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Lively Little Liners.

Hustle and the Bustle of the County Seat, Told in Brief Paragraphs.

More or Less Prominent.

floating Population and Events of Interest that Satisfy Curiosity and Appease the Thirst for News.

Mr. A. E. Soles attended the fair in Lewistown last week.

Frank Walter and wife of this place the parents of another heir.

A number of our citizens attended the Bloomsburg Fair last week.

Geo. W. Hassinger has been on sick list for the past week or so.

Alfred Clelan and wife were visiting in the west end of the county last week.

Merchant J. E. Magee and wife of this place paid a visit to the Editor's office Sunday.

Winter Millinery Opening will be on Oct. 29, 30 and 31st.

L. Dunkelberger.

Mr. G. A. Schoch and wife returned Saturday from a shopping trip to Philadelphia.

Mr. Henry Rauch is visiting her mother, Mrs. Charles Erb, who is seriously ill at Salem.

A fine line of outing and ready-to-wear hats, received today.

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Mr. A. K. Gift and wife are making an overland trip by buggy to visit his in Centre county.

Will pay market prices for good calves, hogs and sheep.

J. L. WINEMAN, Lewisburg, Pa.

Mr. Charles Stobald, daughter, Miss Anna, and Mrs. H. G. Frederick were visiting in Sunbury one day last week.

Mr. F. Burkey of Verdilla has a quantity of strawberry plants for sale. Varieties he has grow to be very fine.

Mr. Carrie Greene of Lewistown and Mr. Edward, spent a few days of last week at this place with her grand family.

Miss Winifred and family of Millersburg paid a visit to their aunt, Dr. T. Rhoads, over Sunday. They were accompanied by a sister of the doctor.

Mr. Fisher, who lives near the lower end of the Isle of Que, South of Selinsgrove, was at the County Seat Saturday. Mr. F. is hale and hearty, and always glad to meet him.

Mr. Philip Dreese, one of the well-to-do farmers and a prominent Democrat of this place, was at the County Seat Saturday and ordered the Post sent to his address.

The First National Bank of Middleburg studies the needs of its customers and proper care of them whether business be large or small and the bank has all its patrons are absolutely confidential.

Mr. F. Burkey of Verdilla showed us a potato vine that had a blossom. It is generally known that sweet potatoes have any blossoms. It is evidently true that they do blossom, but the life of the blossom is very short.

FOR SALE.—In Middleburg, Pa., a frame house, 7 rooms, and lot of land. Also a good livery stable on the lot. For terms and particulars apply to F. F. Walter, 1 mile west of Middleburg on road leading to Beaver-town.

Mr. Newman, who is farming for Mr. Bower south of town, dropped in today to pay for his paper. He is very pleased with the Water Co., and highly pleased with the treatment received at the hands of the officers of the company.

FOR SALE.—A house and lot situated in Unionville is offered at private sale. Buildings are in good condition. Some is supplied with first-class fruit, etc. Write or call on SARAH BOWERSOX, Paxtonville, Pa.

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Convention at McClure.

The Snyder County, Sunday School, K. L. C. E. and W. M. S. Union held its annual session at McClure, Pa., Oct. 7 and 8, 1903.

The President of the Union Hon. F. C. Bowersox presided ably during the entire session. In his address, setting forth the objects of the convention, and how to derive the greatest good, the president advanced the following excellent points. The purpose is to interchange ideas, gather thoughtful instruction, and be edited, and enlarge our social relations, form a more intimate acquaintanceship, and thus give mutual inspiration and incite earnestness.

The subject "With Christ in Samaria" was discussed by Rev. E. Crumbling. Christ was in Samaria, out of His way, to seek an opportunity to save souls. Likewise we should make sacrifices to help to accomplish this end.

The subject, "Preparation of the Teacher," was presented by Rev. A. D. Gramley. The teacher has a mission. He should prepare for it.

In the absence of Rev. N. J. Dabs, Rev. E. Crumbling opened the discussion of "The Devotional Life of the Leaguer". He presented it in these three divisions: What is it? How can it be maintained? Why maintained? It can only be maintained by prayer, reading the bible, and religious papers and books treating on the religious life.

