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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.

Grant Shuck of Selingsgrove last week spent several days in this place.

The Middleburgh camping party is holding forth at Red Bridge Grove.

Miss Anna Barber of Millinburg is visiting S. Barber Simonon and wife in Franklin.

Miss Jennie Long of Selingsgrove spent a day recently with Mrs. Hootz in Franklin.

John W. Farnsworth of Danville was a visitor in Middleburgh Friday night and Saturday.

Keep your eye open for the new Pile Cure advertisement, which you will find in this issue.

Pharus Bowersox of Middleburgh was seen at this place on Thursday of last week.

Dr. Allen Yoder and Miss Lizzie Sommers of Philadelphia were in Middleburgh on Tuesday.

Mrs. Bingham of Herndon is spending a week with Attorney Crouse and wife at this place.

Mrs. J. C. Specht of Big Stone Gap, Va., and her son, Eugene, are visiting James Crouse and family.

Mrs. Harriet Smith, her daughter Alice and her son Burns of New Kensington, Pa., are visiting relatives and friends at this place.

A meeting of the Main Shoe Company, Limited, will be held in the court house on Friday evening at 7:30.

J. J. Lenig, of Millmont, Union county, was at our county seat on Saturday looking after some business interests.

John M. Steininger and wife last Friday gave a fishing party for F. T. Ranch, wife and sister, all of Williamsport.

Misses Carrie Hosterman of McVeytown and Ella Grimm of Freeburg were Middleburgh visitors on Tuesday of this week.

Miss Anna Alleman of Selingsgrove is a guest of the camping party now assembled at Red Bridge Grove along the banks of Middlebrook.

Miss Engelbert of Lykens came up on last Thursday to visit the Misses Wittenmyer and she has joined the camping party at Red Bridge Grove.

The two oldest maids in this country live in Indiana. One is 114 years old and the other 103 years old, and both claim never to have been kissed.

Miss Kate Bolender of Akron, Ohio, came in from her western home to spend the summer with her father's family at the Central Hotel in this place.

If any of our readers can spare the time for a trip to the sea shore this season, they will have the opportunity to go on Pennsylvania Railroad Excursion, Thursday, July 27th.

The editor wishes to acknowledge the receipt of a box of Easterbrook pens. This pen is superior to any other make and is the only pen used in this office for more than five years.

E. A. Tennis, the promoter and contractor of the Lewisburg, Milton & Watson Passenger Railway Company and the president of the corporation, has purchased the interest of the stockholders in the line and is now the sole owner of the property. Mr. Tennis has in contemplation the extension of the line to Montoursville.

Miss Hattie Howell of Beaver-town visited James Deitrick and family in Swineford, during the week.

Senator Ed. M. Hummel of Selingsgrove has been appointed one of Pennsylvania's commissioners to the Paris Exposition.

Ed. Enterline and friend of near Danville rode their wheels to this place last Saturday and Spent Saturday and Sunday with George H. Steininger and family.

Next year, 1900, it will be 100 years since this town was laid out and steps should be taken to hold a centennial celebration about July 4th, next year. Don't all speak at once.

The State of Pennsylvania hatched 30,000,000 shad in the Delaware this year and the United States hatched 20,000,000 of the same fish in the Delaware and Susquehanna rivers combined.

Miss Sue Shelly, who had been staying at Freeburg, came to Middleburgh on Saturday and is making her home at the present at Attorney Crouse's residence. Miss Shelly is an instructor in Elocution.

Are you keeping strict account of everything raised on the farm as well as everything sold or consumed? Remember these will be asked you by the census enumerator next year and an intelligent answer expected.

The oat crop in Snyder County is a very good one and it is ripening rapidly. Soon it will be cut and the wind will again be blowing over the oats stubble and signify the movement of the seasons toward fall.

Dr. C. L. Keedy, President of Kee Mar College, Hagerstown, Md., was at Middleburgh on Friday night and Saturday looking up the interests of his school. It is probable that Lula Smith will return to this institution again.

Col. Chas. Kleckner of Philadelphia, who has been staying at New Berlin visiting his sisters, came over to the county seat on Saturday afternoon. The Colonel has many friends in this section of the state who are always glad to see him.

