

NEWS of LOCAL INTEREST

A pound of oats is worth almost as much as a pound of wheat.

T. B. McWilliams and bride are sitting at McVeytown.

Richard Shaffer has been appointed post-master at Herndon.

April 16, at Fremont, Henry Meiser, aged 56 years, 7 months and 21 days.

Misses Carrie Wittenmyer and Sue Mensch spent last week in Philadelphia.

Jacob G. Smith and family, of Selingsgrove visited Franklin township friends on Sunday.

Mrs. Mary A. Bolender and Mrs. Lauretta Smith visited friends at Adamsburg over Sunday.

S. F. Sheary, Centreville's reliable insurance agent paid Middleburgh a business visit on Saturday.

Owing to a misunderstanding we quoted corn worth 55 cents in last week's Post. It is worth only 50 cents.

FOR SALE AT A SACRIFICE.—1 5-ton wagon scales complete; 1 new Wierd side-hill plow; 1 new Gale sulky cultivator. Call at once, will sell cheap. A. H. ULSH & SON.

Rheumatism is quickly cured by using Arnica & Oil Liniment. For sale by W. H. Beaver, Middleburgh, and J. W. Sampsell, Centreville.

The Oliver chilled plow and all the repairs down to the smallest bolt are always kept in stock at Wetzel's Cash Store, Swineford, Pa.

Dr. Barber, of Danville, accompanied by his little son Miles, visited Middleburgh between trains on Saturday. His children are all well now, and he is himself again.

A beech tree on which Daniel Boone carved his name in rude letters 133 years ago will be a unique part of Tennessee's contribution to the world's fair exhibit. The tree was long a landmark near Jonesboro, Tenn.

I have now in stock all the latest designs in wall paper, which I will sell at but a slight advance above wholesale rates. Paper hanging a specialty, and I respectfully solicit your patronage. J. C. SWINERSON, Middleburgh, Pa.

We this week add about three hundred dollars' worth of fancy job type and a quarto medium Model press to the Post's jobbing outfit, which puts us abreast of the times, and enables us to turn out work second to none in this section of the State.

One of the prisoners arrested for complicity in the burglary of Weis' store at first tried to play the insane dodge by refusing to eat and defiling his cell with filth. After a few days of fasting the natural tramp appetite overtook him and he now eats like a wood-chopper.

Ed Post.—Please state in the Post that certain young men of Franklin spend every Sunday up along the dam in gambling, and if they do not desist information will be made to the constable and they will be hauled up for their doings. A FRANKLINITE.

Prof. Boyer, of Freeburg went on Saturday to Berrysburg, Dauphin county, to meet his nephew, H. S. Lark, from Peabody, Kansas, who will be accompanied by his daughter Mabel just returned from Leipzig, Germany, where she was attending school the past year studying music, French and German.

A Pittsburg special says: Eggs by the car load at 8 cents a dozen. That is the project held forth by Lewis Gross, of Philadelphia, now in this city. He says he can manufacture an egg that cannot be distinguished from the genuine. These eggs are nutritious and look exactly like hens' eggs. The shell is composed of paper mache. Mr. Gross says he has applied for a patent and he has plenty of capital to back his enterprise. This in infringing on the hen's patent.

Said a noted man of 60 years, "my mother gave me Downs' Elixir for coughs and colds when I was a boy." For sale by W. H. Beaver, Middleburgh, and J. W. Sampsell, Centreville.

The editor of the Post has been chosen a delegate from the State Editorial Association to represent that body at the National Editorial Convention which convenes at Chicago in May.

Here is simple sum in Bible addition which has "corked" the sages of all ages, viz: "Add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance, patience, and to patience godliness, brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity."

"I can't see," said a young married woman to her husband, "why you can't hold the baby five minutes when you used to hold me for hours before we were married and didn't complain a bit." "Ah," replied the husband, "you didn't kick and squirm like this kid!"

