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ITEMS of LOCAL INTEREST

We would deem it a favor if those having visiting friends would notify us by postal or by leaving a notice at this office.

Miss Maize of New Berlin is visiting at F. D. Reigle's.

The Williamstown Times has entered the 7th year of its existence.

Dr. J. C. Amig of Lewistown made a flying visit to Swineford last week.

It is easier for water to run uphill than for a selfish man to be happy.

N. A. Boves and family visited Mrs. B.'s parents at Selingsgrove on Sunday.

Prof. J. Hall App of Shippensburg was a Middleburgh visitor one day last week.

John Moyer and wife and James Fisher and wife were Sunday visitors at Fremont.

Blessed is the man who knows how little he knows of other people's business.

A Topeka woman advertises to trade her wheel for a baby carriage. *Topeka Capital.*

N. C. Gaugler of Selingsgrove married Miss Clara Hackman of Elizabethtown last week.

J. M. and G. H. Steining and families on Sunday visited Harvey Pontius' at Kreamer.

The woman who sews without a needle is not the one who does the sewing for the family.

CORD WOOD WANTED.—Fifty cords of cord wood is wanted by F. F. Fare, Middleburgh, Pa.

A good many of the Legislators who have notes to meet will have to make other arrangements.

Shoes are being closed out at and low cost. Maurer, New Berlin. Don't miss these bargains.

Calicoes, 3 to 5c., Clark's spool cotton, 4c. All kinds of bargains at H. Maurer's, New Berlin.

There is no question about the use and unlimited coinage of wheat and corn out West this year.

If you wish to feel how very poor and feeble language is, attempt to write a letter of condolence.

John P. Richter and wife of Selingsgrove on Sunday visited her daughter, Mrs. C. W. Herman.

The seashore excursion via Pennsylvania Railroad Thursday August 19th promises to be very popular.

Chas. P. Ulrich, Esq., the busy attorney of Selingsgrove, was brought to this office on business Monday.

Mrs. W. J. Wagenseller, daughter and son, John, of Selingsgrove are guests at the Editor's home last week.

The choir of the U. B. church of this place will hold a Lawn Festival Saturday evening, September 19th. All invited.

Miss Minnie Adams, one of Shadock's charming young ladies, was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Geo. M. Shindel, over Sunday.

The low rate offered by the Pennsylvania R. R. for an excursion to Seashore Thursday August 19th should be within the means of all wishing to visit these resorts.

At this late day Harrisburg comes forward with an offer of \$10,000 to bet to locate there. Why didn't Harrisburg send for Corbett while legislature was in session. That's what he was needed.

The Excursion Tickets to Ocean Grove (Asbury Park) for the Pennsylvania Railroad Special Excursion Wednesday 25th inst will permit of off at Philadelphia returning in the limit.

Thomas Garman, wife and daughter of York, Pa., and their son-in-law, and daughter of Renova, Pa., Wm. C. Garman of Griswold, Pa., were the guests of David and wife in Swineford a few days recently.

Fred. Rathfon is nursing a sore foot—the effect of tramping in a nail.

Albert Smith, Editor of the Elizabethtown Echo spent Sunday with relatives in town.

Fancy White Dress goods at 5 to 18 cents, reduced from 8 to 25c. at Maurer's, New Berlin.

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

All Lancaster Apron Gingham are now being sold at 5 cents at Maurer's, New Berlin.

Judgment—Exemption Notes, best form in use, always in stock at this office. We also have Exemption Notes constantly on hand.

Charles Frain, a prosperous business man of Akron, O., and wife are visiting his sisters, Mrs. J. M. Van Zandt and Mrs. P. Billhardt. Mr. Frain formerly was a resident of this place and his friends are glad to greet him.

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 10th annual Choir Convention to be held August 21st, promises to be instructive and interesting. As this is the day set apart for the improvement of church music in Snyder county, it is earnestly hoped the congregations will avail themselves of the opportunity.

WM. MOYER, Pres.

