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ITEMS of LOCAL INTEREST

H. H. Hassinger of Sunbury, spent Sunday at home.

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

Mrs. Joseph Bowersox fell on the board-walk on Monday morning and broke one of the bones in her right wrist.

A nominating caucus will be held at Graybill's hotel, Swineford, on Friday evening, Jan. 26, and the nomination on Saturday afternoon, for Franklin township.

G. C. Gutelius is selling out his winter goods at greatly reduced prices in order to make room for the spring trade.

Meteorologists, who are weather-wise or otherwise, predict seven snows yet this season. Come, come, Old Probs. Let's have 'em.

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

Dr. Geo. P. Miller has purchased the Minium property located next to the new Lutheran church, and will move into it about the first of April. He paid \$1,900 for it.

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

FOR RENT OR SALE.—A good dwelling house and bank barn, with two lots, in the borough of Middleburgh. For address, see page 4.

J. M. OR GEORGE STEININGER, Middleburgh, Pa.

The St. John's church at Herold's Cemetery near Chapman, will be dedicated to the Lord by Rev. W. H. Uhler, Feb. 4, 1894, in the morning at 10 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

C. O. LEHR, Pastor.

P. S. Ritter of Shamokin Dam, on Monday took up the yard-stick as head clerk in W. W. Wittenmyer's store. "Scotty" is an experienced hand at the business and our people will find him a very clever gentleman to deal with.

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.

LOCAL INSTITUTE.—In pursuance to the request of the Superintendent of Public schools of Snyder county, a local institute for Jackson and Penn townships will be held at Kratzville, on February 16 and 17. Interesting sessions will be held Friday evening, and Saturday afternoon.

Squire J. H. Hartman, of Penna Creek, spent a few hours in town Monday morning on his return to near Viaduct, Clearfield Co., where he has taken charge as general manager of a saw-mill and lumber plant. He is an experienced woodsman, and what he don't know about lumber 'ain't worth braggin' on."

It may be well for those who have not yet paid their taxes to remember that after the last day of this month, 5 per cent. will be added to the assessed amount due the collector from each individual and corporation. Remember that on and after February 1st, the additional amount will be added to your indebtedness.

Miss Sankey, the heiress and the adopted child of Samuel Sankey, late of Millinburg, an account of whose legal victory we published in our issue of January 1, is not so wealthy after all. In other words, "Es wore me ga-grish as well," for the Lewisburg Chronicle says that when she comes to inventory her Millinburg property which was reported to be worth \$50,000 she will find it will fall short at least \$47,000.

The board of Commissioners will meet February 1st, to examine nomination papers for February election. All nominations should be made on or before the 1st of February.

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.

M. I. Potter last week moved his household effects to Bayard, W. Va., where he has secured the position of book-keeper for the Buffalo Lumber Co., at a salary of \$60 per month to begin with. Mr. Potter has been a resident of Snyder county all his life, and has established for himself a reputation of sobriety, honesty and uprightness that is of incalculable value, which, coupled with his intelligence and tact, eminently fits him for any calling in life. He leaves many friends in Middleburgh who join with the Post in wishing him abundant success.

Our old friend Col. James K. Davis, who has been president of the First National Bank of Selinsgrove ever since its organization, resigned on the 15th inst., and H. D. Schnure was elected in his stead. The editor has received many kind words of encouragement and even financial assistance from Mr. Davis, and there are few men who stand higher in our esteem than he. D. Schnure, Selinsgrove, Pa.

presidency of the bank, is a successful business man and a skilled financier, and the bank's business reputation and high financial standing will not be impaired by the change.

Prof. Gilday, who gave an exhibition of the wonders of Thomas A. Edison's phonograph in the U. B. Church week-before-last, is receiving a great deal of favorable comment on the excellence of his exhibition, and many are the regrets of those who failed to hear it. It is useless to comment on the wonders of the phonograph, and when in the hands of a skilled operator, as is Mr. Gilday, it ranks well and even surpasses all inventions of this 19th century. Should become back again, as we hope he will, our people will be better prepared to appreciate the excellence of his entertainments.

John W. Clarke's lecture in the Court House, Middleburgh, for the benefit of Washington Camp, 615 P. O. S. of A., entitled "Hits and Misses" was one of the richest literary treats the people in this county ever had. It hardly seems possible for an orator to keep an audience interested for two hours and ten minutes, but such was actually the case in this instance, and the people could have sat and listened for another hour without becoming tired. Mr. Clarke wears well, and it is a remarkable fact that every time the people hear him they like him better. The Camp didn't make much money but they reaped lots of glory for having given the best lecture in the Court House for ten years.

