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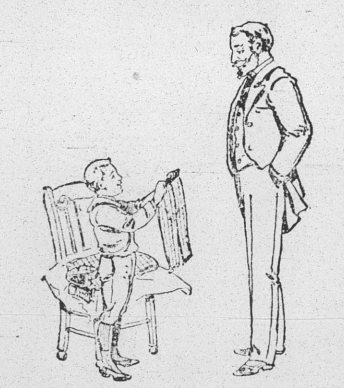
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Soliloquy of Would-be Editor Tissue.

Punctuation is vexation,
Grammar is as bad;
Orthography perplexes me—
My blunders make me mad.

James Winter is erecting a new residence on Corlies street.

Rev. Dr. Mackey has returned from the Brethren church conferences.

Geo. S. Hay, who had been away to college, at Lancaster, is home on a vacation.

Mrs. Eliza Coleman, of Somerset, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Sufall, this week.

Hon. W. H. Koontz and Associate Judge Horner were in our town on business, last week.

M. C. Lowry was on the sick list for several days, this week, but is again able to be about.

Pocahontas will celebrate on the Fourth as usual. Pocahontas patriotism is bound to assert itself.

Mr. David Glatfely, one of our oldest citizens, was visited last Sunday by his son George and wife, of Wittenburg.

The Berlin boys are going to organize a camp of the Sons of Veterans. They have about 35 members enrolled, says the Record.

Mr. Wm. J. Woy, who taught one of our schools, winter before last, is circulating among his numerous Salisbury friends, this week.

John O. Johnston, our heavy-weight fighting editor, has gone to Altoona to visit friends and relatives. THE STAR wishes him a pleasant time.

The addition to May's barber shop is a great improvement. Charley has added another chair and is enjoying a better trade right along.

There will be a festival held at Husbard, under the auspices of Highland Grange, on Saturday evening, June 11. All are cordially invited to attend.

Rockwood, Garrett and Meyersdale will all celebrate the glorious Fourth this year, so there will be no lack of places for amusement on that day.

The iron is now being laid on the Pen-Mar extension of the Salisbury railroad, and it will be but a short time until Pen-Mar coal will be going into market.

The editor's sister, Mrs. A. D. Gnagey, of Ashland, Ohio, arrived in town on Monday evening, having been summoned to the bedside of her dying mother.

Our genial friend Dr. W. P. Shaw, of Berlin, is circulating among Salisbury friends, this week. The doctor had been to Garrett county, Md., for a visit with his parents.

There will be a bicycle road race on July 4th, from Gurley's jewelry store, in Meyersdale, to Salisbury and return. The race will be open to all wheelmen of Somerset county.

Roads which follow old routes and travel from hill to hill wear out wagons and horses at a rate that taxes farmers and all others who use them more than good roads would cost them.

The Garrett Journal, a bright weekly paper published at Oakland, Md., has rounded out its first year of existence. The Journal is a good newspaper and we wish it continued prosperity.

Mr. Irven Beals has succeeded in reorganizing our band, and therefore Salisbury will continue to have the best band in the county. The boys will go to Meyersdale on July 4th, where there will be a big celebration.

And still we need water-works and electric light in Salisbury. Are our people ever going to waken up to the fact that it is the rankest kind of foolishness to remain in the old ruts? Gentlemen, our town is what we make it.

Messrs. Wm. and Irvin Brant, of Brothersvalley, made THE STAR a friendly visit on Tuesday. Before leaving, one of them added a new subscription to our list. Both gentlemen are highly pleased over the late Republican primary.

Mr. Geo. W. Knepper, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Knepper, of Somerset, who has been engaged in Y. M. C. A. work in Indiana, has been sent to Chickamauga park, where the Y. M. C. A. has taken up an important work among the soldiers of the U. S. Army.

Roy L. McCardell, a former Frostburg boy, has left the managing editorship of the New York Daily Telegraph to take editorial charge of a new venture in New York, a comic weekly called *Vin*. Roy is a brilliant fellow bound to succeed.—*Frostburg Forum*.

The examination held here last week, by County Supt. Pritts, was taken by a large number of persons. The examination was a pretty rigid one, we are informed, which shows that Prof. Pritts means to keep up the high standard of our schools. He is the right man in the right place.

M. J. Glatfely has broken ground on Ord street for a business block and residence, size 20x50. This makes the third fine business block for Salisbury, this year, and there are yet rumors of others to be erected. The old town will become a seaport yet, "as the feller says, says he."

Mr. Ed. Gnagey, a son of Jonas E. Gnagey, late of Grantsville, Md., arrived in town yesterday evening, enroute for Grantsville. Ed. is suffering with a broken shoulder, the result of an accident that happened him in New York state, where he has been working for a year or more as a telegraph lineman.

