

INTERESTING PARAGRAPHS

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

CONDENSED FOR HURRIED READERS

Little Billy Nace is slowly convalescing.

Robins were seen in Franklin county last week. Early spring?

Miss Bess Nesbit spent from last Friday until Monday in Chambersburg.

Burgess W. A. Sloan was quite "poorly" for several days, but is some better now.

Mrs. Ellis Lynch will entertain a party of lady friends at a luncheon this afternoon.

Judge S. McC. Swope presided at the Cumberland county court, Carlisle, last week.

Wilson Peck, who has been ill during the past three months, is not so well this week.

Frank Ray and his son John, of Bethel township, were business visitors in town last Friday.

A Waynesboro man was arrested and jailed last week for furnishing cigarettes to a 16-year old boy.

Miss Maggie Rexroth spent the time from Saturday until Monday with the Misses Stigers, Bridgeside, Mercersburg.

Geo. S. Mellott and J. W. Mellott, of Pleasant Ridge, made a trip to McConnellsburg yesterday and called a few minutes at the NEWS office.

Luther Grove, postmaster at Clear Ridge, lost his wallet Monday some place between that place and Knobsville. We do not know the amount lost.

A Chambersburg paper says "Refuse to buy vegetables and goods displayed on the sidewalks and grocers will quickly stop the practice of thus exposing goods."

Mrs. Rebecca Wishart, of Lewistown, is at the Union Hotel with Mrs. S. Ella Wishart who is spending the winter there with her daughter.—Everett Republican.

Miss Olive Rotz and Miss Olive Shimer left on the noon hack Tuesday for a two weeks' visit among relatives and friends in Chambersburg, Shippensburg and Carlisle.

Miss Alice Wishart, who has been spending the winter with her mother at the Union Hotel in Everett, went to New York last week to attend a missionary convention.

John Gillis, who lives on the John Nelson farm in Tod township, called at the NEWS office Monday to arrange for the advertisement of his public sale on Friday, March, 19.

Mrs. Annie De Hart and her daughter Lillian (Mrs. Joseph B. Doyle) of Mercersburg, have been spending the past week among friends and relatives in McConnellsburg and vicinity.

During the session of the license court in Carlisle on Monday, Judge Sadler said that it was incumbent upon the public as well as the courts to bring offending liquor sellers to justice.

At the meeting of the Cumberland Valley Holstein-Friesian Association in Chambersburg on last Saturday it was decided to join the national association, and the officers were instructed to carry out the decision.

Elliott Kirk, Harvey Clevenger, Joe Deavor, J. E. Lyons, M. G. Lamberson, and Harry Henry, were among the Taylor township people attending the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Valmont Telephone Company held in McConnellsburg, Monday.

Sheller, a 12-year old son of D. Carey Gillan, a Chambersburg hardware dealer, fell into the creek at that place Monday, and would have drowned, but for the bravery of Norman Gabler, a printer, who risked his life in the deep, icy water and swam to shore with the unconscious boy.

On January 25, 1914, two men conversed over the telephone from New York to San Francisco. It is said that this is the first time the feat of talking across the continent—3,400 miles has been accomplished. The White House line was connected with the trans-continent wire and President Wilson's voice was immediately heard distinctly on the Pacific coast.

FIRE IN BELFAST.

John Bard's Dwelling House Entirely Destroyed Tuesday Evening. Some Household Goods Saved.

About four o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, smoke was seen issuing from the garret of John Bard's dwelling house on Pleasant Ridge in Belfast township. An effort was made to get into the garret, but the dense smoke and heat made it impossible. On account of the meager supply of water, small force of fire-fighters, the only thing left was to get all the household goods out to place of safety, and in this they were reasonably successful; but the house was totally destroyed. Mr. Bard's son Virgil and family lived in the house and Mr. Bard had his home with them. We understand that there is some insurance, but that does not make the change from living in a nice comfortable house to that of bunking these cold nights in a carpenter shop or smoke house any more attractive.

