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Interesting Items.

News Told in Brief Paragraphs for
Our Readers.

Personal Pointers in Local and Gen-
eral News Concerning People More
or Less Prominent.

Large variety Collarettes at Weis',
Selinsgrove. 10-13-3t

Thomas R. Hosterman, the popu-
lar baker of Selinsgrove, was in town
Monday.

Mrs. G. W. Burns of State Col-
lege made a brief visit to our county
seat Monday.

Fred Miller of Penn township and
E. S. Mitterling of Strouptown were
Middleburg visitors this week.

Floor Oil Cloths and Linoleums
in large varieties at Weis', Selins-
grove. 10-13-3t

There will probably be an effort
made to establish a public reading
room in Middleburg.

Joseph Bowersox of this place
has been granted a reissue of pension
at the rate of \$12 per month.

The Democratic Standing Com-
mittee had a meeting in the bank
building in this place Saturday.

FARM WANTED.—State cash and
time price. ANSON H. RUSSELL,
9-15-3m. Akron, Ohio.

Frank Feese and Boyd Miller of
Millburg were Middleburg visi-
tors on Wednesday of last week.

All wool figured Cloth 50 inches
wide for 25c a yard (only two styles)
at Weis', Selinsgrove. 10-13-3t

F. H. Maurer, New Berlin, is al-
ways offering special bargains. See
his special announcement in this is-
sue.

Sergeant H. Harris Bower on Fri-
day evening received his first degree
at the Masonic Lodge at Selins-
grove.

Miss Bertha Wittenmyer, who
had been visiting in Akron, Ohio,
and Ithaca, N. Y., returned home on
Saturday.

F. H. Maurer of New Berlin has
received a new supply of fall and
winter goods. Call and see them.
10-6-3t.

Editor Leshner and wife have re-
turned from their trip to the Omaha
Exposition and a visit to friends in
the west.

Porter Thompson and wife last
week were the guests of their son,
Cashier Thompson, at Central Hotel
in this place.

The Grand Army men of this
place enjoyed everything at the Mil-
linton encampment last week ex-
cept the rain.

Michael B. Shaeffer of McClure
and General Edward C. Williams of
Chapman were granted pensions of
\$12 per month each.

Judge Bucher and wife of Lewis-
burg and Dr. Levi Rooke and wife
of Winfield were in Middleburg the
latter part of last week.

Judge Crouse, who had been
pending the summer at Pleasantville,
Pa., has returned to the scenes
of his former active political life.

S. L. Russel, Cashier of the Guar-
antee Trust and Deposit Co. of Sha-
leskin, was in town last Friday
night, the guest of Cashier Thompson.

The styles in Millinery are sim-
ply beautiful this season, prices low-
er than ever before. Come and be
convinced whether you buy or not.
L. DUNKLEBERGER.

John and Frank Vandevender of
Lumberland were Middleburg
visitors on Sunday. They are two
representative gentlemen of
Lumberland, the latter having been
Chief Burgess of Northum-
berland when he cast his second vote.

Ready made Skirts at Weis', Selinsgrove. 10-13-3t

Privates Harry Specht and Geo.
Clelan of Co. C, 12th Regiment have
gone to Milton at the expiration of
their furlough, for further duty or
discharge.

The sheriff on Tuesday morning
took Lee Kerstetter before the
Board of Public Charity for disposi-
tion. He will probably be placed
in the house of refuge.

My Opening of Winter Millinery
will take place Wednesday, Thurs-
day and Friday, Nov. 2, 3 and 4 to
which you are most cordially invited.
L. DUNKLEBERGER.

Rev. S. E. Boughter, pastor of
the U. B. church of this place, has
declined the Port Trevorton charge
and will engage in the business of
a cigar salesman.

Sergeant Harry Bower on Mon-
day went to Clearfield to report to
the captain of Co. L, Fifth Regiment
at the expiration of his furlough, for
further orders or a discharge from
the U. S. service.

I. H. Bowersox, who had been at
State College for the benefit of his
health, arrived home on Monday,
having gained 9 1/2 pounds in 5 weeks.
He gained 5 pounds the first 5 days
and is very much improved.

Our genial and popular railroad
agent, Sherman P. Warner, went to
Lewistown Monday to take unto
himself a wife in the person of Miss
Margaret May Bricker. We extend
our congratulations to the
young couple.

