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ITEMS of LOCAL INTEREST

M. L. Kreeger and wife spent Sunday with relatives in Williamsport.

WANTED.—A fat hog. Weight 250 or thereabout. Address editor Post.

William Crouse moved from Selinsgrove to this place on Monday of last week.

Mrs. Dr. Barber of Danville, and son Miles visited their many friends in Middleburgh over Sunday.

Next week being a semi-annual holiday for the printers, no paper will be issued from this office.

FOR SALE.—A fine sorrel brood mare, good roadster and first-class family beast. Call at this office.

FOR SALE.—A large Indian tan Buffalo Robe, good as new. Address Box 36, New Berlin, Pa.

Robert Glover, one of Hartleton's oldest and most respected citizens died on Dec. 8, aged 72 years and 7 days.

Mrs. Lauretta Smith and her son Frank, of Carbondale, are visiting relatives and friends in Middleburgh and Franklin.

S. C. Nerhood, a former Snyder county man but now of Hesston, Harvey county, Kansas, is visiting relatives hereabouts.

Rev. I. P. Neff was so seriously ill from an attack of the grip that he had to postpone Communion services, which were to be held on Sunday, to some future time.

R. Gunsburger sells clothing cheaper than ever. Now is the time to buy, and you will find to your interest to give him a call as his goods must be disposed of.

FOR SALE.—An almost new heater, latest pattern—first cost \$32, which will be sold cheap. Call on or address SAMUEL F. MAUREL, 3L Salem, Pa.

Through the courtesy of Dr. Ulsh of Selinsgrove, Will Smith of the Central Hotel is enabled to furnish the people of Middleburgh with the city dailies every Sunday after-noon.

Prof. Paul Billhardt contemplates holding a musical convention in Middleburgh some time in February. The Professor is a thorough musician and will make it a ringing success.

Grand-mother Rhoads, who had been visiting her son, Capt. D. T. Rhoads, at this place for the last six months or so, returned to her home in Harrisburg on Wednesday morning.

We wish all our readers a Merry Christmas, and there is no reason why they should not have it, for we believe they all have good warm shelter and plenty to eat, which is a thing to be thankful for.

Our good friend Dr. James Kleckner has been appointed post master at Millflint, exit Brother Schoch of the Telegraph, who honored the Harrison Administration by four years of faithful and efficient service.

Out of 10,000 babies who were checked at the Children's building, World's Fair grounds, while the fond parents could do the fair, only one was left unclaimed. This little fellow will be taken care of by the children's aid society and will be a splendid "souvenir."

The New York Sun gives this prescription for avoiding the grip: Keep your general health as good as possible, be careful not to catch cold, live temperately, breathe pure air, avoid bad habits, and take enough sleep. That recipe comes within the reach of everybody.

We have already filed three dates for sales the coming spring. The indications are that there will be many of them and the result will be a scramble for dates. It is not too early to leave your date with the Post. If you send them by mail state the nearest town and the distance and direction you reside from it.

There is a great deal more danger connected with a man having the "whiskey-rams" and firing a 38-calibre revolver at imaginary burglars by moonlight, than there is in rattling a load of No. 8 shot after an innocent little rabbit running through an alley.

The Harrisburg Telegraph says it is understood that Governor Pattison will issue a writ for the filling of the vacancy occasioned by the death of Congressman-at-Large Lilly at the regular Spring election in February, which will avoid a large expenditure for a special election.

All of the Sunday schools in Middleburgh will have Christmas entertainments. The U. B. and Evangelical schools will hold their Saturday evening, and the Reformed on Sunday evening, and the Lutherans will render the cantata entitled "Bethlehem" in the new church Monday evening.

The members of the Republican Standing Committee are requested to meet on January 1, 1894, in the Court House at Middleburgh at 1 o'clock, p. m. Important business will be transacted. Every member should be present.

H. C. SAMPSON, Chairman. CHAS. W. HELMANN, Sec.

Babies born in this state after January 1, 1894, will have their names, the names of their parents and the date of their arrival in this vale of tears, inscribed upon the county records, in conformity with a recent act of the legislature. The work of collecting the necessary data is left upon the assessor.

A religious singer was much surprised one day at receiving a basket of potatoes from an old lady in his parish, with a message saying that as he had remarked in his sermon on the previous Sunday that some commentators (commentators) did not agree with him she had sent him some real good ones.—Jersey Shore Herald.

There are a number of parents who will soon learn in all its forceful meaning that the "streets are the devil's school of vice, and freedom from restraint is the sure road to ruin and shame," unless they curb the propensities of their children for roaming the streets at night until a late hour and with improper company.

