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ITEMS of LOCAL INTEREST

Generally when a man feels the need of economy he thinks it ought to begin with his wife.

W. W. Smith of Paxton, Dauphin county, spent Sunday with his uncle, John P. Smith.

Miss Mabel Wittenmyer and H. Burns Smith of Bucknell, spent Sunday with their parents at this place.

The world has very little respect for the religious profession of a man who does not make an honest effort to pay his debts.

Philip Spaide and Jos. Clelan, who were engaged at bricklaying in Lewistown, finished their job and returned home on Saturday.

On Saturday night we had another snow fall of about 5 inches and the rain on Sunday packed it so tightly that sleighs were brought into use as a mode of travel.

A lot in the north-west corner of State and Washington Street, Chicago, purchased by the Stewart estate in 1884 for \$500, recently sold for \$1,400,000.

A York county farmer fed underground wheat to his stock, and mourns the loss of four of his most valuable horses. Wheat is a very good feed, when used ground with corn or oats, but it is a risky business to feed alone and underground.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.—The collector of taxes for Franklin township will be at Middleburgh on Tuesday of court week to receive all taxes. After Dec. 19 five per cent. will be added to all out-of-the-pail taxes.

Better put your money in the bank. The country is filled with tramps who have no hesitation in garroting and breaking into your house and robbing you. Afraid of the cities, for there they are watched, thieves and highwaymen have taken to the country. Life banks are safe. Place your money in their vaults and you will sleep easier.

The Pennsylvania railroad officials have been notified to be in readiness when called upon some time between this date and December 20 to transport the Krupp guns, which formed such an imposing exhibit at the World's Fair, Chicago, to Baltimore, at which port they will be shipped to Germany, our government having declined to purchase the same.

Few persons, says an exchange, know what is meant by a "size" in the matter of coats, shoes, &c. A size in a coat is an inch, a size in underwear is two inches, a size in a sock is one inch, in a collar one-half an inch, in a shirt one-half an inch, gloves one-quarter of an inch, and hats one-eighth of an inch.

HOGS! HOGS!—The undersigned will have 30 choice head of Polan China and Yorkshire Shoats at John H. Moyer's stables in Middleburgh during court week. They will be sold at private sale and there will be a bargain in it for persons needing shoats and fine brood sows.

NER A. FEES, Beavertown, Pa.

The mountains are dotted with hunting camps this season and the woods are full of hunters, and no wonder, for it is delightful sport to chase the panting deer by day and circle about the camp-fire at night to recount the day's exploits and listen to story and song. The appetite is whetted to such an edge that even a hopeless dyspeptic becomes a ravenous eater and the provender vanishes all too soon for the boarders.

It has been the fashion for some time to denounce the English sparrows, and some of the states have even legislated against them, but a new discovery may bring these prolific and pugnacious little birds into favor again. They are now credited with devouring the larvae of the horse bot fly; and some observers claim that the horse bot has become almost unknown in certain localities since the advent of the sparrow.

Columbia county Roller Process Buckwheat Flour for sale by J. W. Swartz. It is the finest. 2t.

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

- Joseph Hummel, Shamokin Dam. Anna M. Wagner, Kratzerville. Levi Bailey, Monroe township. Amelia Bilger, Centre township. Chas. A. Maurer, Jackson twp. Edith M. Sassaman, Union county. Calvin S. Rathfon, West Perry twp. Mary Martin, Maze, Pa. Chas. Conrad, Shamokin, Pa. Cora Gumby, Chapman twp.

We have received from the publishers, the two great rival marches: "Protective Tariff Grand March," and "Free Trade Grand March." The former is by the well known author, Will L. Thompson, of East Liverpool, Ohio. The latter is by Wm. Lamartine, an author of equal talent, and both pieces are beautiful, bright and showy marches of medium difficulty for the piano or organ. Price 40 cents each. They are for sale at all music stores, or may be procured from Mr. Thompson at one-half price. One firm alone has ordered 15,000 copies.

The Post is not run for love, nor glory, nor honor, but for money, and as next week is court we expect to show evidence in our "Roll of Honor" that we are not misunderstood. We know times are hard, but the amounts due us are so small to you and yet so many that they amount to a great deal to us. The women are the great stand-bys of the Post, and we ask of you, ladies, to call the attention of your husbands to the mailing tab on this week's paper, and if in arrears, request of them to "cough up" a dollar and a half for the editor.

