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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.

The February term of court opens on Monday the 27th.

Next Tuesday is election day. Wednesday is Washington's birthday.

Miss Maude Gift, of Paxtonville, was the guest of Miss Laura Hertz over Sunday.

William Romig, our fellow townsman, is turning out to be a poet of the first water.

L. G. Smith, the operator at Burnham, spent Sunday with his parents in this place.

C. Ed. Corkins, the jeweler of this place, is the proud daddy of a new ten-pound boy.

Miss Cuba, daughter of Allen Moyer of Lewisburg, is visiting friends at our capital.

E. C. Graybill has withdrawn his name from the Democratic ticket as a candidate for Town Council.

WANTED.—A girl to do general house work. Address, Box 46, Swineford, Snyder Co., Pa. tf.

Jeremiah Moyer of Sweet Hope was among the veterans who were examined for pension last week.

Mrs. Gabriel Beaver has returned from a brief visit to her daughter, Mrs. Dagle, at Northumberland.

John Stickle, the baker, has been very ill during the past week and a doctor from Selinsgrove is taking his place.

William K. Miller, Esq., clerk of the House Appropriation Committee, was a Middleburgh visitor over Sunday.

We are indebted to Representative A. M. Smith for a copy of the Legislative Record, which comes to our desk.

Oh yes! Oh yes!! any one making sale can do well by calling on James Bowersox, auctioneer, Middleburgh, Pa. 1-19-6t.

Mrs. Dr. J. C. Amig of Lewisburg has returned to her home after a ten days' visit to her mother, Mrs. J. L. Marks.

Cornelius H. Dunkleberger, the brewer and gauger, has been stationed at the distillery at Waynesboro, Franklin county.

Harry Specht having gone to Washington, D. C. the court appointed A. F. Gilbert as substitute to serve on the election board.

Be sure to read our great offer of the Farm Journal five years free for payment of one year in advance, good old and new subscribers.

M. L. Walter of Swineford called on Monday and paid for a year's subscription to the POST to be sent Harry L. Myers, Bellevue, O.

Henry Gemberling has filed nomination papers at the Commissioners' office as an independent candidate for Constable for Selinsgrove Boro.

George Erhart of Lewistown is recovering from his recent illness and is able to be out, but has not resumed his work at Burnham.

Josephat Walter called on Tuesday and paid a year's subscription to the POST for his daughter, Mrs. Jesse of Vicksburg. This is a good example for others to follow.

The Lewisburg Chronicle of last week says: "Our townsman, F. E. ... visited Emporium, ... county, and Ridgway, Elk ... professional business on ... and Wednesday of this ..."

15 photographs for 15c at Roshon Gallery, Sunbury. 3t.

Ten cases are on the list for trial at the February term of court.

The suit of J. G. Snyder of Beavertown vs. the Sunbury and Lewistown Railroad has been settled.

The first of April comes this year on Saturday. A good day to move if you have no scruples against fixin' up on Sunday.

Legislation is to be introduced at this session of the state legislature to increase the minimum school term in Pennsylvania from six to seven months.

The County Treasurer has received a check from the estate of Ario Pardee, late of Hazleton, taxes on unseated lands for 1898 amounting to \$127.49.

If you do not want to pay for carriage to Sunbury, send your photograph and get 15 photographs for 15 cents at Roshon's Gallery. Add 2 cents for postage. 3t.

Ninety five dollars was cleared by the Ladies' Mite Society with the Business Men's Carnival. The fund will go toward the erection of a Lutheran parsonage.

We should prefer to hear from our correspondents regularly every week. Correspondents must not forget that news must reach us not later than Tuesday morning.

WANTED—Reliable men to put in all or part of time taking orders for our Lubricating Oils and Greases. Liberal commission. THE FEDERAL OIL CO., Cleveland, Ohio.

Samuel Wittenmyer, Jr., came over from New York City and spent Tuesday with his parents. He has since returned to his studies at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

Most of those who have received letters from us about the holidays have attended to their obligations. Those who have not yet done so will please attend to the same as soon as possible.

Jere Shrawder, the mail driver between Middleburgh and this place, did not reach Middleburgh on Monday last. He started out on his trip, but owing to the heavy drifts, was unable to get over.

