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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.

Mifflinburg is to have a telephone exchange.

The noise of the steam thrasher is again heard in the land.

L. J. Albus spent the Fourth of July with his family at Catawissa.

Boyd Wendt of Selingsgrove last week visited Joseph Musser's family.

Don't forget the Special Sale at Weis', Selingsgrove, Saturday, July 22.

W. F. Dagie of Northumberland last week visited Gabriel Beaver and family.

Quite a number of our citizens spent the Fourth at Hoover's Dam in Penns Creek.

Misses Edith and Clara Osmun of Franklin township are visiting friends in Shamokin.

C. E. Long, Sec. of the Main Shoe Co., Limited, spent Sunday with his mother at Catawissa.

John F. Erdley, Foreman of the New Berlin Reporter, was a Middleburgh visitor last week one day.

Mrs. Lester Wetzel of McClure was the guest of W. L. Garman and wife on Wednesday of last week.

Miss Rosa Schoch is spending a few weeks with her brother, P. M. Schoch and wife in New York City.

Ed. Strunk, one of the most successful tailors of Mifflinburg, was at our county seat Thursday of last week.

J. E. Stahlmecker and wife, Mrs. Wm. H. Spangler and Miss Mabel Moyer recently visited friends at Adamsburg.

W. F. Feese, Editor of the Millerstown Journal, spent a portion of last week with E. K. Freyman and wife at this place.

Mrs. Geo. Fagley of Shamokin and Mrs. W. A. Keeler of Kreamer were the guests of Mrs. Barbara Yoder Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. T. B. McWilliams and son, Cecil, are spending some time in town, the guests of the former's parents, J. M. VanZandt and wife.

Geo. C. Burns of Selingsgrove was in town last week. George has opened a laundry in Selingsgrove and is soliciting the trade of the public.

Those who united with the Evan. Lutheran church Saturday evening are Chas. Stetler, Geo. Clelan, Harry Bowersox, S. P. Warner and wife.

Misses Sallie Kieffer of Bloomsburg and May Eister of Shamokin last week were the guests of W. D. Osmun's family in Franklin township.

Prof. Killian of Port Royal, Juniata County, was in town on Tuesday interviewing the school directors as an applicant for the principalship of the public schools of this borough.

The people of Kreamer had an old fashioned 4th of July demonstration. A large flag was raised. The orator of the day was Supt. F. C. Bowersox of this place.

Prof. and Editor H. B. Moyer and family of Freeburg were in our town on Tuesday. The professor reports a very bright outlook for the musical college which opens on Monday next.

J. G. Chestnut, the manager of the Economical Shoe Emporium, Sunbury, was sued for \$10,000.00 damages by a big retail concern. The full details of the matter will be found in another column of this paper.

Additional local news will be found on editorial page.

Charles Corkins has been selected as the night watchman at the shoe factory.

Special Bargains will be offered at Weis', Selingsgrove on Saturday, July 22.

Mrs. Geo. W. Burns and children are visiting relatives in this place this week.

Misses Libbie Dunkelberger and Margaret Bolender spent the Fourth at Lewistown.

Reno Walter and wife of Mifflinburg during the past week visited friends in this place.

Miss Lillian Stetler last week returned from a short visit to Mrs. T. B. McWilliams at McVeytown.

The County Normal School opened on Monday in the Franklin school house. It is conducted under the direction of the County Superintendent.

Senator E. M. Hummel and Dr. P. A. Boyer of Selingsgrove were at the county seat Tuesday afternoon between trains.

Miss Dilla Grimm, who had been staying with her aunt, Miss Sarah Grimm, at Mifflinburg, returned to her home in this place last Thursday.

Teachers' examination for Selingsgrove Boro. will be held in the high school room, Friday, July 14. Examination will begin at 9 o'clock A.M.

The Christian Endeavor Rally at Island Park on the Fourth of July was a complete success. Middleburgh was represented better than any town of its size in the district.

A. H. Smith, Editor of the Elizabethville Echo, spent Sunday, July 2, with his parents at this place. On his return he was accompanied by his little daughter, Mildred.