On Thomas Hettrick's farm at
Hummel's Wharf, this county, a
bed of stone has been discovered,
of a very fine grain, equal to the finest
whetstone, and which, on being test-
ed, has all the qualities for bringing
the sharpest edge on a razor.

William G. Foster, a proof reader
of the Williamsport *Girl*, formerly
of this place, was an interested vi-
sitor to Middleburg and Paxton-
ville last week. His many friends
are glad to learn that he has ad-
vanced so rapidly in journalistic work.

A smooth, easy shave, genteel hair
cut, or other tonorial work, is al-
ways obtained at Soles' Barber Shop,
in Wittenmyer's building, opposite
Post office. Go to Soles to buy
new razors or exchange for old ones.
Razors honed and guaranteed to give
satisfaction. A. E. SOLES.

Candidate for Congress. McMen
from Millintown was a visitor to
our town on Saturday. He is a
very pleasant looking gentleman
and no doubt most of our Snyder
County citizens will admire Con-
gressman *futurus esse* McMen and
vote for Congressman Mahon.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Luth-
eran church on Sunday evening elect-
ed the following officers: President,
Mrs. Geo. W. Wagenseiler; Vice
President, George Hassinger; Rec.
Secretary, Bruce Crouse; Cor. Sec-
retary, Mrs. A. S. Beaver; Treas-
urer, Mame Stetler; Organist, Lil-
lian Stetler.

Attorney Jay G. Weiser and Geo.
W. Wagenseiler were recently elect-
ed members of the Historical Society
of Pennsylvania, with headquarters
at 1300 Locust St., Philadelphia.
The Society was organized in 1828
and these two are the first repre-
sentatives from Snyder County upon
whom this honor was conferred.

Ralph Waldo Emerson's son, Dr.
Edward Emerson, himself a boy
when Louisa Alcott was a girl in
Concord, has written an article on
"When Louisa Alcott was a Girl,"
which the *Ladies Home Journal* is
about to publish. Doctor Emerson
gives a new view of the author of
"Little Men"—as a mimic, and as
the central figure of every dance and
merrymaking in old Concord.

Compulsory Attendance Act.

MR. EDITOR:—Very many Sec-
retaries of School Boards and teach-
ers throughout the county have been
writing me respecting their several
duties in the enforcement of the Com-
pulsory Act, that an article on this
important subject may not be amiss.
The Act as originally passed
and approved May 16, 1895,
comprehends the regular attendance
of all children between the ages of 8
and 13 years at some school, either
public or private, for a period of six-
teen weeks. If the children were
sent to a private school the certificate
of the teacher of said school should
be regarded as a sufficient voucher
for the attendance of those children
at that school. School Boards could
exercise no authority over children
or parents and guardians armed with
the certificate of said private school
or by a private tutor, unless evidence
were produced that would clearly
show that such certificates were
fraudulently obtained or illegally is-
sued.

All children not attending a pri-
vate or denominational school or re-
ceiving instruction in the English
branches by a private tutor, come
within the immediate jurisdiction
of the School Board, and, it between
8 and 13 years, the Board could
compel regular attendance for a term
of sixteen weeks, unless some valid
excuse could be offered to the Board
and by it accepted for the non-at-
tendance of such child or children.

It will be remembered that the
law did not state when the compul-
sory period (the sixteen weeks) in
each school term should become op-
erative. It was clearly the intention
of the legislature that the law should
be enforced at the beginning of the
term as was shown from the debates
on the bill prior to its passage, but
since the statute itself did not state
in concise terms this important point,
much misunderstanding and confu-
sion resulting therefrom, some boards
contending that the law should be
observed from the beginning of the
term, others the middle of the term
and still others the last sixteen weeks
of the term.

Coupled with this disturbing part
of the law was the provision direct-
ing the several assessors to make a
correct list of all children subject to
the provisions of the Act at the time
that the spring registration of voters
was taken. The Commissioners of
the County received no official infor-
mation of the passage of the law, so
I am reliably informed, until the fall
of the year long after the assessors
had taken the registration of voters.
To compel or direct the assessors to
travel through their respective dis-
tricts again for the express and sole
purpose of registering the children
as provided was regarded by the
Commissioners and the Department
of Public Instruction as a needless
burden and at the direction of the
Department was entirely abandoned.

Consequently lists were not fur-
nished Secretaries of School Boards,
and they in turn could not furnish
lists of the children subject to the
provisions of the Act to the teachers
of their schools.

The law was barely observed in
any of the counties of the State and
to all intents and purposes it was a
dead letter.

