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LOCAL NEWS.

A Week's News Dished up in Small Quantities--Visitors in Town During the Past Week--Other News of Interest.

Harry Bowersox and Miriam Bachman are listed with the sick.

Miss Lulu Smith spent Sunday visiting her relatives at Millinburg.

Misses Lottie and Bertha Crouse spent Sunday at Mr. Denius', New Berlin.

A special session of court was held in the court house Friday of last week.

Miss Carrie Wittenmyer has returned from her visit to Lykens bringing with her Miss Catherine Engelbert.

Monday morning Bruce Crouse left for Vintondale, Cambria county, to work in a lumber camp.

Miss Paul of Shamokin is spending a few days with her friend, Miss Carrie Haas at Mrs. J. W. Runkle's.

Prof. Edwin Charles, teacher of the intermediate school, was sick and unable to teach his school Friday of last week.

Editor Joseph A. Lombard, his daughter Mrs. Murray Smith and child spent the day in Middleburgh last Friday.

The public sale of D. K. Haas, two miles west of town last Wednesday, was one of the largest in this section of the state.

Miss Susie Rine of McKees Half Falls, a student at Susquehanna University, Selingsgrove, visited Miss Mame Beaver Saturday.

FOR SALE.—A new butcher wagon, one of the latest styles, will be sold cheap. Inquire of A. W. Bowersox, Middleburgh, Pa.

Attorney Joseph Woods of Lewistown was in town between trains last Thursday morning on legal business at the court house.

A. B. Sheary of Penns Creek was in town Monday morning. Mr. Sheary is one of the true blue republicans of Centre township.

Hon. Peter F. Riegel of Beaver Springs was in town Monday to attend a meeting of the Underwriters of Snyder county and this district.

A teachers' normal school will open in Middleburgh Monday, April 23rd. For particulars, address A. A. Killian, Middleburgh, Pa.

A. G. Bashor and A. H. Ulsh spent Sunday at Selingsgrove to visit the latter's daughter, Mrs. A. E. Cooper, who is ill with scarlet fever.

The borough council organized last week by electing J. W. Swartz president and Calvin Stetler clerk. H. R. Tobias was elected borough supervisor.

Senator Hummel and Editor Joe Lesh, two stalwarts of Selingsgrove, were in town on Friday afternoon between trains. They failed to call at this office.

Isaac Shambach of Avilla, Noble Co., Ind., who is now 75 years old, came in to attend the funeral of his brother, George, which takes place to-day (Thursday).

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Lutheran church have decided to take out an insurance policy of \$3,000 on the church edifice. The Kremer church fire taught a very useful lesson.

During his service on the bench, Judge Savidge, of Sunbury, has tried seventeen murder cases in Northumberland and Schuylkill counties. In only one sentence was the defendant hanged, two were commuted to life imprisonment, and the others were either acquitted or given lesser terms of imprisonment.

Weldon Fisher of Bloomsburg has been employed by A. E. Soles in the barber shop to take the place of Gordon Klingler of Georgetown, who went home last week.

Last week Mrs. A. E. Williams was appointed postmistress of Chapman, this county, and Charles N. Brosius of Mt. Pleasant Mills. These are commendable appointments.

Saturday of this week it will be six years since we became the editor of the Post. We wish to thank one and all for the liberal patronage extended to us during that time.

Clarence Graybill sold his livery outfit last week in order to go into the mercantile business. The most of the outfit was bought by C. W. Graybill, the proprietor of the Eagle Hotel.

Rent houses in Middleburgh are a very scarce article at this season of year. Those who have the vacant lots and the money should erect houses so that the population can increase.

There will be a church reopening in connection with 1st quarterly conference Saturday and Sunday, Mar. 24 and 25, 1900, United Evangelical church.

REV. W. E. BRILLHART.

Mrs. A. E. Williams of Chapman, M. P. Arnold of Port Treverton and Mr. Witmer of Sunbury were in town Friday afternoon of last week to probate the will of the late Gen. E. C. Williams.

From all appearances there will be a lively scramble for the position of County Chairman. Editor Jos. A. Lombard of Selingsgrove and Geo. M. Witmer of Salem will contest with each other for the place.

Mrs. E. S. Crater and her daughter, Savilla, of Spring Mills, Centre county, spent a week with her brother, W. H. Ripka. They were callers at this office Monday afternoon, accompanied by Mr. Ripka and wife.

