



ITEMS of LOCAL INTEREST

Orwig's new house is ready for the roof. The convention in Bower's next Saturday. Little "Recording Angel" came to the residence of Recorder Duck Sunday. Mrs. Stahl (nee Nellie Millhouse) her husband of Reading, Pa., residing in Middleburgh. A lot of young ladies and gentlemen of Selmsgrove "pic-niced" in the grove last Saturday. A. Miller wholesale Stationer Baltimore, Md., spent Sunday at his mother-in-law, Mrs. John... fifteen inch white-fish—the largest taken out on the fly, was captured by the editor Tuesday evening. Another Lawn Festival will be given by the "Young People's Mite Society" at Paxtonville on Saturday evening, Aug. 31. M. Ulsh, Veterinary Surgeon, had located in this place since he has changed his base and will after be found at Lewistown. Martin Bowersox received another engine and separator on Monday. He is now running two threshing outfits and a double set of... Orwig preached a very able and interesting Home Sermon on Sunday evening. The church was beautifully decorated with cereals, fruits and vegetables. What a world and what a language they speak, anyhow! They write "your presence is requested" at a wedding and they mean "your presents are requested." Michael Smith Post and H. Bitter Camp S. of V. of McClure hold their tenth Annual Encampment in Shawver's Grove near Wagonsville, Middleburgh, on August 29, 30, 31. Grove Meeting on Chestnut street on Sunday, August 25th, but will be Quarterly meeting in the church. Preaching August 24, at 7:30, P. M., and Sunday evening and evening. An old friend and subscriber, S. E. Erley of Middlecreek town, is very seriously ill and is not expected to live. He was a member of the 150th (Bucktail) regiment and an arm at Hatcher's Run. B. Budds, the horseman, who has several sales here of Illinois horses, while trying to stop a runaway team at his home near Yellow Springs, Ill., was run over and cut up badly that he died a few days ago. An old house on the farm of Dr. Bibbighouse burned down on Monday night. It had been standing for many years and was ready to topple over. It is supposed to have been the work of... A picnic will take place in the grove, near Troxelville, on Monday, September 7, in which the Grace Reformed, St. James, Evangelical Sunday Schools will participate. It will be a basket picnic. All are cordially invited. A week a large Copperhead was killed in Samuel Wittenmyer's yard. Mr. Wittenmyer had the reptile for several days before its discovery. The Copperhead exudes an odor similar to that of raw cucumbers. M. Z. Steininger will sell his real and personal property at public sale on Saturday, August 31, at 10 o'clock. The real estate consists of three lots in one tract with good buildings and all necessary improve-

On Sunday several hundred vehicles from the West End passed through Middleburgh on their way to Swengel and Pallas campmeetings. The fish commissioners have during the past month placed five millions of pike perch, a new species of fish in the Delaware, Susquehanna and Juniata rivers. Charles Kearns who has been confined in our county jail for several weeks, and of whom we made mention last week, was removed to the Danville Asylum by Sheriff Dreese on Monday. Adam Showers last week purchased of Jacob Gilbert the house and lot adjoining the Lutheran Church formerly owned by Sophia Hassinger, for \$1075. Adam will now move to town and keep pegging away to the last. "All shattered was the young man's dream; He laid her picture by; His life's bright star had lost its gleam. And faded from the eye, 'Alas!' he cried, a closer view Pains rather than exalts. Your hair, your teeth, your cheeks' fair hue, Ay, even your heart is false."

