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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

There was a young chap called a sprinter, who came in to wallop the printer; but the printer arose and basted his nose and told him he couldn't begin 'er.—Ex.

Who said the backbone of winter is broken?

The grounding has evidently become childish.

The fire is still raging in Dennis Wagner's coal mine.

More than one man sincerely wishes there were a Lent in nothings.

FOR SALE! I will sell three horses at private sale. JACOB Y. YODER.

Lochel's auction was a success. Taking it all in all, goods brought fair prices.

It is said the city of Pittsburgh now stands on ground once given in exchange for a violin.

Somerset, after having a diphtheria scourge, now reports several cases of typhoid fever.

Alfred Wagner, Jr., has rented Pete Lohr's sugar camp, near Bittinger, Md., for the season.

Oliver Meyers and his son William, of Dividing ridge, were visiting in Salisbury last week.

It is evidently a Democratic era, even in Salisbury borough. It seems wonders never will cease.

A young son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Anderson, last week had the misfortune to break his arm.

No young man ever carved a fortune out of a white pine store box, with a pocket knife.—Ex.

H. A. Reitz and M. F. Riley are both happy. In the former case it is a daughter; in the latter, a son.

"Just before the battle, mother," sang the musical kid, who saw the old lady waiting for him, slipper in hand.

Our friend Wm. Wagner, Sr., made over 600 pounds of maple sugar out of the first run. "Uncle Billy" is a hustler.

Hon. T. H. Anderson, U. S. Minister to Bolivia, is a son-in-law of Daniel Augustine, of Addison township, this county.

This is the swelling season, when nabbling brooks, politicians' heads, and other things too numerous to mention take a swell.

If you are going to Washington to see Cleveland inaugurated you would better take your sleeping accommodations along with you.

The citizens of the southern end of Stonycreek township and North Brothers-valley have joined hands to form a new township.

Peterze Irnichizkowskelowski is a San Francisco cabinet maker, and Peterze Zmichizkowskelowski is a Buffalo boiler maker.

Week before last C. J. Burkholder and Nathan Keim were shut up in Emanuel Yoder's coal mine, about four hours the result of a cave-in.

Retribution overtakes even a dealer in "green goods," occasionally. One of them was fatally shot by an intended victim the other day.

Nine years in the "pen" is the dose that was given to Benford, the forger, who was recently cutting capers in Meyersdale and Somerset.

General Butler used to say he wanted it inscribed upon his tombstone at Lowell, Mass., that he never commanded the Army of the Potomac.

A tin plate mill is soon to be erected in Frostburg. The Frostburg papers assure us that this is a certainty. The site for the works has already been chosen.

Edward Johnson, of Somerset, died last week, of diphtheria. The same

dread disease also carried away five of his children during the past fortnight.

A large lump of coal, weighing over seven tons, has been mined in Mine No. 3, of the George's Creek Coal & Iron Co., and will be placed on exhibition to the World's fair.

The bridge at Glencoe, on the B. & O. R. R., broke down, Saturday night. All trains were delayed from twelve to twenty-four hours. Several cars went down, but no one was hurt.

It is said that there has never been a passenger killed on the Pittsburgh division of the B. & O. This road has been in operation about 25 years, and if the statement is correct, it is remarkable.

Regular February term of court begins next Monday. The criminal list set for trial is much smaller than usual. It is probable that court will adjourn about the middle of the week.—Herald.

The reported discovery of gold on the farm of Mr. G. W. Delawder proves to be nothing but "iron pyrites." In all mining countries the mineral is called "fools gold."—Oakland Republican.

During the year just passed there were six-six runaway couples from West Virginia and Pennsylvania married in the Commercial hotel, in Oakland, by one minister alone.—Oakland Republican.

Twenty saloon keepers of Astoria, Oregon, paid \$2 25 apiece express charges on a surprise package which came to each of them by express. The package, they each found, contained an assortment of family Bibles of various sizes.

Rev. Dr. Rupp, of Meyersdale, has been appointed a member of the Advisory Council of the World's Religious Congress, which is to be held at Chicago in connection with the Columbian Exposition during the coming summer.

John Fisher shot a cow last week because it had the diphtheria, or all of the symptoms of it. It had been watered from a pail used to spit into by the diphtheria afflicted children when they were gargling their throats.—Berlin Record.

John H. Gordon, of Oil City, who saved a number of lives at the time of the flood and fire disaster, is reaping the reward of his heroism in substantial remembrance. Last week he was the recipient of a check for \$100 from an unknown woman in Boston.—Ex.

A St. Louis paper defines a widow as "a woman who has lost her husband; and a grass-widow, is one who has simply mislaid him," or, it might have added, has got him so mixed up with other women's husbands as not to be able to distinguish which is which.—Ex.

