



Co. Commissioners.

of LOCAL INTEREST

Change in S. Weis's adv.

Change of Jurors for September court in another column.

Matrimonial market has been bright the recent hot spell but evening up.

Smith Grove Band will hold a concert at Smith Grove on Saturday August 3rd, 1889.

Shirts for 35 cents and fine Perceal shirts for 75 cents, Berger's, Middleburgh.

Lizzie Dill of Patterson, and Agnes Sholley are the brides of L. C. Bowersox and family.

Renninger of Franklin job of slating the Wittenblock and is doing a superb job of work.

Veterans of the Juniata and Hanna Valleys have postponed the holding of their annual meeting at Selingsgrove this fall.

John Moyer, Sr., fell in the kiln at the ridge on Sunday. The kiln was fifteen feet high and the annual escaped with visible injury.

Aigler and D. A. Kern, proprietors of the Beavertown Planing mill just received the finest lot of sport lumber that has ever shipped to this county.

Showers has sold his farm lately north of Middleburgh to Bowersox for \$2,000. Mr. Showers will move to town again in a shoe-shop.

Troup having sold out his property at public sale this family on Tuesday of this week to Big Rapids, Michigan. Our shoes go with them.

Beaver has issued a requisition on Wm. H. Houtz, implement maker who fled from Lewistown charged with forgery. He was arrested at Dubuque, Iowa.

It had rained every day this week and the ground is becoming very soggy. The prospects for a immense corn crop are thereby flattering.

Subscription list is jumping toward the 1100. If you send the Post drop us a postal card, outside of the county by postal order for \$1.50 to insure prompt delivery.

Arrangements have been made for the construction of a street railway between Sunbury and Northumberland. They expect to have it completed by this fall. The fare will be six cents.

Shortis of Chanceford, York Pa., paid us a friendly visit last week. He has been a subscriber to the Post for several years and says he is delighted with the backed up the assertion by his father two years in advance—1891.

Moatz, devoted Monday of his week to circulating a subscription for the purpose of raising funds for the rebuilding of the board between Middleburgh and Selingsgrove. The necessary amount, raised and within a week people can cross the Franchy shod.

One has taken the trouble to find out how far a farmer has to travel to plant and attend forty acres of corn. To plow the ground with a three-horse plow; he has to travel 350 miles; to harrow the ground thoroughly before planting, he has to travel fifty miles; to cultivate it he will have to travel 300 miles; making a grand total of 700 miles besides the gathering.

Of our country people have a habit of tying teams so that the wagon or buggy rests on a single wheel, which compels people to get off the crossing and wade around the vehicle. We have frequently called attention to this and it is probably an oversight of the parties who do it, to make the less wrong.

Levi Young, Executor of John Young, late of Centre twp., dec'd, will sell the personal property of said decedent on Saturday, August 17.

T. S. Buck will close out his shop at Beavertown at auction the latter part of this week. A new buggy, horse and harness will also be sold.

The vicissitudes of climate are trying to most constitutions, especially to people having impure blood. For all such (and they constitute the majority), the best safeguard is Ayer's Sarsaparilla, the use of which cleanses the blood and strengthens the invigorates the system.

The census of 1890 will cost, so it is estimated, about \$6,000,000. The Superintendent may begin work at any time, but the enumerators will not be employed until next year. It will take three or four years to complete the work, but the enumerators will be expected to do their work in from two to four weeks.

That distention of the stomach which many people feel after eating, may be due to improper mastication of the food; but, in most cases, it indicates a weakness of the digestive organs, the best remedy for which is one of Ayer's Pills, to be taken after dinner.

MATRIMONIAL MARKET.—The following marriage licenses have been granted by the clerk of the Orphans Court of Snyder county during the last week:

- Wm F. Stepp, Port Trevorton
- Mary E. Snoko,
- Wm. B. Reichenbach, Chapman twp
- Mary A. Eckert, Union
- Horace G. Haines, McClure.
- Annie S. Woodling, Adamsburg.

Centre county, as will be seen elsewhere in this issue is getting ready to "go under." We doubt if the county is a unit on the question, as a good many of the residents of that county will kick on going before they have witnessed the second advent of General Jackson as President of the United States.

The most important change ever instituted by school-book publishing houses went into effect on July 18. All agents and traveling salesmen were withdrawn on that date, and the sale of school books will now be conducted entirely by the producing centres. This will involve the saving of thousands of dollars to the publishing houses. It also ends the warfare waged between the school-book syndicate and several powerful publishing houses who opposed it.