A perfect complexion, free from pimple or blemish, is very rarely seen, because few people have perfectly pure blood. And yet, all disfiguring eruptions are easily removed by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Try it, and surprise your friends with the result. Few children can be induced to take physic without a struggle, and no wonder—most drugs are extremely nauseating. Ayer's Pills, on the contrary, being sugar-coated, are eagerly swallowed by the little ones, and are, therefore, the favorite family medicine. Congress appropriates only \$10,000 for the preservation of the forests of the nation, while it is estimated that \$6,000,000 worth of lumber is yearly stolen from the public domain. The value of the wood consumed in the United States each year is estimated at \$60,000,000,000. School districts failing to publish an annual statement of their finances will forfeit the amount of their state appropriation if the fact is brought to the attention of the state superintendent. Publication can be made either by hand bills or in a county newspaper. The N. Y. San cholera mixture is composed of equal parts of tincture of cayenne, tincture of opium, tincture of rhubarb, essence of peppermint and spirits of camphor. Mix thoroughly. Take from fifteen to thirty drops in a wine glass of water, repeat every twenty minutes until relieved. The horrible case of fanaticism in Alabama in which an aged negro proclaiming himself the Prophet Daniel induced three men to walk into a blazing furnace where they were burned to death shows that the numerous missionary societies in this country can find a very effective field at home for their labors. Have our retailers heard of the decline in the price of sugar? For three weeks it has declined one-quarter of a cent a pound each week, making three-quarters of a cent. This reduction should certainly be reflected in the prices paid by consumers. Have our retailers heard of the decline? They heard of the raise promptly. WHITE CAP TOMFOOLERY.—The following notice was found posted on the Court House door on Sunday morning. It is evidently the result of a diseased mind—caused by Dime Novel reading, or perchance, the pranks of a wag who is more funny than discrete. We give it verbatim: "Sicut and Bones. !!! WHITE CAP NOTICE !!! To the citizens of Middleburgh or to whom it may concern. We wish it distinctly understood: 1st. that if these ditches are not put in good shape, property and convenience. 2nd. if the pavements are not repaired in good condition within fifteen days of below notice the White Caps will visit the parties and deal with them according to the above representation. Saturday, August 17, 1889.

C. B. Weiser, brother of our townsman, Jay G. Weiser, and C. R. Funston have leased the Leland Hotel Harrisburg, and have provided it with all modern improvements. It is within five minutes' walk from the depot. The rates have been reduced to \$2.00 per day. Our people will find it most desirable stopping place. The Middleburgh Band has been engaged to furnish music for the Sunbury Good Intent Fire Company at the State Firemen Association's parade at Carlisle on September 19. It promises to be a big affair as fifty-one companies have accepted invitations to be present, and one hundred other companies are yet to hear from. Rev. Eusebeus Hershey is advertising his real estate in Snyder county for sale in a bill written in black and red ink. He makes the provision "The Lord willing." We presume the Lord won't object if the people can read the old gentleman's writing and make out what he wants. The only way he patronizes printers' ink is in self-praise. At the sale of the Real Estate of Mary Hetrick deceased, on Saturday, the house and lot on Sugar street was purchased by Wilson Swartz for George Kern for \$792, the house and lot on Pine street by Frederick Smith for \$715, and the tract of land of 7 1/2 acres north of Middleburgh, by George Shindel for \$81. Well, well! Just see! Our friend Deibert, the photographer, has greatly improved in his line of business and is now making beautifully re-touched photos in his gallery at Freeburg, Pa. Cabinets \$3 per dozen or six for \$2; card size \$1.50 per dozen or six for \$1. It will pay you to give him a call if you want fine Photographs. G. W. Kleckner, of Yellow Creek, Ill., will sell another car-load of select Illinois horses in Middleburgh, on Tuesday, September 10. They will arrive at the Washington House Stables about September 5th. Any person coming to Middleburgh who becomes a purchaser and cannot return the same day will have his hotel bill paid to the following morning. See bills. Don't forget the Snyder county Choir convention which will be held in Bower's grove west of town on Saturday of this week. It will be a basket picnic and afford an opportunity for an abundance of fun. All parties who attempt long speeches will be lead off the ground by the ear. If you come and don't have anything to eat and can't induce your friends to invite you to dinner you can secure refreshments at Bowen's tent on the ground. Come. Ryan Dauberman was discharged on Monday by U. S. Commissioner McDavitt, after nearly a year's confinement in our county jail for taking undue liberties in the pension business. In the evening Mr. McDavitt went frogging with Squire Grimm. When he returned to Sunbury he was compelled to take the customary oath framed by the Dutch "Squire on foxes, viz: "You hereby schware dot you koteched un killed dese frogs in Schnider county so help you gut." Thomas J. Stewart, Secretary of Internal Affairs has sent out an advance sheet from the Annual Report of 1889, in regard to the great flood of May 31 and June 1, which States that between eight and ten inches of water fell in this section during those two days. The vast weight of water falling is shown by a calculation based on the weight of a cubic foot, thirty-five feet being a ton. In the surface of a square mile there would be 66,377 tons for an inch in depth, and 531,016 tons for a depth of eight inches. The quantity falling on 12,000 square miles, at this rate, is 6,732,246,000 tons. The force exercised by vast bodies of water in motion is irresistible.