Credit Due.

Concrete work was successfully done on the bridge at the west foot of Green Hill while the thermometer registered zero. Furnaces were made by placing three pieces of galvanized culvert pipe side by side in which fires were kept burning. Sand, cement and water were heated on these furnaces, and after the mixture was put into the forms, broken stone heated very hot in the same manner, were put into the forms. The hot stone held the concrete at a temperature above freezing until all was nicely "set." The force of workmen deserve credit for the "spunk" displayed by staying with the job when Old Boreas swooped down on them with a ten-below stinger in his whiskers. To have abandoned the work at that time would have meant a miserable crossing at that place all winter.

To Horse Breeders.

The Pennsylvania Live Stock Sanitary Board has sent a long circular to the newspapers advising that good horses will be very high in price soon. The matter in hand may be condensed as follows: The normal home demand for horses will be resumed this spring. Foreign demand is not only at hand, but it will be greater as soon as reconstruction begins after the war is over. Many other logical reasons are given why horses will be high, and it is to put all owners of breeding mares on guard against sacrificing them that the circular is being sent out. They are advised to breed their mares to thoroughbred horses.

Agricultural Bulletin Received.

Through the courtesy of L. H. Wible, Statistician in the Agricultural Department at Harrisburg, this office recently receive a copy of bulletin No. 250, a book of nearly 500 pages devoted to the origin and capacity of the soils of the State by counties and townships. From time to time, we will publish parts of this bulletin, taking one township at a time, and try to tell our readers what their soils are best adapted to. The book is published by the Department of Agriculture, Harrisburg.

Church Notices.

There will be regular preaching services in the Bethany church at Big Cove Tannery next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock, by the pastor.

At Pleasant Grove Church next Sunday: Rev. Powers will preach at 10:30 in the morning after Sunday School, and the Missionary Society will render its monthly program in the evening.

Saw Fifteen Deer.

John F. Sharp, chauffeur of the Caledonia-Gettysburg autobus line saw in all, Thursday, of last week, fifteen deer along the roadway on the western slope of the South Mountain.

Ross Hollinshead sold his farm in Licking Creek township, known as the B. F. Deshong farm, and moved to Mrs. Sam Hess's farm, known as the Stillwell Truax farm in Belfast township.

The many friends of Miss Della Carnell will learn with regret that she is very ill.

Farmers' Institute.

Elsewhere in this issue, we print the program for the Movable Institute School to be held in the Court House in McConnellsburg February 8, 9, 10, 11. It is recommended that this program be saved. It will be convenient as a reference in case you cannot attend every session, but would like to know when certain subjects are to be discussed. Be sure, therefore, that your copy is not mislaid. We repeat what we said last week about attendance, namely, that every young man and young woman attend every session if possible. There is nothing like rubbing elbows with fellow workers to arouse enthusiasm in business. The sense of fellowship among soldiers is what enables them to face unflinchingly the greatest dangers. All important manufacturing industries are supported by the association of members for the discussion of plans and methods, and this in the face of the fact that manufacturing concerns are business rivals, while the business of farming is best served by the prosperity of neighbors. But, farmers as a class are the least inclined to take advantage of this way of boosting business. How long, do you suppose, the manufacture of shoes, clothing, machinery, or any other commodity, would stand for paying \$6 a ton more for raw material than they should rather than get their heads together and devise plans for getting supplies at the least possible cost? Do you imagine for one moment that they would pay \$16 for 1-8-1 fertilizer when a mixture of three times that strength can be bought for but little more? Not a bit of it! Three times \$16 is \$48. Three times 1-8-1 are 3-24-3, and while fertilizer does not usually come to us in exactly that proportion, if it did, it would be worth at McConnellsburg, about \$32. Nor is this all; in the first mixture we have to haul three tons out over the cute little hills of this county but in the latter case we had to haul but one. If by attending the institute we acquire nothing else than the ability to read a fertilizer bag, it would be worth \$100.00 a year.

