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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

"Whom the Gods would destroy they first make mad."

THE STAR's holiday printing trade was immense, for which we return thanks.

Mr. S. A. Kimmel spent the Holiday season with friends in the vicinity of Somerset.

Mr. N. George Keim, of Elkins, W. Va., was in Salisbury over Sunday, visiting at the old home.

Some people set up a most pitiful howl when they buy a gold brick and find that they have been hooded.

A correspondent informs THE STAR that W. A. Folk, of near Savage post-office, killed several foxes, last week.

Miss Allie Smith has been quite ill during the past week, and her mother, who has also been sick for several weeks, is not yet able to be out.

A professional character assailant and an old corn thief are about one and the same thing in some communities, and the people are usually onto such cattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph DeHaven, of Connellsville, visited friends in Salisbury during the past week. We are under obligations to Mr. DeHaven for two cash-in-advance subscriptions to THE STAR.

Mr. John Lichliter recently purchased a fine sleigh as there is in the town, and he says those who would like to ride in it with him should apply at once; but he says only ladies need apply.

Josiah Porter, of Eckhart, aged 25 years, and the sole support of a widowed mother, fell under a coal train on the Eckhart branch, C. & P. railroad, Wednesday of last week, and sustained injuries from which he died same day. —*Louaoning Star.*

Miss Martha, daughter of Commissioner George F. Kim mel, of Somerset, was recently married to Mr. Calvin Kregler, of Kingwood, this county. Both are highly esteemed young people, and THE STAR extends its most hearty congratulations.

The latest swindler going the rounds is a fellow with a supply of lima beans saturated with oil of cinnamon, which he sells at ten cents apiece, with the story that his brother brought a quantity from Manila, and they are a sure protection against moths.

Lucile, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Wagner, died on Wednesday evening of last week, of membranous croup. Deceased was aged 13 months and was an exceptionally bright child. We sympathize most deeply with the bereaved family.

Miss Nancy Lowry, a daughter of Mr. John B. Lowry, of Greenville township, died last Saturday, of pneumonia. Deceased was aged 18 years, 8 months and 13 days. The funeral services were held at the Greenville church, on Monday, conducted by Rev. E. S. Johnston.

Popular goods mean the sort of goods that sell to a general run of people. Popular prices mean the sort of prices that will make the goods appeal to many people. Popular goods at popular prices, popularly advertised, will make a store popular. —*Advertising World.*

We call your attention to several changes in our subscription and advertising rates, which appear at the head of our local columns. These changes went into effect on Jan. 1st. Now is the time to renew your subscriptions and pay cash in advance, if you want to save money.

Last Thursday night thirteen new members were initiated into the tent of Maccabees recently instituted here. This order is growing faster in this community than any other order ever introduced here, but it's the same everywhere. It will soon be the strongest order in this town. Its insurance features beat the world.

THE STAR is far short of its usual standard of excellence, this week, owing to sickness in the editor's family and the customary posting up of accounts at the end of the year. We have also been figuring on some changes to be made about the office soon, which will enable us to get out a much better paper in the near future than is now possible.

What a fool a man is to fall out with his home paper! Go into almost any community you please, hunt up the few people who are always crying down the home paper, set them up in a row, look at them through a good microscope, (they are so small that they can scarcely be noticed in any other way) and see what a poor, shallow-brained, insignificant lot they are!

Married, Sunday, Jan. 1st, 1899, Mr. Israel Glotfelty and Miss Barbara Witzgall, both of Garrett county, Md. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. S. Johnston, of this place, at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. Henry Witzgall, of Garrett county. THE STAR extends its most hearty congratulations to the couple and expects our friend Israel to set up the smokes.

What do you think of the prices quoted in Barchus & Livengood's Red Letter Sale advertisement on last page? This firm is certainly going to do a rushing business, if good goods at low prices is an inducement to purchasers. This is one of the reliable firms of the town, and the big "ad" means just what it says, even if you can't see how goods can be sold for so little money.

The following named Frostburgers participated in a private ball, at Hay's hotel, on Monday evening: Messrs. David Benson, Charles Jeffreys and James Taylor, and Misses Nellie Betz, Luta Delano and Lizzie Thomas. Mr. O. E. Jarrett and Miss Annie Boyer, of Salisbury, also participated in the enjoyment, the ball having been arranged for by Mr. Jarrett, who entertained his friends royally.