Men are working in the woods near Kane, for twenty-five cents a day and board themselves. One jobber hired six men last week at these figures. He told the writer that he intended to pay them better wages, but they begged to be allowed to work at the wages stated, twenty-five cents a day and they find board.—Kane Republican.

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

- Chas. A. Shultz, Danville, Pa.
- Mellie J. Woodruff, Selinsgrove.
- John C. Fasold, Sunbury, Pa.
- Margarette B. Albert, Selinsgrove.
- Frederick Stueck, Millflint Co.
- Mary F. Herbst, Washington twp.
- Wm. H. Jacobs, Selinsgrove.
- Sarah C. Kreamer, Selinsgrove.

George Washington Burns of the Wisconsin Times is a hustler as his illustrious name signifies. Not content with making all the money he could possibly make use of in editing the Times, he has started another paper at Williamsport called the Enterprise, and is receiving such noble encouragement that it bids fair to even outstrip the Times in enterprise, push, and prosperity.

The Crescent Club has made arrangements with Frank P. Melrose, "The Home Talent Boomer," to produce the thrilling military drama "Major Du Rant" or "The Irish Sargeant's Revenge," under its auspices in Seebold's Hall, Saturday evening, Dec. 30. Mr. Melrose has been very successful in Selinsgrove, New Berlin and other points in this section and comes here highly recommended.

Skated into an Air-hole.

At 10 o'clock Thursday morning of last week Aaa Packer Keefer was drowned in the Susquehanna river at Northumberland. In company with two other young men he walked across the West Branch bridge to the Blue Hill side and up the Reading railroad to Jerry Savidge's sand elevator. Here they found a nice sheet of ice and went skating. Keefer's companions skated away from him for a few moments and when they turned around he could not be seen. They saw his blue cap floating in the water at an air-hole and their worst fears were confirmed. They searched for him awhile, but finally went back to Northumberland and told their sad story. A party of men went over to the sand elevator in a foot-boat and recovered the body after grappling for it a half hour.

Mr. William G. Kepner, of Pottstown, Pa., while on a visit to his son Lawrence at Beavertown, died very suddenly of asthma last Friday, Dec. 15. He was buried in Beavertown, aged 87 years and 8 days.

Let those who have comfortable homes, with warm fires, and plenty of clothing, remember the hundreds of homes where the fires burn low, and where the inmates are compelled to huddle together for the warmth that comes from the life within. We all like to preach about the universal brotherhood of man; the present is a good time to practice it.

General Dan Sickles, Democratic, created a sensation in Congress on Monday in a speech denying the assertion that the pension rolls are honey-combed with fraud. He made use of the following words:

"And I say this in conclusion, that no party will rule long in this country, and no ruler will possess or deserve the confidence of the American people who casts unmerited stain on the pension rolls of this nation."

Joe Leshier of the Selinsgrove Times, was up to hear Hastings lecture in Institute week and last week he laid politics aside long enough to give the General a very complimentary notice. Joe has a rough exterior but under it all we have discovered a kind, generous heart. He is always candid and sometimes even frank in his expressions, and is a firm believer that

"This world is not so bad a world as some would like to make it. But whether good, or whether bad depends on how we take it."

Rev. Hugh Strain is pastor of the Morrisdale circuit, Centre county. He is not only an eloquent preacher but a young man of muscle. Recently a big burly, ruffian created a disturbance in one of the parson's meetings. He went to him and in a gentle, persuasive manner tried to quiet him. He received taunts and insults for his labors. The next thing the bully knew he was lying on his back in the street in front of the church. The young minister had laid aside diplomacy and used force, which is the only medicine fit for hogs that are licensed to associate with people. Such preachers should be pensioned.

We editors are an abused set. We don't envy the minister, for he is even more abused man than us, yet he has the bulge on editors when it comes to marriage. It takes a minister two or three minutes to perform a marriage ceremony. He makes no charge, but is most generally handed a five-dollar bill—sometimes ten—and gets a good supper besides. The list of presents is sent to the editor and it takes two or three hours of hard work to put it in type. He makes no charges for it, and gets no \$5. Perhaps he gets some cake and sells an extra copy of his paper for a nickel, but just as probable the parties are not even subscribers of his paper, and beg a copy of their neighbor to cut the list of presents from to paste in a scrap-book.

THE PORT ROYAL MURDER CASE.

WIFE AND SON OF THE MURDERED HUCKSTER IN JAIL AND THE EVIDENCE OF GUILT CONCLUSIVE.