J. Hooker Naugle, of Meyersdale, and Rev. Frank P. Saylor, of Somerset, have been reappointed deputy collectors of internal revenue—or sugar deputies—by Collector Miller. It is understood that the appointment at Berlin has been given to a non-resident of the county.—Herald.

The Somerset Herald says the law requires the annual printing and publishing of the accounts of all school boards in this state. If the Herald is correct, the law should in all cases be rigidly enforced. The tax payers have a right to know what is being done with their money.

Wilson, the big, good-natured chap representing the Williams marble works, of Frostburg, is here at present in the interest of the firm he represents. Mr. Wilson is an energetic salesman, a good story teller and a first-rate fellow all around. He has a host of warm friends always glad to see and converse with him.

The Berlin Record says J. O. Stoner, of that place, though an old man, can still jump up and crack his heels together twice before he alights. Greenville can beat that all hollow. Jonas Hutzel, a man of that township who is nearly 80 years old, can jump up and crack his heels together three times before he alights.

If your neighbor's dog kills your sheep, don't shoot the dog. If you do, you will be in as bad a fix as the owner of the dog. Dogs are property under the law, and you have just as much right to shoot your neighbor's horse as his dog. But you can recover from the owner of the dog the price of your sheep.—Somerset Vedette.

When a newspaper man asks you about any matter that you do not want published, request him not to mention it. No respectable newsgatherer will betray confidence. Don't lie about the matter, for if you do, he sees you are trying to hide something and will get the facts elsewhere and will then feel at liberty to publish them.

On Monday Ed. Shumaker, a young married man living west of town, was arrested on a serious charge, the information alleging criminal intimacy with a young girl of fourteen or thereabouts. Shoemaker was placed in the lockup to await his removal to the county jail, but by some means made his escape and is still at large.—Register.

If you have frequent headaches, dizziness and fainting spells, accompanied by chills, cramps, corns, bunions, chilblains, epilepsy and jaundice, it is a sign you are not well, but are liable to die any minute. Pay your subscription a year in advance and thus make yourself solid for a good obituary notice. It may also help you to get to heaven.

Remonstrances have been filed in the Prothonotary's office against the granting of retail liquor dealers' licenses to the applicants from Salisbury, Summit township, Berlin borough, Ursina borough,

Rockwood borough and Somerset borough. None of the remonstrances are as formidable in regard to the number of signatures attached to them as in former years.—Somerset Herald.

An interesting inquiry has been started by the new Columbian postage stamps. It is pointed out that the one-cent stamp, which represents Columbus in sight of land, the Admiral stands on the deck with a cleanly shaved face. On the two-cent stamp, showing the landing of Columbus, which must have occurred less than twelve hours later, he appears with a full beard of good length.

It is now definitely announced that the work of double tracking the railroad from Rockwood to Sand Patch will begin in a very short time, and that other improvements will be made in the condition of the road in view of the expected heavy traffic during the coming summer. It is believed the effect will be to stimulate mining operations in this vicinity, and indirectly to improve business generally.—Meyersdale Register.

"Turn that wrapping paper the other side out," said a lady in a Salisbury store the other morning, as the clerk was putting up her purchase in wrapping paper. "I don't want to be a walking advertisement for your store. I read THE STAR, as all the intelligent people ought to do, and I think that in it is the proper place to advertise your business. Instead of asking your customers to carry your sign around with each purchase, go tell the people, through THE STAR, what you have to sell and how you sell it."

The woman with one child who complains that she doesn't get "time for anything," may find a little consolation in this true state of affairs. Mrs. Yates, of Springfield, Ohio, has just given birth to her twenty-fourth child. Five sets of twins are numbered among them. Mrs. Yates was married at 14 and her oldest child is now 27 years of age. Thirteen of her children still live at home and make life a lively one for her. Notwithstanding this fact she does all her own housework and always has.—Ex.

Nine ballots were thrown out at the borough election, most of them for the reason that the voter voted for three 3-year candidates for school directors, when there were but two 3-year men to be elected. In each case of this kind we are informed that the balance of the ticket was marked correctly, but the whole ticket was thrown out. We are of the opinion that only the school director portion of these tickets could be legally thrown out, and that the rest of the ticket in each case of that kind should have been counted. The matter will be investigated.

A slick swindler is reported to be working the country districts with a co-operative purchasing scheme. His game is a new one and the farmers bite at it. The scamp says he is a representative of a co-operative store which sells dry goods, tools, etc., to farmers at wholesale prices. To get the benefit of the store the farmer is required to pay a fee of sixty cents a year, or one dollar in advance for two years. It is a slick game, and as the fellow is a slick talker, many farmers are parting with their \$1 bills to get advantage of the co-operative store. The store exists only in the brain of the agent and he is a fraud.

