

**INTERESTING PARAGRAPHS**

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

**CONDENSED FOR HURRIED READERS**

Mr. and Mrs. John Lamaster, of Lamaster, Franklin county, spent last Tuesday and Wednesday with Mrs. Lamaster's father, Daniel E. Fore.

Any person interested in the purchase of a Steam Threshing or Sawmill outfit should read M. L. Peck's advertisement found elsewhere in this paper.

Coffee, 2 lbs. 25 cents; Golden dried peaches, 3 lbs. 25 cents; hominy 3 lbs. 10 cents; Irwin Blend coffee, best in town, 25 cents—all at The Irwin Store.

Anderson Mellott and his little daughter Pearl, of Belfast township, were shopping in town last Friday. They belong to our big list of paid-in-advance subscribers.

Some people will kick on increased railroad fares because it will hinder them from going to some big city and buying goods that they will afterward want to return.

After having visited his brother Jonathan, near St. Thomas, Franklin county, and his cousins, in McConnellsburg, N. H. Peck returned to his home at Needmore last Friday afternoon.

Mr. G. F. Naugle, near Burnt Cabins, was in town last Saturday arranging for the advertising of his sale which will take place on the 4th of March. Mr. Naugle intends to move on to a smaller farm.

Mr. S. E. Peck, of Vicksburg, Mich., who had been spending a month in McConnellsburg, on account of the illness of his brother Wilson, left Monday afternoon for Bedford on his return trip to Michigan.

Merchant and Mrs R. C. Dixon, of Needmore, took a sleigh-ride in a buggy to McConnellsburg and returned last Saturday. Mr. Dixon says there is plenty of snow for sledding if it were properly distributed.

R. M. Cline and L. W. Funk took a run down to New York City last week and saw the great New York Automobile Show. Mr. Cline says the Overland Company had the place of honor in the Show, and put up a great exhibition.

T. H. Walters, R. H. Walters, and Clarence E. Akers, of Akersville, and J. B. Walters, of Six-mile Run, were in town yesterday attending to business connected with the settlement of the estate of William H. Walters, deceased.

George Brant and Steve Tenley, two Franklin county stock dealers, were in this county this week looking after cattle. These gentlemen will have a public sale of live stock at the home of Mr. Brant, near Williamson on Tuesday next week at which time 55 head of fine stock will be disposed of. If you attend the sale get off the train at Invernavy.

H. C. Miller, of Burnt Cabins, and Edward Brown, of Fort Littleton, were traveling together last Saturday, and the former gave us a dollar which he had been commissioned to spend in subscription for "the newest McConnellsburg newspaper," in consequence, Mrs. F. G. Mathias, McCune, Kansas, was added to our big family of readers.

Hon. George B. Mellott spent Monday and Tuesday of last week in Harrisburg attending the opening of the General Assembly. The speaker of the House, chief clerk, and resident clerk, were selected, and a recess was then taken until Monday, January 18. On January 19, the new governor will be inaugurated, and then the legislature will "get down to business" for the remainder of the term.

**Runyan's Optical Dates**

Ft. Littleton, Jan. 15 a. m.  
Burnt Cabins, Jan. 15 p. m.  
McConnellsburg, Jan. 19 and 20  
Runyan The Optician.

**NOTICE.**

I hereby give notice that Emma Yeakle, my wife has left my bed and board; and I will not pay any debts contracted by her.  
1-14-31. JACOB YEAKLE.

**Wheat Holding Its Own.**

Grain has been performing all kinds of stunts during the past week. The advance was checked, and on Tuesday, the price in Mercersburg dropped back to \$1.25. On Wednesday, it advanced 2 cents and sold for \$1.27, with prospects for a higher market Thursday.

On Tuesday wheat sold as high as \$1.40 in the West, and brought from \$1.25 to 38 in Philadelphia. Corn is worth about 75 cents a bushel in Philadelphia, and not any more than that price in Chicago.

**Illiteracy Disappearing.**

Not more than 15 out of every 1,000 children from 10 to 14 years of age in the United States are unable to read and write, according to statistics announced Tuesday by the federal bureau of education.

An analysis of the figures show that in 1900 there were 42 out of every 1,000 children between the ages of 10 and 14 who were illiterate. This number had been reduced to 22 in 1910 and to 15 in 1914.

**Banks Elect Directors.**

The annual meeting of the stockholders of our local banks met in their respective banking rooms on Tuesday afternoon, and elected directors to serve during the ensuing year. Those elected for the Fulton County Bank were Hon. Geo. B. Mellott, S. R. Cromer, Oliver Hill, D. A. Nelson, Geo. A. Harris, John A. Irwin, A. U. Nace, W. Scott Palmer, W. M. Comer, D. A. Washabaugh, and C. R. Spangler.

