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Interesting Items.

News Told in Brief Paragraphs for Our Readers.

Personal Pointers in Local and General News Concerning People More or Less Prominent.

Chrysanthemums are beginning to bloom.

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

The wise turkey is beginning to roost high.

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

The quail now feels the need of entrenchments.

The time is near at hand when the pig will be wursted.

Remember we are prepared to print attractive sale bills.

Cashier Thompson went to the Peace Jubilee Tuesday evening.

W. H. Faries and wife visited Middleburgh Wednesday of last week.

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

Sergeant G. C. Gutelius is taking in the Peace Jubilee at Philadelphia this week.

William and Currie Haas of Shamokin were Middleburgh visitors over Sunday.

The Snyder County C. E. Convention will be held at Freeburg, Oct. 27 and 28.

Mr. Peet of Avoca, N. Y., a traveling salesman, spent Sunday in Middleburgh.

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

Our circulation is still increasing and we would be pleased to have you secure us a new subscriber.

Rev. Fred. Aurand and wife of Millinburg were the guests of Mrs. E. C. Aurand over Sunday.

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

S. L. Brower and wife of Lewistown last Thursday were the guests of Dr. J. W. Orwig and wife.

Attorney M. I. Potter and family spent several days last week at Selinsgrove the guests of friends.

The cost of transporting the soldiers' monument from Vermont to Perry county seat was \$625.52.

William Shindel, a student of Susquehanna University, spent Sunday in town the guest of his parents.

F. H. Maurer, New Berlin, is always offering special bargains. See his special announcement in this issue.

Send us the news of your neighborhood, and in that way assist us in making the Post still more interesting.

Marriage license was issued at Sunbury last week to Harvey Romig of Selinsgrove and Anna Dreese of Beavertown.

The wife of a man running for office has as hard a time as a mother has taking her baby through a teething spell.

James Beaver and family of Millinburg, last week, visited his parents, Gabriel Beaver and wife, in this place.

Solomon App of Monroe twp. and P. S. Albert of Selinsgrove were county seat visitors on Wednesday of last week.

Children's Caps, tamoshanters, union suits, hosiery, mittens and many other goods will be reduced on Opening Days.

L. DUNKLEBERGER.

Senator E. M. Hummel was a Middleburgh visitor on Monday afternoon.

Prof. Edwin Charles and R. F. Smith on Sunday visited Port Trevorton.

Mrs. Adam Showers and daughter Maud spent several days at Selinsgrove this week.

Mrs. Mary M. Wagner of Globe Mills was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Foster Riegel, during the past week.

Hon. G. Alfred Schoch and wife are on an extended tour through the west visiting friends and seeing sights.

The degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon President McKinley on Monday by the University of Chicago.

How a coward became a hero is the subject of the last chapter of "The Recruit" in the November What To Eat.

Mrs. J. W. Martin and stepdaughter of Milton spent several days with her father, David Kerstetter, in Franklin.

County Treasurer Riegel, who has been employed at his trade in Millinburg spent Sunday with his family in this place.

Matthias Fisch left Middleburgh last week for Homestead, Pa. He proposes to go into the restaurant business at that place.

J. C. Schoch and wife and Dr. Hassinger and wife started on Monday morning for the Peace Jubilee in Philadelphia this week.

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

The real estate and two dwelling houses of the estate of the late Frederick G. Walter of this borough was sold on Tuesday to Geo. W. Wagenseller for \$1830.

Wm. Beaver, one of Middleburgh's merchants, was to Philadelphia last week to lay in a supply of new goods. Mrs. Beaver and Miss Christina Beaver accompanied him.

William P. Shelley Lawrence G. Stetler, Mrs. A. M. Bowersox, Lula Smith and Cora Beaver are delegates from the Lutheran Y. P. S. C. E. to the County Convention at Freeburg.

In the Huntingdon and Millin county line case the Superior Court has overruled the assignment of error and dismissed the appeal, thus deciding in favor of Huntingdon county.

