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### N PRATTLES.

Goers in the Town and Elsewhere.

Mr. E. and Penell Busy Local Events and Noting for the Post's Many Readers.

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### On Tuesday was Ground Hog day.

The Freeburg and Paxtonville letters are crowded out this week.

Mrs. A. G. Bashoar and Miss Rose Schoch visited Mrs. A. E. Cooper at Selinsgrove.

If you want a first class Piano, Organ or Sewing Machine, call on Frank S. Riegle, Middleburgh, Pa.

The contract for printing the Spring election ballots was awarded to the Post for \$41, being the lowest bid for the entire lot.

The State Capital building at Harrisburg was totally destroyed Tuesday afternoon. Loss \$1,000,000. Insurance \$400,000.

H. E. Walter has taken possession of the furniture rooms formerly occupied by Philip Swineford and has on hand a full line of kitchen furniture, suits, common and fancy rockers, chairs, stands, spring beds, etc. Come and see him before purchasing.

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.

Dir. —Elizabeth, wife of Amos Wittenmyer and daughter of George Hassinger was born near Middleburgh, Snyder county, Pa., Sept. 3rd, 1821 and died at Benton Ridge, Ohio, Jan. 9th, 1897. Mrs. Wittenmyer was well known in Middleburgh and her friends here will regret to learn of her death.

A bill is to be introduced into the Legislature prohibiting treating. This is done to prevent drunkenness and may go somewhat toward that end. If, however, a man desires to get drunk he will do it whether he is treated or not. He can always get the money and Dutch treats would be the order of the day.

WANTED —A good man, (having horse or bicycle preferred) as permanent superintendent for Snyder Co. to attend to our business, on salary. Must send along with application strong letters of recommendations as to honesty, energy and ability. First class man only. State occupation. Address, P. O. Box 243, Middleburgh, Pa.

They say that the taxpayers of Monroe township were assessed \$1,700 for road repairing, and also received \$400 from the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, and yet that township is \$200 in debt for road repairing in '96. Notwithstanding all this expense the roads are no better than they were in 1895. The taxpayers have a perfect right to kick. —Selinsgrove Times.

Henry Sampsell, the county chairman of the Republican standing committee, called at this office Saturday. He thinks that the understanding of "True Blue Republican" should be interpreted to mean a man who voted for McKinley. When the committee meets on Saturday every committee should know this and be required to exact the same requirements in each district.

Senator Hummel was appointed on the following committees: Agriculture, Canals and Island Navigation, Education, Forestry, and Law and Order making five in all. Representative Herman was placed on the appropriation committee, elections, ways and means committee and the Educational committee. Representative Focht, of Union county, is on seven committees: Appropriation, Banks, City Passenger Railways, Fish and Game, Manufacturers, Printing and Ways and Means.

MARRIED.

Jan. 23, in Middleburgh, by Rev. D. D. Buddinger, Elmer E. Bowersox of Winfield and Miss Lydia Pontius of Middlecreek township.

Jan. 24th, by Rev. Samuel Smith at Mazeppa, John C. Bailey of Monroe township and Mary C. Stahl of Union county.

Jan. 24th, by Rev. W. H. Hilbish of McClure, John A. Herman and Alice J. Fetterolf, both of Adams township.

### RESISTED ARREST.

Bold Outlaws Defy Peaceable Citizens.

John Ettinger and Son, Sherman in Company with Others Break into Houses, and Make Threats of Fire and Death.

For the past month the citizens of Adams and surrounding townships have been in a state of fear and trembling on account of all manner of theft, threats and other undesirable surroundings. Last Tuesday evening John Ettinger and his seventeen year old son, Sherman, broke into the house of Daniel Reigle by smashing in the panels of the door.

The marauders threatened to kill the occupants and burn the house. Mr. Reigle swore out a warrant for the arrest of these two and the same was placed into the hands of F. H. Stein to be served. Constable Stein with four assistants attempted to arrest the men but every attempt failed because Ettinger and his son were armed with two or three revolvers each.

The robbers held the officers at bay by pointing revolvers in each hand toward the officers of the law. Constable Stein not feeling sure that the law would clear him in case he should shoot retreated and came to Middleburgh to get assurance that he would be doing the proper thing if he brought the offenders dead or alive. Since then the offenders have escaped and it is said went to Centre county.

John Ettinger has an unenviable record in the courts of the state. He has been in the penitentiary several times and not long ago was in jail in Williamsport. He is a brother to Emanuel Ettinger who committed suicide in the jail here while serving a sentence for complicity in the Kintzler murder. Sherman, the son of John Ettinger, is only 17 years old, but he is as desperate as his father. They should both be in the penitentiary.

COURT HOUSE GLEANINGS

Deeds Entered for Record.

Sarah A. Klose and Reub. Klose to Adam Smith, lot No. 17 in the village of Adamsburg for \$125.

Adam Smith and wife to Wm. J. Klose, lot No. 17 in Adamsburg for \$700.

Adam Specht's heirs to Wm. Klose, lot in Adamsburg, containing 4573.8 feet, \$107.