The annual report of the Secretary of Internal Affairs of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the year ending, Nov. 1, 1888, shows that Snyder county has 5,745 taxables. It has 132,215 acres of cleared land and 56,350 acres of timberland. Our real estate is assessed at \$3,010,861. We have 3,590 head of horses and mules over three years old which are valued at \$153,271, and 3,717 head of cattle over four years old which are valued at \$53,922. The aggregate value of all property taxable in the county is \$3,516,881, and the amount of money at interest is \$877,550.

Uncle Sam, in his business dealings, is the most dishonest of mortals. He never pays a debt that he can possibly escape, but insist upon prompt payment of all his debts to the last penny. Since the establishment of the money order system in the postoffice department the funds secured by the non-payment of money orders, stored away and hoarded up amounts to nearly two million of dollars. No attempt whatever had been made until recently to find out the rightful owners of the money. A recent Congress took hold of the matter and decided that it was wrong and passed a law authorizing its return to the owners. Now when an advice is received and remains uncalled for for a certain number of days the postmaster notifies the payee, if this fails then the sender is notified and he can commence proceedings to recover the money.

R. Gunsberger offers extraordinary bargains in Clothing, Gents' Furnishing Goods, &c., for the next 30 days in order to make room for fall goods.

Col. A. C. Simpson has disposed of his Market street property to S. Weis, of the Central Dry Goods Store. Consideration, \$4,900. The Colonel and his family will make their future home in the West.—Selingsgrove Times.

The Commissioners of Snyder county have awarded the contracts for the stone work and filling of bridges advertised as follows: Ush's to Robert F. Bilger, \$275; Hassinger's to Reigle & Spaid, 185; Bowersox to Reigle & Spaid, 185; Burns to Joseph R. Hendricks, 399.

SETTLEMENT NOTICE.—The books of the undersigned must be squared up on or before September 1, 1889. All accounts unsettled by that time will be given in the hands of a collector. Please give this your immediate attention, and oblige

J. A. MOATZ & Bro., Middleburgh, Pa.

The Phillipsburg Journal thus hums: Bury the croaker out in the woods in a beautiful hole in the ground, where the woodpecker pecks and the bumblebee hums and the straddle bug straddles around. He is no good to this city of push; too impractical, stingy, and dead, but he wants the whole earth and all of the crust and the stars that shine over head. Then hustle him off to the bumblebee's roost and bury him deep in the ground; he's no use to us here, get him out of the way and make room for the man who is sound.

Owners of vicious dogs may read with profit the following law in reference to their animals: "If anybody is attacked on the highway by a dog, the party has the right to kill the dog, and the owner can be held accountable for any injury inflicted by the animal. Even on the premises of the owner of a dog, should a party be attacked and injured, after endeavoring to protect himself, the owner can be held responsible for damages inflicted, provided it can be shown at the time he was in pursuit of business or on a friendly visit. If a dog by barking at passing horses or vehicles occasions any damage, its owner is liable for the loss sustained."

Hon. Thomas J. Smith, a prominent lawyer and Democratic politician of Snyder county, Pennsylvania, accompanied by his wife, arrived in the city Tuesday on a flying visit here and over in Michigan. Twenty-three years ago last spring Mr. Smith and the present editor of the Times came to Indiana to establish the Ligonier Banner. Indiana's climate did not agree with Mr. Smith, and after the overwhelming defeat of the Democracy at the fall election of that year he returned to his old home in Pennsylvania, resuming the practice of law at Middleburgh. He has prospered finely, and besides his lucrative law practice has a snug income from several productive farms.—South Bend, Ind. Daily Times.

On Thursday afternoon, July 18, Mrs. Michael Stine, of near Maitland, Mifflin county, requested her 9-year-old daughter to kindle a fire in the kitchen stove, which she did, but the fire proving stubborn she poured some kerosene on the smoldering wood, and a flame gushed up and exploded the oil can, throwing the contents over the girl and her two little sisters, aged 6 and 3 years respectively. The mother was ill in bed in a room adjoining the kitchen, but she immediately scrambled out and did what she could to put out the flames, which she did not accomplish until all the unfortunate children were horribly burned. She then rang the dinner bell and summoned her husband and workmen from the harvest field to the scene. The children all died at an early hour on Friday morning.

Franklin Township, Church and School Board Case.

