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ITEMS of LOCAL INTEREST

rhode Island and Michigan are in the Union way up in "G." MEMBERS.—We intend selling Binder line lower than the lowest. HARLEY & BASHOAR.

The Directors of the Middleburgh Bank invite proposals for the erection of a New Bank building.

F. E. Bower, Esq. has moved his office from the old corner to the ja where he will hold forth until the new bank building is erected.

Mifflinburg people are again talking about erecting water works. It would no doubt be a good thing for that enterprising town. Middleburgh, take notice.

Sheriff Wilhelm has 125 rioters jailed at Conneville. Big mobs are on Mt. Braddock, Mt. Pleasant, I mont and Oliver Works. Six bodies of strikers reported found.

The "devil" on a Nevada daily wants to know why it is that a church has to have a spire sticking away in the clouds, while a beer saloon can do a bigger business in the back street basement.

SHINGLES! SHINGLES!! I have just received 100,000 No. 1, 2 and 3/4-inch White-pine Shingles. Call and see them before buying elsewhere.

Col. R. H. Thomas, of Mechanicsburg, is being urged to run for Congress on the Republican ticket.

There is not a liquor saloon in Greene county. There was only one application for hotel license, that of E. O. Ewing, and he has withdrawn his application. Temperance opposition was too much for him.

W. I. Garman is tearing down a part of his house and intends erecting a building with all the modern improvements for a store room.

Harry E. Bonsall, editor of the Tribune, has been appointed postmaster at Mifflintown. We congratulate our young friend upon his appointment.

A pair of gloves passes through nearly 200 hands from the moment the skin leaves the dresser's till the time when the gloves are purchased.

A deduction of ten cents on one dollar's worth of notions and fancy goods bought at Mrs. E. C. Aurand's fancy notion store. To continue two weeks only.

W. W. Trout, Editor of the Free Press, Lewistown was in Middleburgh on Thursday in the interest of the Ninth Internal Revenue District.

The Old Union Church of this place will be re-dedicated by the Reformed congregation on Sunday Apr. 22nd. The public is most cordially invited to be present.

Congressman Breckenridge of Kentucky, is the star actor in a kan-kan at Washington, but he can't kick high enough to free himself from Madeline Pollard.

A. C. Smith and nephew, J. Smith Reihl of Kramer, Pa., are in the city this week purchasing goods for Spring and Summer trade. Watch for the advertisement next week.

On Monday quite a destructive mountain fire was started in Perry county on the Blue mountains. Much valuable timber was destroyed before the flames were extinguished.

Conductor Andy Wolfkill, of the Lewistown Division, of the Pennsylvania railroad, has been in the employ of the company for forty-one years on the first day of April.

Two Spaniards with a large bear gave an exhibition in front of the Central Hotel last Thursday morning. Quite a large number of people were attracted by the performance.

A ten-pound cannon was shipped to Clarion to be used in firing a salute on the occasion of the dedication of the State Normal School at Clarion next Tuesday. Governor Pattison will be present. Adjutant General Greenland is getting things in shape.

Quite a number of our people attended Elmer Roush's funeral at Fremont. Rev. Schnable based his remarks on the following passage: "Boast not of to-day for ye know not what the morrow may bring forth." His discourse was adapted to the occasion.

The executors of the estate of Johnathan Gembering, deceased, have sold the two farms at Clifford, consisting of 186 acres—William A. Fisher purchased the mansion tract, 93 acres, at \$8,010; and John K. Moyer, of Freeburg, the remaining 93 acres and improvements for \$4,250.

The Freeburg Courier, in Snyder County, has a ticket flying at the head of its editorial columns with Robinson for Lieutenant Governor and Isaac B. Brown for Secretary of Internal Affairs. The latter withdrew from the field a month ago, and the former at least has not been nominated yet.

Don't forget that the Ott's Sunday School north of Selingsgrove will render an excellent entertainment on the 14th of April 1894. The programme will consist of comic dialogues, orations, farces, and music, both vocal and instrumental. Do not forget the date, but give them a good turn-out.

Six new cases of small pox are reported from Lewisburg and one new case at Danville, making 7 at the former place and 14 at the latter place. This alarming increase of cases makes it a matter of necessity for every person to be vaccinated.

"MISTAKEN SOULS WHO DREAM OF BLISS."—The following marriage licenses have been granted since our last publication: C. D. Gable, Selingsgrove; Cora V. Moyer, Salem.

At the meeting of the Board of Public Buildings and Property, the design submitted by E. F. Carr, of Quincy, Mass., for the Penn monument to be erected at Canoe Place, Indiana county, was accepted, provided that Mr. Carr will allow other firms beside his own to bid for the erection and work on the monument, which will cost entire \$1,500.