Harry H. Harter and family on Tuesday of this week started for Lincoln, Nebraska, where they will make their future home. The Post extends its best wishes to them in their new home.

Miss Daisy Hornberger of Aline has opened a millinery store at Aline. Millinery goods and dress making a specialty. Artistic and tasty trimming. Call to see the goods and bargains. 10-27-2t

Geo. W. Erhart had a sale of his household effects on Saturday and moved his family to Lewistown on Tuesday. He is the operator of Burnham. We regret to lose so valuable a citizen as Mr. Erhart.

A cold winter, with lots of snow and rain, is predicted by Prognosticator Cuthbertson, of Buffalo. His opinion is based on the fact that the year so far shows excess of heat, and it is the most natural thing in the world to suppose that one extreme will follow another. August last goes as the most continuously warm and sultry month of its kind, breaking all records not for excessive heat, but uniformity.

Schoch & Stahlnecker have put up two large furnaces this fall and are having the contract for a third one. A Howard furnace was put into George Stetler's residence; a Sunshine at M. Z. Steininger's residence and a Kernen will be put into Zion's church.

We learn by the frequent appeals of our exchanges that other papers have their delinquents too. It seems that when a request is made for the delinquents to pay up nearly every one thinks, or at least they act so, as if it were meant for the others, and not for himself.

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 to buy new razors or exchange for old ones. Razors honed and guaranteed to give satisfaction. A. E. SOLES.

WANTED.—Life Insurance Solicitors and District Managers for Snyder County, and vicinity. Company incorporated under Iowa Laws; 16 years in business, 5 years in Pennsylvania, liberal contracts. Address S. H. BAISTLER, 937 Spring Garden St., Philadelphia. 10-27-3t

Sophia Trester of Crossgrove, this county, and Anna M. Rummel, of Port Royal, formerly of this county, have been granted widow's pensions of \$12 and \$8 respectively. In the list also we notice the name of Hon. Geo. W. Rhoads of Herndon at the rate of 38 per month.

Dame Remor says that our townsman, J. C. Schoch, will put on his war paint and enter the race for County Treasurer at the Republican primary next spring. Mr. Schoch has always been a loyal Republican and no doubt will hustle his opponents in the race for the nomination.

Prof. Edwin Charles, Librarian of the Snyder County Historical Society, wishes to publicly acknowledge through the columns of the "Post," the receipt of a complete file of the Keystone Herald, presented by Edwin S. Arnold of Port Trevorton, now employed in the Post Office Department at Washington.

Chambersburg is being worked by the old swindle. An agent calls at a house and gets a photograph, promising to return an enlarged picture without charge, and when the man comes again he has the picture in a frame for which he demands from \$3 to \$7 and refuses to return the photograph until payment has been made.

A man in Paris finds a profitable business in collecting bad debts by stopping at a debtor's with a wagon, around the top of which are these words: "This buggy only stops in front of the houses of people who will not pay their debts." Everybody, and particularly business people, dread this man's buggy so much that they pay promptly.

J. C. Kreitzer, Justice of the Peace of Chapman township was a well known county seat visitor on Monday. He is one of the oldest Justices in the county. He has held six commissions from the Governors of Pennsylvania, five as Justice of the Peace and one as a notary public. He performed 181 marriage ceremonies and has almost 3000 judgments on his docket and nearly that many criminal cases were heard before him.

Millinery Opening. I will have a Grand Opening on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 1st, 2nd and 3rd, of Winter Millinery and Fancy Goods, Capes, Coats, Skirts, Wrappers, Hats, etc. Come, see and be convinced as to style and price. ELLEN C. AURAND.

BRAKES GAVE WAY.

Thrilling Ride Down Mountain Side May End in Death.