The Reformed Sunday school convention, mention of which was made in these columns, last week, was in session on Tuesday and Wednesday. The attendance, we are informed, was not as large as was expected, but very interesting sessions are reported. We expect to publish a full report next week.

Dr. A. Enfield, of Bedford, has been visiting friends and acquaintances in this vicinity for a week or more. The doctor is a native of this town and is well versed in matters pertaining to its early history. He is an entertaining talker and a man of ability and originality. He has many admiring friends here and is a welcome guest within our gates.

The editor's mother, whose serious illness was mentioned in last week's STAR, is nearing the end, and her death is hourly expected. It is doubtful whether she can live another twenty-

four hours. It will be hard to part with mother, but she is suffering greatly, and although she bears her affliction bravely, death will give her relief and will be welcomed by her.

The Uniform Rank K. of P., of Meyersdale, came up to our town, Monday evening, and enjoyed a fraternal visit with the Knights of Star lodge, located here. While here the visitors came out on dress parade, in which some of our local Knights who recently joined the Uniform Rank participated. They wore very handsome uniforms and made a very fine appearance. There were about twenty-five men in the company.

A few days ago we were shown the rope with which Henry Pritts was hanged on June 22, 1860, for the murder of Elias Weimer. The rope is one of the grim reminders of crime and criminals that are stowed away in the Sheriff's office. It is simply a piece of common slip-knot rope, with an ordinary slip-knot noose. It probably cost 25 cents, but those who saw it stretched thirty-eight years ago tell us it stood the test and did the work well. It suffers, however, by comparison with the hangman's rope used nowadays—a finely woven cotton rope costing \$25.—*Somerset Standard*.

To Organize An Electric Light Company.

Mr. S. D. Livengood, of Meyersdale, informs THE STAR that he will be in Salisbury, this week, to organize an electric company. This is news we like to hear, and if our people are progressive enough, Salisbury will have a good electric light plant in operation in a very short time. Not one good reason can be given why we should not have electric light here, but any quantity of good reasons can be given why we should have it.

In the first place, electric light is safer and better than any other light. It is also more convenient, and in the long run it is cheaper. The argument may be put forth that we can not afford it, but that argument will not stand investigation. Berlin is now putting in an electric light plant, and Berlin is not as wealthy a town as Salisbury by a good many thousands of dollars. Surely if Berlin can afford electric light, Salisbury can afford it. Furthermore, Rockwood has an electric light plant that has been in successful operation for several years, and Rockwood is but little over half as large as Salisbury and hasn't got half the wealth this town has.

Of course, Rockwood, Meyersdale and Somerset all had their kickers, but the better sense in those communities prevailed, and what is the result? Many of those who were most opposed to electric light are now among its staunchest advocates and would not think of going back to the old kerosene lamps.

THE STAR is in favor of public improvements, first, last and all the time. Mossbackism is expensive to any community. To be behind the times is poor economy. This town must get out of its old ways and take on new life and new ideas. Otherwise it will be sure to retrograde and lose much of the prestige it now enjoys.

What we want to do in this "burg" is to put in electric light and water-works, adopt one and the same name for our town, post-office, telegraph office and railway station; also make an effort for regular passenger service on our railroad. All these things can be accomplished, if proper and persistent efforts are made.

Some very fine buildings are now in course of erection, and our business houses compare well with those in much larger towns. The only things lacking now are the improvements suggested, and when these improvements become a reality, the people of Salisbury can truthfully say that a more desirable town to live in would be hard to find.

Now then, fellow citizens, one of the first steps to take is for electric light. Give Mr. S. D. Livengood a fair and impartial hearing and help the good work along in a way that becomes a live, hustling, growing town. Don't waste on opportunity to improve the town, for it doesn't pay to remain in the old ruts.

The Cuban question and political issues sink into insignificance with the man who suffers from piles. What he most desires, is relief. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cures piles. P. S. Hay, Elk Lick. C. A. Bender & Bro., Grantsville.

Musical Concert.

Mr. U. D. Miller, violinist, of Wooster, Ohio University, and Miss Gerry Geraldine Gallager, violinist and guitar soloist, of Smithville, Ohio, will give a musical concert in Hay's opera house, Saturday night, June 18th. The program will be made up of duets for violins, violins and guitar, mandolin and guitar, guitar solos and singing. These people come highly recommended and will give a grand concert, one that all who can should attend. Admission, 15 and 25 cents.

