

The Somerset County Star.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Colborn wasn't "in it," so to speak. Read Beachy Bros. "ad" in this issue. It may interest you. The postoffice at Accident, Md., is now a money order office. Gentle Annie, hunt up your garden tools, for spring is here. "It's another boy," says Joe Wagner, and that's why Joe is all smiles. It is now said that bananas juice is a certain remedy for chronic bronchitis. Peter Arnold, a brother of Mrs. S. C. Keim, was visiting in Salisbury this week. Call and see Mrs. Eva Williams' new stock of spring millinery, just received. Chas. Getty, of Grantsville, is jerking electricity at the C. & P. station in Frostburg. Mrs. Meager is putting up a snug building on Ord street to be used for a millinery room. Mrs. Stewart Smith, who has been very ill for some time, is reported to be convalescing. About 2,000 cars of coal were shipped out of the Elk Lick region during the month of March. J. M. Hay went to Virginia last Saturday to look after some cattle that he has in that state. Salisbury has made more advancement in the last six months than any other town in the county. The late cool spell put a sort of quietus on the bullfrogs, but they are still in the pond, just the same. Harry Smith, a son of Rev. Smith, who used to reside in this town, is visiting friends here this week. Governor-Senator Hill lives in New York, but Inspector-Tax Collector Glogoff lives in Salisbury. Pennsylvania has more lady postmistresses than any other state in the Union. Virginia comes in second. Mrs. E. Gnagey, of Grantsville, Md., and her son John, of Accident, expect to soon take a trip to California. Somebody has our thanks for a copy of the famous Umberger tragedy book, but we don't know who sent it. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Brenneman, of Garrett county, Md., were welcome guests at THE STAR office last Saturday. Why does Dr. P. P. Ritter not come to Salisbury and establish a K. P. lodge? That is something this town wants. THE STAR is still up to its eyes in job work, hence must let much important news matter go unnoticed this week. Services in the Lutheran church next Sunday morning at 10 A. M. Special Easter services at 7 o'clock in the evening. The Register has it that Bob Showalter built and moved into a residence, in that town all in three days. Bob always was a great hustler. The Oakland Republican is one of THE STAR's most valued exchanges. It is always full of interesting news from our old native county. Congressman Scull has the thanks of THE STAR for the Congressional Record of the 51st congress, second session, neatly bound in four volumes. There was another run-away on the Tub Mill incline, Monday, which considerably wrecked the dump. Fortunately, however, no one was hurt. John Fair has laid a flagstone pavement in front of his property. A great deal of that kind of pavement will be put down in Salisbury this year. Simon Lichy, we are informed, is going to sell his farm and move to Virginia. Better stay here, Simon, for Elk Lick is hard to beat as a place in which to live. Miss Lydia Meager has finished her school term in Southampton township and has returned home. She taught a very successful school, we are informed. The Oakland Republican has officially announced that spring has arrived in Garrett county, but gives notice that no spring poets need apply. Here nether, head! Elsewhere in this issue the valuable stallion known as the Folk horse is offered for sale. This is a rare opportunity for some one to buy a good Percheron stallion. The Meyersdale Commercial pronounces the Garrett county silver mines a fraud and expresses the opinion that they have been "salted" to catch gudgeons. This is important, if true. Meyersdale is talking of indulging in paved streets. There is lots of push and vim about that town, even if isn't near as great a place as some of its citizens try to make outsiders believe. The M. E. Folks will have another festival in the K. of L. hall, Friday and Saturday nights, this week. The M. E. folks know how to put up good festivals and they are always well patronized. If you have chapped hands, face, or rough or red skin, from any cause, use Stewart's Almond Cream. It will please you and bring quick relief. Only 10 and 25 cents a bottle. Sold by J. L. Barbus. Our city bustle needs a good scrubbing and a thorough cleaning up. It hasn't been scrubbed since it was built

and it isn't likely that it was scrubbed before it was built. It should have the hose turned on it at once.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Salisbury & Baltimore Railroad and Coal Co. will be held at the company's office, No. 134 South Third street, Philadelphia, May 10th, 1892, at 12 M. CHAS. E. ANSPACH, Secretary.

Somerset and Berlin each claims to have the prettiest babies in the county. The trouble with those towns is the same as that of all other towns—too many babies that are erroneously called men, and many of them that are neither pretty nor bright.

