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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.

15 photographs for 15c at Rosson Gallery, Sunbury.

Merlin Shannon has been quite ill with pneumonia for the past week.

Mrs. I. H. Bowersox attended the funeral of a relative in Lewisburg last week.

Will Bassler, wife and child of Freiburg on Friday were Middleburg visitors.

We are indebted to the News Item for the type of the election returns used this issue.

Carbon Seebold and wife spent the latter part of last week in the city of Philadelphia.

The State Photographers' Association adjourned its three days' convention at Wilkesbarre.

Governor Stone has fixed April 20th for the execution of Anthony McGowan at Pittsburg.

Clarence Graybill and Dr. A. J. Herman attended the horse sale at Selinsgrove last Thursday.

While sitting at the breakfast table Miss Ella Irvin of Chambersburg, fell dead to the floor.

Jacob Boob of Millinburg well-known at this place, will embark in the hotel business this spring.

A surprise party was given to Mrs. E. C. Graybill on her birthday Monday evening of this week.

Mrs. Alfred Steininger and son Park and little brother were Sunday visitors at the home of Lank Hare.

Mrs. Samuel Alleman of Selinsgrove is visiting at the residence of Mrs. Catherine Bower in Swineford.

Diphtheria relieved in twenty minutes. Almost miraculous. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. At any drug store.

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

A. A. Romig and Howard Treasurer of West Beaver township were at the county seat on Thursday of last week.

A. H. Klose and wife of Franklin township on Saturday were the guests of J. C. Schoch and wife on Market St.

C. Morris Showers of Penn's Creek on Saturday attended a meeting of applicants for a new masonic lodge at this place.

A grand jury at Washington, Pa., found thirty-four true bills of embezzlement against Major Samuel Hazlet, an ex-banker.

Mr. McWilliams, the father of T. B. McWilliams, formerly of this place but now of McVeytown, is reported seriously ill.

The engagement of Attorney B. W. Cummings of Pottsville to Miss Wolverton, daughter of ex-Congressman Wolverton of Sunbury, is announced.

Mrs. Frank Gaugler of Selinsgrove spent last Friday in town, the guest of her sister, Mrs. T. R. Hosterman, and her father, Aaron Renninger.

N. O. Row and family of Globe Mills on Monday started for Admah, Washington county, Nebraska. We wish them a prosperous future in their new home.

Alvin Moyer, formerly an employee of this office, had a very severe attack of illness last week. He has recently been driving the bread wagon for Mr. Meiser.

A full line of the latest style spring hats at Oppenheimer's, Selinsgrove. 3-2-3t.

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

Mrs. E. C. Stahl of Reading and Mrs. Loretta Smith of Carbondale are visiting Daniel Millhouse in Franklin.

Because during courtship she concealed the fact that she wore a glass eye, Charles Krause of Cincinnati, O., claims a divorce.

If great merchants advertise extensively, small houses should advertise in proportion. Keep your name before the public, in the Post.

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

Register & Recorder John H. Willis, W. E. Stahlnecker and Geo. W. Wagenseiler attended Masonic Lodge at Selinsgrove last Thursday evening. J. E. Stahlnecker accompanied them.

While out on professional business last Thursday, Dr. A. J. Herman had the misfortune of getting on a snow bank and upsetting his buggy. The horse was pretty badly hurt and the buggy smashed. The doctor escaped injury.

The house of William Wagoner, near McKinney, Franklin county, was destroyed by fire in the night, and as none of the neighbors came through the drifts to their assistance the family took refuge in the barn, where they nearly perished.

The children of this town have undertaken a new industry and people who are about the town have plenty of evidence of their business enterprise. They are popping corn and selling it to make money for the use of the Infant Sunday School.

Miss Mazie Beaver has returned from a six weeks' visit to her sister, Mrs. W. F. Dagle of Northumberland. She was accompanied on her return by Mrs. Dagle and her children, who are spending some time with her parents, Gabriel Beaver and wife.

Rev. H. C. Salem, Rebersburg's new Lutheran pastor, late of Scalp Level, Pa., was called upon by the members of his flock, a few days ago and given a hearty welcome accompanied by an abundance of such gifts as usually gladden the hearts of a pastor.

A smooth, easy shave, genteel haircut, 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.

By the appointment Friday of W. W. Montgomery as postmaster at Bellefonte, Representative Arnold has won a hard fight against Ex-Governor Hastings. The latter was supporting S. H. Williams for the position and had the aid of the Postmaster General.

LIVE STOCK SALE

Largest Sale of the Season.

