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MIDDLEBURGH



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ITEMS of LOCAL INTEREST

Misses Lizzie and Kate Bolender of Akron, O., are here on a visit.

WANTED.—A good farmer with a small family for one year. Address Box 28, GLOBE MILLS, PA.

There were 312 babies born in Snyder county during the last six months of 1893.

Ruth, little daughter of Clarence Greybill of Franklin, is dangerously ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. John Wittenmyer, of Millinburg, spent a few days with relatives in Middleburgh last week.

Mrs. W. W. Wittenmyer is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lilly, near Catawqua, who is very dangerously ill.

Henry Hare, of near Detroit, Michigan, is spending several days with his brother at this place.

Antes Ruhl, of Rockford, Ill., who visited relatives in this town several days last week, returned home on Friday.

WANTED.—A situation to learn the printing trade, Age 15. Reference given. Address A. HEISER, Shamokin Dam, Pa.

WANTED.—A few well-trimmed country hams. Highest market price paid in cash. T. H. HARTEB, Middleburgh, Pa.

NOTICE.—The person who borrowed my hand-shears is requested to return them at once as I need them. J. H. RHOADS, Middleburgh.

Mrs. Angeline Ruhl, of Rockford, Ill., who was here assisting her sister, Mrs. Schoch, during his last illness, returned home on Monday.

Notice.—The Snyder county Republican Standing Committee will convene at Middleburgh on Tuesday February 27 at 1 o'clock P. m.

H. C. SAMPELL, Chairman.

John F. Stetler's plans for the erection of the new bank building have been adopted by the directors, and as soon as the weather permits work will be begun.

Last week Miss Amanda Wittenmyer received a telegram requesting her to come to Danville at once to assist in taking care of her sister, Mrs. Dr. Barber, who is dangerously ill.

List of letters uncalled for in the Middleburgh post office, Monday, February 12th. J. E. Thomas, Jas. Wilson, Mrs. Kate Spotts, Miss Ada B. Somerville, Miss Bettie W. Wittenmyer, J. W. RUNKLE, P. M.

C. A. Moyer has sold his stock of general merchandise at Globe Mills to B. W. Yoder and C. A. Meiser. Mr. Moyer had advertised it in the Post a few times and the result was a prompt and satisfactory sale.

H. S. Bilger of near New Berlin, left with his family for Hooper, Dodge county, Nebraska, on Tuesday where he will engage in farming. Mr. Bilger is an experienced and successful farmer and not afraid to work—just the class of men that the West is in need of.

The U. B. Congregation of this place gave their pastor, Rev. Wengert a donation visit on Friday night of last week. Quite a number of valuable presents were left the young parson as tokens of respect, and evidence of the appreciation of his services as pastor.

Our correspondents will please avoid political personals in their communications. The Post is not the place in which to proclaim the virtues of one candidate over those of another, and if we were to begin there is no telling where it would end. Where misrepresentations are made, we will, of course, not object to have them corrected through our columns, but we will not allow the "boosting" of one candidate and deny the same privilege to another. Let the "boys" have a fair field, fair fight, and may the best man win.

"Sh-h-h! They Move In The Best Socawety!"

Union county has had several roaring social sensations during the last month or so, and although the reading public looked with eager eyes for an account of them in the Union county papers, not a word could be detected with the strongest microscope. We were asked the reason why this omission, and could give only in reply that we noticed in the daily papers that the actors in the dramas "moved in the best society!"

Prominent among these sensations was the elopement at Lewisburg, where a "socawety" chap left a sick wife at home and eloped with another man's wife. With one single exception, not a line appeared in the local papers. We would not encourage scandal or sensational news, but at the same time, where such transgressors escape the clutches of the law, it is within the province of the local newspaper—in fact it is its duty in the absence of a whipping post—to lay on the lash in cold type, that, through this chastisement they may be prevented from doing it again. Had this affair happened in Snyder county it would have been duly recognized by the Union county papers; or had some poor devil got into a scrape the papers would have roasted him with two-column articles bearing head-lines that would singe holes in the paper, but because the perpetrators "moved in the best socawety" the county papers were as dumb as oysters.

"The rank is but the guinea's stamp, The man's the gold for all that."

The distinction made by our contemporaries is

but, as we give them this up so call them to their senses—at the same time assuring them that if any shad-bellied aristocracy in this county, if there be any, should do any high-rolling, they will get it in the neck just the same as though they didn't belong to any "socawety" at all.