Over at Oakland a fisherman recently caught four small trout in five days. Just wait till Silas Wagner and the editor of this paper get after the trout, and if we can't beat that record we will drink all the water in Piney Run. That is, if we have nothing better with us to drink.

John Mellinger will soon take the road for Beachy Bros. and sell farm machinery. Mr. M. understands machinery as well as any man in this part of the country, and furthermore, he is one of the best men in the country to do business with. Beachy Bros. are to be congratulated in securing his services.

The Meyersdale Commercial this week gets off no silly stuff about the electric road, but in place of it follows the example set by THE STAR and booms the Elk Lick oil well. That's right, Bro. Smith, help the oil well along, and as soon as we strike oil we will all want the electric road, and furthermore, we will have it.

Mr. George Linger, of Grantsville, was a welcome caller at THE STAR office this week. He was on his way to Pittsburg, where he will be employed by Gnagey & Hershberger, commission merchants. He says the business of the firm is increasing right along. We are glad to hear this, for Lin and Jonas are first-rate fellows and strictly honest and reliable.

The Cumberland Steel and Tin Plate Company has been organized with a capital stock of \$300,000. The steel works will employ 240 men, and the tin plate plant, with a capacity of 1,200 boxes of tin plate weekly, will require the services of 260 men. Both departments will be in operation in about 30 days. Philadelphia capitalists are in control of the enterprise.

Another communication for publication in THE STAR arrived last week, too late to answer for news, and all because it went to Salisbury, Lancaster county. But such things will occur as long as our town has a different name from the postoffice. Why don't the people of this town rise up and adopt a new name? What sense is there in plodding along in the old rut?

The Meyersdale Register has enlarged to twice its former size and has adopted the ready-print feature. That's right, Bro. Sahrie, ready-print beats boiler plate all hollow, and while your paper does not look quite as neat as it did before the change, it nevertheless contains a great deal more news, and news is what the people go on more than appearance. Success to you.

Since our last week's issue, Bill Miller, one of the Hochstetler murderers, walked into Somerset and gave himself up to Policeman Gilbert. Miller claims to have acted wholly in self-defense when Hochstetler was killed. At the hour of going to press, Pritts, the other man implicated in the murder, is still at large, and the chances are that he will not be captured so long as the detectives keep up their brass band manner of campaign.

Levi Snyder, who had been sick for a long time, died last Thursday evening. He was 66 years old and resided in Salisbury for about ten years. His remains were taken to New Centerville for burial, where his first wife was laid to rest some years ago. Mr. Snyder was a quiet law-abiding citizen, kind in his disposition, and he will be missed by his fellowmen. For a number of years he drove a hack from Salisbury to Meyersdale and served the town in the capacity of constable.

To the Register: THE STAR has no bad feeling toward Meyersdale. Your town is a good one, but Salisbury is going to become a better one. The local papers must all puff their own towns, and if they can get up an active rivalry by indulging in a little friendly criticism, even to the extent of arousing jealousy, will it not have a tendency to help all of us? When towns begin to get jealous of each other, that's when they begin to try to outdo each other, and the more they try to outdo and outgrow each other, the better it will be for everybody.

The Meyersdale Commercial slops over once more and again attempts to cover itself with glory that does not belong to it. It claims to be the first paper to air the West Salisbury elevator project. The Commercial is off its base, as usual, for the same day and date that Bro. Smith had a little two-for-a-cent squib in his paper about the proposed elevator. THE STAR had about one column of well-written matter and reliable information concerning the same. It is a weakness that Bro. Smith has to try to cover himself with more glory than is due him, and if it wasn't for the Register occasionally sitting down on him when he deserves it, his self conceit and ridiculous claims would surely explode him.