In reply to Bro. Allison's Mifflintown Herald, T. H. Harter has the following to say in the Gazette: Not at all Brother Bill. We left of our own volition and there was no political snag in Snyder county—for as you well know, Snyder county is a little farm well tilled and yields a rich Republican harvest every Fall, while Centre county is a big plantation overgrown with Democratic black-berry briars.

A number of prominent papers made the statement that General Beaver of Bellefonte intended to be a candidate for Congress in the 28th district consisting of Clarion, Forest, Elk, Clearfield and Centre Counties. General Beaver says: "I am not a candidate and would not accept the nomination if I know for certain I would be elected. The duties of my profession are enough to claim my attention."

Charles Hane, the man who is serving a six months sentence in the County Jail for larceny, is a mechanical genius. He is employing his spare time very profitably in making bracket work. The walls of his cell are literally covered with bracket work, while in the center of the room stands a piece of mechanism representing a three-story house with all the rooms supplied with furniture. The exterior of the house is very handsomely decorated and the entire product is an evidence of dexterity and skill.

Hookedness in the Perry County Bank.

No new facts have developed since our last issue that give any brighter outlook to the New Bloomfield bank wreck, but incidents come to light that tend to show that the last week during which the bank was open was used to the disadvantage of depositors.

The report that men were in the bank nearly all night following the Saturday on which the bank closed, and that they were seen on the corner near the bank at 4 o'clock Sunday morning seems to be well authenticated, and if correct gives presumptive evidence of crooked work of some kind.

The list of widows and orphans that have lost their all, grows larger and the infamous fraud that has been practiced upon this community shows out in stronger light.

The number of money packages that had been sent from this bank for several weeks has been so great as to attract the attention of the express messengers on the Middle Division of the Pennsylvania railroad and caused them to make remarks and wonder what was going to happen.

Newspapers in various parts of the State are expressing their astonishment that some steps have not already been taken to clear up the mystery by an arrest. Bloomfield Times.

The McClure letter arrived too late for this issue.

We regret that owing to the heavy snow the "cut" of Elmer Roush did not arrive in time for this issue.

Hattie Beaver will open a select school in the Middleburgh Primary room, May 7th. Pupils will all be received alike whether parents have been spoken to or not. Terms reasonable.

We are pleased to learn of the favorable comment on our County Poor House editorial in our last issue. Some uncertainty prevails as to how the expense of running the almshouse should be divided. This should be adjusted by the Overseers of the different districts in a joint convention. We suggest, however, that the expenses be divided among the districts in proportion to the number of paupers sent by each district, making due allowance also for the amount of help rendered.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Harter arrived in Bellefonte on Monday evening to take up their future residence. Their house hold goods will arrive in a few days and they will occupy the residence vacated by Editor Feidler and family, on High street. Mr. Charles Mensch, a nephew, who learned the art preservative with Mr. Harter, at Middleburgh, accompanied them and will assist in the Gazette office. Miss Renninger, of the same place came with them and will remain here for some time. Centre Democrat.

The old Bower house and shanty were sold on Saturday to James Smith. Consideration for House \$73, for shanty \$11.50. This is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, house in Middleburgh. A house was built in 1809 on the corner now occupied by W. W. Wittenmyer's store. That house stood 89 years. How long the Bower house stood no one knows accurately, but it stood more than a century, as it was built long before the other house mentioned above. The house was originally erected a mile west of town and long years ago moved to the site where it has been standing. On Monday morning Mr. Smith began removing this historic building. The large beams are of the best material, clearly showing that wood was plentiful at that time. No doubt this was quite a wilderness then.

The New Bank Building.

The new bank building will be a model of modern architecture and will serve as an imposing structure, not only to beautify and adorn the town, but also to serve the practical purposes for which it will be erected.

The plan was made by our townsman John F. Stettler, who deserves great credit for the unique design. On the second floor will be four offices with a consulting room attached to each, and a Hall 19 ft. by 37 ft., with an ante-room attached designed for a secret society room. The corridor on this floor will be provided with a light shaft from the roof.

On the first floor the entrance and vestibule will be at the corner. The banking office, vault, and Directors room will be along Railroad Street on the East side of the building. A store room and office designed for the Post Office, will be on the West side of the building. The letting for the structure will be held on the 25th of this month. Plans and specifications can be seen at the present business place of the Middleburgh bank.

The Sunday School convention notice will appear next week.

