The Middleburgh Post.

Published every Thursday.

COURT DATES.—The Courts of Snyder County are held on the fourth Mondays of January, May, and September, and second Monday of December.

To our friends throughout the county will they please by sending us the news in their respective towns, villages and neighborhoods. Send in the plain facts, and we will dress them up, if need be. Our columns will always be open to those who wish to speak through them on general or local questions of public interest; but we will not hold ourself responsible for the opinions they may express.

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SALE BILLS

The POST makes Sale Bill printing a specialty, and having just received a lot of new type, we are now better than ever prepared to turn out fine work on short notice.

ONE THING REMEMBER—We will do work as low as any paper in the county—AND LOWER if there is any cutting done below established prices. We also give our patrons the benefit of our large circulation by publishing a notice of their sale free of charge when the bills are printed at this office.

SALE REGISTER.

Thursday, Jan 29th, Jacob D Shaffer, adm'r of the estate Wilson Sheffer dec'd, will sell farm stock and household goods, about one mile north of Orientat.

Tuesday, Feb 10th, Ner W Smith will sell farm stock and household goods 2 miles east of Beavertown.

Friday, Feb 20th, R B Weaver will sell farm stock and household goods 1 mile north of Orientat.

Saturday, Feb 7th, Nathaniel Bowersox and Cornelious Bowersox, administrators of the estate of Fred Bowersox dec'd, will sell a house and lot in Beavertown and a farm in Centre township

Thursday, February 12, 1885, Ephraim Romig, Adm'r. of the estate of Samuel Romig, dec'd, will sell Real Estate west of Adamsburg.

Saturday, January 31, Mary E. Wunderly, will sell personal in Middleburgh.

Saturday, Feb. 21, Wilson Arboges, will sell farm stock and household goods in Perry township.

"Here's a chiel' amang ye takin' notes, an' faith he'll print 'em."

Daniel Stahlnecker, wife and son of near Watsontown, are visiting Middleburgh friends.

W. J. Moyer of near Troxelville, reports the killing of 13 coon this year. Last year he killed 25.

Theodore Eckley is reported down with typhoid fever. Dr. Kenawel, attending physician.

Happiness in a household. A bottle of Shedd's Excelsior Cough Syrup. For sale at Barber's Drug store.

Albert Pauling of near Selinsgrove is clerking in G. Afred Schoch's store during the proprietor's absence at Harrisburg.

On Friday morning of last week, Carb. Seebold of this place, fell down a flight of stairs seriously spraining his left wrist.

Little Snyder is truly a happy county. Only eight cases on the docket for trial at the February Court, and a balance of $9,193.06 to its credit in the county treasury.

A SPECIFIC.—C. H. Tew, N. Y., says: I use Joseph Oil for Neuralgia and it is the only remedy that gives me relief. For sale at Barber's Drug store.

Billiousness, Headache and Dyspepsia cured by the use of Shedd's Little Mandrake Pills, small and easy to take. For sale at Barber's Drug store.

Clipped from *Canada Presbyterian* under signature of C. Blackett Robinson, Propr.: I was cured of oft recurring bilious headaches by Burdock Blood Bitters.

CURE FOR CROUP.—Use Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil according to directions. It is the best remedy for all sudden attacks of colds, pain and inflammation, and injuries.

T. A. Walter, of Akron, Ohio, happily surprised his many Middleburgh friends by his unexpected appearance on our streets on Saturday. He is spending a brief vacation.

We are happy to announce that Jimme Hackenburg, who was accidently shot by Henry Stahlnecker, several weeks ago is improving and Dr. Barber, the attending physician, has fair hopes of his recovery.

On Friday of last week our county treasurer, C. A. Bolender, while assisting in the killing of a beeve, cut a frightful gash in his left hand with a butcher-knife, completely severing the leader of the middle finger.

We will be pleased to announce the organization of district institutes in this county, but have not the space to print weekly reports of the same. Neither do we desire the names of pupils who attended school a month without a miss—as the matter is not of general interest. Our system of news-gathering in this county is so complete that we are compelled to cut down our regular correspondents to "rock bottom" in order to find space for all.

L. M. Moatz is happy over the arrival of a young son.

A LECTURE.—The Ladies Aid Society of Adamsburg have secured the service of Rev. A. C. Whitmer, to give a lecture on the subject, "Naming the Baby," for the benefit of the new Reformed church to be buijt next summer. A good treat is expected. Come and hear.

