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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

NEWSY ITEMS GATHERED HERE AND THERE, WITH AN OCCASIONAL JOKE ADDED FOR SPICE.

"The poor benighted Hindoo
He does the best he kin do;
He sticks to his caste from first to last,
And for pants he makes his skin do."
—Ex.

Dr. E. H. Perry went to Pittsburg, this week, on business.

As we go to press the editor's wife is confined to her bed with gripe.

George Haselbarth went to Washington, D. C., last week, to visit his sister, Mrs. Zobel.

Miss Lulu Baumgardner, of Gibbons Glade, Pa., is the guest of C. R. Haselbarth and family.

Mrs. Albert Reitz, who went to Iowa, some time ago, to visit her sick mother, returned home on Wednesday.

Scott Hartline, who is railroading and has his headquarters at Connellsville, was visiting Salisbury friends, this week.

Harvey Diehl, the genial stenographer and typewriter of the Merchants Coal Company, is spending a vacation at his home in Greencastle, Pa.

Charley Crossen was seen buying a lock for his hen coop, Tuesday, which is a sure sign that the sugar season has, or is about to open in his neighborhood.

The weather continues changeable and unhealthy. So far the maple sap has been doing no dropping, but the average nose has been doing quite well in that respect.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. James Rayman, Monday evening, Feb. 29th, 1904, at 7:30. All members come prepared to take part in the program.

The Somerset papers have it that Lester Boucher was elected school director in this borough at the last election. It's not correct, gentlemen, as Asa B. Newman and Dr. A. M. Lichty are the directors elected.

Mrs. S. C. Keim has been in very poor health for some time. In fact there has been a great deal of sickness in Salisbury during the past few weeks, principally gripe and complications arising therefrom.

About two hundred and fifty persons visited the Mifflin jail on visitors' day. It is the duty of the sheriff to search all visitors, and in doing so three gallons of whiskey, besides knives and revolvers, were found in the pockets of the visitors.

The many friends of N. G. Keim were sorely grieved to learn that his eldest son, a lad aged about 11 years, died at the home of the family, at Elkins, W. Va., last Friday. This is the third death in that family within a few years, and the bereaved have the sympathy of their many Salisbury friends.

John K. Courter, whose home is in Clinton county, says he has solved the secret of tempering copper. He has a sample plate which he has sharpened to an edge that will cut wood. He says that he also has a knife blade of copper with which he can shave. He also has a hatchet and several chisels.

The condition of Deputy George Saylor, of Somerset, who was shot in the breast in the Boswell riot, some weeks ago, and who has since been confined to the Keane Hotel, is improving slowly. His condition is such, however, that he cannot be moved to Somerset for some time, says the Somerset Democrat.

The scratch of a pin may cause the loss of a limb or even death when blood poisoning results from the injury. All danger of this may be avoided, however, by promptly applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It is an antiseptic and quick healing ointment for cuts, bruises and burns. For sale by E. H. Miller. 3-1

Leap year is having its effect in Salisbury. A young man called on a girl, the other evening, and she complimented him on his nice suit, and finished by saying, "It looks like a wedding suit." "Oh, no," he replied, "this is a business suit." "Well," came the answer, as though it had been rehearsed, "I mean business."

Frank Petry and wife moved into their handsome new Grant street residence, Monday last. Their residence is one of the handsomest and most convenient in this locality. It has all modern conveniences, and when Frank gets everything completed about as he wants things, his home will have cost him about \$4,000.

It may be interesting to some who have slipped in "just a few words" of writing in a package of paper or merchandise mailed at the lower rates to their friends, that the abuse has become so common that postmasters have been instructed to examine such packages and report, if writing be found, to the department officials. The next time the sender knows will be a visit from a deputy United States marshal with a warrant of arrest, with the result of having to pay a fine of \$25 and the cost of action.

Karl Linstrom, a farmer near Williamsfield, Mich., has doubt as to the economy of hiring cheap city boys to work on the farm. Karl engaged an inexperienced youth to help about the place, and one morning told the lad to "salt the calf down in the pasture." The boy took a quart of salt and rubbed it into the calf's hair. Some colts scented the salt, and before long had nearly licked off the creature's hide. Then the farmer tried to catch and wash the calf, but it apparently thought he wanted to lick, too, and there was a time before it was captured and put in a safe place.—Ex.

