

INTERESTING PARAGRAPHS

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

CONDENSED FOR HURRIED READERS

Don't forget the DATE of the big ONE CENT sale.

Mrs. Chas. S. Ehalt and daughters, of the Fulton House, spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Chambersburg.

George McEldowney and family spent last Thursday, Friday and Saturday visiting among their home folks in Belfast township.

Mrs. Charlie McCurdy (Ettie Suders) of Hagerstown, came to McConnellsburg Tuesday to see her mother who has been quite ill for several days.

Coming week of March 20th, the big ONE CENT sale.

Miss Mary C. Hoke went to Chambersburg yesterday to resume work in Mrs. Manning's Millinery establishment as trimmer during the spring season.

Mr. Edgar Downin, a former Todd township farmer, but now a resident of Mount Union, is spending some time among his Fulton county friends.

Mrs. Emmanuel Smith, of Gettysburg, who had been visiting her niece Miss Mary Pittman, went to Chambersburg Tuesday to visit among relatives and other friends.

Mary Agnes Johnston, brought her mother and aunt Florence to town Monday. It was Mary's first trip to McConnellsburg, and she thinks it about the nicest town she has ever seen.

Mrs. Jere Laidig and Miss Chloe Chesnut of Hustontown called at the NEWS office yesterday while in town shopping. Mrs. Laidig says her husband is still a great sufferer from rheumatism.

Miss Mary Batdorff, whose home is with her uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Brant, near Dane, called at the NEWS office yesterday morning and left a dollar which advanced her uncle's subscription another year.

Something entirely new for McConnellsburg—a ONE CENT sale.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Little have just returned from the eastern cities after having spent two weeks in making a careful selection of spring and summer millinery which they have now on display.

Stillie Johnson, of Millstone, Md., spent last Thursday and Friday in the home of his brother Thomas in McConnellsburg. Stillie is a live wire Maryland farmer, and he says he does not feel as much like selling his wheat now as he did when it was a dollar and thirty five cents. He thinks it will pay to hold on.

In Mercersburg Academy there are nineteen different denominations or religious sects represented. Presbyterians are the most numerous and the other denominations follow in the order named; Episcopal, Methodist, Lutheran, Catholic, Reformed, Congregational, and Baptist.—Mercersburg Journal.

J. C. Patterson, with the Frick Lindsay Co., of Pittsburgh, returned to McConnellsburg yesterday. Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock he will have a public sale of his household goods, after which he and Mrs. Patterson will go to Clarksburg, W. Va., where they expect to reside indefinitely.

Miss Blanche O. Peck, Chambersburg R. R. 7, came to this county Tuesday evening and spent the time until Thursday afternoon in the home of her brother Grover near Knobsville. Miss Blanche and her brother Wilbert will conduct a summer normal school at Needmore before harvest.

Hicks the weather man of St. Louis is a marvel on the weather. We read his predictions for February, and he hit it to a notch. We have also just read his forecasts for March and he claims it will be rather a backward month. Summing up he states, "look for a late spell of cold, blighting winds and weather that will destroy for the most part all the results of warm and budding and growing weather that may go before it."

A South Dakota county agent has developed a trade in apples by parcel post in his community which has resulted in material advantage to the producer. He found that bushel crates of apples could be delivered throughout the second zone at a cost of 64 cents, including postage, packing, and other necessary expenses. The apples were sold to the consumer at \$1.64 a box, \$1 being paid for the fruit at the point of shipment. Apples had been selling at 65 cents a box before the plan was put in operation. The project will be continued another year and plans for a fruit growers' cooperative association are being made, so that there will be a system of grading and packing, and reasonable prices may be maintained.

Successful Revival.

Big Cove Tannery, March 6.—The Revival services at Bethany church conducted by Rev. Siers was well attended. We were all sorry to see this dear servant of God leave. He was sent to "throw out the life line" and to tell to dying men and women nothing but the true gospel, through which many souls were brought to Christ to know and learn of Him until the end. May this servant be sent back to us and be the means of bringing many more souls to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, is the prayer of many hearts in this community.

A Sister in Christ.

Eleven Dry Counties.

Mercer county, center of a big steel industry, was added to the dry column last week when Judge McLaughrey refused all applications on the grounds of NO NECESSITY. Other dry counties in Pennsylvania are Huntingdon, Mifflin, Bedford, Greene, Venango, Wyoming, Juniata, Jefferson, Union, and Crawford. There were forty-five applications in Mercer, but the Court held that no necessity for the sale of liquor had been proven, and that the sale of rum is a detriment to public welfare.

