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PERTINENT PERSONALS

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James Decker, of Franklin township, dropped in to see us Saturday.

Adam Rhenomy and wife of Kantz were in town last Thursday.

Miss Lizzie Ripka of Sunbury visited her parents in town last Thursday.

Mrs. F. F. Hare of Lewisburg last week visited N. P. Hare and wife.

Wm. Bolig of town dropped in to see us to pay for his brother's paper.

Joel Reichenbach, of Strouptown, was in town Wednesday of last week.

John W. Kline, of Adams township, was at the county seat Monday morning.

Miss Sue Beaver spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. W. F. Dugle, of Beavertown.

Mrs. Harry Bowersox spent Sunday at Snydertown with her daughter, Mrs. S. F. Heckewelder.

W. F. Dugle, Manager of the Beavertown mill factory, was at Middleburg Monday morning.

Michael Hokenburg, of Paxtonville, was at the county seat Monday to order bills for public sale.

Rev. Joshua Shambach attended the annual conference of his church at Red Lion, York County last week.

Wm. Bessler, of Richfield, came to town Saturday to subscribe for the Post and to meet his son who came from the west.

Job Bessler, of Beavertown, was here Monday. He will move to Decatur township, Milford county, March 25th.

Supt. F. C. Bowersox and wife spent several days at York, and at the Evangelical conference held at Red Lion, York county.

Caleb Smith, who came East a few weeks ago to attend the funeral of his mother, Mrs. John P. Smith, left again for his home in Iowa.

A. W. Bowersox and son, Harry, have erected a new building, fronting on Main street, adjoining their residence, to be used as a meat market.

Mrs. A. E. Soles entertained a number of ladies one evening last week, in the capacity of a carpet-rag party. The ladies were treated to ice cream, oranges bananas, etc.

W. P. Shelly, foreman of the job department of the Sunbury Evening Item, was in town last Thursday to attend the funeral of his cousin, Reno C. Spitzer, and made a call at this office.

M. L. Waggoner of Selinsgrove, traveling salesman for a wood and willow ware house in Phila., called on his customers in Middleburg last Thursday and made a pleasant call at this office.

THE STUMP RUN MASSACRE.

The Murder of Indians in Middleburg Recalled.

Centre Democrat.

Massacre of Indians by whites, in territory contiguous to Centre, now part of Snyder county, an interesting narrative, as found below:

Below is given an account of this horrid murder, Stump's apprehension, and proceedings of government relative thereto:

Two or three families of Indians, one called the White Mingo, another Cornelius, one Jonas and one Cannell, three Indian women, two girls and a child, had removed from the Big Island, on the West Branch of Susquehanna, in the spring of 1767, came and built themselves cabins on Middlecreek about 15 miles above the mouth of said creek; where they lived and hunted, and were on friendly terms with their white neighbors—were always well received and kindly treated. In the month of January, 1768, they came to the house of William Blyth, who lived at the mouth of Middlecreek. He treated them kindly. From his house they went to Frederick Stump's, who lived near Blyth's, where it is supposed some differences happened. Here four of the Indians were murdered; their bodies cast into Middle creek, through a hole in the ice. Stump, with his servants, Ironcutter, (Eisenhart), then proceeded to a cabin about four miles from his house, where he found two Indian girls and one child, whom he also murdered, and setting fire to the cabin, endeavored to consume the remains.

The body of one of those thrown into Middle creek, was afterwards found, lying near within a few rods of the river Susquehanna, a few miles below the Harborsburg bridge, and interred in Athen township.

The murder of these Indians produced a prodigious excitement, at the time, as will appear from all the facts and proceedings arising from and connected with it. As soon as this atrocity was made known to the governor of the province, and to Sir William Johnson, Penn issued his proclamation, offering a reward for the apprehension of Stump and Ironcutter, promising to punish them with death; and this declaration, with two strings of wampum, he sent to be made known to the Indians living on the Susquehanna, requesting them not to break the peace in consequence of the murder. A message was also sent to the same effect, says Heckewelder, by the governor to the Christian Indians, with the request that they should make it known in public assembly; and soon after, a special message was sent to the Christian Indians (at Friedenschueten) from Sir William Johnson, desiring if they knew of the relations of those persons murdered at Middle creek, to send them to him, that he might wipe the tears from their eyes, comfort their afflicted hearts, and satisfy them on account of their grievances. Sir William Johnson also invited the chief of the Six Nations, and other tribes of Indians living on Susquehanna, and on the Ohio to an amicable convention. A convention was also held, peace and friendship again re-established.

Sworn at Philadelphia the 19th day of January, 1768, before me, William Allen.

