

COUNTY GULLINGS.

Breezy Items Picked up Here and There about the County and Noted for Your Enlightenment.

The Burns Re-union was held at Clement's Park on Wednesday of last week.

James Roush has sold his farm in Middlecreek township to B. F. Rau. Consideration \$900.

Jacob Hetrick is making preparations to erect a house for himself west of Beavertown.

Miss Florence Dauberman, of Kratzerville, is attending the Musical College at Freeburg.

Prof. D. S. Boyer of Freeburg was one of the speakers at the Sunday School picnic at Chapman on Saturday.

County Commissioner Isaac Spotts and wife leave this month for a six-weeks trip as far west as Nebraska, to visit friends.

The Freeburg Base Ball Team on the 6th inst. defeated the Selinsgrove Base Ball Team, designated No. 3, by a score of 12 to 13.

Misses Lillie Row and Mable Kuster of Salem, who were visiting at Fruckville the past two weeks, returned home last week.

Geo. Stahl, an old pedagogue of Pittsburg and a former resident of Beavertown, spent a short time there visiting his school boys and friends.

Last Sunday morning Rev. W. A. Haas of Selinsgrove preached his annual harvest sermon to the Reformed congregation at Freeburg.

The Adamsburg Cornet Band has been secured to furnish music at the Port Royal Fair on Sept. 15 and 16. The boys will receive \$100 for this work.

Charles Yocum of Mahanoy, who has been reading law with A. W. Potter of Selinsgrove, expects soon to be admitted to the bar of Snyder County.

Our army and navy are in good condition to remove any unexpected obstacle to peace, and their efficiency is the best assurance that no serious hitch will occur.

Australia's best weapon in reducing the rabbit plague is cold storage. By its aid 1,000,000 rabbits have been sent to the London markets this season and found a ready sale.

Selinsgrove is making a desperate effort to organize a cornet band. The citizens of that town have already paid for two or three sets of instruments and still they have no band.

Lincoln Jarrett, of Luzerne Co., is visiting Snyder county friends. He made the trip on Tuesday a week, a distance of at least 45 miles in 4 hours and 25 minutes on his wheel.

The benevolent citizens of Selinsgrove have made a valuable contribution to the Red Cross Society fund which was sent to Philadelphia and from there forwarded on a boat to Porto Rico.

R. A. Kantz, of Washington, D. C., came to Selinsgrove after hearing of the burglary committed at his father's home, and assisted in locating the men who are supposed to have committed the crime.

It is unlikely that Spain will appoint Weyler as one of its representatives on the peace commission. But for Weylerism the Spanish would have fared much better in settling their colonial problems.

Though Gen. Miles telegraphs that he has troops enough to take Porto Rico, he can find use for another large shipment of flags. The Porto Rican wants to be a Yankee pig with the least possible delay.

James H. Hughes, a native of Kantz, this county, was wounded at the battle of Santiago during Shafter's advance upon that city in July. He is now serving in the regular army and upon a previous occasion served a term of enlistment in the Marine service of the United States.

The Franklin township school board met in the Franklin school house last Saturday and selected the following teachers for the ensuing term: Franklin Advanced, L. C. Bachman; Franklin Primary, Lester E. Derr; Renninger's, John J. Bolander; Gilbert's, H. M. Amig; Erdley's, William Zimmerman; Paxtonville Advanced, Jerome Erdley; Paxtonville Primary, Hoyt Graybill; Hassinger's, Louisa A. Walter.

Francis Murphy, the famous temperance advocate, of Pittsburg, was on Wednesday last appointed by Governor Hastings chaplain of the Fifth Pennsylvania regiment, vice Joseph F. Hartman, of Altoona, resigned.

Brother Seal, of the Millersburg Herald, has the Republican nomination of the upper end of Dauphin county for Member of Assembly. As the district is very strong Republican, a nomination is equivalent to an election, and Bro. Seal has our congratulations.

Will L. Dewart, Staunbury, John V. Lesh, of Snyder County, and W. L. Kurtz, of Lewisburg, are among those of a committee appointed to formally notify George A. Jenks of his nomination for governor by the democratic party. The affair will take place at Bedford Springs, August 17.

