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the m. Harvey Long, of Pfoots Valley is selling W. I. Garman and family.

Joseph Clelan and wife of Lewistown went the holidays in this place.

J. Calvin Schoch and wife spent New Year with relatives at Shamokin.

Miss Michtley of Nittany, and Miss Meyer of Bellefonte, are visitors at the home of Rev. W. K. Diehl.

A great deal of valuable news had to be crowded out of this issue for want of space. It will appear next week.

Selling out at cost. Reductions beginning January 14th.

L. DUNKELBERGER.

FOR SALE.—Fine large full bronze turkeys—toms and hens for breeding. Call on or address, D. N. APP, Selinsgrove, Pa.

The Commissioners Monday elected John N. Brosius, Clerk; A. F. Gilbert, Attorney; and H. H. Grimm, Clerk to the County Auditors.

Editors Lumbard and Lesh of the metropolis came to the County Seat Monday to behold the Court House transformations.

FOR SALE.—Well established first-class Millinery and Notion Business, having a large trade from surrounding towns and country.

Reason for selling, wish to go out of business. Address, L. DUNKELBERGER, Middleburgh, Pa.

Election Notice.

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Beavertown Mut. Fire Ins. Co., of Beavertown, Pa., for the election of Directors, will be held at their home office on Saturday, Jan. 31, 1903, between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock, p. m.

A. H. BOWERSOX, Secretary.

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A Pastor Surprised.

On Christmas eve the Shiner congregation and friends surprised their pastor by donating to him, with a fitting accompaniment, a \$18.00 Galloway robe, to keep warm these cold December days, and nights, while exposed to all kinds of chilling storms.

The following evening the Kratzerville Sunday school manifested an excellent, warm missionary spirit by contributing \$15.34 for the cause of missions.

All this, together with a plump turkey for the pastor's family, presented by Mr. and Mrs. J. Lepley, and a special gift from Mrs. J. A. Cochran has been received with grateful hearts, and will remain on memory's pages while the days are going by.

We all join in giving many thanks to the kind donors, hoping they will be the happy recipients of what Christ promises the giver, Luke 6:38, where he says: "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over."

J. Shambach.

Marriage Licenses.

Montgomery Phillips, Oriental.  
Minnie A. Folkroad, Oriental.  
Elias Ritter, Kratzerville.  
Sallie C. Pontius, Kreamer.  
Samuel Gelnett, Melserville.  
Nora Teats, Aline.  
Washington Bickhart, Pallas.  
Mable E. Miller, Freeburg.  
Arthur N. Bailey, Freeburg.  
Grace A. Gemberling, Selinsgrove.  
George Roush, Selinsgrove.  
Lizzie G. Wendt, Selinsgrove.  
Charles Arnold, Swineford.  
Emma Haines, Middleburgh.  
Adam Neltz, Swineford.  
Cora Straub, Swineford.  
Frank D. Baney, Kantz.  
Della E. Mull, Kreamer.  
Irvin D. Swartzlander, Lewistown.  
Lottie D. Hare, Lewistown.  
Ferry Fetterolf, Adams twp.  
Mary J. Nerhood, Adams twp.  
Jacob Bots, Granville, Pa.  
Annie N. Ferry, Stroubtown.  
Norris W. Vanjorn, Middleburgh.  
Mamie Bingham, Swineford.

Sale Register.

Notice of sales will be inserted free under this heading when the bills are printed at this office. When the bills are not printed at this office 50 cents will be charged. Persons expecting to have sales should select a date and have it inserted in this column.

Tuesday, February 2, two miles South West of New Berlin, Alva Banninger will sell 3 horses, 3 cows and farming implements.

Wednesday, Feb. 11, one mile East of Shadel, Jonathan Banninger will sell 3 horses, 3 cows and farming implements.

Monday, March 3, one half mile East of Shadel's Mill, Mary E. Bickhart will sell 3 horses, 3 cows and farming implements.

Tuesday, March 4, one mile North of Dundon, Frank O. Bots will sell 3 horses, 1 cow, 3 pigs and farming implements.

Thursday, March 13, on the farm of Robert Lumber, near Shadel, N. V. Lumber will sell live stock and farming implements.