A fakir with a brand new graft has been exposed by an exchange. He strikes a town and locates the best attended church. On Sunday morning he attends church services, and as soon as the pastor pronounces the benediction he falls over in a fit. This enlists the sympathy of the church people. On the inside of his coat is pinned his name and the home of his relatives, with the injunction that if he should die in one of these fits the people should have his body shipped home. He finally recovers and pulls the leg of the congregation for enough of money to get back home on. He nearly always gets that much each Sunday. Then he pulls for another town to have a fit the next Sunday.

Though there are a number of different kinds of wood, ebony, ironwood, etc., of such close, hard fiber that even the fiercest fire has difficulty in "getting hold" of it, there is only one sort, so far as now known, that is practically fire-proof. This is a small, scraggy tree, a native of South America, called the shopala, with thick, tough, stringy bark full of a sort of fire-resisting sap. This curious shrub grows largely on the great, grassy savannas, which are swept by fire almost every year during the heat of the summer. There it thrives splendidly, for the annual scourge only kills off its bigger and harder competitors and leaves the ground free for the growth of this vegetable asbestos.—Ex.

Mr. Chas. H. Bill, of Racine, Wis., and his sister, Mrs. J. A. Fraser, of Chicago, stopped in Salisbury long enough to exchange greetings with the editor, Wednesday afternoon. These people were playmates of ours in the days of childhood, the happiest of all days, which in our case were spent principally in the dear old village of Grantsville. Mr. Bill and Mrs. Fraser were on the return to their western homes, after a short but sad visit to Grantsville, where they arrived last week, just in time to see their dear old mother smile upon them once more before closing her eyes upon earth's fitful scenes forever. We were very much pleased to see and greet our friends of long ago, but very sorry that their visit east was fraught with so much sadness. A notice of the death of Mrs. Bill appears elsewhere in this issue.

On Monday last David Lichty, agent for the Michael Hay heirs, sold to Frank A. Maust the well known Michael Hay residence on the corner of Grant and Ord streets, together with all the ground belonging thereto, for \$3,900 cash. The house is a fine old brick structure, and in years gone by was known far and wide as the Mont Eviu hotel. Mr. Maust will transfer the property to E. H. Miller, our enterprising druggist, who will thoroughly remodel the place and fit it up for a drug store that will eclipse anything of the kind in Somerset county. The floors will be lowered, so that one can walk on a level with the pavement, and on each corner there will be a plate glass front of large proportions. The finest of architecture will be employed in remodeling the place, and when all the improvements are completed, the old house will take its place among the finest business structures in the county.

A newspaper without enemies is scarcely deserving of friends. The vicious and lawless never like a bold, fearless newspaper, and every self-respecting publisher should be proud of

their enemy. There are newspaper foes, however, who are far more troublesome and more to be feared. First and foremost is the man who owes a newspaper an honest debt and will not pay it. Then there is the ambitious mortal who wants an office and complains because the newspaper cannot consistently champion his cause; he is very likely to become an enemy. The man who wants to shape the policy of a paper and is not allowed to do so, is a sure enemy. But the meanest enemy is the man whom the newspaper has befriended, and who deliberately condemns the sheet after securing from it all the assistance he possibly can. The newspaper can, to some extent, respect an open and avowed enemy, but an ingrate under any circumstances, is beneath contempt.

NEARLY FORFEITS HIS LIFE.

A runaway almost ended fatally, starting a horrible ulcer on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill. For four years it defied all doctors and all remedies. But Bucklen's Arnica Salve had no trouble to cure him. Equally good for Burns, Bruises, Skin Eruptions and Piles. 25c at Miller's Drug Store. 3-1

Prolific Porkers.

The farm of J. B. Keim, about half of a mile from Salisbury, is noted for prolific porkers. Last year, while Charley Snyder operated the farm, one of the swine on the place had 14 pigs in one litter, and another had 15. This year, however, Mr. Keim reports a litter of 18 pigs born to one sow. For prolific porkers the J. B. Keim farm easily takes the lead, and the old sow with the eighteen pigs deserves a silk dress, a gold watch and one of these nice hats covered with stuffed birds and dead minks that some of the women wear.

MYSTERIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE.

One was pale and sallow and the other fresh and rosy. Whence the difference? She who is blushing with health uses Dr. King's New Life Pills to maintain it. By gently arousing the lazy organs they compel good digestion and head off constipation. Try them. Only 25c, at Miller's Drug Store. 3-1

Death of Mrs. Charles Bill.