As soon as Capt. William Patterson, (formerly of Lancaster county, then residing on the Juniata) heard of this atrocious act, went, without waiting orders from the governor, with a party of nineteen men, and arrested Stump and Ironcutter, and delivered them to John Holmes, sheriff, at Carlisle jail. Aware that the relatives of the murdered Indians would be, on the receipt of this news, exasperated, he sent one Gresham Hicks, with a message to the Indians at Big Island, on the west branch of the Susquehanna.

Carlisle, January 23, 1768.

The 21st instant, I marched a party of nineteen men to George Gabriel's house at Penn's creek mouth, and made prisoners of Frederick Stump and John Ironcutter, who were suspected to have murdered ten of our friend Indians, near Fort Augusta; and I have this day delivered them to Mr. Holmes at Carlisle jail.

Yesterday I sent a person to the Great Island, that understood the Indian language, with a talk; a copy of which is enclosed.

Myself and a party were exposed to

great danger, by the desperate resistance made by Stump and his friends, who sided with him. The steps I have taken, I flatter myself, will not be disapproved of by the gentlemen of the government; my sole view being directed to the service of the frontiers, before I heard this Honor the Governor's orders. The message I have sent to the Indians, I hope, will not be assuming an authority of my own, as you are very sensible I am no stranger to the Indians and their customs.

I am, with respect,
Your most obedient, humble servant,
W. PATTERSON,

Juniata, January 22, 1768.

"Brothers of the Six Nations, Delaware, and other inhabitants of the West Branch of Susquehanna, hear what I have to say to you. With a heart swelled with grief, I have to inform you that Frederick Stump and John Ironcutter, hath, unadvisedly, murdered ten of our friend Indians near Fort Augusta. The inhabitants of the Province of Pennsylvania disapprove of the said Stump and Ironcutter's conduct; and as a proof thereof, I have taken them prisoners, and will deliver them into the custody of officers, that will keep them in prison for trial; and I make no doubt, many of them as are guilty, will be condemned, and die for the offense.

"Brothers, I being truly sensible of the injury done you, I only add these few words, with my heart's wish, that you may not rashly let go the fast hold of our chain of friendship, for the ill conduct of one of our bad men. Believe me, brothers, we Englishmen continue the same love for you that hath assisted betwixt our grandfathers, and I desire you to call at Fort Augusta, to trade with our people, for the necessities you stand in need of. I pledge you my word that no white man shall molest any of you, while you behave as friends. I shall not rest night or day until I receive your answer.

Your friend and brother,
W. PATTERSON.

The following is an answer to Captain Patterson's message, of January 22, 1768.

February 11th, 1768.

Loving Brother:

I received your speech by Gertham Hicks, and have sent one of my relatives with a string of wampum, and the following answer:

Loving Brother:

I am glad to hear from you—I understand that you are very much grieved, and the tears run from your eyes—with both my hands I now wipe away those tears; and as I don't doubt but your heart is disturbed, I remove all the sorrows from it, and make it easy as it was before. I will now sit down and smoke my pipe. I have taken fast hold of the chain of friendship; and when I give it a pull, if I find my brothers, the English, have let go, then it will be time for me to let go too, and take care of my family—There are four of my relatives murdered by Stump; and all I desire is, that he may suffer for his wicked action; I shall then think that people have the same goodness in their hearts as formerly, and intend to keep it there. As it was the evil spirit which caused Stump to commit this bad action, I blame none of my brothers, the English, but him.

I desire that the people of Juniata may sit still in their places, and not put themselves to any hardships, by leaving their habitations; whatever danger is coming, they shall know it before it comes on them.

I am,
Your loving brother,
SHAWANA BEN.

To Capt. William Patterson.

The Council, after examining Mr. Blyth, immediately took this most important matter into consideration, and were of the opinion that warrants should forthwith be issued by the chief justice, directed to the sheriffs, and other officers of the Province, and particularly to those of the counties of Cumberland, Lancaster and Berks, for the apprehending of the above mentioned Frederick Stump, and bringing him before one of his Majesty's Justices of Oyer and Terminer, to be dealt with according to law. The Board also advised the Governor to issue a proclamation offering a reward of 200 pounds for apprehending the said offender, and bringing him to justice.

But before these letters, and the pro-

clamation of Chief Justice Allen reached the magistrates and sheriffs, Stump and Ironcutter, as above stated, had been lodged in jail; but before they were brought to trial, were rescued from prison by their friends and neighbors, whose fears were excited that Stump and Ironcutter were to be taken to Philadelphia, there to be tried, they "not properly distinguishing between examination and trial," rescued them from prison, on the 29th of January, and carried them off.

Governor Penn sent a message express to the chiefs on Great Island, on which he deplores the death of the Indians.

