

The Middleburgh Post.

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SEVEN COUNTY COURTS.—The Courts of seven counties are held on the fourth Monday of every month, and September, and second day of December.

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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

PENNA. R. R. DIVISION. Time Table, in effect April 6, 1885.

Trains Leave Lewistown Junction: 12:34 a. m., 3:06 a. m., 1:07 p. m., 4:28 p. m., 7:18 p. m., 10:08 p. m.

SUNBURY & LEWISTOWN.

Table with columns for stations and times. Includes Sunbury, Lewisburg, and other intermediate stops.

Lehigh Valley Accommodation.

(Connecting with Lehigh N. C. Ry.) Leave Sunbury. Arrive at Allentown.

Philadelphia & Erie R. R. Division.

NORTHERN CENTRAL RAILWAY. Trains Leave Sunbury: 1:30 a. m., 7:30 a. m., 1:30 p. m., 7:30 p. m.

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SALE REGISTER.

Bills have been printed at this office or property advertised in the Post for the following sales:

Thursday, February 18th, 1885, Sarah A. Dunkelberger and Daniel Maurer Administrators of the estate of Daniel Dunkelberger, late of Middlebrook twp., dec'd will sell personal property.

Thursday, Feb. 18, Isaac I. Manbeck, Assignee of Samuel E. Aurand will sell real estate and personal property in Spring twp.

Wednesday, Feb. 5, Sheriff Middleburgh will sell personal property of Peter Reigle in Spring twp.

Saturday, Feb. 6, Sheriff Middleburgh will sell real estate at the Court-house in Middleburgh.

Wednesday, Feb. 17, Sheriff Middleburgh will sell real estate at the Court-house in Middleburgh.

"There's a child among ye like a' hells, an' faith he's mair' an'."

C. R. Smith returned to Havana, N. Y., on Monday.

Sale bills ordered by mail will receive prompt attention.

The mercury fell to 63 degrees below zero at St. Vincent, Minn., on the 23d.

H. H. Leitzel has moved his Jewelry store into S. S. Schoch's office, one door east from where it was.

D. T. Rhoads was confined to his house by sickness last week, but we are glad to say that he is out again.

Mrs. Annie Lance accompanied by her little son Willie, are the guests of Rev. Orwig and family.

C. Stetler has moved his Insurance office into the Court House, in the room back of the Sheriff's office.

G. B. M. Arnold who for the past few weeks has been employed at Lewistown Junction, returned home on Wednesday.

If your potatoes are frozen soak them when you desire to use in a pan of cold water several hours before boiling.

They say scalds and burns cant be avoided in cooking. They are mistaken. Examine an "Oderless" Kettle and see for yourself.

Northumberland county for crime; Union county for blow; Mifflin county for conceit, and Snyder county for—no easy gentlemen.

George Campbell, Hopkinsville, Ky., says: "Burdock Blood Bitters is the best preparation for the Blood and Stomach ever manufactured."

From items of interest in various papers we glean the following: In the United States there are 97,770 churches, 164,293 school houses and 178,027 drinking saloons.

MY FRANK, do you suffer with malaria? Almost any impure condition of the atmosphere will induce it. Try BURDOCK'S BLOOD BITTERS as a cure.

Rev. Diven, financial agent for the Missionary Institute at Selingsgrove, filled the Lutheran pulpit in this place on Sunday evening. He is considered one of the ablest ministers in this Synod and is, withal, one of the jolliest old gentlemen we have ever met.

M. Z. Steininger, Middleburgh's standard harness maker is doing a rushing business just now. Past experience has taught our farmers that though good stock in well-made harness costs more in the beginning, it is the cheaper in the end, hence his boom at this time.

The prospectus of the Philadelphia Record appears in another column. Though we differ with it politically we believe it is conscientious in its views, free, fearless and independent—meriting the respect and support of every liberal minded man and woman.

Seebold & Runkle have purchased the house and lot opposite their present store of Luther A. Mertz, and will erect a store-room on the east corner—intending to have it ready for occupancy by April 1, 1886, when the lease of the building they now occupy expires.

Wm. Hertzler of Port Royal, favored us with a pleasant call on Monday, accompanied by Hon. G. A. Schoch. Mr. Hertzler is one of Juniata's rising young Republicans, and has been Chairman of the Juniata Republican convention for several campaigns—during which he deported himself with remarkable tact and ability.

