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ITEMS of LOCAL INTEREST

Editor Burns of the Williamstown Times spent Sunday in Middleburgh.

Adam Spangler of this town has been quite seriously ill during the last week or ten days.

Mrs. Caroline Miller, of Lewis-town, spent several days last week with her brother, 'Squire Gilbert, of this place.

The editor of the Post is in Harrisburg this week attending the annual business meeting of the State Editorial Association.

The little "difter" of snow on Tuesday morning brought out a few sleighs and the unfamiliar sound of sleigh bells was heard for a few hours.

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

Harry Swineford, formerly of Middleburgh, died at his home in Millinburg on Sunday night, Jan. 28, aged 74 years. His complaint was heart failure.

Elmer Eisenhower of Franklin township, aged about 25 years, died at Glen Union last week after only three days' illness of pneumonia. He was brought home for burial on Thursday.

FOR RENT OR SALE.—A good dwelling house and bank barn, with two lots, in the borough of Middleburgh. For particulars call on or address J. M. or GEORGE STEININGER, Middleburgh, Pa.

Mr. N. lectured before the

any evening, and made many suggestions which, if observed, would accomplish a great deal of good.

Charles Spittler, of Shamokin, a brother to Samuel Spittler, of Swineford, while painting a house at Klinsgrove, Pa., fell from a scaffold twelve feet high and broke both bones in the ankle of his right leg.

The protracted meeting in the U. B. Church closed on Tuesday evening. Rev. Wengert has been very successful in his services in this circuit, and his devotion and energy to the cause of Christ has won him many admirers.

\$50.00 PER WEEK EASILY EARNED.—We want a good man with reference to represent us and manage our business in Snyder county. Apply at once for terms. Liberal inducements. Best Company; Lowest Rates; Prompt Payment.

AETNA LIVE STOCK INS. CO., 31, 100 South 10th St., Phila., Pa.

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

- Andrew J. Weaver, Selinsgrove; Clyde E. Keller, Penn twp.; Clyde O. Smith, Beaver twp.; Katie A. Wetzel, Franklin; Ammon Klose, Beaver twp.; Sallie E. Reaich, Franklin

District Attorney H. E. Miller requests us to say for him that he is not in possession of a confession bearing on the Hane murder case, and knew nothing of the dispatch sent to the dailies from Lewisburg last week. From this we judge that Lewisburg has some penny-a-liner who is anxious to earn the price of a pack of stinking cigarettes in speculation on Snyder county news. Choke him off.

Some scientific fellow has figured out that within six months from the time it is threshed wheat will shrink six per cent, or two quarts to the bushel. If this be the case, 94 cents per bushel when it is threshed is as good as \$1 the next February or March. The shrinkage in corn is about ten per cent, so that 100 bushels in November will not measure more than 90 in February. Such being the case, 50 cents per bushel in November is as good as 45 in February or March. The shrinkage in potatoes is about 20 per cent.

Musical Convention.

The time set for the Middleburgh Musical Convention having drawn so near (Feb. 12th), I earnestly appeal to all who love music to assist me in making it a perfect success, either by their presence in the class or in the audience. These musical gatherings, without exception, result in good in many ways; they inspire participants with enthusiasm for musical improvement and educate the taste through the study of good music; they familiarize the public with grand choral effects and the works of the great masters, and lead to better voice culture, better choirs and heartier congregational singing. Every convention brings to the surface and inspires the development of some superior talent, which otherwise would remain dormant and unknown. The utility of these musical gatherings is so well established and acknowledged by our greatest musicians that everybody should encourage and patronize them, and by doing so add to the intelligence of the people and assist to raise the standard of music teaching and music appreciation.

P. BILLHARDT.

The Juniata Herald last week entered upon its fourteenth volume, and its editor, Bro. Allison, upon his sixty-second. The Herald stands at the head of independent journalism in Juniata county, and we wish our Scotch neighbor all the glory riches, and honor he deserves.

Hate be your heart. Irresistible Bill. Lang may your cluck shave the quill. To cheer you thro' the weary widdle of your weary cares. Till your hair's bairns kindly cuddle Your "gray hairs."