Different members of the convention spoke on the subject of "The Benefit of the S. S. to the Scholar."

The subject, "A Model K. L. C. E. Prayer Service," was opened for discussion by Rev. J. Lawver.

1. A good Leader. 2. All the members present. 3. Pull together. 4. Have life.

The subject, "The Successful S. S. Superintendent" presented by Rev. J. Womeldorf.

Mrs. J. Womeldorf gave an excellent address on "The Missionary Enterprises in our Church". "Primary Work" was discussed by different members of the convention.

On Thursday evening a lecture was delivered on "The Pledge," by Rev. W. H. Fouke, editor of "K. L. C. E. Journal, and S. S. Literature," from Harrisburg. The lecture was deeply interesting, instructive, inspiring and convincing.

It awakened a deeper purpose in each bosom to be true to the pledge, and hold it more sacred.

The next session of the convention is to be held at Shrinor, Pa.

The union was reorganized as follows: President, F. C. Bowersox; V. P., Jacob Lawver; Secretary, A. S. Sechrist; Treasurer, W. H. Hartman; Superintendent of Home Department, Mrs. J. Womeldorf.

Committee on resolutions offered its report.

The convention proved an interesting and successful one.

Centerville Primary School.

The following are the names of the pupils who attended the Centerville Primary School every day during the first month ending Oct. 2nd.

Boys:—Urie Berger, Marion Sheary, John Walter, Paul Dundore, John Roland, Jay Kuhns, Dorsie Mohr, Jay Snook.

Girls:—Ruth Long, Edna Long, Blanche Musser, Annie Fessler, Lulu Snook, Alverda Bingham, Lena Spangler, Carrie Kuhns, Sarah Walter, Myrtle Hunt, Clara Walter, Minnie Hartman, Alice Bingham.

HOMER B. BOWERSOX, Teacher.

Henry Scholl.

Henry Scholl, a well-known citizen of Union township, died at his home Friday. He was an old soldier and a highly respected citizen.

He was sick only about two weeks. He was married to Mollie Sechrist and his wife has been an invalid for years. They are the parents of three children:

1. Howard, a school teacher who resides at home.

2. Sallie, married to Jacob S. Reichentbach; residing in Sunbury.

3. Lewis, married, resides in Washington Co., and holds a lucrative position.

He was aged about 65 years. Funeral was held Monday.

MARRIED.

At Salem, Oct. 11th, by Rev. H. G. Snable, Milton S. Benfer and Cora V. Moyer, both from near Freeburg.

At Salem, Oct. 13th, by Rev. H. G. Snable, Charles O. Renninger and Emma Nace both of Selinsgrove.

Tom Harter in Snyder County.

In last week's Bellefonte "Gazette," T. H. Harter, formerly Editor of the Post wrote of what he says he saw and heard in Snyder county. His letter is as follows:

Berks county has had its reputation as a Democratic stronghold from time immemorial. Snyder county may be classed as irrevocably and irredeemably Republican. Penns and Brush Valleys, this county, are the Democratic strongholds, because they are inhabited mostly by Pennsylvania Germans who seldom change their political faith. This in all probability accounts for the regular and overwhelming Republican majority in Snyder county. Both districts are "set" in their faith, and their customs are as unchangeable as the laws of the Medes and Persians. Years ago Snyder county had its leaders—the one was Jere Crouse, who served as prothonotary for seven successive terms or twenty-one years. The other leader was Daniel Bolender, now deceased, who was elected five times to the office of sheriff. As these two leaders belonged to the same party—Republican—and always had a safe majority behind them, many were the acrimonious campaigns through which they passed to retain the leadership. Both were skilled politicians, liberal, open hearted, ready to forgive their enemies and marshal them to their individual support at the next campaign; for as soon as one campaign was over they turned over a new leaf in the political ledger and began to pave the way for the next contest two or three years hence, when they would again come up for office. Crouse was the accepted Cameron and Quay leader and so potent was his influence with the people that many looked to him for all changes in the government which they considered necessary. Upon one occasion one of his constituents warned him that if he did not effect a reduction of the tariff on sugar he would be defeated in the next campaign. Luckily the price of the commodity came down and Jere was given the credit for it and was triumphantly elected for his effective work in lessening the expense of canning fruit. To-day the county has many leaders, and it is declared that though the campaign practically ended by securing the Republican nomination, the expense of obtaining it does not justify the attempt; for like in Centre county, they have their Esnos who would sell to a hair-shirt for a mess of porridge, forget principle and vote for the man with the long purse or the well-filled demijohn. So much for Snyder county politics which like our own county badly need the application of banner-ry and a scrubbing-brush.