Hon. C. W. Herman has been elected Principal of the public schools of Wyoming, Pa. Mr. Herman is a graduate of Susquehanna University of Selingsgrove and also of Bucknell University and having served six years as county superintendent, is well qualified to fill the position with credit to himself and with satisfaction to his pupils.

Charles R. Jones, chairman of the Prohibition State Committee, has arranged to hold a series of seven meetings in Snyder County, commencing September 5, and ending with a county convention in Middleburgh, September 11. A full county ticket will be named. H. I. Romig, of Beaver Springs, has been elected county chairman.

Miss Irma Magee of Kreamer entertained a number of her cycle friends of this place last Friday evening. The party consisted of Misses Libbie Dunkelberger, Lillian Stetler, Mrs. J. C. Amig, Claude R. Smith, John R. Kreeger, Charles L. Marks and the Editor of the Post and wife. Refreshments, cards and dancing afforded ample entertainment for the party. Miss Foresman of Pottsgrove very ably assisted Miss Magee.

We have learned that the heirs of S. H. Yoder's estate at Globe Mills, this county, have concluded to wind up the estate and are offering their valuable Roller Mill property, warehouse and 35 acres of land with dwelling houses at private sale until Oct. 2nd, 1897, at which time if not sold it will be put up at public sale. We know of no more desirable property anywhere to be had by anybody who desires to make a safe and profitable investment.

On Tuesday evening Prof. and Mrs. Paul Billhardt gave a party to a few of their friends. The guests were: Charles Frain and wife of Akron, O., Claude R. Smith and wife of Carbondale, Pa., Geo. W. Wagenseller and wife, Mrs. T. B. McWilliams and Miss Lillian Stetler of this place. Mrs. Billhardt treated her guests with a palatable lunch consisting of ice cream, cakes, peaches, etc. The professor entertained the company with instrumental music. The affair was a happy event and the guests showered the host and hostess with their kind words of appreciation.

Cash or Produce.
Mt. Pleasant Mills, Pa., Aug. 3, '97. To my many patrons:—
From now on we will sell for Cash or Produce only. We can sell you cheaper for cash than on time. We are going to sell very cheap. Positively no trust.
Respy, A. F. SCHNEK, Merchant.
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COURT HOUSE CHIPS.
Deeds Entered for Record.
Henry Gordon and wife, Willis, Edward, Daniel, Mary and Annie Gordon to R. S. Meiser, their interest in a lot of real estate in Chapman township, for \$85.
Geo. A. Wise, et. al., by Wm. J. Boyer, Attorney, etc., to J. Jarrett, 45 acres in Washington township, for \$550.
Peter Mitterling and wife to Philip Mitterling, 85 acres in West Perry township, for \$3747.15.
Marriage Licenses.
"HEARTS FLUTTERING WITH DELUSIONS."—The following marriage licenses have been granted since our last publication:
T. E. Reitz, Spring Twp.,
Sarah J. Arbogast, Perry Twp.,
Chas. E. Dreese, Beavertown,
Verdie M. Freed, " "

Badly Stung by Hornets.
Last week, while Harry A. Bibighaus was on his way to Center county, driving through the 14 mile Narrows, he was attacked by a swarm of hornets which stung him so severely that he became unconscious. He had just arrived at Stover's Hotel, at the east end of Brush Valley. Mr. Reuben Stover being acquainted with Mr. B., he took care of him, lifting him out of his conveyance, and carrying him to the house, where he was laid upon a settee and efforts made to restore him to consciousness. Mr. Stover sent one of his sons to Loganton for a physician, Dr. Goodman responded to the call, who treated him. Mr. B.'s body was very much swollen and very acute rash broke out all over his person, which made him a very sick man. Dr. Goodman stated that it was a wonder that he had not died, as he was so susceptible to the poison of reptile or insect. It was several days before he had regained his usual health, so that he was able to again resume his business trip.—*Mifflinburg Telegraph.*