The murdering of the Indians, and Ironcutter, produced a great excitement, not only at Carlisle, but through the whole country. The magistrates and sheriff, it appears, had been censured. But, the general impression appears to have been, judging from documentary evidence, that the officers, sheriff and magistrates did not favor the prisoners.

COURT HOUSE CHIPS.

Deeds Entered for Record.

W. A. Dreher and T. H. Eisenhuth and wives to T. C. Kantz, shoe factory in Selinsgrove, for \$2000.

T. H. Eisenhuth, W. A. Dreher and Dr. F. J. Waggoner to T. C. Kantz, vacant lot in Selinsgrove, for \$300.

T. C. Kantz to T. H. Eisenhuth & Co., shoe factory and vacant lot in Selinsgrove, for \$2,300.

George Leach, adm'r of Wm. Leach, to John R. Leach, two tracts in Chapman township, containing 9 acres and 341 sq. rods, for \$2000.

A. M. Bessler to E. K. Walter, 4 acres and 100 perches in Franklin twp., for \$300.

Geo. M. Moutz to H. E. Walter lot on Sugar Street, Middleburg, for \$250.

Letters Granted.

Letters of administration in the estate of Geo. C. Neitz, late of Perry twp., were granted to Wm. Neitz, March 5.

Marriage Licenses.

(Calvin A. Kratzer, 1 Limestone twp., Mary E. Sauer, 1 Union Co., Pa. Jordan H. Laudenslager, Salem, Nora Ida Kline, Kratzerville, (Cloyd E. Clotfelter, Monroe twp., Nettie Foltz, West Perry twp., (Glynn Romig, Beaver Springs, Annie M. Raught, 5-27-01)

MARRIED.—March 7, by Geo. M. Shindel, Clerk O. C., Jordan H. Laudenslager, of Salem, to Nora Ida Kline, of Kratzerville.

March 3, by Rev. H. H. Spahn, Chas. E. Marks, of Bradford, Pa., to Alma I. McClellan, of Troxelville.

March 3, by Rev. A. D. Granley, Palmer A. Musser, of Beavertown, to Emma J. Heimbach, of Middlecreek.

March 3, by Rev. I. P. Zimmerman, Edward J. Dreese, of Beaver Springs, to Jennie M. Klöse, of Paxtonville.

March 5th, by Rev. W. A. Haas, Cloyd A. Fisher, of Freeburg, to Ella Musser, of Meiserville.

Some Old Papers.

H. Harris Bower, Esq., brought to this office a copy of the *Central Courier* published at Selinsgrove April 18, 1867 and a copy of the *American Lutheran*, published also at Selinsgrove, dated March 28, 1867.

The *Courier* bears the names A. G. Rohbach and J. B. Adamson Editors and proprietors. The paper is almost completely filled with advertisements. The *Lutheran* is edited by Revs. P. Anstadt and C. Lepley.

The papers are well preserved and will be put into the Snyder County Historical Society room in the court house.

If any of our readers have any old papers, they should send them in for preservation by the society.

Change of Post Office Address.

Subscribers to the Post who expect to move this spring, should give timely notice. Give the office to which your paper is sent and the one to which you wish it mailed.

Concert in Middleburg.

The Glee, Mandolin and Guitar Clubs of Susquehanna University, will give a concert in the Court house, Middleburg, Saturday evening, March 23rd at 8 P. M. Admission 10 and 30 cents. 3-7-31

THE SHOE FACTORY.

The announcement last Saturday morning that a judgment for \$5000 had been entered and execution issued against the Main Shoe Company, Limited, of this place, met with universal regret.

The Main Shoe Company, Limited, was organized two years ago as a limited co-partnership representing a capital of \$11,500, more than \$6000 of which was raised by the people of Middleburg. The plant of the Main Shoe Company of Catawissa, Pa., was moved to this place and a large building was erected and additional machinery was purchased until the outfit was quite complete. By the time the building and machinery was paid, the capital stock was exhausted and no funds had been provided for the purchase of leather and other material and wages for putting the manufactured product on the market until money from the sale of goods would replenish a depleted treasury. In order to meet the exigencies of the occasion, the board of managers made themselves personally responsible for several thousand dollars to put the institution on a working basis.

Being compelled to install inexperienced labor and consequently obliged to throw an inferior quality of shoes on the market at considerably less than cost and having paid an unwarranted amount as bonus, the first six months run of the factory showed the loss of a very large amount.

Being provided with industry and zeal, the management borrowed money and set in with renewed energy. The employees by this time had acquired more skill and the product turned out was of a better quality and set with a better sale, but the expense connected with securing orders was so great and having been unfortunate in not being able to collect some bad accounts, a little loss was reported at the end of the next six months.

