

IN HIS STEPS

The first chapter of that popular story, by Chas. M. Sheldon, will appear in next week's issue of the Post. Do not fail to read it.



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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.

"In His Steps" next week.

The Misses Lutz of Shippensburg are the guests of Benjamin Bachman.

Belford's show did not draw a very big house last Thursday evening.

Messrs. Long, Miller and Fenstermaucher spent Sunday at Catawissa.

Chas. H. Walter, clerk of the Central Hotel, has been sick for some time.

L. G. Smith, assistant operator at Burnham, spent Sunday with his parents in Swineford.

Mrs. Clyde Bolig of Winfield is visiting her mother, Mrs. Yoder, on West Market street.

T. H. Harter, editor of the Bellefonte Gazette, paid us a brief visit while in town on Monday.

Mrs. H. R. Tobias had a stroke of apoplexy recently. She is doing as well as can be expected.

W. W. Ripka attended the meeting of the Middlecreek township school board on Saturday evening.

Rev. Boyer of this place and Rev. Romig of Richfield attended the Elizabethtown Campmeeting last week.

Carbon Seebold, the proprietor of the Washington House, has purchased a high grade piano of Frank S. Riegle.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week were the last days that five per cent. abatement was allowed on taxes for 1899.

James Rodgers, who is employed in the Millersburg shoe factory, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents south of town.

Aaron Stahlnecker spent a week at Adamsburg looking after the interests of the Merchants' Hotel during the absence of the proprietor.

Mrs. Peter Keeler, who was injured Monday by falling down stairs, is still confined to bed, but the doctor has hopes of getting her out all right on a few days.

The wind is blowing over the oats stubble, and it will be but a few weeks until frost will be found on the pumpkin, and the fodder should then be in the shock.

Cornelius Howard, better known as "Irish Charlie," was in town last week. He was busy selling table linen, towels, etc. Charlie has lots of friends in Snyder County.

William N. Haas, who is clerking in Haas & Co's. store at Shamokin, took sick last week and came home to recuperate. His brother, Charles, has gone to Shamokin to fill the vacancy.

WANTED.—Good girl for general house work. Wages \$2.50 per week. Family, four children. House very convenient. None but the best need apply. Address Box 81, Lewistown, Pa. 8-24-24.

William Dagle and family of Northumberland are spending the week with Mrs. Dagle's parents, Gabriel Beaver's. Mr. Dagle sold his confectionery establishment at Northumberland and is now looking around for an opening to enter a new business life.

Charles Boyer of Paxtonville has purchased the building of W. S. Arbogast, now occupied as a hardware store by J. L. Varner at Fremont. Mr. Boyer will remodel the building and when completed, we will have one of the neatest hardware stores in the country.

Look out for "In His Steps."

Miss Mame Stauffer of Selinsgrove is visiting A. W. Bowersox's family.

M. L. Wagenseiler of Selinsgrove was in town last week on business.

The pension board had 30 orders for examination Wednesday of last week.

Eugene L. Herr of Lancaster, has been the guest of his classmate, A. R. Gilbert.

M. L. Womer and wife of Fremont, spent Sunday at Samuel Spitzer's in Swineford.

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Prof. Edwin Charles and family spent last week visiting his parents at Port Trevorton.

The pension of Aaron Howell, of Perry township, has been raised from \$8 to 10 a month.

F. P. Kuster and family of Penn township on Sunday were the guests of Mrs. J. C. Hassinger.

Messrs. A. E. Soles and George Cleland rode their wheels to Millinburg on Sunday afternoon.

Henry Swineford and wife of Millinburg were the guests of D. T. Rhoads and wife on Sunday.

Editor and Mrs. Wagenseiler left on Monday morning for Lincoln, Nebraska and other Western points.

Sheriff Ritter, Dr. Herman and William Shindel spent Tuesday along Penns Creek seeking the finny tribe.

Rev. D. E. McLain and family have been camping at Red Bridge grove. They have had about 200 visitors.

A scow has been caught in Middlecreek. The owner can have the same by calling at this office and paying for this notice.

Misses Jennie and Myra Craigs of Sligo, Clarion county, are being entertained by the Misses Bolender at the Central Hotel this week.

Miss Estella Troxel of Philadelphia and Miss Sallie Troxel of Mevetytown spent Sunday with the Misses Bolender at the Central Hotel.