T. M. Kessler, of Sha'nokin Dam, and E. M. Beale, Esq., of Lewisburg met at Middleburgh on Tuesday to shoot a tie at the trap. Each shot at ten pigeons, and the following score will show that Snyder county is still there:

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Beale.....0101010001-4

A lighted lamp fell from the wall in G. C. Gutelius' store on Tuesday evening and landed on a pile of clothing. In an instant the lamp was a ball of fire and a fire of base conflagration would have been the result had not Mr. G. grabbed the lamp and carried it out of doors—badly burning his left hand in doing so.

When you are troubled with dizziness, your appetite all gone, you feel bad generally, take a few doses of Dr. Henry Baxter's Mandrake Bitters, and you will be surprised at the improvement in your feelings. Every bottle warranted to give satisfaction. For sale by W. H. Beaver, Middleburgh, and J. W. Sampsell, Centreville.

Commercial Hotel at Liverpool, conducted by J. K. Blattenberger, was destroyed by fire Tuesday night of last week and Michael Henderson, an inmate, burned to death. His charred remains were found in the ruins next morning. When found there was little left of his body but the trunk. Both legs, one arm and a portion of the other were burned to a crisp.

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

(Lester E. Dreesse, Penn Twp.
(Ida Nerbood,
(Henry W. Knepp, New Lancaster.
(Eliza E. Wert,
(Chas. F. Snyder, Buffalo Wp.
(Emma Leitzel, Middlecreek Wp.
(Ammon J. Kline, Adams Wp.
(Mary Jane Hartman, Middleburgh.

J. H. Rhoads last week was recorded the contract for the tin work and roofing and placing one of the celebrated Beaver furnaces in the new dwelling house of J. S. Ris, at McKees Falls, also for a furnace of the same make for Mr. Wilson's new house at Bellville, Pa. Mr. Rhoads is having quite a run in these furnaces and we are glad to learn of the successful operation of every one of them.

"It is surprising," says a family physician "how certainly a cold may be broken up by a timely dose of quinine. When first symptoms make their appearance, when a little languor, a slight hoarseness and outburst of the head membrane follow exposure to drafts or sudden chill by wet, five grains of this useful alkaloid are sufficient in many cases to end trouble. But it must be done promptly. The golden moment passes, nothing will do to stop the weary sneezes, headache and fever, red nose and watery eyes looking periods, do certainly follow.

Almost A Murder.

On Sunday morning last Mr. Ant Kuhns, and Mrs. Solma Bingaman, both residing in Centre township, 2 miles north-west of Middleburgh were united in marriage by Squire John Bachman, of Middleburgh. On Sunday night between one and two o'clock the boys of the neighborhood congregated to give the couple the usual serenade. They were met by a volley of abuse from the woman that would have scattered a Gypsy camp, but the boys, undismayed, kept on—drowning her voice with their racket. They had all retired to the public road in front of the house when there came the report of a rifle, a flash of fire and one of the serenaders, Charles Bowersox, fell. The rest ran to his assistance thinking him shot. He was unhurt, however, but an examination proved that the bullet had passed through his hat almost grazing his head.

The shot was fired from the front porch—only about three rods away from where the boys stood, and was undoubtedly meant to kill. Had the shot accomplished its intended purpose Snyder county would now enjoy the novelty of supplying the couple with a bridal chamber in a prison cell.

SEVEN WRAPS.—I have received a very fine assortment of the latest styles of spring wraps which I sell at reasonable prices. Produce taken in exchange. The ladies are cordially invited to call.

THE Y. P. S. C. E., of Centreville, will hold a Lunch Supper on Saturday, 22nd, inst. Should the weather be unfavorable, it will be postponed till Saturday evening following. Lunch boxes will be sold at auction, and all kinds of refreshments, such as, ice cream, oranges, bananas, peanuts, candies &c. will be served. Everybody is cordially invited to attend and join in a good time.

