

INTERESTING PARAGRAPHS

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

CONDENSED FOR HURRIED READERS

L. W. Seylar spent several days last week with friends in Gettysburg.

A bunch of keys was picked up on the street last week and the same left at this office for identification.

Mr. Joseph Truax of Pleasant Ridge, called at the NEWS office a few minutes while in town on Tuesday.

Mrs. Grant Mellott (Annie Snyder) and her sister Miss Orpha, of Needmore, spent a few hours in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Baumgardner, of Needmore, spent Wednesday of last week with Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Little.

J. J. Conrad, near Carlisle, is visiting his brother and sister in this place, John P. Conrad, Esq., and Mrs. S. A. Nesbit.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee C. Pett, and three children Basil, Mary and Abbie, spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Little.

Miss Lillian Brewer milliner in Mrs. D. E. Little's store, is spending a month's vacation in Lancaster, Clear Spring, and Hancock.

Joseph Baker Mellott and a party of friends from Belfast township were in town on Monday. We were unable to get all the names.

Shade Pittman and Judge Humbert of Thompson, made a trip to McConnellsburg together Tuesday, and the former called a few minutes at the NEWS office.

J. H. Lohr, of Hustontown, visited friends near town the latter part of last week, and on Monday, called at the News office long enough to say "howdy."

One year from the time Mr. Brewer places his lime at their disposal, we expect to see our slate land friends to the west of us literally "rolling in clover."

The Baltimore and Ohio Railway is to put into immediate execution long-delayed plans for betterments and extensions involving a total outlay of \$30,000,000.

For the first time in the history of the United States, a Jew has been elected governor of a state. Moses Alexander, a German-born, naturalized Jew, was recently inaugurated as governor of Idaho.

With two full moons in this month, and with sleighing and skating as good as could be desired, we cannot imagine what more our young people could want in the way of winter sport conditions.

Pennsylvania drinkers spend each year \$213,000,000 for beer, wines, and whisky. Is it any wonder that soup houses must be established in cities every winter to keep poor families from starvation?

Edgar L. Over, drove his big Cadillac across the mountains from Bedford to McConnellsburg last Saturday and home Sunday. The drifted condition of the snow made it rather "hard sledding" on Rays Hill.

George B. Evans, of Thompson, made a trip to McConnellsburg Monday in his sleigh. It has been many years since the roads were in condition for so many weeks of continuous sleighing and sledding as this year.

Old father Time kept on reaping with the didn't-know-it-was-layed gun right up to the last day of 1914. With the awful warnings to fools who point guns at other persons, it is beyond comprehension why they still do it.

Ex-County Commissioner Albert Plessinger, of Locust Grove, spent part of Monday and Tuesday in town. On Monday night he was the guest of Frank Mason. Mr. Plessinger said that he had 150 bushels of apples for sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hendershot, near Harrisonville, were shopping in town on New Year's day. Mrs. Hendershot has so greatly improved in health that some of her friends did not at first recognize her in her changed appearance.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen E. Garman (Tillie Hershey) and little son Royce, of Fort Wayne, Ind., are visiting among friends and relatives in this county. They visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Gillis in the Cove last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson L. Nace, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Campbell Patterson took a sleighride down to Hancock last Saturday and spent the time until Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McCandlish and Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Sappington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Chilcote and son Charles, Dublin Mills; Mrs. A. L. Shaw, Hiram, and J. L. Dively, Woodbury, Bedford county, were a sledding party that made a trip to McConnellsburg Tuesday. They were pleasant callers at the NEWS office.

Mr. Ephraim Pittman, one of our valued Bedford county subscribers who live near Clearville, had the misfortune a few weeks ago, to lose his barn, feed and much of his harness and farm machinery by fire that is supposed to have originated from some damp fodder, causing spontaneous combustion.

Mrs. Susan Bishop, of Thompson township came to town a few days ago to spend the winter with her daughter Mrs. Mary A. Kelly on South First Street. Notwithstanding the fact that Mrs. Bishop is in her 87th year, she enjoyed the ride to McConnellsburg and is in the enjoyment of good health.

Alexander Richardson, formerly of Dublin township, and who for the past fifteen years has resided in Cumberland county, near Newville, spent several days last week visiting the old home place. Mr. Richardson was proprietor of the Fort Littleton hotel for about five years prior to his going to Cumberland county.