Special to the Post.  
MIFFLINTOWN, PA., Dec. 19.—But few new developments have taken place in the Carpenter murder case since my report was closed. The following are all: On Friday morning Mrs. Hattie Carpenter, wife of the victim, was committed to jail by Geo. W. Wilson who held the inquisition. A thorough search of the premises discovered a club (dog-wood) with blood and hair thereon, with which it is supposed the murder was perpetrated; also the check-punch used by Mr. Carpenter to protect his bank account which was concealed under the floor of the shed; his cane, which was hidden under some straw and manure, and his keys which had been thrown down the privy. His pocket-book was found in his trunk in the house after Mrs. Carpenter was taken to jail on Friday, although not there when it was twice searched previously. Nothing is now missing but the hat and 10 \$5 bills he drew out of bank on Saturday before his death. Some \$18 in quarters and halves was taken by the sheriff out of Jim's pockets when committed, which it is believed were part of those Mr. Carpenter got out of bank on Saturday before mentioned. He got \$25 in silver, halves and quarters. It is reported here that the accused mother and son have employed Judge Bucher and W. H. Spenser to defend them. The excitement in this place has very much abated.

Wm. M. ALLISON, Editor.

Work Runs the World.

Remember, my son, you have to work, whether you handle a pick or a pen, a wheelbarrow or a set of books; whether you dig a ditch or edit a paper, or write stories, you must work. If you look around you will see that the men who are the most able to live the rest of their days without work are the men who have worked the hardest. Don't be afraid of killing yourself with over work. More men die who quit at 6 p. m. and don't go home until 9 a. m. than from overwork. Work gives you an appetite for your meals; it lends solidity to your slumbers, and gives a grateful appreciation of a holiday. There are young men who do not work, but the world is not proud of them. It does not know their names even; it simply speaks of "old-so and so boys." The great busy world doesn't know that they are here. So take off your coat and make a dust in the world. The busier you are the less harm you are apt to get into, the sweeter will be your sleep, the brighter and happier your holidays, and the better satisfied will the world be with you.

Don't forget the Crescent Club's entertainment in Seebold's Hall, on the evening of Dec. 30.

Reno Spitzer of Franklin, is agent for the Danville Laundry. Persons having work will profit by getting his terms.

The Middleburgh Orchestra will play in the concerts of the Freeburg Musical Convention, Thursday and Friday nights of next week.

The Hassinger Sunday School will hold a Christmas entertainment in their church Saturday evening 23d. Santa Claus' speech, Meeting Santa Clause and Christmas Garden are the leading features of the entertainment.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has constructed an engine which makes time with twelve pullmans. She is known as the class T. and has 84-inches steel drivers, and truck wheels 42-inches in diameter. The boiler is of the Beldaire type, built entirely of steel, and is 65 inches in diameter at the smallest ring. It is fifteen feet from the rail to the top of the stack and 9 feet to the center of the boiler.

READ.

As this is the last issue of the Post in the year of our Lord 1893, and as before another issue the time has arrived to make new year resolutions, the editor takes this opportunity to make a suggestion to the young men of Snyder county. It is a simple suggestion comprised in a word of four letters, viz, READ. There is probably not a county in the State where there is such a great per cent. of valuable mental farms that lie untilled, that grow up in weeds and yield nothing to the possessors. This is a bold statement, and not in the least flattering to us, but it is nevertheless true, and pity 'tis, 'tis true.

Every hamlet has a body of young men who follow in the footsteps of their ancestors, who crowd round the hotel, shop and store stoves to hear the oft-repeated tales of the great men of valor, the strong horses, and great fighting dogs that inhabited this county in the days they knew not of. The boys sit and listen day after day, months after month and year after year.

"They see the same sights our fathers had seen; They hear the same tales our fathers had heard." They are like a piece of bark tossed on the tide, or like a man who is lost in the woods and walks a circle. They start out on the journey of life, and when evening comes and their voice is weak and their step falters they find that they have walked an aimless circle and stop just where they began.

Young man, has it ever occurred to you that there is great pleasure in knowing something? And has it ever occurred to you that in order to know something you must read?

"Ah! read what?" you ask. Anything, everything, rather than sit idle. We might suggest, don't read novels, but we promised to confine ourselves to one suggestion only and that is READ. Abraham Lincoln never read a novel, Jere Black read everything he could lay his hands on, while the late Judge Orvis of Bellefonte, who probably possessed the most prodigious legal mind in the State, never read the newspapers. But they all read something. What is a feast for one mind is a fast for another, but as literature was never so cheap as it is at this present time there is no difficulty in obtaining it and no dearth in variety.