The railroad companies are beginning to use aluminum checks for baggage. The improvement is one which will be appreciated by those who travel with half a dozen trunks who were formerly obliged to carry the old-fashioned brass check, one of which will weigh as much as half a dozen of the new ones.

Last Sunday afternoon, a son of Dr. Bordner, riding on a bicycle down a hill near Clement's Park, collided with W. G. Von Neida and Miss Sadie Whitmer of Selinsgrove who were pedestrians. The clothing of the latter was pretty well torn, though no one was badly injured. The rider, it is said, neglected to ring his bell.

The editor of an exchange says he is a true Christian and an adamant pillar of the church, and loves sacred songs, but when night after night he hears a neighboring family that owes him three years' subscription singing "Jesus Paid it All" he feels like shedding his Christianity for a few moments to go over with a club and give them a receipt in full.

Harvey Romig of Selinsgrove on Saturday evening while driving a horse and buggy on North Market Street, Selinsgrove, drove into a bicycle rider from Kratzerville. The rider was going in the same direction. The wheel was damaged seriously and the rider was badly cut and had to go to a physician to dress his wounds.

Henry Meck, one of Port Trevorton's representatives in the "Yanko Spunko" war, is a wagon master at a salary of \$105 a month. At Tampa, Florida, he was loading mules on a transport, when he was kicked by one of them and had his right arm dislocated and badly bruised. He had been detailed for service at Santiago and was on his way there when injured. He is now on a twenty days' furlough at Port Trevorton.

It is stated that the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen is the largest order numerically and pays out more benefit claims than any railroad organization in existence. They pay losses once a month and on Wednesday sent out checks representing \$48,000 for one month. The treasury expects the disbursement in August for July will reach \$70,000, the largest sum ever paid out for benefits for any one month.

Harry Mullner of Port Trevorton a private in the 21st United States Infantry encamped at Camp Hobson, Lithia Springs, Ga., writes to his former school teacher, Edwin Charles of this place, that soldier life is not what it is cracked up to be. He says they saw sixteen Spaniards one of whom was to be shot as a spy. There are some men in his regiment, he thinks, who would be able to lick the sixteen Spaniards.

Dr. A. R. Pottierger had an old-fashioned barn-raising Monday forenoon. The structure is 40x40 feet, and when completed besides being one of the finest barns in town, it will be a complete horse hospital, with all the modern improvements. The doctor is a veterinary surgeon of wide reputation and great ability. With this new building he will be able to take the best possible care of all animals.—Selinsgrove Times.

While leaning from the window of the Shamokin Valley knitting works on Tuesday, Miss Jennie Allison, aged 18 years, was electrocuted by her nose coming in contact with a telephone wire that had been crossed by a live arc light wire and thus charged with 1,300 volts of electrical fluid. She had her feet resting on a coil of steam heating pipes at the time and must have received the full shock, as she fell into the building and expired instantly.

From a meteorological point of view this summer leaves little to be desired. Intense heat, alternating with sudden "cold waves," sickening humidity, drought, heavy rains, approaching cloud-bursts in the flood of water let loose, combined with thunder and much damage on farmers and others in the shape of destruction of houses and barns, have all combined to make this summer a most lively one.

The largest flag in the world will be suspended from a cable stretched between the summits of two mountain ranges at the eastern entrance to Tyrone on Saturday, August 20. This huge American flag will be 60x100 feet in size, and will contain 1000 square yards of bunting. The cable supporting it will be 1-2 inch in thickness and 3,200 feet long. Prominent speakers of nation and state will be present. There will be music, parades and fireworks.

Monroe township, Snyder County will now have a new post-office something which the citizens at and about Shriner's Church have, during the past six months, been laboring to secure. The new office will give the industrious people of that locality long-needed and well-merited mail facilities. It will be christened "Shriners" and John Shaffer will take immediate charge as soon as the government establishes the mail route.