C. Morris Showers and S. F. Sheary of Penns Creek were at Middleburgh Wednesday of last week to probate the will of Valentine Walter. Mr. Showers is the executor of the estate, and Mr. Sheary penned the instrument.

J. Wilson Swartz, ex-commissioner's clerk, and his son-in-law, Clarence Graybill, last week bought the store of David Wetzel in Franklin. Mr. Wetzel accepted Mr. Swartz's house and lot in the borough as part pay.

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.

Chas. O. Gaugler of Selingsgrove was in town last week canvassing and taking orders for the marble firm of Gaugler & McFall, successors to M. L. Miller. They have a larger stock of marble on hand than ever before. Mr. McFall worked at the trade for 16 years under Mr. Miller's supervision and hence the work they turn out is guaranteed to be of the very best.

The new mercantile tax law is going to add to the revenues of the State, as shown by the returns received at the Auditor General's Department. Under the old law there were about 61,000 dealers who paid the tax, but under recent law about 150,000 dealers who help to swell the Treasury receipts. Formerly the income from this source was about \$600,000 a year. The new law will bring in about \$1,200,000. One dealer who last year paid \$70 mercantile tax will this year pay \$750. Another paid \$1,000 last year; this year he will pay \$20,000.

COURT HOUSE CHIPS

Deeds Entered for Record.

Isaac Aurand and wife to Michael Haines, 3 acres and 36 perches in Beaver twp. for \$85.00.

D. Bolender, Sheriff, to S. B. Arnold and J. H. Sufel, overseers of the poor of Chapman twp., six acres in Chapman twp. for \$41.00.

The above deed has been assigned to Catherine V. Hile for the sum of \$45.00.

Assignment from Susannah Hile and husband to Anna Hile for five acres in Chapman township for \$150.

Susan Herman and Henry M. her husband to Jacob B. Herman, 2 tracts of land in Franklin township containing 35 acres and 17 acres respectively for \$550.

G. E. Smith, ex'r of Margaret S. Hane, to G. H. Hane, house and lot in Selingsgrove for \$310.

Jacob B. Herman and wife to Jesse Bilger, 17 acres in Franklin twp. for \$120.

Wills Probated.

The last will and testament of Valentine Walter was probated Mar. 7th. C. M. Showers is the executor.

Will of Gen. E. C. Williams was probated Friday. The widow is the sole heir and executrix.

Letters Granted.

Letters of administration in the estate of Henry K. Sanders were granted to J. H. Long and J. I. Hartman.

Marriage Licenses.

(Murray S. Lopley, Jackton twp., Cora S. Fetter, " " John A. Walter, Penns Creek, Mollie F. Fessler, " " William O. Wagner, W. Perry T. Mary Portzline, " " Banks E. Wicand, Beavertown, Ida Kanawell, Adamsburg, Lank Haakenburg, Centre Twp., Agnes S. Walter, " "

Gen. E. C. Williams' Will.

The last will and testament of Gen. E. C. Williams was probated Friday of last week. The instrument is short and unique. It reads as follows:

I, Edward C. Williams of Chapman, Snyder county, Pa., do make, publish and declare my last will and testament as follows: I give, devise and bequeath to my wife, Anna, and to her assigns forever, all my property and estate whether real, personal or mixed and I constitute and appoint my said wife sole executrix of this will. In testimony whereof I hereunto sign my name this 16th day of May, 1888.

Witness: E. C. WILLIAMS. C. L. Witmer. M. P. Arnold.

The instrument is written in Gen. Williams' own hand writing and is one of the shortest if not the shortest on record. It contains only 85 words.

An Interesting Experiment.

Sunday an experiment of much importance, and which is said to be the first successful experiment of the kind ever made.—Superintendent Hutchinson of the Sunbury & Lewistown Railroad, with a number of his subordinates, made the necessary arrangements on Saturday, and which consisted of connecting No. 2 road wire between Lewistown and this place, with 'phone and telegraph instrument. The experiment consisted of sending a telephone communication and telegraphic message over the same wire at one and at the same time. The operator was able to send the message and at the same time a telephone communication was transmitted to another person on the same wire. The experiment was a perfect success.—Tribune.

FIVE ARE GONE.

Franklin Township this week Mourns at the Graves of Two of Her Oldest and Respected Citizens. Other Recent Deaths in the County.