Departed This Life.
Simon Renninger, son of George and Elizabeth Renninger, died at his late residence in Washington Twp., near Freeburg, on Sunday last, aged 64 years and 1 day. Death resulted from dropsy of the heart, from which he suffered more or less for over five years, but more intensely for the last year, and especially the last few months of his life. He was the first of a family of nine children to depart this life. He was born July 30, 1833, in Centre Township, Union, now Snyder county, Pa., and was baptized August 7, 1833, by Rev. William German. After more mature years he was instructed in the doctrines of the Evangelical Lutheran church and admitted as a member of the same on the 11th day of September 1852 by Rev. J. P. Shindel. On September 9th, 1858, he joined himself in the holy bonds of wedlock with Abigail Banoy, both of Washington township, Snyder county, Pa. His wife preceded him in death 3 years, 5 months and 2 days. The union resulted in eight children—four girls and four boys. Two girls and one boy preceded their parents in death.
The deceased was a good citizen, respected by all who knew him, and we trust his loss to his family is eternal gain.
The funeral services were conducted by Rev. G. D. Druckenmiller. The obsequies were conducted by J. Howard Arbogast.—*Courier.*

W. H. Shelley, of McKees Half Falls was a Middleburgh visitor Monday.

THAT NEW YORK TRIP.

Meeting of Legislators to Devise Means of Payment to Be Held.
HARRISBURG, Pa., Aug. 16.—Senator Crouse has called a meeting of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs for Wednesday, August 25th, to devise ways and means to pay the expenses of the Legislature on the trip to the Grant monument ceremonies in New York. The Senate appropriated \$75,000. The House cut this in two, and the Governor vetoed the whole item. The caterer and others want their money. Jas. Russ, proprietor of the Commonwealth Hotel, was the caterer, and this is his bill:
Table supplies, \$1078.36; wines and liquors, \$3026.60; supper for the committee in Philadelphia, \$61; cigars furnished by John H. Riebel, member of the House from Philadelphia, \$450; hire of silver and china and breakage, \$187.53; service of waiters and employes, \$240; stoves, \$70; freight, \$8.37; building kitchen and incidentals, \$175; car fare of employes and waiters, \$207.50.
There is a credit of \$187 for liquors returned and \$32 for sale of stoves.—*Phila. Inquirer*, Aug. 17.
The above bill amounts to a little over \$5000. On page 3333 of the *Legislative Record* is recorded the vote of Snyder County's Representative in favor of an appropriation of \$5000 to pay the expenses of the Legislature to attend the unveiling of the Tomb of Gen. Grant in New York and the Washington Monument in Philadelphia. Read the items in the bill. It needs no argument.
If the Salem correspondent to the *Tribune* can show how a vote in the Legislature for such an appropriation has anything to do with the Middleburgh Post Office he can do more than anyone else. The Representative tried that, too. It was not satisfactory, so he gave it up. The Middleburgh correspondent to the *Courier* attempts to smother the truth and espouse the cause of one who himself had abandoned it.
Attribute to us any motive you choose, but you still fail to satisfy the taxpayers of Snyder county. But since the Representative has abandoned his own cause, will not some of his champions explain why he voted for the above bill for a big blow out in New York. The National Guard of Penna. and officers of the state went to New York at their own expense and as the members of the Legislature were there not in an official capacity the state was not liable. Will the Representative's champions tell us over their own signature why the state should pay a liquor bill of over \$3000 for the drunken sots of the Legislature?

Getting Ready For The Opening.
Extensive improvements and changes in buildings and grounds are being made at the Bloomsburgh Normal school, preparatory to the opening Tuesday, August 31st.
A specialist in biology and kindred sciences has been secured to provide for the increased number of graduates returning to take the advanced course.
Important changes in the program for the ensuing year, will greatly facilitate the work of students.
The music department will be under the direction of Miss Martir Besse, late a teacher in Ohio Wesleyan University Conservatory. The catalogue outlines courses in vocal and instrumental music, for which diplomas are granted.
The college preparatory course is attracting large numbers of students,—some from other States. College presidents say Bloomsburgh students rank high.
The persistent morning fly is better than a dozen alarm clocks.
Peter Rauch of Shadel, was seen on our streets one day last week.
Daniel Spitzer of New Berlin and Mrs. Chas. Spitzer and daughter, Annie, of Shamokin, were visitors in town Sunday.