Major Dill is still confined to his room with sickness, but it is hoped the worst is past. We visited him one evening last week, and though he is very weak—scarcely able to raise head from the pillow, he was very talkative and assured us that his ailment was by no means of an alarming nature. We hope this diagnosis of himself is correct, and that he will soon be restored to his usual good health.

We had the pleasure of attending the musical convention at Freeburg, on Thursday and Friday evenings of last week. The concerts were fully up to the standard which have given Uncle Freddy Moyer and his son Prof. William Moyer a world-wide reputation as musicians and musical directors. The convention was unusually well attended and the spacious hall was crowded to overflowing on every concert evening. It was a decided success intellectually, socially and, we hope, financially.

One of the best companies we have ever been permitted to do work for is the Hunter Sifter Co., of Cincinnati, Ohio. We have received a lot of their Odorous Hollow-ware, and though we were skeptical of the existence of such articles we are now fully convinced that it is "straight goods." It will pay our hardware men to correspond with this company and introduce the goods as it is bound to become a culinary addition to every well regulated household. We make this mention without solicitation or pay from the company.

CARD OF THANKS.—We desire to return our sincere thanks to the many friends in Havana, N. Y. and Middleburgh, for the kindness shown us during our recent bereavement in the death of J. Frank Bilger. On such occasions the value and virtue of true friendship comes to the rescue and lightens the burdens to the extent that only those who have experienced it can tell.

"Blessed is the single heart, That comes to us in pain." MRS. BARBARA BILGER, MRS. LAURETTA SMITH, Middleburgh, Jan. 27, '85.

The members of Stetler's Cornet band, their wives and sweethearts gave M. K. Hassinger, (one of their most faithful members) a birthday surprise party on Tuesday evening. They had prepared tables for a lunch and at about eight o'clock the two sled loads made a descent on the house and found him in the cellar kitchen playing dominoes with the boys, and his good wife patiently looking on. To describe all the fun we had would take up a whole page of the Post, but we venture to say few birthday parties ever passed off more pleasantly and satisfactorily than this one to all concerned.

The time is approaching when the citizens will be called to attend primary meetings to select candidates for borough offices. A contemporary opportunely remarks that people who are interested in the welfare of their town should carefully look over the field for proper candidates, resolve to go to the primary meeting and select only such men for council, school directors, and other public places as they would be willing to trust to manage their own public business. The man whom you would not trust to manage your own business is not a fit man for you to vote for to manage the business of the whole town. Remember this fact when you attend the primary meetings.

MILL DAMS.—As we have been requested by a number of readers of the Post to hunt up and publish the law regarding fish-ways in dams, in Middlebrook and other tributaries of the Susquehanna, we publish on our second page an act of March 22, 1803, which has never been repealed. It will be seen by this that it is an easy matter to compel owners of mills on Middlebrook to provide their dams with fish-ways, as the creek was declared a public highway by an act some time in seventeen hundred. The mill dam now under consideration is the notorious Hoover's Dam, which is declared open to all fish.

A musical convention will be held at Selingsgrove, commencing Monday, February 15, 1885, with A. W. Potter, director.

The Commissioners of Snyder county on Monday let the building of the new jail to the following contractors: Stone, brick and mason work to A. McCarty, Lewistown, Pa., for \$11,970 00 Iron work to the Champion Iron Works, Keeton, O., for \$2,400 00 Plumbing and Heating to J. B. Reed, Sunbury, Pa., for \$3,538 50 Carpenter work, &c., Aaron Stetler, Middleburgh, Pa., for \$2,798 00 Roof and Tin work to D. T. Rhoads, Middleburgh, for \$1,084 75 Total, \$21,789 75

Scientific men who have given the habits of the hawk and owl careful study say that the destruction of these birds will be a decided injury to agriculture, as both destroy immense quantities of mice and insects. It is probable the farmers will petition the next Legislature to take the premium off the heads of the hawks and owls.—Freeburg Courier.

This may do well for a State like Ohio where the mole makes havoc with vegetation; and the fact is they seriously considered a repeal of the law after one year's experience; but so far as this State is concerned the mice and moles are not so destructive. As for insects, we have never heard of hawks and owls destroying insects. If they do we would like to know what they are. The scarp law as it now stands could not be improved, excepting that the skunk be placed on the list of outlawed animals, as it kills more game in its nocturnal prowlings than any other animal mentioned in the bill.