Dr. A. M. Smith has gone to Columbia county to testify as a medical expert in an important case in that county. Hon. F. P. Drinker came for him on Tuesday and took him hence.

\$50.00 PER WEEK EASILY EARNED.—We want a good man with references to represent us and manage our business in Snyder county. Apply at once for terms. Liberal inducements. Best Company; Lowest Rates; Prompt Payment.

AETNA LIFE STOCK INS. CO., 100 South 10th St., Phila., Pa.

A. B. Keek of Selingsgrove, has withdrawn as a candidate for Prothonotary—leaving Mr. Schoch, the present incumbent, alone in the field. G. M. Shindel is another happy candidate, as he has no opposition for the nomination to his second term as Register and Recorder of this county.

The town council should see that the snow is removed from the city's elevated walk across the French Flats. As it is, only a path, too narrow for two to walk abreast, has been tramped, which compels the young men, when they take the Franklin girls home, to break ranks and go it goose fashion or wade in the snow up to their knees—either of which is enough to give them the grip.

Every man has his enemies, no matter how carefully he tries to avoid it, and it seems the more you try to avoid it, the more enemies you have. It was a good rule adopted by the late Geo. W. Childs never to be disturbed by the malice of others, and never take time to have malice or envy for others. His was a fortunate and happy life, made so by pursuing the even tenor of his way. He might have been spoiled by the flattery of some if he had not been checked by the envy of others, and he knew that every man is subject to the criticisms of both. There are those who will one day bless you and the next day curse you.

RIPE FOR THE ROPE.

The trial of James Carpenter for the murder of his father, James Carpenter the blind huckster, of Port Royal, came to a sudden ending on Monday at Middletown by the jury finding him guilty of murder in the first degree after only a hour's deliberation.

The trial lasted six days and the chain of evidence forged around the accused by the Commonwealth was so strong that the counsel for the defense, after failing in an attempt to impeach the credibility of some of the Commonwealth's witnesses, submitted the case to the jury without argument, and a speedy verdict was the result. A motion for a new trial was at once made, and this will be disposed of on March 10. The old lady's trial, who is charged with complicity in the crime, will take place at the regular April term of court in Juniata county, but it is said that an attempt will be made to have her tried in another court, owing to the prejudice existing against her in her own county.

The strongest testimony adduced during the trial were admissions of the prisoner and his mother. For instance, on the morning of the Monday before it was certainly known that old man Carpenter was murdered, Mrs. Carpenter said, in the presence of several, that she believed Mr. Carpenter had been struck over the head, his throat cut and then his body thrown into the creek. The prisoner repeated the same or something similar to it.

Another clincher was the testimony of Sheriff Lapp, who made

but before the murdered man's body was found, he went with James, the prisoner, to James' room at the Carpenter residence to have him change his clothes that the sheriff might get the suit James had on. While James was in the act of disrobing he kept fumbling with the watch pocket in his pantaloons, and contrived to upset the lantern, putting out the light. When light was procured again James had his pantaloons on the floor standing on them and trying to kick something under the bed in the room. The sheriff, stooping down to see what this suspicious action meant, found the gold watch of the deceased with the chain attached thereto carefully wrapped around the stem of the watch. Previous to this James had told the sheriff and other witnesses that his father had on his person when last seen alive that gold watch, \$80 in money, a bunch of keys and a silver punch. Sheriff Lapp also took from James' person \$18.29 in half dollars, quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies.

John C. Barclay, another witness for the Commonwealth, testified that upon a night soon after the murder, in passing through an alley in the rear of the Carpenter home, he heard Jim tell his mother that the old man was out of the way and all that they had to do now was to get hold of his money. In fact the Commonwealth had such a perfect chain of evidence from the start that the counsel for the defense seemed to have lost hope early in the trial, and the verdict as rendered by the jury was accepted as a foregone conclusion.

The Post and New York Tribune one year for \$1.75.

In looking around to see where you can reduce expenses the coming year, don't cut off your home paper. You may, perhaps, find in one issue an article that will pay you several times the cost. If the number of farmers who have been swindled by the vamps who are laying for them with their signing of agents' appointments, which in a few weeks turn-up in some bank in the shape of a note which has to be paid, or want to buy your property at a big price, and get you to betting on cards just for fun, would take a paper or two, they would see all of these nefarious methods exposed, and many thousands of dollars would be saved by them.

A Problem For The Commissioners.

The present board of County Commissioners are again confronted with an empty treasury—the former board having paid off indebtedness to the full extent of their means. The question now arises, what is the proper method to pursue.

