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NEWS of LOCAL INTEREST

J. Aregood of Pottsville, is visiting at the Hotel Central.

Mrs. Shem Knouse of Swengel is visiting relatives in Middleburgh.

Grey, fox and black squirrels may be legally shot after September 1st.

Frank Dreese of Adamsburg, was guest of A. H. Ulah over Sunday.

The new bakery made its first delivery of bread in Middleburgh on Monday.

Mrs. Uriah Kerstetter and son of Ford, Pa., are visiting grand-pap and Kerstetter in Franklin.

Mr. J. Y. and E. G. Shindel attend the funeral of General Samuel Smith at Lebanon, Pa., on Saturday.

The First National Bank of Middleburgh will be closed on Labor Day, September 2, it being a national holiday.

Mrs. Will Souls and little daughter, Addie, of Grand Rapids, Mich., visiting in Middleburgh—the daughter of her sister Mrs. M. L. Kreeb.

The Third Annual Lutheran Convention at Susquehanna Heights will be held Thursday, September 7th. Particulars next week.

Grand-pap Samuel Bower of Hummel's Wharf, tells us that the Susquehanna river has not been so low for five years as it is now.

A. Walter, who is head salesman in one of Williamsport's largest goods stores, is spending a few days' vacation with relatives in this county.

The annual picnic at Gilbert's school house will be held on Saturday, August 26. The Chestnut Ridge Cornet Band has been engaged to furnish the music. All invited.

The Reformed and U. B. Sunday schools of Middleburgh will hold a picnic in Howell's grove near Middleburgh one mile east of Middleburgh on Saturday, September 2. All invited.

The Lutheran Sunday School and Christian Endeavor society of Hagersburg Church will hold a picnic in Powers grove on Saturday August 27, and a festival on the evening of the same day. All invited.

This is the size of M. Z. Steining's Champion Belt at the Lewisburg live pigeon match.

This is the size of it after the crash at the Summit House.

The dog poisoner got in some ugly work on Saturday night, no less than 15 having been found dead on Sunday, among them McClintock's tan colored hound.—*Lewisburg Free Press.*

Farmers of Snyder Co., before buying your phosphate for fall seeding, send for my prices and conditions. I am selling Walton & Hann Co's. pure bone fertilizers—the best and cheapest ever sold.

JACOB CRAMER, Middleburgh.

C. C. Seebold will have the Pneumatic Symphony Self-playing Organ on exhibition at the Troxellville Sunday school celebration on Saturday, Aug. 26, and at Aline on Sept. 2. He will be there in person to explain anything pertaining to the organ.

A bevy of pretty young ladies from the Freeburg Musical Academy took Middleburgh by storm on Monday evening. They were about a dozen in number and were the guests of Miss Mazie Dunkelberger, who is also attending the academy and came with them.

Philip G. Kerstetter of McKees Fork, desires us to say that he is again at the old stand this year with fine line of canteloupes, water-melons, cabbage, etc., which he will sell at low figures, quality considered, and any person who has ever tasted of his fruit will consider it a privilege to get it at any price.

Wm. Stahl, the old, reliable phosphate dealer of Penns township, desires to inform the people that he has now on hand and for sale all kinds of standard phosphate, including the famous Ozilized Dissolved Bone, which has given such good satisfaction of late years.

The "Crescent Club" of Middleburgh and Franklin, consisting of ten good-looking, marriageable young ladies, will attend the Williams Grove Granger picnic in a body, and will leave for that purpose on Saturday of this week. They have leased a cottage and will have things all their own way.

BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.—The best school in the cheapest. Nearly a million dollars have been invested in fixed and working capital in the five schools of Bucknell University, John Howard Harris, President. For catalogue, illustrations and other information, address the Registrar, Wm. C. Gretzinger, Lewisburg, Pa.