The Fulton County Bank, which began business 3 years ago with a capital of \$50,000, on January 4th, declared a cash dividend of \$3,000.00, it being 6 per cent. on the par value of the stock, set over \$5,000.00 to the surplus fund, and left standing to undivided profits over \$1500.00. The surplus of the bank is now \$22,000.00.

The directors elected for The First National Bank were John P. Sipes, B. Frank Henry, Peter Morton, D. L. Grissinger, John A. Henry, S. W. Kirk, Tobias Glazier, D. W. Gress and Dr. J. W. Mosser.

The First National Bank was opened for business on the first day of April, 1906, with a capital of \$25,000. Since that time the management has earned enough out of the business to pay the stockholders 6 per cent. on the original stock, pay all expenses, and have a surplus left to the credit of the stockholders of more than \$30,000.

**The Sabbath Association.**

The Fulton County Sabbath Association held its County Convention, on last Sabbath evening in the School Auditorium with a full house. The officers chosen for the year are as follows: President, Geo. W. Hays; Vice President, B. W. Peck; Secretary, J. L. Grove; Treasurer, Harry M. Johnston, with a revised Executive Committee as follows— from McConnellsburg, Geo. W. Reisner, A. U. Nace and R. E. Peterman; Ayr township, Geo. W. Glenn; Bethel, H. K. Markley; Belfast, Job P. Garland; Dublin, E. E. Fraker; Brush Creek, Amos Hixon; Licking Creek, Edward Croft; Tod, David Kelso; Taylor, Michael Laidig; Thompson, Oliver Hill; Union, G. G. Geinger; Wells, W. L. Cunningham.

All the ministers in the county were earnestly requested to give at least one day in their pulpits during the year to the claims of the Christian Sabbath, and every congregation or Sabbath School is asked to send in an offering to the Secretary for the maintenance of this Sacred Institution. The Secretary was authorized to draw orders on the treasury in favor of the Pennsylvania State Sabbath Alliance whenever the treasury will justify it. The address of the evening was forcefully delivered by Rev. J. V. Royer on the theme—"The Things that work against the Sabbath, and How to Overcome them." The address commanded the attention of all. An offering amounting to \$3.46 was taken for the work. This is a Great Cause. Let every Christian give it his or her earnest support.

J. L. GROVE, Sec'y.

Mr. Jonathan P. Peck and daughter Miss Blanche O. Peck, near St. Thomas, Franklin county, spent last Saturday with friends in McConnellsburg.

**LIFE STORY IN VERSE.**

Away down in the hills of the Keystone state,  
Where men grow tall, and women grow straight,  
There lives a man, near fourscore years,  
Who has lived and labored midst sorrow and tears;  
But he has been a man whose upright ways,  
Has made him a power through all his days.  
On battle field in days gone by,  
Where cannons shook the smouldering sky,  
He offered his life for his country's good,  
And midst death and fury he bravely stood  
And proven by his courage and faithful life,  
What a man should do in his country's strife.  
Some joy in sin he early found,  
But was called the gospel trump to sound,  
His parents poor, they had not taught him then,  
To read his Bible, or to use his pen;  
But feeling that he must go forth to preach,  
He considered nothing beyond his reach,  
And so I answered quickly "here am I"  
To do my best I shall always try.  
In melting tones his youthful voice would rise  
And soon with broken hearts and weeping eyes,  
Men and women, old age, and youth,  
Would gather round him to learn the truth,  
His strong clear tones with trumpet sound  
Awaked the sinner from his sleep profound,  
Convinced him he was on the downward way  
And taught him how to weep, repent and pray,  
He traveled o'er mountains he rode through the rain,  
Swam his horse through the waters his appointments to gain.  
He coveted no silver nor cared for earth's gold,  
But humbly tried to lead men to the fold,  
He preached with great power, and God blessed his word  
For he wielded the truth as a soldier his sword.  
No soft sheeny words from his lips ever fell,  
Though the story of love he would tenderly tell,  
He would warn men and women to flee from their sin  
Giving proof beyond doubt they might all enter in;  
He told of a heaven so full of good cheer,  
That no one who heard him, desired to stay here.  
He told of a hell so dark and so deep,  
That men cried for mercy, and women would weep  
He would point to the Lamb that for sinners was slain,  
And plead with all men to allow him to reign;  
And when they would sing, and the people entreat,  
Great crowds of poor sinners would kneel at his feet;  
And the power of the Lord would descend in its might,  
And praises and shouting would last through the night.  
His home has been open by night and by day,  
And the needy was never turned empty away;  
Food, clothing, and money, he freely bestowed,  
Because he loved men, and would honor his Lord.  
Of hunger and cold, disappointment and care,  
His life has been fully even more than his share.  
But the day of his labor and toil will soon end,  
And the angels of God in numbers descend;  
And the loved ones from heaven will come to his door,  
And take him away where he'll sorrow no more:  
And he'll bask in a world of endless delight,  
Where God is the sun, and the Lamb is the light.  
Would you know who I mean by all I have said,  
Whose picture I've drawn, whose story I've read;  
Then lest while I tell of a man strong and brawny  
Whose name spelled in full is JOHN HENRY BARNEY.