Sarah A. Klose to Wm. J. Klose, lot No. 16 in Adamsburg for \$100.

Peter Goss and Adam Wagner, executors of Peter Goss, Sr., to Rebecca Barth, 16 acres in West Beaver Twp., for \$620.

J. B. Hall to Lydia Swartz, 15 acres in Chapman Twp., for \$1.

Letters Granted.

Letters of administration de bonis non in the estate of Geo. K. Bower, late of Franklin Twp., dec'd, were granted last Thursday to F. E. Bower, Esq., of this place.

Marriage Licenses.

"HEARTS FLUTTERING WITH DELUSIONS." —The following marriage licenses have been granted since our last publication:

Edward Arnold, Hoffer, Meiserville.

Annie Brown, Beaver Twp.,

John D. Kern, "

Sarah J. Houser, "

Rev. J. C. Cooper of Allentown is the guest of Rev. S. E. Ochsenford at Selinsgrove. Rev. Cooper is interested in Jubilee fund of the board of the Ministerium of the Lutheran church. The proposed shall be \$150,000 to be raised until 1898 the 100th anniversary of the church. The fund shall be devoted to Muhlenburg College and Mt. Airy Seminary. Revs. Wetzler and Pfeuger of Elizabethtown met with Rev. Ochsenford constituting the committee of the Danville conference on Monday. Rev. Cooper belongs to the Central conference.

### LEGISLATIVE MILL.

Representative Herman Explains The Hamilton Good Roads Bill and Other Measures.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 29, 1897. EDITOR POST:

The week has been uneventful. Speaker Boyer said on Monday evening that he would not be ready to announce the committees before Wednesday. The machinery is very incomplete without the committees and as a consequence little was done before these were given out.

The bills have already begun to come and by the time rules will cut them off at least a thousand will have been read in place.

These bills will cover a wide range of subjects. Here comes Hon. Seyfert of Lancaster county who wants to knock out foot ball. I take it that the long haired college youth will continue to rush the lines during many a season to come.

Why the fellow that can't converse with Herodotus and Tacitus, that shies off when Calculus and Moral Philosophy are on the list can grow his hair and become a renowned member of a foot ball team.

To Amend the Ballot Law.

A bill to amend the Baker ballot law provides that the candidates' names shall be printed in groups under the title of the office they are running for, with the party appellation alongside. If candidates receive more than one nomination his name can appear only once. The voter is required to place a cross opposite the name of each candidate he desires to vote for, except presidential electors.

Another change from the present law makes a voter swear that he needs assistance in preparing his ballot instead of merely asking for it.

The Theatre Hat Attacked.

The theatre goers, especially the female portion, may be obliged to give some tangible reasons why the barndoor hats should not be left at home while in attendance at the opera. Some western member, where unusually large hats may be worn, has introduced a bill making it unlawful for any owner or manager of a theatre or opera house to permit any person to wear during the performance any hat or bonnet which will obstruct the view of others. Violators shall not escape without the payment of a five dollar fine.

Hamilton's Good Roads Bill.

There have been already a number of bills introduced providing for a change in our road-making system. Believing that the people of the county are specially interested in any legislation that directly affects them I desire to give the most important features of the bill prepared by Prof. John Hamilton, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture. I shall be glad to receive the opinion of any citizen or citizens of the county in reference to road legislation or for that matter on any subject before the legislature. The bill among other things provides that after 1898 there shall be elected in every township three road supervisors, one to serve one year and one to serve two years, and the other to serve three years, and at each township election thereafter one person shall be elected to serve three years.

The object of this scheme is to have a continuous board only one new member coming in each year. A plan formulated could not be changed by the result of every spring election.

The road supervisors of each township shall meet at the place where the auditors of each township meet, on the 1st Monday of March, 1898, and after being duly sworn shall organize a board. They shall have the authority to levy a road tax not to exceed ten mills on the dollar. Of each road tax levied, one-half shall be payable in money and the other half may be paid in work. The board of supervisors, shall immediately after their organization, divide their township into road districts of not more than twelve miles of road to each district, and they shall also employ a road master for each district whose duty it shall be to work upon the roads during at least seven months of each year, to see that the plans and specifications of the board are carried out, to oversee the men employed on roads, and to report to the board the time of each man working under him. Bonds may be required of road masters for the faithful performance of duties, and they are all times subject to removal by the board of road supervisors. Wages to be paid to road masters and laborers, and the number of hours constituting a day's work on roads and bridges shall be fixed by the board of supervisors. If it is deemed to be for the best interest of the taxpayers of the township, the boards of supervisors may let by contract to the lowest and best bidder, the making of new roads or repairing of roads or building township bridges. Notice of such lettings shall be given by advertisement in newspapers and by hand bills.