Miss Bertha Crouse, who spent several weeks visiting friends and acquaintances at Mahontongo and Dalmatia, returned home on Monday.

George Hains, of Shamokin Dam, has put his canning factory in operation and is now putting up large quantities of corn and tomatoes for the wholesale trade.

John M. Hartman and wife of South Bend, Indiana, visited Mrs. Ellen C. Aurand during the week. Mr. Hartman was a cash caller at this office on Monday.

S. P. Warner, Middleburgh's efficient operator, was called to Lewistown last week. John Rauch of Adamsburg has charge of the Middleburgh office in his absence.

Hon. Geo. W. Rhoads of Herndon was in town Wednesday of last week to interview the pension. The old soldier is a candidate for State Senator from Northumberland county.

Quite a number of Snyder county politicians are at Harrisburg this week attending the Republican State Convention. Carbon Seebold of this place is the delegate from Snyder County.

Sheriff Ritter has a new prisoner brought from Middlecreek township recently. He pretends to be a detective, but no one has faith in him. He threatened to kill one of James Riegle's boys, and abused the boy badly. It is believed that he belongs to a gang of burglars. It looks as if he had been wounded lately.

Sylvester Bowen is moving part of his furniture to town.

W. H. Shelley of McKees was a county seat visitor on Tuesday.

Harrison Miller, of near Oriental, paid us a business visit on Tuesday.

David Steininger of Lochiel, Union county, was a business caller on Tuesday morning.

W. H. Spangler and wife were to Lewistown on a shopping expedition on Tuesday.

Wm. F. Loss of Penns Creek, while in town on Tuesday, came in and paid his subscription to 1900.

River melons and cantaloupes are in abundance in town, melons 5 to 15 cents and cantaloupes 2 for 5c.

Frank Charles was in town on Tuesday on his regular trips and sold a horse to Michael Hackenburg.

Mrs. Weiss and Woodring of Allentown spent Saturday and Sunday with their brother, E. C. Graybill on French Flats.

M. Miller's store at Kantz will be closed on Tuesday, Sept. 5 and Thursday, Sept. 14, these days being Hebrew holidays.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Reformed church of Middleburgh will hold a festival on the church lawn on Saturday evening, Aug. 26.

M. Z. Steininger is attending the State P. C. S. of A. Convention at Wilkes Barre as a delegate from Camp 515, of this place.

In another column of this issue will be found an earnest appeal for contributions in aid of the victims of the terrible hurricane at Porto Rico.

It seems cider is not in very great demand this year. A farmer from the east end made four barrels, took them to Sunbury and could not dispose of them at any price.

The Fifth Annual United Evangelical S. S. K. L. C. E. and W. M. S. convention of Snyder county will be held at Beavertown, Sept. 5 to 7, 1899. An excellent program has been prepared.

Log rollingsquire "Jim" brought a lot of money to the treasury from Adams. He says he will not fish now, but is getting ready for squirrels and pheasants which he thinks will be plenty this fall.

Carbon Seebold, proprietor of the Washington House of this place and Wm. E. Stahlnecker, proprietor of the Merchants' Hotel at Adamsburg, with their wives spent the past week at Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

Mrs. L. N. Moyer and daughter, Jennie Elizabeth, of Akron, O., are visiting friends in this place. They came here from McAlisterville, having also visited Washington, Philadelphia, Atlantic City and Harrisburg.

G. W. Portzline and Tobias Reitz, supervisors of Perry township, last week paid Mrs. Ellen Spotts \$800 to settle a suit for damages sustained by a defective bridge which cost the life of her husband, Frank Spotts, one year ago.

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 each customer and satisfaction guaranteed.

The tax receivers of the county met the treasurer at his office here on Monday and Tuesday and paid over the amount collected by them. They report an unusual amount paid in so early in the year, but all of them agree that the time for collection should be at least a month later so as to enable farmers to market more of their crops.

HELP FOR THE STRICKEN.

An Earnest Appeal for Contributions in Aid of the Victims of the Terrible Hurricane at Porto Rico.

A stirring appeal has been made to the people at large by the U. S. Secretary of War for contributions, prompt and generous, in aid of the thousands of sufferers left homeless and in starvation by the recent disastrous hurricane which swept over Porto Rico. Accurate reports state that several thousand human lives were lost, hundreds of thousands of once happy homes were destroyed, crops were everywhere utterly ruined and many thousands of human beings are literally starving for want of food. Hungry, homeless, with scarcely any clothing left to cover their nakedness, the unfortunate survivors are, we learn by telegraphic advices, threatened with the additional horrors of the plague. Crowds of women, old men and helpless little ones are encountered on every hand piteously begging for food and shelter.

