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MIDDLEBURGH



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ITEMS of LOCAL INTEREST

K. C. Walter and wife spent Sunday with relatives at Adamsburg.

E. Hummel, who was down with pneumonia, is able to be about again.

Mrs. High Smith, of Georgetown, Pa., is the guest of Jas. G. Crouse, Esq., and family.

A. H. Ullsh has sold his grain house and coal depot in Franklin to W. B. Winey for \$4,800.

Overcoats and all winter goods at cost to make room for the spring trade at R. Gunsberger's.

Rev. Neff had sufficiently recovered from the grip to fill his appointments at Hassingers' and Middleburgh on Sunday.

Ex-sheriff Middleburgh has purchased Batdorf & Enterline's stock of goods at McClure and will embark in the mercantile business.

Grand-pap Michael Schoch, who has been gradually sinking for some time, is no better and his extreme age (83) leaves little hope of recovery.

Thomas Rathfon won the chamber-suit at Spittler's shooting-match on Saturday—imbedding nine No. 8 shot in a two-inch block at 30 yards.

George Spangler, who was engaged in the lumber business in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, came home on Saturday to spend the winter at this place.

Special bargains will be offered at the Cash Store between this and Spring. Come, see, and be convinced. DAVID WETZEL, Swinford Pa.

of Selinsgrove, who has been unable to leave his house for several months on account of sickness, is up and about again.

A. F. Gilbert left for Lancaster on Tuesday morning to resume his studies in F. & M. Academy, after spending a vacation of nearly three weeks with his parents at this place.

FOR SALE.—My stock of Notions and Stationery will be sold at a bargain. Best location in Middleburgh. For particulars address J. W. SWARTZ.

A CARD.—I hereby return my thanks to the Troxelville and Ridge Sunday schools for the valuable Christmas presents I received from them. REV. J. N. WETZEL.

Prof. James O. Herman, principal of the Edwarsville (Pa.) public schools, spent several days in Middleburgh last week. Jim is endowed with tact and push—those two most essential qualities in the success of young men.

FOR SALE.—Pure Poland China pigs of both sexes and various ages. A few fine young sows bred for spring litters. My foundation stock I got from two prominent breeders in Ohio and is first class. D. N. APP, Selinsgrove, Pa.

A Musical Convention will be held in Middleburgh, commencing Monday, February 12, and continue during the week under the leadership of Prof. P. Billhardt. With him as conductor the convention must and will be a grand musical success. He assures us that he has secured some very fine musical talent to assist at the concerts, whose names and specialties will be given on the bills.

The prophecy of Robert Toombs that he would call the roll of his slaves in the shadow of Bunker hill monument, was never fulfilled, but it has come to pass that Harriet Hayden, who was a slave in Kentucky before the war and made her escape, and who died in Boston the day before Christmas, left her estate of \$5000 to Harvard college to found a scholarship for deserving colored students. Harvard admits colored pupils, and a year ago one of them was the class orator. Mrs Hayden's bequest, tho' small, will give an impetus to the good work of educating the colored race.

Taxes are First Liens.

Judge Endlich, at Reading, on Saturday, handed down an important opinion declaring that unpaid taxes are a first lien against properties. The case in question was that of S. E. Ancon in trust for four banks of Reading, I. C. Becker, in which the exceptions filed by the banks are dismissed. Judge McPherson, of Lebanon, and Judge Livingston, of Lancaster, decided the act of June 2, 1881, to be unconstitutional, under which decrees were taken for unpaid county taxes. Judge Endlich's is the first decision in the state that decrees for unpaid taxes can be taken as first liens on proper ties. When the proceeds of the sheriff's sale of Mr Becker's properties were distributed the court decreed to the county \$86 as unpaid taxes for 1893, the county solicitor claiming the taxes to be a first lien, under the act of 1881, to which the banks objected, holding that the act was unconstitutional.

NOTICE.—It don't take the value of a horse to buy a few stove repairs if you buy them of me. Nor does it matter when or where you got the stove, just give me the number, and name and part of the stove you want and I will get it for you. I also sell stove pipe of the best material at reduced prices. M. L. SHANNON.

A railroad conductor passed nine people on one ticket the other day. They were a mother and eight children. The detachment consisted of four men and five women.

...just a few days under 6 years of age. The conductor kicked at what seemed a wholesale business, but the mother had the bulge on him, and they all passed.—Huntingdon Local News.