The store-house, store and barn of Emanuel Stroub, residing in Knousetown, Juniata county, was burned on Saturday last. Nothing was saved in the store, barn, or house, but the papers belonging to the Post-office. Loss about $3000. No insurance.

Superintendent Dill is about to commence the publication of a series of articles on education in the POST. Coming from so gifted a writer and experienced an instructor, we have every reason to believe them valuable acquisitions to our columns—when they come.

A protracted meeting in progress at the U. B. Church, Middleburgh, is just now the social topic in our burg. The prospects are that quite a number of new members will be added to the Church before the revival closes, but thus far it has been mostly reputation.

We cordially recommend to the attention of readers that sterling Republican journal, *The Philadelphia Weekly Press*, with its many different departments filled with fresh news, interesting stories, crisp paragraphs, and choice agricultural information. We have made a favorable clubbing contract with the publishers, and shall with pleasure forward to subscribers *The Philadelphia Weekly Press* and POST for $2.40 a year. On the strength of this arrangement we have ordered a copy of *The Weekly Press* forwarded to each of our subscribers for inspection.

The remains of David Oberlin were taken through Middleburgh on Saturday on their way for burial at New Berlin. Mr. Oberlin will be remembered as the Franklin blacksmith, who sold out last spring and moved west. He met with a violent death, the circumstances of which we have not fully learned, but give what we have. While out coon-hunting with several other parties they treed a coon, and, not being able to shoot him from the ground he tied a gun on his back and a lantern to a string around his neck, when he proceeded to climb an adjacent tree. When he had ascended a distance of fifty-five feet the limb on which he was sitting broke and he fell to the ground, killing him instantly. His wife, two children and a sister accompanied his remains to their last resting place in New Berlin.

ROLL OF HONOR.—The following persons have paid their subscription to the POST to the dates opposite their names. Should any mistakes occur in these credits or on your paper please notify us:

Squire Wagner	Dec 1 85
James Beaver	Apr 1 85
J. C. Hassinger	Dec 1 85
Charles Boyer	Dec 1 85
S. Pambach	Dec 1 84
T. R. Landis	Feb 1 85
Isaac Dreese	Dec 1 84
Isaac Lepley	Mar 17 85
W. S. Miller	Jan 1 86
John Lipe	Dec 1 85
Samuel Hassinger	Dec 1 85
Reuben Algier	Dec 1 85
A. B. Specht	Aug 1 85
Moses Specht	Oct 1 84
Horace Alleman	Jan 1 85
M. L. Schoch	Dec 1 84
M. L. Walter	Dec 1 84
George Stetler	Dec 1 85
Fred Specht	May 1 85
Ner W. Smith	Oct 1 85
T. J. Smith	Jan 1 85
E. H. Shrader	Dec 1 85
James Shuman	Dec 1 84
F. H. Shrader	Jan 1 86
A. S. Schambach	Dec 1 84
W. J. Moyer	Dec 1 85

DIED.—In Mifflinburg, on Thursday Jan. 15, 1885, John Philip Cronmiller, Esq., aged 68 years, 1 month and 26 days.

Mr. Cronmiller, attended the Lewisburg University several years, studied law with Abrolem Swineford at New Berlin. In 1856 he came to Middleburgo, completing his law studies in the office of Charles Merrill, Esq., with whom he entered into partnership immediately after his being admitted to the bar. As a lawyer he was very successful, and amassed a very respectable fortune. In 1869, although a democrat, he was elected to represent our county in the Constitutional Convention. In the fall of 1873 he was married to Miss M. Louisa Snindel, daughter of Rev. J. P. Steindel, of this place. Five years ago he moved with his wife to Mifflinburg. Of nearest relatives who survive him we may mention his esteemed widow, and of brothers and sisters as follows: Mrs. Eliza Buoy, Mrs. Sarah Bogenrief, Mrs. Susan R. Boob, Mr. Sam'l Cronmiller, all of Mifflinburg, and Mr. Henry Cronmiller of Williamsport. The funeral took place on Tuesday of this week at 10 o'clock A. M., services being held in the Ref'd church in Mifflinburg, conducted by his pastor, Rev. A. C. Whitmer. The attendence was very large, among the number being many lawyers and old associates from a distance.

Our representative in the State Legislature, Hon. G. Alfred Schoch, spent Sunday at home with his family.

There is nothing like Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil to quickly cure a cold or relieve hoarseness. Written by Mrs. M. J. Fellows, Burr Oak, St. Joseph Co., Mich.