A. E. Soles, one of our tonsorial artists, spent several days visiting friends at Lewistown. George Sheary of Spring Mills represented Mr. Soles during his absence.

Ammon L. Spangler has been assigned to the Marks distillery in Franklin township, and Cornelius Dunkelberger has been assigned to one of the distilleries in Elizabethville, Pa.

The shoe factory will begin operations next week some time. The managers are in Philadelphia this week buying some additional machinery and when that is put in place the plant will be ready for operation.

Among the Editors on the excursion of the National Editorial Association to Portland, Oregon, we notice the names of T. H. Harter and wife of Bellefonte, formerly of this place.

Mr. Scratet of this place is very happy now since the bathing season has opened in Penns Creek. He proposes to take a trip to Atlantic City shortly making a brief stop in Camden, N. J.

Rev. Boyer and wife are spending the month of July with friends at Allentown, Pa. Rev. List of Baltimore is filling the pulpit of the United Brethren church during the pastor's absence.

Dr. John W. Orwig, John R. Kreeger and the editor spent the Fourth of July at Swift Run for trout. The stream is full of fish, but they were not very anxious to end their existence yet.

A smooth, easy shave, genteel haircut, or other tonsorial work, is always obtained at Soles' Barber Shop, in Bank Building, next door to the Post office. Go to Soles to buy new razors or exchange for old ones. Razors honed and guaranteed to give satisfaction. A. E. SOLES.

REVOLUTION IN GEOLOGY

The First Edition of One Thousand Copies Now Ready.

Prof. King Advances Some New and Plausible Theories on the Formation of the Earth.—The Author Writes The "Post" Explaining His Theories and Fortifies His Position.

NORRISTOWN, June 20, 1899. GEO. W. WAGENSELLER, A. M.

My Dear Sir:—After much mental and bodily labor, I have succeeded in getting the first edition of 1,000 copies of my text book "In the Science of Geology" out. I will enclose a copy and send it to you with this evening's mail. You will notice the work is not large, only 116 pages including the appendix. But it is the advance specimen (in part) of a much larger edition in the near future.

If you have studied geology you will notice that I have laid down diverging lines from my predecessors and contemporaries.

They tell us that the mountains were formed by volcanic actions, while the earth was in an igneous condition, undergoing an immense state of ebullition. I say, if that would have been so, all our mineral and metallic substances would have amalgamated. I say the mountains and valleys were formed by the pressure of the firmament (which is our atmosphere) on the second day, as recorded by Moses in this manner, "The earth was of unequal density, consisting of mineral and clay substances, when that adhesive pressure known to us as our atmosphere was first applied, which is about 28,000,000 of tons to the square mile, the softer portions sunk and the more solid portions rose under that pressure, thus forming our mountains and valleys." If we melt lead in the top of a tower and pour it through a sieve it will form into globules called shot by the pressure of the atmosphere towards its centre and be perfectly rounded because the lead is of equal density. The same also with drops of rain falling through the atmosphere.

I accompanied my landscape photographer to a stone quarry this morning. He has made very beautiful views for our next edition, proving clearly that my theory is correct. By the way; I may perhaps send you a photograph of the same if I think of it when it is finished. My predecessors and contemporaries tell you that all limestone formation was caused by insect life at the bottom of the ocean, like corals are formed; that is a visionary production of the brain. Where did those Rhizopods and Zoophytes, the insect life, claimed to have been the originators of limestone, get the material from? The "Natural Bridge" in Virginia, one of nature's most sublime productions, is formed of limestone. Could any person stultify himself so much as to believe it was built by insect life, at the bottom of the ocean?