The case of the Trustees of the Lutheran and Calvinist Churches, vs. The Board of School Directors of Franklin township, Snyder county, Pa., was decided by the Court on July 20, 1889.

The facts are as follows: That on the 11th of Nov. 1785, Joseph Simon and wife conveyed to Joseph Hassinger, et al., in trust for the use of the members of the above named Churches and for the use and purpose of a site for a school house, burying ground &c., for the members of said Churches 16 1/2 acres of ground now in said township of Franklin. Possession followed the grant. A church edifice was erected, burying ground defined, and up to this time the lands have been used and maintained as set forth in said deed, although no such school has been established as provided for in the conveyance, yet a common school edifice has been erected and maintained for many years and it is the site of this school house that the directors have changed and out of which grew this suit. The Trustees on behalf of the Churches contended that this the directors could not do for the reason, 1st, because said school directors made no attempt to agree with the Trustees, and, 2nd, because said board of directors made no attempt to procure a site from other land owners. 3rd, because the site selected is not the best nor the proper one, 4th, because the 1/2 acre selected is necessary to carry out the purpose of the trust under the Simon's deed.

The Court says in substance, as to the object of it is shown by the testimony of M. K. Hassinger and John R. Kauffman that they on behalf of the Board of School Directors met the Trustees of said Churches on February 20, 1889, for the purpose of agreeing upon the price, but could not agree. As to the 2nd and 3rd objection, there is no power in this Court to review the decision of the School Board on either point, and as to the last objection the testimony shows that the 1/2 acre appropriated does not interfere either with the church edifice or the graveyard &c., that the greater portion of the tract seems to be used as farm land, so it can not be pretended that the whole is required to carry out the design of the Simon trust. That the land itself is not given to a public charity, that it does not exist for the benefit of the general public and is not that kind of appropriation of land to public use as can defeat its appropriation to a superior public use such as a common school under the right of eminent domain conferred upon school directors by statutes to take lands for school purposes &c. Rule is made absolute and the preliminary injunction heretofore awarded is vacated and dissolved at the costs of the plaintiff.

LOWELL.—The farmers are busy storing away oats and report a good crop.

Squire Romig is suffering at present from a sore back and is scarcely able to get around.

The flying-horses at McClure kept up rather late on Saturday night, as some of the boys did not get home until Sunday morning after sunrise.

"Bob" of Mifflin county, was visiting A. A. Romig's on Sunday.

There will be a trial sermon preached at the different churches of the Lutheran denomination by the Rev. A. E. Erdman, on the following dates and places: St. John's, August 10th, at 2 o'clock p. m., McClure at 7 o'clock p. m. on same day, Troxelville August 11th, at 10 o'clock a. m., Hassinger's August 11th, at 2 o'clock p. m. and at Beavertown in the evening at 7 o'clock on same day, August 11th. All are invited to attend on this special occasion.

L. J. Romig, our old "vet." is going to take the advantage of the excursion to Gettysburg. If any one is entitled to it he is.

Wm. Houtz A Forger!

Serious Charges Against A Snyder County Boy.

The daily North American of yesterday contained the following startling revelations concerning William Houtz, formerly of Freeburg. The dispatch was dated Lewistown, July 30, and says:

William H. Houtz, of this borough who was arrested in Dubuque, Iowa, on Saturday evening charged with forgeries in this (Mifflin) county aggregating at least \$20,000, was a dandy, and no mistake. He was born in Snyder county, and was the possessor of an extraordinary basso voice and was in great demand on all occasions when a musical voice was one of the necessary requisites, having sung in several of the finest operas in New York, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis under different aliases, and when he came to this town and went into the agricultural implement business he was at once taken into the arms, as it were, of society and made a lion of. He was appointed the leader of the choir in the Lutheran Sunday school, performed on the organ for all the church services and virtually sung himself into the good graces of rich and poor in the town, which he said he had concluded to make his home.

Miss Lillie Jackson, a beautiful and intelligent member of the Lutheran flock of this borough, was selected as his female victim, and he lavished all his attentions upon her. Young and susceptible, she believed all his honeyed words, placed implicit confidence in all his protestations of love, and consented to be his wife about four years ago. He kept her in grand style and humored her in every whim.

William Willis, a wealthy gentleman of this borough, who was an elder in the church he (Houtz) attended, next claimed his attention, and as will be seen was his next victim.

About three years ago it was rumored that "Houtzie," as he was familiarly called, was not strictly honest. Wm. C. Britton, his brother-in-law, who employed him, said so, but when Houtzie became indignant at the charge and went into the business for himself, nobody believed it, and Britton lost the custom of the honest farmers, whose patronage Houtzie secured.