JOE DISBERRY,

Selingsgrove, the Home of a Remarkable Thief in Revolutionary Times.

From Philadelphia Times, Aug. 13, 1897.
An old-time newspaper man, now a resident of Williamsport, and who conceals himself under the non descript name of "John Lancaster," in order "to keep my hand in," has forwarded for your information the facts concerning one of whom he says that "so far as I know, in the annals of Pennsylvania history, he was the most remarkable thief who figures in the official records of the Commonwealth." This is the tale he wishes you to hear, and it is all verified by official data:
About the close of the revolutionary war a notorious character named Joe Disberry lived about Selingsgrove and Sunbury, on the Susquehanna. Whence he came is unknown, but he is supposed to have been of Connecticut origin. He is reputed to have possessed of great physical strength and powers of endurance; could excel in running and jumping, and in thieving and lying had no equal along the river. He was of a humorous disposition also, and frequently indulged in amusing pranks while engaged in plying his avocation. It is related of him that on more than one occasion he was known to slyly enter the kitchen of a family when all were in bed, start up the fire and cook himself a meal and leisurely eat it. If discovered he relied on his swiftness of foot to escape. Finally his thefts became so numerous that the whole neighborhood arose against him, and he was arrested and confined in the rude jail at Sunbury. But as it was not very secure he escaped, and Sheriff Antes offered a reward for his apprehension. Joe took refuge on the "isle of Que," and concealed himself in a dense thicket. He might have eluded pursuit but for his fortunate love for perpetrating jokes. While lying in his place of concealment near the road, which crossed the island, Joe heard the footsteps of a horse, and slyly peeping from his covert discovered the Sheriff's wife approaching on horseback on her way to Selingsgrove. Quickly stepping into the road he pulled off his hat, made a polite bow, and as quickly disappeared in the bushes. The astonished lady, who knew him, hurried on to Selingsgrove and gave the alarm. A party headed by George Kreamer (afterwards a member of Congress) was hurriedly made up and went in pursuit of the refugee. He was captured and returned to the custody of Sheriff Antes at the jail in Sunbury. He was tried and convicted, and his sentence is one of the strangest found in the annals of criminal history in Pennsylvania. The quarter Sessions docket, still preserved among the court records at Sunbury (for September term, 1784), shows that he was convicted of felony, and the following sentence was imposed:
Judgment: That the said Joseph Disberry receive thirty-nine lashes between the hours of eight and nine o'clock to-morrow; to stand in the pillory one hour; to have his ears cut off and nailed to the post; to return the property stolen, or the value thereof; remain in prison three months; pay a fine of \$20 to the honorable, the President of this State, for the support of the government, and stand convicted until fine, fees, &c., are paid.

This remarkable sentence shows the estimate that was put on Joe as a criminal. The whipping post and pillory stood in the public square in Sunbury, and the spot can still be pointed out. Colonel Henry Antes, the Sheriff, directed the whipping, if he did not do it himself. There is no record to show who did the ear cropping, but as the surgical operation fell to the Sheriff, it is presumed that he did. Among the twelve men who composed the jury were several noted Indian fighters and revolutionary soldiers. Peter Hosterman, foreman, was active as a militiaman, and had command at one time of a company to repel Indian attacks. Adam and Michael Grove were famous as Indian scouts, and were engaged in several bloody encounters with the savages. This severe sentence did not cure Joe of his thieving propensities, for the quarter Sessions docket for August term, 1798, shows that he was arraigned and tried on three indictments for robbing the houses of Philip Bower, Peter Jones and Isiah Willits, and convicted on each. Hon. Jacob Rush, President Judge of the judicial district, was on the bench, and imposed the following sentence:
"That the prisoner, Joseph Disberry, forfeit all and singular his goods and chattels, land and tenements, to and for the use of the Commonwealth, and undergo a servitude of seven years for the burglary committed in the house of Philip Bower, and be committed to the House of Correction, pay the costs of prosecution, etc." The Court then sentenced him on the two other indictments seven years each, and continued: "That the defendant be conveyed to the goal and penitentiary house of the city of Philadelphia to undergo the servitude aforesaid for the term of twenty-one years. And that the said Joseph Disberry be kept for the space of two years in the solitary cell out of the term of twenty-one years."
When the sentence was being delivered Joe was an attentive listener, and when the last "seven" was pronounced he broke in with this remark: "Why, Judge, three times seven are twenty-one!" which caused the audience to smile. Joe was brought to this city and served his long sentence, which expired in 1819. He returned to his old haunts about Sunbury and Selingsgrove an old man, but as merry as ever. His long and frequent punishments failed to make an honest man of him, and he continued to pilfer wherever an opportunity offered. The date of his death is unknown, but it is said that he went one night to a mill in Union county to steal flour, and falling through a hatchway sustained injuries which finally killed him.