The department of public instruction at Harrisburg will ask the next Legislature to increase the minimum school term—which is now six months—to seven. We would not be guilty of encouraging retrenchment in the expenses of our public schools, but we do not believe that the people in general would encourage an increase in our school term. Six months in a year is about all the time the struggling farmer can spare his boys and girls from work, and we do not see the necessity of adding another month during which the teacher would necessarily have to content himself with an infant school of half a dozen pupils just to keep the thing a-going. No; rather raise the standard of teachers, and increase their salaries that they may teach the better while they are at it.

Johnny Get Your Gun.

Lightning-rod swindlers are about seeking whom they may devour—hence the above injunction. They have successfully operated on several parties in this and Northumberland counties, and one of the victims is our old friend and subscriber, Daniel Bieber, of near Dry Valley X Roads. He signed a contract to the effect that the company would place 85 feet of rods on the barn free of cost, the owner to pay 75 cents per foot for all extra rodding. As the building required only 87 feet, Mr. Bieber naturally thought he had a dead cinch on the company.

A proviso in the contract to the effect that the building required five points, and each point was to count 20 feet, escaped Mr. Bieber's notice and he signed it. This meant 100 feet extra rodding at 75 cents per foot, or \$75 for the job. But we understand the rods are not up yet, and we would advise Mr. Bieber to load his ten-bore with turkey shot, and make a pepper-box out of the seat of the first man's pants that mounts his barn roof, as did the lady in Point township, Northumberland county, whose experience we now proceed to chronicle from the Northumberland Press of Jan. 19:

Monday last a stranger drove up to a farm in Point township, not far from town, and calling the farmer from his work, asked him to allow him to put lightning rods on his barn, saying his barn was conspicuously located along the public road and he wanted to use it as an advertisement, and that the cost would be but little to the farmer—not more than \$7.00. The farmer said he did not need or want anything of the kind; but as usual the stranger persuaded

read that when the contract was fulfilled and the lightning rods put on, the farmer was to pay part and the balance in a note.

Next day along came two slick, gilded talkers, with a spanking team of bays hitched to a covered spring-wagon with the lightning rods ready to put them on. The good old farmer then protested that they should not be put on the barn, and the strangers informed him if he did not allow them to put them on, it would cost him \$230, and if he allowed them to put them on they would do it for \$100 and they wanted part cash and the balance on his note. The farmer's good, old wife then took a hand in the arrangement, and securing an axe declared she would brain the dirty scoundrels if they did not leave at once. They smelt mice and left. Women have rights, and they sometimes exercise them in the right way. They will not be bounced as easily as the gentlemen.

"Gone With A Handsomer Man."

A telegram from Lewisburg announces that on Thursday night of last week, Mark Halfpenny of that city, eloped with Mrs. Alvin Angstadt, the wife of a prominent tobacco dealer. The couple met at Watson-town and from there bought tickets for Cleveland, O. Mr. Halfpenny was connected with the woolen mills of Lewisburg and stood high in society. Mr. Angstadt took his wife's trunk to the depot and bade her good bye, believing that she intended visiting relatives at Bealesburg. Halfpenny had often visited Angstadt's house and with the latter's wife the three passed the evenings playing cards—Angstadt never having the slightest suspicion that his wife was playing him false.

Some men want money, some office, some fame, some popularity, a few of them want religion, but the most of them want the earth.

The Centre Democrat and Keystone Gazette, both of Bellefonte, are always at swords' ends, and it is give and take in a manner that sometimes makes a fellow's head swim to read it. One would suppose that if the editors met they would swallow each other like boa-constrictors. Last week, after the fire, the Democrat came out on time and as bright as a new pin. Bro. Feidler of the Gazette had granted Bro. Kurtz of the Democrat the use of his presses to run out his issue. And the lion and the lamb lay down together. Truly, "one touch of nature makes the whole world kin."

Death of Michael Schoch—most A Centenarian.

Michael Schoch was born May 15, 1793, in Middlecreek township, this county, (then Northumberland) and died January 21, 1894, aged 91 years, 8 months and 6 days.

HISTORICAL.

The subject of this sketch was the son of Jacob, the son of Mathias Schoch, who with his two brothers, John and George, and two sisters shipped from Rotterdam early in the last century, and located at Tulpa-hocken, Pa. About 1760, Mathias came north and located in Middlecreek township, this county, where he obtained his first piece of land by trading one of his rifles to the Indians. He located his home above Smith-grove, in from the road above the burnt barn of Charles Keck, and just across the run where the old log foot still stands, which is a low log building, with a heavy plank floor of eight inches thickness and about seven feet from the ground, with two small openings on the second story, 8x12 inches, with only an entrance from the outside to the second story—the lower part being used as a spring house and the upper story for a place of refuge and defense against the attacks of the Indians.