All those who have used Baxter's Mandrake Bitters speak very strongly in their praise. Twenty five cents per bottle. For sale at Barber's Drug store. Jan.

McCLAIN TO HANG!

CURTIN McCLAIN FOUND GUILTY IN THE MIFFLIN COUNTY COURTS OF STABBING TO DEATH WILLIAM SMEARMAN.

The trial of Curtain McClain, for the murder of William Smearman at the Newton Hamilton Campmeeting, began at Lewistown on Tuesday morning of last week and lasted during the entire week, resulting in the finding of McClain guilty of murder in the first degree—the penalty of which is hanging.

The evidence of the many witnesses for the prosecution goes to prove it to have been a most cold-blooded murder—premeditated and most vicious. Curtin McClain is twenty years old, heavy set, full clean face, with coarse features, low forehead and dark straight hair; his appearance indicating little intelligence. He is evidently among those young men who think to make themselves famous by getting drunk, manifesting a vicious disposition and prove their prowess by carrying, flourishing and using deadly weapons. These characters, of course, are exceptions but they nevertheless exist, and they should be dealt with as you would with the lion, the tiger and other beasts of prey.

The killing was done on the night of the 21st of August, 1884. Mr. Smearman the murdered man was a bachelor, aged. He was 24 years old and is the father of three children—one born since his death. A short time before he was killed he was seen buying Japanese parasols for his two little girls. He was sober and orderly. His assassin was the very opposite. The afternoon previous to the night of the murder, McClain entered the store of D. H. Reed, at Orbisonia, and purchased a knife. He said he wanted a butcher-knife. He was handed one, but said it was rough on the edge. He was handed another one—a stabbing knife—which he thought suited him and he purchased it for 25 cents. He left for the camp ground on the first train which started shortly after. He had been on the ground but a short time and he was trying to raise a row, and carrying his butcher-knife in his right hand with the blade up his coat sleeve, he indulged in stabbing everybody who crossed his path—calling them the vilest names. Next he saw a young man by the name of Byler crying over the loss of a dollar in the "sheep pen" (a division of the camp-ground). McClain at once slapped him in the face. An elder brother of Byler interfered and had him removed, whereupon McClain hollered, "run, you s—— of a b——." Two men ran from the "pen" and were followed by McClain and two others. They were seen chasing some one over the ground for some time when finally the noise ceased and McClain started for the depot, coolly remarking that he "fixed the s—— of a b——."

The next was the finding of Smearman by Henry Rupert of Huntingdon, whose testimony was as follows:

"Went to camp-meeting on the night in question with a young lady; after being there some time went in the woods and sat down; then heard a man groan about three times; saw two men and went over to them at edge of grove; they said, "This man must be dying"; I looked down and said it must be Wm. Smearman; lit a match and saw it was; spoke to him, but he didn't speak; called to a man passing to bring torch from the fence which he did, put my hands under Smearman to raise him up and got them all bloody; a short, heavy set man, with red face and pimples over his face, came up and said, "Kick the s—of a b— face in;" I said, "Not while I'm here;" he went away; James Johnson came up and pushed me away and asked what was wrong, and I told him Smearman was dying; Johnson took off his coat and put it under Smearman's head; this; this was between 9 and 10 o'clock; it was near the edge of the woods; I searched Smearman and found only his watch and 10 cents.

This looks as though the beast after having stabbed his victim to death, returned to "kick his face in."

The wound was necessarily fatal as the testimony of Dr. Jackson will show, who said:

"Reside in Huntingdon. A practicing physician for 18 years. Assisted in post mortem examination of Wm. Smearman. Was called about 9:30 one night; he died to go down from camp ground and see man who had been stabbed; went to where body was, edge of woods; body was taken to house, where Dr. Morson and I made a careful post mortem; two inches long, ¾ inch to left of base bone; wound entered between 9th and 10th ribs, passed upward through pleural cavity, through diaphragm, and entered left anterior lobe of liver, where cut was ¾ inch long; the wound was seven inches in depth; wound was necessarily fatal; would cause death in a short time; [showing knife] wound could have been made with knife like this; could not have been made with anything but sharp instrument; from nature of wound person inflicting must have been behind Smearman; wound passed upward; McClain not as tall as Smearman.

Cross-ex.: Person inflicting wound might possibly have been in front of Smearman and reached around and made the wound.

