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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

How doth the little busy boy Employ each shining minute, A-wondering about his sack, And what he'll find within it. —Pittsburg Times.

For a fine pair of shoes go to Barchus & Livengood's. 1-t

The county jail of Forest county, this state, has not a prisoner in it.

As Christmas approaches, the attendance at the Sunday schools increases.

Mr. Jacob Miller and daughter, Annie, of Carleton, Neb., are visiting friends in this county.

Be sure and see the new line of neckwear, shirts and mufflers just received for the holidays at Barchus & Livengood's. 1-t

Here is a good recipe to soften the hands of young ladies: Soak them well in dish-water, three times a day, while your mother rests.

A 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Miller, of Elk Lick township, died on Monday evening last. Funeral took place yesterday.

"When times are dull and people are not advertising," says John Wanamaker, "is the very time that advertising should be the heaviest."

Norman Weimer and family, who a few years ago moved to Iowa, have returned and taken up their abode in the Harriet Weaver mansion.

Lee, the 3-year-old adopted son of Mrs. R. K. Showalter, died of membranous croup, on Tuesday morning. Funeral took place yesterday.

Mr. Charles Boucher and wife, of Pittsburg, arrived in town this week for a visit with the old folks and other friends. They will remain until after Christmas.

John Larue, a driver employed at the Niverton mine, was badly squeezed by being caught by a mine car on Monday. We are glad to note, however, that he was not seriously injured.

When a farmer wishes to retire, he moves to town; and when town people wish to retire and spend their remaining days at their ease, they move to the country. Why is this?

Mr. Lloyd Beachy and one of his young sons are reported to be down with diphtheria. We are glad to note, however, that at last report both of them are showing signs of a speedy recovery.

Cards are out announcing the wedding of Mr. Howard Meager to Miss Dora Connor, the event to take place at 3 o'clock p. m., to-day, in the M. E. church. The STAR extends its congratulations.

Owing to increased demands our advertising space, which is due to the Holiday season, much interesting editorial and local matter intended for this issue must be carried over for our next issue.

Christmas services in the Brethren church, under the direction of the Sabbath school, Sabbath morning, Dec. 25, at 10 o'clock. She school should assemble promptly at 9.45. Exercises will begin at 10, sharp.

The advertising columns of a newspaper are the best index to who does the business of a town. The merchants whose names are conspicuous among the advertisements are the ones who have the places to trade at. It is an infallible rule.—Ex.

The Labadie Company, which rendered the pleasing comedy, "Kathleen Mavourneen," in Hay's opera house, last Saturday night, played to a large and delighted audience. This is one of the best theatrical troupes that ever showed in Somerset county.

Mr. James Beal, our hustling restaurant man, has moved into the basement of the McKinley block, where he can supply the wants of his growing trade much better than he could at his old stand. James is a first-rate young fellow and is bound to succeed.

Mr. Frank Enos, the veteran book agent, from Garrett, was in town the other day. Mr. Enos is an old veteran of the Civil war and is well versed in the early history of Salisbury. The editor enjoyed a long conversation with him on Tuesday evening, at Hay's hotel.

Rev. John Welfey, a brother of the late Mrs. Samuel Lowry, died at his home in Braddock, Pa., on Monday night last. He was aged about 74 years, and for many years was a minister in the Lutheran church. He was a highly esteemed man and a native of Salisbury.

A story is told of a little boy and his sister who were allowed to collect eggs from the hen coops but were told that they must never take away the nest egg. The little girl, however, did so one morning by mistake, and her brother told her she must take it right back, "because that was what the old hen measured by."

Diphtheria and membranous croup, two very dangerous diseases, are prevailing to a great extent in this locality. People should be careful to keep their homes in the best sanitary condition, also exercise proper care as to diet, clothing, etc. The diseases can be avoided to a great extent by using proper precautions.