FOR RENT.—A Country Store stand, comprising a 15 by 30 foot store room and a seven room dwelling—all at \$50 per year. The stock of merchandise will be sold to the renter at almost his own figures. Possession given any time between now and the first of April, 1894. It is a first class country stand. For particulars call on or address C. A. MOYER, Globe Mills, Pa.

Rev. Hicks' predictions for January: Cold wave about the 3d, followed by a regular storm period with another cold wave in the rear. Reactionary squalls of rain and snow on the 10th and 11th, renewed cold wave will follow. The 16th is the central day of the next period, a warm wave during 15th and 18th and the inevitable cold wave will last till the 21th. Then warmer and next a cold wave, the last storm period being about the 20th, ending on the 30.

Every wheel on a Pullman car is made of paper. You do not see the paper because it is covered with iron and steel. The body of the wheel is a block of paper about four inches thick. Around this is a rim of steel measuring from two to three inches. It is this thin steel rim of course which comes in contact with the rails. The sides are covered with circular iron plates bolted on. This is not alone confined to Pullman cars, but some of the heaviest engines have wheels made as described above.

Saturday, Dec. 30, was the last day upon which tenants could be legally warned out for the purpose of taking possession of the premises on the 1st of April. The law requires three months' notice. A notice served on New Year's Day does not give a full three months to April 1st. Most tenants are, however, disposed to accept notice thus given and not make any trouble. It should be remembered though that an illegal notice is no notice. Many landlords are in the habit of serving notices on all of their tenants and then making new leases or renewing the old ones with all those whom they desire to retain in their houses.

John R. Clarke Again!

Washington Camp, P. O. S. of A. has secured John R. Clarke of the Star Lyceum Bureau, to deliver a lecture in the Court House on Thursday evening, January 18, on the subject "Hits and Misses." Mr. Clarke needs no introduction to our people as his eminently entertaining lecture "To and Fro in London" before the Teachers' Institute is sufficient testimony of his magic power and matchless eloquence on the rostrum. M. D. Kinney, President of the Thousand Island Park Association says of him:

"John R. Clarke, the Anglo-American orator, has given three lectures on the Thousand Island Park platform this season. He has carried the people by storm. He is a marvellous man in variety, humor, pathos and eloquence. His entertainments are a resistless medley of classic beauty, solid sense, magnetic oratory, rugged manliness, loftiest morality and purest religion. He is worthy of the largest patronage and widest popularity. It is a genuine pleasure to commend him to public favor."

Lecture to begin at 7:30. Admission 15 cents. Reserved seats 25 cents. Tickets on sale at Swartz' store, next door to Court House.

Spring Elections.

The day for the spring elections for 1894 will be the third Tuesday of February, which is the 29th of the month, and under the present system of making nominations the time is drawing near when the party organizations will have to take up the question. The amended ballot law of 1887 requires that all nominations by certificates of party organizations for city or ward officers shall be filed in the County Commissioners' office at least twenty eight days before the election, and nomination by nomination papers for the same offices shall be filed twenty-one days before it, not counting the day on which the paper is filed as one of them, and nominations for township and borough offices, and School Directors in the same, shall be filed with the County Commissioners at least eighteen days before the election, and nominations for same offices by nomination papers at least fifteen days before it.

All members of W. C. 515 P. O. S. of A. are hereby requested to meet in their hall Friday, Jan. 12, at 10 o'clock, to attend the funeral of Bro. John F. Houtz.

Services will be held in the following churches by Bishop C. S. Haman, of Reading, Pa.: Lawyer's church, Monday, Jan. 15, 7 p. m.; McClure, Tuesday, Jan. 16, 7 p. m.; Manbeck's, Wednesday, Jan. 17, 7 p. m.; Troxelville, Thursday, Jan. 18, 7 p. m.; Beavertown, Friday, Jan. 19, 7 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all. P. C. WEIDEMEYER, Pastor.

Secretary of state Osborne, of Kansas, has prepared a circular in which he advocates laws making two hours per day the limit of work of each man. He holds that labor-saving machinery has made such progress that one man is now able to do as much as twenty, seventy-five years ago, and he believes that over production is responsible for the idleness of the millions to-day. This, he holds would be done away with if two hours should be made the day's work limit.

The Republican State Committee met Wednesday morning of last week in Chestnut street hall, Harrisburg, and after a somewhat active contest, decided to hold the next State Convention, which will nominate candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Auditor General, Secretary of Internal Affairs and two Congressmen-at-Large, in Harrisburg, on Wednesday, May 23. The committee was in session only about 25 minutes. When the vote was taken to decide the location, it stood: Harrisburg, 60; Williamsport, 34; Sunbury 1.

