

# The Somerset County Star.

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Colds are numerous.  
Subscribe for THE STAR.  
Patrolize home industries.  
Cal Fuller has a very sick child.  
Not such a wee "bantling," are we?  
Christmas is coming. This is official.  
How would a dollar and a half strike you?  
Arthur Robertson smiles out loud. It's a boy.  
The weather we are having is all that could be desired.  
This is a Thursday paper, but we are a little late this week.  
Lee Beachy, the noted horse dentist, was in our city this week.  
Somerset wants water works and Salisbury is also in need of them.  
A few cases of la grippe are said to exist in this part of the country.  
The new M. E. church, when completed, will be a neat little structure.  
Hasselbarth & Son have had a large trade in stoves and stovepipe, this fall.  
Keagy's wool wagon was making its rounds in this locality this week and last.  
Chas. Bender, who some time ago had a leg amputated, is getting along nicely.  
"Twinkle, twinkle, little star." But we're not such a little star, after all, are we?  
Whoa! Hold on! Let us gently whisper in your ear that now is the time to subscribe.  
We have been doing a great deal of job work, all of which has given the best of satisfaction.  
The wise men of the east will follow THE STAR, just as they did away back in yore olden times.  
John Hartline says his boy No. 8, this time, and he feels proud, of course. Why shouldn't he?  
Mr. Fred Anspach, of Philadelphia, is in town this week looking after his business interests here.  
The Berlin Record has been sold to a stock company and Editor Corpening has emigrated to Colorado.  
To the many friends who favored us during our recent sickness, we tender our most sincere thanks.  
J. D. Livengood butchered an 8-month-old pig that weighed 273 lbs., dressed. Now who can beat that?  
The president's message has the proper ring to it. It is a sensible and business-like document throughout.  
If you want to read of some of the things Salisbury has, and of some that it needs, turn to Second page.  
Call at our sanctum sanctorum and get \$1.50 worth of starlight. It beats electric light and gas light all hollow.  
Mrs. Jonas Hersherberger and Miss Mary Livengood, of Grantsville, were visiting friends in Salisbury this week.  
We have an interesting Idaho letter on file for publication next week, written by George Gould. Wait for it.  
Mrs. Sipe, who for the past few years has had her home in the west, is visiting relatives in this vicinity at present.  
Gertrude Yoder, a little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel Yoder, is suffering with inflammatory rheumatism.  
We are glad to note that Perry Botler, who some time ago cut his foot very badly with an ax, is able to be about again.  
Frank Miller, of West Salisbury, who has been suffering for a long time with something like white swelling, is improving.  
Order THE STAR sent to your friends in the west, or wherever they may be. It will always be like a letter from home to them.

The squeal of the fat porker is heard in the land, these days. Report the weight to THE STAR of some of your prize hogs.

We'll bet four dollars that the attendance at the Sunday schools is on the increase. 'Twas ever thus about this time of the year.

Now is the time to advertise your holiday goods. THE STAR is at your service, and an "ad" in its columns will do you lots of good.

Peter S. Hay is in Baltimore this week buying a large stock of new goods. Lookout for his advertisement when the goods arrive.

Miss Lizzie Brandler recently had the misfortune of getting part of one of her fingers taken off by a sausage grinder. Bad luck sure.

Harvey Engle, who had been sick for a long time, died last week. He leaves a wife and two small children. THE STAR extends its sympathy.

Now who will be the first to step into our office and hand us \$1.50 for a year's subscription to THE STAR? Please don't all wish in at once, now.

Owing to our recent illness not all of the advertisements appear in this issue for which we have copy. We will work them in as fast as we can.

If you have failed to get a sample copy of THE STAR, please let us know. We aimed to slight no one, but mistakes will sometimes happen to anyone.

It is a shame that there are so many dreary old apologies for pavements in such a pretty town as this is. We ought to have more real pavement.