Mr. Shellenberger's Life Threatened.

An Anonymous Letter is Sent to the Bannerville Merchant.

(From Beaver Springs "Herald".)

Mr. Shellenberger, the merchant at Bannerville, this county, who shot a burglar in his store several weeks ago, from the effects of which he died in Middleburgh Jail, received the following letter, with no little surprise, last Wednesday evening:

December 21, 1902.

MR. SHELLENBERGER:

Sir:—

As you shot and killed our leader we will give you one chance to save your life. You must keep this to yourself and burn this note you must go by your own self and put five hundred dollars in a paper poke and place it on the top of the hill north west of Adamsburg on the left hand side of the road coming down you will find a box over the fence where you must put it. It must be put there not later than Dec 24 1902 not later than 3 o'clock p. m. and we will see you put it there this money will save you also will help to support the ones who had to depend on this man you shot for a living. You must do this so no person will find it out or you will be in just as much danger as you are now. We are watching every move you take or make read this carefully and then burn it as described before and keep it a secret and do what this note calls for and we will leave the country and will never give you any trouble here after. We mean just what we say.

While the letter was dated Dec. 21st, the postmark showed that it was mailed on the train, Sunbury and Lewistown railway postoffice, on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 23. The train was late that day and the mail carrier left McClure, the star route office for Bannerville and several other offices, without the mail from that train. This delay of the train caused the letter to remain in McClure post office until the next afternoon, not reaching its destination until about three hours after the time set in the letter.

On receiving a letter of such a threatening nature, Mr. Shellenberger acknowledges that he was considerably worried at first and slept very little that night. He confided the contents of the note to a few of his personal friends, some of whom told their friends and by next day the public was in possession of the facts. Had it been possible to keep the matter quiet, the culprits could have been more readily apprehended.

The report was brought to town on Christmas afternoon and the editor of this paper immediately called up Mr. Shellenberger by telephone and asked for particulars, that gentleman acknowledging the receipt of such a letter and asked our opinion of it. We promptly told him it looked to us as coming from some one who was trying to play a bluff game and secure the \$500 on the burglar's credit, and assured him that we saw little cause for anxiety over the threats.

Mr. Shellenberger was anxious to know if the box referred to was still at the place specified and asked us to go and look for it. We were also somewhat curious to know if a box was really to be found or if it was only a hoax and started out in search of it in company with our brother, about five o'clock Christmas evening. Reaching almost the top of the hill northwest of town, known as the Isle o'Que, we were surprised to find the object of our search on the side of the road, as stated in the letter, close to the fence on the inside. It was so placed that persons driving or walking past would not notice it and at a point where a man could be stationed in a position in the woods on the ridge, only a few rods away, without being seen and yet at the same time observe all that transpired at the box or on the road for some distance each direction. This was a very shrewd act of the rascal, as part of the ridge is cut away here and afforded an elevated and safe position for observation.

Leaving the box untouched, the snow of the previous night having almost half filled it, we returned to town and reported the discovery to the District Attorney Baker. About seven

THE NAMELESS ROBBER

SHOT NOV. 30—AND DIED IN THE SNYDER COUNTY JAIL.

From a picture taken after death.

o'clock that evening Mr. Baker, Mr. Stahlnecker and the editor went for the box and brought it to Mr. Baker's office, thinking possibly some name on it might lead to the identification of the person who secured it and the place where it was obtained, but it did not give any clue in that direction, except that on the end is printed what were once the contents in large letters: "Parlor Matches." This may yet lead to a clue. The box is about 24 inches long, 15 inches wide and 9 inches deep and had no cover when found.

Public opinion seems to be almost unanimous in pronouncing the affair the work of some person who supposed Mr. Shellenberger would be an easy victim and "shell out" the money without a protest. Had the letter been received in time, arrangements would promptly have been made to capture the scoundrel, but the delay of the mail train caused the situation to assume such a turn that it will be a hard task to trace down the guilty party.

If the miscreants are from a distance the time set in the letter, 3 o'clock p. m., would have enabled them to get the money and take either the east or west bound trains, in less than three-quarters of an hour later.

