the High Rock, which is the heaviest underwear made, at 45c. Child's underwear 10 to 32c, men's wool, 95c to \$1.25. Child's, ladies' and men's Sweaters 45c to \$2.45. See them. Robes and Horse Blankets 65c to \$5.00.

BEAR BRAND HOSE

The best for wear that is made. Not one that we know of at 2 pair for 25c that will hold its color as good. If you haven't tried them, do so, and you won't buy any other.

SHOES, OVERCOATS AND SUITS

We have, since we enlarged our room, sold more of these goods than ever—simply because we are in shape to show them. We certainly can please you in these goods, as we have all prices and kinds. See our

BED BLANKETS

in wool and cotton.

We have all the latest toes in Walk-Over and Queen Quality. Call and see us before buying, as we can save you big money. Axes 50c to 98c.

HULL & BENDER.

Reisners' Latest.

Substantial Reduction.

From this time on we will sell any Ladies' Misses' or Child's Coat at a substantial reduction. We want to make a

CLEAN SWEEP

as we did last year, and are taking this way of doing it. A good assortment of strictly up-to-date Coats in price running from \$1.50 to \$20.00.

CUT THE PROFIT

We will cut the profit out of Men's Overcoats. We have quite a lot of them, and as the season is unfavorable, we propose to get rid of them. If you want a bargain in a strictly first-class Overcoat come in quick, and we will give you the happiest surprise of your life.

Men's, Boys' and Youth's Suits

A splendid line of Men's, Boys' and Youth's Suits, at any price consistent with quality. A large line of Dress Goods in wool, silk or cotton. Prices in these lines

LOWER THAN EVER

Flannels and Blankets thus far, have sold well, because people know our wool blankets are STRAIGHT ALL WOOL.

Notions and Fancy Articles

We have a splendid line of Notions, Fancy Articles, and Fancy Pieces to work, with the cotton and silk to do the work.

SHOES--LOTS OF THEM

at the old prices yet. See our shoes. We can save you good money on shoes. Try us.

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