I am fully satisfied from the vast amount of different kinds of coal, deposited in different parts of the earth, in every country on the globe, that the earth at first was fertilized by the carbonate of lime as a natural fertilizer, with granular silica, disseminated through the soil to keep it loose, in a friable condition, or we would never have had such an immense growth of vegetation which now form our vast coal deposits. If such a cataclysm would now befall our planet, the amount of vegetation would amount to nothing compared to the antediluvian period. But the sinfulness of man caused the earth's physical destruction. God said: "All flesh has corrupted itself before Me. I will bring on a flood

of waters and destroy all living even to the thing that creepeth." When that edict was executed, the carbonate of lime was soaked out of the soil and drifted to low places when it is now quarried as limestone—much of it drifted to the ocean—the heavy current of large rivers dammed the waters of such streams back,—which is a law of nature—the small ravine between the mountains through which the waters of Cedar Creek passes, become gorged with the carbonate of lime in a soft plastic mortar like condition; the heavy flow of the James River prevented the confluence of the Cedar Creek with the James and a congestion took place; after the waters of the James river subsided, Cedar Creek broke through the crusty mass. A subsequent dropping from above continued until solidification took place; now we have a bridge 160 feet from the creek up under the arch; 215 1/2 feet extreme height; 93 feet long and breadth of carriage way, 80 feet. Such is my view of the case. The same may be said of the deposit of fossils at Port Kennedy that was discovered in 1869 in a cave in the limestone rock. Those animals were all covered with drifting carbonate of lime during the deluge. I will go no further. I get very tired of writing so much. Very truly yours, JESSE KING.

Shoe Company Meeting

The stock holders of the Main Shoe Company, Limited, are requested to meet in the court house next Monday evening at 8 o'clock, July 17, 1899. This is a very important meeting and a great deal of important business will come up for consideration, and it is hoped that all will be present. The shoe factory will begin operations next week some time. All money should be paid in so that the stock books can be closed and the articles of the Association drawn up. The articles of Association cannot be completed until all stock is fully paid for. Certificates of stock will then be issued. By direction of the MANAGERS.

Waiting for Shoes from Our Factory.

Last week T. S. Mercer of Pittsburg was in town to place a large order for shoes at our new factory, having supposed that the factory was already in operation. Mr. Mercer upon learning that the factory was not yet in operation, said that he would buy only shoes enough to supply his trade until he could get all he wanted at the Middleburgh factory. Last year Mr. Mercer gave an order for 500 cases of Infants' shoes. As this gentleman is one of the largest jobbers in Pittsburg, it shows up well both for the Company who has come here and also for the prospects of the new plant.

Special Sale.

Our semi-annual special sale of Dress Goods and Linings will take place Saturday, July 22.

As usual we will allow a discount of 20 per cent. on all dress goods and linings purchased for cash on the above mentioned day.

Our stock of Dress Goods this season is unusually large. This sale includes all Lawns, Dimities, Organdies, Piques, Dress Gingham, Silks, Satins, Satines, etc.

We invite all to come and take advantage of our unusually low prices which will be offered on the above date. S. WEIS, Selingsgrove, Pa.

A resident of the French Flats mourns the loss of a female dog and offers a liberal reward for the return of the noble animal, dead or alive.

SUED FOR DAMAGES.

Action Brought Against Economical Shoe Emporium.

Boston Shoe Firm Alleged they had Been Damaged to the Extent of \$10,000—Suits Amicably Adjusted and Quashed—Marvelous Success of the Economical.

A sensation of a startling nature was sprung in Sunbury commercial circles when it was learned recently from the U. S. court docket, that John G. Chestnut, manager of the Economical Shoe Emporium, had been sued by a prominent Boston shoe concern for \$10,000 damages. Two suits were brought by the Boston people for \$5,000 each, they alleging that Mr. Chestnut in his advertising had used the name of a certain trademark brand of their make, saying his shoes had the same leather, same wear, were cheaper, etc.

Summons in the one suit were served on Mr. Chestnut by U. S. Marshall John G. Stewart, June 16, last, and he was directed to appear at the U. S. court, Williamsport, July 31; but the case will never be tried, for the reason that the matter has been amicably adjusted, the suits quashed and the Economical man is on top.

Mr. Chestnut came to this place in April and in the short space of time of three months has built up a phenomenal business in shoe selling and has won the confidence and esteem of every person in the community. He is a liberal and judicious advertiser, believing in the old adage "that printers' ink makes millions think." "Advertising bills," said he one day in the Item office, "are most cheerfully paid by me, because I consider it money well spent for which I always get ample return." The crowds daily and nightly seen in his place of business tell the story. Who would ever have known of the existence of such a place as the Economical Shoe Emporium where the finest goods are sold at economical prices, if it had not been through Mr. Chestnut's scheme in systematic advertising.

