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Thursday, June 28, 1900.

Moving Susquehanna University.

The people of Selinsgrove and the friends of Susquehanna University generally are in a turmoil concerning the question of removing the institution from Selinsgrove to Sunbury, Pa. The matter involves not only the students and the Lutheran church, but the people of Snyder County generally. We believe it is the sphere of a newspaper that holds in high esteem the well-being of its patrons and the intellectual welfare of the community in general to discuss in a friendly way the merits of a question such as this.

We shall endeavor to be impartial in the expression of views and to diminish and not to increase the gap which seems to exist between a portion of the board of trustees and the people of Selinsgrove. The benefits of an educationaal institution in any community can better be measured by having lost it than in any other way. If we are pardoned a threadbare axiom, but as true to-day as ever, "you never miss the water till the well runs dry." We trust the people of Selinsgrove will not have occasion to learn in a negative way the value of an educational institution. About 40 years ago Missionary Institute and Susquehanna Female College were charted. The people of that locality contributed land and gave largely of their means to found the institution now the bone of contention. Missionary Institute struggled along and only during recent years has the college shown more rapid advancement. There was recently inducted into the office of President a man fresh from the Rocky Mountain gold fields that he might give more life and activity to the school. We are told he is a good man and a brilliant fellow. We know he can electrify an audience. He came from the city of Denver, the financial, commercial and business centre of the whole Rocky Mountain mining region where money is plentiful and where gigantic financial and commercial propositions can be and are quickly consumated. In Denver it would take but a few hours to raise $50,000 or even $100,000 for an educational institution or for an industrial enteriprise. In small towns like Selinsgrove and others scattered throughout the rural sections of any state, commercial propositions of any magnitude require more time for consideration. This is not all. The means is not always in sight. It seems the financial agent of Susquehanna University did not get the financial encouragement from the people of Selinsgrove that the President expected. We are not informed what amount was contributed by the people of Selinsgrove nor what amount was expected by the President. It is natural to suppose, however, that the people of Selinsgrove, who must be content to live on a modest income, could not contribute as freely as would the millionaires of Denver. The people of Selinsgrove receive the first and the most benefit from this educational institution and if they have not contributed their share, they should not shirk their duty. Perhaps they have done this, we have not been informed. When we say they should contribute their share, we do not say that their apportionment should be equivalent to that of Denver capitalists, but it should be something. The students of Susquehanna University carry a a great deal of money into the town of Selinsgrove every year and the business men there profit by this. No college is self-sustaining without a good-sized endowment. Hence it must have help. It remains for the people of Selinsgrove to do their full share and not run the risk of losing the school.

Now let us consider the other side. President Heisler and a portion of the Board of Directors propose moving the institution to Sunbury, if the people of that town raise $50,000 cash to erect new buildings and donate a site. It would appear that the president had very little patience, and in addition failed to appreciate the difference between the financial ability of the people of Selinsgrove and Denver capitalists. Sunbury is well-fitted for industrial enterprises, and no doubt better than Selinsgrove, but the latter is better fitted for an educational institution, because the temptations in Snyder County's metropolis are reduced to minimum, while we venture to say, there is not a man in Sunbury who is willing to make a comparison on this score. If the people of Sunbury can get the college on these terms, they are very fortunate and we give them credit for doing all in their power to secure it. It is a good business proposition, but who knows, but in a year or so a vacillating president may sell out to the people of Harrisburg for $100,000 and a site and move there.

There is another and a very important consideration and if a change is made, one which will involve endless litigation and eventually will result in heavy losses by both sides and result in two weak institutions. A legacy of $40,000 was given to the Theological Seminary of Selinsgrove to be used as an endowment. How can that be used at Sunbury? This is a vital question and if the poople of Sunbury figure on getting this endowment, they figuring without their host.

Go slow, gentlemen. To move an institution is no easy matter. Get your heads together and heal the breach. It is better for the institution, better for Selinsgrove and better for Sunbury.

Judging Others by Himself.

Selinsgrove Times.