Any person who shall use or attempt to use in payment of postage, any cancelled postage stamps, whether the same have been used or not, &c., shall, on conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than six months nor more than one year, or by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 for each offense, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

Persons who are collecting cancelled postage stamps with the hope of receiving \$100 after they have secured one million of the stamps, should take their slate and pencil and sit down and figure a little. One million stamps means three hundred a day for ten years—Sunday included—with pay at the rate of ten dollars per year and to wait ten years for your pay. You can make more money peddling peanuts in a grave-yard.

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.

SHOOTING MATCH.—A shooting match will be held at my shop in Swineford on Saturday, Feb. 3, at 1 o'clock. There will be three prizes, viz: 1 lounge, 1 patent rocker and 1 boot-black chair, solid oak. No. 5 shot will be used at a distance of 35 yards, and a solid block with a 2-inch paper will be shot against. All marksmen are invited. Should the weather be inclement the match will take place on Monday following. S. B. SPITLER, Swineford.

Quite a surprise was created in the Orphans' Court of Cumberland county on Tuesday by the action of Judge Sadler in suspending the confirmation of the accounts of administrators, executors and of guardians, until the fees paid by the accountants to the Register of Wills are examined and itemized. In this instance the court has departed from the regular practice because of the serious charges lately made concerning the extortion practiced in those offices in that county.

Brutally Treated.

Last week's Centre county papers contained the following account of the shameful treatment of a 10-year-old boy in that county:

"Milton Harman, a blacksmith lived with his wife and four children, and his stepson, a lad aged about 10 years, just east of Axe Man. For a year past or longer, people living in that locality noticed the cruel treatment the stepson was receiving from the entire Harman family; but no one had the courage and fortitude to take any action to stop the cruelty until last week. Then, because of the disappearance of the child, and the neighbors thinking that all was not right, Mr. Watson Struble, a farmer living nearby, came to Bellefonte and, before the proper authorities, made information and complaint. A search warrant was issued by District Attorney Singer and on Friday a constable was sent to search for the boy. The search proved fruitless however, as no boy was found, the parents averring that he had been sent away to some relatives.

"The authorities, however, were not satisfied, and on Saturday the constable again went to the house and made a search and this time success crowned his efforts. The lad was found in a locked room, with his hands tied behind his back in a cruelly painful position, and almost dead, from torture, neglect and lack of food. The child was taken in charge and the whole family placed under arrest and brought to Bellefonte. They were taken before Justice of the Peace John B. Linn and given a hearing, although this

got a glimpse of the child."

"His limbs, ears, lips and fingers had pieces of flesh torn out, and his emaciated body was almost completely covered, with bruises, abrasions and half-healed wounds. One leg was found to be broken, the fracture having been made more than a year ago, and never having been reduced. This was all the evidence required to place the entire family under arrest, send them to jail, and there they now are awaiting their trial, which will be given this week."

The Lewistown Electric Light company has purchased the Lewistown gas works, the consideration being \$10,000.

"You love my daughter?" said the old man. "Love her?" he exclaimed passionately; "why, Sir, I would die for her. For one soft glance from those sweet eyes I would hurl myself from yonder cliff and perish, a bleeding, bruised mass, upon the rocks two hundred feet below." The old man shook his head. "I'm something of a liar myself," he said "and one is enough for a small family like mine.

On Sunday evening a week, Rev. T. Dewitt Talmage announced that he intended to resign the pastorate of the Brooklyn tabernacle on the first of April next, the twenty-fifth anniversary of his taking charge of the church. He finds the task of building the church for the third time too much for human endurance. There is a large debt on the present edifice, and the trustees, against the wishes of Dr. Talmage, charge ten cents admission to hear him. It is intimated that this had something to do with his resignation.

Wesley E. Stroup, of Monroe Twp. committed one of the common blunders of our day to replenish his stock in trade on the get-rich-quick plan by forging several notes on his father-in-law for over \$1600, and one for \$10 on the general agent of a machine company from which he had bought a traction engine. Stroup now languishes in the Snyder County jail awaiting his trial for forgery, at the next term of court which will be held in February. From general reports concerning the affair Stroup may be required to change his residence for several years.—Times.

Good Men For Township Offices.