J. O. Herman of Kratzerville, has accepted the superintendency of the public schools at Edwarsville, Luzerne county, Pa., at a salary of \$90 per month. It is a nine month term. This should be an encouragement to the teachers of Snyder county and convince them of the truth of Webster's saying, "There is always room at the top."

The Union Sunday School at Sholly's school house will hold a union basket picnic on Saturday, August 26, in the grove near the school house. The same evening the members of the Evangelical Association on Port Devotion street will hold a Union Bush-Meeting, which will continue over Sunday.

E. E. GILBERT, J. F. FREED, Pastors.

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

Eli Riegler, Chapman twp.
Katie V. Neitz,
Norman S. Bickel, McKees,
Minnie R. Reichenbach, Hoffer,
Geo. Bellman, Tamaqua, Pa.
Jennie Bickel, Middlebrook
Chas. A. Rathfon, Swineford
Lillie C. Smith, Franklin tp.

WANTED—Every lady in town or county to call at my home and obtain a free trial of the famous Bloom of Beauty Creme De la Creme, Palma Skin Purifier, Bloom of Beauty Curling Fluid, and Bloom of Beauty Tissue Builder. I have a large supply of goods on hand, and kindly solicit your patronage.

JENNIE BIBBONATS, Middleburgh, Pa.

Mrs. J. L. Marks and Mrs. Geo. Erhart superintended an enjoyable corn party at the dam on Thursday evening of last week. Some forty young single and married people were present and had a "high old time." The ladies deserve a great deal of credit for the successful management of the affair, and the young folks are anxiously hoping for another opportunity of such rare enjoyment "among the yellow corn."

Prof. Paul Billhardt, while returning from Mt. Pleasant Mills on Wednesday night of last week, in the darkness missed the road near Philip Amig's and drove down over a steep embankment. Horse, buggy and driver went down in a heap, and Mr. Billhardt sustained a severe sprain of the right ankle, rendering it necessary to bring him home in a separate conveyance. The buggy was partly wrecked but the horse escaped injury.

The Pennsylvania railroad company has adopted the plan of placing extra rails at every mile or so on their system, which are to be used only in case of an emergency. In the past many accidents could have been averted where rails were discovered to be broken had the section houses where they were kept been nearer than five or six miles. Great delays were often caused in this manner and the plan will be put in operation at once, to avoid the repetition of past accidents.

A New Argument Against Corsets.

(From the New Orleans Times-Democrat.)

This is the shape of a woman's waist on which a corset tight is laced. The ribs, deformed by being squeezed, press on the lungs, till they're diseased. The heart is pinched and cannot pump; the liver is a torpid lump; the stomach, crushed, cannot digest; and in a mass are all compressed. Therefore, this stilly woman grows to be a fearful mass of woes but thinks she has a lovely shape, though hideous as a crippled ape.

This is a woman's natural waist, which corset never yet disgraced. Inside it is a mine of health, outside of charms it has a wealth. It is a thing of beauty, true, and a sweet joy forever new. It needs no artificial padding, or bustle big to give it "style." It's strong and solid, plump and sound, and hard to get one arm around. Alas! If women only knew the mischief that these corsets do, they'd let Dame Nature have her way, and never try her wiles to "stay."

Many young fellows who are sober and well behaved, as they are their children, lose their possession so long as these books are in good condition and do not differ from those adopted by the Board. It is well, however, in this connection, for school officers, and all other parties concerned, to bear in mind the fact that parents and children cannot be required or compelled to purchase books directly as heretofore; and whilst it is, no doubt, wise to urge the pupils to use the books in their possession, for the purpose of lessening the immediate outlay of money, they cannot be obliged to use their own books, because the duty of providing books and supplies for use in the schools now devolves upon the directors and controllers having jurisdiction in the district and not upon the patrons of the schools, except in so far as they may be lawfully taxed for school purposes, thereby contributing their equitable share to the general school fund of the district.