The hand of death ever reminds us of the uncertainty of life whether the captured are old or young. We are compelled to chronicle this week the demise of two old and well known gentlemen of our neighboring precinct. They are Capt. Lewis Miller, a gentleman with a brilliant war record, and George Shambach, a highly respected gentleman, descended from a family, that for longevity has no equal in these parts.

CAPT. LEWIS MILLER.

Capt. Miller was born in Washington township, Union (now Snyder) county, Jan. 1836 at the old homestead, the mill property of his father. He died in Franklin township, two miles east of Middleburgh Thursday, March 8, 1900, at the age of 64 years. He was the son of John and the grand son of Frederick Miller who settled in Penn township at an early date. This well known pioneer was married three times, and by his first wife had the following children: John, Betsy, Polly and Kate. John Miller, the father of the deceased, was born and reared at the old homestead in Penn township, and when not engaged in agricultural work, his time was spent in learning the miller's trade. He was married in Penn township to Christy Ann Snyder, a native of Philadelphia and a daughter of Adam and Catherine (Deish) Snyder. After his marriage John Miller engaged in the milling business on Middlecreek in Penn township, in partnership with George A. Snyder. Later he took charge of the milling property in Washington township where the deceased was born. John Miller lived to be 77 1/2 years old and his wife 75 years. They had six children:

- 1. Edward, born March 30, 1829, died Sept. 30, 1897. He had only one daughter, Angeline, married to A. D. Kremer, of Kremer, Pa.
2. George F., born Sept. 3, 1832, married Feb. 18, 1857 to Isabella Dreese, and to them were born six children: Christina, who died at the age of three years, Daniel W., who died at the age of 12 years; Adda L., who married Wm. Roush and died in Washington township; Mollie, wife of B. F. Hurley of Freeburg; John H., a clerk in Herley's store, Freeburg, and Charles H., a teacher in the western part of the state. Mr. Miller is an ex-county Treasurer and at present one of the county commissioners and during the Civil war served in Co. I, 172nd P. V. I.
3. Lewis, the deceased.
4. Daniel S., born Feb. 7, 1837, enlisted in Co. H., 51st P. V. I., and saw some hard fighting in the Civil War. In May 1870, he married Susanna Kister who died as did also two children who were born to them. Nov. 1, 1886 he married Sarah Meyer and now resides at Kantz.
5. Samuel, another son lived and died in Washington township at the age of 37 years.
6. Frederick, now resides in Penn township, is a successful farmer and a gentleman of affairs, highly respected.
*Captain Miller was married Dec. 1859 to Sarah Stahlnecker, a daughter of Elias and Catherine (Hassinger) Stahlnecker, a sister of John, Aaron and David of this place. The children of the union are:
1. John H., married Alice Hare and resides at Stode's Mills, Millin county, where he is successfully en-

gaged in Agriculture. He has a family of four children, Henry, Daniel, Sarah and George.

2. Catherine A., married to Chas. A. Manbeck of Franklin township May 26, 1887. They have a daughter, Hattie S.

Jennie, married W. C. Moyer, who resides near New Berlin on the farm of Hon. G. Alfred Schoch. They have had three children: Beatrice and Bruce are living and an infant son is dead.

Capt. Miller was an unassuming man, a gentleman who accumulated some money in his time and unfortunately lost quite heavily in the depreciation of Lehigh Valley Railroad stock some time ago. He has still quite a fortune left for his heirs. He was a miller by trade and lived for many years at the mill in Washington township where he was born. Several years he lived in Selingsgrove, several years he lived near Schoch's mills above Selingsgrove and for about 20 years at the home where he died last week. During the Civil war he served with fidelity as Captain of Co. F, 131st Penna. Regiment, which had a re-union in this place Sept. 19th of last year. While living in Franklin township, he was engaged in farming.

The funeral took place on Monday morning from his late home and the services and burial took place at Meiser. The funeral was largely attended by his numerous relatives and friends.

GEORGE SHAMBACH.