The County Treasurer has received a draft from the Auditor General for \$11.15, having been refunded as one-half the cost for extinguishing forest fires, under the act of 1897. The fires were in Franklin and Adams townships during 1898.

We understand that Norman App, one of Monroe township's most progressive farmers, and a true blue Republican, will be a candidate for County Auditor. Norman would make a painstaking accountant. There should be more men of his kind elected to office.

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.

Farmers, send your name and address to the United States department of agriculture requesting that the monthly list of publications be sent you. From this you can select such publications as you think will be of interest and value to you. They will be sent free of charge.

Cyril Haas, C. B. Harman, Messrs. Hoover, Derr and Fisher, students of Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, who intend to become foreign missionaries, were in Middleburgh over Sunday. They held four meetings Saturday evening and Sunday. The young men left a good impression.

Senator Hertzler offered and introduced an Act to repeal an Act entitled, "An Act to form an independent school district out of parts of West Perry township, Snyder county, and part of Monroe township, this county." This Act is to take effect on the first Monday of June next.

The cold spell of weather last week has been unparalleled in the history of this community. It is very common for the unprotected portions of the West, but to have weather around zero and as low as 8, 10 and 18 to 20 degrees below for several days is entirely new for this section of America.

The borough Democrats have nominated the following ticket: High Constable, Joseph Clelan; Constable, George Specht; Town Council, E. C. Graybill, John Moatz and N. S. Bachman; School Director, Jacob Gilbert; Auditor, Paul Billhardt; Inspector, James W. Runkle; Overseer of the poor, (2 years), H. D. Stahlacker, (1 year), Frederick Smith.

On the last page of this issue our readers will find a new advertisement of the wide-awake furniture dealers, E. S. Weimer & Co., at Sunbury, Pa. They have an immense stock on hand, their prices have been reduced and what more is it will deliver your furniture so it will not be scratched or soiled. Call to see their stock on South 4th Street, Sunbury, Pa.

Successful Revival.

We have just closed our series of meetings at New Berlin U. B. church which have proved very successful. The Lord has blessed us with 56 seekers, 46 of whom have united with the church. These meetings have indeed proven to be a spiritual uplifting to all in and about the town.

Fifty-six of the members of this church have shown their appreciation of the labors of their pastor by surprising him with a donation consisting of groceries and provisions amounting to \$15.30. May many more such blessings come to our county in the way of uplifting fallen humanity and making the heart and home of our beloved pastor happy. A MEMBER.

Trial List, February Term.

Jacob G. Snyder vs. the Sunbury & Lewistown Railroad Company and the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Hannah Boyer (nee Knouse), a legatee of the last will and testament of David Knouse, deceased.

Susanna Hummel vs. Daniel Bolder.

W. L. Hellenstein vs. Frank Reichenbach and Levi C. Reichenbach.

The Poor district of the township of West Beaver vs. A. A. Romig, Adm'r of the estate of Henry Treaster, deceased.

Mrs. Foster L. Smith vs. W. F. Hummel, Adm'r of L. R. Hummel, deceased.

Samuel W. Herrold vs. the township of Perry.

John S. Wolf vs. John A. Moyer.

George F. Hare vs. Robert H. Rearick.

Martha A. Bingham vs. Jacob Royer.

A Brilliant Star.

Any one who happens to be out a half hour before sunrise will see in the far southern heavens a beautiful sight. Venus is the morning star, and is at its perihelion. It is remarkably brilliant, and the prospect to the beholder is both sublime and inspiring.

Col. Philip Hilbish.

Col. Philip Hilbish was born at the old homestead in Freeburg Nov. 11, 1815, and died at his beautiful home adjoining the southern limits of Selinsgrove on Wednesday evening, Feb. 8, 1899 at 9:30 o'clock at the age of 83 years, 2 months and 27 days. He was educated in the public schools and one term at Lafayette College, Easton. He followed the profession of surveying. March 19, 1866, he was made a mason in Layfette Lodge, No. 194 at Selinsgrove, which body attended the funeral of the deceased on Saturday.

