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THREE SCHOLARSHIPS AT SUSQUEHANNA UNIVERSITY, SELINGROVE, WILL BE GIVEN AWAY FREE TO THE "POST" READERS.

WEEK'S RECORD.

The Mirror of Events Vividly Portrayed and fully Described—Graphic Accounts of Social, Business and Legal Circles.

The Avalanche of Floating Population Scored Here for the Benefit of Thousands of Readers Who Read These Columns Every Week.

We get 12c. for eggs at Dundore.

Full line of Ladies' Underwear at Weis' Selingsgrove.

A. C. Smith of Kreamer was in Middleburgh last Friday morning.

Large line of silks for ladies' waists at Weis' Selingsgrove.

Miss Dora Bickhart last week was the guest of friends at Red Bank.

Carpets are selling very cheap at Weis' Selingsgrove.

Mrs. Lillian Stetler visited Mrs. W. Smith at Selingsgrove last week.

Hon. G. Alfred Schoch has returned from a pleasure trip to Tiffin, Ohio.

Mrs. James Ayers visited her daughter Rose Ranck at Williamsport.

J. F. Stetler and wife were entertained Sunday by relatives at Kratzville.

By courtesy of Prof. Billhardt we are enjoying the fragrance of some pretty flowers.

J. Howard Ush and Frank Smith of Selingsgrove rode to the county seat last Friday.

Miss Edna Smith of Selingsgrove was the guest of Miss Lillian Stetler several days.

Hon. C. W. Herman and wife were at Kratzville for several days during the past week.

A bicycle party from Laurelton and vicinity passed through town early Sunday morning.

The worst blood diseases are cured with Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Its effects are felt at once.

Dr. D. G. Smith and Postmaster J. Bickel of Freeburg drove to town on Friday evening.

No other blood medicine so utilizes the results of scientific inquiry as Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

Dr. J. W. Orwig and wife enjoyed the hospitality of relatives at Mazepa from Saturday to Tuesday.

H. B. Smit is attending commencement at Lewisburg this week.

We are indebted to Wm. K. Miller, Esq., for the Historical Sketch of Hendricks' Block House, Keamer.

The Middleburgh Stars will cross bats with the Adamsburg nine on Saturday, June 27, 1896. Game called at 2 p. m.

Mrs. Helen Johnson, of Corry, Pa., will deliver a lecture at Salem at the open alliance meeting on the evening of June 27. All invited.

The Millersburg base ball team came up to Selingsgrove on Saturday and carried a defeat of 14 to 11 to come to drown their sorrow.

Dr. B. F. Wagenseiler of Selingsgrove was at the county seat between trains Friday afternoon and H. Schoch on Thursday afternoon.

Rev. D. E. McLain and wife, M. Potter and wife, A. E. Cooper and wife, A. F. Gilbert, A. R. Gilbert and Chas. Marks were commencement visitors at Selingsgrove last week.

Perhaps some people don't know at the courts. We decided that if person orders newspaper discontinued he must pay all arrears, or the publisher may continue to send it until payment is made, and collect the whole amount, whether the paper is taken from the office or not. We are printing and sending them.—Epworth Herald.

Thompson's glove fitting corsets for sale at Weis' Selingsgrove.

Mr. Hoffman, a hardware dealer and Mr. Schoch of Millinburg were in town on Tuesday.

SHINGLES FOR SALE.—F. H. Maurer, New Berlin, is making special offers on Shingles. See ad. in another column.

College students home to spend their vacation: Samuel Wittenmyer, Bucknell Academy; A. R. Gilbert and Chas. Marks, Susquehanna University.

New porches have been put up at the doors of the Lutheran church. New steps and a flag stone pavement will be other improvements soon to be completed.

W. H. Kerstetter of Meiserville sold his hotel to Charles Forry of Freeburg who will become the manager as soon as court convenes to transfer the license.

W. F. Walter of Akron, O., has sent us a copy of *The Cleveland Press*, giving an account of a large and enthusiastic crowd going from Akron to Canton to congratulate the next president.

Geo. R. Hendricks will shortly commence building a twenty-five foot addition to his store room. We are glad to see this evidence of prosperity on the part of the new firm.—*Selingsgrove Tribune*.

Don't place your order for a buggy until you see the Safety buggy manufactured by the Safety Buggy Co. of Lancaster. A sample buggy can be seen at my livery stable near the Washington House.