Finally Houtzie left town; he left suddenly; he didn't tell anybody he was going; he didn't even tell his wife, and when he left, the Sunday school and Church mourned; they said they had lost their best man. But the week after he left, notes became due; they were asked for by the banks, and suddenly the veil was lifted, and everybody realized that they had been duped. A reward was offered for Houtz's capture, but no one knew where to go.

Last week Harry, a son of T. M. Uttley, a prominent attorney at the bar here, who is clerking in a dry goods store in Dubuque, Ia., saw Houtzie in a hotel, and remembering that his capture would net the informer a cool \$500, informed on him. He was arrested, and the Mifflin county Sheriff is now on the way out there after him. When he faces the music he will find that William Willis, his benefactor and friend, will swear he put his name to about \$10,000 worth of paper without his consent. The manufacturer of the "Tiger Rake," who were beaten out of about \$1000, will confront him, while the Bradley Plow and Empire Drill Companies will try and get square with him for raising Ned with their ledgers.

York, Pa., suffers to the tune of several thousand dollars by reason of his machinations. A. B. Farquhar, the agricultural implement manufacturer, being the leading sufferer, and at least 100 honest Omish farmers of the Kiskacquillas Valley weep because of the iniquities.

There are nineteen indictments against him for forgery in this (Mifflin) county fourteen indictments for fraudulent representations, and Lancaster, Snyder and York counties will furnish similar indictments by the score. A great deal of his forged papers here passed through Russell's Bank, and Mr. Russell today informed a North American representative that it would foot up at least \$7000 in their bank alone. Up to within a short time before his vamoose he paid the notes regularly when they became due. There are not a few, especially among the church people, who even now believe him more sinned against than sinning, and who darkly hint that Mr. Willis made at least thirty per cent. out of all his (Houtzie's) investments.

His wife, broken down in health, is with her brother in St. Louis, Mo.

The District Attorney, Allison Porter states that Houtz is wanted in Kansas City, Mo., and Minneapolis, Minn. He also beat the Deering Machine Co., of Chicago, and the McCormick Machine Co., of the same city out of about \$4,000.

Just now it is considered very fashionable to damn the Commissioners in all the counties along the Susquehanna and Juniata rivers where prompt action has been required to replace bridges which were swept away by the recent flood. Some do it for pastime, others do it because they were concerned in a mercenary way, and others do it because it is their profession. In some cases the criticisms may be justifiable, but in most cases it is the result of difference of opinion where everybody is wiser than his neighbor. Let any one build a house, patch a barn or paint a fence and the same result will ensue. Our Commissioners are just now getting their share of darnings with the rest.

"You'll be damned if you do."

"You'll be damned if you don't."

seems to be the watchword, and they are evidently at times much annoyed. Some of the criticisms may be justifiable, but as a whole, we believe they have acted from pure motives and the very best they knew for the taxpayers. To satisfy all is beyond anybody's ken. Too many bosses is worse than no boss at all, and any mistakes that may have occurred are often due to critics who recommended the very actions they are now the most loud-mouthed in condemning. One thing is certain—no one owns the Commissioners of Snyder county just at this writing, and no one has the audacity to accuse them of dishonesty. If you have never been a public officer just place yourself in their shoes one day and dig a ditch or fill a gutter on the public highway and see how a good damning feels to a man who means to be honest and do the greatest good to the greatest number. Then get out your mantle of charity.

Bushmeeting in Bower's grove about one mile west of Middleburgh, commencing Aug. 3. Preaching by Rev. P. S. Jarret, at 7:30 P. M. Aug. 4, Preaching by Rev. R. W. Runyon at 10, A. M. Children's service at 1:30 P. M. Preaching again at 2:30 and likewise in the evening. Preaching every evening during the following week. Meeting to continue over two Sundays. Refreshments will be served on the ground. S. AUBRAND.

Any of our readers wanting positions right off on salary and expenses paid, with an old and reliable firm should refer at once to the advertisement in another column headed "A Chance to Make Money." 2w

Great bargains in Mens', Youths' & Boys' Clothing, also in Straw Hats. To make room for fall stock I will during the next 30 days close out a large stock of summer goods of latest styles at a reduction of 25 per cent for cash. G. C. GUTELIUS.

Good, rye whiskey at Marks & Enders at \$1.85 per gallon.