The district nominations for the spring election have about all been made with the usual trouble to get the consent of the desired men to go on the ticket. This is the case every spring. Some refuse to allow their names to go on the ticket because the office to which they are to be elected is without emolument, and all the pay is the abuse they get for doing what they think is best—hence they are not much to blame. Moreover, they must not forget that these offices must be filled, and that the little offices which nobody wants are the very foundation stones upon which our civil government rests, and the greatest care should be exercised that they be properly filled. Another reason that good men some times hesitate about allowing their names to go on the ticket is to avoid the opportunity to their enemies to "knife" them, for every man, no matter how just and honorable he may be, has his enemies; and the better the man, the more vicious is often the element that opposes him—for the good man's virtues are most readily recognized through the whiskey-laden denunciations of the duffer. This is often why men of good standing are defeated, and the result of the spring election is not a criterion by which to measure a man's good standing in his community, because he could not maintain the qualities of a gentleman and retain the good will of the ward-heeler and pot-house politician.

Every man who accepts a little municipal office does so at a sacrifice to himself. Only two classes escape serious loss. The one is he whose

uprightness is beyond the flight of the arrows of the duffer; and the other is he who has no reputation to lose.

Wants \$20,000 Damages.

Isaac Raven, of York state, whose vocation is that of a lumber inspector, has used the Millheim and Coburn turnpike company for \$20,000 damages for a crushed leg, from an accident on that pike over a year ago. The case is down for trial at Bellefonte, for week of January 29.

The particulars in the case, as related to us, are as follows: While Mr. Raven and a friend were driving in a buggy from Coburn to Millheim, they met a lumber team on the road opposite Reed Alexander's, and in their endeavor to turn out, the buggy was upset by striking a large stone sticking up in the road, and Mr. Raven was thrown under the passing lumber wagon, the wheels of which crushed one of his legs below the knee. He has remained at Woodward since under surgical care. Our informant says the pike company has offered Mr. Raven \$10,000; as this pike is only two and a half miles in length, such damages would be a serious lesson for not having it in safe condition.—Centre Hall Reporter.

Mrs. D. K. Haas died of consumption at her home in Shamokin on Saturday. Mrs. Haas was an estimable lady and was well known here. Hon. Martin Bell, Blair county's new judge, made a ruling last week which commends itself to every one conversant with much of the business transacted in courts of Quarter Sessions, to the effect that hereafter at all courts of quarter sessions no minors under 16 years of age, either boys or girls, would be permitted except as witnesses and he directed the officers of the court to carry out that order. The wisdom of this ruling is obvious, in view of the effect certain evidence at these sessions would have on youthful minds. It would not be amiss if a similar ruling were made in this county—to hold good not only in our court of quarter sessions but at all trials so that the disgraceful terms of shameless witnesses might not fall on the ears of the youths of our town as was the case in our court house last week.

Mild Winters.

Mr David Krape, an old resident of Haines township, Centre county, writes the editor of the Bellefonte Daily News the following interesting letter concerning past mild winters:

"January 1819 was very mild and warm. On the 23d James Monks was executed in Bellefonte, and when our people crossed the mountains for their homes in Brush and Penns valleys, the toads were hopping around quite lively. It was a model summer day. The 16th, 17th and 18th days of November, 1837, were very cold and the following January was like a summer month. Since that time I have taken particular notice and it always proves correct, that if we get cold weather before the 21st of November we will have a very mild January. Everybody will remember the cold spell we had the beginning of last November, while in the fall of 1892 we had no cold weather until December, and a cold winter followed.

"In January 1840 there was mild weather. However, a six foot snow fell one day, but in three days and one night it was all gone and in February farmers began ploughing and making garden. I never saw a nicer January than we had in 1843. In April of that year the maple trees were ready for sprouting. During the Mexican war we had one January and February so warm that forest fires raged, and people thought the smoke was from a big battle in far off Mexico.

Hints To Correspondents.

Beating esoteric cogitations or articulating superficial sentiments and philosophical or psychological observations, beware of platitudinous ponderosity. Let your statements possess a clarified conciseness, compacted comprehensibility, coalescent consistency and a concentrated cogency. Eschew all conglomerations of flatulent garrulity, jejune babblement and asinine affectations. Let your extemporaneous descantings and unprepared expatiations have intelligibility and voracious vivacity without rhodomontade or thrashonical bombast; sedulously avoid all polysyllabic profundity, ystaceous vacuity, ventriloquial verbosity and grandiloquent vapidity; shun double entendres, prurient jocosity and puerile obscenity or profanity, whether obnoxious or apparent.

In other words, talk plainly, sensibly and truthfully.

TROXELVILLE.