Democratic County Convention. The Democracy held their County Convention on Tuesday, August 19. All the Districts were represented except Chapman, Adams and West Beaver. Prof. Daniel S. Boyer was elected President, and J. G. Leshner, W. H. Landis, Secretaries. The deliberations of the convention were harmonious throughout, and although there were spirited contests for Member of the State Central Committee and County Chairman, all was taken in the best of part, and the result cheerfully acquiesced in. P. M. Teats, Esq., was nominated for County Surveyor, J. G. Weiser, Esq., was elected Delegate to the State Convention, A. G. Hornberger, Member of the State Central Committee, and George M. Dauberman, County Chairman. The usual resolutions condemning the Administration of President Harrison, and endorsing that of President Cleveland, &c., &c., were passed. This is a form of amusement that harms nobody and seems to do our Democratic friends much good. Why, we cannot tell, and we doubt whether they can. On the whole, the Democrats are not bad fellows, and their annual knockout don't seem to discourage them bit. NEW BERLIN.—Having not seen any articles in the Post from this place, I thought it necessary that we should be represented in your valuable paper. Prof. G. Holtzapfel, President of Schuylkill Seminary, located at Fredericksburg, Pa., had intended to move his family to said place into the new house just completed for the Seminary President. His daughter Nellie is very ill and Professor is not able to move, scarcely able to open school next week. Our college will open this week on Wednesday. We notice quite a number of students already. Our pleasant borough was well represented at the Swengel camp-meeting last Saturday and Sunday. Four full hacks besides many private conveyances went filled. Rev. L. R. Deitz of the Reformed Church has been granted a short vacation of two weeks. He is visiting friends and relatives in the western part of the State, also acquaintances at Punxsatawney, Pa., where he preached before he came to New Berlin. Our town schools are now supplied with teachers. C. M. Sanders will teach the Grammar school, Miss Yearick the Intermediate, C. C. Moyer the Primary and C. A. Walter the school on Water street. Salary \$30. The school directors have put a first class iron fence around the school yard. B. F. Harlan, dealer in books and stationary at Punxsatawney is here visiting friends and acquaintance. Of course Sadie is very glad to see him. After she has changed her name, she will accompany him to his home in Jefferson county. Mr. H. was once a student of the college and printer of the college printing office. Mr. Breen of Clinton county is visiting Geo. R. Reighards in the College building. Trub Runyun the youngest son of Rev. R. W. Runyun ran a fork through his great toe one day last week while helping to thresh for Benner. He had a very sore toe. Mrs. Seebold of near town died on Saturday, after a short illness. She was well known in the west end of Snyder county as Mrs. David Walter, (nee) Klose. The Evangelicals will have a Harvest Home festival in the Town hall on Friday and Saturday evenings, this week. Good, rye whiskey at Marks & Enders at \$1.85 per gallon. Mrs. Dr. Barber who has been very seriously ill for the last few weeks is convalescent.

When People Marry. Thirteen per cent. of all the men married in Pennsylvania last year were older than themselves. Seven per cent. took wives their own ages, and the remaining 80 per cent. married women younger than themselves. The average age of the men was 27 years and of the women 23 years. These interesting facts are found in the annual report of 1888 of Secretary of Internal Affairs Thomas J. Stewart, which contains much other curious information about the matrimonial propensities of Pennsylvanians. Thus it appears that more men are married at the age of 23 than at any other age and that among women 21 is the favorite age. The youngest wife of 1888 was only 13 years old, and the oldest was aged 71. Two boys of 16 were married, and two old gray beards of 86 ventured into matrimony, probably not for the first time. Of 14,726 women married, and whose ages were given, 4,065, or 27 5/8 per cent., were less than 20 years old. Among the men there were only 393 who were so young. There were 23 girls of 14 years married. 105 of 15, 353 of 16, 816 of 17, 1,333 of 18, 1,434 of 19, 1,322 of 20, 2,041 of 21, 1,519 of 22, and 1,140 of 23. After the latter age the numbers of those who found husbands rapidly decline. These figures show that if a Pennsylvania girl is not married by the time she is 23 years old the chances are that she will become an old maid. Men proceed more leisurely about matrimony. Besides the two sixteen year-old husbands in 1888, there were 38 aged 17, 128 18 years old, and 326 19 years old. The figures then take a jump to 637 at 20 and reach the maximum in 1,565 at 23. They decrease slowly after that. There were 437 men married after they were 50 years old, but only 171 women. There was a remarkable disparity in the ages of some of the couples. A woman of 50 years married a man of 31, and an old man of 74 wedded a maiden of 24. The youngest couple were a sixteen-year-old husband and a 15-year-old wife. The girl of 13 wedded a man 19 years older than herself. A man of 45 married a girl of 18, his age being just three times hers, and a man of 48 did nearly as well, taking a seventeen-year-old wife. In the marriages where the women were older than the men the difference in ages rarely exceeded five years. There were eighty-three marriages where one of the parties had previously been divorced. It is estimated that there were 6,000 marriages of couples from this State in Camden, N. J., alone, and, of course, there must have been very many more in cities and towns in other States bordering on Pennsylvania. GLOBE MILLS.—The Globe Mills, Smith Grove, White Top and Salem Sunday Schools expect to hold a basket picnic on Yoder's Island, Aug. 31. The Smith Grove cornet Band will furnish the music. A number of orators will be present to entertain the audience. A good turnout is expected and a grand time is anticipated. All are cordially invited. A number of our young folks attended the Bush-meeting in Bower's Grove the past Sundays and arrived home in the early morning. Calvin Hummel caught a German Carp on Saturday, weighing 3 1/2 lbs. S. H. Yoder shipped a carload of flour to Danville, last week. Squire Field is nursing a very sore hand. J. S. Meiser is at present visiting his aged father at McKees. Jno. N. Berger's infant daughter is afflicted with marasmus. Mr. S. O. Gemberling and wife of Williamsport are rusticiating at this place. A great many friends attended the Swengel and Palas campmeetings on Sunday. Artie, a son of Henry Reiche is seriously ill.