Our highly esteemed friend, Prof. Joseph J. Stutzman, the well known "grammar king," writes to THE STAR as follows: "I congratulate you on the elegant plum you got off your Christmas tree. We expect THE STAR to twinkle brighter than ever now, and I for one, feel that I can't do without it. Send to 1217 Mosher street, Baltimore, till you hear from me again." Thank you, Uncle Joe, thank you!

The series of amusements conducted during the Holiday season by the Salisbury Cornet Band, were, upon the whole, a great success. Enough money was realized to pay all the band's debts and leave a balance of \$47 in the treasury, we are informed. The next thing in order is for the boys to get themselves a nice uniform, which they are in need of, and then the band will be in better shape than it has been for years.

The Ladies' Home Journal has found its way to our exchange table, and to say that it is exclusively great in its class is but a compliment well merited by the said publication. No home can be quite complete without the Ladies' Home Journal, as it contains a world of information for the family circle—information that is interesting and useful, while its pages are beautifully illustrated with fine engravings. It is published by the Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia, Pa.

The band concert in Hay's opera house, last Thursday evening, was not as well attended as it should have been. The program, with a few exceptions, was exceedingly well rendered. H. G. Wilhelm's performance with the mouth organ, guitar and bells was generally conceded worthy of special mention, while the band music and George S. Scully's performance with the bones were hard to beat. The after piece, "Down an the Levee," was laughable and made a great hit. "And further deponent sayeth not."

What is believed to be the largest foreign contract for steel rails ever closed in this country has been secured by the Pennsylvania Steel Company from the Trans-Siberian railroad calling for 80,000 tons, delivery to be made at Viadivostok, which, it is understood, involves nearly \$1,500,000. The rails will be rolled at the Sparrow Point works and loaded at the mills directly for shipment to Asia. The Pennsylvania Steel Company will also ship this week about 2,000 steel poles to Mexico for the electric railway at that place. —*Altoona Mirror.*

Talk about a microbe being small! A microbe isn't half so small as some people show themselves to be after they have been hooded into buying a gold brick. When a human skunk buys a gold brick he shouldn't go blubbering to a minister of the gospel about it, thereby showing his greenness as well as disgusting the minister. For the good of society, THE STAR may be obliged to write a few pedigrees, one of these days, and if THE STAR undertakes the job it will be done thoroughly, as we have facts, figures, dates and witnesses at our command that will enable us to startle this town as it never was startled before. The time has almost arrived when forbearance ceases to be a virtue.

A goodly number of the members and friends of St. John's Reformed church made a friendly raid on the

parsonage, Friday evening last, bearing baskets and packages filled with groceries and other useful articles intended as a surprise and expression of their good will for the pastor and his family. An enjoyable hour was spent together, when all left, feeling pleased that they had a part in causing the inmates of the parsonage some surprise, and, for the time, considerable embarrassment, while the latter, after they had time to realize what it all meant, found themselves much richer, both in goods and in feelings of gratitude toward the good people. But this was not a new thing of this kind for the people of St. John's congregation to do.

La Grippe is again epidemic. Every precaution should be taken to avoid it. Its specific cure is One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Sheperd, Publisher Agricultural Journal and Advertiser, Eldon, Mo., says: "No one will be disappointed in using One Minute Cough Cure for La Grippe." Pleasant to take, quick to act. P. S. Hay, Elk Lick, Pa.

Bugle Lost in 1866 Restored.

The following, taken from the Frostburg, Md., correspondence of the Baltimore Sun, will interest old soldiers. The transaction was brought about through the efforts of Commander Slick, of Emory Fisher post, Johnstown who is a brother of the George W. Slick mentioned:
"George W. Slick, of Frostburg, who was a bugler of the Twenty-first Pennsylvania cavalry, lost his bugle when mustered out, 32 years ago. One day last week it was restored to him by the Grand Army post at Johnstown, Pa., into whose hands it had fallen."

The George W. Slick here mentioned is commonly known as "Jesse," being nicknamed, after his father, the notorious Esquire Jesse Slick, late of Shade township, who and the reputation of being able to whip his weight in wildcats, and who was also a man of more than ordinary intelligence and was highly esteemed for his business tact and congeniality.