This has been a hard winter for the wild creatures in our fields and woods. A large bagful of fine stuff gathered where hay is thrown from the mow, mixed with wheat, or with any kind of seeds, and the fine stuff put into sunny places where quail will find it, will make any man or boy's sleep much sweeter these cold nights.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Stiver, and the latter's brother Mr. Mason L. Peck—all of Bedford county near McConnellsburg last Saturday in an automobile and spent the time until Sunday afternoon visiting their brothers Wilson and Bennett. Wilson, who has been confined to his home from an attack of kidney trouble seems to be improving slowly.

It will not be long until we need a supply of lime-sulfur for scale on our fruit trees. Then, just soon as most of the apple blossoms have dropped, we will want to spray with another solution for codling moth—the fly that lays the eggs that makes wormy apples. It is not too soon to make preparation for these two periods.

Uncle John Hann, of Saluvia, dropped in for a chat on last Tuesday. He had just returned from a trip to Bedford county where he has a host of friends. Now that Uncle John has quit farming, he finds more time to mingle with his army of friends, but we have not a bit of fear of his getting into mischief on account of his leisure.

Thirty thousand persons tried to hear Billy Sunday in the big tabernacle in Philadelphia last Sunday evening. Ten thousand were refused admittance because the tabernacle will hold but twenty thousand. The collection amounted to about \$7,500. What would happen if McConnellsburg church treasurers should find \$7,500 in the collection baskets some night this week at the union meetings in the Auditorium?

Do you feel that you are poor—so poor that you are beginning to pity yourself? Take a look at this picture. To-night, at the moment you are creeping into a warm bed, call to mind that in but one of the many public places of charity in Philadelphia, there are 500 able bodied men lying on the mission floor, and that before sledding down each received a little food at the hands of benevolence. This is a nightly occurrence each and every winter of your and my lives. Do you feel so very poor now?

Local Institute.

The third local institute of Wells township held at New Grenada last Friday evening was called to order by the teacher, Roy Cutchall. Questions discussed were: How may we acquire interest in school work? How conduct a geography class? The teacher's daily preparation.

Present were: Roy Cutchall, Roy Shafer and the secretary of Wells, Alice Cutchall and Fred Lamberson of Taylor, Fern Lamberson of Pittsburgh, Ruth Cunningham, Odeta Barnett and Chas. Bolinger of Huntingdon county; also, Mr. Plummer, a director. Next meeting in three weeks at Roaring Run school, January 22. Questions: Extent of Opening Exercises and Memory work; Home influence upon Teacher and Pupils; How May We Develop the Child's Power of Thought and Self Mastery?

All teachers, directors, and patrons, are cordially invited to attend and take part—ELEANOR SIPES, Sec.

Kills White Deer.

One of the prizes shot during the hunting season just closed was that of a white deer, killed near Lalsmith, Sawyer county, Wis.

A man bought it for \$200. It will, if properly mounted, be worth \$600 to \$800.

The extra value of the white deer is due to the fact that it is exceptionally rare. It is a freak animal. One was shot in Wisconsin about twenty years ago and one about eight years ago. Besides the one shot last week there is but one other white deer known to exist.

It is also stated that there is a jet black deer of huge proportion stalking through the Wisconsin woods. That sort of deer also is a freak and would be worth much if captured.

Same Old Story.

Normally, when wheat reaches a dollar, it is freely sold. But let there come a possibility of considerably higher price for wheat, and back into the garner it goes. When wheat passed the dollar mark this fall there was much offered for sale. But, since wheat has risen to \$1.17, Franklin county warehouse men, and millers, say that there is very little wheat being offered for sale. The old, old gambling spirit will not down. The rule is that thousands of bushels of this stored wheat will eventually be sold at great loss.

Less Typhoid Fever.

There were 50,000 fewer cases of communicable disease in Pennsylvania in 1914 than in 1913. In typhoid fever alone, there were 17,471 fewer cases reported. In 1913, 3,971 deaths occurred in the state from typhoid, and on 1914 there were but 731 deaths from this cause. The reason given for the reduction of contagious diseases is, that the Health Commission has been assisted by local authorities, and that the county papers have given much space to spreading the doctrines of better sanitation about homes, and about sick rooms.