He was twice married, first in 1839 to Barbara E. Speck, a native of Perry County. She died in 1851. Second, to Margaret E. Thompson, born Jan. 20, 1834, the daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Bachman) Thompson of New Buffalo, Pa. By his first wife he had six children: (1) Benjamin, born Feb. 1840, died Sept. the same year. (2) Sarah M., born April 6, 1841, married William C. Thompson, and died Jan. 22, 1889. (3) Frederick S., born July 6, 1843, is a physician at Fremont, Ohio. (4) William P., born Aug. 10, 1845, an attorney at Sunbury, Pa., started for Klondike about one year ago and nothing has been heard of him for some time. (5) Thomas J., born July 9, 1849, became a successful musician and died May 20, 1881, at Green Springs, Ohio. (6) Barbara, born Sept. 6, 1851, lived only 14 days. By his second marriage there were seven children: (1) Charles E., born 1855, died in infancy. (2) James H., born March 8, 1857, died at the age of 5 years. (3) Philip, Jr., born Feb. 19, 1859, died Aug. 5, 1893 at Selinsgrove. (4) Margaret E., born Nov. 22, 1860, married N. N. Lechner of Akron where he died in 1896. (5) Cordelia E., born Dec. 18, 1863, is the wife of J. G. Given of Charlottesville, Va. (6) Samuel Thompson, born Aug. 18, 1866, resides at Selinsgrove. (7) another son died in infancy.

The father of the deceased, John Hilbish, was born in Frederick township, Montgomery County, Feb. 9, 1789. The greater part of his life was spent at Freeburg, where he served as Postmaster. John Hilbish was married April 27, 1813 to Salome Gross, born Sept. 4, 1793 at Freeburg. He died Sept. 9, 1840.

Col. Hilbish comes from German ancestry, the founder of the family in America, being Christian Hallowbush (Hilbish) who was born in the Palatinate, Germany, and came to America in 1724, accompanied by his brother Peter and his widowed mother.

Col. Hilbish is widely and favorably known among the people of Central Pennsylvania. During his life time his extensive business relations brought him in contact with all classes of men and made him extremely popular. He was a member of the Methodist church at Selinsgrove, and on Saturday at one o'clock P. M. he was buried in the Union cemetery at Selinsgrove, the burial rites of the Masonic fraternity being used at the interment. Peace be to his ashes.

It Beats the Band.

The newest and most inspiring piece of Sheet Music, arranged for piano, is the "Pioneer Limited March" composed by Capt. Frederick Phinney, Bandmaster United States Band, published by S. Brainard's Sons Co., Chicago, Ill.; distributed only by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway. Enclose fifty (50) cents and address, Geo. H. Heafford, General Passenger Agent, 555 Old Colony Building, Chicago, Ill. 2t

The infant daughter of Lester G. Smith of Swineford, died on Tuesday.

LETTER FROM HAVANA.

HAVANA, Cuba, Jan. 3rd.

DEAR EDITOR:—If it were possible for me to do so I would give you a most interesting letter of my trip to Cuba and the events that have transpired since our arrival, but I am almost afraid to undertake to describe it all, it has been so dreamlike, so unexpected. However, it will not be fair not to mention some of the events in my own poor style.

The first prize steamer of the late war (the Panama) carried our party consisting of General Keifer second in command of the 7th A. C. to General Lee) and staff, together with the Headquarters of the 1st Division, which included Col. Creager, C. Q. M. and his various employes, I being of this number. The Panama is not a large steamer and can only accommodate a matter of 150 or 200 people, which was about the number on board her during this trip. There were probably 50 or 75 horses, mules, camp equipments, provisions, etc.

It had been announced through the various daily papers at Savannah that our leaving time would be 11 A. M. Tuesday, the 27th ult. so a goodly number of Savannah's citizens came down to the dock to see us off, together with one of the regiment bands of our division. A great many of the officers and others on board the boat who had wives and dear ones to give good by made the parting scene rather touching, more so than I had hoped to see. A good many tears were shed both by those on their way to Cuba and the dear ones left behind to pray for our bon voyage and protection in Cuba. All the way down the river front as far as the City limits people lined the shore shouting us a last farewell and a vive la Americans. To add a little to the history of the event we were being towed out to sea by the well known Filabuster "the Dauntless," one of the fleetest tugs on the Atlantic Coast. At Tybee we struck the open sea and were left to the mercies of old ocean. Fortunately for the weaker ones we found a perfectly calm sea devoid of those rolling billows which strike terror to the hearts of the "first voyagers" like myself, and for an hour or two make you feel alarmed that you are going to die and later afraid that you will not die to end your misery.