If you want your hair cut without steps or a nice easy shave and a refreshing shampoo, go to A. E. Soles, in the bank building one door east of the Post Office, in room with the drug store. A clean towel to customer, and satisfaction guaranteed.

Saturday's Lewisburg Chronicle says: "The following compose a party who are spending two weeks at School's Dam, Snyder County: Messrs. C. H. Bernhart, Frank Nogel, Mark Halpenny, Bob Van Valzah, with "Doc" Byers as chief cook."

Rev. J. M. Rearick of Centre Hall, Centre County, pastor of the Lutheran churches in that vicinity, and wife last week were visiting relatives at this place. The parson and his wife are natives of Snyder County and we are always glad to see them.

Joseph Runkle of Bellefonte and Miss Virna Geiss made an early start last Saturday morning for a drive to Middleburgh, where they will visit friends. Miss Elsie Geiss has taken the position of hello girl in the Bell telephone exchange until Virna returns.—Centre Hall Reporter

A very severe electrical storm passed over Middleburgh and vicinity last Thursday evening doing much damage. They heavy rain fall washed out the fields and a great deal of the water and dirt came down Market Street. Lightning struck Banks Yoder's barn at Globe Mills and it was consumed by fire. Hail fell in all sizes varying from a pea to a walnut.

Marsh Lantz of Watson town is visiting Editor and Mrs. Wagense-ler.

A Lawn Social will be given by the Lutheran Y. P. S. C. E. on the church lawn Friday evening July 28. Should the weather be disagreeable it will be postponed until Saturday evening.

Our readers will find a new advertisement in the issue of a new remedy for Rheumatism. It comes very highly recommended and as it is for sale in this county, both by the Middleburgh Drug Co. and by Dr. J. W. Sampsell at Centreville, it should have a trial by all who are afflicted.

"Irish Charlie," the jolliest Irish peddler in America, was in Middleburgh one night last week. He travels over all of Snyder county and Central Pennsylvania, selling table linen, napkins and towels. He is a whole-souled fellow, honest in his dealings and he believes in advertising.

Last Week's Millintown Herald says: "Henry Troup of Monroe township died on Monday, after a lingering illness, aged about 38 yrs. A strange coincidence relative to this death was that an uncle, Henry Troup, was buried in Snyder Co., on the day of the former's death. The funeral services were conducted on Wednesday. Peace to his ashes."

Joe Asten, who had been awaiting trial in the county jail for obtaining money under false pretense, made good his escape from the county jail on Wednesday evening of last week. He made a wire key with which he opened the main door to the prisoners' department and escaped through the side door at the alley adjoining the Post printing office.

The fellow who visited this and other towns a few weeks ago says the Liverpool Sun, pretending to get names of business men for a business directory of the county, demanding \$1 for the same, 50 cents to be paid in advance, for which he gave a receipt signing the name of a York firm that does not exist, has been discovered to be a fraud. Quite a number of Perry counties have become his victims.

Dr. George Edward Reed, president of Dickinson College, State librarian, is likely to be appointed State Superintendent of Public Instruction, when Dr. N. C. Shaeffer resigns the position to become Principal of the Kutztown State Normal school. Dr. Shaeffer has been chosen Principal of the Normal by the trustees. At the present he is in California. It is said that he will accept the principalship.

Harry G. Martin, the popular landlord of the National Hotel, on Saturday brought to our office and showed us an astrolabe, an instrument for measuring the altitude of the sun or stars at sea, says the Liverpool Sun. The instrument was plowed up out of the ground on his father's farm several years ago and was in a perfect state of preservation, excepting that the magnetized bar was missing. It bore the date of 1847.

A New Swindle.

A man with the appearance of a preacher drove up, not long ago, to the home of a farmer in a neighboring county and asked permission to stay all night. He made a favorable impression and a room was given him. Before the family retired a man and woman stopped, inquired the way to the nearest minister, as they wished to get married. The clergyman volunteered his service and a marriage certificate was filled out, which the farmer signed as witness. Last week a promissory note signed by the farmer turned up for payment.

COURT HOUSE CHIPS

Deeds Entered for Record. P. M. Teats and wife to Abraham Lauer, tract in Washington township, containing 5 acres and 145 perches, for \$150.

John I. Woodruff to Elizabeth Woodruff, tract in Penn township, containing 5 1/2 acres, for \$201.