At the recent term of Elk county court, Judge Metzger, of Looming, being on the bench, the question was raised whether or not a hotel-keeper had a right to have two bars in the same house. The Court decided that as long as the license had been granted without restrictions, the hotel-keeper could sell liquor in every room in his house if he desired to do so, and he could not be convicted of violating the law.

Up in Warren county they have a Fish and Game Protective Association that is something more than a name. The other day some of the members caught several pirates in the act of exploding dynamite in the river for the purpose of killing fish, and they promptly arrested the pirates. Taken before a magistrate the principal offender was fined \$58.50, which was a pretty costly price for that kind of fishing.

People who have carried large quantities of preserved fruit over from last autumn's preserving will do well to eat what they still possess, as the crops of berries and fruit are expected to be unusually large the coming summer, which will be a period of preserving in large amounts it will not be profitable to carry over old preserves through another season when the prospects of large fruit crops are so certain of being realized as they are at present.

According to the Huntingdon News: A contested constable election case from Henderson township was decided by Judge Furst at the session of argument court this week. Snyder Miller was elected constable last year to fill a vacancy, and Frank Foust was elected constable this year. The question was whether Mr. Miller was to serve three years or until the next election. Judge Furst decided that whenever a constable is elected he is elected to serve for three years, and M. Miller has therefore two more years to serve. The decision effects several cases in this county.

Seventy Feet of Black Snakes!

On Monday last, while Miss Alta, daughter of Cornelius Bowersox, residing 2 1/2 miles north-west of Middleburgh, was out hunting daudleion she was almost paralyzed at the sight of ten big black snakes lying on the dead grass along a middle-fence and almost at her feet. She was accompanied by Mrs. Moses Steining, and after taking a hasty survey of the horrible sight they hastened home and informed Mr. Bowersox, who with several other men started to kill the serpents. They found them still there and the slaughter began. They killed ten snakes. The shortest one measured 3 1/2 feet and the longest 6 1/2 feet. Three of the batch measured nine inches in circumference. They were about ready to return home when a little dog belonging to Moses Steining attracted their attention by barking viciously at a hole in the ground. They procured a pick and shovel and dug after. After digging a short distance they came upon two more of the reptiles—both of extraordinary size. The little dog grabbed one in the middle and tried to shake her, but she was too heavy and in a jiffy she had herself wound around his body and was slowly crushing the life out of him. The reptile was still too stiff to accomplish her work quickly, and by the prompt interference of the men the courageous little fellow's life was saved. These two had excavated a neat den two feet under ground which was carpeted with soft leaves and grasses.

Thus, it will be seen, that there were seventy feet of black snakes, and how many are left is hard to approximate, but Mr. Bowersox, who called on us Tuesday to give us these facts, informed us that for several years this patch of ground seemed to be alive with the reptiles and although the sight of them made him so sick that he couldn't eat his dinner, he would try to live an engagement of the same kind every day until all the reptiles were destroyed.

SHINGLES! SHINGLES!—We have just received 100,000 Michigan White Pine Shingles. If in need of any please call and examine. Prices are as follows: No. 1, \$7.00 per M. No. 2, \$5.00 per M.

A. H. ULSH & SON, Swineford, Pa.

Brother Meek of the Belvidere Watchmen embodies a great deal of good horse sense in the following little paragraph:

This talk of penitentiary judges has about as much common sense in it as a proposition to run an elevator to the moon. If the taxpayers are to be required to pension every official who draws a fat salary for wearing out the cable end of his treasury on the judicial bench, when he gets too lazy for further amusements, it is a high time that they begin penning themselves for paying taxes and remaining under the generous tax of this republic.

