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LOCAL INTEREST

moonsteil is crowded out this week.

Paul Billhardt left for Akron, Pa. last week.

Master J. W. Swartz is confined to the house with a bad cold.

S. S. Schoch is confined to bed from a severe attack of pneumonia.

C. Schoch, has returned from Philadelphia, but is not much better.

Rev. Neff, who is visiting her mother, Pa., for her health, is leaving.

A number of our young folks attended the musical convention at Adamsburg last week.

Wm. Custer, of Swineford, is selling his entire stock of Merchandise. Come and see; there is no profit in it. You will get bargains.

Mollie Stahl and her husband, Mr. C. A. Millhouse, of Adamsburg, spent the holidays with their parents in Franklin.

Wm. Bloss, of Hobbie, Snyder, sends us pay for his own subscription in advance for a new year's stuffy.

John and family, of Adamsburg, are shooting all kinds of birds on Saturday last. He is now on his guns in away for a short rest.

John Guntzberger is in Adamsburg about selling his stock. He will leave here the next week.

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Coleman House, Lewistown, Pa., destroyed by fire on Monday evening, December 27. The fire started in the basement about 10 o'clock, and the first evidence of it was the smoke that came through the stairways and into the building. Most of them escaped but no lives were lost. Coleman, who owned the house, sustained a loss of about \$10,000 which was an insur-

Holiday Visitors

Joseph Runkle, of Bellefonte, and Irvin Bloom, of Lock Haven, were the guests of their uncle, J. W. Runkle, during the holidays.

Charles Erdley, of Glen Union, Pa., spent the holidays with his parents, James Erdleys', in Franklin township.

Misses Rosa Schoch and Gertrude Kreeger, of Swineford, spent the holidays with relatives in Williamsport.

Miss Mollie Ulsh, of Swineford, visited friends at Adamsburg.

Our foreman, J. M. Steininger and wife and George Steininger and family spent several days last week with relatives in Northumberland county.

Grand-mother Rhoads, of Harrisburg, Pa., is paying her annual visit to her son, Capt. D. T. Rhoads, at this place.

Mrs. J. H. Rhoads visited her parents at Shamokin Dam last week.

A. S. Beaver and Miss Sue Neff visited at Gordon, Pa., last week.

Miss Rosa Ayers is visiting in Williamsport.

Richard Eisenhart and family, of Horseheads, N. Y., spent several days last week with Recorder Shindel and family.

John Anig and Adam Spangler of Philadelphia, spent the holidays with their parents at this place. The former is a student in the Philadelphia College and the latter a student in the University of Penn'a.

Wm. H. Smith, of Chicago, Ill., is a guest at the Hotel Central. He was born and raised in Middleburgh, and after arriving manhood left for the West and had not been back since. He is a jolly good fellow.

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Fal of a Snyder County Boy.

Wellington W. Bilger, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, is a refugee from justice. He is a forger to the extent of many thousand dollars. The Avoca, Council Bluffs and Omaha papers are full of his exploits, and the case looks very dark for the accused. He came to Council Bluffs several years ago, and began business as a combination of lawyer, insurance agent and real estate dealer. In common with many others, he became excited over the short lived real estate boom in Council Bluffs in 1887, and invested heavily in property which he held for speculative purposes only and expected to dispose of at a handsome profit.

For a time his conduct of his business was apparently careful and conservative and he gained considerable confidence among business men. But he was too heavily involved. He had negotiated loans on property and had erected expensive flats which he was unable to dispose of and many of which stood vacant months after month. His credit dwindled. Foreclosure suits, unpaid bills, judgments, executions, etc., followed in rapid succession. Then queer tales of real estate deals, in which enormous loans had been secured on property worth much less than the loan floated about in real estate circulars, but nothing ever came of them.

