

THE TOWN NEWS.

andwiched with interesting items from Middle-creek Valley.

Irma Magee of Kreamer was down Saturday.

quire J. K. Hughes moved from to Freeburg.

Grand Army of the Republic 340,610 members.

E. Walter is building a house West Market street.

Spring and Summer Millinery at the Dunkelbergers.

Jesta Freyman was a visitor Kreamer on Saturday.

A. Kline of Troxville was a seat visitor on Monday.

Thompson spent several in Philadelphia last week.

prohibition state conventions held in Altoona June 11.

Wm. Dagle of Northumberland visited her parents recently.

Fred. Aund of Mifflinburg and Mrs. E. C. Aund last week.

man who saw the first robin looking for the first nest.

Maud Runkle is slowly recovering from a severe spell of pneumonia.

the young son of F. C. Bowler is seriously ill with typhoid pneumonia.

Libbie Dunkelberger on day went to Halifax and returned Sunday.

Hastings has re-appointed C. C. Shaeffer Supt. of Public Instruction.

Aund of Mifflinburg spent day in town the guest of Mrs. Aund.

Harter and family of Hartle spent Sunday and Monday with us at this place.

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

H. Custer left for Philadelphia Monday morning to buy in a new of Spring and Summer goods.

for borrowing this paper; subscribe for it yourself and receive the of your neighbor and the editor.

memorial day this year falls on day, in accordance with the law passed by the State legislature.

SALE.—A second-hand Columbia bicycle. Price will be satisfactory. Apply to SAM. WITTENMYER, Middleburgh, Pa.

ee and Effie Aund and Mameley, employees of the Adams-Herald, were callers at this of Sunday.

Hartman has been appointed user of Merchandise in the district. A good appointment. Mr. President.

nty Treasurer Reigle has moved Middleburgh and has located on Market street. We welcome him and his family.

Legislature will attend the tion of the Grant monument York city on the 27th. The ers will go in a body.

and Mrs. Shirey of McClure Yeager of Yeagertown, the of Mr. and Mrs. Brisbin, visited several days recently.

Presbytery of Huntingdon held its spring session in the minister church of Mifflintown, closing on Tuesday, the 13th.

Smith and family moved Duncannon to four miles West Middleburgh. His many friends welcome him back again.

Chas. Meiser is still buying calves for shipment. Highest cash prices are paid for them.

One of County Treasurer Reigle's children severely hurt her right arm in falling off a wagon.

A process has been discovered by which milk can be hardened to form buttons and billiard balls.

Mrs. E. C. Aund is in Philadelphia this week buying a full line of notions and millinery goods.

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

Mrs. John Hassinger moved her household on Tuesday where she will reside with her son Dr. Hassinger.

Rev. I. P. Neff of Milroy was called here last week to assist at the funeral rites of the late Jacob C. Hassinger.

Ladies visit Miss Libbie Dunkelberger's Millinery and see the latest spring and summer novelties and effects.

The trout season opens to-day and the lovers of this fish will be about the mountain streams trying to capture some of them.

The poles of Jupiter are flattened almost exactly like those of the earth. The phenomenon can be plainly seen with the telescope.

Oil Stoves for Summer cooking. Blue Flame. No black pans. Throws out no heat. All heat is concentrated for cooking. Call on W. E. Stahlnecker, Middleburgh.

Mrs. Wm. F. Dagle and son, after spending a week with Grandpa Beaver, returned to their home in Northumberland, accompanied by Mr. Dagle, who spent Sunday in the burg.

I have a breach loading double barrel shot gun, (12 gauge), and an Elgin Watch in silver case. I will trade the same on a second hand bicycle. Inquire of M. J. Courtney, Paxtonville, Pa.

Messrs. Stuck and Dennis of Mifflinburg paid attention to their best girls at this place on Thursday night of last week. What do you think of boys forgetting to take their cuffs along home with them on an occasion like this?

BUGGY AND HARNESS FOR SALE.—A new buggy (narrow track) used only two months, will be sold cheap. Also a new breast collar harness. Any one in need of the same can have one or both at a bargain. Inquire at this office.

The log cases between the West Branch Lumbermans' Exchange and the log catchers of 1894 were nearly all settled last week. The claims were paid this week. The exchange pays 50 cents per 1000 feet and advertising costs in one paper.

On Monday, April 26, 1897, I will begin a primary school in Middleburgh, which will extend over a period of 8 weeks. All are requested to send their children. Terms reasonable.

Lottie G. Crouse.

Mrs. E. C. Aund's Fancy Store, Hats, Baby Caps, Tam O'Shanter's. Latest style of Capes, Dress Skirts the latest make, Wrappers, Silk Waists, Sun Bonnets, and all kinds of Notions. All come. Goods are sold at the lowest prices for cash only.

