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Thursday, Dec. 22, 1898.

**AN EARLY SETTLER.**  
On Monday Sheriff Ritter handed to us the inscription from a headstone located on Samuel Wittenmyer's farm east of this place in Franklin township. A hundred years ago it was the custom to bury a man upon his own plantation. The inscription is in German, but in English characters as follows:

"Hier Ruhet Nicolas Mertz geborenen den 8 August 1748. Gestorben den 21 Hornung, 1801 and ist warden 52 Jahr 6 month and wochen."

The marker is a sand stone about 3 feet high, 20 inches wide and 3 inches thick. Nicolas Mertz, the deceased, is the great-grandfather of John, Aaron and David Stahlnecker of this place. In a tax list of 1797 of the citizens of Penna township, which then included nearly all of Snyder County, we find the name of Nicholas Mertz, charged \$2.46 county tax. In a road tax list, 1796, we find him charged with \$1.51.

Samuel Wittenmyer of this place remembers of older people saying that Mr. Mertz was a very stout man and required a coffin so large that the door facings had to be removed in order to remove the corpse from the house.

**What Do the Children Drink?**  
Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called GRAIN-O? It is delicate and nourishing and takes the place of coffee. The more Grain-O you give the children the more health you distribute through their system. Grain-O is made of pure grains, and when properly prepared tastes like the choice grades of coffee but costs about 1/2 as much. All grocers sell it. 15c. and 25c.

P. S. Burrell, the genial and popular proprietor of the University Inn at State College, was a pleasant caller at this office on Thursday. He was accompanied by Bellefonte by Harvey E. Byerly of Sunbury, who for six years was chief clerk in the Central Hotel there, but who spent the last months in Porto Rico, being a member of the 1st Regiment, and serving as book keeper for the Engineer Corps. He was also accompanied by Mrs. C. B. Ennis, a niece, from Washington, D. C., who had been a guest of his for the last six weeks, and who left for her home on Thursday afternoon. In the company was Miss Jennie Tobias of Middleburg, the head housekeeper of the Inn. Her services are very much appreciated, as they give first class satisfaction. She is accomplished, handsome and agreeable, possessing all those qualifications which render her services invaluable in a position of this kind.—*Keystone Gazette.*

Pains in the chest when a person has a cold indicates a tendency toward pneumonia. A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on to the chest over the seat of pain will promptly relieve the pain and prevent the threatened attack of pneumonia. This same treatment will cure a lame back in a few hours. Sold by all Druggists.

**MARRIED.**  
Dec. 20, by Geo. M. Shindel, Clerk O. C., Henry M. Kaley and Jennie M. Ewing, both of McClure.

**COUNTY GULLINGS.**

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

J. F. Boyer sold a lot in Fremont on Monday to Dr. Marand Rothrock for \$150.

The Kreamer Union Sunday School will hold their Christmas entertainment on Sunday evening, Dec. 24.

The St. John's Union Sunday school will render a Christmas Cantata on Saturday evening, Dec. 24, at Fremont.

C. A. Forry will retire from the hotel at McKees Half Falls in the spring. He will be succeeded by W. H. Kerstetter.

Merchant Millner, at Kantz, sent to the eastern markets during the week of Thanksgiving, 160 turkeys and 300 chickens.

Dr. F. J. Wagenseller of Selinsgrove has become superintendent of the Penn Telephone line. He will certainly be an improvement over his predecessor.

Mrs. Amelia Gundrum of Adamsburg is anxiously awaiting news from her son Charles, who went to Klondyke regions last spring and promised to write by November, no letter having yet been received.

Daniel J. Hassinger, of Beavertown, has purchased the Joseph Hassinger (dec'd) real estate for \$5,000, and R. B. Gross, of Beavertown, has purchased the Z. B. Gross (dec'd) farm for \$6,500.

Dr. James Sampson of Centreville has been recommended for appointment as an examining surgeon on the Middleburg pension board, to succeed Dr. A. M. Smith, who takes a seat in the Legislature on the 3d of January.

The shoe factory at Selinsgrove on last pay-day, paid out to its hands something over seven hundred dollars. Many years have passed since the like of this occurred in Selinsgrove. The pay to employees for the present month will likely exceed that of last.