A corn-cob pipe factory is among the list of industries shortly to be added to Tyrone. James C. Watts, of New York, has made the citizens of that place an offer, the only concession asked being that rent of a suitable building for the plant be paid for one year, which has been accepted. It is proposed to start the factory with machinery capable of turning out 10,000 a day but the output will be limited to just half that amount at the beginning. Employment will be given to about 20 hands.

A big crop of flies is said to be conducive to a healthy season. If this be true, then the present season should be an exceptionally hard one on undertakers. The crop of tormentors this season is a large one, and as the pesky "critters" execute mid-day dances on the heads of those who are fortunate or unfortunate enough to be minus the growth of hair on the upper extremity of their anatomy, those in close proximity can hear all sorts of noises, none of which are complimentary to the flies.

The plan of collecting 10 cents additional fare from passengers paying cash on the Pennsylvania Railroad and other roads is likely to cause the companies much trouble. It has just been decided by a learned judge that the 10-cent rebate order is subject to the two-cent revenue stamp, and that to issue such an order without attaching the stamp is contrary to the war revenue laws. Some of the western roads perceived the fact that the rebate order was subject to the war revenue stamp and abandoned it.

"The Blight of Free Trade—The Blessings of Protection" is the title of a document just issued by the American Protective Tariff League. This document clearly demonstrates the effect of Free Trade under the Wilson Tariff, and of Protection under the Dingley Tariff. It is based on the result of the Tariff League's Industrial Census, and should be in the hands of every voter. Seven copies to any address for six cents. Address W. F. Wake-man, General Secretary, No. 135 West 23d Street, New York.

The Northumberland correspondent to the Sunbury Item last Wednesday says: Gross Allison, the young son of Dr. Allison had two of his toes on his left foot almost cut off, at the hands of a young companion, yesterday afternoon at the Allison home. The boys were digging bait and the little fellow was bare-footed and when his friend went to strike the earth with a sharp shovel it struck Gross across the toes, cutting the great toe and the second toe almost off. Dr. Allison placed several stitches in the wounds, and it is thought they would heal without further cutting. Both boys were badly frightened.

Fine Farm at Public Sale.

On Thursday, August 18th, one of the best farms in Snyder County will be sold at public sale. The beautiful and fertile land of Morris Erdley adjoining this borough will be offered in lots from 4 to 14 acres and as a whole. For further particulars, see large posters. 8-4-3t

The State O. E. Convention.

Harrisburg, Aug. 17.—Dr. J. T. McCrory, of Pittsburg, President of the State Christian Endeavor Society, has been here in conference with the General Convention Committee to make final arrangements for the great assembly of Christian Endeavorers in this city the first week of October. Dr. McCrory expressed himself as pleased with the reports of the various local committees and with the details looking to the comfort of the delegates and visitors. The programme for the state convention has been mapped out and will include on the opening night, Tuesday, October 4th, three large rallies in three of the larger churches of the city, to be followed by a score or more of denominational receptions in different churches. There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and at 4 o'clock will occur the delegates' prayer-meeting. There will be several addresses of welcome by Governor Hastings and other prominent citizens, to which responses will be made by leading workers in the Endeavor army. It is expected that John Willis Baer, the famous secretary of the National Christian Endeavor Society, will attend the convention and make an address on Tuesday evening, as will also President McCrory. There will also be reports by the president and secretary and treasurer and other officers and the appointment of the standing committees.

On Wednesday there will be sunrise prayer-meetings and from 8 to 9 o'clock Bible readings, conducted by noted students of the Bible. At 9 o'clock there will be a song service and a half hour later reports from department commanders. Every minute of the time during the day will be taken up with interesting exercises, including conferences on junior work, missionary effort, Christian citizenship, comparison of notes on evangelistic effort and prayer and conference on rivals. At 10:30 Wednesday morning there will be seven simultaneous conferences in places to be hereafter designated on junior, look-out, social, prayer meeting, evangelistic and missionary, Christian citizenship and intermediate departments. In the afternoon, beginning at 1:45 o'clock, there will be a song service, followed by short devotional exercises. The theme for the afternoon will be "For Christ and the church." There will be an address on "Our Marching Orders" and an open parliament, the subject being "Enlistment, Equipment and Drill of Forces." Brief reports will be received from the conference chairmen and at 4 o'clock the annual sermon will be preached.