Fuhrman & Schmidt to Middleburgh & Ush, lot in McClure, containing 35 perches more or less, for \$125.

John F. Boyer and wife to P. M. Teats and Abraham Lauer, 22 acres in Washington twp., for \$350.

Cyrone M. Hottenstein to E. R. Hottenstein, 19,500 square feet for \$250.

Letters Granted. Letters of administration in the estate of John Reitz, late of Franklin township, deceased, were granted to Elizabeth Reitz.

In the estate of Josiah Heltrich to Lewis Helfrich of Spring twp.

Marriage Licenses. Lawrence Nevel, Beaver town, Rosa Dora Folk, " E. I. Hefelfinger, Selingsgrove, Anna M. Feulner, " John Sweigart, Fremont, Mag. Kalpetzer, Chaple' Hollow John A. Lemig, Port Treverton, Lottie M. Bowersox, " Chas. Conley, Monroe twp Ella Ab, Washington twp.

Dancing Party.

A jovial crowd left this place last Thursday and pitched their tents in the old Campmeeting grounds west of town for a ten days' camp in the woods. They were greeted by the terrific hail storm on Thursday evening but have since enjoyed more favorable weather and all the luxuries of camp life. The party consists of J. Burns Smith, New Kensington; J. N. Thompson, Jr., John R. Kreeger, H. H. Bower, Charles Marks, Charles Haas, Samuel Wittenmyer, Jr. and A. F. Gilbert of Middleburgh; Misses Alice Smith, New Kensington; Martha Gouddy, Camden, N. J.; Katherine Engeliert, Lykens; Mrs. Nettie Amig, Lewisistown; Miss Fisher, Shamokin; Misses Florence Wagenseiler and Anna Alleman, Selingsgrove; Misses Mabel, Carrie and Bertha Wittenmyer, Lillian Stetler, Libbie Dunkelberger and Carrie Haas, Middleburgh. The party is well chaperoned by Mrs. Joseph Marks and the meals so nicely prepared by Mrs. Amanda Shambach and Miss Florence Specht account for the general good humor prevailing. Sunday visitors to the camp included William Dunkelberger, Sunbury; William Miller, Harrisburg; Mr. Alleman, Sunbury, and Dan Webster, Philadelphia.

Second Quarterly Conference

The 2nd quarterly conference of Middleburgh Circuit, United Evangelical church, will convene in the U. E. chapel at Middleburgh, July 29th, at 2 o'clock P. M. where there will be communion services Sunday following at 10 o'clock A. M. There will also be communion services at Paxtonville, July 29th, 7:30 P. M., and at Kremer, July 30th, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. Brillhart of Port Treverton will fill the appointments. J. SHAMBACH, Pastor.

An Old Grandfather's Clock This.

A Newbury, Cumberland county, correspondent states that he knows of a grandfather's clock that is one hundred and thirty-three years old and is in good condition. They are elegant time-keepers and this one has been well preserved. "It is for sale."

An Important Decision.

Chief Justice Sterrett, of the Supreme Court, Wednesday handed down an opinion in the Gearhart township election contest which will be of interest not only to the voters of Northumberland county, but of the entire State. Judge Savidge decided some time ago, that a voter making a cross in the circle at the head of the column on the ticket, not containing the names of the candidates for all the offices to be voted for, could not vote for another person who is a candidate for an office for which no nominee was contained in said column, by marking a cross in the square opposite the name of such person in another column.

C. B. Witmer, Esq., who represented M. F. Gulick in the contest referred to, took exceptions to the decision of Judge Savidge and appealed the case to the Supreme Court. That court reversed Judge Savidge and sustained the election board of said township and directed the contestants to pay the costs.

By the decision of the Supreme Court a voter may vote for all the candidates contained in the column by placing a cross in the circle at the top of the column and he may also vote for a candidate for an office for which no nominee appears in said column, by marking a cross in the square opposite the name of such in another column.

Rev. W. M. Landis Dead.

A Prominent Minister, Formerly of Snyder County, Passes Away.

Last Thursday Rev. William M. Landis, formerly the Reformed minister at Adamsburg, this county, died at Rebersburg, Centre county, last Thursday. He was well and popularly known in this county having served many years the various Reformed congregations in the west end of this county. He had gone up to Centre county, and death came very unexpectedly. Aged 63 years.