The citizenship of the county is principally composed of that sturdy class of people known as Pennsylvania Dutch—the best people on God's green earth. Slow but sure—they never travel on the cow-catcher nor on the rear platform, but when the train rolls into the depot they are all there with both feet. Commercially they are well-to-do—though they may not look it; which recalls an incident of our own experience. A man appeared on the diamond at Middleburg some years ago during court week (which is the quarter-annual occasion for the gathering of the clans) and offered harness at public sale. Not receiving any bids at his first offering, he became very much discouraged, declaring that these people had no money and that he was going home; whereupon some friend informed him that they had more money than he ever saw, and that if he would once get them started he would soon sell all he had. He concluded to stay until the next day, when bidding began and he sold three dozen sets in less than two hours. The astonishing feature of the whole affair was that only two of the purchasers accepted the liberal time payment which was offered—the rest all paying cash for their purchases.

The town of Middleburg, the county seat, is becoming quite a beautiful little town. Notwithstanding the combined population of Franklin and Middleburg of about 800, it has one rattling fine bank and another one started for which the building is in course of erection. It has good buildings and good substantial people, but they are too slow else they would have committed the unpardonable blunder of allowing an outside corporation to bring water-works into the town from a fine mountain stream less than two miles away which affords a gravity pressure of 90 pounds and will net the company from 25 to 50 per cent. on the money invested.

Among its men who gained a place in history are Governor Snyder, after whom the county was named, whose remains lie buried at Selinsgrove, and another was Honorable Ner Middleswarth, long since dead, a member of Congress and a man of notable character. He was a typical Pennsylvania Dutchman, and possessed not only a strong intellect, indomitable energy and great political acumen, but enjoyed an abundance of the dry humor and natural wit for which that race is noted. This strikingly manifested itself during his term in Congress when one of his colleagues delivered himself an address which was so embellished with Latin and Greek quotations that it disgusted the old veteran, and at its conclusion he jumped to his feet and began a harangue in Pennsylvania Dutch which so astonished the speaker that he called upon him for an explanation of his outlandish utterances, declaring that he was out of order. Mr. Middleswarth blandly explained his action by stating that the language addressed to the last speaker was good, old Pennsylvania Dutch, and that he meant by it to convince the House that the last speaker was not the only man in that body who could handle two languages. This performance, with his already recognized ability, attracted attention to him and a short time later, at a banquet, he was requested to carve the turkey in Pennsylvania Dutch style. Mr. Middleswarth promptly accepted the challenge, and placing the bird in front of him he sliced off a "drumstick" and "second joint" which he delivered on his own plate, and then, setting the turkey back in the middle of the table, remarked: "Now, gentlemen; help yourselves. That is Pennsylvania Dutch style!"

Our visit last week was principally confined to McKees Falls, where we went for the purpose of catching fish, but to our surprise found that the bass for which the State has stopped almost all kinds of fishing and spent thousands of dollars in legislation for their preservation, had mysteriously disappeared, and we didn't get a bite. Some claim that the pollution of the waters of the Susquehanna has caused their destruction, while others attribute their absence to the coal washed into the stream from the anthracite mines on the West Branch, which practically covers its bottom and fills the crevices under the rocks where the fish were wont to make their habitation. It were well, therefore, for our law makers to pay some attention to the preservation of the natural conditions of the stream and not so much to the poor fellows who apply heretofore considered legitimate methods to capture a mess of fish.