Another writer gives the following as a sure cure for diphtheria: My method is to give the child at once, one tablespoonful of spirits of turpentine, following within a few minutes by an average dose for age of magnesia, and then to gargle with the spirits every one, two or three hours, according to the severity of the case, although this can hardly be repeated too often. The internal dose is to be repeated once daily, followed each time by the magnesia, which diverts its action from the kidneys, and the gargling is to be continued for two or three days after all the false membrane has disappeared.

Young men who are the "steady company" of the young ladies, if their attentions are not serious, should be a "leetle" just a "leetle" bit careful. A jury in New York has just decided that implied engagement to marry goes even if there is no regular declaration, and the Supreme Court says it is law. According to this it is not necessary that the young man should "pop," not even that he should have "asked Popper." In the case referred to the swain had attended her to and from church and prayer-meeting for more than two years, and occasionally took her to public entertainments. The farthest he ever went was to say: "If I live I will make you happy" and he did for the jury awarded her a verdict for \$3,000.

J. F. Krebbs, of Walla Walla, Washington, made us a pleasant call on Friday. Mr. Krebbs is a son of Isaac Krebbs, of Troxelville, and has not been home for sixteen years. None of his relatives knew him—even his father failed to recognize him. He is quite an intelligent gentleman, a good conversationalist, and has had extensive experience in travel. He is in the employ of the Western Union Telegraph Company and is "Chief Lineman" from Spokane, Washington, to Huntingdon, Oregon. Walla Walla is a city of about 9,000 inhabitants, and he informs us that any one can at most any time take his rod and line and catch all the speckled mountain trout he can use right in the city limits, while bear are so plentiful that when they want anything to eat they come right into town for it.

Five Deer—Two on One Shot.

The Kratzerville hunting party passed through our town on Friday on their return home from a two weeks' hunt in Little Valley, having with them five deer—two being does, one a spike, the other a three prung and the other a four-prung buck. The one doe was shot by Dr. Frank Wagenseller, the spike-buck by Phares Herman, and the other three by George Spaid. Mr. Spaid had the remarkable good luck of bringing down the two big bucks on one shot. They came up to within twenty-five yards of him breast to breast and stopped. At the report of his shot-gun the four-prung buck dropped dead in his tracks. The other fellow started to run and received the contents of the other barrel, which caught him in the horns, and he ran about half a mile where a dog "stood" him in a little pond of water and a Mr. Bell shot him. J. H. Hendricks had "pinked" this fellow in the neck with a buckshot, but the wound would not have been fatal. Hence in hunters' parlance, Mr. Spaid is entitled to the proud distinction of having brought down over three hundred pounds of venison on one shot.

The boys felt proud, and we must admit that we envied them a little, just a little. Nevertheless we rejoice with them for we have measured ground with them and know them to be entitled to every distinction as skillful hunters.

A Student Suicides at New Berlin.

John Bowersox, a student of Central Pa. College, New Berlin, committed suicide by shooting on Wednesday last. Our informant says he had been acting strangely for some days past; that he borrowed a revolver from a classmate ostensibly for the purpose of hunting in the neighborhood, this on Wednesday morning. Shortly after dinner two reports were heard from his room and a heavy fall. His room was immediately entered, when he was discovered dying from the effects of the two shots fired into his breast. No cause for the act is known, except that he must have been insane. His age is about 19 years. His father, Mr. Frank Bowersox, of Pennsylvania Furnace, Centre Co., was notified by wire from Middleburgh, and came on for the remains. The sad event has caused deep gloom at the Institution, as well as in the village.—Lewisburg Chronicle.

The father of the unfortunate youth was formerly from this county and is a brother to our townsman, Curtin Bowersox. We deeply sympathize with the family.

Protective Association By Our Merchants.

The merchants of Centre Hall have organized a branch of the Business Men's Association, of which branches are existing in scores of towns in this state. It is likely that inside of ten days the merchants of every town in our valley will have organized branches of the association. The object of the association is to protect its members against losses by dead beats, men who buy on tick and refuse to pay an honest debt, a shame which so many wear.

When a customer has purchased on credit from a member of the Protective Association and afterwards refuses to pay, the merchant reports the name of the dead beat to the association and no merchant is allowed, under a heavy penalty, to sell such a delinquent anything on credit until he has paid his honest debt to the merchant whom he had sucked in. If you don't pay your debt at one place you can't buy on credit at any other.