"The Middleburg Post has been appealing to the people of Snyder county to protect an old log hut near Kreamer by saying it was an old fort and was built for that purpose in the days when the Red Skins were in possession of Middlecreek Valley. We always doubted the Post's saying in that matter. The building might have been a fire water camp for the early settlers, but we doubt if it ever contained any powder and shot, of any amount, for war purposes."

The claim of the POST that the block house at Kreamer was used by the pioneers as a place of refuge is substantiated by the Indian Forts Commission of Pennsylvania, also by Ira C. Schoch, old Matthias Dauberman now deceased, and others. If the *Times* wishes do dispute our claims it should cite some authority.

QUERY ANSWERED.

Editor POST.—Please explain the meaning of an inch of rain as there are a great many here who do not understand why an inch of rain fall causes a flood.

Lowell, Pa. SUBSCRIBER.

We have referred the above question to John M. Boyer, Snyder County's representative of the U. S. Weather Bureau and give his reply below:

Selinsgrove, Pa., June 23, 1900.
Mr. Geo. W. Wagenseller, Ed. POST,
Middleburgh, Pa.

DEAR SIR:—Replying to your question I will give you the following. The measurement of rain fall, is to measure the depth of the sheet of water that would lie on level ground after a rain if none of the water were lost by evaporation or by soaking into the soil. If you consider that a fall of rain measuring one inch in depth, corresponds to the deposit of 25,200 gallons per acre, therefore it is possible for an inch of rain fall to produce a flood. It has been the case heretofore.

Our rain-gauge as adopted by the Weather Bureau consists of a funnel-shaped receiver, surmounted by a cylinder $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length and 8 inches in diameter. The funnel is placed in a cylindrical reservoir 2.53 inches in diameter and 20 inches in height. The area of the cross-section of the reservoir is to that of the receiver as one to ten, or 1 inch of rain falling in the receiver corresponds with 10 inches of water in the gauge. The rainfall collected in the gauge is measured by means of a graduated rod, marked inches and tenth; 1 inch (10 spaces) on the rod corresponds to 0.1 (0.10) of an inch of rain, and 0.1 of an inch (1 space) on the rod to 0.01 of an inch of rain and so on. It is very seldom that we have a continuous rain fall of one inch with the same velocity during the period required.

Hoping this will be a satisfactory explanation to enable you to answer the question referred to. If you desire any other information on the subject or any information I may be able to give you, I will cheerfully do so.

Yours respectfully,
J. M. BOYER.

MARRIED.

June 23, at Mt. Pleasant Mills, by Rev. E. E. Gilbert, John A. Sierer and Maud M. Yerger, both of Mt. Pleasant Mills.

June 24th, at Mt. Pleasant Mills, by Rev. E. E. Gilbert, Philip J. Bickel and Ida May Bottiger, both of Richfield.

DIED.

June 23, at Beavertown, Mrs. David Coleman of heart trouble.

June 23, at Oriental, Mrs. Wm. Portzline. Interment at Aline Tuesday.

June 20th, near Erdley's church, Mrs. Andrew Hummel, aged 75 years. Interment last Saturday at Erdley's church.

June 19th, at Globe Mills, Henry Renninger, aged about 60 years. Interment June 22 at Zieber's church. A widow and four children survive.

June 14th, in Medico Chirurgical Hospital, Mattie Brubaker of Port Treverton. Interment at Brubaker's cemetery.

June 23, at Port Treverton, Flora, wife of Jere Bogar. Interment Tuesday afternoon at the Witmer church. Revs. Boyer and Brillhart officiated.

ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE Letters of Administration in the estate of Violetta Bowersox, late of Middleburg, Snyder county, Pa., dec'd, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, while those having claims will present them duly authenticated to the undersigned.
JAMES P. SMITH,
June 23, 1900. Administrator.

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Onions	—	Corn	40
Lard	7	Oats (old)	27
Tallow	4	Potatoes	
Chickens	7	Bran per 100.	90
Turkeys	—	Middlings "	90
Shoulder	8	Chop	90
Ham	12	Flour per bbl	3.50