Notwithstanding our failure to capture fish our stay at McKees Falls was a delightful experience, for we were under the careful protection of "Jumbo" Kerstetter, the proprietor of the hotel, whose house is situated on one of the most picturesque spots along the entire stretch of the Susquehanna, and the mention of whose name brings back pleasant memories of chicken and waffles and everything else to tempt the epicure. His table is a realization of the hunter's dream whose provisions are exhausted and he goes hungry to sleep. As high as fifty guests at one time flock to his house to eat and sleep and listen to the rush of the mighty Susquehanna as it tumbles over the falls.

There is, moreover, no place in the State that affords equal opportunity to study human nature. Here it is found in its primitive state. A few incidents will suffice:

Some time ago a native of that locality, while on his way to the Falls, was overtaken by a minister who invited him to ride along. The conversation drifted along pleasantly for a time, until the minister asked the boy if he could tell him the way to Meiserville. "You chust go down dis here bush till you come to an apple tree field and then turn right," was the reply.

The minister amused by this young man's picturesque English, asked him what he did for a living, to which he replied that he was a day laborer. This familiarity emboldened the young man to ask the man of the cloth (whom he had not recognized as a minister) what he did for a living, to which he replied: "I show people the road to Heaven." This was too much for the native, and he burst forth in Dutch: "Dunner wedder! Doh room cooma da leit der wake nuch em himmel

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Thunderation? To come around here to show people the road to Heaven and don't know where Meiserville is! Asking one of the men who extends expectorate into the same old spittoon which stands on a newspaper in the centre of the hotel lobby, whether the mail, which is carried by stage to Middleburg ever missed connections, he replied: "Yes, in de winter wen de snow is deep wogot'em staider ind as we got 'em."

This is the blue's English into knots is equal to the excitement one body paid another who was in the habit of being tardy at these gatherings, when she said:

"Well, well! You're early of late. You used to be behind before. I'm glad to see you're first at last."

So here is part of what you see and hear in Snyder county. If you have never been there, go now; and after you have been there once you will be sure to go again."

Tom evidently overlooked the fact that almost a century ago, Rev. Henry Fries, a preacher of Centre county in delivering his farewell sermon said: "Gelt zwinked de welt und dunhite Brush Valley."

THE FUTURE REVEALED.

Coming Events Cast Their Shadows Before.

The readers of the Post are requested to send us announcements of all events. No charge will be made to publish the same when the event is of public importance.

THURSDAY, Oct. 22 and 23, the Snyder County C. E. Union will convene in the Lutheran Church of Selinsgrove.

SATURDAY, Oct. 24 and 25th, the exercises of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the 1st Ev. Lutheran Church Selinsgrove will take place. Address will be delivered by Revs. S. E. Oehsenford, C. F. Dry, J. B. Focht, D. D. E. L. Reed, G. B. Hancher and H. H. Brunning, 1st session 24th inst., 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, Oct. 25, Prison Sunday. This is the day set apart by the Pennsylvania Prison Society that special prayers be held in every Protestant church, public and private, and their changes, so well as those of those who are in prison or other some having in view the redemption of the masses.

THURSDAY, Nov. 5, The Grand Election.

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THURSDAY, Nov. 26, Annual conference of the Synod of the Ohio Valley at Middleburg at eleven a.m.

Shelly—Ripha.

From the "Lewistown Sentinel":—By a marriage notice elsewhere it will be learned what the important business was that was receiving the attention yesterday of our efficient foreman, W. P. Shelly. He has taken as a sharer of his joys and sorrows Miss Elizabeth Ripha, one of Middleburg's excellent young ladies, the ceremony being performed quietly at the home of Rev. Dr. Crossman last evening. Mr. Shelly has been in Lewistown for a few weeks and has made friends of all who have come to know him, and he and his estimable bride have the best wishes of these friends, and assuredly of the entire force of The Sentinel office, for a future full of sunshine and prosperity.

Engine For Sale

A twelve horse power portable Frick Engine is offered at private sale. It can be seen at Stroptown. Inquire of E. S. STROUP, Stroptown, Pa.

Public Sale of Furniture.

My regular semi-annual public sale of Furniture will take place, Saturday, Oct. 31, 1903, at ten o'clock a.m. Also at the same time, I will offer at public sale the house and lot now occupied by G. W. Burns, on Sugar street. Terms easy.

10-15-21. H. E. WALTER.

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