Mr. Shellenberger came to town on Friday morning to get further information about the matter if possible, but nothing new has developed up to this time.

We understand the P. O. Department has been asked to take a hand in the affair.

The Shirt Factory.

The American Shirt Factory is placing a lot of machinery in the old school house and hope to be ready in a week to manufacture shirts. The citizens of the town have raised money to pay for an engine. The plant will employ from 35 to 40 hands, mostly girls and it will be quite an improvement to the town.

MARRIED.

Bailey—Gemberling—On Christmas Day by Rev. W. A. Haas, Arthur N. Bailey of Freeburg to Grace A. Gemberling of Selinsgrove.

Dec. 27, by Allen S. Sechrist J. P., Charles Arnold and Emma Haines both of Middleburgh.

Married at the home of the bride on Dec. 27, by Rev. H. G. Snable, Frank D. Baney and Della E. Mull both of Kantz.

Married at Salem Dec. 28, by Rev. H. G. Snable, Irvin D. Swartzlander and Dottie D. Hare both of Lewistown.

Dec. 25, by Rev. Hugh S. Seilhamer, Samuel Gelnett of Melserville to Miss Nora Teats of Grubb's church.

Jan. 1 by Rev. E. E. Gilbert, Norris W. Vanhorn and Mamie Bingham, both of Middleburgh.

Jan. 1, by Geo. M. Shindle, Clerk O. C., Jacob Bots of Granville to Annie N. Ferry of Stroubtown.

Dec. 20, by Geo. W. Gensler, George Roush and Lizzie G. Wendt, both of Selinsgrove.

Dec. 25, by Wm. Moyer, J. P., Washington Bickhart of Pallas to Mable E. Miller of Freeburg.

Dec. 25, by Rev. Geo. W. Gensler, Elias Ritter of Kratzerville and Sallie C. Pontius of Kreamer.

Dec. 25, by Rev. George Strawser, Montgomery Phillips and Minnie A. Folkroad of Oriental.

Jan. 1, by Allen S. Sechrist, J. P., Adam Neltz and Cora Straub both of Swineford.

PERTINENT PERSONALS

Miss Isabella Snyder is visiting friends at Sunbury.

C. A. Mench and wife visited relatives at Millinburg last week.

Ira C. Schoch of Selinsgrove was at the County Seat Saturday afternoon.

John C. Ramer of Swineford, spent a portion of the holiday period at Millersburg.

Mrs. F. S. Reigle and Mrs. Anna Hottenstein visited friends at Kreamer Saturday.

Mrs. Steese of Millinburg, paid a visit to Hon. G. Alfred Schoch and wife last week.

Miss Eva Seebold of Sunbury, has been visiting relatives in this place over the holidays.

Sheriff Row has moved to the house recently vacated by N. P. Hare, at the East end of town.

The members of Rev. Diehl's Congregation tendered them a surprise and a Christmas donation.

Murray Bowersox and sister, Lucila are visiting John J. Miller and Charles Stauffer and families.

D. K. Haas and family of Shamokin spent the holidays with merchant John W. Runkle and family.

T. B. McWilliams and family of McVeytown, spent the holidays with James VanZandt and wife.

Herbert Stewart and wife of Shamokin have been visiting her parents, Sheriff Geo. W. Row and wife.

Miss Pearl Haldeman of Thompsonstown paid a visit to her brother, J. E. Haldeman, at the Central Hotel.

E. M. Greene and family of Lewistown, paid a holiday visit to her father W. W. Wittenmyer and family.

Mrs. Philip Roush of Freeburg spent a week with her daughter, Mrs. F. S. Reigle and her son, Charles Roush.

Pannie E. Bowersox of Shamokin spent her Christmas vacation with her father and other relatives in this place.

Wm. C. Snyder has been drawn as a juror for the United States Supreme Court to be held in Williamsport next week.

Druggist W. H. Spangler was called to Blanchard, Center County owing to the illness of his father. He is now reported improving.

Postmaster Chas. N. Brosius of Mt. Pleasant Mills was at the County Seat Saturday afternoon and took the train east in the evening.