A little girl tells the world what she knows about King Solomon in the following essay: "King Solomon was a man who lived ever so many years ago, and in the country which he governed he was the whole push. He was an awful wise man, and one day two women came to him, each one holding onto the leg of a baby and nearly pulling it in two, and both claiming it, and King Solomon wasn't feeling right good and he said: 'Why couldn't the brat been twins and stopped all this bother?' And then he called for his sword, and was going to chop the brat in two and give each one a piece of it, when the one who was the real mother said: 'Stop Solomon, stay thy hand, let the old hag have it. If I can't have a whole baby I don't want any.' Then Solomon told her to take the baby and go home and wash its face, for he knew it was hers, and he told the other woman to go chase herself. King Solomon built Solomon's temple and was the father of all the Masons. He had 700 wives and 200 lady friends, and that is why there are so many Masons in the world. My papa says that King Solomon was a warm member, and I think that he was hot stuff myself. That's all I know about King Solomon."

When you ask for De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve don't accept a counterfeit or imitation. There are more cases of Piles being cured by this, than all others combined. P. S. Hay, Elk Lick, Pa.

THE BAKER ESTATE.

Quiet, but Effective Work—Satisfactory Developments Being Made.

Matters pertaining to the Baker estate are being worked very quietly and secretly to the satisfaction of the Western heirs and many of the Eastern people. While the matter has been very quiet among the Somerset county people, it is not generally known that there is a lease in this estate that has nearly matured. This is one reason why things are not moving so fast as some think they should, but to such I would say, be patient. A few more months will tell the story.

ALEX. CASEBERER.

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

MAN KILLED BY A FALLING TREE.

Our Mountain View Correspondent Gives the Details of a Horrible Accident.

On Thursday afternoon, Dec. 15th, a horrible and fatal accident befell Mr. Albert Kretchman, a son of Mr. Wm. Kretchman, who resides about one mile west of Keim post-office. The father went to town after dinner, and the son went to the woods to chop some wood. The father did not return until evening, and not finding his son at home doing the evening chores, as was his custom, he went to the woods to look for him.

The missing man was soon found, and the father was horrified to find his son lying with his head crushed under the weight of a large tree. He at once made the sad news known to his neighbors, who promptly came to his aid, and the mangled, bloody body was conveyed to the house.

At the place where the accident happened it was plainly evident that a large tree had been cut and lodged on a smaller one, and the smaller one stood at a very rough place, close to a stone pile and among some brush. Albert had evidently felled the smaller tree to bring the larger one down, and being unable to get out of the way in time, was caught and crushed to death.

The funeral service was held at St. Paul Lutheran church, on Dec. 17th, and was conducted by Rev. E. S. Johnston.

Deceased was aged 42 years, 2 months and 9 days. He was a faithful member of the Lutheran church, and it is said that he read the Bible from cover to cover no less than eight or nine times, which is more than can be said of many.

The funeral was largely attended, and much sympathy is felt for the bereaved friends and relatives.

Many a household is saddened by death because of the failure to keep on hand a safe and absolutely certain cure for croup, such as One Minute Cough Cure. See that your little ones are protected against emergency. P. S. Hay, Elk Lick, Pa.

SCALDED TO DEATH IN SWEITZER'S DISTILLERY.

Two Deaths Reported by Our Somerset Correspondent.

A very sad accident befell Ramon Whiffler, a son of Mrs. Simon Sweitzer at the distillery, on last Thursday morning. Ramon went to the distillery to open the plug in the slop tank in order to let the slop into the through leading to the stock barn. Getting onto the board over the slop, which board was icy, he fell into the slop trough and was terribly scalded over his entire body. He got out and started for the house, and Mr. Sweitzer met him when about half way there and took off the boy's clothing, the skin coming off with it. The unfortunate lad remained conscious until Friday evening, then he became unconscious and died on Saturday morning at five o'clock. Ramon was one of the most industrious boys in this borough, always working like a man, liking work better than play. He would have been 12 years old on Jan. 2nd. No boy will be more missed than Ramon.

Dr. George Pauline died of paralysis of the heart on Friday morning last. He was an old soldier and was much respected. He was the fifth old soldier to die in and around Somerset in a little more than one week, and all died of paralysis.

VOLUNTEER.