Examine the Post's sale register. Already persons intending to have sale, have announced their dates. Those intending to have sale should select a date and send it in to the Post. No charge will be made for inserting notice when you get the bills at this office.

The Lutheran and Reformed choirs of Freeburg, assisted by Prof. Billhardt, A. W. Potter, Esq., John Potter, Chauncy Keely and an orchestra will render a Christmas cantata, "The Prince of Peace" in the Lutheran and Reformed church on Sunday evening, Dec. 25. Everybody is invited to attend.

Joseph Ettinger and Henry Banquet, both of Snyder county, recently stole wheat from the premises of John Bishop of Limestone township, Union county. He had them arrested and taken before Squire J. F. Yeisley, who committed them for trial. Banquet was jailed and Ettinger was released, his father going on his bond for trial.

Mrs. Bollinger of Salem, mother of Jacob, Samuel and Millard Bollinger, is slightly under the weather. She is 85 years of age, reads without the aid of spectacles, has a clear memory and is possessed of most remarkable physical vitality, going around the house with the celerity and ease of a young woman. We hope she may soon recover her wonted health.

Ner A. Feese of Beavertown is still prospecting for coal north of that place. He is satisfied beyond a doubt that a rich vein of coal is on his land. Besides his belief is further verified from the fact that James Freed and Frank Beaver made oath before Justice Wetzel that while they were working in the shaft they found coal in the strata, and that the same has never been placed there by the hands of any person.

Assessor Glass has placed the duplicate registry list of the voters of Washington township, containing 350 registered voters, on the door of the election house. Out of that number there will be elected 13 at the February election to serve the various offices of the township, viz. 1 Judge of Elections, 2 Inspectors, 1 Constable, 2 Overseers of the Poor, 2 School Directors, 2 Supervisors, 1 Auditor, 1 Township Clerk. Good men should be urged to be candidates for these offices.

**Court Proceedings.**

Reported by Jas. G. Crouse, Esq.  
Court convened Monday, Dec. 12, 1898, at 11 o'clock A. M. Hon. H. M. McClure, P. J., Hon. Z. T. Gemberling and Hon. Alfred Specht, Associate Judges, presiding.

Henry Tobias, Levinus Keeler, Henry Gemberling and D. B. Hasinger were appointed tipstaves.

**QUARTER SESSION.**  
Jeremiah Bowen was appointed overseer of the poor of Monroe township to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Noah Deobler.

In the case of the Commonwealth vs. David T. Shaffer, the defendant was convicted of assault and battery and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$20.00 and costs of prosecution.

In the case of the Commonwealth vs. Abraham L. Bishop, the defendant was convicted of fornication and bastardy and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$5 and costs of prosecution and pay the prosecutrix the usual amounts in cases of this kind.

In the case of the Commonwealth vs. Charles Bickhart and Samuel Zimmerman the defendants were acquitted of the charge of malicious mischief.

Charles Wetzel, John D. Bogar and William M. Boyer were appointed to review public road in Perry and Chapman townships.

G. A. Botdorf, George F. Miller and Robert Smith were appointed to view public road in Franklin township.

Viewers reported in favor of a bridge in West Beaver township and said report was approved by the grand jury.

Reports of viewers in Monroe, Centre and Union townships were confirmed nisi and the first two ordered to be opened 33 feet wide and the last one 25 feet wide.

**COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.**

In the case of Sarah Jane Bower by her next friend, etc., vs. John F. Bower, a divorce was granted.

The account of A. G. Bashoar, assignee of H. W. Ullsh, was confirmed nisi.

In the case of Samuel M. App vs. Gertrude I. App, an alias subpoena in divorce was awarded.

P. S. Ritter, Sheriff, acknowledged deeds to C. E. Steininger and R. C. Fiss.

**ORPHANS' COURT.**

Orders of sale were granted in estates of Henry Grubb, dec'd., and Benjamin Kramer, dec'd.

Returns to orders of sale were confirmed nisi in the estate of Julian Swartz, dec'd., Thomas Swartz, dec'd., John H. Bachman, dec'd., and Eva Sampson, dec'd.