U. B. Quarterly Conference.

The fourth quarterly conference of the Freeburg Circuit will be held in the Freeburg U. B. church over the coming Sabbath. Rev. H. S. Gabel of Lebanon, the presiding elder of the district, will be present to conduct the services, which will be as follows: Quarterly conference business meeting at 2 P. M. on Saturday; English preaching at 6:30 P. M.; German preaching and communion service at 10 A. M. on Sunday; and English preaching at Richfield at 7:30 P. M. Rev. F. List of Baltimore will be present at the conference and preach on the Sabbath. All are invited. O. G. ROMIG, Pastor.

SELINGSGROVE.

Dr. J. W. Sheets was in town on Friday last.

L. G. Stouffer, one of the students of the University, is visiting in town.

Prof. Noetling and daughter took a trip to Sunbury on their wheels on Monday of this week.

Dr. Yutzy and wife went to New Jersey. The Dr. is assisting to install Rev. John Yoder as pastor of a charge there.

Miss Row of Harrisburg, who spent several weeks with J. E. Forrester and wife, returned to her home on Monday.

The shoe factory people made quite a number of changes in the machinery. They are now pushing on their orders for fall wear.

Trinity Lutheran Sunday school decided to picnic on Tuesday, Aug. 1 at Clement's Park. They will be conveyed there by steam boats.

Tailor Hefelfinger and wife returned from their wedding trip on Monday evening. They were duly serenaded by the calathumpians.

LAWLESS CAPTURED.

He Escaped from the Court House May 2nd, While Waiting Trial for Burglary—Caught Saturday Night at Shamokin.

"Pluck" or John Lawless, the notorious criminal and jail bird, of Shamokin, who had been a fugitive from justice since May 2nd, was captured near Shamokin Saturday night by Coal and Iron Policeman Leiser. Shamokin officers were aware that Lawless had been seen in the neighborhood of his old haunts the last few days, and a strict watch was kept for him. Saturday night their vigilance was rewarded and he was made a prisoner by Officer Leiser. The capture was made in the Reading railroad yard near the round house while Lawless was in the act of boarding a freight train. He had evidently learned that officers were on his tracks and was about to leave for a healthier climate. The prisoner was handcuffed and brought to jail here Sunday morning.

It will be remembered that Lawless is the fellow who walked out of the prisoners' dock at the court house during the May term of criminal court, Tuesday, May 2nd, while court was being transferred from the main room to court room No. 2. Lawless mingled with the crowd and walked out of the court house unobserved. He was not missed until the time arrived for taking the prisoners back to jail when the deputies discovered that they were one man short. He was awaiting trial for the burglary of Shapiro Bros.' clothing store at Shamokin and his case had not been reached at the time of his escape.

He will now have another charge to answer in addition to his indictment for burglary and will no doubt stay behind the bars for several years to come.—Sunbury Item.

Hastings on Top.

BELLEFONTE, July 24th.—Although there are still a number of precincts to be heard from, these returns cannot affect the previously announced result of the Republican primary election held in Centre county on Saturday, which was carried by the candidates supported by former Governor Hastings, by a large majority. The Hastings faction will control the county convention which meets here Tuesday and will elect S. H. Williams, of Bellefonte, and George Gowland, of Phillipsburg, delegates to the Republican State convention. The opposing forces who are followers of Judge Love, favored S. B. Miller of Bellefonte, and J. W. Dunwiddie, of Phillipsburg. Returns so far received give the Hastings people 67 delegates and the Love side 17. Calculations on the complete returns place the final result at 70 1/2 for Hastings to 21 1/2 for his opponents. The indications on the county ticket favor the nomination of Jacob S. Herman for sheriff, J. K. Thompson for treasurer, Nelson E. Robb for recorder, James B. Stroh for register and M. F. Riddle and George Scholl for county commissioners.

Picnics and Festivals.

The annual picnic at Grubb's church will be held Saturday, Aug. 12, 1899.

The Keiser's and Witmer's Sunday schools will hold their picnic at Verdilla on Saturday, Aug. 5. A good band and able speakers will be present.

The Grangers' Picnic will be held at William's Grove, August 28th to Sept. 2nd. For particulars as to space, etc., address, R. H. Thomas, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

The St. John's Sunday school of Fremont will hold their annual picnic at the usual place Aug. 26.