Buys A Railroad.

J. M. Blair of Blair's Mills, has purchased the Tuscarora Valley Railroad, running from Blair's Mills to Port Royal, about twenty-seven miles long. He will operate the railroad on a more extensive scale. Mr. Blair is a prominent financier, being a director of half a dozen banks. He is a brother of Dr. G. A. Blair, of Chambersburg.

The New Science of Agronomy.

"Farm products cost more than they used to."
"Yes," replied the farmer.
"When a farmer is supposed to know the botanical name of what he's raisin' an' the entomological name of the insect that eats it, an' the pharmaceutical name of the chemical that will kill it, somebody's got to pay."

On January 4th, several more counties, and parts of counties, in the State were released from quarantine for foot and mouth disease. The townships of Antrim, Green, Guilford, Peters, Montgomery and Southampton, in Franklin county, are still under quarantine. These are the nearest points to us in which quarantine still exists.

SIDELING HILL.

Friday evening, December 25, the following program was rendered at Bedfords Chapel M. E. Church, to a very large crowd. Singing, Silver Star; prayer by the pastor, Rev. Edward Croft; singing Hark the Herald Angels; Address by pastor; singing, Holy Night; recitation by Mamie Mellott; recitation by Jessie Gray singing, Welcome Christmas; recitation by Lena Bevans, Gladys Winter; singing, Beautiful Christmas; recitation by Ress Mellot [inging Christmas Children by the childrer. Exercise, What is Done on Christmas Time, by Hazel Hess, Mamie Mellot, Lena Bevans, Gladys and Gordon Winter; singing Star in the east; recitation by Ada Sharpe; recitation by Loretta Bernhart; singing, Indian Country; recitation and singing Merry Christmas by Wallace Hess, Shelly Hill, Hazel Hess, Gordon Winter, Marshall Garland, Mamie Mellott, Lena Bevans, Gladys Winter and Nellie Hill; singing The King in the Manger. A collection for foreign children was taken, exercise The Christmas Stocking, by Wallace Hess, Shelly Hill, Jessie Gray, Mamie Mellott, Hazel Hess, Gladys Winter; Jimmie Gray and Gordon Winter; song and exercise, Good Night, by the children. A generous treat of candy or oranges was distributed, after which a song was sung by the choir, and the congregation was dismissed by the pastor. The decorations were lovely. Rev. Croft was given \$110 as a Christmas present.

Cupid, the 35-year-old farm horse that belonged to Mr. David Winter, deceased, died and was buried December 7. This horse was foaled, raised, worked and was buried on the Winters farm.

Ezra Mellott and Mr. Amos Layton are on the sick list.

SALUVIA

Word has been received here that Mrs. George W. Sipes is seriously ill with typhoid fever in Indiana. It will be remembered that Mr. Sipes and family started in November to go to the Pacific coast, and they had proceeded as far as Indiana when Mrs. Sipes took sick.

There was no preaching services in the Asbury M. E. church last Sunday on account of the pastor having been called on to preach the funeral sermon of a child of Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Swope.

Mrs. Randolph Fegley, who is suffering with scrofula, is apparently, growing worse.

This community extends a cordial welcome to John J. McDonald and family, and we hope that they may find pleasure in dwelling among us, and that they may never regret having returned.

M. L. Hullinger, of Greencastle is in the County this week buying horses.

Elmer McClure and wife, residing at the Mountain House were enjoying the sleighing last Sunday.

Mrs. Emory Hessler recently visited the Mrs. J. A. Stewart family; and Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Decker and daughter Clara recently visited Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hendershot.

Mrs. W. E. Bair and son Max, who had been visiting Mrs. Bair's daughter Nellie, and her sister, Mrs. Bobbs at Beavertown, and her sister, Mrs. Skipper, at Tyrone, is expected home this week.

WATERFALL.

Mrs. Grover Miller is spending a few days among her old friends Mrs. Jane Edwards, who has been sick, is improving slowly.

Miss Lillian Gracey, who has been attending Juniata College, is spending her holiday vacation at home.

There is located at Albert King's a traveling library of fifty volumes borrowed from the Pennsylvania Free Library Commission for the benefit of the community.

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.
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