A very serious accident occurred Friday afternoon on the Buffalo Valley railroad. This road was built about a year ago by the M. H. Kulp Lumber Company and runs from Lewi-burg to the summit of Buffalo Mountains, a distance of about eighteen miles. Gilbert Kulp, a brother of Congressman M. H. Kulp, and superintendent of their lumber business; John E. Kreisher of Lewisburg, and James Burd, a workman, were coming down the mountain on a lumber truck.

After running some distance one of the brakes gave way and as the remaining brake was insufficient to hold the car it was soon beyond their control. The speed momentarily increased, and they were soon rushing down the mountain at a frightful velocity. To their dismay they saw some other trucks on the track ahead of them. Burd jumped off and yelled to the others to do the same. Before they could do so the car had dashed into the other trucks, and they were thrown with awful force.

The car was smashed into splinters, and Kulp and Kreisher were found senseless and bleeding among the rocks. Physicians were hastily summoned from Millinburg and Lewisburg. Kulp is badly bruised, but it is thought not fatally injured. Kreisher's condition is very serious and it is feared his skull is fractured. He has a hole an inch or more deep in his head.

From later information it was learned that Kulp had three ribs broken and a leg fractured.

Claims Jones Is Innocent.

The other morning when Amos G. Bashor came to his mill in Franklin, he discovered a paper tacked to the door of his mill. The penmanship was not bad, but the spelling was very faulty. We will give the letter publicity for all it is worth. It is as follows:

"It is wonderfull wonderfull jones is inence i told refore he did not steal the meat i stole it ceelman is mistaken in the meat it was 5 penses I sholder I huns no dry beef i put the bags and the books and strings to h rible on June 11, 1898, its moved me so that I could not sleep sins was cert that i stolen that meat and jones got into such trouble he is a poor man but think of his poor wife and his drea children oh it is wonderfull jones is a hard working man works hard for his money i pity his poor family just think of his poor children oh it worried me so but jones is inence in deed he is i stolen it and nobody elst ceelman done wrong he ought to be punished at jonas place for taking the poor childrens meat out of their mouths and make that poor jones can come home to his family again now please put this in the Post and give this paper to ceelman so that everybody can see what peoles can do but give jones free."

We publish the above letter not because it deserves any consideration in itself, but to inform the writer that if he pities Jones and his poor wife and children so much, he is in a better position to give Jones his liberty than anybody else. If his statement is correct, he ought not to be able to sleep a wink until he secures Mr. Jones' release, which power is in the writer's hands. The author of the above letter, if he tells the truth, is the only man who can liberate Jones and if he will come to this office and give the particulars more fully, we will promise to liberate Mr. Jones. If the writer will do his duty, he will do all he can to liberate the innocent man as he claims Jones is.

The Compulsory Act.

(Continued from last week.)

As soon as the law was amended by the legislature of 1897, the Department of Public Instruction proceeded to draft forms of books to be used by the Assessors in recording the ages of children. The forms or books comprehend the following items, viz: (a) Full name of child, (b) Date of birth, (c) Age, (d) Sex, (e) Nationality, (f) Residence, (g) Name of Sub-School District, (h) Name of parent or persons in parental relation, (i) Postoffice address of parent, (j) Name of employer of child under 16 years of age, and (k) Postoffice address of said employer.

Copies of the above form were sent to the County Commissioners of each County, who then purchased from the various printing establishments a sufficient supply for their respective counties. The original books were then placed in the hands of the Assessors and complete registration of all children between 6 and 21 years was made. The Assessor before returning his registry to the Commissioners presented the book for inspection to the secretary of the School Board who either approved or disapproved of the correctness of the registration made, as his judgment and knowledge of the matter would dictate. The book being returned to the Assessor, on a day previously appointed by the Commissioners, all the Assessors in the county returned the registers to the Commissioners who caused an exact copy of each list to be made and sent to the secretary of the School Board of the several districts.