Tracts Nos. 1, 2 and 3, of the real estate of Z. P. Gross, dec'd., were awarded to R. B. Gross for the sums of \$6,500, \$27.50 and \$40.00 respectively.

Tracts Nos. 1, 2 and 3, of the real estate of Joseph Hassinger, dec'd., were awarded to D. J. Hasinger for the sums of \$4,625, \$151 and \$224 respectively, and tract No. 4 was awarded to Lydia Middleburgh at the sum of \$675.25.

John B. Underkuffler was appointed guardian of Annie Hornberger, a minor child of Priscilla Hornberger, dec'd.

Christian Knouse was appointed guardian of Charles Bordner, a minor child of Milton Bordner, dec'd.

The auditor report was confirmed in estates of Joseph Hassinger, dec'd.

The widows' appraisements and the executors, administrators and guardians accounts were all confirmed as advertised.

Philip Keister was appointed guardian of Gertie A. and Susan H. Portzline, minor children of Eva Portzline, dec'd., and minor grandchildren of William Hollenbach, dec'd.

Thursday, Dec. 15, court adjourned to Monday, Dec. 19, 1898.

**Barnum's Widow Again a Wife.**  
New York, Dec. 20.—Phineas T. Barnum's widow, his second wife, has taken a third husband. Her second was Demetri Callias Bey, a Greek. He died Sept. 22, 1896, while his wife was in this country on a visit. Now, according to the cards received by her friends in this country, she was married to Baron Alexandre Oregiana, a French nobleman, in Paris on Dec. 8.

**Fatal Explosion in Havana Harbor.**  
Havana, Dec. 20.—While the American steamship Fanita, of the W. P. Glyde & Co. line, was passing near the wreck of the United States battleship Maine on Sunday the main steam pipes and some of its connections exploded. Alexander Geer, the engineer, was killed outright and Assistant Engineer Tonon Wiley, Machinist Peter Walsh and Fireman William Green were injured.

**BOTKIN MURDER TRIAL.**

**More Damaging Evidence Against the Alleged Poisoner.**

**JOHN P. DUNNING IN CONTEMPT.**

The Husband of One of the Victims Refused to Answer Questions Regarding His Liasons with Other Women and Is Placed Under Arrest.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—In the Botkin case yesterday Miss Lizzie Lovernash, a reporter, explained that she was detailed to interview Mrs. Botkin at Healdsburg, where the accused was in seclusion at the time of the murder. Miss Lovernash told the story of Mrs. Botkin's acquaintance with Mrs. Dunning as Mrs. Botkin had told it to her. When told that she was suspected the accused became hysterical and exclaimed: "Why should I be suspected? It would have been better to have killed the man and spared the mother to her child."

Witness said the prisoner spoke of some letters in connection with the case, and asked witness if handwriting experts would be able to identify the writing of a person laboring under great excitement. Mrs. Botkin also spoke of a number of letters sent to Mrs. Dunning, and said they were sent by a woman in San Francisco.

On another occasion, while Miss Lovernash was with Mrs. Botkin in Stockton, Mrs. Botkin's son, Beverly, entered the house in a state of intoxication and made remarks concerning his mother's relations with Dunning. Mrs. Botkin turned to Miss Lovernash appealingly, saying: "What shall I do? My son has the insolence to damn me." John P. Dunning, husband of one of the victims of the tragedy, testified as to his relations with Mrs. Botkin, and described with some degree of detail the affairs up to the time he left this city for Cuba, where he was to do newspaper work. He said that he had received many letters from Mrs. Botkin, but had destroyed them as fast as they came.

On his return from Salt Lake City in August, 1897, Mrs. Botkin said she had obtained a divorce from her husband, and for a long time he believed this to be true. He had told Mrs. Botkin on one occasion that his wife was passionately fond of candy. He identified the anonymous letters, the address on the box of candy and the enclosed note as being in the handwriting of Mrs. Botkin.

On cross examination Attorney Knight asked Dunning if he had been intimate with other women. On replying in the affirmative he was asked to name them. This he refused to do. Knight insisted on a reply, and Judge Cook instructed Dunning to answer. He again refused, whereupon the judge committed him for contempt. He was then arrested.

