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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.

Mrs. James VanZandt and daughter are visiting at Akron, Ohio.

Squire J. E. Shinkel of Centreville was among our callers Monday.

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Theodore Walter of Akron, O., is visiting friends and relatives in town.

The Misses Moyer of Freeburg were Middleburgh visitors Thursday of last week.

Miss Marcia App, of Mahontongo, spent Sunday in town—the guest of Miss Claire Graybill.

In order to get the complete story "In His Steps" you should read the opening chapter in this issue.

S. Weis' store, Selinsgrove, will be closed Tuesday, September 5th. No business will be transacted.

Mrs. Crawford, of Washingtonville, spent several days visiting friends in town since our last issue.

Barber Simonton, one of Swineford's merchants, placed a large and beautiful sign in front of his place of business.

The editor who receives chickens as pay for his paper has at least the opportunity of laying up something for a rainy day.

The new school building will not be ready for occupancy by Sept. 1, hence the opening of our public schools will be delayed.

Miss Laura Smith of Elizabethville spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Jas. P. Smith and wife, on West Market street.

Chas. Long, secretary of the Main Shoe Company, made a trip to Wilkes Barre and Scranton last Thursday on business pertaining to said company.

Miss Myrtle Klose of Adamsburg spent a day with Miss Lillie Amig in Swineford last week while on her way home from a two weeks' visit to Freeburg.

Last week's Lewistown Gazette says: George Erhart and wife were in Philadelphia during the week and during their absence their daughters Bertha and Esther spent the time in McClure.

The following persons are taking in the Williams' Grove picnic this week: J. C. Schoch and wife, D. A. Kern and wife, K. C. Walter and family, James Runkle and wife and Lydia Kline.

Sept. 4 is Labor Day, on which day, also, the old veterans of the Civil War will assemble in Philadelphia and attend the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. Dr. Deckard and son, Percy, of Richfield spent a day with W. H. Ripka's family the latter part of last week. Master Percy boarded the train at this place on Thursday morning for a trip to Niagara Falls.

Evangelist J. A. L. Romig and family spent the past week with Geo. H. Steinger's family. They recently returned from an extended trip to England. The Rev. is holding evangelistic services at Beaver-town and Adamsburg during the week.

The Penn Telephone Company contemplates running a line from Selinsgrove to Port Treverton, thence across the Susquehanna to Herndon, connecting Georgetown, Mahanoy, Mandata and ultimately, the Lykens Valley, Perry and Juniata county lines.

The editor's house on Market street was treated to a coat of paint.

On the inside pages will be found the opening chapter of "In His Steps."

There will be services in the Lutheran church next Sunday morning and evening.

J. M. Bowes and wife visited their daughter, Mrs. John Hubler, near Lewisburg.

All summer goods are now selling at greatly reduced prices at Weis', Selinsgrove.

The Porto Rican relief fund has reached the sum of \$51,000, but much more is needed.

Prof. F. C. Bowersox and wife and Mrs. Jacob Hassinger are spending several days at Atlantic City.

Children's day exercises will be held in the Reformed church in this place on Sunday evening, Sept. 10.

Ira Hendricks of Freeburg, formerly clerk at the Central Hotel at this place, spent Thursday in town.

The opening chapter of "In His Steps" or "What Would Jesus Do?" appears on the inside pages of this issue.

Miss Gertrude Shannon of Adamsburg visited her brother, M. L. Shannon, in Swineford several days last week.

The Huntingdon Journal last week published an industrial editon containing write-ups of the wide-awake firms of that place.

J. Wesley Martin and wife of Milton spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Martin's father, David Kerstetter, in Swineford.

About 800 track laborers employed on the Pennsylvania railroad, on the Middle division, have signed a petition asking for an increase of wages.

The Carlisle Indian Helper says: Miss Bowersox, teacher of our Normal Department, has returned from her home at Paxtonville, after a very enjoyable 26 days' visit and rest.