Robert Buffington, who mysteriously disappeared some fifty years ago from this place and had not been heard of since, Rip Van Winkle like dropped into existence a few weeks ago through a correspondence with the Lancaster county authorities with his son James Buffington of this place, when it was learned that he was in the Lancaster county Alms house. The intelligence was a perfect surprise to all his old acquaintances, and his son James, prompted by pity and kindred feelings resolved to visit him, and he left on Saturday morning for that purpose. He found him a man of eighty-two years, but remarkably well preserve for his age, as he is able to walk without a cane, and is still blessed with a remarkable memory. Mr. Buffington is full of praise of the manner in which the poor are provided for in Lancaster county, the generosity of the Stewart, and the kind treatment he received at the hands of the proprietor of the Swan Hotel in that city. Edward, a brother of James accompanied him.

SELINGS GROVE, Pa., Jan. 22, 1885 T. H. HARTMAN, Deor Sir:—

Since I answered your letter I have seen in your paper THE POST, that you were authorized by the Commissioners that you could have the Court House for the Spangler lecture. Please inform the public what part of the board authorized you to publish such; that's all. Yours truly, ISAAC ERDLY.

As our friend Erdly desires I know who granted the use of the Court House for the lecture we publish his letter to us. We do not think that the two Republican Commissioners are ashamed to do a kind turn for the Veterans and their sons, as it is not the first time by any means in the last twenty-four years that republican officers had to stand by the defenders of our country. We hope that these Commissioners will not stop here, but will reconsider their decision not to grant the Court House for any purposes whatever excepting for Court, Institute and funerals. Why not rent it to respectable parties who will take care of it and pay rent. It would contribute to the funds of the county, give worthy institutions all over the county an opportunity to earn an honest penny, bring money to a town that is always ready to fill the house with a paying audience when an admission fee is charged to benefit public instructions, and last of all afford an opportunity to break the dull monotony of this quaint old town. We have an idea if the county seat were located in any other town in the county, and they were unprovided with a hall, the resolution of excluding respectable public entertainments would never have been considered. There is not a Court House in the State to our knowledge that cannot be rented. Was it that the Commissioners had a grudge against Middleburgh, or did they do it in the hope of pleasing their constituents. Consider the matter, gentlemen, and if you honestly and sincerely think it is right leave it so. If not give us the benefit of your reversed decision.

The Grand Army will want it on the 22d of February and we are sure you would not want to refuse the men who bequeathed us through their own blood the liberties and right of suffrage we now enjoy.

J. FRANK BILGER.—The funeral of J. Frank Bilger, editor of the Havana (N. Y.) Republican took place at Middleburgh on Friday, January 23d. We reproduce the obituary notice which appeared in the Republican of January 21st: "It is truly with much pain that we are called upon to announce in this week's Republican the sudden death of its senior editor, Mr. J. Frank Bilger, which sorrowful event occurred on Monday evening the 18th inst. He has been ill but about ten days, and his condition was not considered critical until Sunday. His disease was sciatic and was very painful from the first, and when it changed from his limb to the brain he sank rapidly.

Mr. Bilger was about 55 years of age and apparently in mid-life, and he was a man of high character and high attainments. He was a native of New York and was educated in the common schools of his native State. He was a member of the New York State Bar and was admitted to practice in 1850. He was a member of the New York State Legislature in 1852, 1854, 1856, 1858, 1860, 1862, 1864, 1866, 1868, 1870, 1872, 1874, 1876, 1878, 1880, 1882, 1884, 1886, 1888, 1890, 1892, 1894, 1896, 1898, 1900, 1902, 1904, 1906, 1908, 1910, 1912, 1914, 1916, 1918, 1920, 1922, 1924, 1926, 1928, 1930, 1932, 1934, 1936, 1938, 1940, 1942, 1944, 1946, 1948, 1950, 1952, 1954, 1956, 1958, 1960, 1962, 1964, 1966, 1968, 1970, 1972, 1974, 1976, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2022, 2024, 2026, 2028, 2030, 2032, 2034, 2036, 2038, 2040, 2042, 2044, 2046, 2048, 2050, 2052, 2054, 2056, 2058, 2060, 2062, 2064, 2066, 2068, 2070, 2072, 2074, 2076, 2078, 2080, 2082, 2084, 2086, 2088, 2090, 2092, 2094, 2096, 2098, 2100, 2102, 2104, 2106, 2108, 2110, 2112, 2114, 2116, 2118, 2120, 2122, 2124, 2126, 2128, 2130, 2132, 2134, 2136, 2138, 2140, 2142, 2144, 2146, 2148, 2150, 2152, 2154, 2156, 2158, 2160, 2162, 2164, 2166, 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