Minneapolis gets the next republican national convention, and Omaha don't like it a bit. But what is the city on the "Big Muddy" going to do about it?

The churches of this place are making very extensive preparations to appropriately observe Christmas. They are getting up very interesting programs.

"And she winked the other eye," seems to be a favorite expression among the Salisbury "kids." Well, what if she did wink it? Maybe she couldn't help it.

Peter Vogel is putting a very neat fence around the piece of ground he bought just north of the foundry. He says he intends to build on that ground, next summer.

Don't wait for another sample copy. If you want this paper, but subscribe for it at once and pay in advance. That's the way to encourage a new enterprise of this kind.

Geo. S. Young, of Meyersdale, late of Boynton, has sold his fine residence north of the Jones house to J. T. Shipley. Mr. Young and family will move to Dubois.

The walls of the German Baptist church building, in Salisbury, began to spread so badly that large iron rods put through the building are necessary to keep it in proper shape.

THE STAR will add many new features and improvements as it grows older. It takes time for everything, and this issue isn't as complete as the paper will be in the near future.

Dick Beachy, who had been visiting friends here for several months, took his departure last week for Carleton, Neb., where he has been making his home for the past few years.

Court will convene in Somerset next Monday. M. F. Smith will go as a juror, and if any of the Somerset people want any old stock, they can see Mr. Smith at the Somerset house.

**BOY WANTED** at THE STAR office to learn the printing trade. Must be intelligent, willing to obey instructions at all times and have good habits. No boy under 12 years of age need apply.

Several new houses are going up on both sides of the river. The Lord knows we need more new houses, for every nook and corner are filled and people are almost daily in search of houses.

Mrs. Fernser, formerly Miss Sadie Welley, recently arrived here to renew old acquaintances and visit her old home. Mr. Fernser is here also. Mr. and Mrs. Fernser reside in Beatrice, Neb.

George Hay is said to be slaughtering a great many pheasants, this fall. Well, they ought to know better than to let George get near enough to draw a bead on them. George is a bad man with a gun.

The Mrs. editor has presented us a brand new daughter; weight, 12 lbs. That's a prize baby for sure. If anybody else has a girl baby to beat that weight, at the age of one day, we'd like to have it reported to us.

Miss Mary Livengood, our blind aunt, has the thanks of our new daughter for some handsome footwear. Aunt Mary is blind, but she can nevertheless do all kinds of knitting and other fancy work to a queen's taste.

The Meyersdale Register speaks of an electric railway between Meyersdale and Salisbury as one of the possibilities of the future. Well, stronger things have happened, and the electric railway can't come any too soon.

There isn't a vacant building in Salisbury, and yet the demand for more houses is great. It is always a good sign when there are no empty buildings in a town. The houses should always be full, but not so with the people.

You may travel this way, you may travel that way, you may travel from near and far; but you'll never know what's going on, unless you read THE

STAR. The choir will now please put away its peanuts and sing.

We are informed that the ministers of Meyersdale recently had a hard time in keeping their flocks from attending a play at the opera house, and that in a few instances some very wrathful language was used by both parson and layman.

The first cash subscriber of this paper is I. F. Spangler, of Carleton, Neb.; the first man to give us an advertisement for its columns is A. L. Chagay, of Grantsville, Md.; the first job order was for Mrs. S. A. Lichliter, of Salisbury, Pa.

Judging from what we hear, more tame turkeys than wild ones have been killed this fall by hunters. If all reports are true, some of the farmers ought to go gunning for turkey hunters. Better look a little out, ye handy men with the gun.

All those business men whom we have not yet called on for advertisement need not feel slighted. We didn't have time to complete our calls, but we'll be after every mother's son of you, gentlemen. So just go ahead and prepare your copy.

Samuel Spriggs, the genial young barber who is in the employ of R. B. Shepherd, informs us that his brother, Edward Spriggs, of Meyersdale, was married this week to Miss Nancy Spriggs, of McConnellsburg. Samuel says his turn will come next.