N. C. P. Jones, Milesburg, Pa., writes: "I have used DeWitt's Little Early Risers ever since they were introduced here and must say I have never used any pills in my family during the forty years of my housekeeping that gave such satisfactory results as a laxative or cathartic." P. S. Hay, Elk Lick. C. A. Bender & Bro., Grantsville.

"DEWEY DAY."

Big Blowout at Grantsville, On June 25th.

On the above date the patriotic and sturdy sons of "Maryland, my Maryland," will gather at Grantsville and have a high old time. Patriotism will be in evidence all day, and there will be attractions for old and young, rich and poor. A great picnic will be held in the beautiful grove just east of town, and the good people of Grantsville want all their Pennsylvania friends to come over the line and have a day of rare enjoyment with them.

There will be a grand street parade, a band contest between three bands, singing of patriotic songs, dancing, lots of good eating and other refreshments, fireworks, sports of all kinds, pretty girls galore and many other attractions not mentioned on the bills. In short there will be bushels of fun, bundles of myrth and whole bales of patriotic display and harmless amusement.

The people of Grantsville have an enviable reputation for doing things right when they celebrate, and who ever does not participate in Dewey Day, at Grantsville, on June 25th, will miss a mighty good time. THE STAR will stake its reputation on this, and we recommend Grantsville, every time, as the place to go for a good time at a celebration.

Late to bed and early to rise, prepares a man for his home in the skies. Early to bed and a Little Early Riser, the pill that makes life longer and better and wiser. P. S. Hay, Elk Lick. C. A. Bender & Bro., Grantsville.

THE GLORIOUS FOURTH.

Rockwood Intends to Do Herself Proud—Fire-works and Amusements Galore.

Rockwood, Pa., June 14.—Extensive preparations are in the course of completion to celebrate the Fourth at Rockwood, this year. The "Hub" is wide awake, and plans on an elaborate scale already formulated insure the success of the largest demonstration ever before attempted in Somerset county. A union basket picnic will head the list of drawing cards; a flag raising will be another. Eloquent orators will speak of the glorious victories of the star-spangled banner. Dewey, Hobson and Sampson, whose valiant deeds are household words throughout the world, will be honored on that day. Spanish tyranny will receive the stamp of condemnation. Forty girls in red, white and blue costumes will unite their voices in the singing of patriotic airs. A bicycle race, base ball game, foot races and sack races are scheduled among other amusements. Refreshments of all kinds can be had on the grounds in abundant quantities.

The pyrotechnic display will be something marvelous. The tragic scenes of "The Last Days of Pompeii" will illumine the astronomical world, affording a grand panoramic view in varied colors, blending in resplendent harmony. The arena and the amphitheater will be represented in all the gorgeous effects characteristic of those ancient times. With hellish fury the demon destroyer of the astronomical world, affording a grand panoramic view in varied colors, blending in resplendent harmony. The arena and the amphitheater will be represented in all the gorgeous effects characteristic of those ancient times. With hellish fury the demon destroyer of the astronomical world, affording a grand panoramic view in varied colors, blending in resplendent harmony.

Excursions will be run on all railroads, all trains will remain until after the fireworks exhibit. The best cornet bands of the county will be present. Come to Rockwood. We will endeavor to entertain you right royally. Our sanitation is perfect; no sickness; pure air and water; fine scenic grandeur.

"One Minute Cough Cure is the best preparation I have ever sold or used and I can't say too much in its praise." L. M. Keemon, Merchant, Odell, Ga. P. S. Hay, Elk Lick. C. A. Bender & Bro., Grantsville.

SHAFFER SENTENCED.

Sent Up to the Penitentiary for a Term of Four Years.

At the argument court on Tuesday afternoon arguments were made for a new trial for Henry Shaffer, who was convicted at the May term on a charge of incest. The court refused to grant a new trial and sentenced Shaffer to the Western Penitentiary for a term of four years.

Before passing the sentence Judge Longenecker asked Shaffer if he had anything to say. Shaffer rose and addressed the court at some length. He said that the plea of insanity that had been set up in his case was against his wish. His plea was "not guilty," and he maintained that he was innocent of the grave crime of which he had been convicted. He said certain members of his family had threatened to send him to the penitentiary, and he supposed the present case was a means to that end.

His talk was straightforward and bore many ear-marks of truth. It evidently impressed the Court somewhat, for at its close Judge Longenecker said there was a possibility that the prisoner might be innocent of the crime of which he had been convicted, and in view of that possibility the sentence was reduced to the above stated.

Sheriff Hartzell took Shaffer to the penitentiary, yesterday.

High Old Time at Scalp.