C. C. Seebold, of Sunbury, has purchased the old Brindel property on Third street and will put up a building for a music store. The price paid for the property was \$4,700.

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. 8-24-2t.

Mrs. Dr. J. G. Sallade and children of New Ringgold, spent the past week with her parents, C. H. Dunkelberger and family. The Dr. also came up Saturday and spent Sunday here.

P. C. Hartman, proprietor of the Centreville House at Centreville, accompanied by a gentleman friend, cheered us with some financial aid last Friday. Mr. Hartman recently had his hotel remodeled and repainted which now makes a fine appearance. Pete is a hustler.

The Mifflin County Agricultural Fair Association will hold their annual Fair Sept. 6, 7 and 8. For the accommodation of persons who desire to attend the fair and return the same day, trains will leave Lewistown each evening of the Fair at 7:30 on the S. & L. R. R. stopping at all stations.

The reunion of the 131st Penna. Vols. on the 19th and 20th of next month promises to be quite an affair. Mr. Jas. P. Smith, the president of the association, is receiving letters daily from all sections, from parties who expect to attend and are asking for railroad orders. The citizens will decorate their buildings for the occasion.

When your business is run down consult the sheriff, he will assist you in winding it up. Better still, consult the newspaper; it will help you to build the business up.

Admiral Dewey's salary amounts to \$37.50 per day; President McKinley is equal to \$131 a day; Cabinet officers, the Vice President and the Speaker of the house get \$22.22 a day; Senators and Congressmen \$13.90 and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court \$29 a day.

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.

Ingersoll Died Poor.

Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll, the great agnostic, died poor. He did not even leave a will, or if he did, it cannot be found. Mrs. Eva A. Ingersoll, the widow, filed in the office of the Surrogate of Westchester county, at White Plains, a bond for \$20,000 as administratrix of the estate of her husband.

Mrs. Ingersoll, the widow, swears that she has made a diligent search for the will of her husband, but to the best of her knowledge he died intestate. The value of his personal property is estimated by her to be \$10,000. At the time of his death he held no real property.

Shoe Factory News.

Quite a number of orders ahead for the jobbing trade.

Saturday, the first pay day, amounted to nearly three hundred dollars.

Messrs. Albus, Ash and Miss Lizzie Giffen spent Sunday with Catawissa friends.

Fred. Endres of Endres Co., 407 Commerce St., Phila., who had been doing a large business with the Main Shoe Co. of Catawissa, made a visit to Middleburgh to see the new shoe factory of which he spoke in highest terms. He also placed an order for Turn and McKay goods.

Democratic Convention.

On Monday the Democrats assembled at the county seat to name a ticket for the November election. On the sixteenth ballot, C. W. Knights of Port Treverton was chosen as the candidate for Commissioner. The ticket: Associate Judge, Phares Herman of Penn township; Sheriff, Wm. C. Snyder of Middleburgh; Treasurer, P. M. Teats of Hummel's Wharf; Commissioner, C. W. Knights of Port Treverton; Auditor, A. H. Klingler of Monroe twp.

Sunday School Picnic.

The Sunday School and Christian Endeavor Society of Paxtonville will hold a picnic on the camp ground west of town next Saturday, Sept. 2. Rev. Shambach and Prof. F. C. Bowersox will deliver short addresses in the forenoon. The afternoon will be devoted largely to music and having a royal good time. Everybody is invited to attend.

Church Re-Opening.

Under the auspices of the United Evangelical church, the Shreiner church, at Shreiner, will be reopened Sunday, Sept. 3rd with special services to be conducted by Rev. A. E. Gobble, president of Central Penna. College. Services will open Saturday, Sept. 2nd at 7:30 P. M. and Sunday, Sept. 3rd at 10 A. M. All are cordially invited.

J. SHAMBACH, Pastor.

A Day in "The Barrens."

Among the many interesting features of the topography of Centre Co. is a large area of woodland familiarly called "The Barrens." These "Barrens" separate Spruce Creek Valley on the south, from Buffalo Run Valley on the north, extending to the west end of the county.