O. the clothes press is a swell affair for clothing neat and neat, and the hay press is a fine machine and does its work complete, and the cider press is noted for its juices rich and sweet, but the printing press—it rules the world and gets there with both feet.

Crisp, the Georgian, is the winner in the speakership of the house contest. Mills, the man so bitterly opposed to the American mills, thought sure he would be chosen speaker, but he got fooled and is now the maddest Texan in existence. Poor old Mills!

John L. Beachy says he still feels some that stoved up, owing to being thrown from the back of that "fractious" horse of his, a few weeks ago. We feel sorry for you, John, but then you shouldn't risk riding a horse without a bridle. A halter is n. g., only for hitching horses.

In a late issue of the Meyersdale Commercial, Brother Smith speaks of some of his numerous hobbies. Among them he mentions Sand Spring, electric light, etc., but concerning his two principal hobbies (the Greenville school house burners and the Pocahontas railway) he said not a word.

The Eureka literary society of this place is in a flourishing condition. Everybody is of the opinion that Prof. Samuel L. Livengood, Prof. Samuel Spriggs and others who furnish music for the society deserve a great deal of credit. They handle their instruments in a professional manner.

Remember that THE STAR is established on its own capital and did not ask a bonus to locate here, as papers often do. All it has to ask is a liberal support in the way of advertising and job work, and it will do the rest itself. Help us along, pay your subscription in advance, keep on paying in advance, and we will give you an excellent paper.

Clarence Livengood is achieving a great reputation as a Nimrod, and if old John J. don't look well to his laurels this promising young sportsman is going to distance him in spilling the blood of wild animals. Clarence don't hunt 'coon, but he's an awful bad man on 'possums, and up to date can show about as many 'possum hides as John J. can 'coon hides.

Mr. and Mrs. B. own, who a few months ago became the parents of the only colored babe ever born in Salisbury, had to part with their little one last week, as it took sick and died. This was the sixth child born to Mrs. B. own, and all died in infancy, which makes this bereavement doubly sad. The stricken parents have the sympathy of the entire community.

When you say, "put my name on your list," hand us \$1.50 right there and then. Remember that we have been at great expense in moving our entire outfit here from Nebraska, and being sick and delayed in our business for a month or more adds still more to our expense account. We need money now and need it badly; therefore, please pay for your paper in advance.

Visitors are always welcome at THE STAR office, but we kindly request all visitors not to handle our type and fixtures, nor read copy, proof slips or copies of THE STAR before they are mailed. All manuscript, proof slips, etc., are private property, and even the contents of the printed papers are private until the papers pass through the mails. Please bear this in mind.

Eld. Silas Hoover, Saturday, returned from Salemville, Bedford county, where for several weeks he conducted a spirited series of meetings ending with sixteen additions by trine immersion. The church is a new one and was built as a gift to the congregation by sister Leah Broyer. It easily seats 500 people, is well furnished throughout and cost the devout lady \$2,200.—Commercial.

M. J. and J. L. Beachy have broken ground for the mammoth hardware building they are going to erect just north of THE STAR building. The structure will be 80x26, two stories high. The second story will be used for a town hall and opera house. Just what this town needs since C. T. Hay has fitted up his large building for a hotel. The new building will be pushed to completion as fast as the weather will permit.

Towns are invariably judged by their local newspapers. If the business men of a town allow their local paper to go out into the world minus a liberal amount of advertising patronage, the paper will look a great deal like the advance agent of a graveyard, and the people reading that paper will get it into their heads that the town in which it is published is about the next thing to a graveyard, and they will give that town the grand "go-by."

John J. Livengood, the veteran 'coon hunter, informed us the other day that he had already this season killed forty-nine 'coons, and that he hasn't fairly commenced yet. One Saturday night he raked in six of 'em, and one that weighed 20 lbs. We don't see how a fellow can catch that many 'coons before midnight, and we fear very much that Uncle John had to borrow a few hours from the Lord that night, as Charles Boucher used to say.