The subject of this sketch, one of the oldest and most respected women in Grantsville, Md., died at her home in that village, Friday, Feb. 19th, 1904, at the ripe age of 70 years, 11 months and 14 days. All who knew her recognized in her at all times a most devout Christian and a person of great moral worth. She was noted for her kindness of heart and the many other good qualities pertaining to true womanhood and motherhood, and she was greatly beloved and esteemed in the community where she lived continuously since 1856 and reared her family.

The deceased was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1827, but came to America when yet a young woman. She was married to Charles Bill, in Cumberland, Md., April 19th, 1853. To their union there were born seven sons and two daughters, of which four sons and two daughters are living, namely, John, of Keyser, W. Va., Frank, of Lonaconing, Md., Louise, of Grantsville, Md., Chas. H., of Racine, Wis., Henry G., of Wheeling, W. Va., and Mrs. J. A. Fraser, of Chicago, Ill. Mrs. Bill is also survived by her aged husband.

The funeral took place on Monday of this week, conducted by Rev. E. S. Johnston, D. D., pastor of the Ev. Lutheran church, of which the deceased was a faithful and zealous member.

THE BLANKS WE KEEP.

The following blanks can be obtained at all times at THE STAR office: Leases, Mortgages, Deeds, Judgment Bonds, Common Bonds, Judgment Notes, Receipt Books, Landlord's Notice to Tenants, Constable Sale Blanks, Summons, Execution for Debt, Notice of Claims for Collection, Commitments, Subpoenas, Criminal Warrants, etc. tf

Kiss of Somerset Girl Saves Her Lover from Grave.

Binghamton, N. Y., Feb. 18.—A farewell kiss given by his sweetheart, Miss Hattie Curran, aroused Thomas L. Carter, a Pittsburg glass worker, from a trance and saved him from burial alive. Carter had come to this section to obtain employment in the Binghamton glass works. He was engaged to be married to Miss Curran, and was visiting at her parents' home in Somerset, Pa., when he was stricken with typhoid fever. The fever ran its course, and it was thought he was recovering when he suddenly, while here, sank in a stupor, and when the physician arrived he pronounced him dead.

The relatives were notified, and arrangements made for the funeral. When the undertaker arrived, Miss Curran begged for one last look before he was turned over to the hands of that individual. It was noticeable that the pallor of death had not spread over his face, and as she stooped and kissed his lips, an eyelid fluttered. Immediately steps were taken to resuscitate him, and it is now thought he will recover. Had he passed into the hands of the undertaker, embalming fluid would have been injected with inevitable fatal results.

FROM THE RECORDS.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Ross O. Pyle.....Middlebrook
Edna V. Spangler.....Milford
David R. Spence.....Meyersdale
Sadie Swearman.....Meyersdale
Ross Kemp.....Fayette Co., Pa.
Bertha Burnworth.....Fayette Co., Pa.
Geo. Cunningham.....Westmoreland Co.
Ada B. Hines.....Berlin
George Meyers.....Allegheny Co., Pa.
Elsie S. Younklin.....Rockwood

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Elizabeth Johnson to Mary Skyles et al., Berlin, \$833.
Bridget Spicer to F. J. Foller, in New Baltimore, \$10.
H. S. Schell to Susan S. Nichel, in Somerset Bor., \$3333.
H. M. Alfathor to Elizabeth Beal, in Brothersvalley, \$55.
E. L. Beal to Calvin Beal, in Brothersvalley, \$55.
Almira McCreary to Abbie Kimmell, in Quemaboning, \$1000.
Sabina Flannigan to D. H. Horton, in Confluence, \$1800.
Jedi Show to same, in Confluence, \$125.
James Anspach to Mary A. Wilhelm, in Salisbury, \$950.
T. F. Livengood to H. G. Wilhelm, in Salisbury, \$70.
H. W. Lape to Samuel Knepper, in Brothersvalley, \$150.
H. W. Lape to C. W. Geary, in Brothersvalley, \$150.
J. F. Dively to same, in Brothersvalley, \$1500.
Hiram Romesburg to J. W. Burkholder, in Lower Turkeyfoot, \$275.
Boswell Imp. Co. to Justus Volk, in Jenner, \$750.
N. F. Berkey to H. F. Coleman, in Somerset Bor., \$3500.
W. W. Blair to Jonathan Shawley, in Jefferson, \$550.

TENDENCY OF THE TIMES.