The largest sale of live stock and farming implements in Snyder Co. will take place at Dundore, in Union township, on Saturday, March 11, 1899. There will be at least six extra good horses, an excellent lot of milch cows, a lot of healthy young cattle, about 20 shoats and farming implements. The stock is the property of N. T. Dundore, who has the reputation of always keeping the best. Don't forget the sale on Saturday of next week. 2t

The Old Beaver Furnace.

A Historical Sketch Written for the "Grit" Republished in the "Post."

Nestled at the foot of Shade Mountain on the road from Selinsgrove to Lewistown, Pa., is the village of Paxtonville. The railroad station is Benfer. It is a village of about 300 inhabitants, and was originally known as Beaver Furnace, the name being derived from the town's chief industry—a furnace, one of the oldest in the State.

This furnace was one of the old-fashioned kind, being run by an overshot waterwheel, or rather two of them, one above the other. The water to run these wheels was diverted from its course through the mountain about 200 feet above the furnace and run through pipes to the place where it was used. The indentations are still in the side hill, but the pipes have long since rotted and no trace of them can be found. Nothing remains of the old wheels, either, except two posts and a lot of rubbish almost unseen on account of the growth of brush in the pit where they used to do duty.

In 1848 Ner Middleswarth, Jacob Kern, John Kern, Daniel Kern and



RUINS OF THE OLD BEAVER FURNACE.

John C. Wilson formed a company and erected a blast furnace at this place. John C. Wilson was made manager of the concern and under his guidance the furnace was fired Aug. 11 of that year and run until 1856, when it blew out. The company made a good quality of charcoal pig iron, and averaged from six to eight tons per day. The property at this time—1856—changed hands and passed into the control of Ner Middleswarth, who operated it for some time and then disposed of the concern to a company made up of Doctor Rooke, Jesse Walter and Nutting & Francis, who run it from 1863 to 1866, when it was again stopped, and since that time it has not been run. The iron ore was mined a short distance up the mountain, and with these industries once established the town was a quite active place. The ever-present company store was one of the side issues during the operation. Those of us who to-day see everything carried on railroad cars can but imagine the sight made by the long lines of wagons loaded with iron and drawn by six horses. The "pigs" were conveyed in this way to Selinsgrove, a distance of 14 miles, where they were loaded on canal boats, and by them taken to different iron works throughout the State. About 1871 the property was purchased by Robert Paxton—when the name of the village was changed to Paxtonville in his honor—who worked the mines for some time. The stack of the furnace was built of stone, about 1,600 perch being used. The machinery and buildings have all been removed and nothing is left to tell the tale of past glories but this big pile of stones.

The first scene in the illustrated sermon at the Lutheran church next Sunday evening will be Christian entering the "Wickel Gate."

COURT HOUSE CHIPS

Deaths Entered for Record.

Martha and Isaac Haines to George F. Showers, one acre in West Beaver twp. for one dollar.

A. J. Gross and Sallie, his wife to F. Row, house and lot on Water Street, Selinsgrove, for \$800.

John H. Sufel and others trustees to Mrs. Susan Snyder, burial lot in Herrold's Cemetery, Chapman township, for \$2.75.

Wills Probated.

The last will and testament of Mary J. Samspell, late of Centreville, was probated Wednesday of last week. G. C. Maurer is named as executor. Her two daughters are the heirs.

The last will and testament of Christian Herrold, late of Chapman township, was probated on Saturday. Wilson Herrold of Chapman is named as executor. The children are named as heirs.

Marriage Licenses.

(Levi Moyer, Chapman, Laura E. Leach, " (W. A. Cernelius, Lewisburg, Sarah E. Dershanan, Paxtonville.

A Present of \$2.50.

The Post has made special arrangements with the FARM JOURNAL by which we are enabled to offer a five-year subscription to that paper to every new subscriber who pays One Dollar for the MIDDLEBURGH POST one year in advance, and the same offer is made to every old subscriber who pays his arrears to date and one dollar extra for the POST one year in advance and the Farm Journal five years in advance.

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that in order to get this premium of five years subscription to the FARM JOURNAL, it is necessary to attend to this matter promptly as we have only a limited number to offer. Address THE MIDDLEBURGH POST, Middleburg, Pa.

New Masonic Lodge

The Freemasons Have Applied for a New Lodge at Middleburg. 19 Charter Members.