The deceased having been born the latter part of the last century, was probably the only living Snyder countian who could remember anything about the Indians, and being possessed of a wonderfully retentive memory, he could most graphically describe the thrilling experiences of his early life with the Ab-

GENEALOGY.

The deceased married Rosana Klose, who bore him seven children, viz: Emanuel, Levi, Edward, Margaret, Angelina, Michael and Frederick. Michael K. and Angelina alone survive him. Emanuel married Susanna Kline, daughter of John and Margaret (Miller) Kline, and had three children, of whom two are living, viz: Hon. George Alfred and Amanda Diana. George Alfred married Alice D., daughter of John and Elizabeth (Rishel) Mensch. This union was blessed with one daughter who died in infancy.

Amanda Diana was married to Lewis E. Pawling, of Selins Grove, to which union there were born six children, viz: Albert Schoch, Samuel James, Emanuel Edgar, Susan Alice, Della Elizabeth and an infant unnamed at death. Of these children the eldest, Albert Schoch Pawling, is married to Annie R. Gundy, and to these was born one son, Harry Gundy Pawling, who is the only great-great-grand-child.

Levi was married to Catherine Yergler. He died without issue. Angelina was married to David A. Ruhl, to whom there were born two sons and one daughter, viz: Antes, Luther A. and Annie R.

Antes is married to Nellie Brown and they have two sons, Arthur and Robert. Luther is married to Maggie Graham. Annie is married to Baily Page. All of whom are of Rockford, Ill.

Michael K. was married to Sallie Bickel, a daughter of John Bickel, to them were born three sons and one daughter, of whom one son and one daughter are living, viz: Philip Melancton and Rosa A. Philip Melancton is married to Laura Burdick, of Buffalo, N. Y. Edward, Margaret and Frederick all of whom died young.

Michael Schoch in early life connected himself with the Lutheran church in which faith he died. He was a shrewd business man far-seeing, frugal, honest and industrious. These virtues resulted in the acquisition of considerable wealth, which, when it became burdensome for him to handle, he judiciously divided among his children. He lived to be almost a centenarian—an extreme age which only those are able to attain who are not only sober and vir-

tuous but temperate in all things. The funeral services were held in the Lutheran church yesterday forenoon, and his remains were laid to rest in the Middleburgh cemetery by the side of his aged companion who preceded him a few years ago.

Charles Frain and wife of Akron, O., were the guests of relatives in town this week.

We are one day late this week and then didn't get what we were after because we were foolish enough to have dealings with the Moss Engraving Co. of New York. Hereafter we shall steer clear of this Company.

A dispatch from Lewisburg to the Inquirer under date of Jan. 24, states that District Attorney of Snyder county had in hand a confession that will bring the murderer of Charles Hane to justice. We have been fooled so often by such promises that we place very little confidence in this kind of business.

LOWELL.

The rain and snow yesterday (Sunday) left the roads in a bad condition. James Krick of South Dakota, is visiting his many Snyder county friends. He had been absent for twelve years, and he thinks the hills much larger now than they were when he left, he is now comfortably fixed and would not trade farms with any man in Snyder county and move back. F. B. Zimmerman of Sunbury, has been looking up jobs in our city, for repairing clocks. Howell & Co., butchers of McClure, slaughtered an ox last week that dressed 800 pounds. The grip has taken the grip on some of our people which confines them to their homes.

Why I've had a few weeks ago... J. J. Stee expects to be a candidate for Justice of the Peace on the Democratic ticket this spring. Our weather prophets still want 26 snows for this winter. Mrs. Havise of Michigan, has been visiting with her uncle, Jacob Erb. Prof. Adams of Lewistown, has started a singing school at the Ridge church. U. No.

PORT TREVORTON.

The household goods belonging to Mother Rhodes, deceased, were disposed of at auction. The money accruing from the sale was utilized for the defrayment of the funeral expenditures. The Bonanza photo company has established a high reputation whose special features are speed and efficacy. One of its most meritorious productions, thus far, is a kodak facsimile of our own local Senator Peffer, with his whiskers off. He was sent for tobacco. After eyeing the free silver dime, and wishing it were his own, he reluctantly purchased a plug of "No Tax." He examined it carefully, found it oblong, squared it with a knife and accepted the cut-off as a duty demanded by his home protection conscience, while poor Philip never knew the difference. The work of rebuilding the saw and planing mills is rapidly progressing. The structure will be remodelled and raised with hydraulic power to a point five feet above the old foundation. Additional facilities for gaining power and speed will be employed, and a new bridge will span the canal from the mills to the lumber yards. BITTER SWEET.