Alcohol and Pneumonia.

The United States Public Health Service brands strong drink as the most efficient ally of pneumonia. It declares that alcohol is the handmaiden of the disease which produces ten per cent of the deaths in the United States. This is no exaggeration. We have known for a long time that indulgence in alcoholic liquors lowers the individual vitality, and that the man who drinks is peculiarly susceptible to pneumonia. The United States Public Health Service is a conservative body. It does not engage in alarmist propaganda. In following out the line of its official duties it has brought forcefully to the general public a fact which will bear endless repetition. The liberal and continuous user of alcoholic drinks will do well to heed this warning, particularly at this season of the year when the gruesome death toll from pneumonia is being doubled.

Marching On.

"Thirty years ago," says Senator Cummins of Iowa, "I should have said prohibition was impractical. Under the conditions that existed then, it would have meant putting in the field two unregulated saloons to the one regulated saloon. But the world has marched along in these thirty years until now there is sentiment enough in the United States to abolish the saloon. The United States ought to abolish it, and will." The Washington correspondent of a Chicago daily calls attention to the fact that "Albert Baird Cummins, a man feared and respected on the floor of the United States Senate, is dead against booze, and is the first presidential possibility of a major party that ever came out flat-footed in favor of prohibition on a national scope."

It is an easy matter to go to war, but it is not so easy to get out of it after once in it. The North thought the whipping of the South would be only a short job, but they got licked at Bull Run and had to retreat and "prepare" for a bloody struggle of four years. More than 50 years have passed, and we are not yet over the Civil War. Do we want war again to-day?

Dwelling House Burned.

Fire, last Sunday afternoon, totally destroyed the dwelling house on the Conrad M. Sipes farm—the farm, years ago, owned by Conrad's father, B. Frank Sipes, deceased. It is situated on the east side of Pattersons Run north of where the latter flows into Licking Creek. At the time of the fire the house was occupied by John P. Schooley and family.

Reliable reports say that the fire originated from sparks falling on the old shingle roof, which, on account of the strong wind prevailing were soon fanned into uncontrollable flames which rapidly spread over, and through, the building. Mr. Schooley was at the home of a near-by neighbor when the fire was discovered. He and his neighbor hastened to the scene of the fire, and succeeded in getting out a small part of the household furniture. There was no insurance on the household goods of Mr. Schooley—his insurance having expired about two weeks ago; and, on the house, Mr. Sipes was not carrying any fire protection.

For National Delegates.

Representative Republicans of the Seventeenth Congressional District at a meeting held at Harrisburg on Wednesday of last week and attended by men from each of the eight counties agreed upon Harry W. Byron, Mercersburg, Franklin county, and Calvin Greene, Lewistown, Mifflin county, for Republican National delegates. The two men are widely known in business, both being tanners. They will not be instructed, according to present indications. Ex-Senator William Hertzler, Port Royal, and C. L. Darlington, New Bloomfield, were agreed upon for alternates, and Samuel I. Spyker, county chairman of Huntingdon, for Presidential elector. The conference was held in the office of A. Nevin Pomeroy, Superintendent of public Printing in the Capitol. Mr. Pomeroy presided and Harry Ritter, of Liverpool, Perry county, was secretary. Several men who are candidates for various nominations were present.

Law Relating to Fur-Bearing Animals.

A summary of laws in the United States and Canada in force in 1915 relating to the trapping, protecting, and bounties of fur-bearing animals, will shortly be published by the Biological Survey of the department as Farmers' Bulletin 706. This publication, which reviews the laws of States, Territories, and Provinces, will be found a convenient reference book by those who hunt or trap. You can get a copy by writing to the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., and asking for it.

CRYSTAL SPRINGS.

E. A. Hixson met with quite an accident one day last week. While working on his sawmill he was rolling up a log, and a large log rolled from the rick and caught him between the two logs badly bruising his ankle. Dr. J. G. Hanks was called and rendered the necessary medical aid. He is improving as well as could be expected.

George M. Trueax, of Emmaville is very poorly at this time and is not expected to live.

Mrs. M. J. Hixson spent Saturday and Sunday with her daughter Mrs. Rutherford Williams at Everett.