Mrs. Frank M. Gaugler of Selinsgrove has been visiting her father, Aaron Renninger and her sister, Mrs. Thos. R. Hosterman.

L. C. Bowersox and family spent their holiday vacation in town and dropped a dollar in the slot at our office during the Editor's absence.

Wm. Brubaker and family of Sunbury and Mrs. Henry Charles of Port Trevorton spent a portion of the holiday week with the latter's son, Edwin Charles.

William Kreger of Kalamazoo, Michigan, is visiting his relatives at this place, Millersburg and Selinsgrove. He is a son of Azariah Kreger of Swineford.

W. H. Swartz, tax collector of Chapman township called, at this office on the last day of the year and paid his subscription and reports everything going along smoothly in that section.

It is reported that Rev. Sydney E. Bateman, formerly of Selinsgrove, who recently resigned his charge, is now pursuing a course of Medical lectures at the Medico Chirurgical College in Philadelphia.

A. R. Gilbert, Misses Lulu and Miriam Smith enjoyed Christmas dinner at N. C. Gutelius'; Foster Reigle, wife and her mother, Mrs. Mary Wagner at Perry Row's; Dr. J. W. Orwig and wife and the Editor and family at James E. Magee's all of Kreamer.

Dr. Eyer Walter has rented the Central Hotel to Wm. S. Kuhn of Shamokin Dam and takes possession of the same April 1st. Mr. Kuhn is a well-known character in Democratic politics and served many years in the public schools of Snyder County.

E. F. Harner of East Pittsburg made a pleasant call at this office to give us his box number so as not to miss any copies of the Post. A paper is most appreciated when it is missed occasionally, though we always try not to miss any one at any time.

Musical Festival.

To be held in the Selinsgrove Opera House, commencing Monday evening, January 12th, 1903. This Musical Festival will open with a Musical Concert free to all, during which an address of Welcome will be given by Rev. H. B. Fortner, which will be responded to by Rev. G. W. Gensler and others. The general musical public from all over are cordially invited to join us in this Feast of Song, and in making it a season of pleasure and profit long to be remembered. The music to be rendered is of a high order taken from "Zerrahn's Selections of Choruses." It will be ably conducted, and a number of noted performers from abroad will assist in the rehearsals and concerts. Three Grand Concerts will be held, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. Any desired information can be had from P. S. Albert, chairman committee, or A. C. Spangler, secretary. Come one and all.

Reading Has Big Plans.

The Philadelphia "Ledger" says the Reading has arranged to spend \$3,000,000 in opening new mines and building breakers, and President Baer has determined to develop the company's properties to their fullest capacity. Mr. Baer, it is said, considers the Reading's coal lands the most valuable asset owned by any railroad company in the country, and intends to use them to use them to place the Reading's stocks on a dividend paying basis.

Importance to Holders of Deeds.

An act of Assembly approved May 19th, 1883, provides, that all deeds and conveyances shall be recorded in the office for the recording of deeds where such lands lie, within 90 days after the execution of such deeds or conveyance, and every such deed and conveyance that shall at any time after the passage of this act be made and executed in this Commonwealth, and which shall not be recorded as aforesaid in the estate will be void as to the purchaser or mortgagee for a valid consideration and all deeds or conveyances that may have been made and executed prior to the passage of this act, which shall not be recorded in the office for recording deeds in the county where said lands are lying and being, within 90 days after date of the passage of this act, shall be adjudged fraudulent and void as to any subsequent purchaser for a valid consideration.

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"Through the action of the last legislature in discontinuing the emergency fund of \$50,000 which we had for several years to fight disease, our hands are practically tied. Our only resources are an appropriation of \$4,000; we need more than three times this amount immediately. Consequently while previously we were able to stamp out any epidemic when it first appeared we are now powerless. Smallpox is spreading throughout the State and the situation is most serious. We can declare a quarantine but on account of our lack of funds cannot establish one.

"For the official year ending the first of this month there were 5,887 cases of smallpox and 446 deaths. During last month there were 375 cases and 98 deaths, while in November of last year there were only 249 cases and 40 deaths. Comparison of other months show the same increase in the number of cases and deaths. The matter is most serious and money should be appropriated as soon as possible."

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