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ITEMS of LOCAL INTEREST

Ten degrees below zero.

This is the season of the year for trout to spawn.

If you fail to get your paper regularly advise us.

S. F. Deibert, of Orbisonia, Pa., is here on a visit.

A difference is already perceptible in the length of the days.

I pay the highest cash price for all kinds of furs. R. GUNTZENGER.

Dress goods day at the Central Dry Goods Store, Selingsgrove, Saturday, Jan. 21st.

John P. Richter and wife, of Selingsgrove, were the guests of Prof. Hermanns', last week.

The present month has five Sundays, five Mondays or washdays, five Tuesdays, and two full moons.

It is easier to take counsel than to give it. Wise men think they do not need it and fools will not have it.

Harry Harter and wife and little son, Wilmer, of Hartleton, spent Sunday with relatives in Middleburgh.

Do not fail to attend the special sale of dress goods and ladies coats at the Central Dry Goods Store, Selingsgrove, Jan. 21st.

The thermometer registered 8 degrees below zero on Monday morning, and the old weather fogies who predicted a mild winter have disappeared.

200 Men and Boys' Overcoats on hand which will be sold out at cost for the next 30 days.

H. OPPENHEIMER, Selingsgrove, Pa.

Persons sending articles for publication to this paper without giving the name of the author need not be surprised for their effusions will never, never appear in the paper.

Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, now sixty years old, says he was never sick a day in his life, and never lost but one meal, and that only because he was on top of a mountain where it could not be had.

In case of hard cold nothing will relieve the breathing so quickly as Corrub Arnicia & Oil Liniment on the chest.—For sale by W. H. Beaver, Middleburgh and J. W. Sampsel, Centreville.

The name of N. H. Downs' still lives, although he has been dead many years. His Elixir for the cure of coughs and colds has already outlived him a quarter of a century, and is still growing in favor with the public. For sale by W. H. Beaver, Middleburgh and J. W. Sampsel, Centreville.

The Centre Hall Reporter recently entered upon its 66th volume, with Fred Kurtz still its editor and proprietor. Mr. Kurtz was connected with the paper from its infancy, stood over it with parental care and watched its growth in strength and beauty until it has developed into one of the leading journals of the State.

The Selingsgrove Tribune, too measly mean to give the county-seat papers credit for the news it steals from them, every week compiles a batch of items from these papers published the week before and then prints them as special correspondence from the county-seat. It is a plain case of theft, but it don't pay as well as printing tickets.

The liquor law which is to go into effect in South Carolina on July 1 next will be stringent. It prohibits the manufacture, sale, barter or exchange, or the keeping and offering for sale, barter or exchange, of any poisonous, malt, vinous, fermented or other intoxicating liquors, or any compound or mixture thereof. State magistrates, however, will be empowered to issue licenses for the sale of such liquors, but under such close restrictions as will put it out of the reach of most people to buy.

Who is Jonas Stroub?

The First National Bank, of Selingsgrove recently received a note for collection from a Council Bluffs, Iowa bank for \$2,375.00 given in favor of Jonas Stroub, dated Dec. 24, 1885, and payable four years after date, with interest from Jan. 1, 1886. The principal and interest up to Jan. 1, 1893 amounts to \$3,230. Edward Hummel, John Hummel and Aaron Hummel, (all of this county) are named as endorsers who disclaim all knowledge of the note, and it is undoubtedly a forgery.

By the way, Snyder county is getting a reputation, and the people in Iowa will soon come to the conclusion that it takes a Pennsylvanian Dutchman to beat a Yankee.

Sheriff Bolender on Tuesday killed eight hogs—the largest of which tipped the beam at 507 1/2 pounds. We wouldn't care much to be a prisoner in his charge.

The new fractional currency to be issued in a few weeks will be in denominations of 10, 15, 25 and 50 cents, and will resemble the old fractional currency issued during the war.

If in popping corn of this year's crop it does not pop readily, shell it into a basin and pour boiling water over it. Let it stand a half minute or so, then pour off the water and pop your corn as usual.

All those who have used Baxter's Mandrake Bitters speak very strongly in their praise. Twenty-five cents per bottle. For sale by W. H. Beaver, Middleburgh and J. W. Sampsel, Centreville.

THRASHER FOR SALE.—An Empire Threshing Machine and Engine, in good repair and in use only one year. For particulars call on or address WM. G. SMITH, Crossgrove, Pa.