Always let us know all news items that you may happen onto, as it will aid us wonderfully in getting up a good spicy local paper. There are lots of things happening every day in every community that an editor has no way of finding out, unless he is told by some one. If you are being visited by friends, or if there is sickness in your family or among your neighbors, or if you know of any accidents, marriages, deaths, births, or anything that will make readable news in your local paper, report to THE STAR.

Our jolly neighbor, Mr. C. T. Hay, has thoroughly overhauled part of his large business block, and has fitted it up for a hotel. His latest improvement is a fine large porch, extending from the second story out across the pavement. The building is a very good one for a hotel, and Cal is just the jovial, accommodating fellow it requires for a good landlord.

We wish Mr. Hay abundant success in the hotel business, as he deserves it, having spent a great deal of money in improving this town during the past nine or ten years.

The clergymen of this town are cordially invited to make all such announcements through the columns of this paper, concerning all free services, that they may think will benefit the cause of Christ. We like to see preachers announce in their local papers what they are going to preach about. In that way some people are brought to church that otherwise would not attend. For all free sermons, free lectures and free gospel, the columns of this paper are free, and it affords us pleasure to offer our brethren of the pulpit a reasonable amount of space to announce such services whenever they so desire, free of charge.

A good many cases of plain drunk in town, last Saturday night. Boys, we can well remember when we used to take on too much coffin varnish, too, and go out and help you paint the town a beautifully tinted red, but we have learned a good while ago that it payed not to monkey too freely with wet goods of a spirituous nature. Who hath redness of eyes? Who hath breath more rank than the juice of a skunk? Who hath headache? Who hath all these and sundry and diverse other things too numerous to mention? He that tarrieth long at the wine cup and maketh himself as drunk as a "billed owl." Yes, he that monkeyeth too freely with the juice of the bng. His name will surely be Dennis who repenteth not while the latch string is yet out.

Every professional man, business man, drayman and mechanic in and about Salisbury should use printed stationery and have an advertisement in THE STAR. Your home paper is the mirror into which the world looks and judges the enterprise of your town. Do you want it to acquire the reputation of a live, enterprising, energetic town, or do you want it to be adjudged as a dull, dreary, slovenly place—a place fit only for dead men's bones to be buried in a nice little hole in the ground—a place where the bumble bee bums, the cricket cricks and the straddle bug straddles around? We think it is the former opinion of Salisbury that you want people to have, but the patronage you give your home paper will tell. We want to do this town some good, and as the late Charles McFadden used to say, will you come over into "Mackedonia" and help us?

**The Oil Well.**  
Everything is lovely and serene at the oil well, and boring is going on at a rapid rate. Two experts are superintending the thing, and they are making things hum. They are now down to a depth of over 1,800 feet, and prospects for oil are good.

M. F. Smith, the solicitor of funds for the oil well, says more money can be used to good advantage in pushing the work to completion. Anybody that wants more stock will be cheerfully accommodated by Mr. Smith, and this paper is of the opinion that those who take more stock will not regret it.

**Correspondents Wanted.**  
We want news gatherers and itemizers in all parts of the county, but want nothing but actual news reported—no nonsensical rot, such as we sometimes see in some of the communications to a few of our esteemed contemporaries. We want nothing but sensible news items, plainly written on one side of paper only, concerning such things as accidents, amusements, births, burglary, change of business firms, crops, crime, church news, deaths, discoveries, arrivals at hotels or elsewhere, divorces, elopements, election news, fires, facts and figures concerning various things, festivals, improvements,

inventions, lectures, marriages, new enterprises, persons leaving the community, sales of real estate, shows, exhibitions and fairs, schools, secret societies, strange phenomena, suggestions of improvements needed, sickness, surgical operations, etc., etc.  
Write to THE STAR for stationery, postage, etc.