The new board proposed to borrow money in a lump sum, but after consultation with their counsel, they were informed that under existing laws this could not be done, but that they could issue interest-bearing orders, which plan has many advantages, as for example:

When the money is borrowed in a lump sum and handed over to the county treasurer, he receives a commission of 2 1/2 per cent. on all small orders issued by the Commissioners; and then when he pays the large order that is given to the lender of the money, he receives another commission of 2 1/2 per cent.—making a total of five per cent., which, added to the interest of 6 per cent., makes a total of 11 per cent.—the amount it would cost the county.

On the other hand, by issuing interest-bearing orders at, say 4 per cent., the county treasurer gets his commission of 2 1/2 per cent. on these orders when paid by him, which, added to the interest of 4 per cent. on the orders, makes a total of 6 1/2 per cent.—a saving of 4 1/2 per cent. on every dollar thus borrowed.

Again, by issuing interest-bearing orders the county pays interest only on money actually needed for current expenses, whereas by borrowing a lump sum there is always a surplus in the hands of the treasurer

but does not use.

We have taken the pains to investigate this matter and have come to the conclusion that there is only one course for the commissioners to pursue, and that is as plain as the nose on a man's face. Their decision in this matter is eagerly looked for, and the people expect no monkey business, but a straight, open and above board decision that shows no friendship, fear, favor or affection.

Cantata of Esther The Beautiful Queen.

The Choir and Sunday school of the Evangelical church of Selin's Grove, Pa., will render this great musical production in the Town Hall, Selinsgrove, Pa., on Friday and Saturday evenings, February 23rd and 24th. Seventy-five well trained voices will render the Choruses. There are two Choruses: one consisting of Persians, the other of Jews, both of which will be attired in costumes of their respective nationalities. The costumes of the principal characters will be of the most gorgeous description, having been ordered from the leading Costumer of Philadelphia. The play will be put on the stage in a style of grandeur and magnificence never excelled in Central Pennsylvania. It promises to be the greatest musical event which has happened for many years. The proceeds will be used in the repair of the above-named church building. All lovers of the human art divine should avail themselves of the benefits of this great musical and dramatic festival. The leading characters are as follows:

- King Ahasuerus,.....A. W. Potter, Esq.
- Queen Esther,.....Miss Eva K. Schoch
- Haman,.....Mr. Paul E. Bergmann
- Zeresh,.....Mrs. A. W. Potter
- Mordecai, the Jew,.....Mr. P. S. Alder
- Queen's Maid of Honor, Misses Annie and Margaret Phillips
- Prophetess,.....Miss Nora Marie Harbottel
- Harbottel,.....Mrs. C. Schoch, Esq.
- High Priest,.....M. L. Wagoner, Esq.
- High Priest,.....H. L. Phillips, Esq.
- Scribe,.....Mr. G. O. Ritter
- Herald,.....Mr. Carpenter
- Guards, Messrs. Cronner, J. K. Potter, and Carpenter.

R. F. Sechler and family of Lewisburg are visiting in Middleburgh this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Steinger of near Lewisburg were visiting relatives in this county the beginning of this week.

Miss Bertha Wittenmyer and Cashier Thompson attended a fashionable ball at Lewisburg on Friday evening of last week.

A Child's Song of Spring.

BY LEVI MURRAY.

It will not be very long until the winter's ice and snow, From the mountains and the valleys and the little hills below, Will have vanished to the warmer rays of nature's vernal sun—

When the brighter and the joyful days of springtime have begun.

It seems so very long to me that nature has been kept In the cold embrace of winter's arms—so long that she has slept;

That my joy still rises higher when I think that very soon All the birds will come with sweetest songs and flowers begin to bloom.

Oh! I wish that spring were always here, that winter never would come;

That the birds would never go away but make this place their home;

But some wiser one than I has said, we feel the pleasure more Of spring's soft breeze, its genial warmth, that winter comes before.

We all must sleep, so must the earth, and winter is her night.

In spring she wakes from slumbers long, when nature, cheerful, bright, Makes her to sing, and everywhere the happy songs arise,

Which fill my heart with thankful joys ascending to the skies.

The Lichtenwalter Failure.