A cough is not like a fever. It does not have to run a certain course. Cure it quickly and effectively with One Minute Cough Cure, the best remedy for all ages, and for the most severe cases. We recommend it because it's good. P. S. Hay, Elk Lick, Pa.

A Free Turkey Dinner.

Our tall and genial friend, Mr. Calvin Fuller, of West Salisbury, requests us to announce in THE STAR that he will give a free turkey dinner, at his home, on Christmas day, to the fellow who stole his ax and broadax in Beechy's woods—on condition that the thief returns the tools, and like a penitent sinner, acknowledges his guilt.

Fuller, you had better withdraw the offer, for you may get axes and broad-axes enough to start a hardware store, and there may not be enough turkeys in the country to feed the crowd. Turkeys are hard to get, these nights, anyway, for they are now all roosting high.

Riverside.

Dec. 17.—Thermometer 10 degrees below zero.

Amos Thomas, who had been confined to his house for some time by a severe attack of rheumatism, has recuperated to such an extent that he is again able to be out of doors.

John M. Smith placed an organ in the residence of James Maust. James will likely employ some feminine musician to give him private lessons on condition that she agrees with the Scripture, that "it is not good that man should be alone."

What has become of the Deal correspondent?

John W. Livengood had the misfortune of getting his foot caught under a piece of lumber, and as a result was scarcely able to be about, but he is slowly convalescing.

Mrs. A. Hoover is numbered with the sick. We have not yet learned of her condition. May a speedy recovery be granted her.

Matthew Hoover and wife paid a visit to the groom's parents, Thursday last.

By way of testimony to what the Chestnut Spring scribe has said concerning Sand Flat, will say that Sand Flat can not be complimented too highly, since it is an ideal place; not only for horticulturists, miners, students, pedagogues, church officials and township officers, but also for litigants and politicians. With "Utah" at the helm, steering for his favorite harbor—"Malice"—they have with little difficulty found themselves anchored safely in the harbors "Success and Victory."

REPUBLICAN.

The sooner a cough or cold is cured without harm to the sufferer the better. Lingering colds are dangerous. Hacking cough is distressing. One Minute Cough Cure quickly cures it. Why suffer when such a cough cure is within reach? It is pleasant to the taste. P. S. Hay, Elk Lick, Pa.

Eng and Chang, known as the Siamese twins, were born of a Chinese father and a Siamese mother in Siam, April 15, 1811. They were joined to one another by a short tubular cartilaginous band through which their livers and hepatic vessels communicated. They were brought to America for exhibition in 1828, and after making a competency in various countries settled in North Carolina. They married sisters in 1842. In 1869 they again exhibited themselves in Europe. The one survived the other two hours and a half.—Ex.

Overcome evil with good. Overcome your coughs and colds with One Minute Cough Cure. It is so good children cry for it. It cures croup, bronchitis, pneumonia, grippe and all throat and lung disease. P. S. Hay, Elk Lick, Pa.

On His Card.

A restaurant keeper in the Jelico and Coal Creek country of Kentucky has the following business card:

"Twenty-five cents an Eat—25 cents a sleep. The Edwards House, P. M. Edwards, Proprietor, Coal Creek, Ky. Directly opposite R. R. depot. Not the largest hotel in the berg. Not newly furnished throughout. No free bus to trains. Not the best grub the market affords. But simply clean beds and something good to eat. Toothpicks and ice-water thrown in. Try us! Pay up! And if not satisfied keep mum. Our city is composed mostly of hogs, diggers, merchants and lawyers, named in the order of their importance. Good cross-tie walks on all the principal thoroughfares."

Soothing, healing, cleansing, De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve is the impalpable enemy of sores, burns and wounds. It never fails to cure piles. P. S. Hay, Elk Lick, Pa.

It costs the Royal Baking Powder Co. something like \$200,000 a year for advertising. Some one suggested to the company that it discontinue advertising one year, the baking powder was so well known and advertised, and place that amount in the profits. The answer was that it would undoubtedly cost the company three times that amount to get the product in its original channels again. This is a pretty good pointer to those business men who imagine they are making a great saving when they discontinue a \$4 or \$6 a month advertisement a few months in dull season. It never pays to tear out a dam because the water is low.—Gibson Reporter.