In recording the events of the past week, we must record the death of George Shambach at the advanced age of more than four score years. He was born Nov. 10, 1819 in the house in this borough where N. S. Bachman now resides, and died Sunday, March 11, 1900. For three years he has been suffering from a severe cancer of the mouth and throat which has been getting worse from time to time. His mouth was all eaten away and during the last week his jaws fell to his breast. The sore gave out a very offensive odor making it next to impossible for any one to endure the sight of the unfortunate victim. Sunday morning he had a hemorrhage which caused his death at 8:50 which occurred at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Wm. A. Smith in Swinford, where he had his home since last July. Mr. Shambach was twice married: First in 1846 to Catherine, daughter of George and Elizabeth Moyer of Centre township, second to Sarah, daughter of Conrad and Louise Hassinger. He was the father of 8 children, four with each wife, as follows:

- 1. Mary A., born 1837, married 1867 to Wm. A. Smith of Swinford. They have four children, Lillian, Lester, Herbert and John.
2. Robert R., born 1849, married 1872 to Harriet Swineford, and now resides in this borough. They have two children, Herbert and Laura, both single.
3. Amon, and 4, Sarah, both died in infancy.
5. Chas. C., born Sept. 16, 1855, married Clara Hower and have one child.
6. Margaret, died in infancy.
7. Galen, born Nov. 1861, married Mollie Benter. They have two children, Ruhl and Harry.
8. Harvey, born May 1863, married Martha Bowersox and reside in Paxtonville. They have seven children; Anna Louisa, Hattie F., Geo. Guy, John Blain, Jane, Amanda and Claire.
Mr. Shambach descends from a family that for a record of long living there are few if any in this day and generation. So prominent a characteristic is the longevity of this family that it is but proper for us

to give some details of the family from the time the founder of the Shambach family in this country set foot upon the American soil.

The name of the pioneer or founder was George Shambach; a native of Germany who landed in Philadelphia Sept. 9, 1749. Of his lineage there were at least three sons, George, Jr., Philip and Daniel. The latter two moved to Shenandoah, Virginia. George, Jr. settled in Montgomery county, where he married Miss Reinard. To them were born six children, three sons and three daughters. George, Jr. moved to Middleburgh and a few miles north of this place bought a tract of land containing 300 acres, from William Penn's agents or heirs. The land then purchased is covered partly now by deeds held by James G. Crouse, Mrs. Moses Fry, Stahlnecker and other parties. Of the children of George, Jr., Christian was the youngest son and father of the deceased.

Christian Shambach was born in Montgomery County, but was married in what is now Snyder County to his first wife, Mary Walter, the daughter of David and Susan (Eberhart) Walter, the father having been a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and his bones now rest in the Salem church cemetery, the only ones in that burying ground that were used in defense of the Independence of America. Mr. Shambach was a farmer and a wagon maker. He was a robust man and of untiring vitality and in his day was noted for his physical endurance. In 1837 his first wife died and he married Mrs. Elizabeth (Betchel) Bilger, widow of Isaac Bilger. Elizabeth was born June 26, 1809 and died Dec. 17, 1844. Christian died at the age of 88 years and 3 months. His children are as follows:

- First Marriage.
1. Daniel, now 84 years, married Sarah Yeiser, now reside at Leo, Allen County, Ind. Undertaker and carpenter.
2. David, now about 82 years of age, married Catherine Stahlnecker, resides at Paxtonville.
3. George, the deceased, aged 80.
4. Mary (Polly) widow of Reuben Snyder, aged 79 years, now resides at Avilla, Noble Co., Ind. Mr. Snyder was a broom-maker and farmer.
5. Jesse, born Aug. 30, 1822, aged over 77 years, married Sept. 11, 1842 to Sophia Fry, the only daughter of John and Wilhelmina (Walter) Fry. They now reside in Centre township and are well known and highly respected. They have 14 children.
6. Isaac, aged 75 years, married to Julia Hassinger, and now resides at Avilla, Noble Co., Ind. Isaac is a carpenter.
7. Jacob, aged 73 years, married Maria Hassinger, a sister of Isaac's wife, and now reside at Perryville, Ashland Co., Ohio and is a blacksmith.
8. Elizabeth, aged about 70, married Benjamin Loose, who is now dead, but the widow resides in the town of Centreville, this county. Mr. Loose was a Cooper.
9. John, now dead, lived to be about 68, married Catherine Keller and resided at Adamsburg.
10. William, aged 68, married Amelia Walter, daughter of Adam Walter. Resides in Franklin twp.
11. Lydia, aged 66, married first Frederick Erb but is now the widow of Reuben Fisher. Resides at Port Treverton, this county.
12. Henry, born April 7, 1836, died Feb. 2, 1863. He was a member of Co. C, 120th Ohio Regt. He died in the hospital in St. Louis, Mo. and was buried in Middleburgh, March 9, 1863.

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