Governor Pattison has directed Dr. J. T. Rothrock, botanist member of the State Forestry Commission, to call a meeting of the presidents and secretaries of the various State Boards to discuss such points as they may have in common and to ascertain if they cannot be mutually helpful to each other as servants of the commonwealth. The State Boards of Health, Agriculture, Geology, Game and Fish, Forestry and the State Board of Forestry will be present at the meeting, which will be held in the Supreme Court chamber on the 17th inst.

The latest scheme to defraud the farmers is gotten up and worked in the following manner: Agents go around under the pretence of getting data for a county map. If a man does not subscribe for the map they ask him to sign a certificate which innocently purports to show that those who are mapping out the country have been on his farm and have the dimensions, etc., of it. This certificate turns out to be an order for the map at about ten times its worth. Trouble ensues if the map is not taken and the price paid, in which the "subscriber" gets the worst of it.

Our readers who saw the popular cantata "Queen Esther" rendered at Selingsgrove recently will be delighted to learn that one of equal merit and probably more interesting will be rendered in Lewistown on the evenings of Apr. 26th and 27th. The Cantata is entitled "Belshazzar" and will be given in the Opera House. Belshazzar is a dramatic cantata in three acts, based upon the great feast of the King of Babylon with its revelry and song, the capture of the ancient city and overthrow of Belshazzar by Cyrus, the King of Persia; and the splendor of the oriental monarch's kingdom is represented in magnificent costumes and elaborate scenic effects.

Director H. B. Moyer, of the Musical College, purchased the instruments of the Freeburg Silver Band at the sale on Thursday morning. This ends a musical organization that for many years had few equals in Central Pennsylvania. For the past few years it had been practically disorganized—the older members taking little or no part in keeping it up. The band in its palmy days was sought after wherever music was needed, and the excellence of its performance was always commended. While the solo parts were always excellent the harmony of its ensemble was admirable and the perfection attained is reached by few professional or amateur bands to-day. The old band has died the death, but the memories of sweet strains and the pleasing amusements it furnished our citizens will remain for years.—Courier.

Coupon Department.

The Post has just closed a contract with one of the largest publishing houses in New York to supply us with a series of Famous War Pictures. They make sixteen large Portfolios, 12x16 inches. Each of these Portfolios contains sixteen of these splendid scenes. This series of pictures is made up from "The Soldier in the Civil War," published at \$20.00, which probably has had the largest sale of any work of its class, which is indicative of its enormous popularity. They are from the celebrated Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper which can not be had at any price. These War pictures illustrate and supplement any History of the War, and they are the only War pictures which reproduce actual battles as they were seen by the artist on the spot.

No photographs of the War were ever made, and the modern photographic processes can only reproduce "still life." But these famous War Pictures present the actual battles in their exact surroundings, as is testified by thousands of eye witnesses. Coupon One will be issued next week.

Historical Information Wanted.

Ed. Post—Your readers are doubtless aware of the appointment, by the Governor, of a Commission to inquire into the location of forts, block-houses, etc., erected prior to 1783 as a defence against the Indians, and to collect such other information relative to the subject as shall enable the Commission to make a full report thereon, to the end that the sites may be permanently marked and the history preserved.

The district bounded on the North by 41st degree of latitude, which includes the Counties of Clearfield, Centre and Union on the north, East by the Susquehanna River, West by the Allegheny Mountains and South by the State line, has been assigned to me as a member of the commission to report upon; and in order to gain all the information possible in the premises, I have taken the liberty to apply for aid to you; and we trust there are among your readers those whose knowledge of the subject would be valuable, and whose interest might readily be enlisted in so good a cause.

I wish to learn the name and location, as near as can be obtained of any forts etc., as above described, in your neighborhood or elsewhere within the territory mentioned, that you have knowledge of, fixing the site by the warrantee name, the present owner of the lot and other landmarks, and also any facts in reference to the structure, their history, uses, destruction etc., that you may deem worthy of preservation.

Any assistance the readers of this paper may be able to give, will be very gratefully received.

Yours truly, Jay G. WEISER.

Other papers in the district will please copy. The district comprises the following list of Counties:—Adams, Bedford, Blair, Centre, Clearfield, Cumberland, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Mifflin, Perry, Snyder, Union and York.

Our readers will find it a source of benefit to the particular locality in which they reside to report any information they may have, because the Legislature proposes to mark all such places mentioned above which merit a mark or monument. A block-house stands near Kreamer in apparently a good state of preservation, but whether it was erected prior to 1783 remains a question. We believe that such a thing is possible since the Bower house has stood more than a hundred years and is in a fairly good condition yet. The older inhabitants are leaving this terrestrial realm and as so much of this information lives only by tradition, a special effort should be made to collect reliable data.

Jay G. Weiser started on Wednesday morning through the snow to hunt Indian Forts in Cumberland county.