In order to stop a heavy leak and make all the discounts, which in the shoe business are very large, G. Alfred Schoch, the president of the board of managers, advanced of his own money and in six months' time had saved in discounts alone, no less than \$800.

The next six months ending with last January showed larger orders, but the balance was on the wrong side of the ledger. There were evidently leaks that baffled the good skill of the management.

Here was a debt of \$5000 held by the First National Bank of this place, while the president of the board of managers had magnanimously used \$4000 of his own money to temporarily float the sinking ship across the troubled waters. But all in vain. The faith of others was not as strong as that of the big-hearted president. The crash came and it must be met. The debts are \$5000 to the First National Bank, \$4000 to G. Alfred Schoch and \$3000 to city firms. The \$5000 put in by the people of Middleburg, unfortunately, is lost as the sale of the factory, machinery, tools, shoes and the collection of a counts due will scarcely realize a sufficient sum to pay the debts.

This in brief is the history of rise and fall of Middleburg's only industry. While it has proved unprofitable to the stockholders, let the building stand as a monument to the industry, zeal and loyalty of the people of Middleburg, to her industrial development. Sixty or seventy loyal sons and daughters contributed their hard-earned mites toward the establishment of this enterprise.

While these people now will be deprived of their stock, let them not also be deprived of the factory. They have contributed from their meagre store the sum of \$6000 and the least consideration they can now ask is that the factory be bought by home capitalists, the business be thoroughly re-organized, and by careful management placed on a paying basis as other shoe factories are and the manufacture of shoes continued in Middleburg.

The effects of the Main Shoe Company, Limited, must be sold and those who have contributed the \$6000, have a right to expect that the factory will be continued. The Post hopes it will.

STAMP TAXES.

Many Abolished—Others Reduced.

By the war revenue bill, which has passed both houses of Congress and now awaits the President's signature, it is expected that a reduction of revenue of \$42,000,000 a year will be accomplished. The Senate conferees yielded to the House nearly all points. The following war taxes have been repealed:

Commercial broker, \$20.
Bank checks, 2 cents.
Certificates of deposit, 2 cents.
Promissory notes, 2 cents each \$100.
Money orders, 2 cents each \$100.
Bills of lading for export, 10 cents.
Express receipt, 1 cent.
Telephone messages, 1 cent.
Bonds, except bonds of indemnity, 50 cents.
Certificates of damage, 25 cents.
Conveyance, exempt below \$2,500, above \$2,500, 25 cents for each \$500.
Charter Party, \$3 to \$10.
Telegraph messages, 1 cent.
Life insurance, 8 cents on each \$100.
Lease, 25 cents to \$1.
Mortgages, 25 cents for each \$1,000.
Passage tickets, \$1 to \$5; exempt below \$50 in value.
Warehouse receipts, 25 cents.
Proprietary medicines, one-eighth cent for each 5 cents.
Perfumery and cosmetics, one-eighth cent for each 5 cents.
Chewing gum, 4 cents for \$1.

The following reduction in taxation has been made:

Beer to \$1.60 per barrel and 7½ per cent. discount repealed.
Tobacco and snuff, discount of 20 per cent. on 12 cents per lb.
Cigars, opening more than 3 lbs. per 1,000 \$1 per 1,000.
Cigars, weighing not more than 3 lbs. per 1,000, 18 cents per lb.
Cigarettes, weighing not more than 3 lbs. per 1,000, valued not more than \$2 per 1,000, 35 per lb.

Sales of merchandise in actual course of transportation exempted.
Bucket-shop transactions, 2 cents for each \$100.
Foreign bills of exchange, 2 cents for each \$100.

Most of the repeals and reductions become operative on the 1st of July next.

Lloyd Bowersox left Wednesday morning for Williamsport.

FOR HISTORICAL SOCIETIES.

There is a bill before the Legislature to authorize County Commissioners to appropriate \$500 yearly to local historical societies to meet current expenses. The object is to encourage the organization of such societies and to enable them to carry on the work of local research. It does not impose upon any county an obligation which it is not willing to accept. It does not compel the appropriation, only authorizes. Almost every county in Pennsylvania has enough of historical interest to prompt the maintenance of a local historical society. There are many such in existence which have been kept up for years by private effort. They have done most valuable work and the appropriation of \$500 a year from the county revenue is a very modest recognition of the good work done by well managed societies. It is not to be supposed, of course that the commissioners of any county are going to appropriate the money to a worthless society.

REPUBLICAN STANDING COMMITTEE.

- Adams—C. F. Bingsamen, J. D. Sipe.
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- Beaver—W. A. Napp, F. H. Shins.
- Chapman—Peter Shaffer, C. H. Updegrave.
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