For business men to thus stand by each other for mutual protection is perfectly proper; it strikes at a vicious practice that is meaner than stealing and how many would-be respectable people wear the brand of it.—Centre Hall Reporter.

Remarkable Instinct of a Dog.

Frank Sholler of Monroe township, is the owner of a dog with a remarkable homing record, as the following incident will show:

Some time in the fall of 1892, Mr. Sholler, who is a blacksmith, went to Indiana to work for his brother. He is a great hunter, and thinking he could put some of his spare time in that sport he took his dog with him. This spring, in February, he returned home, and had the dog crated and expressed to Selingsgrove. When Mr. Sholler reached home he found his dog had not yet arrived. He waited awhile and then becoming anxious about the animal, he sent an "express tracer" out, which resulted in the unsatisfactory intelligence that the dog had escaped from his crate at Pittsburg and could not be recaptured. Finally the empty crate arrived in Selingsgrove and Mr. Sholler paid \$4.50 expressage—thinking the company would not only refund him this money but make good the loss of the dog, which he considered very valuable. Four weeks had elapsed and Mr. Sholler had given up all hope of ever seeing him again, when one Sunday morning upon opening his door he found his dog on the porch. They met like old acquaintances. The dog which had been black and dirty from avil dust when shipped was as white and clean as a napkin from the washings he got in swimming the streams across the state.

Telling a Man By His Shake.

"Let me shake hands with a man and I will tell you something about his character," said a physician to the delegate. "The firm, hearty hand shake of a sincere man may be rather rough, so that one is taught he has a grip, but it indicates stamina. While denoting absence of tact and refinement, it points to strength of character. The hesitating, insinuating hand that slips away from you easily belongs to the clever man. It's peculiar to the Irish. Its owner is shrewd, never embarrassed and skilled at repartee. The flabby hand that returns no pressure belongs to the man who would not go out of his way to meet you. The quick, nervous handshake of an excitable, nervous temperament and its opposite, the perveless, passive one belongs to persons in ill health. The hand that threatens to collapse in yours means deceit. It is the same with the man whose hand feels like that of a snake. Killers shake harder and longer than other people. Such a shake impresses me much as a loud speech that has nothing in it.

They Run the "Flyers."

The exaction that modern railroad speed makes on the physical stamina of railroad men is demonstrated in the fact that seven engineers are required to take the Chicago flyers out and 7 back, says the Boston Transcript. The running time between New York and Chicago is twenty hours and the average speed is forty-eight miles an hour. Each engineer and engine runs three hours. Machine and man return with a slow train to the starting point to relieve the strain on both. Then the engineer is given forty hours' rest before he goes on the flyer again. This rest is absolute, no work of any kind being required. Though the average speed is forty-eight miles an hour, the locomotive must at some points be driven at sixty or more. The physical strain on the men in the cab at those bursts of speed is something terrible. The engineer has fifty things to look out for, and is being shaken and swayed all the time. The fireman is constantly feeding the insatiate furnace. It is not wonderful that the engineers of these trains are given alternate days for rest and recuperation. Fast travel not only wears out rails and machines, but human creatures' lives.

Jacob Pearson Aurand.

J. P. Aurand died at his home in Middleburgh on Friday, Dec. 1, aged 50 years, 8 months and 10 days.

Mr. Aurand lived in this county all his life. In 1870 he was married to Miss Ellen C. Long, who with her son Arthur, aged 19, survive him. He occupied various positions of trust during his life, and served several terms as Clerk for the County Commissioners with exceptional credit. He was a quiet, unassuming, christian gentleman, a good neighbor, and a kind father. The funeral services were held in the Lutheran church Tuesday fore-noon, Rev. Neff officiating. Rest in peace.

Hicks on December.

Here is Hicks on Dec. weather: December comes in on the central day of a regular storm period. Being within two days, and next following the center of a Venus equinox on November 29th, we are to expect very active disturbances between the 1st and 4th. It will grow very warm as the storm conditions develop and move eastward. A sudden and severe cold wave will rush in behind the storms, and by the end of the period—say the 4th to the 6th—the whole country will feel a touch of the wintry blast. It will be prudent to prepare against possible blizzards northward during the storms of this period. About the 7th and 8th the cold will moderate, and another storm development will appear in the West and move to the East. The centre of this disturbance will hinge on the 8th, or within 15 hours of the time of the new moon. Heavy gales especially on lakes and seas, with much tendency to Southern cyclones and Northern blizzards, will be natural and probable. Great cold is almost sure to follow.

