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ITEMS of LOCAL INTEREST

Don't miss the "Engle Clock." Undated coupons will not be good for Jan. 29th 1895. Don't miss seeing the Bargain Counter Sale of Shoes at Schroyer's. M. L. Wagenseller of Selinsgrove is a visitor to the County Seat on Wednesday. Rev. Frederick Bower will preach at the Lutheran church next Sabbath morning and evening.

For RENT.—The west part of my house and lot in Franklin is for rent. S. B. WALTER. Many persons visited Kreamer last day to view the wreckage after the sled collision and fatality. Taxes must be paid to me before Monday, Feb. 23rd, 1895. C. H. Steininger, Collector.

Professor Shortlidge, confined in Norristown hospital, is improving and will soon be discharged. Account of the sad accident to Potter and others the Musical Convention will not be held at Selinsgrove. G. Gundrum of Adamsburg and brother, Charles, of Chicago, are visiting at Henry Biekhart's week.

Engle Clock Times tells all about it. Read the pamphlet as it interests you. No one can afford to see the work. Regret that owing to the Councilmen and the accident matter deal of important matter held out this week. Engle Clock will be on exhibition in the vacant store in New building 3 days commencing Monday Feb. 6th. Don't miss it.

Henrietta Smith, the new proprietor of the Central Hotel, and her guests were out sleigh riding on behind Graybill's ponies. Clean 2 and 4 oz. bottles. Dr. Hassinger, Middleburgh, Pa.

Interested in the Teachers' Contest? For every new cash subscriber you get for the year are entitled to 12 coupons. For SALE.—Brick of the best building and paving can be had at reasonable rates. CARBON SEEBOLD, Iron House, Middleburgh, Pa.

Desiring extra copies of the Post containing the account of the great collision can be had. They will however be sold in job lots. Valuable House and lot. Suitable for store or residence. Desirable location adjacent to Wm. P. Fetter, Kratzerville, Pa.

Indiana papers are warning of that State that the provisions of the memorial and the various penal and benevolent are useless and should be done away with. Caldwell, the National Banker, who is taking the National Bank of this place. Mr. Caldwell is well of the condition of the bank. He stated that the bank is safe and careful in examining the assets. It is just what we need from the careful superintending officers who are of our bank.

How the Vote Stands.

Table listing names and vote counts: L. C. Bachman, Franklin, 1004; C. W. Smith, Midb'g, 1002; Chas. K. Fisher, Penn., 664; Edwin Charles, Perry, 589; M. C. Harner, Franklin, 252; D. L. Gemberling, Penn., 44; A. S. Sechrist, Union, 35; J. J. Steely, W. Beaver, 14.

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SHINGLES! SHINGLES!! I have just received 100,000 No. 1, 2 and 3 24-inch White-pine Shingles. Call and see them before buying elsewhere.

Senator Hackenbush is chairman of the Library Committee and a member of the following: Compare Bills, Judicial apportionment, Judiciary General, Judiciary Local, New Counties and County Seats.

BARGAINS, BARGAINS.—500 Pairs of Shoes on our Bargain Counter. For sale way down in price. Call and see them, at M. S. SCHROYER'S, SELINSGROVE, PA.

The proceedings of the Snyder County Teachers' Institute held last December are ready for distribution. On Saturday they will be mailed to all who have paid for the same. The teachers who have not paid for their pamphlets, should do so at once.

An open grate has just been put in the director's room in the bank. It is a beautiful design and is most handsomely finished by the skilled workmanship of Aaron Crosgrove. The room is so invitingly finished it would be no wonder if the directors would meet all the time.

Editors, as a rule, are kind hearted and liberal. An exchange tells of a subscriber who died and left fourteen years, subscription unpaid. The editor of the paper appeared just as the undertaker was screwing down the coffin lid and put in a linen duster, a thermometer, a palm leaf fan and a receipt for making ice.

On Tuesday of this week it was fourteen years since the wreck occurred at Red Hill two miles East of town. A rail was broken and the engine got across but the passenger cars were badly wrecked. A great many persons were hurt. Among them were Samuel Bowen, Phillip Swineford, John Stahlnecker, Wm. Haus and others.

NOTICE.—Persons desiring to aid in the increase of edible fish in the waters of the State, can, by applying to The Pennsylvania Fish Protective Association, 1020 Arch Street, Philadelphia, obtain placards containing information as to close seasons of the different varieties of fish, and information pertaining to the same; also blank applications for procuring Trout fry, free, from Pennsylvania Fish Commissioners, will be supplied by the Association upon application.