The legislature of 1897 sought to
remedy the inefficiency and inadequ-
acy of the Compulsory Act and on
the 12th of July, it succeeded in
amending sections one, two, three,
four and five of the Act of 1895.
The salient changes made in the
original Act was an extension of the
age limit,—making children subject
to the provision of the Act between
8 and 16 years instead of between 8
and 13 years. Also making the law
operative from the beginning of the
term unless the board of directors at

the regular meeting called for or-
ganization on the first Monday of
June, each year shall fix a time for
the beginning of the provisions of
this Act.

A change was likewise made in
the period of compulsory attendance.
Formerly it was sixteen weeks, now
it is 70 per cent. of the term; in
other words districts having a six-
month term will have a compulsory
period of 84 days, those having a
seven-month term, 98 days, compul-
sory and those having an eight-
month term, 112 days compulsory.
The act does not apply to children
between the ages of thirteen and
sixteen who are regularly engaged
in any useful employment or service.
Farmers and all mechanics and ar-
tisans possessed of children between
12 and 16 years of age can avail
themselves of the services of their
children in corn husking, etc. with-
out violating the provisions of this
act. Still it is to be hoped that each
parent will consider the welfare of
his child to such an extent that he
will deny himself of the services of
his child on the farm and shop as
much as he possibly can, so that the
boy or girl may embrace the privi-
leges and opportunities of the school.
Parents can give no richer legacy to
their children than the opportunity
to get a good education. While
their detention from school to assist
in housing the crops, chopping and
hauling the wood may add very
materially to the present convenience
and comfort and in many cases, I
doubt not but what their services
are an actual necessity, still my
heart is filled with sorrow when I
see these grand opportunities denied
many aspiring and ambitious youths,
who if given a chance to develop
their powers by a regular and con-
tinuous attendance at school would
be able in the future to render a far
more excellent service in brighten-
ing the prospects and lifting the bur-
dens from home and its loved ones.
To be continued next week.
F. C. BOWERSOX,
County Supt.

Republican Mass Meetings.

Two grand Republican mass meet-
ings will be held in this county be-
fore election. The first will be held
in Selinsgrove this Thursday eve-
ning, October 20th, and the second at
Beavertown on Monday, November
7th. Speakers of prominence will
speak at these meetings. See large
Posters.

Attempted Suicide.

Last Thursday Miss Netta Gem-
berling, daughter of Amos Gember-
ling, one of the stalwart citizens of
Penn township, attempted to commit
suicide by trying to shoot herself.
The ball was evidently aimed at her
heart, but failed to penetrate her
pericardium. If blood poisoning
does not set in she may recover.
The cause of her rash act is presu-
med to be some real or imaginary ill.
One of the reasons that rumor is
parading about is that she wished
to join the Christian Endeavor So-
ciety at Salem and as it would
make it necessary for her to go alone
in the evening along the public high-
way, her father objected. This is
stated as one of the reasons why she
attempted to take her life. She is
able to walk around.

Foot-Ball in Sunbury.

Franklin and Marshall and Sus-
quehanna University teams will play
foot ball on the Fifth Ward grounds,
in Sunbury on Saturday afternoon,
October 22, at 3 P. M. Admission
25 cents.

Grand Fall Opening at Weis', Selinsgrove.

Cloth Capes and Plush Capes beau-
tifully trimmed. Ladies', Misses'
and Children's Coats in large vari-

KRISSINGER CONFESSED.

Says He Killed Daisy Smith
Monday of Last Week.

Caught at an Unguarded Moment, Ed.
Krissinger, Who Was Arrested on Sus-
picion for the Murder of Daisy
Smith, Confessed that He Had
Riddled Her Body with Shot
and then Made three Slashes
with a Knife across
Her Throat.

Clerk Grimm and Detective
Daugherty, in company with Coroner
Shindel and Commissioner Cope,
went to the scene of the murder
Tuesday morning of last week and
spent nearly all day there making
investigations and securing evidence
that might lead to the conviction of
the murderer. After returning to
Sunbury Mr. Grimm and Detective
Daugherty went to the jail and en-
tered the cell where Krissinger was
confined. Before going there Mr.
Grimm borrowed a Barlow knife
at Hackett's hardware store, that
was like the one Mrs. Balmer de-
scribed as having sold to Krissinger
Monday morning. Pulling the



DAISY SMITH.