**The Nimble Dollar.**

The old time merchants used to buy half a year's supply of a given article at a time. He locked up all his own money and all he could borrow in his goods. If he turned his whole stock in a year, he might be doing fairly well.

To-day it is the ambition of live business men to turn their capital oftener. A five per cent. margin on sales under the old system was not a living profit. Under the modern system of quick sales, it should yield a handsome return.

The one means by which this modern idea can be realized is by persistent advertising, reasonably proportioned as a necessary part of regular expenses.

The amount of business that a store does is in proportion to the persistence with which it solicits business. Consequently the store that advertises is the store that turns its capital frequently. Such a merchant does not need to get as much of a profit on each sale as the slow turning store does. Wherefore it pays the public to patronize the stores that advertise because they can afford to sell cheaper.

**Hay For Hogs.**

It is still hard for some folks to consider clover, alfalfa or soy bean hay a good hog feed. To-day I put fresh alfalfa hay in the rack and watched 45 shotes line up like sheep to eat it. They seem to like alfalfa better than any other of the legumes and some tests have shown that rather profitable gains have been made on a corn and alfalfa hay ration. Tankage and oil meal and middlings are high-priced and along with this winter's corn prices will make expensive enough gains. Nice bright well-cured alfalfa, clover or soy bean hay will help to cut down the use of costly feeds. It is not good business to buy something that can be more profitably raised at home. R. A. Hayne, in National Stockman and Farmer.

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**The Merchant and his Credits.**

A traveling salesman was remarking the other day that he had sold the usual quantity of goods the past few months, in spite of the war and other depressing causes. But he had found many of his customers hard up because of the unusual number of requests for credit. It was his opinion that in both good and bad times the American people are getting in too easy going habits about payment of bills.

It is not always the hard pressed workingman on short time who dodges the bill collector the most actively. Many of the well to do are habitually slow pay. They make requests for further accommodation with the air of conferring a lordly favor.

When the victim of ill health or other misfortune asks for a bill of goods on trust, it is often practically a request of charity. The merchant fails to see why he should carry the whole burden of the community's misfortunes. So he charges up to his whole trade the expense of bad debts. Thus the frugal and thrifty, who may live even parsimoniously, are compelled to pay for luxuries for the extravagant.

There are of course some applications for credit that are legitimate. People have to take risks, start out on new ventures with small capital, seek better positions, or industry would stagnate. If fortune goes wrong, creditors must wait a reasonable time. But when people on wages or salary bank on their dreams, they commonly go broke. Many people, finding a ten dollar bill in their pockets, feel sanguine, step high, and send the tradesman's wagons hustling with deliveries to their homes. The fact that the old accounts are due is forgotten.

"The best New Year's resolution is to pay every debt you possibly can even if you have to wear your old clothes to church." Thus concluded the salesman whose remarks suggested these reflections, and he was right.

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**CLEAN SWEEP**

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**CUT THE PROFIT**

We will cut the profit out of Men's Overcoats. We have quite a lot of them, and 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.

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**SHOES--LOTS OF THEM**

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

**G. W. REISNER & CO.**

**Sweet Clover.**

So much is being said in favor of sweet clover for poor land, that we cannot refrain from passing it along. Sweet clover is unknown to a majority of Fulton county people, and in states where it is known, it has been considered a nuisance. It is a coarse, bushy kind of plant when it grows singly; but when grown in sod it is fine enough in stem for good hay. In places where grass is an object, it is rapidly finding favor. It has the power to grow on very poor land, and at the same time, it is so strong a feeder on nitrogen drawn from the air, that it enriches the soil. The bacteria developed by this plant is the same as that of alfalfa; hence, two or three years' growth of sweet clover will inoculate the soil sufficiently to insure a "catch" of alfalfa, if desired. Instead of now being considered a weed and a nuisance, great areas of sweet clover have been sown in sections where good spring pasture is needed. Like silage, cattle do not seem to like to eat it at first; but they become very fond of it after nibbling at it for two or three days.

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No. 8--3.38 a. m. for Hagerstown, Gettysburg, Hanover, York and Baltimore.  
No. 1--8.39 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--2.35 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**  
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