- "MISTAKEN SOULS WHO DREAM OF BLISS."—The following marriage licenses have been granted since our last publication: Ammon Sprigle, West Perry; Amanda M. Reich, Juniata Co.; Henry E. Bill, Adams Twp.; Mary Jane Shawver, Adams Twp.; Geo. W. Whistler, Adams Twp.; Mary M. Weiland, Adams Twp.; Daniel M. Herbst, Wash'n Twp.; Caroline Heckman, Wash'n Twp.; David A. Herrold, Chapman; Mattie E. Stepp, Port Trevorton; Jacob A. Hummel, Kreamer; Rosa J. Field, Kreamer; Benjamin Hummel M'doreek Twp.; Lydia Vockely, Perry Twp.; Oliver H. Bowersox Franklin Twp.; Bertha M. Reareick, Jackson Twp.; Franklin Ewig, Beaver; Eva E. Musser, Penns Twp.; E. F. Herman, Penns Twp.; Joanna Ulrich, Penns Twp.; Joseph H. Snook, Middlecreek; Coretta M. Huffman, McClure.

HURLED INTO ETERNITY!

A Freight train Collides with a Sled Load of Selinsgrove people.

ISAAC D. ROMIG AND HIS SON CHARLES KILLED INSTANTLY. A. W. POTTER, ESQ., LOSES HIS RIGHT ARM, AND MOLLIE BURNS, A LEG ED. M. HUMMEL AND OTHERS ARE INJURED.

THERE ARE HOPES FOR THE AFFLICTED. DOUBLE FUNERAL OF THE ROMIGS. SELINSGROVE IN MOURNING.

The most terrible disaster that ever befell any Snyder county people was recorded last Friday morning at 3:40 o'clock at Kreamer station. A sleighing party of fifteen persons from Selinsgrove were returning from this place where they had spent the greater part of the night in social festivities. The sled was drawn by 4 mules driven by Chas. A. Romig and his father, Isaac D. Romig. While crossing the S. & L. Railroad at Kreamer, a full speed west-bound freight train struck the sled just behind the mules or near the drivers' seat. The tongue with the mules was on one side of the train while the sled and its occupants were on the other side, except that the drivers were right in front of the engine. Chas. Romig the driver, aged about 24, with his father, were killed outright. The son's skull was fractured and broken open so that it was necessary to remove the brain. The father's body showed no signs of physical injury but he died almost instantly. Death was probably due to heart failure caused by fright. R. Lloyd Shroyer and probably others jumped from the sled before the crash came. The train gave the sled a sudden jerk throwing some out while others in their desperate effort to get out and save their lives had thrown themselves into greater peril. The engines with their puffs and snorts had but passed and the long train was yet to follow. Here lay the wreckage, consisting of mangled, bleeding bodies of life-long friends while the shrieks of women and the cries of the most stout-hearted men were drowned by the thundering noise of the train. The lamentations were heart-rending in the extreme. Of all the torture, agony, misery, anguish, distress and grief suffered by this ill-fated party no human tongue can tell nor human heart conceive. Darkness prevailed. No one knew how many dead bodies would be found when the train had passed. Every moment seemed an hour and fate with its unchangeable course threatened death to all of them. The engineers exerted every available means to check the speed of the train, but it ran more than its full length before it could be stopped. As soon as possible one engine was dispatched to this place and one to Selinsgrove to summon medical aid. Drs. Hassinger and Mohn of this place and Drs. B. F. and F. J. Wagenseller of Selinsgrove were brought to the scene of the accident. During the interim the dead and injured were carried into Mr. Gordon's house which became a veritable hospital. The uninjured made every effort to save their friends and to relieve them from suffering.

Charles Romig, aged 24, who was killed was a christian young man. He was always industrious and sober and at the time of his sudden death was a consistent member of the Reformed Church and Sabbath School at Selinsgrove. Isaac D. Romig, aged 62, was a frugal and an active farmer. His wife, Mrs. Romig is a weak, nervous woman and it is still feared that the news of the death of her husband and son may be too much for her. There are four sons away from home,—two in North Carolina, one in Philadelphia and one in Williamsport.

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THE CAUSE.

On the east side of the road stands a new frame house built very near to the railroad so that it is impossible to see a train until one is almost on the track. No one on the sled heard any whistle until the engine was rushing through the sled. Whether the signal was given before no one has been able to ascertain positively. If the signal was given no one could hear it on account of the jingling of the bells and every body was wrapped up so that they could hear nothing.

THE CONDITION OF THE INJURED.

The injured persons are getting along as well as can be expected. The circulation has been started in Mr. Potter's left hand and he is able to move his fingers a little. This gives the hope that his hand can be saved and justifies his friends in the hope of saving his life. Miss Mollie Burns is resting well considering her injuries. Her arm had to be re-set. Ed. M. Hummel's face is considerably swollen and he had a very serious time of it on Saturday, but his case is not considered dangerous. He has a great deal of pain. His face and head are swollen and his eyes are closed on account of the swelling.