Constipation prevents the body from ridding itself of waste matter. De Witt's Little Early Risers will remove the trouble and cure sick headache, biliousness, inactive liver and clear the complexion. Small, sugar coated, don't gripe or cause nausea. P. S. Hay, Elk Lick, Pa.

Holiday Rates—Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

On account of the Christmas and New Year Holidays the Baltimore & Ohio railroad will sell excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates from points on its line, between Baltimore, Pittsburg, Wheeling, Parkersburg, Strasburg Junction and intermediate points, good going December 23, 24, 25 and 31, 1898, and January 1, 1899, good to return until January 4, 1899, inclusive.

Magnificent train service in all directions. Pullman Sleeping Cars and Dining Cars. 12-22

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16th, 1898.

Speaker Reed surprised the House and Representative De Armond, of Missouri, who attacked the rules of the House, by making a little speech to Mr. De Armond. Mr. Reed began by saying that Mr. De Armond had misstated the relations of the Speaker with the Committee on Rules, and then convulsed the House with laughter by saying that the House must have noticed that however much despotism is exercised by the rules, there was no subject in the heavens above or in the earth beneath that had not been discussed by the House, even in the present Congress; and concluded by saying: "Now, if the gentleman from Missouri will turn to the affairs of Congress, away back in 1861, during the period of liberty such as he thinks he desires, he will find that John Randolph, who certainly was heard enough to become famous for a century, was complaining about the despotism of the rules at that period, and was also complaining that even the arch inquisitor himself would have been satisfied with the wickedness of them. So you see that human nature is the same in all time." The uproarious laughter of the House as Mr. Reed stopped did not argue well for Mr. De Armond's aspiration to become the leader of the minority in the next House.

The Senators who have taken part in the Nicaragua Canal debate have all declared themselves in favor of the canal, but the most of them wish to amend the Morgan bill. Senator Morgan seems disposed to accept any amendment in reason, just so the Senate will go ahead and pass the bill. Representative Hepburn, of Iowa, has offered a joint resolution proposing a Constitutional amendment, that no new state, the territory of which was not a part of the United States, January 1, 1898, shall be admitted to the Union unless three-fourths of the members of the House and Senate shall vote affirmatively. It has been referred to the House Judiciary Committee. Whether such amendment is necessary is a question, but it ought to be adopted, so that those who are kept awake by the nightmare of Colonial states could get some sleep.

There was no surprise in Washington when it was announced that Secretary Bliss would retire from the Cabinet in the near future. Had it not been for the war, Mr. Bliss would have retired early this year, not because of any friction or disagreement with his official associates, but because he felt that his large business interests needed the personal attention he could not give and remain in the Cabinet. It has been very well understood from the beginning of the administration that Mr. Bliss would not remain at the head of the Interior Department more than two years. His successor will almost certainly come from the west, and no great surprise would be felt if the choice of President McKinley was one of the three very able western men already connected with the department—Hon. Binger Hermann, of Oregon, Land Commissioner; Hon. Thomas F. Ryan, of Kansas, and Hon. Webster Davis, of Missouri, Assistant Secretaries. All three of these officials have shown that they are big enough for a Cabinet or any other position.

The House this week passed the D. C. appropriation bill and the Pension Appropriation bill, as reported from the respective committees.

Public Notice.

Notice is hereby given to all persons not to purchase from Harvey J. Baughman, or any other person, any property now on my farms occupied or used by said Harvey J. Baughman, in Brothers valley township, Somerset county, Pa., and any person purchasing the same or any part thereof will do so at his peril. J. G. GARDILL.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers.

For your Christmas Candies, Nuts, Fruits, etc., follow the crowd, which will lead you to J. T. Jeffery, the leading grocer, where you will find the largest and best assortment. Prices to suit all sized pocket-books, from the leanest to the fattest. Goods the best, and prompt and courteous attention guaranteed. 1-t

One Minute Cough Cure, cures.