MT. PLEASANT MILLS.

By all probabilities we will have another hotel in town, Mr. J. F. Boyer having made application to license the old and noted Hovies stand. Mr. J. A. Roush, sixteen years of age, has just completed a violin which he has made completely with his pocket-knife. The violin is equal in tone to many high priced instruments. Maurice Mengel, who had the misfortune of cutting a deep gash in his foot, is able to be out again with the aid of crutches. The teachers' district institute to be held at this place Feb. 2nd and 3rd promises to be an interesting affair. The speakers engaged for Friday evening, Feb. 2nd, are Prof. Herman, Prof. Walborn and Supt. Bowersox. Saturday, Feb. 3rd, will be devoted to the discussion of interesting topics by the teachers and others who are in sympathy with education. Nominations for the various township offices will be held on Saturday, Jan. 27, from 1 to 4 o'clock. The Democrats will meet at the Mt. Pleasant Mills hotel and the Republicans at the Fremont hotel. J. A. Snyder, editor of the

News Item, was in town on Friday and Saturday last. George Portzline, living near Meiserville, evidently the oldest citizen in Perry township, died at his residence on Jan. 19, aged 93 years. H. E. Gamby, of Pfoutz's Valley, paid his host of friends a visit over Sunday. THEODORE.

TROXELVILLE.

On Saturday, Jan. 27th, the Republicans of Adams township will hold their primary election to place in nomination candidates to be voted for on Feb. 20th. The Crawford county system will prevail in making the nominations. The polls will be open from 1 to 7 o'clock. On Thursday night, Elon Snook's smoke-house was robbed of its contents, viz: the meat of two hogs—every ounce of it being taken. This is rough on Mr. Snook as he is a poor man. Mr. Snook is a candidate for tax collector in this township and I hope the people will give him the nomination, and then elect him on the 20th. In this way he could be aided to a considerable extent, and no one would feel the burden. On Saturday, Harrison Breuninger had his left index-finger badly hurt by getting it in a stump machine. "Mule whacker" John A. reports that a young man by the name of Faust had his left hand sawed off on the big saw-mill at Fardee, one day last week. He is a very industrious young man, and was to be married in a few weeks. True to his custom, on Saturday evening "Old Pouch" distributed a lot of blank fish applications to some of his friends, which he received from Commissioner Ebel, of Harrisburg. Fifteen years ago this grizzled old fisherman, in company with a few others, commenced the stocking of our mountain streams with trout fry, which practice they have kept up ever since; each year planting from 15,000 to 40,000 fry. Let others follow this example. The fish cost you nothing; all you have to do is to order them, and when they are

them and place them in some suitable stream. Your money outlay won't amount to 10 cents, and one day's time is all you need devote to the whole business. Prof. Chas. W. Hermann was up here looking after his political fences, which he found in a well kept condition. Charley seemed to be well pleased with his tenants. CAT. JOE.

McCLURE.

Shooting matches are almost becoming a "chestnut." Such a winter our oldest residents declare they never witnessed. Barney Edwards of Ohio, is spending a few days among the scenes and friends of his boyhood days. Grandfather Henry Ulsb, who a few weeks ago passed the 81st milestone of his life, is able to be up again. Middleburgh & Ulsb, who succeeded Botdorf & Entler in the general store business, took charge of the business on Wednesday, January 17, and are now desirous of having all their friends give them a call. Solomon Wagner and wife are both sick. Harvey Smith seems very little improved in health. Prof. Adams organized a class in vocal music here, which meets Monday and Thursday evenings of every week. The Prof. seems to be an excellent musician himself and possesses in a large degree that faculty so necessary to every instructor of causing others to know. Let the friends of good singing in this community join the class. G. E. Entler, wife and daughter Helen left our place on Thursday for an extended visit to Williamsport, Lewisburg, Pottsville and other places. Mrs. Lambert of Shamokin spent Sunday with Isaac Dreese's family. The home of Abraham Middleburgh was the scene of a very pleasant affair on Monday evening. It was the event of the 79th anniversary of his birthday. All the children, nearly all the grand-children and few of his many friends gathered there till the house was literally packed. Some time was spent in hearing the old man relate reminiscences from his younger days which were closely connected with the early history of Snyder county, after which the door of the large parlor was thrown open and the friends invited to enter. Such a sight as met their gaze is not soon erased from one's vision. Tables fairly loaded down with roast turkey, roast chicken and almost any thing that was pleasing to the palate. The friends dispersed at a late hour, having spent a most agreeable time, and wishing their old friend many returns of this happy anniversary.

DIED.

Jan. 18th, at Freeburg, J. Wilson Jarret, aged 25 years and 9 days.