Try it, young man. If you don't like the county papers get a daily. It will cost you only a penny a day. Commence by reading one hour every evening. If you find it edifying read longer if time allowed, and take our word for it, that before the year 1894 rolls around you will find entertainment in your reading chair that nothing could induce you to forgo—finding pleasure every day in "knowing something" and unconsciously preparing yourself for that "tide in the affairs of men," which taken at the flood, leads on to fortune."

Holiday Excursion Tickets on the P.R.R.

For the benefit of the increased travel which the holiday season always brings, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will this year sell excursion tickets between the various stations on its system at the reduced rate of two cents per mile. Such tickets will be sold between all stations except to and from stations on the Downingtown and Lancaster Branch and the United Railroads of New Jersey Division. The dates of sale are December 22d to 25th and December 29th to January 1st, 1894, inclusive, valid for return until January 3d, 1894, inclusive.

Major J. D. Hamilton of Shamokin, was in town last week and informed us that the work on the electric railway between Selinsgrove and Sunbury would be begun in good earnest next summer. The company contemplates building a foot, wagon and electric railway bridge across the Susquehanna at Sunbury, two squares south of the Reading. This would be a great accommodation to Snyder county and we earnestly hope the company will accomplish its purposes.

Local Institute.

Program of Local Institute to be held in Middleburgh, Jan. 5 and 6, 1894.

FRIDAY EVENING.  
Address by I. L. HERMAN.  
Discussion, "Benefits of Civil Government in the Public Schools"—S. G. Ocker.  
Address by Supt. F. C. Bowersox.  
Essay by Jerome Erdley.  
Discussion, "School Government"—A. A. Yoder.  
Recitations by pupils.  
"Teacher and Recitation"—L. C. Bachman.

SATURDAY, P. M.  
"Prizes in Primary Schools"—Hattie Beaver.  
"Development of Fractions"—H. A. Bowersox.  
Recitations by pupils.  
"Primary Reading"—C. A. Hassinger.  
"Primary History"—Myrtle Smith.  
"How to Teach Physical Geography"—Jerome Erdley.

SATURDAY EVENING.  
Address by C. W. HERMAN.  
"Use of Apparatus in the School"—R. G. Bowersox.  
Debate, Resolved that the co-operation of the patrons of a school is of more benefit to that school than the co-operation of the directors. Affirmative—L. C. Bachman, S. G. Ocker, H. M. Amig and C. G. Bangaman; Negative—Jerome Erdley, I. L. Herman, R. G. Bowersox and Gift.

Recitation by Jennie Oldt.  
Essay by Louisa Walter.  
"Proper Way of Teaching Spelling"—H. M. Amig.  
Essay on "Education"—Myrtle Smith.  
The son of James Clifton of Union.

All are invited to attend these meetings.

Republican State Convention.

The Delegates elected to the last Republican State Convention are hereby requested to meet at the Opera House in the city of Harrisburg on Wednesday, January 3d, 1894, at twelve o'clock, noon, of said day, for the purpose of placing in nomination a candidate for Congressman-at-large, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the Hon. William Lilly.

HORACE B. PACKER, Chairman.

Red Headed Girls.

Scientists say that it means that there is a superabundance of iron in the blood. And the analyst says that it is the matter that enters red hair that imparts the vigor, the elasticity, the great vitality, the overflowing, thoroughly healthy animal life which runs through the veins of the ruddy haired, and the strongest sentiment of animal life is what renders them more intense in their emotions than their more languid fellow creatures. Philosophers notice it, as a peculiar fact that red haired old maids are very rare.—Tid Bits.

BEAVERTOWN.

Franklin Ewig has opened a saddler shop one door south of the Evangelical church, where he is prepared to accommodate all in need of harness, whips &c. Also all kinds of repairing done. Last week one day while John D. Herbst was working at Engles saw-mill he broke the second finger on his right hand. We still have a number of men's patients, both children and adults have them. Hattie, daughter of John N. Aigler is confined to her bed with rheumatism and liver complaint. Mrs. Will Moyer, east of town, is suffering with erysipelas. The Evangelical Lutheran and Union Sabbath schools have decided to hold Christmas entertainments, Saturday evening Dec. 23. John S. Woods, of Philadelphia, owner of the tannery of this place, spent last Tuesday in town. Mrs. Geo. Thomas, and Mrs. A. Kemmerling, of Lewisport, spent a day with the formers parents.

WILD ROSES.