Over ninety per cent. of the houses have been demolished and in many places the furious onset of the sea has swept away almost every vestige of flourishing little towns and villages. From Adjuntas, Guayamas, Zabucoa, Mayaguez, Manabo, Arroya and other localities the loss of life has been appalling and the cries for help are pitiful and heart-rending. In one district alone, Utuado, over two thousand persons perished, and as in other southern towns, those who have escaped with their lives are in want.

Major Samuel H. Ashbridge and the Citizens' Permanent Relief Committee of Philadelphia, have organized a Citizens' Porto Rico Relief Fund, and our readers are asked to contribute to it and to send their contributions either to Hon. Samuel H. Ashbridge, Mayor of Philadelphia, or the Messrs. Drexel & Co., Treasurers Porto Rico Relief Fund, 5th and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia.

The U. S. Secretary of War, has assigned the U. S. Auxiliary Cruiser "Panther" to Philadelphia from which port she shall sail loaded with the food, etc., donated by the big hearted men, women and children of Pennsylvania who have never failed to respond, heartily and liberally to the appeal of the distressed.

All contributions of money, however small, will be gladly received and publicly acknowledged.

Teachers Elected.

PENN TOWNSHIP.

Salem, B. F. Bolig; Fair Oak, Chas. K. Fisher; Boyer's, Milton Herman; Hill End, Wm. D. Jarrett; Ott's, H. W. Smith; Bolig's, Grant Ritter; Crissinger's, Charles H. Woodruff; Kantz, Harry A. Gemberling; Schoch's, Michael Baney; Schools will open on the 18th of September.

BEAVER TOWNSHIP.

Beavertown, Grammar, John S. Kerns; Intermediate, C. L. Wetzel; Secondary, Jacob A. Aigler; Bobb's, John Hassinger; Dreese's, A. W. Musser.

SPRING TOWNSHIP.

Adamsburg Grammar, Chas. W. Smith; Intermediate, J. F. Keller; Primary, Esta Youngman; Aurand's, Ira H. Kline; Bickel's, J. C. Herberster; Reigle's, Estella Romig; Moyer's, W. H. Kline; Ulsh's, T. A. Ewing; Felker's, Clymer Romig.

MONROE TOWNSHIP.

Shamokin Dam, Advanced, Aden Stetler; Primary, Brian Teats; Wagenseiler's, Lincoln Jarrett; App's, Harry P. Fisher; Fisher's, Heber Hendricks; Sander's Hollow, Jacob Reichenbach; Beaver's, I. L. Herman; Hummel's, Jacob A. Schaffer.

Colonel C. M. Clement.

Lieutenant-Colonel Charles M. Clement, of Sunbury, was elected colonel of the Twelfth Regiment, N. G. P., at Williamsport, last week, receiving seventeen votes to twelve cast for Col. J. B. Coryell. The election was conducted by Gen. J. P. S. Gobin. The result of the election means the removal of regimental headquarters from Williamsport to Sunbury. Colonel Clement will announce his staff appointment in a short time. Colonel Clement entered the Guard as a private in Company E, Eighth Regimental Infantry, September 3, 1877; made first sergeant September 29, 1877; first lieutenant May 6, 1878. The company was designated E, Twelfth Regiment Infantry, September 23, 1878. He was elected captain November 1, 1882; re-elected November 4, 1888, and December 2, 1892; major, May 1890, and lieutenant-colonel in April 1897; in which position he served with the regiment during the war with Spain.

Picnic and Rain.

On Monday afternoon a party of Middleburghers held a picnic along the Middlecreek. A very enjoyable time was anticipated, but owing to the rain they were obliged to move their quarters to Eagle Hotel, where they partook of their supper.

The following named persons were present: Mrs. John Stahlnecker, K. C. Walter and family, Mrs. Aaron Stahlnecker, son and daughter, Mrs. Chas. Roush, Mrs. Frank Reitz and daughter, M. Z. Steininger and wife, Mrs. E. C. Aurand and son Arthur, Mrs. Long of Michigan, James Runkle, wife and daughter Laura, John Runkle and family, C. C. Seebold and family of Sunbury, Mrs. J. W. Swartz and daughter, Mrs. William Crouse and son, John Moyer and family, Frank S. Riegle and family, William Bolig and wife, Geo. H. Steininger and family, Mrs. D. K. Haas and son, Misses Bertha Seebold, Hazel Ship and Carrie Haas and William Haas.