This land is so desolate and void of fertility that very few people are able to live hereatall. Springs are unknown and wells are only found in the more fertile places. Lumbermen, who work here, have frequently to haul water for miles. So dry is it in summer that traveling through here the sand is so deep that you can scarcely get along. The climate also is different then the surrounding country. In the months of May and June you would scarcely find a green leaf or herb as frosts are common till late in the spring. However, this vast area being almost useless for farming, much lumber is obtained and some very valuable ore mines have been discovered.

The writer has experienced a day of traveling through this region which he will never forget. Walking through in summer you would suppose it the most solitary and forgotten region to be found. During dry weather the sand in the road becomes several inches deep and on both sides of the road are tall slender pine trees overshadowing the thick underbrush, which makes it almost impossible for one to pass through. For miles you will find no signs of habitation. Finally echoing in the distance is heard the mournful chop of the lumberman's axe and upon approaching the place of the camp—a few shanties, each about fifteen feet long and seven feet high, is all the settlement seen. However, the huge piles of lumber show the industrious labor of these hardy lumbermen. Much of the paper wood used in our large factories is obtained here.

Having passed through this region it would appear as though the time was spent in some solitary place of exile—away from the habitation of man, with only the roaring pines and the chirp of a few birds to break the wonderful silence, which reigns supreme throughout this region.

SKETCHES BY THE WAY.

Woods Meeting.

The grove meeting in charge of Rev. Boyer is now in progress near Hummel's church. Revs. Souillard, of Lykens, Jones of Sunbury, R. Rock, D. D., of Shamokin, Francis Romig, List and Winey will all be present to preach. The Sunday service promises to be one long to be remembered. A special program is arranged for that day. R. Rock, D. D., will preach at least twice. Rev. Sumner, who is at present attending the Lehigh Valley College, preparing himself for mission work in his native country, Africa, will be with us for three days. He is an excellent singer and can well entertain an audience. The Y. P. C. U. of Middleburgh has arranged a special program for the occasion, which will be rendered at 6:30 P. M. Sunday, Sept. 3rd. We extend a hearty welcome to all. Refreshments will be sold in the grove and teams cared for.

Fire in Middleburgh.

Last Friday forenoon at about 11 o'clock fire was discovered on the roof of Gabriel Beaver's summer kitchen. By the timely discovery of the fire and immediately giving the alarm by blowing the shoe factory whistle, the bucket and ladder brigade was soon out and ready for action. The fire was soon under control owing to the excellent water supply on and near the premises.

THE SCHOCH REUNION.

The Schoch Reunion held at Kreamer, Pa., on Thursday of last week drew a multitude of the Schoch clan not only from Pennsylvania but from many States of the Union. Representatives came even from California. Matthias Schoch, father of the Schoch family in this country, was the pioneer settler in Snyder county before the Revolutionary war when all this section was a wilderness and the home of the Red Man.

In those early days, over 135 years ago, Matthias Schoch built what was then and is still known as the Schoch Fort, or refuge as it was then called. This fort, built of logs, still stands a short distance west of Kreamer and is prominently mentioned in the history of the Nation's forts. The Schoch family association voted at this reunion to buy the fort and ground and raised funds to restore and preserve this historical and ancient refuge that saved so many settlers from the bloody Red Man.

The day was perfect and the special cars left by the Pennsylvania railroad company in case of rain were not needed. The afternoon was spent in transacting the business, speeches, etc. Ira C. Schoch read a history of the Schoch family, tracing the lineal descendants, by reliable records, back two centuries, even to sturdy German and Swiss stock.

A history of the family will be written and published and an annual reunion held.

Decrease of Pensioners.

The report of Commissioner of Pensions Evans for the fiscal year ended June 30 last shows a total disbursement of \$138,253,923, leaving a balance of \$1,857,188 in the Treasury out of the \$140,000,000 appropriated.