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.

The Republican county committee of York county did not deal as liberally with R. Hathaway Shindel, candidate for State Treasurer, as did Snyder county. The vote stood 102 for Duncannon and 34 against. York county is his home and Snyder his place of nativity.

Lewis Pawling and wife of Selinsgrove, visited relatives at this place Tuesday.

F. W. and C. E. Specht made a business trip to New Berlin Saturday of last week.

The 2nd Quarterly Conference of the U. B. church will be held in the church here on May 1st. Communion on Sunday evening May 2nd.

Miss Kate Bolender leaves to-day (Thursday) for a prolonged visit to Akron, Ohio, her former home. She has spent the past three years in Middleburgh and during that time has served the ladies of the town very efficiently as a dress-maker.

Last Wednesday night thieves broke into W. B. Winey's cellar and helped themselves to some eatables. The same night they also broke in at J. P. Hackenburgh's and made a similar raid. Some tools were stolen at Stetler's planing mill to use in gaining entrance to these places.

E. S. Stroup of Strouptown has retired from the mercantile business and has moved to Swineford. He intends building a new residence there. At present he lives in his stable, which, by the way, is fitted up as nicely as many houses. We welcome him and his family to our town.

Friday night last a party of tramps attempted to break into M. Miller's store at Kautz. They were about taking a panel out the door when something fell on the inside to floor causing sufficient noise to awake Mr. Miller, who threw open a window and thus frightened the miscreants away.

On last Wednesday evening, Conductor Pennypacker, Engineers Thomas and Stealy and Fireman Rothrock and Jordan hauled the largest train of cars from Selinsgrove to Lewistown Junction that has come over the division for some time past, there being more than eighty cars.—Lewistown Press.

The Kautz Sunday School has been organized for the summer. These officers were elected: Superintendent, W. A. Erdley; Assistant Superintendent, A. B. Shemery; Secretary, C. W. Dreese; Assistant Secretary, Robert Forrey; Librarian, Maggie Romig; Assistant Librarian, J. O. Holtzapple; Treasurer, Geo. Paige; Organists, Kate Aumiller and Sadie Romig.

On Tuesday night the C. E. Society of the Lutheran church gave a novel entertainment, called a Millinery Social. Each gentleman was presented with a bag containing hat, trimmings, needle and thimble. One half hour was given to do the trimming, and the gentleman who presented the most neatly trimmed hat was awarded first prize. William Swartz received first prize and Arthur Beaver the booby prize.

Editor Foelt in his letter to last week's Saturday News says: Attorney Charles Ulrich, one of Snyder County's brightest barristers, was here on legal business this week. He attended several committee meetings and heard profound arguments on questions ranging from the deepest propositions relating to jurisprudence to taxing a bicycle and putting a man to sleep under the Satanic power of a hypnotist. Mr. Ulrich left for Selinsgrove much impressed with the dignity of legislative ramifications. He met many friends who will be glad to see him often.

Transportation of Bicycles Free on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces that on and after April 7, 1897, bicycles will be checked by baggage agents and carried in the baggage cars of the company, when accompanied on the same train by the owners, free of cost, provided the passenger presenting a bicycle for carriage has no baggage; otherwise the bicycle will be charged for at regular rates.

This arrangement applies to all the lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad System east of Pittsburgh and Erie.

THE SALEM CHURCH

Prof. Geo. E. Fisher of Salem Gives Some Interesting Information Concerning This Historic Structure

The history of the Salem church, located at Salem, Snyder county, takes us back more than one hundred and thirty years, to a period when a dense forest covered most of our fertile valleys and when the Indian still claimed the possession of much of our land.

As early as April 4, 1766, a warrant was issued to have a certain tract of ninety-two acres surveyed by the state in trust of the Lutherans for church and school purposes, the application for the warrant having been made by a number of the early Lutheran settlers of these parts, among them Melehor Stock, whose family was cruelly massacred by a party of Indians in 1761.

The first congregation organized here in 1775 was composed of Lutherans because most of the early settlers in the lower end of the Middle-creek Valley were German Lutherans, having come from the lower counties of the state. The few German Reformed families living in this neighborhood helped the Lutherans to build a log church and school house, the exact date of which is not known. It is probable that the first school house was built very soon after the warrant was taken out and that it was used for preaching until the log church was built, which was somewhere about 1780. This was the first church built in this section of the state, being the first one built west of the Susquehanna river as far as is known.

The first regular pastor was Rev. Michael Enderline, who resided in Lykens Valley, but would occasionally come up here to preach to our forefathers. It was then that they could listen to the long discourses several hours because of the long intervals between services.