Grove Meeting.

A grove meeting in the interest of missions will be held in Hummel's grove near Hummel's church, for one week beginning Aug. 28th and continuing until Sept. 2nd. An all day meeting in charge of Rev. R. Rock, D. D., of Shamokin will be held on Sunday, Sept. 3rd. Rev. Sumner, a native of Africa, will preach Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. He is an excellent singer and no doubt will draw a very large crowd. Other very able men have been secured, such as Rev. A. H. Souillard, Rev. M. H. Jones, Rev. O. G. Romig, Rev. Francis, Rev. Winey and others. Refreshments will be sold in the grove and teams cared for.

WM. H. BOYER.

Monday's Storm

A severe storm passed east and west of this place on Monday evening. A part of it struck this place, but was very light compared with the reports we got from other sections. At Kantz and east of that place trees were uprooted, corn was levelled to the ground and a great deal of other damage done. West of this place as far east as Royer's bridge they had two storms, at Beavertown lightning struck the planing mill, melted out the rabbit metal boxes of the engine and cut a deep hole in the ground. Several houses were also struck without doing much damage.

The pension board at this place seems to be still doing a thriving business. At their last meeting last Wednesday they had 20 applicants.

A Deserted Furnace

(Pennsylvania Furnace, Centre Co.)

As I view the furnace from the hill where I am seated to write this account, nothing becomes more real than the vivid pictures presented, by Oliver Goldsmith, in "The Deserted Village." Let my reader first meditate upon this beautiful poem until every trait and character in it is clearly seen and there will be no need of reading further. How imagination does appear to make things real and how often our imagination carries us off to fields unknown, unseen. Still it is far better to see things as they are than to be lost in imagining more than would be possible to be true.

One who has passed through this village will never forget the sorrowful appearance of its buildings and the negligent and careless habits of the few remaining inhabitants, who lurk indolently through the village seemingly to bemoan their ill-fated loss. Most of the houses are constructed of logs—small, usually one-story and of a rough outside appearance. There can be no doubt that at one time they were the humble homes of many a happy family. But why all this change? Many are still standing but unoccupied, others partly fallen together, roofs fallen in, windows and doors taken out or broken in pieces. Some few are entire ruins almost hidden by vines, grass and underbrush. The greatest ruin is the old furnace—a large structure which you cannot help but see as you pass by. The frame, part of the roof, and some of the floor is all that remains. All the iron works have been removed, and time alone seems to be waiting for it to sink in ruin and obscurity.

This village (Pennsylvania Furnace) which is partly in Centre and partly in Huntingdon counties, was for years the scene of great industrial activity. A large ore mine was discovered and in a short time much of the village was built by the laboring people, who hurried here for employment. One mile northeast of the furnace is the mine, which is as large as an ordinary farm. By the appearance of the mine which at some places is from fifty to sixty feet deep, you can only form a faint idea of the number of men employed. Standing on some of these banks of earth it would appear like a dream that this work should have been done by human hands.

Words cannot express the seemingly distressed condition of this place. As you wander away from it imagination and reality becomes confused and as a dream it seems to drift away into forgetfulness.

From this height I sit and ponder,
Of these works and forms, and wonder
How human hands could muster time
To dig this large and wondrous mine.
Time alone has but effaced;
But memory has not erased
Thy fancied scenes here I behold
Shall never in my heart grow cold.
One glance to village in the dale,
I spent this time to tell thy tale;
If on this earth we should not meet,
O may we all the last day greet.

SKETCHES BY THE WAY.
Saloma, Pa., Aug. 14, 1899.

Hilbish Family Has a Reunion.

Pottstown, Pa., Aug. 17.—At Ringing Rocks Park to-day the Hollowbush-Hilbish family held its tenth annual re-union, which was attended by representatives from Pennsylvania, Virginia, Ohio and California. The ancestors of the family came to America from Germany in 1732. The following officers were elected: President, John A. Hilbish, Northumberland; Vice President, Edwin M. Hummel, Selinsgrove; Secretary, Miss Annie J. Moyer, and Treasurer, Samuel Hilbish, of Freeburg.