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THIS IS THE LEADER OF COUNTRY JOURNALISM, THE ADVOCATE OF THE RIGHT AND ENDEAVORS TO SERVE THE PEOPLE.

LOCAL INTEREST

Wagner of Bradford is several days at our county... Beaver is visiting at... Chas. Meiser has ice... Mifflinburg at this office Saturday... Highest cash prices... Walter of Kreamer... Port Treverton will... Mifflin county... Wittenmyer and Burns... Summer cooking... Call on W. E. Stahl... Allenwood, J. M. Ruth... G. H. Brown; New... Magee and wife of... Leonard of... Operator George... Samuel Wittenmyer... A pane of glass in... form the public that... 75cts. a set; buggy... 50cts. a set;... Middleburg, Pa.

E. G. Shaffer of Orient is the new postmaster at that place. Rev. J. M. Bearick of Center Hall was at our county seat last Wednesday. Miss Nora Greene of Lewistown was the guest of the Misses Wittenmyer last week. Why is a philanthropist like an old horse? Because he always steps at the sound of a woe. Herbert Bower and family of Cumberland, Md., and Edward Bower and family of Renova are visiting at the Bower homestead in Swinford. Arthur Roudabaugh died last week at Hartleton and on Saturday his remains were buried and the same day his application for the Hartleton postmastership was approved in Washington. The annual examination of teachers and applicants for school in the borough of Selinsgrove will be held in the High School Building Monday July 5th, 1897, by Supt. F. C. Bowersox of this place. Ex-President Cleveland has been made Doctor of Laws. He did not secure his diploma early enough to enable him to effect any brilliant course in national legislation. The house that is kept completely closed during the day is the one that will be the coolest at all times. Open the window after the sun sets, but not while the glare is on the pavement. It required just 5 hours to arrest, try, convict, and imprison an Ohio postmaster who was \$3.35 short in his accounts. The facilities for locking up the small thieves are unsurpassed. The Pennsylvania railroad authorities have rescinded the order relative to the selling of newspaper and cigars on trains stopping at stations so far as it applied to the Union news company. The school board completed their organization on Tuesday evening. G. C. Gutelius has been elected president, Dr. G. E. Hassinger secretary and W. I. Garman treasurer. A 3 mill school and a 3-mill building tax was laid. Lycoming county has three candidates for governor. Two are Republicans, Col. Coryell and Attorney-General McCormick; the third is a Democrat, Senator Cochran. Center still has a few fit for governor, and many who think they are fit. Why not put out some more, they can supply the timber for the next fifty years. There's Fortney, Judge Furst, Jack Spangler, Jack Dale, Hewes, Reeder, &c. In McClure's Magazine for July, Hamlin Garland will conclude his series of papers on the personal side of Grant's early life, with a paper showing Grant as he actually appeared in the full heat and burden of one of his greatest campaigns—the investment and capture of Vicksburg. Like the previous paper, this one will embody recollections of Grant by his close personal associates. D. G. Buck, of Kreamer, Snyder county, has taken the agency for the new book, entitled "Earth Girdled", by T. De Wit Talmage, and will call on each and every family in the county. The book should be read by all as it is a family necessity. He can also furnish you with all other valuable books, such as "Uncle Tom's Cabin", "Ten Nights in a Bar Room" and others. The Beech Creek railroad is to enter Altoona and a bee line between Pittsburg and Philadelphia is one of the probabilities of the future, with the Beech Creek as a part of the line. This would shorten the distance 54 miles and save almost two hours in the running time. The main purpose of the Beech Creek company's desire to enter Altoona is to tap the new coal field from which to receive increased freight traffic. The Beech Creek railroad is destined to become an important trunk line in the not very distant future.