The tendency of medical science is toward preventive measures. The best thought of the world is being given to the subject. It is easier and better to prevent than to cure. It has been fully demonstrated that pneumonia, one of the most dangerous diseases that medical men have to contend with, can be prevented by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Pneumonia always results from a cold or from an attack of influenza (grip), and it has been observed that this remedy counteracts any tendency of these diseases toward pneumonia. This has been fully proven in many thousands of cases in which this remedy has been used during the great prevalence of colds and grip in recent years, and can be relied upon with implicit confidence. Pneumonia often results from a slight cold when no danger is apprehended until it is suddenly discovered that there is fever and difficulty in breathing and pain in the chest, then it is announced that the patient has pneumonia. Be on the safe side and take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the cold is contracted. It always cures. For sale by E. H. Miller. 3-1

Action.

Some men go through life so afraid that they will do something wrong that they do nothing at all. They get advice from all sources, and finding considerable variation therein, if they get up nerve enough to do anything, they follow the advice that recommends least action, and, as a rule, produce least result.

Look the situation over carefully, think about it; then act on your own judgment. If you cannot succeed on that, no amount of advice will be much good, and you'll be a failure, anyway, until you accumulate sense enough to succeed.

Sense is pretty generally picked up as a result of action. Keep hustling, and pretty soon you'll catch yourself thinking. Then you'll be a success, for it's hustle and thought that wins.

AN EARLY RISER.

A strong, healthy, active constitution depends largely on the condition of the liver. The famous little pills known as DeWitt's Little Early Risers not only cleanse the system, but they strengthen the action of the liver and rebuild the tissues supporting that organ. Little Early Risers are easy to act, they never gripe and yet they are absolutely certain to produce results that are satisfactory in all cases. Sold by E. H. Miller. 3-1

Artillery in Virginia.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 22.—Sounds as though a bombardment on a small scale was in progress drew W. P. Turnstall, a well-known farmer of New Kent county, to his henhouse, yesterday. On the floor he found several fowls mutilated and dying, and as he was speculating on the cause, he heard a similar explosion, and a hen fell dying from her nest.

Investigating, Mr. Turnstall ascertained that the severe cold weather had frozen the eggs, and when they began to thaw from the warmth of the hens, they exploded. The fowls were dressed for the table, and in the process pieces of egg shell were found through their bodies, where they had been driven by the force of the explosion.

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THE SMALLPOX SCARE!

Yes, but that is "done gone" now, but my stock of Holiday and Winter Goods is not all gone yet. Now, lookout, for these prices will make them go, you bet:

- Men's 25-cent Fleece-lined Undershirts, while they last, at 19 cents.
- Men's 50-cent Fleece-lined Overshirts, while they last, at 39c.
- Men's 50-cent Winter Caps (good values) now 39c.
- Men's 25-cent all wool Socks, now 19c.
- Men's \$1.69 and \$1.48 Wool Sweaters, good quality, now 1.53 and 1.34.
- Boys' 89c. Wool Sweaters, good quality, now 79c.
- Boys' 25c. Cotton Sweaters, little beauties, now 19c.
- Men's colored Cotton Work Shirts, former price 25, 35 and 45c., now 19, 29 and 39c.
- Boys' colored Cotton Every-day Shirts, price 25c., now 19c.
- Children's fancy Headwear, reduced 10 per cent.
- Ladies', Misses' and Children's Knit Goods, reduced 10 per cent.
- Iron and Wood Toys reduced 10 per cent.
- All other lines kept up to the standard and lowest cash prices. My lines of Glass and Queensware are complete, and prices defy competition.

I have a lot of Men's best quality Duck Coats reduced 20 per cent. Also a lot of Canvas and leather Leggings at a bargain. I am not going to carry goods over from one season to another. They must get out to make room for reasonable goods. This is why I am

CUTTING THE LIFE OUT OF PRICES.

It will pay you to buy now, even if you don't need the goods until next winter.

My immense 40-foot china and dish counter will, after Jan. 1st, 1904, be run as a bargain counter, and you will always find it loaded with bargains in useful and ornamental goods from one cent to one dollar in price, but double that in value.

Thanking my many friends and patrons for their liberal patronage in the year just past, I solicit a continuance of the same for the new year, wishing one and all a happy and prosperous year.

I am your friend,

THE CASH VARIETY STORE, C. A. WILT, Proprietor, WILT BUILDING, SALISBURY, ELK LICK, PA.