About the 12th westerly regions will have changed to warmer, winds in eastern parts will change to easterly and southerly, and renewed storms of rain and snow will advance across the country from west to east during the 12th to 16th. The storms will not clear the continent until after the moon's first quarter on the 16th, but colder, clearer weather will dominate the north and west long before it is felt along the Atlantic. The center of reactionary disturbances next after this period will be on and touching the 18th and 19th about which dates it will turn warmer, and renewed storms of rain and snow will result in many places.

The storm period beginning about the 22d and reaching to the 26th, promises many winter storms, and many sections will have their supplies of "Christmas snow" greatly replenished during the progress of these storms. The full moon is on the 22d and will hasten the crisis early in the period. The Arctic wave following the storms will have brought very cold weather to much of the country by the night of the 26th.

The equinox of Mercury is central with the full moon on the 22d, which fact is almost a guarantee that heavy sleet will be a characteristic feature of the period. Men of the wire take notice! Prepare for great cold after the storms. About the 29th and 30th will fall a reaction to warmer, and the month is apt to close with reactionary storms to the east, with rising barometer and colder, clearer weather in sight in the north and west.

F. H. Maurer of New Berlin, offers big bargains in Ladies' and Children's Coats. See his advertisement in another column.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Reformed church will chance out their quilt on Tuesday evening, Dec. 12, at the Pink Tea Festival in the G. A. R. Hall, Middleburgh.

Every lady that buys \$5.00 worth of goods will receive a pair of gloves. I have a nice line of neck-ties that I am selling for 10c. NERTIE COHEN, Selingsgrove.

What is Personal Property

According to the highest authorities and decisions, personal property in Pennsylvania is classed under three heads—property of a purely personal character called "goods and chattels," property which savors of realty called "chattels real," and evidences of indebtedness, which are called "rights and credits." As it is often difficult to determine whether things found on the premises in case of death are real or personal estate, it is interesting to know just what the courts in this State have decided are personal property. They are:

"Purchase money due on a contract for the sale of land, renewable leases and good will of a place of business, the interest of a lessee in an unexpired term, standing timber bought with the intent of immediate removal, fallen timber, gas fixtures, chandeliers and gas pipes attached to a residence, machinery set up with the understanding that it may be removed, growing crops with reserved at an Orphans' Court sale, the way-going crop of a farm tenant, growing crops on devised lands, vested legacies and distributive shares due the decedent, land devised to be sold without limitation, rents accruing on a perpetual lease for minerals in the land, the periodical interest coming to a widow on a recognition in partition, the income due a tenant for life or for the life of another and arrearages of ground rent."

There are, of course, many other things, but this list will indicate that "personal property" means more than many people think it means, and is a broad and comprehensive term.—Phila. Times.

Winter Tours via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The final arrangements are not made by the Tourist Bureau of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for the running of its personally-conducted tours for the coming season. First and foremost in point of magnitude and attractiveness come those to California and Florida. The dates for the former are January 31st and February 22nd. The first date humanly selected so that en route to the glorious westernmost State of the Union the Mardi Gras festivities at New Orleans may be enjoyed by the tourists. California will command unusual attention this winter by reason of the Mid-winter Exposition to be held at San Francisco. This exhibition promises almost to rival the late World's Fair in completeness. Many Eastern people have already decided to attend.

Florida, always a popular haven, still justly asserts its claim as the most delightful part of our country in which to pass the inclement months of the year. Five tours will be run there, January 30th, February 13th, February 27th, March 13th, and March 27th, have been chosen as the starting dates. \$50 from New York, \$48 from Philadelphia, and an equally low rate from other points will cover all expenses en route.

Old Point Comfort appeals strongly to those not caring to journey further from home, and on December 26th this historic spot will be visited by a special tour. Last come the tours to Washington, D. C., on December 14th and 28th, January 18th, February 8th, March 1st and 2nd, April 12th, and May 3d and 24th.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company's guarantee that thorough and satisfactory methods will be pursued in conducting these trips needs no additional testimonial.

MARRIED

Dec. 3, at the Reformed parsonage in New Berlin, by Rev. S. Sidne Kohler, Charles A. Maurer of Jackson township, and Miss Edith M. Sassaman of Limestone township, Union county, Pa.

Teachers' Institute is well attended this week. Out of the 117 teachers all but nine have answered to roll call.