In a letter written by a correspondent at Scalp Level to the Johnstown Tribune, we find the following description of an unpleasant state of affairs there:

"In the last few days it's been war and fighting, and our old citizens are hardly safe on the streets after night. Monday a pitched battle took place between Scalp and the new town of Windber. Stones, revolvers and Winchesters were used. Tuesday a railroad man by the name of Rusher and a man named Minser had a quarrel. The railroad man drew a blackjack, and only for the determined interference of the landlady of the house and the fact that Minser was not armed, prevented a bloody fight. Last night war reigned on the streets, shots were fired, two men were cut, one man was shot, and several old citizens had to run for their lives. The greatest trouble is the people have no law protection. The township has a Constable, but he lives three miles out in the country, and we are simply at the mercy of the lawless. We hope for the better."

The human machine starts but once and stops but once. You can keep it going longest and most regularly by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for constipation and all stomach and liver troubles. P. S. Hay, Elk Lick. C. A. Bender & Bro., Grantsville.

BULL IN A JEWELRY SHOP.

He Saw His Reflection in a Mirror and Wanted to Investigate.

Johnstown Tribune. While a drove of cattle belonging to Butchers Young & Young was being taken along Franklin street last Friday an enormous bull wandered out of line and approached the door of James Larkin's jewelry shop. Looking back through the storeroom, his bullship saw his reflection in a large mirror in a private office in the rear, and probably supposing it was another bovine, he set out to make the stranger's acquaintance. The animal's head and horns just neatly slipped through the doorway between the storeroom and the private office, but when it came to his broad shoulders they stuck. He was plainly disappointed, but it didn't make him discourteous, and he stood bowing to the reflection in the glass and smiling in a fashion that Mr. Larkin declares was "just bully."

The proprietor thought a couple of times before he tried to induce his visitor to leave. Then he began to gently "shoo," and when he had succeeded in getting the animal's attention away from the mirror, made motions indicating that his room would be preferable to his company. The bull caught on and backed slowly out of the narrow doorway, carefully turned his big bulk around in the storeroom without upsetting the show case, and walked out as dignified and calm as if he had been accustomed to loaf around a jewelry store and look at himself in the glass every day.

One Minute is not long, yet relief is obtained in half that time by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. It prevents consumption and quickly cures colds, croup, bronchitis, pneumonia, influenza, all throat and lung troubles. P. S. Hay, Elk Lick. C. A. Bender & Bro., Grantsville.

The Snake Editor's Rules.

From a Kansas Exchange.

The season for snake stories being now at hand, we have decided to plant a set of rules to be strictly observed and enforced. Whilst we feel fairly confident of our competency to cope with the snake question, we do not feel disposed to fail to recognize and appreciate the learnedness of those who have gone before, along the lines, and as the snake question is daily agitating the minds of many, we have adopted the following, most of which we take from a higher, though no more studious authority. These rules are:

No mention will be made of snakes less than five feet long.

It is useless to bring a garter snake tale—they won't go, no matter how big the snake is.

No reference will be made to rattlesnakes having less than seventeen rattles and one large, well developed button.

Snake bite medicine will be referred to simply as "old stingo."

No allusion will be made to blacksnakes unless they are as thick as a 200-pounder's left thigh.

All persons sending or bringing snake stories to this office will be required to make affidavit that they have not had delirium tremens within three months.

All snakes brought to this office must be accompanied by a death certification from the board of health—we propose to take no risks.

Ribald remarks about any snake stories contained in this paper will be immediately followed by a slander suit.

Hoop snakes are not in style this season, and persons who report seeing them will be viewed with grave suspicion.

No snake stories of any sort will be accepted from persons residing in a district where wood alcohol, turpentine, benzine and kerosene oil are used as beverages.

Snake stories will be paid for with checks good for a dose of bromo seltzer at any of the drug stores. One check for each foot of snake.

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National Educational Association Meeting, Washington, D. C., July 7 to 12, 1898.

For this occasion the Baltimore & Ohio R. R. will sell tickets to Washington at the low rate of one fare for the round trip, plus \$2.00 membership fee (except that from Baltimore the rate will be \$1.25, round trip). Tickets will be sold from Pittsburg, Parkersburg, Wheeling and points east thereof on July 4th to 7th inclusive good returning, leaves Washington July 8 to 15 inclusive, with privilege of extension until August 31, 1898, if ticket is deposited with joint agent at Washington, on or before July 12, and payment of fee, fifty (50) cents. Solid vestibuled trains from Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Louisville, Columbus, Pittsburg and intermediate points. The Royal blue trains between New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, finest and fastest trains in America. Call on agent Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for full information concerning stopovers and side trips. The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad is the most interesting, historical and scenic route in America.