Paul Perry, of Columbus, Ga., suffered agony for thirty years, and then cured his Piles by using De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. It heals injuries and skin diseases like magic. P. S. Hay, Elk Lick, Pa.

Tried to Shoot Him.

A dispatch to the Baltimore American from Frostburg says: "Mary Rafferty attempted to shoot Peter Hoyer as they were leaving St. Michael's Catholic church, Frostburg, after first mass, at six o'clock, Sunday morning. Hoyer is the father of her two children, aged six years and six months, respectively. The girl drew a revolver from her pocket and was prevented from firing by being seized by several persons who were leaving the church. The girl had been threatening for some time to shoot Hoyer."

These are dangerous times for the health. Croup, colds and throat troubles lead rapidly to consumption. A bottle of One Minute Cough Cure used at the right time will preserve life, health and a large amount of money. Pleasant to take; children like it. P. S. Hay, Elk Lick, Pa.

Brethren Church Sabbath Services.

Preaching Sabbath evening, 7:30 o'clock, by Rev. Dr. Mackey; subject, "Evils that Threaten Our Homes." Everybody welcome.

To insure a happy new year, keep the liver clear and the body vigorous by using De Witt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for constipation and liver troubles. P. S. Hay, Elk Lick, Pa.

Chestnut Spring.

Jan. 2.—We find ourselves again in the beginning of a new year. Meditating over the past year, it seems but a very short time since the other New Year's day.

The thermometer registered below zero this morning.

Elizabeth, wife of Daniel Stevanus, died Dec. 30, after a brief illness. The remains were laid to rest in the Chestnut Spring cemetery, on New Year's day. The funeral services were conducted by Reverends Joel and Jonas Miller, brethren of the Amish Mennonite church, of which she was a member. She was aged 60 years, 7 months and 22 days. She leaves a husband, but no children to mourn her sudden departure. Peace be to her ashes!

The Bible conference is in full progress and has a very large attendance. We all hope that a great good may be done by this meeting. If some of our folks just learn enough from the Bible to see and thereby know that the Bible teaches us, if not in plain or exact words, but in substance, to mind our own business and mind that well, the meetings and efforts will not have been in vain.

Rev. S. G. Shetler, of Holsopple, a teacher in Benson borough, was with us over Sunday, returning to his school on Monday.

Mr. S. A. Fackler, Editor of the Micanopy (Fla.) Hustler, with his wife and children, suffered terribly from La Grippe. One Minute Cough Cure was the only remedy that helped them. It acted quickly. Thousands of others use this remedy as a specific for La Grippe, and its exhausting after effects. P. S. Hay, Elk Lick, Pa.

SCALP BLANKS for sale at THE STAR office.

THE HAUNTED INN.

Strange Experience of Two Frostburgers at Hay's Hotel.

Communicated.

Mr. John Hartig and Frank Crow, of Frostburg, paid Salisbury a visit, last Tuesday, to take a hunt with "no guns." They put up at genial Cal. Hay's hotel for the night and were assigned to a comfortable room on the second floor, overlooking beautiful Negro Mountain in the distance.

After having partaken of their supper, they strolled around town for awhile, puffing their Havanas and chatting with their friends.

After inquiring about game, such as bears, panthers, wild cats, etc., and getting the desired information from the Nimrods of town, they concluded to retire, after having had some delightful "night caps" at the Hay hotel and at the Valley house.

During the "witching time of night," "when church yards yawn," and after the mid-night crowing of the cock, John awoke, and beheld! he saw a ghost in his room. He reached for his pistol, but alas! it was gone. He felt for his dirk knife, but lo! it was missing. He tried to nudge Frank, but he was powerless. He spoke to his majesty the ghost as follows: "Whoever you are from the other world, give me a mid-night snoozer and I will pay your way back to the country you came from, as I am a peaceable man and am not looking for trouble." But the ghost, dressed in white robes, pointed to the door and said: "Come with me."

John was hypnotized; he could do nothing but follow his ghostship. Where the ghost took him he could not tell, but he got his "early morning's morning" and "delightful eye-opener," then fell asleep and dreamed the dreams of the gods and of the goddesses.

Next morning John asked Frank if he had seen the ghost. "You are d-d right I did, and I was paralyzed for fear it might swipe me with the dagger it carried, so I laid still as a mouse, as if I were asleep." They found upon examining their room that the ghost had left a tombstone behind, so instead of hunting panthers, etc., they were bound to hunt ghosts.