Useful Information. In speaking of the Medical Society Meeting, The Phila. Ledger says: "Dr. Louis J. Lautenbach read a paper on a new method for the treatment of diseases of the ear by means of mechanical massage appliances for restoring to the ear structures their normal motions and at the same time to stimulate the nerve of hearing." He especially demonstrated its value in cases of perforation of the drumhead, in which he showed that the method had the further advantage of cleansing the ear more thoroughly than any other known means. Dr. Lautenbach showed a number of patients, among whom were several physicians, with whom the method had been followed by success et. al. in whom the perforations had healed and the hearing been restored. He called attention to a false teaching in a text book used in the public schools of Philadelphia and other cities. "Referring to the drumhead, it says: 'If once broken this delicate membrane cannot be repaired, and deafness results.' He claimed that perforations of the drumhead could be healed and the hearing be restored, and objected to such false teaching, not only because it was untrue, but that it had and would undoubtedly influence multitudes of people to neglect such cases on account of its supposed hopelessness. A committee was appointed to consider means of eradicating this false teaching and report the results of their work at the next session of the American Medical Association at Denver." Mrs. Art. E. Cooper and daughter of Selinsgrove spent Tuesday with Grandpa Ush. Get your pictures of P. M. Goettel, who will be on camp ground west of town Aug. 4-11. A. B. Evans of Thompsontown was a county seat visitor the early part of this week. Hon. G. A. Schoch and Mrs. E. E. Pawling attended the Saengerfest in Philadelphia last week. In accordance with the custom of the newspapers of Snyder county no paper will be issued from this office next week. Warren Fisher of Williamsport rode his wheel to Middleburg in five hours. He is the guest of his Grandpa Kreeger. Special train will leave Lewistown on the S. and L. Div. next Monday evening after the exercises and will run probably to Sunbury but at any rate to Middleburg. P. M. Goettel, the Sunbury photographer, who was in town last week, will attend the camp-meeting west of Middleburg August 4-11, and will be prepared to take photographs and all kinds of tin-types. The Globe Mills Sunday School will hold a festival on Saturday evening, July 10th. Refreshments, such as ice cream, cakes, etc., will be served. The Globe Mills Orchestra will furnish the music. All are invited. The few free traders left in the Democratic party are in a state of distress over the fact that one-third of the Southern vote in Congress has been cast for a high protection in the consideration of the tariff bill. It is another case in which "the blow almost killed father." The faith of the American people in the wisdom of President McKinley will not be lessened when his plans with reference to Cuba are made public. He is giving the subject close and earnest attention, and his action, when matured, will gratify citizens of the United States and friends of Cuba. The Republicans in the Senate are so anxious for the prompt passage of the tariff bill that they are omitting all discussion, and even allowing attacks of the Democrats upon the bill and upon party records to pass unanswered, in order to make as brief as possible the time occupied in the consideration of the bill.