Quite a number of our people stored away a nice lot of ice last week.

William Clevenger and George Barton went to Ohio last week to seek employment.

Mrs. Elmer Clevenger is quite poorly at this writing.

James Barton took advantage of the sledding and made a trip to Everett last Saturday.

Several of the folks of the valley attended the I. O. O. F. banquet at Breezewood Saturday evening, they report a good time.

Bruce Barton made a business trip to Everett one day last week.

Rev. Frum, of Breezewood will preach his farewell sermon at McKendree and Akersville next Sunday March 12 before going to Conference. Let there be a good turnout to hear him.

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Patriotism.

A nation is made great, not by its fruitful acres, but by the men who cultivate them; not by its great forests, but by the men who use them; not by its mines, but by the men who work in them; not by its railways, but by the men who build and run them. America was a great land when Columbus discovered it; Americans have made of it a great Nation.

In 1776 our fathers had a vision of a new Nation "conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." Without an army they fought the greatest of existing world empires that they might realize this vision. A third of a century later, without a navy they fought the greatest navy in the world that they might win for their Nation the freedom of the seas. Half a century later they fought through an unparalleled Civil War that they might establish for all time on this continent the inalienable right of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. A third of a century later they fought to emancipate an oppressed neighbor, and, victory won, gave back Cuba to the Cubans, sent an army of schoolmasters to educate for liberty the Filipinos, asked no war indemnity from their vanquished enemy, but paid him liberally for his property. Meanwhile they offered land freely to any farmer who would live upon and cultivate it, opened to foreign immigrants on equal terms the door of industrial opportunity, shared with them political equality, and provided by universal taxation for universal education.

The cynic who can see in this history only a theme for his egotistical satire is no true American, whatever his parentage, whatever his birthplace. He who looks with pride upon this history which his fathers have written by their heroic deeds, who accepts with gratitude the inheritance, which they have bequeathed to him, and who highly resolves to preserve this inheritance, unimpaired and to pass it on to his descendants enlarged and enriched, is a true American, be his birthplace or his parentage what it may.

LYMAN ABBOTT.

Practical Instruction.

Miss Barbara Martin of Ayr township, now a prominent teacher in Blair county, firmly believes that agriculture is the bedrock of American industries: that if, in the preparation for the great European war, it paid Kaiser William to begin the training of his soldiers when they were boys in the public schools, Miss Martin believes that the way to keep boys on the farm is to awaken a love for the work during their boyhood days in the public schools. Acting upon this principle, says the Tyrone Herald, she arranged for a date when one of the instructors in State College could visit her school. This done she sent out invitations to all her patrons and others to be present on that day, and a large number responded. Mr. Kennedy, a representative of the State College was there and delivered a very instructive lecture along the line of Pure Seed Cultivation. He spoke of the proper treatment and planting of both corn and oats, giving full instructions for the selection and testing of seeds before planting; also instructions for the killing of germs such as the smut germ in oats, potato blight and many other forms of diseases in seeds and plants.

There were many questions asked by the audience which were answered by the lecturer, also demonstrations given in corn. To further increase the pleasure of the audience, Miss Martin had her pupils sing three very appropriate songs which were admirably rendered, giving great credit to both the teacher and pupils of the Nealmont school.

Dug His Own Grave.

Some people hesitate to purchase a lot in the cemetery before it is absolutely needed for fear "something will happen." They are willing to risk some one else's choice of the location for their last resting place—a thing they would not do if it were a choice in location for a dwelling place in life. The same feeling keeps

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others from making a will; then, after death, their property is disposed of according to the "will of some one else—in many cases" a disposition very different from that which the deceased would have made. Then, there are still other, who will not take out life insurance. They feel, that to do so, is to challenge the Almighty. A hesitancy in any one of the cases mentioned, is not the part of wisdom. The time to prepare for death, whether from a spiritual, or from a temporal, standpoint, is while you are in life and health.

As an instance of real "nerve," Jacob Lawyer, 79 years old, a retired Carrol county, Md., farmer, four years ago, selected and purchased a lot in Pleasant Valley cemetery, dug his grave, and also prepared one for his wife beside his own. Last week he passed away peacefully and on Thursday, was laid to rest in the grave he had dug.

In referring to this incident, it is not to be understood that the NEWS thinks everyone should dig his own grave. That is a matter that may be safely entrusted to those whose business it is to do that work.

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