CENTREVILLE.—Artist A. L. Bowersox of Dayton, Ohio, made parents and friends in this his former home a visit, much to their gratification. He seems to be in excellent health. A. C. Spangler spent a week in Reading recently. Prof. C. A. Walter went to Harrisburg on Saturday. John Roland of Shenandoah, was here on a visit among his lady friends recently. The days are growing shorter which gives the young man more time in which to interview his best girl. Deputy Sheriff Dreese was in town on business one day last week. Robert and Daniel Slotman, dealers in horse flesh, the former of Pleasant Gap, and the latter of Millheim, were in these "diggens" recently. J. H. Long of Beaver Springs was in town over Sunday. Our town was somewhat deserted on Sunday. Most of the young folks were at Swengel camp-meeting. LOWELL.—C. W. Fisher was called to his former home to attend the funeral of his mother which took place last week. L. C. Wagner's address at the S. S. Picnic on last Saturday was appreciated by all in hearing distance. He gave good advice and sound doctrine to young and old. Mrs. Sallie Spauth, (nee) Ulsh, of Lewistown is spending a few weeks home on account of her sick child. The happiest man in town is the village blacksmith W. H. K. as he got a new dog and lots of work. Hiram, I want you to be a little more careful in what field you go in to steal corn on Sunday. Tell the other boys not to go in W. G. Wagner's field for he will have you all before "Squire Romig." Possum Hollow seems to have the craze for surprise parties, as one party had three in two months. At the next meeting Pete will have to wear the white pants. That is the command from a boxum fair daisial of the order. A. A. Romig & Co. received a lot of western cattle which they intend slaughtering for their markets. Their aim always is to have the best cattle that money can buy. Chas. Houser is home from Pittsburg and expects to remain for awhile. He reports there is no place like Snyder county for health and happiness. U. No. James Buffington this week sold his property on west Main Street to Mrs. J. F. Reitz for \$650. You can have any man arrested for shooting grey squirrels before the 1st of September. Girls needn't be married unless they want to be. The parents of a Michigan girl forced her to go before a justice-of-the-peace and stand up with a man she did not wish to wed. To every question asked her, where the marriage ceremony requires the bride to say "yes," she distinctly said "no." The justice pronounced the couple man and wife, but the Supreme Court of the state, before which the matter was brought by some friends of the girl, has declared the marriage illegal, and the whole ceremony null and void. DIED. In Middleburgh, on August 19, '89, Sophiah Hassinger, aged 82 years, 5 months and 22 days. The funeral will take place this forenoon. In Franklin township, of typhoid fever Jonathan Hatley aged about 35 years. In Perry twp., on the 3rd inst., Levi Weller, aged 56 years, 1 month, and 27 days. In Perry twp., on the 4th, inst., Lizzie, infant child of Wilson and Isabel Snyder, aged 4 months. Near Freeburg, on the 7th, inst., Augustus William, son of John and Mary Jane Bany, aged 11 months and 7 days. In Washington twp., on the 10th, inst., Henry Omer, grand-child of George M. Straub, aged 3 years, and 1 day.