Robert H. Coleman, the Lebanon millionaire, has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. Mr. Coleman inherited \$2,000,000 from his father ten years ago, and was since then one of the largest business men in the eastern part of the State. His failure is attributed to his inability to realize on his assets.

Careful, economical people are not much disturbed in these scary, panicky times. Nor need they be. If people would but "make hay while the sun shines" when times are prosperous and money is free, think a little into the future and "lay up a little for the rainy day," why when the "rainy day" comes, they won't get wet, for their foresight has provided an umbrella. Always live inside your income—be above the "hand to mouth" system, and so you can weather the storm. Meanwhile be patient; "wait and hope."

Rev. A. H. Spangler, of Braddock, Pa., who received an invitation from the Lutheran church of Yeagertown, to deliver a trial sermon before the same, made his appearance on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, before a large congregation, before whom he delivered a very becoming sermon, and after the close of the same, a vote was taken by the members present, wherein a unanimous call was extended by the members at Yeagertown to Rev. Spangler to accept the call as pastor of the Lutheran charge of this district and accepted.—*Lewisburg Free Press.*

The Tyrone Times says: Bellevue's mechanics on Tuesday performed the feat of building a house in a day. They cut their timbers, primed them and placed them on the ground ready for the event. The house is 18x25 feet, two stories high and has a finished attic and front portico. At 9 o'clock the carpenters were roofing, the painters glazing and the plasterers had mounted to the attic, carpenters and painters busily finishing the inside. The house was plastered in adamant and finished with the usual white finish inside, everything, both as to material and workmanship, being fully equal to any house of the kind in town.

The Text Book Law.

SUPERINTENDENT SCHAEFFER CALLS THE ATTENTION OF DIRECTORS TO THE CHANGES.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Schaeffer has issued the following circular:

The act of assembly approved June 25, 1885, conferred upon the several Boards of School Directors and Controllers permissive authority to purchase text books out of the school fund and to supply these books free of cost to the pupils for use in the schools of their respective districts.

This Act was so amended by the Act of May 18, 1893, as to make it mandatory upon School Directors hereafter to provide at the expense of the district not only text books but all other necessary school supplies.

This amended Act goes into immediate operation from the beginning of the current school year, dating from the first Monday in June, 1893. The design of the Act evidently is to relieve parents and pupils hereafter of the necessity of purchasing text books and school supplies for use in our public schools. It is now the imperative duty of the several Boards of Directors and Controllers to make provision for furnishing and equipping their schools with school books and with the supplies generally needed by the pupils for daily use in the schools, such as slates, pencils, paper, pens, ink tablets, etc.

There may be some cases in which their children, who are in their possession so long as these books are in good condition and do not differ from those adopted by the Board. It is well, however, in this connection, for school officers, and all other parties concerned, to bear in mind the fact that parents and children cannot be required or compelled to purchase books directly as heretofore; and whilst it is, no doubt, wise to urge the pupils to use the books in their possession, for the purpose of lessening the immediate outlay of money, they cannot be obliged to use their own books, because the duty of providing books and supplies for use in the schools now devolves upon the directors and controllers having jurisdiction in the district and not upon the patrons of the schools, except in so far as they may be lawfully taxed for school purposes, thereby contributing their equitable share to the general school fund of the district.

Books in all the required branches of study are to be provided by the directors and for all grades of public schools, including the High School.

NATHAN C. SCHAEFFER, Supt. of Public Instruction.

An invitation is cordially extended to all old soldiers to meet at the G. A. R. Post room on Friday evening, Sept. 1st, as business will be transacted that may benefit them.

There is a striking pungency in ex-Speaker Reed's remark before the Republican caucus at Washington that "in this emergency the Democrats call upon the Republicans to lay aside all partisanship, forget anything that has been done in the past and join with the Democrats to get them out of their present trouble." A year ago the Chicago convention arraigned the Republican party as a party of monopolists and plutocrats who, through conspiracies of unconstitutional class legislation, secured by bribery and corruption, remorselessly robbed the suffering millions under the guise of taxation. Now the authors of this arrangement are appealing to the "patriotism" of this same party to save the country from the results of Democratic rule. This Macedonian cry is superfluous. To save the country from Democracy is one mission of Republicanism.