Miss Libbie Dunkleberger has moved her milliner store into Ocker's building, one door east of Hotel Central, where she is afforded improved facilities for exhibiting her large, and at all times stylish stock of head-gear.

The Christian Endeavor Society, of Middleburgh expect to hold an exercise on the evening of Feb. 2nd in commemoration the organization of the Christian endeavor movement inaugurated by Rev. F. E. Clark, on Feb. 2nd, 1881.

Charles Dudley Warner says there are in the penitentiaries of this country 14,000 foreign born, 14,000 negroes and 13,000 native whites. He thinks crime is a disease that can be cured by shutting criminals up like lunatics until they are cured.

The weather prognosticators who told us that we would have no winter, at least a very short and a very mild one, are beginning to wonder what was the matter with their look-into the future spectacles, that they could have been so deceived. But such mistakes are not novelties. There have been continual repetitions of them ever since time began.

Rev. F. List, pastor of the Middleburgh U. B. circuit, is a great advocate of improvements, and believing that cleanliness is the next thing to godliness, he has commenced in his own church at this place—the inside of which is being papered, painted, wainscoted and generally improved with a new pulpit, furniture and carpet. This is a very commendable move and should be encouraged financially and otherwise.

Judge Dean, in delivering a lecture to the teachers of Blair county, entitled "Twenty years on the Bench," said that during his judicial career he took over 2500 verdicts in the Blair, Cambria and Huntingdon county courts, and sentenced 2000 criminals to jail and penitentiary imprisonments. New trials were granted in only twenty instances. Three murderers were sentenced to capital punishment. He said he only knew of one innocent man who had been convicted.

The Fish Commissioners' Bill.

At a meeting of the Pennsylvania fish commission held in Scranton, a bill was formulated for presentation to the Legislature, providing for increased penalties against fish baskets and weirs in the waters of the State, in accordance with the recommendation of the governor. The commission also decided to ask an appropriation of \$6,000 for the building of fishways at Clark's ferry and Shamokin dam, in the Susquehanna, and for \$3,000 with which to construct a shad hatchery plant on the Delaware. It was proposed to award the state executive commission of the world's fair managers \$8,000, for a state fishery exhibit at Chicago, and appointed Colonel John Gay to get up and attend to the exhibit.

The Post would also suggest an appropriation of a million or two for the purpose of hiring several thousand Fish Commissioners and arm them with canteens to carry the sulphur water and escaped coal oil from Sunbury down to Havre De Grass and there dump it into a sink.

Capt. D. T. Rhoads and wife and grandson, George, are spending this week with relatives in Millinburg.

There will be an effort made this year to effect a change in the game laws of this State so as to make all game free on the 1st or 15th of October. This is what all true sportsmen have been praying for, and we are pleased to see that Senator Hackenberg and Representative Tool have enlisted their interests in the cause. In this connection we would suggest that Oct. 15 is plenty early enough for all game, and especially for quail, as there are many birds at that season which are not full grown and which are slaughtered in their innocence like rats by unprincipled pot-hunters.

TAKE YOUR CHANCES.—The Attorney General and Secretary of the Commonwealth refuse to pass judgment on the matter of the necessity of township auditors getting their signature electrotyped, giving as a reason that they are unable to interpret the intent of the law in the matter. The electrotyping of the Commissioners signatures cost \$5, and if the law were imperative on this point it would entail an endless expense to the township and boroughs. Hence we would advise the auditors, in view of these facts to "let 'er flicker" and take their chances.

A GOOD SHOWING.—The net earnings of the First National Bank, of Middleburgh for the past year, after paying all expenses, taxes, &c., was thirteen per cent, and for the last six months after paying a dividend of three per cent, and reducing the premium account one hundred dollars, they have \$350 left as undivided profits. This is a remarkable showing for a country bank, and the stock-holders at the annual election on Tuesday recognized the efficiency of the old officers by re-electing them. The officers are all conservative business men, who take pleasure in extending every possible accommodation to the public.

A LECTURE.—The Philosophian Literary Society of the Missionary Institute, Selingsgrove, Pa., has secured the service of the distinguished lecturer, and orator, Prof. H. E. Knapp, B. O., of Philadelphia, who will give his celebrated lecture "Entered The Private Door," in the town hall, on Saturday, Jan. 28 at 7:30. Admission 20 cents, reserved seats 30 cents. The society is fortunate in being able to present to the thinking public a lecture, who has at all times met the highest expectation of his audience. Under the spell of his eloquence and humor, hours are shortened to minutes and minutes to seconds. Do not fail to attend since such occasions are rare in a town of our size.