The beginning of the end came nearly a month ago, when the First National Bank of Avoca, Iowa, received a note for \$3,000 from its correspondent bank at Waverly, Iowa. The note was made about six months ago and was endorsed by Bilger and seven others, payable to himself. Among the endorsers was Caleb Smith, of Avoca, son of our neighbor, John P. Smith, of Middleburgh. Mr. Smith at once pronounced the signature a forgery. Then Franklin M. Bilger (Wellington's father) who lives at Oakland, wrote that neither he or his son-in-law, Wm. C. Acker, knew anything about the note. This opened the ball and soon it was discovered that a number of similar notes were in the hands of money-lenders. Mr. Bilger suddenly disappeared. He gave a bill of sale for his household goods to his wife, and telling her that he would be absent in Des Moines for a few days, took his departure and has not been seen since. Meanwhile his crooked work is manifesting itself with remarkable rapidity and precision. The Omaha Globe alleges that three years ago Mr. Bilger had entered into a deal with Miles & Thompson of that city and skimmed them out of \$25,000.

Mr. Bilger has a wife and several children who continue to hope against hope that the husband and father will return and establish his innocence of the serious charges preferred against him.

"MISTAKEN SOULS WHO DREAM OF BLISS."—The following marriage licenses have been granted since our last publication:

Wm. L. Bolig,	Middlecreek,
Lizzie E. Walter,	Middleburgh.
John M. Kinney,	Penn twp.
Sallie Gemberling,	"
Wm. J. Witmer,	Union twp.
Laura A. Swineford,	"
Alison F. Bingaman,	Union twp.
Alice Wolf,	"
Charles Bilger,	Middleburgh.
Minnie E. Moyer,	"
P. M. Shaffer,	Union twp.
Mary W. Stahl,	"
Harvey S. Strawser,	Selingsgrove,
Mary A. Koehler,	"
Geo. Middlewarth,	Adamsburg,
Manie C. Bolender,	"
Erdie Goss,	West Beaver,
Emma J. Lash,	"
Francis Markley,	Aline,
Caroline Dillman,	"
W. N. Brouse,	Elmsport,
Lullie L. Romig,	Kantz,
Harvey A. Good,	Selingsgrove,
Sallie E. Gable,	"
Ammon W. Beaver,	Beavertown,
Lizzie E. Herbster,	Adams twp.
A. M. Garman,	Freemont,
Annie M. Steininger,	Middleburgh.
T. H. Nichols,	Mahontongo,
Supera Hummel,	Hummels Wharf
S. M. Muselman,	Selingsgrove,
Alice S. Shaeffer,	"

Friends of the Post.

ROLL OF HONOR.—The following persons have paid their subscription to the Post to the dates opposite their names. Should any mistakes occur in these credits or on your paper please notify us:

Frederick Hackenberg,	April 1, '93
Isaiah Bowersox,	Aug. 15, '93
Amos Bowersox,	Aug. 1, '93
Wm. Eisenhower,	Feb. 1, '93
Jackson Bailey,	Jan. 1, '93
James R. Hassinger,	Jan. 1, '94
E. H. Shradler,	Dec. 1, '92
G. W. Row,	July 1, '93
Mrs. Sue Beistel,	Feb. 1, '93
W. H. Herbster,	June 1, '92
J. G. Herrold,	May 1, '93
Charles Herbster,	Jan. 1, '93
Thomas Swartz,	Sept. 1, '92
Tobias Mitchell,	April 1, '93
Levi Renninger,	Dec. 1, '93
J. O. Herman,	May 1, '93
State Library,	July 20, '93
B. F. Hummel,	Sept. 1, '92
Hopnia Sampsel,	Dec. 1, '93
W. B. Winey,	Aug. 1, '93
Chas. Wagner,	Nov. 1, '92
Wm. Decker,	May 1, '94
Annie Fisher,	March 1, '93
Samuel W. Glace,	April 15, '93
Benj. J. Mourer,	Feb. 15, '93
J. Irvin Howell,	Aug. 1, '92
Peter Keiffer,	Dec. 15, '92
W. N. Fisher,	Feb. 1, '93
F. P. Kuster,	May 1, '93
Thomas Herbster,	June 15, '92
J. L. Gable,	Nov. 1, '92
Henry Kerstetter,	Dec. 1, '93
John Norman,	Oct. 1, '93
Ed. A. Bower,	Jan. 1, '93
Abraham Holschue,	March 1, '93
John Kahley,	April 1, '93
R. B. Bredley,	May 1, '93
Emanuel Sassaman,	June 1, '90
Henry Stahl,	Jan. 1, '92
C. W. G. Markle,	Sept. 1, '91
Charles DeLong,	Aug. 1, '92
E. S. Stroub,	Jan. 1, '93
Phares Bowersox,	Aug. 1, '91
Robert Walter,	Nov. 1, '91
H. F. Long,	Nov. 1, '92
Isaac Bowersox,	Dec. 1, '90
J. E. Spangler,	Aug. 1, '92
Harrison Bailey,	May 1, '92
Nathan W. Bloss,	July 15, '93
H. P. Reader,	Jan. 1, '94
Jacob Nerhood,	Nov. 1, '93
Adam Showers,	Dec. 1, '93
I. E. Ulsh,	Jan. 15, '93
Milton Mertz,	Feb. 12, '93
T. J. Erdley,	Jan. 1, '94
Peter E. Buck,	Feb. 10, '93
James Beaver,	April 1, '74
Aaron Howell,	Feb. 1, '93
C. A. Millhouse,	Oct. 15, '92
Robert Stout,	Dec. 15, '92
Simon Decker,	May 1, '93
Edward Hummel,	Dec. 15, '92
Samuel Brunner,	April 1, '90
Peter Hartman,	Aug. 1, '92
Amos Bailey,	June 1, '92
Martin Slear,	April 1, '93
Samuel Rumbach,	Dec. 1, '92
Wm. H. Moyer,	July 1, '92
John R. Troup,	Jan. 1, '93
Edwin Bower,	April 1, '96

February Election.

The information in the following article will be found very useful to those whose duty it will be to put the new ballot law into operation for the Spring election. The facts are gleaned from a very careful reading of everything in the law that pertains to borough and township elections:

The language of the law, it seems, contemplates nominations in each election district by the two dominant parties at primary meetings or caucuses. Certificates of such nominations must be made out and signed by the presiding officers and the secretary or secretaries of such primary meeting or caucus, and shall be sworn or affirmed to by them before an officer qualified to administer oaths, to be true to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Nominations may also be made by what is termed "nomination papers." It often transpires that no party nominations are made for the Spring election, but voters' tickets are voted. Such tickets will come under the head of nomination papers. Independent candidates must come under the same regulations that govern nomination papers.

Certificates of nomination papers for township and borough officers shall be filed with the auditors of the respective townships or boroughs for which they are made. Certificates of nomination papers shall be filed seven days before the day of election. All such certificates shall be open to public inspection and shall be preserved in the office in which they are filed for a period of at least two years.

Objections to certificates or to papers, as to conformity or to non-conformity to law, shall be heard and determined by the auditors or a majority of them. Such objections must be in writing and filed with the auditors within three days after the last day for the filing of such certificates and papers. Objections to the validity of certificates and papers other than objections as to form shall be filed with the prothonotary, and the court, or any judge thereof, shall immediately upon notification proceed to hear such objections.

Any person whose name has been presented as a candidate may have his name withdrawn from nomination by request in writing and a committee appointed by the primary meeting or caucus making the original nomination shall have the power to place on the ticket a substitute for the name withdrawn, the manner of so doing being subject to the same regulation that governed the original. In case of a substitute nomination paper, not filed by a committee but signed by citizens, then it shall be only necessary that two-thirds of the signers of the substitute nomination shall have been signers of the original papers.

In case a substitute nomination is transmitted to the townships or borough auditor, after the ballots have been printed the said auditors shall prepare and distribute with the ballots suitable slips of paper (stickers) bearing the substitute name, together with the title of the officer, which shall be offered to each voter with the regular ballot and may be affixed thereto.

The County Commissioners and Auditors shall ascertain the offices to be filled and shall be responsible for the accurate printing of the ballots, and for the safe keeping of the same while in their possession or of their subordinates or agents. The auditors shall cause the ballots to be printed and to be distributed to the proper election board, and they shall certify the cost of printing and cost of distribution to the County Commissioners for payment as part of the county election expenses.