Wednesday evening, after the usual and devotional service, there will be an address on "National Righteousness; or, the Flag of Our Country and the Banner of Christ." Another address on the same evening will be on the subject of "Christian Citizenship." Secretary Baer will also speak on Wednesday evening. Thursday evening there will be sunrise prayer-meetings at 6:30 and a Bible hour from 8 to 9 to be followed with a song service. The subject of the address of the morning will be "The Fundamentals of Christian Endeavor." The open parliament subject for the morning will be "Open Doors for Earnest Endeavors; First, Those Already Entered; Second, Doors yet to be Entered." At this session there will also be submitted reports of committees, to be followed by the election of officers. At the afternoon session there will be an address on "Fields White to the Harvest" and a conference on the subject of giving to God. First, giving self; Second, giving one's time; Third, giving money. The Junior ally, for which great preparations are being made, will take place at 3:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon. There will be a song service in the evening and introduction of new officers and followed by an address on "The New Crusade and the Coming of the Kingdom." There will also be brief reports from evangelistic meetings and an address on "The Spirit-Filled Life." This will practically conclude the formal programme.

There will, however, be many interesting features which will not have a fixed place in the order of exercises. The programme will tell little of the fine music which is being arranged for the convention. A choir of more than 500 voices, selected from the best singers of Harrisburg and vicinity, will lead the

music of the gathering. There will be not less than thirty noon evangelistic meetings at different places and twilight evangelistic services in the suburbs, including Paxtang, West Fairview, Middletown, Steelton and other nearby towns and villages which may be reached by trolley lines.

Large delegations from Philadelphia, Pittsburg and other parts of the State have already arranged for headquarters. The homes of the Christian people of Harrisburg will be open to visitors. The committee on entertainment has made very satisfactory arrangements with many private families to entertain delegates at moderate charges.

Rev. Dr. George B. Stewart, of Harrisburg, chairman of the general committee, has issued a circular letter regarding the arrangements for the convention. He says the Chestnut street market building will be fitted up as an auditorium and will accommodate 5000 people. The large hall and other rooms over the auditorium will be used as a reception room, cloak room, post office, correspondents' room, county headquarters and committee of '98 headquarters. In fact, everything will be under one roof during the convention, except the denominational receptions and rallies. All important sessions will be held in the central part of the city near the railroad stations. Reports to the chairman of the committee on entertainment from societies throughout the State indicate that the convention will be a very successful one from every point of view.

Picnics, Festivals, Etc.

Saturday, Aug. 20, the Paxtonville Sunday school will hold a picnic on camp-meeting ground two miles west of this place.

Saturday, Aug. 20, the Sunday schools of Troxelville will hold a union picnic in Moyer's grove, ½ mile south of Troxelville.

Saturday evening, Aug. 27, the Salem Sunday school will hold a festival at Salem.

Saturday, Aug. 27, the Samuel's and Lawver's Sunday schools will hold a picnic near Samuel's church.

Saturday, Sept. 3, Posts No. 316 and 407, of Oriental and Port Trevorton, respectively, will hold a union campfire and picnic in Hall's grove, at Mahantango.

Saturday, Sept. 10, the Salem Union Sunday school, of Oriental, will hold the annual picnic in Beale's grove, one mile west of Oriental. All are invited.

Saturday, Aug. 20, the Choir Convention of Snyder county will be held near Freeburg.

Saturday, Aug. 27, the Union S. S. will picnic in Sholley's grove at Verdilla.

The Gospel Workers will hold a Camp Meeting at Clement's Park, from August 13 to 21. A large number of ministers are expected to be present.

Shriner's Sunday school will hold their annual Celebration August 20, at the usual place.

Thursday, Aug. 25, the Reformed Sunday school of Selinsgrove will picnic in Klingler's grove, 1½ miles north of that place.

Wednesday, Aug. 24, the Schoch Reunion will be held at Kreamer.

Saturday, Aug. 27, Gilbert's Sunday school will hold its 12th annual celebration in Gilbert's grove during the day and a festival in the afternoon and evening.

WHY?