J. O. YODER,
W. B. LAHER,
G. O. RITTER, Com.

Wedded The Wrong Sister.

A Millville, New Jersey, old maid recently got a husband by a clever ruse, but subsequently had her hair pulled out by her younger sister, whose lover she had stolen, and is now in danger of losing her husband beside. Jennie Clarkson had answered an advertisement in a matrimonial paper, and after a year's correspondence became engaged to Silas Harper, of Milford, Del., although they had never seen each other. Jennie has an elder sister Mamie, who had been trying for many years to get married, but had not succeeded. Silas wrote on a postal card that he would come to Millville to meet his future wife and wed her. Mamie got the mail the day the postal card arrived. From the hieroglyphics on it she deciphered Silas' plan, so when Silas arrived on train Mamie was there to welcome him. She told Silas she was his own Jennie and suggested that they stop at the minister's on their way going home so they would not have to make a second trip down town again. Silas thought the plan was a good one, and the two were accordingly married. The family was astonished when Mamie introduced her husband. It was not until late that night that Jennie came across the postal card, and she immediately saw through her sister's game. She went to Mamie's room, and a war of words was followed by a hair pulling match in which Mamie got the worst and yelled "murder." Silas stood by and watched the fuss for a while and then put both out. "Enough," said Mr. Clarkson in telling the story, "he handled Jennie more tenderly than Mamie." He left for home next day, and Mamie is now consulting a lawyer about bringing him back.

The coldest winter the world ever knew, according to several chroniclers, occurred during the year 1435. The season was not only intensely cold, but lasted unusually long. In a large portion of middle and western Germany the frost was so severe during the month of May that skaters braved the ice without the least danger, and on the 12th of May sleighs were generally used. On St. John's day, the 24th of June, the windows were frozen, and not a vestige of vegetation was seen anywhere. Spring was ushered in with the last day of June.

Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do when it ought to be done, whether you like it or not. It is the first lesson that ought to be learned, and, however early a man's training begins, it is probably the last lesson that he learns thoroughly. Good breeds and bad breeds exist among men as really as among herds and horses. Education may do much to check evil tendencies or to develop good ones, but it is a great thing to inherit the right proportion of faculties to start with. The man is rich who has a good disposition, who is naturally kind, cheerful, hopeful, and who has a flavor of wit and fun in his composition. The hardest thing to get on with in this life is a man's own self. A cross, selfish fellow, a timid and care-burdened man, these are all born deformed on the inside. They do not limp, but their thoughts sometime do.

A COMMON CUSTOM.

If a man has handsome clothes,
Lift him up, lift him up;
If he boasts a woman's woe,
Lift him up.

Though disgrace of her is sport,
Urge your daughters him to court,
Lift him up.

If a woman once doeth err,
Kick her down, kick her down;
If misfortune comes to her,
Kick her down.

Though her tear-drops fall like rain,
And she never smiles again—
Kick her down.

This is an "open winter" such as was generally prophesied—open at both ends.

An Interview with a Township Auditor Relative to the February Election.

In compliance with the requests of quite a number of Township Auditors and Board of Co. Commissioners, I assume this means of answering the many inquiries to me directed relative to the duties and offices imposed upon Borough and Township Auditors by the Baker Ballot Law for the proper regulation of the February election in the several election districts of Snyder county. I wish, however, to express my doubt as to the necessity of publishing the following interview when the excellent information published in a number of county papers for the last two weeks is considered. But since the freedom of these columns has been gratuitously extended, I hope to be able to endorse, if nothing more, the sentiments so clearly and forcibly expressed by the several editors.

A few days ago a Township Auditor approached us with the query, "How must we make our nominations for the February election?" Answer: Sections 2 & 3 of the Baker Ballot Law provides that any convention of delegates or primary meeting of electors or caucus held under the rules of a political party or any board authorized to certify nominations representing a political party which at the last election polled at least 3 per cent, of the largest vote cast for any office in your district may cause a Certificate of Nominations to be signed by the President and Secretary of the caucus, convention or primary meeting making the nominations, who shall also add thereto their places of residence and also make affidavit before some justice of the peace or officer empowered to administer oaths or affirmations as to the truth and correctness of said nominations, which certificates must then be filed with the Township or Borough Auditors at least 10 days before the 21st day of February, 1893. Nominations may also be made by means of a Nomination Paper which in form is substantially the same as the Certificate of Nomination but which must be signed by at least 3 per cent, of the qualified electors of your district as determined by the largest entire vote cast for any officer elected at the last election, to whose signatures must also be added their places of residence and occupation. Affidavits of the truth and correctness of said signers' signatures, &c., shall be made by at least 5 of said signers. The Nomination Paper shall then be filed with Auditors aforesaid at least 7 days before the 21st day of February.