F. A. Means, of near Lewistown, testified that as commissioner last August, on Wednesday or Thursday of court week, he went to jail to have a prisoner released; while waiting for pen and ink that had to be sent for he went to McClain's cell; had no thoughts of holding out inducements and didn't expect any statement; after a couple of commonplace remarks witness asked prisoner how it came that he killed that fellow, anyhow. "Well, said he," "I was drunk;" witness waited a little while and asked him, "were you so drunk that you didn't know what you were doing?" He said, "Oh, no, I knew what I was doing." Those were his very words.

Notwithstanding this convincing evidence as to the guilt of the prisoner, the jury hung thirty-three hours on the question of first and second degree—nine for first and three for second—but on Saturday night at 11 o'clock brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree. Judge Bucher deferred sentence until some future time which he did not specify.

The counsel for the commonwealth, in addition to the district attorney, were Hon. R. M. Speer, of Huntingdon, and John A. McKee, Esq. The prisoner was defended by Hon. A. Reed and H. J. Culbertson, Esq.

We are indebted to the Lewistown *Democrat & Sentinel* from whose columns we quoted largely for the above report.

SELINSGROVE ITEMS.

D. Bolender, Dr. G. E. Hassinger, C. Stetler, J. Crouse, J. H. Arnold, Frank Reitz, W. F. Walter and Miss Mary E. Gift of Middleburgh were in town last week.

The Convention which closed on Saturday night was a decided success as far as the music was concerned, but learn that financially it was not, which no doubt was caused by the bad weather. 'Squire Potter deserves a great deal of credit for the manner in which he drilled his class. The general opinion is that the singing was better than at any previous convention.

Mrs. H. J. Duck and daughter are on a visit to Mrs. Duck's parents at Paxtonville.

Jas. Starks who resided in this place several years ago, was killed on the 11th inst., near Chicago.

Henry Huber an aged citizen of this place died on Wednesday last. Mr. Huber was for a long time collector of taxes and served in that capacity faithfully until age compelled him to resign.

Supervisor Myers of the S. & L. R. R. came down on Sunday in a special.

Considerable inquiry is being made as to whether Middleburgh will have a Musical Convention this year or not? Who can tell? [No.—ED.]

The band received their new instruments on Monday last. It will not be long until we have a good band again.

Selinsgrove was well represented at the opening of the Freeburg Convention on Monday night. B.

CENTREVILLE GOSSIP.

Belmont Bowersox of Vicksburg, was here on a visit to his parents last week.

Communication from the upper end of Lewistown is too personal for publication. The author also failed to sign his or her name.

F. B. Boilig, registered in Harrisburg, a day or two last week.

The happiest man in town is F. B. Smith. Flavel says its a girl. Next.

The gossips have reported that Dan the hostler had occasion to visit Mt. Chapel on Saturday evening. What was the attraction, Dan?

Henry Frock and wife of Limestone were the much enjoyed guests of Geo. Stine on Sunday.

"Billy Whip Cracker" was in town one day last week, selling hickory brooms. Billy wears a plug hat which becomes him and his trade.

Commissioner Moon was in Middleburgh on Monday on official business.

Why did that young gent stare so at a certain young lady as she left the church on Sunday evening? Did you want to escort her home.

We noticed Constable James Bingamanon our streets again. He was confined to his room several weeks with a bad cold.

REP.

BEAVERTOWN JOTTINGS.—Contrary to all expectations, elias Specht is recovering from his recent sickness. He suffered very much for a while and no hopes for his recovery were entertained.

Will Bickel, who for the last two years has been learning a trade at Mifflinburg, spent a short vacation with his parents recently.

A. J. Crosgrove of Middleburgh is painting the inside of John Hetrick's new house.

Ner. B. Smith is making preparations to move to Kansas, some time in March.

The elders of the different congregations composing Rev. D. M. Steckel's charge met in the Union church on Tuesday and framed a constitution for the charge.

Mrs. Frank Specht has been seriously afflicted with sickness for a month past.

William Youngman, William Keller and Samuel Weix are about to start a match factory to be known as the "Keystone Match Factory,

The Literary Society at its last meeting discussed the question, "Resolved, That Lincoln deserves more honor than Washington."

Be it known to the citizens of the United States and the world in general that on Saturday evening, Jan. 31, the Beavertown Brass Band will make its *debut* on the street. Hah!

A. M. Carpenter has bought and shipped about $200 worth of poultry this fall and winter. He can dress (rough) a chicken in 30 seconds. This is lightning speed.