See Jeffery's celebrated 3x Meyersdale tobies. Fifty in a box for only 65 cents. Choice cigars, 25 in a box, at \$1.00 and \$1.25. Best Christmas smokes in town. Also see Jeffery's large assortment of fancy pipes. 1-t

One Minute Cough Cure, cures.

That is what it was made for.

ACTIVE SOLICITORS WANTED EVERYWHERE for "The Story of the Philippines" by Murat Halstead, commissioned by the Government as Official Historian to the War Department. The book was written in army camps at San Francisco, on the Pacific with General Merritt, in the hospitals at Honolulu, in Hong Kong, in the American trenches at Manila, in the insurgent camps with Aguinaldo, on the deck of the Olympia with Dewey, and in the rear of battle at the fall of Manila. Bonanza for agents. Brimful of original pictures taken by Government photographers on the spot. Large book. Low prices. Big profits. Freight paid. Credit given. Drop all trashy unofficial war books. Outfit free. Address, F. T. Barber, Sec'y., Star Insurance Bldg., Chicago.

\$3.00 Solid Silver Watches, \$1.00 Solid Gold Rings 50 cent Spectacles and 25-cent Sterling Silver Novelties. T. W. GURLEY, Meyersdale, Pa.

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Wraps and Dress Goods can be bought cheaper than anywhere else in the county at HARTLEY'S RELIABLE CASH STORE, MEYERSDALE, PENNA.

Men and Boys

can buy Overcoats and Suits cheaper at Hartley's Reliable Cash Store than any place else in the county. An immense stock to select from.

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can buy everything in the line of Fine Dry Goods at astonishingly low prices at HARTLEY'S RELIABLE CASH STORE, MEYERSDALE, PENNA.

A BIG CLUB.

Cut this out and return to us with \$1.00 and we'll send the following, postage prepaid.

VERMONT FARM JOURNAL 1 YR. NEW YORK WEEKLY TRIBUNE 1 YR. AMERICAN POLITICAL ADVOCATE 1 YR. THE GENTLEWOMAN 1 YR. MARION HARRLAND'S COOK BOOK. TEN NIGHTS IN A BAR ROOM.

All For \$1. Regular Cost \$4.00.

This combination fills a family need. Two farm papers for the men—The "Gentlewoman" an ideal paper for the ladies—N. Y. Weekly Tribune for all—Marion Harland's Cook Book with 300 pages and 1,000 practical recipes for the wife and the book, "Ten Nights in a Bar Room," the greatest temperance novel of the age. A two-cent stamp brings samples of papers and our great clubbing list.

Vermont Farm Journal, Wm. L. Packard, Publisher, 688 Main St. WILMINGTON, VT.

Wahl's Meat Market!

This place continues to be headquarters for Tender Steak, Juicy Roasts, Choice Dressed Poultry, Sausage, Pudding and Fresh Fish in Season.

I aim to serve my patrons with the best in my line that the market affords.

Thanking the public for a liberal patronage, and soliciting a continuance of the same, I am

Respectfully yours, C. WAHL, Salisbury, Pa.

The Diamond Restaurant!

In the basement of the new McKinley block, is the best place in town to get

Fresh Oysters and Lunches.

Confectionery, Bread, Pies, Cakes, Tobacco, Cigars, Canned Goods, etc.

Agt. For Uniontown Steam Laundry.

I solicit your patronage and guarantee to please you. Prices very reasonable.

JAMES BEAL, Prop., Salisbury, Pa.

JOHN W. RINGLER, JACOB GLOTFELTY.

RINGLER & GLOTFELTY,

SOLICIT YOUR

COAL HAULING.

Having consolidated our coal delivering business, we are prepared to serve the people of Salisbury and vicinity better than ever. If you want prompt and satisfactory service in this line, give us your orders.

TERMS: We request settlements by cash or at end of each month, as we are required to settle every month at the mines.

FOR A GOOD LUNCH

or Stew of Oysters, go to the lunch room in basement of C. T. Hay's business block, SALISBURY, PA.

BEST OYSTERS IN TOWN,

also choice Cove Oysters, Baked Beans, Salmon, Sardines, Pigs' Feet, Pickles, Cigars, etc.

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