All the day long the sea felt lovely and there was not a single roll felt as the old Panama clove through the waves. We went straight out to sea, I reckon about twenty or twenty-five miles from shore—far enough to end the hopes of some that land might at least be in sight if anything should happen to us. A word about the Panama: She is a long and very narrow boat built in 1876, I think, by the clergy of Spain and presented to the Spanish Government for a sort of Hospital supply boat. Her apartments still bear Spanish notices, signs, etc. I understand she is one of the fleetest steamers in the American transport service, and ought to be from the way she is built. She bears the American stamp now, however, and is marked "No. 1, Q. D. Dept., U. S. A." The old name Panama has been almost entirely obliterated by good old American white lead and paint. The cabin accommodations were first class, quite as good as most passenger steamers and perhaps as comfortable as a Pullman Sleeping Car. Our cabin contained five berths which were occupied by Meers, Norton, Harn, Bonn, Hummel and myself. This number represents all our clerical force but one, Mr. Key, who occupied a cabin nearby. The meals served were very good indeed, and I am glad to say I was always ready for mine when the bell rang, and did full justice to them. There were some of the party hardly as fortunate in this respect from the effects of the trip. We were not excluded from eating at the same mess with the officers, the General included; by that I mean we civilian clerks. Of course the Provost Guard, teamsters, etc. had their meals served in another quarter of the ship, they being allowed travel rations by the Government, whereas we paid \$1.50 per day each for our accommodations. Well nothing very eventful took place the first day out, and it took the most of us that length of time to get thoroughly accustomed to our new surroundings so that none of us wanted for diversions. We played cards whenever time would get heavy on our heads, which was mostly after dark. Occasionally we sighted a sail and interested ourselves taking it in through Broncho John's field glasses. Here is a character I ought not pass over in narrating the trip. Broncho, as we call him, is an old Indian scout who has served many years in the frontier and is a prime favorite of some of our most distinguished generals, such as General Brooks, now Governor General of Cuba, General Shafter, in command at Santiago, and others. He is now connected with the 7th A. C., in charge of the animals. He is quite an interesting person to talk to. I understand Broncho has traveled quite a while with Buffalo Bill and is a dead shot. So much for Broncho.

Early the second morning out we were up to see the sunrise, a grand sight on the ocean, but a still greater treat awaited us than this. All along the western horizon we could see a faint line of dark-colored substance which was claimed to be land, and proved to be true in good time. Yes, we followed the Florida coast for many miles during Wednesday in plain sight of land, distinguishing objects without difficulty. We also had some sport in the way of a large school of porpoises following the ship for miles and affording excellent target practice as they would glide up alongside of the boat and jump out of the water their full length. Such a fusillade of shots you never heard as we gave these visitors. We didn't stop to reckon losses, but it was a mighty one-sided contest and in a few hours our enemy retired. Porpoises are quite large, perhaps averaging five or six feet in length and thick through. It was a very pretty sight to see them glide along the water for all ways then dart up into the air. It was too much temptation for the general and he joined in the sport with his Krag Jorgesen. I don't believe he did very much damage. I kept my gun in the cabin where it belonged, not wishing to waste ammunition until it was necessary.

At Miami the light house was in plain view and the hotels at Palm Beach, Fla., could be seen plainly. Night again overtook us south of Miami a short ways. Thursday morning we found ourselves again out of sight of land and the promise of a rougher sea. We were now in close proximity of the Florida straits, which are rough as a rule. It continued to grow worse all day and a good many learned what seasickness meant. If you had any doubt whether your comrade was feeling well, just say to him "How would you like to have a piece of juicy fat meat" and he would soon hunt the railing and cast his bread upon the waves. I stood it all O. K. much to my surprise. We hoove in sight of Cuba, about 30 miles from Havana, I suppose, along about three o'clock in the afternoon and followed the coast line until we sighted old Morro Castle, just as the sun was going down, and in the nick of time to enter the harbor before the Spanish law prohibited any vessels to enter. We all felt the supreme satisfaction that we were seeing the last

To be continued next week.