We greatly regret to learn that Mr. Al. Lichtenwalter of this place, who has for a number of years been engaged in lumbering in the western part of the county, has failed in business. His liabilities are estimated in the neighborhood of \$10,000. His assets exceed that amount considerably, but, if his property is sold under the hammer, the proceeds will not suffice to pay his debts. His main creditor is the Pardee estate. Note in order of amount

of whose favor Mr. Lichtenwalter had given notes for said amount, payable at the both Banks of Millinburg. These notes Freedman had discounted, and when they fall due the Banks may be out that much, as Mr. Freedman's store has been levied on by city creditors. Mrs. Mary Rothermel of this place and Mr. Wm. Wintner of Sunbury are also among the creditors of Mr. Lichtenwalter. It is a sorry crash, brought on, in great part, by inability to collect on lumber sold.—Lewisburg Chronicle.

A number of our Snyder county boys who worked for Mr. Lichtenwalter are also heavy losers, and, as most of them have families and are poor, it is an unfortunate turn of events in these hard times.

The Pennsylvania Sabbath Association.

The Field Secretary of the above association, the Rev. J. H. Leiper, paid a brief visit to Middleburgh on last Wednesday, his object being to secure the formation of a permanent Sabbath Committee for Snyder county at the county seat. After consultation with as many of our citizens as could be seen in the limited time of his stay, the following persons agreed to serve on said committee: Rev. I. P. Neff, Chairman, J. A. Snyder, G. P. Miller, M. D., E. G. Shindel and F. E. Bower.

The object of the appointment of this committee, as stated by the State Secretary, is as follows: The Sabbath law of Pennsylvania, which is as plain and fair as any enactment on the statute books and wholly free from anything like oppression, has for several years been assaulted at the State capital by the introduction of bills intended for its destruction. A well-planned effort of this sort was made last February and was only defeated by the activity of the Christian citizens of the State called to meet in Harrisburg by the State Sabbath Association on the 14th of the month, at which convention about 500 delegates were present, bringing such a weight of influence to bear upon the members of the legislature as to entirely defeat all adverse legislation.

It is known that a similar effort is being arranged for by the enemies of Sabbath law and order, during the next meeting of the legislature; to be ready to defeat it the State

Sabbath Association is establishing Sabbath Committees in the county-seats and large towns of the State, whose duty it will be, whenever the emergency arises and a State convention is announced, to call a meeting of the people and secure the appointment of delegates to such convention and urge their attendance.

This committee should also bring to bear such local influences as will secure obedience to this law and a better observance of the Sabbath in its outward aspect.

Musical Convention.

The Musical Convention in the court house, under the directorship of Prof. Paul Billhardt, is a great success. There are already upward of ninety names enrolled on the class list and still there are more to follow. They have tackled some very heavy choruses and are making remarkable headway with them.

The concerts on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings promise to be rich treats, and, if the sleighing lasts, immense crowds are expected. Among the specialists not mentioned on the bills and who will be here is Prof. Ben. Shields, the great baritone player, who served several years in a regimental band in the United States army, and for the last two years leading baritone in Forepaugh's show band. The famous Treble Clef of Sunbury, Miss Carrie Barkalow, the world's champion whistler, and all the other specialists will be here to take part in the concerts as advertised.

Card of Thanks.

My wife and I were surprised last evening when the members and friends of the U. B. church paid us a visit and filled our table with various things needful to keep the physical machine moving. As we were talking with several sisters who came to see us, we heard a strange noise on the outside like the tramp of many feet. Before we were aware of it, some one opened the door and the visitors followed, one after the other, each with his or her share of the necessities of life. When looking over the things we found nothing that we did not know how to make use of except a smoke pipe. We could not determine whether it was meant to be used by me or by Mrs. since neither of us are lovers of the weed; so we finally concluded it should be used for a company pipe and anyone who brings his tobacco with him may have a puff at it. We thank both members and friends very heartily for the kindness shown unto us. It is true we cannot repay you but may the Lord who sees in secret reward you openly.

S. B. WENBERT, PASTOR.

SELINGSGROVE.

Wm. Haines of Salem, has rented the building formerly used as a match factory and intends to put machinery in for running it as a planing mill. Jerry Stuck, blacksmith, and a former citizen was in town last week shaking hands with friends. Jerry has been living and working near Wilkesbarre during the last summer. Joe Leshor of the Times took a trip to Williamsport last Tuesday to attend a Democratic meeting in the Lumber City. Mr. and Mrs. Val. Bolig visited their daughter Blanche at McClure over Sunday. Many of our citizens have of late changed their minds as to the feasibility of buying a building for the indigent poor. They now want to know what those who are able bodied shall do when they get into the building. They want to know if they are to be fed and clothed at the expense of the borough and then live in idleness. The way they are now kept by the borough, quite a number earn part of their living, and in this way are only in part a charge on the taxpayers.

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