The total number of pensioners on the roll June 30 was 991,519 a decrease of 2195. There were 40,991 added to the roll and 43,186 dropped. The report shows the pension roll is decreasing. Of these dropped, 34,345 were because of death, and 8841 because of remarriage, minors obtaining their maturity, failure to claim pension, and other causes. The war with Spain brought a total of 16,986 claims of which number but 295 have been allowed.

Chicken and Corn Party.

Last Friday evening a number of our young people had a chicken and corn supper on Ulsh's Island. Everything passed off nicely and an enjoyable time was had, but rumor has it that several of the young men could not attend to business duties next day because their appetites were too great.

The following persons were present: Misses Libbie Dunkelberger, Lillian Stetler, Mabel Grimm, Laura Runkel, Jennie and Myra Craigs of Sligo, Mollie, Kate and Margaret Bolender, Mrs. Crawford of Washingtonville, Messrs. Jerome Thompson, Jay Weiser, John Kreeger, W. Nevin Engle, H. Harris Bower and Francis Gilbert.

Pennsylvania Gets a Share.

Director of the Census Merriam has figured out that he will require a force of 2,150 employes, including messengers, typewriters and clerks, to do the work of tabulating the census returns in his office at Washington when the job of actually taking the census has got under way. These places will be apportioned among the different states according to population. Pennsylvania will be given the handsome allowance of 170.

A Big Catch.

J. M. Hartman of South Bend, Ind., formerly of Centreville, while paying a visit to parents and friends last week broke the record of the season in catching eels. Mr. Hartman left this county about nine years ago and married a lady from the western part of the State who had never seen an eel. Mr. Hartman willing to let her see what Snyder county eels looked like, placed five hooks in Dry Run, near Centreville, within a distance of about 65 rods. In the morning when he went to look at his hooks he was surprised to find five eels and one turtle on the five hooks. Each hook contained an eel and the turtle had eaten part of the one eel and was accidentally caught on the same hook. The turtle weighed 5 1/2 pounds dressed.

A Faithful Dog

Martin Kreider, aged 74, Saturday evening left his home in Litzitz for a walk, taking his dog with him. On Monday Kreider's dead body was found in a cornfield near Litzitz and the dog was standing guard over it, evidently having watched over his dead master since Saturday, when the man died suddenly of apoplexy. On Sunday the boys saw what they thought was a man lying in the field, but the fury of the dog when they approached scared them away.—Center Hall Reporter.

New Style of Money Order.

The postoffice department has adopted a new form of domestic money order to be introduced gradually after September 4. It is the size of an ordinary bank draft and has two new features, the use of carbon manifold paper for reproducing the order, instead of writing it twice, as at present, and also a receipt. It is expected the charge for orders will be materially reduced about Jan. 1.

Thomas B. Reed Resigns.

Augusta, Me., Aug. 23.—The resignation of Thomas B. Reed as congressman in the first Maine district, was received by Governor Powers yesterday. Mr. Reed's letter was as follows: "I hereby resign the position of member of congress from the first district of Maine, to take effect on this date, Sept. 4." The resignation has been accepted by Governor Powers.

The Game Law.

In Pennsylvania the open season for wild turkey, pheasant, grouse, quail, partridge and squirrel is from October 15 to December 15; rail and reed birds, September 1 to December 1; elk and deer, (no dogs to be used) November 1 to December 1; hares and rabbits, November 1 to December 15; plover, July 15 to January 1; waf tooted wild fowl, September 1 to May 1.

I. O. O. F. Reunion.

The Odd Fellow Lodges—eighteen in number—of the counties of Snyder, Mifflin, Juniata and Union will hold their seventh annual reunion and picnic in Hon. A. M. Smith's grove at Adamsburg on Saturday, Sept. 9, 1899. A number of lodges are expected to bring bands of music. One or more Grand Lodge officers will be present.

Important to Constables

Judge Biddle of Carlisle recently handed down an important decision which concerns all constables. He said, "The law is finally settled by the act of May 23, 1893. A constable is entitled to 50 cents for each person named in a subpoena issued by a Magistrate and actually served."