W. R. JONES, Agent.

W. H. Smith is remodeling the Central Hotel. The rear porch has been enclosed and will constitute an addition to the bar room. The office will also be enlarged and two doors have been put in on the side facing Sugar street.

Harry Bolender, Jacob Shelley, John R. Kreeger, H. C. Gutelius, Aaron Crossgrove, John Stahlnecker, W. P. Shelley, Clem. Spangler, Chas. Marks, Fred Rathfon and Clarence Graybill took in the base ball game on Saturday at Selingsgrove.

When you come to Selingsgrove on the Fourth of July call at Weis'. take a look at the large and varied stock he keeps. Dress goods of all kinds, Lawns, Dimities, Challies, Swisses, Zephyr Gingham, etc. Everything sold at the lowest possible prices.

A district Sunday-school association of the Middleburgh Sunday-schools was recently organized by electing G. C. Gutelius, President; J. A. Snyder, Vice President, W. F. Foesse, Secretary; C. W. Herman, Treasurer; Rev. Buddinger and J. W. Swartz, Executive Committee.

The various agricultural fairs of Pennsylvania will be held on the following dates: State Agricultural Society, at Johnstown, Sept. 7-15; Grangers' Inter-state exposition at Williams Grove, Aug. 24-29; Farmers' Encampment and Industrial Exposition, at Mt. Gretna, Aug. 17-21; Patrons of Husbandry Exposition, at Centre Hall, Sept. 14-19.

The Sunbury and Lewistown Rail road has sold \$500,000 first mortgage 4 per cent. forty-year gold bonds to Kuhn, Loeb & Co., of New York, at a price slightly in excess of 103 per cent. The bonds will probably be placed in London. The proceeds of the sale will be used to retire a like amount of 7 per cent. bonds maturing July 1, most of which are held by New England investors.

The Pennsylvania State Teachers' Association is to be held at Bloomsburg, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 14, 15 and 16. Governor Hastings will deliver an address, also Dr. Lincoln Hulley, of Bucknell. Some of the most prominent educators of the country will be present. An elaborate program has been arranged, a copy of which can be procured by addressing Prof. G. E. Wilbur, Bloomsburg.



HENDRICKS' FORT.
KREAMER, PA. ERECTED ABOUT 1781.

HENDRICKS' FORT.
Historical Sketch of a Block House that is More Than a Century Old.

Hendricks' blockhouse is located in Middlecreek township, Snyder county, Pennsylvania, on the south side of the public road leading from Selingsgrove to Lewistown, and is but a few rods west of the village of Kreamer. It is constructed of huge oaken logs, laid one upon another with the crevices filled in with clay or mortar, making a very solid structure. Although it has weathered time and storms for over a century it is still in a very good condition and would yet be an almost impregnable fortress against the ordinary attacks of firearms. Within the walls of the blockhouse, which is but twenty feet square, there is a fine spring of water and at the west side thereof a huge chimney of stone starts from the ground and reaches through the shingled roof. A clayey substance still sticks tenaciously to the outside of the chimney and is decorated by parallel lines drawn by some inventive individual before the mud covering became dry and hard. About six feet from the earth a floor of planks three inches thick was run across and upon this floor the settlers took refuge when attacked by the Indians. The settlers fired through loopholes about a foot square. Old residents state that it is yet within their recollection the fact of another building having been erected at no remote distance from the Fort Block House, where families lived; but they would all repair at nightfall or in cases of emergency to the Fortress.

Due north of where the Fort stands, is the place where the Stuck Massacre occurred in 1781, where three people lost their lives. This Massacre was quickly avenged by the citizens who followed the fleeing savages, overtaking them in the vicinity of the New York border where the Indian murderers were surprised at night about their campfire and dispatched, under the leadership of Messrs. Grove, Pence and Stroth, three experienced Indian fighters of that day.

Mr. Charles Keck owns the land whereon Fort Hendricks is erected. The Fort has variously been occupied as a springhouse, tobacco house, etc. Mr. Keck and other citizens think the State should mark the spot as a monument to the times and privations of the past.