He Was Not a Good Train Jumper.

Newport Ledger.
Wednesday seven young men arrived in Millerstown from Mifflinburg, Union county on their wheels, bound for Gettysburg. The wheel of one of them—M. M. Rote—gave out and he shipped it back home by express, and then, rather than wait for the evening train, he attempted to jump a fast freight, above the covered bridge at the station, but the young man was a novice at train-jumping, never having tried it before, and instead of getting on he was thrown to the ballast, narrowly escaping being cut to pieces under the wheels. He was taken to the station, where Agent Branan washed him and sent him over to town to a doctor, who dressed his injuries, which consisted of a badly cut right hand, scalp wound and other wounds and bruises about his person. Rote said that it was his first attempt to jump a train and it would be the last. Instead of continuing his journey to Gettysburg via Carlisle he thought his best plan was to return home, which he did on Mail east in the evening.

Life has few terrors for the individual who does not owe a cent.
There are tears among the Legislators for the tears they went on.
Half a cantaloupe, filled with peach ice cream is said to be delicious.
A. W. Potter and son, Rob, of Selingsgrove were callers at this office Tuesday.
There will be no preaching in the Lutheran church until Sunday evening, Aug. 29.
Ten-Days excursion tickets to Williams' Grove will be sold from Adamsburg for \$2.72; Beavertown, \$2.62; Middleburgh, \$2.38; Kreamer, \$2.22; Selingsgrove, \$2.02; Selingsgrove Junction \$1.82. The tickets are good from Saturday Aug. 21st for 10 days.
The Franklin Township School Board elected the following named teachers for the ensuing year: Paxtonville, R. W. Gift; Moyer's, L. E. Derr; Gilbert's, G. W. Hassinger; Erdley's, Jerome Erdley; Franklin Advanced, L. C. Bachman; Primary, Louisa A. Walter; Renninger's, J. J. Bolender; Hassinger's, L. E. Walter; Gift's, Irvin Walter.

On Monday C. L. Beck, representing the Atlantic Refining Co., of Sunbury, had on exhibition of Vapor Stoves at W. E. Stallnecker's store. A great many people witnessed the exhibition. Mr. Beck showed the visitors that gasoline is not as dangerous as many people suppose. Gasoline does not explode, as was shown by experiment. Mr. Beck lit one can of gasoline at the Post Printing office and poured gasoline from another can into the burning fluid. He outened it with a piece of paper by shutting off the air. Gasoline stoves are cheaper and are nice to avoid a hot room in summer time.
An exceedingly interesting thing concerning the Klondike is how to get there. To begin with, the fare from this section over the Northern Pacific is about \$63 or \$64. A tourist sleeper will cost \$9 and a Pullman \$18; meals in dining cars \$18; meals at stations \$9. From Middleburgh to Seattle is about 3,200 miles and it will take seven days to get there. The steamer fare from Seattle to Juneau with cabin meals, is \$75; fare with berths, \$67.50. From Seattle to Juneau is 1,000 miles and it will require three days to make the journey. The cost of living in Juneau per day is \$2. Up Lynn canal by steamboat to Healey's store is 100 miles and the trip can be made in a day. The cost of a complete outfit, with provisions for year, will be \$600, and the price of dog and sled outfit \$500. The total distance in miles from this section is 5,000 and it will require ninety days to make the journey. For those who do not wish to make the start at once it might be well to state that the best time to start is April 15th.