Snyder County Camp Meeting. The Snyder County Camp Meeting Association of the United Evangelical church will hold their annual camp meeting in the Snyder county camp meeting Park, one and a half miles south-west of Middleburgh, August 4th to 11th, 1897. The Executive committee has put forth special efforts this year. The stones are being removed and the rough made smooth. A permanent auditorium and preachers' tent will be erected. The grove is being enlarged and made much more convenient. All persons wishing tents for the coming meeting should consult Rev. J. H. Hertz, pastor of the Middleburgh circuit. By writing any time not later than 10 days prior to the opening of camp. Boarding and lodging can be secured at the rate of \$3.00 a week by writing to Samuel Bowen, Middleburgh, Pa., not later than the 25th of July. By order of Committee. Bishop McCabe, of New York, on Dr. James' Headache Powders. "With regard to Dr. James' Headache Powders, I have no hesitation in commending them to sufferers from headache. They relieve the pain speedily, and I have never known anyone to be harmed by their use. I have been a great sufferer from headache in my life, but have almost gotten rid of it by the constant use of hot water and fruit and by doing without coffee. The Dr. James Headache Powders have, however, greatly relieved me at times and I never allow myself to be without them, and have recommended to others freely. C. C. McCABE." For sale by W. H. Spangler, Drugist Middleburgh, Pa. 6-17-9m. Big Time at Salem. There will be a big time at Salem next Saturday, July 3rd. Prof. F. C. Bowersox will be the principal orator. He will speak about 3 o'clock. There will be a balloon ascension preceding and following this address. A chicken and waffle supper will be served by the women of the church from five to seven. The church memorial quilt containing 511 names will be chanced off at eight. There will be fire-works and a festival in the evening. The proceeds are to go toward furnishing the new Sunday School room and church. COURT HOUSE CHIPS. Breeds Entered for Record. G. W. Marsh and Lydia his wife of Selinsgrove to Jacob Fisher of Union township, 3 acres adjoining the Jacob Fisher tract on road leading from Selinsgrove to Verdilla for \$100. Feter S. Burrel of Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, Quit Claim Deed to C. L. Kreamer Sunbury, 44 acres and 134 perches in Chapman township for \$1950. Chas L. Kreamer and Kate, his wife, to Margaret A. Burrel of Sunbury, Tract as above for \$2000. Marriage Licenses. "HEARTS FLUTTERING WITH DELUSIONS."—The following marriage licenses have been granted since our last publication: Fred C. Moyer, Meiserville; Ella Benson, Dimmsville; Chas. A. Hackenburg, Salem; Carrie Reinhard, Globe Mills; G. F. Holshue, Shamokin, Pa.; Annie Teats, Hummel's Wharf. Commissioners' Office. At the letting for constructing the water closet, J. F. Stetler was awarded the contract for \$230. Wm. C. Snyder purchased the coal house for \$1.70. The Equity case of the County Commissioners against the heirs of Amos Snook, bondaman of W. G. Smith tax collector of West Beaver township comes up for trial on Thursday, July 8th before Judge McClure. Depositions in the county line case will be taken at Selinsgrove on July 22-23rd. President McKinley is elevating the American flag in Hawaii about as promptly as Grover Cleveland pulled it down.

THE OIL REGIONS A VISIT TO BRADFORD AND SOME OBSERVATIONS OF THE OIL BUSINESS. The Hospitality of the Oil City, the Kinzua Bridge, Senator Emery's Generosity, the Board of Trade Banquet, a Visit to Rock City, Buffalo, Niagara Falls and the Details of a Week's Outing. The monotony of our editorial labors was broken last week by our determination to accompany the Pennsylvania Editorial Association on their annual excursion. Accompanied by Wm. P. Shelley, L. G. Stetler, Miss Libbie Dunkelberger and Mrs. Wagenseller, the Editor of the Post, boarded the regular train at Middleburgh on Tuesday morning of last week at 8:40. At Sunbury we met the special train run by the P. R. R. Co. Our party now numbered over 200 people. At Renova we took dinner and arrived at Johnsonburg at 4 o'clock. While here we met G. C. Smith, a former Middleburgh boy. At this joint our train was taken in charge by the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg Railroad Co. The Board of trade sent a reception committee from Bradford to Johnsonburg to meet our party. It was our good fortune on this train to meet Ex-Senator A. F. Bannon to whom we are indebted for many courtesies extended during our stay. On this road we passed Mt. Jewitt, 2400 feet above the level of the sea and one of the highest points in Pennsylvania. Oil derricks began to appear, which later on became a common occurrence. Eighteen miles south of Bradford we came to the famous Kinzua Viaduct over which is the bridge, which until five years ago was the highest bridge in the world. Now a bridge in South America has exceeded this one in height. We append a description of the Kinzua Bridge. This remarkable bridge, over Kinzua Creek, seventeen miles from Bradford, Pennsylvania, on the Erie Railroad, has a total length of 2,062 ft. from abutment to abutment, and the height of rail above the bed of the creek is 302 feet; it consists of one span 62 feet long, twenty spans 61 feet each, and twenty spans 38 ft. 6 inches each. The trusses, which extend the whole length, are 6 feet high and 10 feet apart, made similar to those of the elevated railroads, and are known as the lattice girder; the spread of the posts at the highest point is 104 1/2 feet, being about one-third of the height, which gives base and stability to the structure, and prevents any vibration or lateral motion. This magnificent structure is the highest railroad bridge in the world. It is 60 feet higher than Niagara suspension bridge; 170 feet higher than the great bridge across the Ohio at Cincinnati; 189 feet above High Bridge; 170 feet higher than the East River Bridge; 45 feet higher than Portage railroad bridge over the Genesee river; 17 ft. higher than the spire of Trinity Church; 24 feet higher than the summit of the famous Brooklyn bridge towers, and 82 feet higher than the Bunker Hill Monument. The bridge consumes 40,000,000 pounds of iron, and required 80,000 yards of masonry. The total cost of construction being \$500,000. Our train having passed over the bridge, a period of 15 minutes was given the excursionists to view the immense structure. The city of Bradford was reached by 6:10 and we were given rooms at the Bay State Hotel, which is the nearest looking hostelry in Bradford and for excellent meals and courteous treatment can not be excelled. According to program we went to the Exchange Lyceum to attend the Reception. Every visitor was required to register and as he did so was given a