The readers of *The Post* will recall that the Commissioner appointed by His Excellency Ex-Governor Pattison to prepare the history relating to the Cumberland Valley in Pennsylvania embracing sixteen counties of the Commonwealth, was Jay Gilfillan Weiser, Esquire of Middleburgh. Mr. Weiser is a lineal descendant of Conrad Weiser, the famous Indian Interpreter who rendered such eminent service a hundred years ago. We present here-with the meagre history of what is known as Fort Hendricks situated in Snyder county.

This Fort or Block House was erected by private enterprise and took the name of those more prominent in its erection. There is no doubt that the Hendrickses of this locality, now only represented by collateral offspring were of the same stock from which sprang Hon. Thomas A. Hendricks, the distinguished Indian statesman. Governor Hendricks' father emigrated from Pennsylvania and there were Hendrickses on the tax list, of that early day in Lancaster and other counties of Pennsylvania. There are also living today both in Snyder and Northumberland counties members of this pioneer family, while descendants are scattered over several of the western States, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Iowa.

Farmers' Alliance.

Snyder County Alliance will hold an open meeting on the following June 28th when the following programme will be rendered:—

Opening address—D. L. Gemberling.

Are the demands of the Alliance just?—M. K. Hassinger.

Recitation.

Music.

Way should young people join the Alliance?—Kantz sub.

Essay—Louisa Walter.

Recitation.

Resolved that we should have woman suffrage?—Jennie Oldt.

Remarks by County Lecturer—J. S. Hassinger.

Mrs. Helen Johnson, State lecturer, has been secured and will deliver a lecture, subject, of her own selection.

Everybody is cordially invited to come and hear her; do not miss what she has to say. Music furnished by Kantz Cornet Band.

COMMITTEE.

Great Reductions at Gunzberger's Clothing Store for this month only.

Wm. H. Reigle of Adamsburg, candidate for County Treasurer, was a Middleburgh visitor Tuesday.

The business place of Geo. H. Swain, a prominent clothier of Lewistown, was closed by the sheriff.

Lloyd Hare, a quite young boy at Selingsgrove, had one arm cut off in chips at Nipple's canning factory on Saturday.

Mrs. Dr. Sallade of New Ringgold, nee Mazie Dunkelberger and son, are being entertained at C. H. Dunkelberger's in Swineford.

There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Snyder County Sunday School Association held in Selingsgrove, June 30, at 9 p. m.

LOAN WANTED.—I will pay 6 per cent. annually for a loan of \$300 for a period of five years. Security given. J. F. SPECHT, Paxtonville, Pa.

C. H. Meredith of Philadelphia came to Middleburgh Tuesday evening and will succeed Frank Dawson as clerk in Spangler's Drug Store.

The Editor of the *Post* will leave next Monday for Philadelphia and Atlantic City where he will spend a week with the State Editorial Association on their annual excursion tour.

SOME RAMBLING THOUGHTS.

BY NEMO.
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(These "Thoughts" represent the utilization of the spare moments in the life of a busy layman. The aim is to lead in an optimistic way to a better understanding of life, its grandeur and its responsibilities.)

Most of us are apt to underestimate the power of the silent influences in the world. We exclaim with wonder at some engulfing landslides and overlook the fact that the sluggish Mississippi is carrying away vastly more solid material than all the landslides of a year put together. We marvel at the destructive force of lightning and of waves and give hardly a moment's thought to the immensely greater power of bioplast, the infinitesimal transparent speck of jelly that can compel the inert elements of nature into living forms. Elijah had to learn that the real power was in neither roaring flame nor howling tempest, but in the still, small voice and so must we, if we are to gain a proper estimate of things. The trumping may arise from the band-wagon till the Heavens split, and the speakers may lash themselves into a fury until the voice fails and mouth foams, but neither music nor mouthing have over a man's mind a fraction of the influence that dwells in the good clear argument of a printed page, appealing to him in the quietude of the evening hour. We too often associate bustle and noise with influence, whereas it may be entirely absent from both.

The members of an unobstructive class of the community, who make no great stir nor pose for the adulation of a few, whose work is the welfare of our nation is frequently left entirely unnoticed by the general public, have already or will soon quietly drop the duties of the school year and silently steal away to rest during the long vacation. Some of them will return to the place they filled, no more forever; and it is not only fitting but urgent that we should give these silent public servants and the work they do, more than a passing thought.