The form of the ballot for township or borough elections is in every respect similar to the form used at the last or November election, excepting that the ballot will begin with the names belonging to the po-

political party which polled the highest number of votes at the last preceding election.

The ballots must be all alike and at least six inches long and four inches wide. Each ballot shall be attached to a stub and all the ballots for the same voting place shall be bound together in convenient numbers in books in such manner that each ballot may be detached and removed separately.

The auditors shall provide for each election district, seventy-five ballots for each fifty and fraction of fifty voters on the Assessor's list, and an equal number of specimen ballots, and shall obtain from the County Commissioners the requisite cards of instruction, which shall be delivered with the ballots to the judge of election.

CENTREVILLE.

Did you get a Christmas present? This is overcast weather. Jack Frost reigns supreme. The ice-houses are nearly all filled. The political ball for the Spring election will soon be rolling. At the election of Camp No. 587 P. O. S. of A. on Friday evening the following officers were elected: P. P. A. B. Sheary; Pres., Dr. J. W. Sampsel; V. P., Harvey Snook; M. of F & C., E. B. Hartman; Con., P. C. Hartman; Fin. Sec., L. A. Mertz; Rec. Sec., C. E. Sampsel; Treas., Allen Boyer; O. G., J. G. Middlewarth; Inspector, Jos. Shawyer; Delegate to State Convention, H. D. D. C. L. Mohr, Mrs. J. H. D. D. Miss Ella S. Gable, who spent the holidays in Adamsburg, returned home last week. D. J. Dreese and wife, of Adamsburg, were the guests of Valentine Walter's over Sunday.

Troxelville.

I hope the editor and employees of the Post and its many readers will have a prosperous and happy New Year. Long live the Post. Christmas and New Year passed off with their usual enjoyments. All the Sunday Schools carried out their programs as per announcement. Jacob Dreese, of the Booney gang shot a bear on Saturday. Our people are anxiously awaiting the arrival of certain county papers to see what defense will be offered in the ticket printing business mentioned in the Post last week. Rumor has it that Jere Crouse has sold his stave mill to Isaac Dreese, of McClure. All the ice-houses have been filled with the very best quality of ice. The two fellows who borrowed Phares Fetterolf's fox trap without asking his permission, are hereby notified to return it forthwith as he wants to use it himself. Should they hesitate they will receive a call from Constable Wagner, who will invite them to a walk down to "Squire Jim's," who will issue free transportation for them to Hotel de Bolender in Middleburgh. The fellows are known and only out of respect to their relations are their names withheld. "Trapper Jim" says: "Boova, now doon ich, by hokie, de Mollie tsu mere nemma far good un all. De ice heiser sin oll full un es kollick brenna gait net orrick shtorrick. Fix kon ich kenny mae fonga, un won ich se hawem nem tsu der nam kon ich ols awenich surplus ous der ice-cream dreshery selnarra un hob deroam nuch ebber far helfas bed waurem holda."

CAL. JOE.

Make your friend a New Year's gift of the Post for 1893.

"That Glorious Climate"

Send for Sight and Scenes in California, published by the Passenger Department of the Union Pacific System at Omaha, or ask your nearest Union Pacific Agent for one. This little book will tell you of the beauties and wonders of California—the grandest winter resort in America.

NEW YEAR'S GREETING TO—

Take this greeting, Uncle Sam, O—the great U. S. M. line! Make your usual safe delivery O—the little gift of mine, For the harbor of the mountain, T—rus-bora Walton of the stream—N—aving for his Code of Justice E—ven balance of the beam—P—aying tribute unto C—esar O—nly that which is his due, S—teering safe thro' "printers' waters" T—the harbor of the true.

Gaecola, O., Dec. 29, 1892. —E. F. H.

TAKE NOTICE—I am offering new whiskey of my own manufacture at \$1.75 a gallon, and my old goods at \$2.00, 2.50 and \$3.00 per gallon. Sales room near R. R. station. J. L. MARES.