The board of supervisors shall have full power to purchase material, road machines, and tools as shall be in its judgment necessary for making and repairing roads. They may also join with the road supervisors of one or more of the other townships in their respective counties in the purchase of such road-making implements, as may be too expensive for a single township to purchase. The board shall appoint a treasurer who shall not be one of their number, whose duty it shall be to collect the road tax, and well and truly account for the same. He can pay out money only on the written orders of the board of supervisors. Any person desiring to work out the half part of his road tax may notify the road supervisor any time prior to the 15th day of April in each year, in which case the road master shall give him notice of the time and place for its performance. Failure to notify the road supervisors before the time named above, shall be regarded as a waiver of his right to work out such tax, and the whole amount shall be collected in money. The road supervisors shall receive \$1.50 for each meeting held and attended, and any person elected to such office and refusing to act is liable to a fine of fifty dollars. The board must annually submit to the auditors of a township a full and itemized statement of their account, which shall be audited in the same manner as other accounts of township officers are audited and settled. No road supervisor shall be intrusted directly or indirectly in any work done, purchase made, or contract relating to roads and bridges under penalty of a fine not exceeding \$5.00, six months imprisonment or both.

Penrose Resigns His Seat in the State Senate.

Sen. Penrose resigned his seat in the State Senate and his successor, who will be Is. W. Durham, will be elected at the regular election—Feb. 16th.

Senator-elect Penrose deemed it best to take this course although he was anxious to remain in the State Senate until the reform legislation was disposed of. His resignation at this time will save the city of Phila. \$7000 or \$8000 the amount necessary to pay for the expense of holding a special election.

Mr. Durham, who will succeed him, is the anti-combine leader, a royal good fellow and will make a model State Senator.

The State Revenue for the Next 2 Years.

The Chairman of the Appropriation Committee was in consultation with the State Treasurer and Auditor General in reference to ascertaining the amount of money available for the next two years. The amount appropriated at the last session was about \$23,000,000 but it appears that the revenues have been so reduced that the State's resources for the next two years may not be more than between sixteen or seventeen millions.

Some of the appropriations must be cut down but I am decidedly opposed to reduce the amount given to

### the public schools.

There will be an effort made, however, to cut off the \$500,000 given to aid in purchasing books and supplies at the time when the Free Text Book Bill became a law.

Notes.

John F. Boyer, of Fremont, who was recently elected a member of the State Board of Agriculture from this county, spent several days here last week attending the meeting of the S. B. of Agriculture. John is not only a scientific peach and berry grower, but he can also size up a political situation with the best of them. John will make an efficient member of the Board, and the farming interest of the county will be faithfully represented by him.

Charles Specht of Beavertown, the modest and exemplary son of ex-Sheriff Specht, took in the sights of Harrisburg last week. He ventured no opinion on the variously estimated decorations of the House, but thought that the cattle should be dehorned, all of which is in harmony with the modern ideas. We do not know whether Capt. Delaney will have them sawed off or not. If anything happens to them we will have to chronicle it.

Geo. W. Wagenseiler, the beardless editor of the Post, was here to look after legislation that concerns the printing fraternity. Of course the newspaper men are all interested in getting the bill modifying the libel law enacted. They don't seem to relish \$45,000 for slashing a man's good name. That was the amount the jury gave ex-Mayor Smith of Phila. in a libel suit against the Times of that city. C. W. H.

GLOBE MILLS.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter of Milflinburg were visiting Squire Meiser and family on Sunday.... Daniel Yoder, who is confined to the house for the last three months, is unable to move yet.... B. W. Yoder bought of Samuel Kratzer three tracts of land in Penn township. Consideration \$300.... Our teacher, Miss Flutie Walter, was obliged to discharge a few of her scholars.... Samuel Yoder and his better half left for Washington and Philadelphia.... W. L. Schroyer, who was working in Mt. Carmel for the last eight months has returned home to stay till Spring.... Curtin Bowersox will move his saw mill out of Yoder's tract to Union county. You No.

WEST BEAVER.

Every one seems to be pleased with the candidates, at our late primary election.... Our old veteran and citizen, Wm. Steely, was buried at the Lutheran church on last Saturday one week, beside his wife, that had only gone to her long home, a few days before.... Our candidates for overseer, Jacob Shilling, agrees if elected to furnish a turkey to every destitute family in his district once a week from the proceeds of his salary.... P. W. Treaster says he would much rather be killed at once, than be scared to death riding with T. F. Swineford on top of a load of manure going down hill.... Our veteran lime burner, E. Baker, has contracted to burn lime this winter for four or five different parties.... Different parties that signed the Penrose paper are asking favors but as far as heard from the result is "I know you not".... W. J. Koch is still confined to his house from his late attack of sickness.... Brother Merchant, why do you have to roll your barrel of coal oil to the stove before you are able to furnish your customer with a quart of oil? Why the cold snap of course.... For the first time I took a look at the editor of this valuable paper, last week, and I found him to be a good-hearted and obliging man but for his good looks, I don't want to be consulted.... Our ice cream merchants are about all fixed for the coming summer. Their ice houses are filled with first class ice.... The party held at Robert Goss' on last Saturday evening was a grand success. About twenty couple partook of the good things that Robert's better half had prepared for the occasion, it being the birthday of their youngest boy, Galen.