Whether you choose to regard teaching either as a trade, calling for just so much effort for so many dollars; or a profession, demanding years of preparation and mental enthusiasm as well, it is, in either case, a line of work particularly adapted to women because of their functional tenderness and yearning towards children, and because of the intuitional sympathy which belongs to them so much more decidedly than to men. Men are being crowded more and more out of the teaching field. In 1880—1 out of a total of 233,860 teachers only 123,511 were males, and in 1892-3 when the teaching force had increased to 383,010, the male teachers had decreased to 122,056. Teaching is an eminently respectable employment for women and the money reward attached to it is even better than that arising from clerical work, or tending counter. It also leaves the worker a number of hours of leisure, the work being usually condensed into seven, and Saturday is entirely free. So, are we not apt occasionally to think of the teacher as rather pleasantly situated, with an almost pre-empted field of work, a fair salary and some leisure? Then we have not looked fairly beneath the surface of this career.

Viewed as a profession teaching is the most unsatisfactory of them all. Its rewards, except to the inner sense of duty faithfully done, are too remote. Neither physician, nor lawyer, nor even minister, would be entirely content to wait a whole generation for results of his labors; and he would be a most emphatic protestant if he found that increased experience and ability did not carry with them decided increase of earning capacity. Yet for the teacher, though she has studiously prepared for years, there is nothing but howling in order that others may reap, and the tread-mill recurrence

of the self-same duties from year to year. She cannot travel with her charges, but after giving them her portion of the curriculum they are passed onward, only to leave her hands empty for more material, to be similarly molded and passed on.

Neither must we forget in considering the teacher that her duties verge upon the abnormal and that therefore the strain upon her is more than ordinary. The teacher exists because of the human tendency to delegate duties. We are by nature set into small families, the man being made to struggle for the food and the woman seeming most fitted to train the children and direct the household. The man is apt to delegate his religious headship to the Sunday school teacher and his good thinking to the minister at so much per thought, and the lady (Anglo Saxon: blaefdic loaf-giver) in our modern complicated civilization delegates her material duties to a teacher, her domestic duties to a servant. But no woman ever yet had the misfortune to look after 20 or 30 of her own children of nearly equal ages at one time. To her they have come gradually and the older ones soon are taught to look after the younger ones and thus ease the mother's burden. Teachers, however, are expected for a small, hardly a living, wage to calmly curb here, restrain there and control everywhere possibly as many as half a hundred restless little entities who are not her own nor even perpetually under her care and whose ways are sometimes of such an exasperating nature that two of them will serve to drive a mother nearly distracted.

If the teacher be a woman, the burden of her work is not only a burden that is made up of the knowledge that the only moral training some of her fidgetty little charges will receive, must be imparted by her, though quite foreign to the one duty she is paid for, then her condition is most pitiable. The painful realization is present with her, that the pure atmosphere of the few hours she has with the little ones, hours fragrant with the virtues of self-control concentration and duty-doing, is frequently counteracted by the vile fumes of wicked homes. She is aware that the too often morally spineless midgets that come under her care will receive no real preparation for life by a mere conquest of the three R's while the home is daily inculcating lessons of wrong, recklessness, and rudeness. And thus daily this reserved little lady going about among you many times without co-operation in the home, without appropriate recognition in the community, without hope of ever learning a tittle of the results of her work, patiently builds her efforts as a bulwark against the floods of ignorance and immortality that are constantly threatening our country.

In some future column will return to this subject.

Station D. New York.

A smooth, easy shave, genteel hair cut, or other tonsorial work, is always obtained at Soles' Barber Shop, in Wittenmyer's Building, opposite Post office. Go to Soles and you will make no mistake. Shaving soap, face cream, hair oil and egg-shampoo for sale. A. E. SOLES.

A first-class Farm for sale by the undersigned Executors of the Last Will and Testament of Simon Miller, dec'd, located at Oriental, Juniata Co., Pa., containing about 221 acres about 30 acres timber land and in a high state of cultivation and having thereon erected two dwelling houses one three story brick, slate roof, the other two story frame, slate roof and all other necessary outbuildings, good bank barn, manure and straw shed, good and plenty water at the house and barn. Any person desiring to see the farm can do so by calling on S. H. Miller who lives on the farm, and for price and condition of sale call on A. G. Hornberger at Aline, Snyder Co. Pa.

A. G. HORNBERGER,
SAM'L H. MILLER,
Executors.

6-18-96.