beautiful souvenir badge bearing the engraving of an Oil Derrick and the inscription "Bradford, Pa., Pa. S. E. A., June 22-25, 1897." An informal reception was tendered from 6 to 11 and all were given an opportunity to become acquainted with each other. A number of addresses were then made. Mayor G. C. Fagnon, R. T. Wiley, Col. Lucius Rogers, Secretary R. H. Thomas, Hon. Louis Emery, Jr., Congressman C. W. Stone and P. C. Boyle. Every person at the reception was presented with a bouquet of beautiful roses, the compliments of Florest Sage at Rock City. The building in which the reception was held is known as the Oil Exchange and during the palmy days of the oil business transactions amounting to \$13,000,000 to \$14,000,000 a day were made in that building. Fortunes were won and lost in a day. Speculation around the bull ring equalled the "plunges" made in New York and Philadelphia exchanges. In June 1875 Bradford was a village of 140 inhabitants, but ten years later the number had increased to 12,000, now the population is over 17,000. All necessary municipal improvements have been made for the last 20 years and the city is practically out of debt. Bradford is located in McKean county—the county that produces more oil than any other county in the United States. There are 35,000 oil derricks in McKean county. These are a few of the many things we gleaned from the speeches. At midnight the reception closed. An Oil Well Shot. On Wednesday morning every body was interested in seeing an oil well shot and but few of us knew what to expect. Two special trains were provided by the Bradford, Bordell and Kinzua Narrow Gauge Railroad Co. to transport the passengers to Ormsby. When we reached this place we were told that the well was a short distance away from the depot. We walked quite a distance and were told it was still a little further. The sun was hot, but the road led through the woods and after traveling two miles we reached the coveted spot, a tired, exhausted party. The well was ready to be shot; it had been finished 10 days previous, but was held over for the editors to see. Large tin shells were filled with 180 quarts of nitro glycerine—the most powerful explosive in the world—and had been previously placed at the bottom of the well which was 2113 feet deep. Miss Estella Thomas of Mechanicsburg was given the honor of dropping the "go devil" as it is called. The "go devil" is a piece of heavy cast iron pointed at both ends which is made so for the purpose of exploding the charge. An instant after the iron missile left the young lady's hand, a muffled explosion was heard telling that it had done its work. There were a thousand feet of oil in the well. Hundreds of eyes were now gazing at the iron casing in the bottom of the derrick. We were told that in from 3 to 15 minutes the eruption of oil would begin its mad rush heavenward. In vain we waited 15 minutes, then 30 and when 45 or 50 minutes had expired and the gas could be heard bubbling through the oil in the well below it was considered very doubtful if the eruption would take place. The reception committee was beginning to feel as though they had to disappoint their many guests and the visitors were beginning to feel as if they could kick themselves all over McKean county for going out. It was then supposed that there was too much weight of oil for the explosion and gas to throw out. The engine was used to lower a large bailer, which, by the way, is constructed with a lid or valve like the upper bucket of a wooden pump. The bailer being lowered to the bottom of the well was brought up as rapidly as the engine could bring it forcing a great deal of oil out ahead of it. This agitated the oil and in a moment the oil began to rush out the opening, at first simply running over the sides,

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