Hearing that their friend George S. Scully was coming from Pittsburg that evening, they concluded to drive to Meyersdale and meet him, knowing that he had a regular arsenal of arms and "ammunition." His ghostship could beware now.

Having secured the services of William C. Wagner for body guard, they drove to the metropolis of Somerset county and met George. After exchanging cordial and cheerful greetings, the party adjourned for an appetizer at the well known Slicer house, but alas! the appetizer was far from appetizing and cheering, so they journeyed on their way and received "good cheer" at the old Guthrie house.

Continuing their trip to Salisbury, John and Frank told George about seeing the ghost. George said he would lay low for him. John said he would sleep with George that night, as he knew there would be plenty of weapons about the room. It was so settled.

On arriving at Salisbury and after having a good supper, they all sat down to listen to the yarns of the office and bar room and the songs and tales of the travelers present. All chatted pleasantly and were about to adjourn for drinks, when John M. Smith, the counselor of Mr. Frank Frederick, of Uniontown, dropped in, and having been introduced to all present by George, they then proceeded to quaff their beverage. The ghost story was the chief topic hereafter, and the two genial Johns schemed all kinds of schemes how to destroy the frightful spectre. At last it was concluded to watch for his ghostship. Retiring to Hartig's room, the ghost watch began.

"Is the ghost tall, John?" asked George.

"You are durned right he is," John replied.

"Does he drink, John?" Mr. Smith inquired.

"You ought to see him down beer and whiskey! Why, he has the biggest capacity I ever saw."

Thus the conversation went along until it was time for the ghost to appear. The second night at mid-night sharp, there was a fearful rap at the door.

"Who's there?" John H. asked. No answer came. George opened the door and saw the ghost run up the stairs to the floor above. "There it goes, John! Shoot it!" But the ghost had disappeared and vanished from sight.

"Let's eat!" said Mr. Smith.

"What's the matter with a drink?" said George and John H.

Mine host, Cal. Hay, now joined the party, and declared that he would defend his guests from all ghosts on earth; so they all concluded to retire and dream of delightful "night caps" and "eye-openers."

When about to retire, John H. and Frank thought it about time bury George and John M., making use of the tombstone the ghost had left behind; but in the midst of the solemn ceremony an awful voice called out, saying:

"It is time for little boys to be in bed." Then all retired, feeling brave

that they had conquered the ghost's visits.

On Thursday morning, however, John Hartig declared he was visited by the ghost's companions—"mice with spectacles on."

After retiring for nose paint, the best of friends had to part.

Horrible agony is caused by Piles, Burns and Skin Diseases. These are immediately relieved and quickly cured by De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. Beware of worthless imitations. P. S. Hay, Elk Lick, Pa.

A Miner's Sad Christmas.

Louaoning Review.

Dr. Adam Hetz, employed as a miner in Koontz mine, was seriously injured by a fall of roof coal while working on the night shift, last Friday night. His back is broken and right leg broken, besides a number of very painful bruises. His injuries are of a very serious nature and it is not expected that he will recover.

Mr. Hetz is about forty years of age and has a wife and several children. He resides on Douglass avenue.

Savage.

Jan. 2.—Farmers are rejoicing over the snow that has fallen. They are now hauling coal.

The young people of Savage are attending the Mennonite conference, at Chestnut Spring.

The "rough rider" of Peck's school is doing fine, although he is a small man. It does not always take a large man or a large beast to perform a mighty work. The pony was a beast of burden, but got tired of his load and dumped it off, and great was the fall of man and beast.

"News boy" is a Republican. We thank "Tim" for his question, hoping to hear from him again.

Irvin Shumaker, of this place, met with a serious accident. He went to hunt raccoons, and getting over a hemlock log, ran a snag into his hand about one and a fourth inches long. His hand is very sore.

NEWS BOY.

Coughing injures and inflames sore lungs. One Minute Cough Cure loosens the cold, allays coughing and heals quickly. The best cough cure for children. P. S. Hay, Elk Lick, Pa.

Moody on Advertising.