Quite an animated discussion has arisen in the minds of many school authorities in our county, whether the lists furnished the teachers by the secretary of the board shall contain all the items relative to the identity of the child as set forth in the registration lists furnished the secretary by the Commissioners, or whether it shall be a simple statement setting forth the names and ages of children subject to the compulsory provisions. The law simply states that the secretary shall furnish a correct list of all children in each sub-district to the teacher or teachers in said sub-district.

In communities where every person is almost intimately acquainted with every other person, it is altogether needless to require the secretary to make an exact copy of the list which has been certified to him by the Commissioners. It is sufficient for the secretary to have the list which establishes beyond the peradventures of a doubt the identity and residence, parentage, &c. of the child and it is not necessary for the faithful observance and enforcement of the law on the part of the teacher to be supplied with data such as the sex, nationality, &c. of the child or children attending his or her school.

If, however, any secretary desires to give to the teachers of his district exact copies of the list like that which is made by the Assessor and furnished by the Commissioners no fault can be found other than it may be confusing to young and inexperienced teachers and thus the direct purpose of the law be defeated. In large towns, cities and communities where there is a large foreign element and the diversity of employment tends to exclusiveness on the part of the people comprising the population, it is evident that for the certain identification of the pupil these precautionary measures are necessary. But such conditions do not exist in any part or portion of our county, hence common sense would dictate the furnishing of a simple statement containing the names and ages of the pupils residing in each sub-district as sufficient remedy. Of course each list must

be certified as true and correct by the secretary. In cases of omission by the Assessor to register a child or when children move into district after registration has been made, it is the duty of the secretary to add such names to the list already furnished the teacher.

The principal or teacher of every public school shall report to the secretary or attendance officer if the board have appointed one, at the end of each month the number of children and who they are, that have been absent 5 days or more during the month. When it becomes the duty of the secretary or attendance officer to notify in writing the parents or guardians of such children of the absence of their children and requesting them to be sent immediately to their respective schools. In case of failure so to do or refuse to do so, the secretary or attendance officer, if there be one, in the name of the township or district shall proceed against the offending party before a justice of the peace, and if insufficient evidence of the neglect of the parent or party offending be apparent at the hearing before the justice, the cost of said proceedings shall be paid out of the district school funds. If the negligence of the parent or teacher of the child be fully established, the person offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall upon conviction thereof forfeit a fine not exceeding two dollars on the first conviction and a fine not exceeding five dollars for each subsequent conviction. Provided, however, that before such penalty shall be incurred, the parent, teacher, or guardian shall be notified by the secretary in writing of such liability and shall be given an opportunity to comply with the requirements of the law and then and thereafter to avoid the imposition of such penalty. In case the parent or guardian offers an excuse for the child's absence from school such excuse cannot be acted upon by the secretary or attendance officer, but must be presented by him to the board of directors who have sole power to grant leaves of absence upon the presentation of reasons satisfactory to them.

Herein the discretionary powers of the directors may be frequently tested. It is to be earnestly hoped that no flimsy excuse urged by over-indulgent parents or parents unmindful of their children's best interests will sever them from the path of duty. Only sickness or other urgent reasons should be considered proper ground for the issuance of excuses.

If the children are regularly employed or two miles away from the school or are mentally or physically afflicted, all that the parent need do is to present such evidence to the board and the law at once excuses the child from attendance. Since the first effort to establish the compulsory feature in the school attendance, the influence therefrom has had a decided salutary effect. No trouble has been encountered by either directors or people.

The schools have been largely increased in enrollment of pupils and regularity of attendance, all of which promises to augment the efficiency and value of our schools.

That there are many defects in the law, I have no doubt, but if through it a single boy is saved from a life of ignorance and superstition, indolence and crime and by it brought to school, even against his will, and trained for life's noble duties, taught intelligent application to study and inspired with a noble ideal of our best citizenship, is it not worth the trouble and time of every citizen, officer and layman alike, to do all in our power to make effective that which the statute solemnly enjoins upon us? F. C. ROBERTSON, Co. Secy.