Democratic Convention.

"MOMMY, MAUCH DE DEER TSU, DE DEM-AGRAWDA COOMA!"

The Democrats of Snyder county met in convention on Monday and nominated a ticket for the fall election. The meeting was called to order at 11 a. m., by county chairman Leshar. W. M. Keller, of Beaver-town, was elected temporary chairman and Dr. D. G. Smith, of Freeburg, and C. S. Dunn, of West Perry, as secretaries, after which all but the delegates were invited out and the delegates went into caucus. What they did then, the good Lord and they only know, as there appeared no evidence of their work in the subsequent deliberations.

The convention re-convened at 12:55, and the roll call showed 43 delegates present, as follows:

Adams—Geo. Goss, D. A. Matter, Beaver—Geo. Spaid, Wm. Keller, Beaver West—Joseph Kline, Jas. Steely, Centre—J. F. Kanowl, S. H. Stroub, Chapman—Joseph Long, W. F. Gemberling, David Eshenart, David Herold, Franklin—S. S. Bachman, Geo. Spaid, Jackson—Jno. Reichly, John Klein, Middleburgh—T. J. Smith, Chas. Spangler, Middlebrook—J. S. Meier, Paul Hummel, Monroe—John P. Leshar, E. R. Hottenstein, S. H. Reichly, R. C. Fiss, Penns—H. A. Klingler, T. B. Uerich, M. K. Herman, Perry—Joseph Long, E. R. Hottenstein, Jno. H. Nace, West Perry—C. A. Stack, C. S. Dunn, Sellersgrove—W. J. Gortner, Frank Uerich, J. S. Miller, Spring—H. J. Mitchell, J. O. Bingham, G. C. Schambach, Union—A. W. Aucker, W. E. Charles, C. W. Netz, Washington—E. Shetters, J. A. H. Smith, Albert Stroub.

A committee on nominations was organized, which resulted as follows:

R. C. Fiss, of Monroe township, for Associate Judge, by acclamation.

Henry N. Wetzel, of Middlebrook township, Treasurer, by acclamation.

No one wishing to stand the raps in a contest for sheriff against the Republican candidate, they left that office a blank.

The contest for the nomination of Commissioner was a spirited one. The convention, by a vote of 23 to 19, decided to nominate two candidates, and the following gentlemen entered the race:

Isaac Shirey, Spring, Philip Amig, Franklin, J. G. Hornberger, West Perry, Isaac Erdley, Penns, E. S. Strouse, Monroe, Peter Rauch, Perry, H. S. Schnee, Washington, Phares Herman, Penns.

The balloting for the first candidate resulted as follows:

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| Ballots | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Hornberger | 15 | 16 | 17 | 22 | 21 | 20 | 22 | 25 |
| Shirey | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 5 |
| Strouse | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Shirey | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Schnee | 6 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Amig | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Hornberger | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Erdley | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |

Phares Herman receiving 23 votes on the 8th ballot, it being a majority of all the votes cast (44), was declared elected, after which the balloting for the second candidate was begun, which resulted in the selection of H. S. Schnee on the 5th ballot, as follows:

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| Ballots | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Schnee | 10 | 11 | 13 | 16 | 22 |
| Shirey | 14 | 15 | 18 | 11 | 11 |
| Rauch | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Amig | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Hornberger | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Erdley | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |

Milton G. Reitz, of West Beaver, and J. P. Naugle, of Perry, received the nomination for county auditors by acclamation, and Geo. S. Spaid, of Beaver, and H. A. Klingler, of Penns, were likewise elected to represent the county as delegates to the State Convention.