Ephraim Bowel fell from a car while loading lumber and badly hurt his arm. CITIZEN.

The name of N. H. Downs' still still lives, although he has been dead many years. His Elixir for the cure of coughs and colds has already outlived him a quarter of a century, and is still growing in favor with the public. For sale at Barber's Drug store, Middleburgh. Jan.

The 12th Annual Convention will begin the Musical College at Freeburg on Monday evening Jan. 26, to continue in session till Friday night. Prof. H. A. Kline's Band and Orchestra of Wilkesbarre, J. Hughes, Cornetist of Luzerne, William Moyer the experienced Musician, besides many eminent Pianists, Organists and Singers, from principal towns and counties will be present. Address of Welcome by Rev. T. J. Hacker of Shamokin on Tuesday evening, Jan. 27th. A general invitation to all is extended. For particulars address

F. C. MOYER,
Musical Director.

The most violent cases of coughing are stopped by using Shedd's Excelsior Cough Syrup. For sale at Barber's Drug store.

In case of hard cold nothing will relieve the breathing so quickly as to rub Arnica & Oil Liniment on the chest. For sale at Barber's Drug store. Jan.

All kinds of Seeds, Plants or Flowers can be furnished you by dropping a postal card to Hunt Seedsman, Lewistown, Pa. Catalogue free. 9-25-tf

STOVES! STOVES!!—H. I. Romig, at Beaver Springs, has for sale all kinds of stoves and stove repairs. Give him a call.

It will pay every body to examine the immense Stock Furniture for sale by the Popular Furniture man W. H. FELIX Lewistown Pa

NOTICE.—All persons indebted to the firm of Stetler & Brother are hereby notified to make immediate payment to the undersigned for whose benefit the books of the firm have been assigned. AARON STETLER, CALVIN STETLER.

BOOTS FOR SALE!—The undersigned has on hand a supply of Elastic, Watsontown, and Philadelphia brands of Boots, which I will sell at cost, as I purchased them of Mrs. Marx, and do not desire to continue in the business. All who desire to make bargains in boots should call at once on

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Address
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A LADY'S PERFECT COMPANION.—*Fainless Childbirth*, a new book by Dr. John H. Dye, one of New York's most skillful physicians shows that pain is not necessary in Childbirth but results from causes easily understood and overcome. It clearly proves that any woman may become a mother without suffering pain. It also tells how to overcome and prevent morning sickness, swelled limbs, and all other evils attending pregnancy. It is valuable and highly endorsed by physicians everywhere as the wife's true private companion. Cut this out it will save you great pain, and possibly your life. Send two cent stamp for descriptive circulars, testimonials and confidential letter sent in sealed envelope. Address FRANK THOMAS & CO., Publishers, Baltimore, Maryland. 1-22-3m.

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Extensive advertising has sometimes been a drawback to merit. The manufacturers of Hop Bitters have never resorted to the usual quackery of the day, but have relied upon the intrinsic value of their medicine, and the testimony of those who have used it. Hop Bitters cure Ague, Bilious, Kidney and Nervous Diseases, Dyspepsia, Sleeplessness, Rheumatism, Drunkenness, Neuralgia, Female Complaints, Nervous Prostration, Debility, Wakefulness, Mental Depression, Loss of Memory, Impotence, Premature Decay, Nervous Irritability, Pimples, Blotches, Tremors, Paralysis, Spasms, Convulsions, Epilepsy, Fits, Dizziness, Sick Headache, Chronic Constipation, Costiveness, Chronic Diarrhœa, Dropsy, Gravel, Urinary Diseases, Fever and Ague, Malaria, Chills and Fever, Liver Complaint, Blood Impurities, Boils, Blotches, Tetter, Tumors, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Scrofula, Erysipelas, Sore Eyes, Ear Ache, Pain in the Side, Back, Kidneys, Liver, Lungs, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Female Complaints, Chills and Fever, Ague, Fever, Fever and Ague, Malaria, Mumps, Nervous Headache, Nervous Prostration, Nervous Irritability, Nervous Debility, Nervous Weakness, Mental Depression, Loss of Memory, Impotence, Premature Decay, Wakefulness, Dyspepsia, Sleeplessness, Drunkenness, Intoxication, Hysteria, Jaundice, Kidney Complaint, Urinary Diseases, Dropsy, Gravel, Stone in the Bladder, Brain Disease, Female Weakness, Sick Headache, Costiveness, Chronic Constipation, Chronic Diarrhœa, Piles