On Thursday night, some unknown dogs killed four of Jeremiah Moyer's sheep and wounded three others. Daniel Aurand, who is some 80 years old, is down with dropsy. Thomas Swartz, another gentleman high up in the seventies, is very feeble at this writing. Frank Herman's friends up here are anxious to know what happened to him that he had a rib broken. Some think that a black bass kicked him in the ribs and fractured his "screw top" only. P. S. Ritter, of Shamokin Dam, is a stranger to most of our people up here, but still there are a few warm friends here who rejoice in him being taken in out of the cold. Scott can shoot a deer as easy as anybody with equal chances, and never lies when he makes a miss shot. Such a man can be trusted everywhere and under all circumstances. "Texas George" was reported to the Peace-makers of Middleburgh to be the toughest of all living toughs—a man-eater—and a regular dare-devil of a holy terror. This caused a warrant to be issued for his arrest, and placed in the hands of the proper officer of the borough, who came up here with fear and trembling like an aspen in an August breeze and inquired for G-Ge-Geo-George G-Ge-Getz. Mr. R. was shown Mr. Getz's residence to which he repaired and found that George's character was greatly overdrawn, and truly found him as docile as a lamb. George submitted, like the gentleman he is, and gave bail to appear at court. I will now predict that at the end of the suit Paul Ettinger, who is the complainant, will go to jail for failure to pay the costs of the suit. CAL. JOE

MONROE TOWNSHIP.

Changeable weather and muddy roads make travel very unpleasant, and if true, as it undoubtedly is, that our supervisors have leased the road leading from the Reading R. R. bridge to Selinsgrove to the Street Car Company—and the middle of the road at that,—travel will be more impeded yet, for then we can lug along on both sides of the gutters. The people of Monroe are bound to have some wrongs righted, and the candidates for legislature will have to promise to aid all in their power to repeal such laws as the dog tax bill and the road bill before they can expect any votes. The above laws are a nuisance to the farmer and laborer and should be repealed. The Monroe district institute convened at Teats' school house last Thursday evening with a full house and a great deal more noise than at App's school. After the usual exercises, viz: reading, essays, declamations, &c., the subject was discussed for and against erecting a graded school house in the centre of the township for the benefit of the whole township of Monroe. Franklin Jarrett and Howard Klingler, accompanied by their wives, were the guests of Michael Herman's, last Sunday. Mrs. Sholler paid his daughters, Mrs. Fertig and Mrs. Miller, of Northumberland, a visit, last Friday. Thomas Donley, of Shamokin, was the guest of his mother, Mrs. Franklin Jarrett, over Sunday. Franklin Sholler, John Walter, Daniel Hane and Irvin Woodling were the champion marksmen at Simon Hummel's, last Saturday.

BEAVERTOWN.

Friday evening, Jan. 20, Mrs. Mury, wife of Jacob O. Smith, died of cerebral inflammation. She was aged about 63 years. Her husband and five daughters, all married, survive her. Funeral Tuesday. Mrs. Ella (Kern) Hackenberry is confined to her room with rheumatism. Mrs. Arson Specht is suffering from dropsy. John Renrick has erected a feed mill a short distance south of his hydraulic cider press. A foot-bridge has been placed across Middlecreek near Isaac Wagner's about 2 miles north of town. Rev. Member of Central Penn's College, preached in the Evangelical church on Sunday forenoon. Mrs. J. G. Snyder and Mrs. A. J. Middleswarth visited Mrs. Alfred at the county-seat one day last week. WILD ROSES.

LOWELL.

The primary election on last Saturday was well attended and both parties formed a good ticket. It will be impossible for any one to be defeated. Henry Knepp and family of Bannerville, Sunday at T. F. Swineford. The snow this Monday morning reduces the number down to twenty-five still to come for this winter. So say the prophets. Harvey Smith of McClure, after a long spell of sickness died on last Saturday morning. Our veteran lime burner, Levi Treaster, can be seen on our streets early and late going to and from his hard work. The grip has left our town and all are in good health at this writing. Our hunters are all waiting for a few inches of snow so that they can hunt the short tail posson. U. No.

PORT TREVORTON.

County superintendent Prof. F. C. Bowersox, was present with us for a few hours last week. His liberal words of encouragement in school and exhortation in church have been much appreciated. Ar

BETTER SWEET.