Why isn't a star a sort of skylight?
Why should a wheel-wright ever get left?
Why isn't one head better than two—in a family?
Why is it necessary to buy coal for a self-feeding stove?
Why isn't a wedding in the drawing room a parlor match?
Why does the average son think he knows more than his father?
Why doesn't the woman who wears a calico dress appear in print?
Why do sleepers sleep in sleeping cars that run right over the sleepers?
Why isn't your portrait in a country newspaper the unkindest cut of all?
Why is it that a weak woman possesses abnormal strength when it comes to getting the best of a man?

BUNCOED OUT OF \$250

Ex-Oo. Commissioner Strubbeigh of Montoursville.

A FEW DAYS BEFORE HIS DEATH

A Sleek Game—It is Thought That Worriment Over the Affair Caused His Death—Drew the Money out of the Bank.

The public will be surprised to learn that the late Thomas J. Strubbeigh, of Montoursville, ex-county commissioner, was buncoed out of \$2,500 by confidence operators several days before his death. It is believed that his sudden illness and death was due to the loss of this large sum.

There are different reports of the affair, but the correct story, which comes from a reliable source and almost direct from the family, although efforts have been made to suppress it, has been secured by the Sun, and is as follows:

On July 15th a well-dressed young man appeared at the residence and inquired for Mr. Strubbeigh, who was called. He asked for a drink of water, which was given him, and then said:

"You know me, don't you? I am—, cashier of the—bank of Muncy," giving the name of a Muncy gentleman. The stranger, who was a sleek talker, continued:

"Father has just died, leaving us boys \$200,000, and we thought we would put part of it in a farm."

He added that they had talked of the J. A. Smiti farm, near Montoursville, and asked Mr. Strubbeigh if he would go with him to look at it. Mr. Strubbeigh hitched up and they looked over the lines of the farm. On their return they met a man on the Philadelphia and Reading railroad who looked and acted like a drunken tramp. He asked the way to the nearest depot, saying he had plenty of money and would not walk any more.

"Say," he said abruptly, "have you a blanket? I want to show you a trick."

They spread the carriage blanket across their knees and the fellow played three-card monte, the alleged Muncy man betting \$10 on a card and losing to the alleged tramp. Mr. Strubbeigh furnished the ten dollars. The alleged Muncy man then induced Mr. Strubbeigh to drive to Williamsport for money so he could get even, and, strange to say, they went to Williamsport, and Mr. Strubbeigh went to the Susquehanna Trust Company, drew \$2,500 in cash on his check, and returned with the man to Montoursville where they again met the third party. The strangers got the whole \$2,500, but how they did it we do not know. Mr. Strubbeigh came home late that night and looked as though he had been drugged. The second day he was found, or likely will be, although it has been learned that the fellows answering their description were registered at a Muncy hotel several days, no doubt in order to get the lay of things.

There is little doubt that his loss so preyed on his mind that it aggravated Mr. Strubbeigh's ailment, causing his sudden death. He was a shrewd man and the person one would think could not be buncoed.

COURT HOUSE CHIPS

Needs Entered for Record.
Sophia Kerstetter to E. E. Neitt, Ten acres of land in Perry twp. for \$68.06.

Marriage Licenses.
(T. H. Speigelmire, Dormantown, E. Jennie Walters, Penns Creek.

DIED.

Aug. 6, at Centreville, John Braucher, aged about 36 years.
Aug. 7, at Centreville, George Roush, aged 75 years.
Aug. 2, in Union twp. Mrs. Elizabeth Krebs, aged 84 years 1 month and 28 days.
At Fort Meyer Hospital, near Washington D. C. on the 7th Aug. Wm. S. Pierce, Private Co., A. 12th Regt. P. V., son of the late A. H. Pierce of Lewisburg, dec'd, aged 24 years, 11 months and 17 days. Interment in the Lewisburg cemetery.
Aug. 6, in Perry twp, Miss Sarah Reichenbach of consumption, aged 26 years and 26 days.
In Philadelphia, on the 31st July Capt. Henry W. Crozier, aged 74 years, 4 mos. and 15 days. Interment at Mifflinburg.