In a recent trip to Arkansas Mr. A. F. John found much to interest him aside from purely business matters. The condition of the mass of the people does not compare well with that of the industrialists, pushing class to be found elsewhere in the south. Their habits of living are exceedingly primitive, and they have little ambition. In cold weather they suffer on account of poorly constructed houses, and the ever-present ague saps their energies. He found much fine timber, easily accessible to the railroads, but the climate is too uninviting to make the country a desirable one for persons unaccustomed to it. The surface is very level and in the wet season it is overflowed.—Register.

THE TOWNSHIP ELECTION.

Although Elk Lick township is Republican, it will be seen by the following election returns that the Democrats carried away a good share of the laurels, while even the Populists made a creditable fight:

CONSTABLE. Conrad Burkholder, Rep. 63 Jeff. Garber, Dem. 134 M. H. Leach, Pop. 44

TAX COLLECTOR. N. B. Keim, Rep. 105 S. A. Kretzman, Dem. 117 Jacob Radcliffe, Pop. 81

JUDGE OF ELECTION. H. Livengood, Rep. 104 Reuben Folk, Dem. 96 Robt. Cochrane, Pop. 50

INSPECTOR. J. P. Vogel, Rep. 109 G. Showalter, Dem. 103 Geo. P. Walker, Pop. 30

SCHOOL DIRECTORS. Geo. W. Collins, Rep. 83 S. A. Beachy, Rep. 92 N. D. Hay, Dem. 143 J. M. Kretzman, Dem. 116 Wm. Radcliffe, Pop. 31 Paul Hoffman, Pop. 20

SUPERVISORS. Amos Thomas, Rep. 70 Ross Sechler, Rep. 127 Simon Livengood, Rep. 128 J. W. Pile, Dem. 96 S. Nicholson, Dem. 94 Wm. Kretzman, Dem. 78 R. Bluebaugh, Pop. 37 Phineas Christner, Pop. 48 James Russell, Pop. 27

ADDITIONAL. J. N. Davis, Rep. 103 John M. Wright, Dem. 106 Patrick Comer, Pop. 85

TOWNSHIP CLERK. A. H. Shumaker, Rep. 107 A. W. Malcom, Dem. 100 Wm. P. Murray, Pop. 28

THE BOROUGH ELECTION.

Almost a Clean Sweep for the Democrats. The borough election on Tuesday was a hotly contested one, and more interest was taken in it by our people than they took in the last Presidential election. Following are the figures:

BURGESS. Jer. J. Livengood, Rep. 73 C. T. Hay, Dem. 66

HIGH CONSTABLE. John Fresh, Rep. 77 B. F. Boyd, Dem. 59

TOWN COUNCIL. John Coleman, Rep. 70 Ferd. Breig, Dem. 69

STREET COMMISSIONER. J. W. Ringer, Rep. 68 Alfred Wagner, Dem. 72

ADDITIONAL. Richard Newman, Rep. 72 P. M. Wahl, Dem. 68

CONSTABLE. J. R. Fair, Rep. 80 Wm. C. Wagner, Dem. 58

TAX COLLECTOR. No Republican candidate. A. J. Smith, Dem. 78

JUDGE OF ELECTION. W. A. Glofelty, Rep. 74 E. H. Lambert, Dem. 65

INSPECTOR. J. T. Jeffery, Rep. 76 R. A. Kidner, Dem. 60

SCHOOL DIRECTORS. D. O. McKinley, Rep. 3 yr. term 51 A. F. Speicher, Rep. 3 yr. term 60 Norman Maust, Rep. 1 yr. term 83 C. S. Lichliter, Dem. 3 yr. term 86 Joseph Wagner, Dem. 3 yr. term 77 J. C. Balliet, Dem. 1 yr. term 74

By the above figures it will be seen that the Democrats have the school officers, the street commissioner, the tax collector, and that they came within a few votes of getting everything else. From the fact that the Republicans are about 60 in the majority in this borough, it is plain to see that the majority of them voted with the Democrats, this year, for school directors. Whether the best men have been elected for that important office, is not for us to say; but we can say that the very men that the people wanted are the ones they elected, and everybody ought to be satisfied, for they are all good men and good citizens. The day has passed when people will stick to party lines for town and township offices; they will vote for those whom they consider the best men for the offices, regardless of party, which is good principle, every time. Of course the verdict of the voters may sometimes be a very faulty one, but it is every voter's divine right to vote according to the dictates of his conscience.

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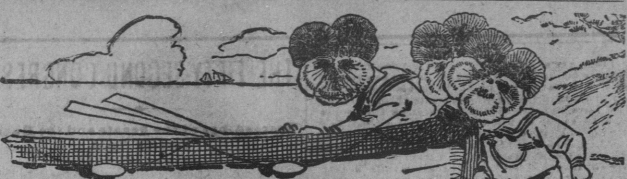
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