Although the warrant for the church and school land was taken out in trust of the Lutherans alone, yet the Reformed families who had settled here aided in the building of the first church and helped to keep up the congregation, so in 1802 the Lutherans agreed to give the Reformed an equal share and interest in the church land and after that two congregations worshiped together in the same church until the building became dilapidated and it was decided to build a new house of worship.

While the warrant for the land was taken out in 1766 the land was not paid for and the patent deed secured until Dec. 18, 1811. Thomas Mifflin was the Governor of our state. After securing full possession of the land the two congregations began to plan for the building of a church. It was thought expedient to sell off some of this tract of ninety-two acres and apply the proceeds toward defraying the cost of the new building. But before they could do this they had to get a permit from the state; accordingly such an act was presented and passed by the legislature and signed by Governor Simon Snyder March 20, 1812, "empowering the elders and trustees of the Lutheran and Calvinist congregations of Row's church, to sell and convey, in fee simple, not exceeding one half, of the land or tract, belonging to the congregations of Row's church aforesaid, on which land the church aforesaid now stands and to apply the money arising from the sale, in building a new church, or repair the old, in such manner, as the trustees and elders, for the time being, of both congregations, on a majority of them, may direct, as in and by said act, relation being thereunto had, will appear." By authority of this act the officers sold 51 acres, 29 perches for which they realized \$1695.33.

It was now discovered that a mistake had been made by the state surveyor in the original survey and accordingly part of the grave-yard was found to be on the land belonging to Samuel Hendricks. So a triangular piece of land containing two acres and twelve perches were secured from Hendricks and the new church was built on this addition.

Everything now seemed favorable to the erection of a new house of worship, the patent deed of the church property had been secured and given to "George Miller and Andrew Berger, trustees, in trust for the said Lutheran and Calvinist congregations, and their successors forever," land had been sold to the amount of more than half the cost of the new structure, but the war of 1812-14 now broke out and interfered with the project because many of the strong were obliged to shoulder the musket and hasten to the frontier in defense of our nation and in so doing were defending their own homes and their own church.

A building committee having been selected, composed of George Miller, Andrew Berger, George Gemberling and Jacob Schoch, work was begun in earnest in the spring of 1814. A "Kirchen" Ordung was now drawn up which was to be a guide in the performance of the various duties of the members of the different congregations, which was adopted at the corner-stone laying August 7th, 1814. This has ever since continued to be the rules and regulations of the two congregations. Article 1, gives the name, "This Salem church shall be and remain a German Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed church." The name Salem was given to the new, brick structure, the old log church was called Row's. The old constitution, as we may call it, needs revision as is seen in articles which have long since become obsolete. Article 2, reads, "That the members of the church councils shall be obligated to make provision for a German school master, and occasionally visit the same and endeavor to maintain the same in a good condition. The school master, who lives on the church property, shall serve the congregations of both religious parties, on Sundays, without compensation, for the use of it." The school management has long since been assumed by the state in providing for the public schools.

The present church has stood for eighty-one years. It was a substantial structure and received very little attention during all these years. It is 36 by 42 feet and seats about four hundred, yet on special occasions more than five hundred people could be accommodated. It contains three galleries on the east, south and west sides, with the pulpit on the north. The church must have been a grand structure in its time and was doubtless the pride of the whole community. While externally it presents a very modest appearance, yet on the interior are found some of the most delicate carvings, the pannels, pillars and pulpit have been grooved and finished with the best skill of the day.

In 1897 the Tri-Quarto Centennial of its erection was celebrated with appropriate services. At that time Prof. D. S. Boyer of Freeburg and Rev. Jacob F. Wampole, Lutheran pastor of the Freeburg charge, prepared a history of the Salem church in connection with that of the other churches in this charge, to which I am indebted for much of the information given above.

All who helped to build the dear old church have gone to their reward. She alone has outlived them all. Although presenting a worn appearance and having become dilapidated with age, and even pronounced unsafe for large crowds for several years, yet it seemed the people could hardly think of tearing down the old structure about which cluster so many hallowed memories and in which nearly three generations have received the spiritual bread from Heaven.

But the old church must go, it has well served its high purpose. The two congregations have resolved to build a new house of God on the site of the old building. The Lutherans and Reformed have worshiped together at this place in peace and harmony for more than a century, and it is to be hoped that the new union church of 1897 will be built in the same energetic and harmonious spirit which characterized the erection of the old log church of 1780 and the old brick church of 1816.

Easter Music Festival.