Mrs. Chas. P. Ulrich in addition to a cracked rib, has one rib broken near the spine. She is not able to raise her head from the pillow and suffers a great deal. Mrs. Eby is improving very rapidly. Dr. Hartman, who thought he was not injured, found that his lower limb was pierced. His leg is stiff but is mending rapidly. Annie Potter and Lottie Eby are on a fair way to recovery. Miss Eby's face bears two large spots and her eyes are pretty black. Many of the others who suffered no physical injury were prostrated from nervous excitement. Even some who were at the party but traveled in single conveyances, were weighed down with grief and excitement.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

We glean from members of the unfortunate party some notes which we append. Mrs. A. W. Smith and Carrie Hendricks remained on the sled while the train passed and were not injured.

Dr. Hartman and others were thrown quite a distance into the air. It is thought that those who sat on the left side of the sled after rising to jump off, were thrown between the sled and the train. The sled, being struck at the front end, was dragged about ten feet. Prof. R. Lloyd Schroyer sat right behind the drivers who were killed and his escape without a scratch is miraculous.

While the train was thundering past, A. W. Smith and R. Lloyd Schroyer were the only ones on their feet.

THE FUNERAL.

On Tuesday the funeral day for the Romigs opened with a drowsily falling snow. In fact the snow fell so slowly and mournfully that it seemed nature itself was weeping in unison with the sadness of the hour. The day became bright toward noon and people from all parts of the County poured into Selinsgrove. The Chief Burgess, G. C. Wagenseller, issued an edict that in consequence of the public calamity that had befallen the town, two citizens killed and many injured, all stores should be closed from 12 M. to 3 P. M. The mandate struck a popular chord and was universally obeyed. Owing to the false alarm, the Reformed Church was considered unsafe and the funeral services were held in the town hall.

Long before one o'clock the time set for the funeral large numbers of friends went to the house of mourning. The Odd Fellows, of which the son was a member, the G. A. R. to which the father belonged and the Hook and Ladder Company with which both were affiliated were all

lined two souls into eternity and brought affliction to hundreds of others.

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in line. After appropriate services at the house the large procession moved toward the Hall. Fully 2000 people were on the street at this time. More than half of them were turned away being unable to obtain a admission. Selinsgrove had some large funerals but this one was the largest in its history. Rev. W. A. Haas was the officiating clergyman. He was ably assisted by Revs. Yutz, Ockenford, Eckersley, and Schuabli. After the services the two bodies were laid side by side on the Union Cemetery. Of all sad funerals this was the saddest ever held in Selinsgrove. The funeral decorations were very extensive. Floral tributes were presented by each of the organizations and an especially beautiful design was presented by the Owl Club, the party whom they were heading. The sympathy of the entire community is with the bereaved family. The injured are receiving all the care that loving hands can do. This ends the saddest chapter in the history of our county.

How to Make Better Times.

Everybody would be pleased if the times were better, that is if business were booming, work were plenty and bills easy to collect. It can be done easily. The way to begin is for every one who has any cash to use it in paying his or her debts. Just as soon as business men are able to collect what is due them they will take heart and increase their purchases. This necessitates the payment by the producer or manufacturer. These in turn then carry their earnings back to the merchant, the grocer, the dealer, the milliner, and all others in trade. Even the printers get their share. You must see how important, then, it is to pay what you owe. The plan is easily carried out. No one can lose thereby. Try it, and if it don't prove what we promise never believe another word you see in the Sentinel.—Eastern Sentinel.

I have some men's boy's and children over coats which I will sell at 15 and 20 per cent. off marked price. The same discount will be allowed on boys' youths' and men's clothing. Now is the time to come if you need anything. I will dispose of all my goods cheap in order to save trouble and expense of moving goods. I will move next month to the First National Bank building. So come at once. R. GESSNER.

A bill of special interest to the labor interests has been introduced in the House by Mr. Ames, of Clearfield. It provides for a State Board of Arbitration and Mediation for the settlement of differences between employers and their employes and makes arbitration compulsory. The board is to be appointed by the Governor and is to consist of five members, two of whom are to be selected from bona fide and recognized labor organizations, two to be employers, or selected from some association representing employers of labor, and the fifth must represent neither and is to be chairman.

A copy of the annual catalogue of The Pennsylvania State College has been received, showing an attendance of 310 students in that growing institution for the present year. The faculty and instructors number 43. Courses of study are offered along technical lines in Agriculture, Biology, Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mining Engineering, and Physics and in General Science and Latin Science. The facilities and equipment for teaching studies embraced in these different courses and the preparation required for entrance, are fully shown in the catalogue. Being endowed by the National and State governments, tuition is offered free. Persons interested in examining the advantages of different colleges can obtain a copy of this catalogue by addressing the president, Dr. Geo. W. Atherton, State College, Penna.