During the World's Fair in Chicago Mr. Moody had bulletin boards made upon which large notices could be pasted. These were placed outside the churches. In one case a church officer objected to this as being undignified. Mr. Moody was amused. "Undignified!" he said. "Why, that's just like a lot of these fossils—killing their churches with dignity. I should like to know if it isn't a good deal more undignified to have a minister preach to an empty church fifty times a year? When you've something good to give a hungry world, let them know it and you will fill the church." —*Ladies' Home Journal.*

The smallest things may exert the greatest influence. De Witt's Little Early Risers are unequalled for overcoming constipation and liver troubles. Small pill, best pill, safe pill. P. S. Hay, Elk Lick, Pa.

Ironical Ifs.

If you sit in a draught the doctor may cash it for you.

If it wasn't for love, hate would be an unknown quantity.

If you have a skeleton in your closet, make no bones of it.

If a pneumatic tire gathers enough tacks it shows it's hardware.

If a man has no trials and tribulations, he is unable to appreciate happiness.

If a man could read his own biography it would surprise him more than any one else.

His Version.

Miss M.—Now, Hamilton, you read the lesson to me first, and then tell me with the book closed what you read.

Hamilton (reading) See the cow. Can the cow run? Can the cow run as swiftly as the horse? No; the horse can run more swiftly than the cow.

(Closing up the book to tell what he has read) Get onto the cow. Kin her gliblet run? Betcher life she can run. Kin de cow do up de horse a runnin'? Naw, de cow ain't in it wid de horse.

The Women Who Wait.

He went to the war in the morning— The roll of the drums could be heard, But he paused at the gate with his mother For a kiss and a comforting word. He was full of the dreams and ambitions That youth is so ready to weave, And proud of the clank of his saber And the chevrons of gold on his sleeve.

He came from the war in the evening— The meadows were sprinkled with snow, The drums and the bugles were silent, And the steps of the soldiers were slow. He was wrapped in the flag of his country When they laid him away in the mold, With the glittering stars of a Captain Replacing the chevrons of gold.

With the heroes who sleep on the hillside He lies with the flag at his head, But, blind with the years of her weeping, His mother yet mourns for her dead. The soldiers who fall in the battle May feel but a moment of pain, But the women who wait in the homesteads Must dwell with the ghost of the slain.

—Miss Irving, in Boston Pilot.

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

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

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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.

Everybody

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.
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TEN NIGHTS IN A BAR ROOM.

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This combination fills a family need. Two farm papers for the men—the "Gentlewoman" an ideal paper for the ladies—New York Weekly Tribune for all—Marion Harland's Cook Book with 200 pages and 1000 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, 68 Main St., WILMINGTON, VT.

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 Brothersvalley township, Somerset county, Pa., and any person purchasing the same or any part thereof will do so at his peril. J. G. GARDELL.

WANTED:—Traveling General Agents, NOT TO CANVASS, but to travel from town to town and employ agents for a RELIABLE FIRM, \$800.00 per year with all traveling and living expenses PAYABLE WEEKLY. Address, JOHN C. WINSTON & Co., 718 to 724 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa. U.

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I desire to give notice to the public that I have located in the borough of Salisbury, where I have opened a Real Estate Office for the purpose of selling properties of all kinds, houses, rented, farms, collected, sales negotiated, Deeds, Mortgages, Leases, Options and Articles of Agreement type-written on short notice. Charges reasonable and satisfaction guaranteed. All business entrusted to my care will receive prompt and careful attention. Hoping to receive a liberal share of your patronage, I am, respectfully yours, C. A. WILT, Office in residence on Grant Street, fourth house north of Bayk.

ACTIVE SOLICITORS WANTED EVERYWHERE FOR "THE STORY OF THE PHILIPPINES" by Murt 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 roar of battle at the fall of Manila. Bonanza for agents. Brimful of original pictures taken by Government photographers on the spot. Large book. Low price. By mail, freight paid. Credit given. Drop all trashy unofficial war books. Outfit free. Address, F. T. Barber, Sec'y, Star Insurance Bldg., Chicago.

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Order THE STAR sent to your friends abroad. It will be like a letter from the old home to them and they will appreciate your kindness.

CARTRIDGE PAPER!—The miners can get enough Cartridge Paper for a few cents, at THE STAR office, to last them for several months.

THE STAR and the Nickell Magazine, both one year for only \$1.50, cash with order. The Nickell Magazine is beautifully illustrated, and its contributors are among the best writers in the country. Address all orders to THE STAR, Elk Lick, Pa.

If you have anything to sell, advertise it in THE STAR. It will pay you.