For some weeks there has been some quiet talk of organizing a new lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in this place and now the movement is in full sway. Last Thursday evening 16 of the members of Lafayette Lodge of Selinsgrove withdrew from that time-honored institution that has identified with it the history of the most prominent men of this section of the State for a period of 75 years, and has also withstood the unjust tirades during the period of the anti-masonic movement. These 16 men in connection with 3 others have become petitioners for a warrant of constitution of a new lodge at Middleburg, Snyder County, Pa. The petitioners met in this place on Saturday evening and effected a temporary organization by electing John H. Willis, temporary chairman; H. Harris Bower, temporary secretary; and J. Calvin Schoch, temporary treasurer. By a unanimous vote the following were recommended for the officers: Geo. W. Wagenseiler, M. W.; Hon. A. M. Smith of Adamsburg, S. W.; C. Morris Showers of Penn's Creek, J. W. Committees were appointed to look after the various details of securing room, purchasing paraphernalia and furniture.

The applicants consist of the following: Hon. A. M. Smith, Adamsburg, Pa.; Peter Riegle, Middlecreek, Pa.; Alexander A. Romig, Esq., Lowell, Pa.; Peter Hartman, Penn's Creek, Pa.; Major E. P. Rohbach, Selinsgrove, Pa.; Daniel K. Haas, Prof. F. C. Bowersox, Carbon Seebold, Daniel Bolender, John F. Stetler, John H. Willis, Wm. E. Stahlnecker, J. Calvin Schoch, Prof. Paul Billhardt, H. Harris Bower, Geo. W. Wagenseiler and Joseph L. Marks, all of Middleburg, Pa.

The masonic order has a history extending to the remotest ages of the world and there is not a country on the face of the globe but feels the benign influence of this most honorable and ancient institution and hence the people of Middleburg can feel highly honored upon receiving a subordinate lodge of such a historic landmark.

Blacksmith Shop.

I will again begin blacksmithing April 1st with a new set of tools at the old stand. A wagon shop will be placed alongside of my shop. I will be prepared to do all kinds of work. AMANDUS SHAMBACH. 3-2-5t.

THE KULP WRECK.

Frank F. Hare, of this Place, Makes a Narrow Escape.

Lewisburg News. Early last Thursday morning the long trestle bridge which spans Buffalo Creek up about the Clingan farm gave away and dumped the engine and crew into the creek. The fireman, Mr. Clyde Kreisher, was seriously injured. The engineer, Mr. F. F. Hare, escaped unhurt save a good shaking up and baptism. Two brakemen, Messrs. Ickes and Reich were badly squeezed between the trucks, but not seriously injured. Had the accident occurred in the middle of the creek the engineer and fireman would in all probability have both been drowned.

Before crossing an inspection of the bridge was made, but the great depth of the water hid from view a missing portion of a pier, which ten trucks had just previously passed over safely. The wrecked engine is known as No. 7, and weighs about thirty tons.

Evangelistic Services.

Drummer Evangelist Williams is conducting a special series of Evangelistic services in the United Brethren Church, for one week, beginning Feb. 28th, 1899. The following are the subjects: Tuesday evening, Feb. 28th, "The Last Invitation"; Wednesday afternoon, March 1st, 3 p. m., "The Ten Virgins"; Wednesday evening, March 1st, 7 p. m., "The Prodigal Son"; Thursday afternoon, March 2d, 3 p. m., "No Room for Jesus"; Thursday evening, March 2d, 7 p. m., "The Young Man and his Company"; Friday afternoon,



March 3d, 3 p. m., "Jesus Wept"; Friday evening, March 3d, 7 p. m., "Conscience"; Saturday afternoon, March 4th, 3 p. m., "Sermon to Children"; Saturday evening, March 4, 7 p. m., "Breaking Home Ties"; Sunday morning, March 5th, 10 a. m., in the United Brethren Church, New Berlin, "Will we Know our Friends in Heaven"; Sunday afternoon, March 5th, 3 p. m., United Brethren Church, Middleburg, "The Angel of the Hearthstone"; Sunday evening, March 5th, 7 p. m., "The Last Rump with the Tiger"; Monday afternoon, March 6th, 3 p. m., "Jacob's Ladder"; Monday evening, March 6th, 7 p. m., "Farewell Sermon."

Wreck Near Painterville.

On Tuesday morning about eight o'clock an East-bound freight was wrecked about a mile east of Painterville. It seems one of the axles were bent, at least one of the cars jumped the track and that derailed ten or eleven others all of which were loaded with coke. The mail train east was delayed and did not arrive here until 12:15 o'clock. No one was hurt.

Peter Garman of Mt. Pleasant Mills on Tuesday was among our callers. Mr. Garman is a pleasant gentleman, a good business man and an exemplary citizen.