The Mann Axe Works at Lewisburg were burned on Thursday night of last week. The works were in three buildings formerly used as flour mills by the Logan Milling company. They were built of yellow pine and the Manns used oil to heat their furnaces. The wood was very dry and oily, and a spark from one of the furnaces set the rafters on fire. This occurred at half past 2 o'clock and soon the central building was one scolding mass of fire. The fire department attempted to save the other two buildings, but the flames soon got beyond control and all the buildings were totally destroyed. Eight hundred men were employed at the works and they are thrown out of employment by the disaster. The loss is seventy-five thousand dollars, with thirty-five thousand dollars insurance. Joseph Mann & Company are the proprietors, and the works were one of the mainstays of Lewisburg. It is not known whether they will be rebuilt, and it is feared that the loss will cause the falling of the concern.

Free Text-School Books.

The house of Representatives at Harrisburg has passed what is known as the Farr bill which compels school directors to purchase out of the school fund, "text books and other necessary scientific and mechanical school supplies," and furnish them to the pupils in the schools free of cost. This is the wrong way to accomplish a very proper and desirable object. School books and all necessary school supplies should be furnished free of cost. There is no more reason that parents who send their children to school should pay the cost of text books and other conveniences for instruction, directly, than that they should pay the salaries of the teachers and superintendents. Instruction should be free to all in the fullest sense of the word.

If the Farr bill becomes a law the first effect will be to increase local taxation. This is wrong. Taxes should be diminished—there ought to be no local school tax whatever. But this is not the only objection.

This law will create friction in almost every county in the State. Some school boards will refuse to obey the law, and some communities will sustain school boards in such refusal. The law authorizes the Courts to interfere in such cases and compel a tax levy for this purpose. This means litigation, strife among people who are neighbors and ought to be friends, and loss of respect for any Court which compelled to interfere in the local taxation of boroughs and townships.

Further, it will open the door to...

Text-School Management. School books have been for many years a source of wealth to book publishers. Every body knows the activity and persistence of book agents all over the country at the beginning of every school term. They showed often now in some cities and towns among school directors and patrons which is hardly below the law. It is a desperate game, and the school boards in the State will be accused of having been bought by book agents. It may increase these charges will be abundantly in years that will be the broken ground. There should be no compensation or opportunity to school directors to make money out of school supplies, and the opportunity to be charged with book agents. The Farr bill gives the opportunity to the book agents will furnish the temptation of human nature will furnish the first and smallest opportunity to a thoroughly dangerous...

Let us have school books and school supplies from our own publishers and schools. In the State published the books. They will then be in the form of the tax character and will cost the State far less than the amount that we now pay the money. The school text publishers and book agents ought to go. They have been with us long time. But if they must stay let's purchase them with speediest dispatch.

Now, these visiting agents upon this spring will be accompanied by selling my new brand of Franklin, which we will find a full line of cheap china, glass, and tin goods. Come down to my samples before becoming swindlers.

W. L. SWEENEY.

It occurred to me that you might be interested in the fact that the new book which you mentioned in your issue of the 14th inst. is now published. It is a very interesting and useful book, and it is a pity that you should not have it in your issue. It is a book which should be read by every one who is interested in the history of the State. It is a book which will give you a full and complete knowledge of the history of the State, and it is a book which will be of great value to you in your work. It is a book which is well worth the price, and it is a book which is well worth the trouble of purchasing it. It is a book which is well worth the trouble of purchasing it.

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Pome On Spring.

When the greenest come again from the distant, misty South. When the bird-song in the murmur opens its throat, capricious month. When the robins and the blue-jays are a twitter all around. And are filling all the treetops with their sweet, melodious sound. When you hear the lark's a whistle while they whistle on all your towers. When you see the lark's a whistle while they whistle on all your towers. When you see the lark's a whistle while they whistle on all your towers. When you see the lark's a whistle while they whistle on all your towers.

Sunday School Convention.

The annual S. S. Convention of Snyder county will be held at Swineford on the 28th, 29th and 30th of May. All school-keepers in the county should attend. It is a very important and profitable convention. Every school should be represented with at least two delegates. The delegates will be elected by the school boards. The convention will be held at Swineford, Pa. The convention will be held at Swineford, Pa. The convention will be held at Swineford, Pa.

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