knife out of his pocket Mr. Grimm
said to the prisoner, "Krissinger, I
have found your knife." This took
Krissinger so suddenly that he at
once got excited and asked, "Where
did you find it?" Grimm said,
"Just where you lost it," to which
the prisoner replied, "Did you find
it at the apple tree near the shanty?"
The controversy went along in
that way until Krissinger told where
the knife was hidden. Grimm then
said to him, "Krissinger, why did
you kill Daisy?" Replying to this
question Krissinger made a clear
breast and told the whole story,
which is as follows:

"I started out about 10 o'clock
Monday morning to go hunting. I
took my gun and dog and went up
the hill. After I got up there I fired
a load out of my gun to call in
my dog. Immediately after firing I
spied Daisy Smith in the field near
by. She said that I shouldn't shoot
around there as I might get arrested
for illegal hunting. Some words
passed between us about the matter
of shooting and I got angry and pull-
ed up my gun and shot at her. She
fell to the ground and screamed and
I ran up to her and killed her. She
got up after I cut her throat and
staggered around a few steps and
then fell. I then went home."

There is reason for believing that
there was a motive in the criminal's
mind, but the nature of it has thus
far been kept secret. It will prob-
ably not come out until given it to
the court when the case is heard.

Friday afternoon District Attorney
Shipman came to Sunbury from Sha-
leskin and it was thought advisable,
since the confession was made
known, to have a formal hearing
and commitment.

The prisoner was consequently
taken to Justice Shipman's office
where just another

ed. The prisoner, however, took
no part in the proceedings and said
nothing. He is confined in the steel
cell in the jail.

Wednesday Clerk Grimm and De-
tective Daugherty went down to the
home of Krissinger to look for the hid-
den knife. They went to the apple
tree referred to by Krissinger and
found it in a hole in the tree.

Krissinger says the men who say
they saw blood on his shirt were
mistaken, but he showed blood on
his trousers.

It is thought he lied about the
shirt and it is the opinion of the of-
ficials that he washed the shirt and
put it on again.

Third Annual Convention.

The third annual convention of
the Snyder County Christian En-
deavor Union will be held in Free-
burg, Oct. 27 and 28, 1898. The
following is the program:

THURSDAY.
3.00 Reception and Registration of
Delegates.
7.00 Praise service, conducted by
some delegate.
7.20 Music.
7.30 Address of Welcome, Mary
Hilbish.
7.40 Response, Rev. J. H. Barb.
7.50 Music.
8.00 "The Spirit of Revelation and
Anointing," Rev. S. S. Koh-
ler.
FRIDAY MORNING.
9.00 Praise Service, conducted by
some Delegate.
9.50 Roll Call and Reports from
local societies.
10.00 Open Parliament on "A
Member of the C. E. So-
ciety, Why?" Opened by
L. P. Zimmerman.
10.30 Short talks on Mission Study
Class in the Society, C. R.
Herman.
11.00 Tenth Legion, J. H. Wagner.
11.20 Adjournment.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.
1.50 Praise Service, conducted by
some Delegate.
1.45 Business.
2.30 The Quiet Hour, C. H. Haas.
3.00 Some Qualities of a successful
C. E. Worker, Rev. O. G.
Romig.
3.20 Discussion — "Our Juniors,
How can we interest them?"
Rev. D. E. McLain.

FRIDAY EVENING.
7.00 Praise Service, conducted by
the Juniors.
7.20 Music.
7.30 Greeting from Northumber-
land County Union.
7.55 The Statesmanship of Chris-
tian Endeavor, Rev. R. Rock.
8.15 Consecration of Delegates, con-
ducted by L. G. Walker.

NOTES.
All sessions will be held in the
St. Peter's Lutheran and Reformed
Church at Freeburg.
All delegates should report to the
Registration Committee in the Lec-
ture Room of the church.

Each society should contribute to-
ward the expenses of the County
Union.

"Christian Endeavor Hymns" will
be used.

Speak, Work and Pray for the
success of this convention.

Rev. W. M. Landis.

Rev. Landis leaves Adamsburg
this week. He served the Beaver
Springs charge for 15 years, built
3 new churches, repaired two and
built a parsonage. The cost of these
with other local expenses amount to
\$27,000. Only a small debt now
remains. \$3,700 were contributed
for benevolence. He baptized 426
persons, confirmed 350, officiated at
426 funerals, preached two and three
times every Sunday, besides catech-

Cal. firm; No. 3 white, goes over to the next case of the court reaching an agreement on prices for this year.