Question: "When must objections, if any, to form of Nominations be filed?"

Answer: Objections to form shall be filed with the Auditors within 3 days after the last day for filing certificates and papers which shall then be considered and decided by them. All objections must be made in writing.

Question: "Is the form of Certificate of Nomination that appeared in the County papers correct?"

Answer: It is almost identical with the form submitted to the Co. Commissioners by the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Hence it is correct.

Question: "What size must the ballot be?"

Answer: Section 15 provides that the ballot shall be at least 6 inches long and 4 inches wide. Of course the dimensions of ballot in the several districts will vary according to the difference presented by the number of officers to be elected therein. Hence could not say what the size of ballot will be. But ballot used at the same voting place must be alike and shall have stubs attached to them. They shall also be bound in books in such manner that each ballot can be detached from stub.

Question: "Can you describe the form of Ballot?"

Answer: The form of Ballot will

be substantially the same as that used at the last general election, except where either or both political parties conclude not to make nominations by Certificates of Nominations but unite on a fusion ticket. If the two recognized political parties make party nominations and no nomination papers are filed then the ticket in that instance will contain three columns, viz: Republican party, Democratic party and Blank Space. If nomination paper only be filed with Auditors then the ticket will contain two columns, viz: Nomination paper and Blank Space. If both parties make party nominations and a group of citizens file a Nomination Paper then the ticket will contain four columns, viz: Republican, Democratic, Nomination Paper and Blank Space. In Townships where the Republican party is the stronger their candidates will appear first, and in Townships where the Democratic party is the stronger their candidates will appear first on said ballot.

Question: "What number of ballots is required?"

Answer: 75 ballots for every 50 voters or fraction of 50 as returned on your Assessor's Registration List. Also an equal number of Specimen Ballots and the requisite Cards of Instruction. The latter shall be procured from the Co. Commissioners.

Question: "Who shall attend to the printing and distribution of said tickets?"

Answer: The Auditors shall have the ballots printed and deliver the same with the Specimen Ballots, Cards of Instruction to the Judge of Election on Monday, the 29th day of February. They shall then certify the cost of said printing and distribution to the Co. Commissioners.

Question: "Must the Auditor's secure fac-similes of their signatures for the official ballot?"

Answer: We are not qualified to render an opinion on that point, in as much as the law literally interpreted only requires the County Commissioners to procure fac-simile signatures. We are however in receipt of a letter from the Commissioners of an adjoining county in which they say that if their Township Auditors desire fac-similes they must procure them at their personal expense.

Question: "Are watchers required?"

Answer: Sec. 24 says that each party or group of citizens that has made official nominations may have three elector as watchers at each polling place, but only one watcher in room at one time. Township and borough auditors shall issue certificates to watchers duly appointed by nominating conventions.

In conclusion I would say that the purpose of the foregoing interview is only to answer the many inquiries to us directed, for the County Commissioners have nothing to do in relation to the February elections than pay the cost of printing and see that ballots &c. are distributed.

Any further information desired will be cheerfully given to the extent of our ability and power.

Respectfully Yours,
P. C. BOWENSON, Clerk.

J. C. Decker, the new landlord of the National Hotel, Selingsgrove, is keeping the accommodations of this establishment up to its former high standard of perfection.

Mathew J. Quay was yesterday re-elected to the U. S. Senate by the most unanimous vote of the Republican members of the Pennsylvania Legislature. His election was a foregone conclusion.

Ex-President Rutherford B. Hayes died at his home at Fremont, O., yesterday, of neuralgia of the heart, aged almost 70 years. He was the last Ex-President living, and his demise was sudden and unexpected.

"Bad luck is simply a man with his hands in his pockets and a pipe in his mouth, looking on to see how it will come out. Good luck is a man with pluck to meet difficulties, his sleeves rolled up, working to make it come out all right."