It Helps All Round.

Plans for helping needy poor at home, and at the same time greatly increasing the value of contributions to Belgian sufferers are being carried out in many large towns and cities. The plan is to collect funds from all who care to contribute to the Belgian Relief Fund. Some of the money is then used to purchase material for garments. These garments are being made up by the needy women of the city, and they are paid a fair price for their work. Each woman is permitted to do from two to three dollar's worth of work a week. Since the finished garment is worth more than the cost of the material plus the sum paid for its making, the intrinsic value of the Belgian shipment is increased. This works no hardship on regular garment makers, as the product of the private sewers does not come in competition with the markets of the former. The work furnished to these needy women has proved to be a great relief of want, while at the same time they have not been made to feel that they are objects of charity—they earned the money.

Suffering With Sciatica.

David L. Peck, his brother Daniel and wife, and Daniel's son Frank, visited relatives in this county during the early part of December. Since his return to his home at Greenville, O. David has been suffering greatly with neuralgia of the sciatic nerve; has been confined to his home and scarcely able to walk. The pain is especially acute at night. As Daniel's had almost most reached their home in Caldwell, Kansas, they received information of the death of Daniel's sister, Mrs. Stillwell Palmer at Ringwood, Okla., and went directly to the Palmer home. The funeral took place on the last day of December. All of the ten Palmer children were at home at the time of their mother's death and funeral. Stillwell Palmer is almost helpless, but still seems to have a tight grip on life.

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Will Fulton County "Quake."

That Fulton county is right in line with possible earthquakes is not at all improbable. Earth quakes are caused by the settling of faults in the earth's crust. At some time, probably while the cooling process of the many strata of the earth's crust was in operation, two or more strata became jammed as in wrinkles of cloth, and one was forced out and upwards until it reached the surface—or near the surface, and now lies with one edge against that of a much more recent formation of earth and rock. This meeting of a very old stratum with one of more recent formation is called a "fault" just as anything out of place is a fault. It stands to reason, therefore, that the foundation on which these two edges rest may, at any time, settle a few feet or inches, and this would cause the earth's surface to tremble along the line of the fault.

Pennsylvania's greatest fault (geological—not political) lies near Webster Mills. At this point a stratum that, by all the laws of geology, should be buried more than 800 feet, appears near the surface and lies "jammed" against what is known as stratum No. 2, and while it may be pretty well "welded" by this time, no man can tell when a tremor of greater or less severity may occur at this fault. Earthquakes have been known to occur in faults as seemingly well settled as is this one. It is thought that the heavy cannonading in European countries may have furnished the slight jar that was all that was needed to topple the foundations of the faults in Italy's surface, and the recent frightful disaster resulted.

Ayr township citizens need not take alarm and sell out at the first opportunity and move away, since the foregoing dissertation will not produce sufficient "jar" to set off an earthquake in Fulton county.

Wolves Follow Armies.

We once heard a native Texan express doubt as to the veracity of a Pennsylvania man when the latter said that hundreds of deer and bears were annually killed in the Keystone State. These western-born men seem to think that the old eastern states are too thickly settled for large game like bears and deer. Since winter settled over the countries in which European armies are fighting, packs of hungry wolves have been killing and eating wounded soldiers. While we know it is true, the statement arouses feelings similar to those of the Texan, because Americans are prone to think of European countries as being too thickly settled for wolves—fierce brutes that have become extinct in all older part of the United States.

New Road Map Out Soon.

Harrisburg, Jan. 25.—About the first of March the State Highway department will have ready its road map of the southwestern part of the State, the first of the kind ever made for that great section of the Commonwealth

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FARM FOR SALE.

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J. C. FORE,
1-21-14
Knobsville, Pa.

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1-14-14.
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No. 1—4:37 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—2:25 p. m. (daily) Western Express for Cumberland, West Virginia points and the West.
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