From Pauper To Heiress.

A Williamsport special of January 4 says: From a little pauper, kidnapped by an avaricious uncle, to a pretty heiress with a clear title to a \$100,000 fortune, is the romantic story of Miss Caroline C. Sankey. Her legal battle for her rights has been fought in three States, and today the Supreme Court of Illinois ended the matter, and the girl wins.

In 1878 Samuel Sankey came to this country from California, where he had made a fortune dealing in hides. He and his wife grieved over the death of their only son, who had been drowned. While visiting relatives here he saw little Caroline Sankey, then 8 years old. She was an orphan, and was cared for by friends. Samuel Sankey wanted to adopt the child, but her relatives objected on the ground that his mind was unsound. He was not to be outwitted so easily, and one night in winter he stole the child, and started for Illinois. He kept her concealed as much as possible during the flight to that State, and the girl suffered many privations. Sankey afterward returned here, and was arrested for kidnapping the child. He compromised the case by legally adopting her, and Judge Gamble issued the necessary papers.

Sankey with his wife and foster child, then went back to San Francisco. Mrs Sankey died and her husband then began, to abuse Caroline shamefully. So violently did he maltreat her that she was taken in charge by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. That was in 1887, and the girl then went to live with the family of Chas. S. Coggins.

This proceeding turned Sankey into a maniac, and tearing to pieces his will, he threw the crumpled paper upon the floor and stamped upon it. He had bequeathed his fortune to the girl, who had grown to be a pretty maiden, but he decided to cut her off without a penny.

On October 25, 1886, Sankey died at the home of his brother John, in Millinburg, Pa.

The Pennsylvania relatives at once began a fight for the dead man's estate. The new will that Sankey had written was declared invalid by the California Courts, and the fortune was awarded to the girl. Then the relatives began an action in this State to recover property here, but again they failed, and, as a last resort, they went to Illinois, where Sankey owned considerable property. It was fought up through the courts in that State until to-day, when the Supreme Court decided that as Caroline Sankey had been legally adopted by her foster father, she was entitled to his fortune, inasmuch as he had left no valid will.

Miss Sankey, who is only 24 years old, resided with the Coggins family, No. 1120 Twenty-first street, San Francisco.

Death of John F. Houtz.

John F. Houtz died at Paxtonville on Tuesday of this week, aged 38 years, 3 months and 24 days. Mr. Houtz had been a resident of Franklin for many years, but some time in November he rented the flouring mill of C. P. Swengel at Paxtonville. His death was due to pneumonia superinduced by the grip. He was a man of many good qualities, and leaves a wife, a little daughter and a host of friends to mourn their loss. His funeral will be held in the Lutheran church, Middleburgh, on Friday at 11 a. m., under the direction of Washington Camp P. O. S. of A., of which he was a member.

The school directors of Tyrone have notified the tobacco dealers of that town that the law prohibiting the sale of cigarettes, etc., must be observed, and in case of violation of the same by selling to scholars of the school, the offenders will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Now let us see whether the resolution will be enforced better than the law.

A Half Century.

Only a short life time, yet what changes have taken place during this period. The discoveries and inventions have indeed been marvelous. The dissatisfied, restless spirit, inherent in the human race, promoted by the prospect of honor and reward, has stimulated ingenuity to a degree of success never before attained in a much longer period of time, so that more useful inventions have been produced in the last fifty years than any hundred years of previous history.

A few years ago the Toledo Blade humorously published the following article: "We don't like to be irreverent but would like to ask, what did our forefathers know?" What for instance did George Washington know? He never saw a steamboat; he never saw a fast mail train; he never held his ear to a telephone; he never sat for his picture in a photograph gallery; he never received a telegraphic dispatch; he never sighted a Krupp gun; he never listened to the fizz of an election; he never saw a pretty girl run a sewing machine; he never saw a self propelling engine to go down the street to a fire; he never heard of "evolution"; he never took laughing gas, and never attended an international exposition; he never owned a bonanza mine; he never knew "Prob"; he never warmed his toes by a coal fire. And I may add he never went to Jersey to get a tanned, but when he went there he had another object in view. No he had none of these advantages. V... took an excursion it was... about; when he went off on a train it was a mule train; when he wanted to talk to a man in Milwaukee, he had to go there; when he wanted his picture taken it was done in profile with a piece of black paper and a pair of shears; when he got the returns from the back counties they were brought in by a man with an ox cart; when he took aim at the enemy he had to trust to a crooked barrelled old flint lock; when he wrote it was with a goose quill; when he had anything to mend his grandmother did it with a darned needle; when he went to a fire he stood in line and passed buckets; when he saw a monkey or a clam he never dreamed that they were distant relations; when he went to a concert he heard the music of a cracked fiddle and an insane clarinet. In fact if Washington had lived three score and ten years more the same would be equally true.