Another factor in connection with the marvelous success of the Economical Shoe Emporium is that its advertising is reliable. It is one thing to advertise and another thing to do exactly as advertised. In the case of this store, patrons have learned that when Mr. Chestnut makes a statement in the newspaper or otherwise, he means business. If he says a pair of shoes are made up of a certain kind of leather and will wear, the purchaser can rest assured that his money goes back if he wants it, provided the shoes do not turn out as represented.

Honesty in advertising and selling honest goods is the secret of the success of this house which has been the talk and wonder of the town.

It is not known who inspired the prosecution but the Economical is on top, as it usually is when wrestling with competition.—Sunbury Item.

Picnics and Festivals.

The K. L. C. E. of the United Evangelical church of Centreville will hold a festival on July 22.

On account of the rain, the festival announced to be held by the Y. P. S. C. E. of Hassinger's church for July 8th, has been postponed to July 22nd.

A Union Sunday school picnic will be held on the camp ground, about one and a half miles west of Middleburgh next Saturday, July 15. At least five Sunday schools will participate. Able speakers will be present, such as Prof. Bowersox and others. Also a festival in the evening. Everybody is invited to attend to make it a success.

Arrested for Fraud.

On June 30th, a young fellow came to Middleburgh to fleece as many people out of money as he could. His victims were girls and women. His scheme was the old flower-making scheme that has been exposed over and over again in the columns of the Post. He said that he represented a firm who wanted artificial flowers made and that his firm would buy all the flowers that his customers could make. To learn to make artificial flowers, he said, was very simple, and he would send a lady on in a few days who would teach them to make flowers and the cost of this instruction was \$1.50, which was to be paid at once. He said that his firm had opened a branch factory at Selingsgrove along Penn's Creek where the broom factory used to be. He caught at least five people here and about the middle of the afternoon he hired a rig from D. K. Haas to go to Kreamer. Mrs. Philip Anig, very quickly after the departure of the stranger, perceived that she had been victimized. She sent her daughter, Lillian, to Squire Potter, who issued a warrant for his arrest. The warrant was served by Banks Yoder in the town of Kreamer, where in less than an hour this scoundrel had already victimized three persons. The stranger was brought back to Middleburgh and given a hearing in Squire Potter's office, who held the prisoner under \$300 bail in default of which he was lodged into the county jail for next court. The young man gave his name as "Schoch" and his home as Tyrone. The prisoner wanted to settle with his victims by paying back their money if they would give them his liberty. This they properly refused to do. He gave the sheriff the name of Kate Asten, Liverpool, Pa., to whom to telegraph the situation. This would seem to show that his name was Asten and his home Liverpool. A lot of persons at Selingsgrove and McClure have been victimized at the same game and it is probable that the same fellow did the job.

Information has reached us that the prisoner is Joe Askins of Lewistown who married into a very respectable family at Liverpool. Judge McClure has previously had occasion to sentence a fellow by the name of Askins in the Union County court and if the prosecutors do not settle, there will be an opportunity to impose a sentence on one who is entitled to receive it.

A Native Missionary

Alfred F. Summer, a native of Bouthie, West Africa, who is at present a student at Lebanon Valley College, will spend Saturday and Sunday on Susquehanna Circuit, United Brethren in Christ, and will assist Rev. J. E. Francis in a series of Missionary meetings. This young man has been a teacher in Fretown, West Africa. He is an able speaker and will sing in his native tongue. No one should fail to hear him. All are invited to be present. Addresses will be delivered as follows: At St. Paul, near Mahontongo, Saturday evening, July 15 at 8 p. m.; at Paradise, Sunday morning at 10 a. m.; at St. John, Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m., and at Port Treverton, Sunday evening at 7:30 p. m. J. E. FRANCIS, Pastor.

June Internal Revenue Figures

The receipts of the ninth internal revenue district for the last month, show a remarkable increase over the same month last year, a good indication of the prosperity of the country. The total for June was \$371,760.28, a gain of more than \$130,000 from last year. The special tax showed a gain of \$21,000.