The following county committee was then announced:

Adams—D. J. Bingham, George M. Getz, Beaver—W. M. Keller, George Spaid, Beaver West—J. J. Steely, Joseph Kline, Centre—James F. Spangler, Edward Stroub, Chapman—Wm. Gemberling, Joseph Long, Franklin—Benjamin Bachman, Harry Specht, Jackson—John Klein, John Reichly, Middleburgh—Chas. Spangler, J. A. Snyder, Middlebrook—J. J. Meier, Paul Hummel, Monroe—E. R. Hottenstein, H. Reichly, Penns—Jefferson Erdley, Hiram P. Uerich, Perry—J. A. Shadel, Gust. Dinger, West Perry—J. G. Hornberger, C. S. Dunn, Sellersgrove—J. G. Leshar, G. W. Marsh, Spring—H. J. Mitchell, J. O. Schambach, Union—C. W. Netz, A. W. Aucker, Washington—A. H. Hendricks, Wm. Schaefer.

The contest for chairman of the county committee was a spirited one, but Joe Leshar, editor of the Selinsgrove Times, came out victorious and was re-elected to that position by acclamation—notwithstanding the rumble of dissatisfied voices which were freighted with charges of perfidy and misplaced confidence. Some fellow from Selinsgrove who looked like a preacher, then got up and almost threw himself away in a harangue on the noisome loathsomeness of the Republican party, after which he struck his balance and then sailed off on the placid waters of Democratic unity. He was followed by Joe Leshar, who, between the calls of "rats," extolled the living principles of true Democracy, and closed with a sky-exploding and rain-producing pre-oration, promising his party more Democratic offices in Snyder county than they ever had before. We presume he alluded to post-offices.

But, to lay all jokes aside and speak candidly, the party nominated a strong ticket, and if it were not that they were off-color politically, every one might hold the office to which he aspires with honor to himself and credit to the county.

Why Some Girls Have no Sweethearts.

Why don't some girls get sweethearts? Why, indeed? There is the girl who never tries to be agreeable, unless she may have all her own way. This type of girl is never successful in love. Be a little thing. As the old saying is, "Keep a man in hot water a little while, and he boils soft, but let him remain in hot water and eventually he hardens." Yes, and then he asks himself a serious question. He considers a girl who is so contrary during courtship will be no better as a wife, and so, for his own sake and for hers, he rides away. Then the girl with the haughty manner and cold stare. No man dares to make love, because there is nothing whatever to love in her, and as Bridget has it, "One cannot make nothin' out of nothin'."

Imagine a man wooing an ice maiden or an Egyptian sphinx. Another girl without a lover is the exceedingly shy maiden. She likes to admire men at the distance, but the moment they draw near, she drives them back with her embarrassment. They retire simply out of mere pity, seeing her distress and awkward bashfulness.

Finally the girl who does not want a lover—the home girl, who finds joy in domestic employment and is blissfully happy in following her round of duties. There are many such—perhaps they dream of an ideal lover, but he is so far away or so out of reach, that she is content to dream of him as an unattainable hero.

LOWELL.

The rain on Saturday evening was a welcome visitor. Had it only continued for twenty-four hours so our farmers could plow... The beansoup at McClure on Saturday was a grand success, and everything passed off in the most satisfactory manner. If Hoke Smith is in position to stop the Veterans' pensions he can't prevent them from marching in old style solid phalanx with Ex-Sheriff Middleswarth at the head... T. F. Swineford & Co. built three fires in their engine at three barns one day last week and it cost each farmer a six-dollar bill... Wm. Trenster, while threshing last week slid from a straw stack underneath which stood a pitch-fork, the handle of which entered his body through the rectum and passed upward eighteen inches. He lived but a short time after the accident. He was an industrious and esteemed young man... You may expect cheap meat at this end of the county soon, as Howard Trenster and Geo. Dunn expect to start in the butchering business.