When I was young and lived in a more eastern part of the state people used to emigrate; "go west," to Ohio, then comparatively a wilderness. They didn't go on limited express trains, however, their mode of travel was very limited, consisting for a family of a Conestoga wagon, with a number of horses in front, several cows tied on behind, kettles and buckets suspended from the coupling pole, with some bedding and other necessaries stowed under the canvass cover; families left their old homes and friends with many tears and farewells for a long journey of several hundred miles that can now be covered in twenty-four hours. We had the great American desert marked in the geographies of my early school days, and our tuition had to be paid. Therefore, you must not blame us old folks for our ignorance as we did not possess the advantages of a good and free education such as every child can now obtain. The early school houses were often very rude affairs, where congregated scholars of all ages from four to twenty years and over to receive their first lessons; often the old and young taking their first lessons in A B C, and these frequently in German. About the first thing I could read was a rhyme on the front cover of our German A B C book under the picture of a big rooster; it read:

Der hawna greyt loss sein gloggee, De kinder aufzwecken frey; Tsa larnen in der morgen abtund, De morga shtund hat guld tin mund.

The schools then did not have any

such furniture as is now in use. The desks were ranged along the sides facing the wall, with long wooden benches in front all of about the same height, so that the feet of the small scholars were dangling in the air, while seated. The scholars had their backs turned to the teacher who occupied a raised platform, and was kept busy part of the time fixing quill pens of which each scholar old enough to write used one and they were very often out of fix. The teacher's desk was decorated with feathers like pictures of Indian warriors you find in some histories. A large wood stove occupied the middle of the room surrounded with a supply of ready cut wood to last a day or more. In case the stock of prepared wood was getting small, the teacher detailed a squad of the oldest boys to prepare a fresh supply.

BEAVERTOWN.

Mary, wife of John Haffley, died last Friday, aged 43 years and 9 mos. Funeral was held on Monday, Rev. J. N. Wetzler officiating. Josiah Nerhood, of Jamison City, Sundayed in town. He came to attend the funeral of his mother on Tuesday. Henry Kern is very low with consumption and is not expected to live. Mr. and Mrs. Nathan F. Manbeck, of Shamokin, recently visited friends in town. Albert Snook and son Charles, of Spring City, are visiting friends here. WILCOX

McCLURE

...H. C. and W. Ullsh circulated among McClure friends Saturday. Mrs. William Bratton is up and about again. The shooting match on Saturday was one of the largest and most pleasant of the season. Death entered the family of Samuel Klingler on Monday night and took away their infant son Earl. The entertainment given by Prof. Gilday with Edison's Phonograph on Monday evening in Christ's Lutheran church was pronounced the finest ever given. The exercises were of a very moral nature and highly instructive all through.

PORT TREVORTON.

Port is still in a state of normal activity, notwithstanding the business depressions of other portions of the country. True, some of our public works have closed from natural causes, and others for the same reasons are working periodically. The slang factories, however, not depending upon either free trade or protective legislation, continue in operation and turn out highly polished articles from very raw materials. Natural gas is quite abundant and there is some talk of appropriating it to street illumination. Till then we will continue to leave our impressions in the mud save where John Hoover has re-nickel-plated the side-walk. If some of the residents along the line were to follow his example, they would merit the undying thanks of all pedestrians. The building association are doing fairly well upon Mr. Stroh's new house. The boys are awaiting its completion, when they will say, "This is the house that Jack built." The long continuance of protracted meeting in the Evangelical church is remarkable, still more so is the almost incredible number of new converts. A Christian Endeavor Society has been established, and things are beginning to look as though morals and christianity would ultimately triumph in the conquest of our burg. Truly in the midst of life we are in death. Again has the grim angel cast his shadows upon another of our most estimable citizens, Mr. Henry Flanders. Interment took place at Zion's cemetery on Sunday. The wife of the deceased too, was critically ill with pneumonia but happily is again convalescent. BITTER SWEET.

Don't fail to hear Clark on the 18th.