A chorus selected from the choirs of the Reformed and Lutheran churches of Freeburg, assisted by Messrs. Billhardt and Reigle of Middleburgh, and Prof. Keeley of Selinsgrove, will render the beautiful Easter Cantata, "Cross and Crown", on Sunday evening, April 18th, in St. Peter's church, Freeburg, Pa. The music by Miss E. S. Ashford is of a very high order in both an artistic and scholarly sense and a highly impressive service is assured. All are cordially invited. W. H. Grimm, Conductor; Rev. Spaw, Presiding Minister.

Sunday School Convention.

A local S. S. Convention of Middleburgh boro will be held in the United Evangelical church on Tuesday evening, April 20, at 7:30 p. m. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. H. Hertz.

Topics.—1st, How to create and sustain an interest in the Sabbath school. Opened by C. H. Dunkelberger.

2nd, Should parents attend Sunday school. Opened by J. A. Snyder.

3rd, The Sabbath School Teacher. Opened by G. C. Gutelius.

W. F. Fries, Sec., G. C. Gutelius, Pres.

KREAMER IS SLIGHTED.

EDITOR POST,

I noticed in your last week's issue the Charter notice for a Telephone line from Sunbury to Mifflin, known as the Penn Telephone Company. This is the most needful enterprise that could befall us. By the route, I understand, they expect to take is from Selinsgrove to Freeburg, then Middleburgh, and westward. Nothing mentioned of our enterprising village which we deem necessary to remind them of. I would here state that we are entitled to connections with this enterprising act. First, our village is entitled to a Phone connection for the reason of it being as enterprising a town as any of its size along the Sunbury and Lewistown Railroad. Second, we should be connected on account of not having any Telegraph office within five miles distance. Our village affords first-class hotel accommodations, two general stores doing a large business, planing mill and sash factory, good schools and church, and in fact, we are up to date, and I would here state that a Telephone line through our village would be of more direct interest than any enterprise that could be brought us. Not only our village but all along its lines, and further I would state, we do most heartily welcome our friends who are interested in the Penn Telephone Company to connect us with its lines. I am certain every intelligent citizen will take part in making it a success and I hope to hear before many weeks pass by that your columns will contain the good news of a Telephone line to be erected at once. Wishing success in these undertakings,

I remain respectfully yours,
A. C. SMITH, Kreamer, Pa.

COURT HOUSE CHIPS.

Beaver and wife Elias J. Beaver and wife to Noah Kline 12, acres in Monroe township, for \$300.

Sarah Stealy and John Stealy to John J. Nerhood, 42 acres in West Beaver township for \$805.

Phillip B. Moyer, Att'y for the heirs of Ephraim and Elizabeth Yerger to George and Philip Straub, 56 acres in Washington township for \$300.

John D. Bogar and wife to J. G. Snyder, lot in Port Trevorton containing 453 sq. ft., for \$30.

B. F. Dock and wife to Hettie L. Herrold 12 acres with Grist Mill in Washington township for \$3000.

Martin Hartman and wife to Mary E. Kuhns 15 acres in Centre township for \$433.53.

Mary A. Walter to Mary E. Kuhns 3 acres in Centre township for \$24.

J. P. Klingler and wife to Savilla Agnes Maurer, 44 acres in Jackson township, for \$1200.

Charles W. Decker and wife and Wm. S. Decker to Reuben P. Haines, 7500 sq. ft. in W. Beaver township for \$100.

Chas. Henry Coster and wife and Francis Lynde Stetson and wife to Reading company 1 tract in Lewisburg and 3 tracts at Port Trevorton for \$100.

Catherine Bower to E. S. Stroub, lot No. 65 in Swineford for \$250.

Ada V. Bolig, adm'r of J. H. Bolig, deceased to John Gilbert, 17 acres in Franklin township for \$610.

J. G. Hornberger, adm'r of Catherine Seaman, deceased to Joseph Meiser, for tract of land in W. Perry township containing 130 acres for \$1105.

Henry H. Sechrist and Franklin Bitner, executors of John H. Sechrist, dec'd to Reuben S. Aucker 200 acres of land in Union township for \$1780.

Harrison Stahl and wife to P. M. Shaffer, 3 acres, 24 perches in Union township for \$78.75.

Wills Probated.

The will of Matilda Faust, late of Perry township was probated on Tuesday of last week. John Hilbert is named as executor. The children are the heirs.

The will of the late Robert Smith of Franklin township was probated on Saturday. The widow is sole heir during her life. The property shall fall to Mary Ellen, Carrie A., William, Calvin, Jennie and Charles, children of the deceased share and share alike.

Marriage Licenses.

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

W. A. Lutz, Shippenburg.
Carrie V. Bachman, Middleburgh.
Wm. S. Snyder, Union township.
Bartha M. Portzline
Charles G. Coleman, Beavertown.
Katie M. Wetzel,
Wm. W. Long, Monroe twp.,
Emma Musselman, Penn