**Havana's Police Force.**  
Havana, Dec. 20.—General Greene has approved ex-Chief McCullagh's plan to organize a police force of 1,000 men, on the model of the New York city system, formerly under McCullagh's supervision. Clubs and revolvers have been ordered from New York and yesterday the selection of men was begun. There are 1,800 applicants.

**LIPPINCOTT'S MAGAZINE 1899**

Thirty-Second Annual Announcement.

LIPPINCOTT'S is always distinctly popular in the character of its literature. It is not a newspaper, a school book, nor a pictorial. Having no illustrations it gives all the space to useful and interesting reading matter. Advertising hoardings, such as numbers and each article is complete in itself. It therefore appeals especially to the increasing number of persons who object to scraps to be continued in our next.

It will continue to pursue its well-known course, retaining the feature which made it especially attractive, a Complete Novel in each issue.

As heretofore, more regard will be paid to the substance and style of contributions than to the signatures, and the work of new writers, when marked by intrinsic merit and practical availability, will be presented as cheerfully as that of authors whose reputation was long ago made.

We cannot announce the entire programme for 1899, not only to new contributors, but on occasion to the special use of our correspondents. A detailed prospectus means that a Magazine is committed to the stories announced far ahead, irrespective of the reception of what may be superior matter. For instance, Mrs. Burton Harrison's tale, in our November issue, was not included in our announcement for 1898.

1899 will be a woman's year in fiction. Novels will be offered from several pens hitherto unknown to the general public; and one well-known author, entering on a field somewhat different from that in which she has previously worked, prefers in "Green Withes," to be anonymous.

The following is a partial list of the novels and other matter which may be expected during 1899:

"CHRISTIAN REID" (MRS. TIERNAN), well known by her work in this Magazine and elsewhere, will give, in "Princess Nadine," a Russian-American story, the scene of which is in Italy.

ANNA ROBESON BROWN writes a romantic story, "The House of Pan." Its action is mainly on the Canadian border, towards the close of the last century.

MISS LAFAYETTE McLAWS, daughter of the Confederate general of that name, makes her debut with a stirring Southern tale, "The Mystery of Mr. Galt."

ISABEL WHITELEY reviews the French war of 1870 and, and carries her young hero into the Italian campaign of 1811-12. "For the French Lilies" is written with full knowledge of those remote times, and with excellent pictorial and narrative ability.

MRS. CLARINDA PENDLETON LAMAR, whose short Virginia stories in this Magazine have won deserved admiration, in "The Sport of Circumstances," moves her characters between Georgia, New York and England, and narrates a delightfully unconventional, international love affair.

MAURICE THOMPSON, well known as an essayist, critic, novelist, and poet, tells, in "Rosamond's Lovers," a tale of love and wheels, moving chiefly in the middle West.

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DURING 1899.

Correspondents and Departments.  
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The Art programme includes a series of twelve 'GREAT PICTURE' by the foremost illustrators of the day, and frequent contributions from Howard Pyle, A. B. Wenzell, F. C. Yohn, Jay Hambridge, Reuter Dahl and Frederic Remington.

Fiction.  
A new serial story, by Paul Leicester Ford, author of "The Honorable Peter Sterling," dealing with love and adventures at the time of the Revolution, profusely illustrated by the pupils of Howard Pyle; Short stories by Henry James, Stephen Crane, Juhen Gorge, S. R. Crockett, and other well known writers.

**Superb Christmas Issue**  
DOUBLE NUMBER IN COLORS AND GOLD  
This issue has contributions in Art from Wenzell, Reuter Dahl, Verbeck, Hambridge, Howard, Yohn, et al., and in Literature from Crockett, Sarah Grand, Gosse, Walter Camp et al., and  
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**CURRENT EVENTS ILLUSTRATED.**

Keep abreast of the time \* \* \* There is no event of importance not covered by illustration and text.—Record, Wilkesbarre

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**First National Bank Election Notice**  
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Middleburg for the election of seven directors for the ensuing year will be held on Tuesday, the 17th day of January, 1899, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 12 m. J. N. THOMPSON, Jr., Cashier.  
Middleburg, Pa., Dec. 18th, 1898.

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