## Card of Thanks.

We hereby tender our thanks to all those who so willingly assisted us in moving our printing press and other heavy material to the second floor of the building which it now occupies. It was a hard task, indeed, but the abundance of willing and competent help we had made the work as light as possible, and we hardly know how to thank the boys enough. Their kindness will gladly be returned at any time, and will be returned, even if in no other way, than by writing them nice obituaries when they die and seeing that their graves are kept green and bedecked with flowers. But of course if we die first, then the only thing we can do is to give them all gilt-edged recommendations on the other shore, providing we don't find it too awful hot on the shore we land upon.

We also tender our thanks to Messrs. Lloyd Beachy, M. Knecht, L. C. Boyer and Jer. J. Livengood for the use of crowbars and iron rollers, to S. S. Kountz and Maust & Newman for the use of some of their lumber, and to Supt. White, of the extract works, for the use of ropes and pulleys.

Thanking you, gentlemen, all of you who helped us in any way, we stand ready to do you a favor in return at any time we can be of service to you.

## Report of the Salisbury Public Schools for Second Month, Ending Nov. 6th.

HIGH SCHOOL.			
	M.	F.	T.
Average attendance	3.	25.	28.
Per cent. of ..	86.	87.	87.
CHAS. F. LIVENGOOD, Teacher.			

GRAMMAR.			
	M.	F.	T.
Average attendance	25.	14.	39.
Per cent. of ..	83.	94.	89.
C. E. STATLER, Teacher.			

PRIMARY NO. 1.			
	M.	F.	T.
Average attendance	88.	20.	53.
Per cent. of ..	92.	95.	93.
MISS LIZZIE LIVENGOOD, Teacher.			

PRIMARY NO. 2.			
	M.	F.	T.
Average attendance	28.	23.	45.
Per cent. of ..	55.	91.	83.
MISS ANNIE HASELBARTH, Teacher.			

SUMMARY IN.			
	M.	F.	T.
Enrollment	94.	94.	188.
Average attendance	84.	92.	176.
Per cent. of ..	89.	92.	91.
MISS ANNIE HASELBARTH, Teacher.			

Parents will you see that your children attend regularly? Are you aware that your children are sometimes late? Can you remedy this annoyance?  
Parents, come to see us. We will welcome you at any and all times.  
C. E. DICKEY, Principal.

## Bold, Bad Burglars.

On Thanksgiving night the postoffice at this place was burglarized, and the depot at West Salisbury. The postoffice robbery, however, did not prove to be a very rich haul for the thieves. They failed to find any money, so they stole all the postal notes about the office and the postmaster's punch and office stamp. These things, of course, were taken so that the scoundrels could go a good distance from this place and then issue postal notes to themselves and have them cashed.

Postmaster Welley promptly notified the department, and every precaution has been taken to prevent the robbers from being successful in getting their notes cashed anywhere in the country.

It was a bold robbery, for the postoffice is in the same building in which the editor of THE STAR and family reside, and the night the robbery took place Mrs. Livengood was up nearly all night, attending to the wants of the editor, who was sick abed. But she heard no noise about the place, and little did she dream of burglars being in the building, just across the hallway, where during the daytime everything can be plainly heard that is going on.

The same night the postoffice was robbed, the depot at West Salisbury was also broken open and burglarized, but here, too, the burglars secured but little plunder. All they got was a watch worth about \$20, and the contents of a trunk belonging to a Mr. Fernser, of Beatrice, Neb. We are informed that the watch was the property of A. P. Beachy, and that Mr. Fernser valued the contents of his trunk at \$45.

It is supposed that the postoffice and depot were both robbed by the same gang, and up to date the guilty parties are still at large and there is no clue to their identity. Agent Riley had two suspicious looking fellows arrested on circumstantial evidence and tried them before Squire Lichliter, the day after the robbery, but their guilt could not be proven. The Squire, however, sent them to jail for thirty days for vagrancy.

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