In speaking of the late hail storm that visited Berlin, the Record says: "Probably the most exciting scene to result from the storm occurred at the Progressive church, where 8 or 10 of the large

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The Electric Road. The Meyersdale Commercial still continues to tell "fish stories" about the electric road that is to run from Meyersdale to Salisbury, yes, even to Grantsville. Of all the rot that has ever appeared in the Commercial, that concerning the electric road is the most ridiculous—and the most distant from the truth. What is the use in stuffing the public with a lot of willful untruths? The Commercial says a great deal of the stock for the electric road has already been taken. It is not true; not a word of it, and the Commercial knows it. THE STAR has been interviewing some of the people of Meyersdale, and they hoot at the Commercial's slush concerning the electric road. They say that as yet not one dollar's worth of stock has been subscribed, and that it is not likely that there will be. "Of course," they say, "some of our citizens have said that they would take, and so much stock, but there is nothing that will hold them to it, and if the thing is put in shape that will bind them to do as they promise, there will not be one dollar's worth of stock subscribed."

Now, this paper would like to see this great road built, but what is the use of talking of impossibilities? Even if the road ever would be built to Salisbury, that is as far as it ever would go, and no one knows that any better than Lou Smith. And talk about the freight that would be transported on the electric road! That is the silliest twaddle of all. Most of the merchandise shipped to Salisbury is shipped in carload lots, and it isn't likely the cars would be unloaded at Meyersdale and the goods transferred to the electric road for Salisbury. Such proceedings would add too much additional expense, and it does not require a philosopher to see it. Even the express goods for Salisbury could not be transferred to the electric road without adding a great deal of expense and trouble, and any sane man knows it. But it is plain to see, that the Commercial's zeal in behalf of the electric road is weakening. It can be plainly read between the lines of Bro. Smith's electric road effusions that he has no faith in such a road being built under present circumstances and conditions. It will doubtless come to pass (as it should) if this part of the county becomes a great oil producing belt, but not until then. Bro. Smith's Puchontas railway, under its most adverse circumstances, would pay better than an electric road between Meyersdale and Salisbury would pay now. Of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these: That road will be built, but when, oh! when?

Sand Patch Stammered. Bert Miller sold his Shepherd dog to a Sand Patch party for five dollars and was to have delivered him to the purchaser, Wednesday. Last Tuesday evening the dog committed suicide in Hyndman by throwing himself under a freight train.—Hyndman Bulletin.

CLIPPINGS. Salisbury and West Salisbury it is hoped will soon be united by another county bridge from the foot of the well known "Jerusalem" street. This bridge is badly needed and has been for years. We hope no notions of false economy will rule with the Court or County Commissioners in its consideration.—Commercial.

An exchange says that the Consolidation Coal Company has ordered one hundred and fifty cars with a capacity of sixty thousand pounds each. Black, Sheridan & Wilson have ordered one hundred cars of the same kind, and these, together with one hundred recently ordered by the Georges Creek Coal & Iron Company, gives this region an additional supply of

eight hundred and fifty cars. These cars will be equipped with the Buckeye automatic coupler, and the five hundred cars ordered by the B. & O. will be fitted with air brakes. The building of such a large number of cars for use in this region speaks favorably for the rapidly increasing trade.—Lancaster Review. An unparalleled case of confidence placed in a notorious criminal is furnished by William Turner's commitment to the penitentiary. The Sheriff of Fayette county gave Turner himself the commitment papers and Turner delivered himself to the prison authorities all unattended. Turner is one of the notorious Cooley gang.—Somerset Herald. A little bird whispers in our ear that Mr. J. M. Hay will soon embark in trade, in connection with an established business house, in Salisbury. There is no more genial gentleman in the county than he and the new firm would be a strong one.—Commercial. Here is another very clear swindle which is being practiced by sharpers over the country. A man puts in an appearance, seeks the proprietor of the store, and informs him that he is seeking for rare coins, passing him a list of specimens and their alleged value. He also asks the interested proprietors to keep an eye out and should he get hold of any keep them for him. Soon after another party strolls around buys a cigar or some other article, and exhibits a couple of coins with the remark that they are pocket pieces. On consulting his list the proprietor finds they are marked \$45 each. Here he sees an opportunity for speculation, and after dickering, the second party sells him the pieces. Of course number one never shows up, and the coins are worth no more than their face value. This is now being worked all over the state. Berlin has fine churches, excellent schools, enterprising merchants, good hotels, sociable people, pretty girls, nixy lawyer, and some fellows that can be as cranky as a wild bundle when they want to be.—Record. Hagerstown contains the only industry south of the Mason and Dixon line engaged in the weaving of narrow silk fabrics.—Oakland Republican.

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