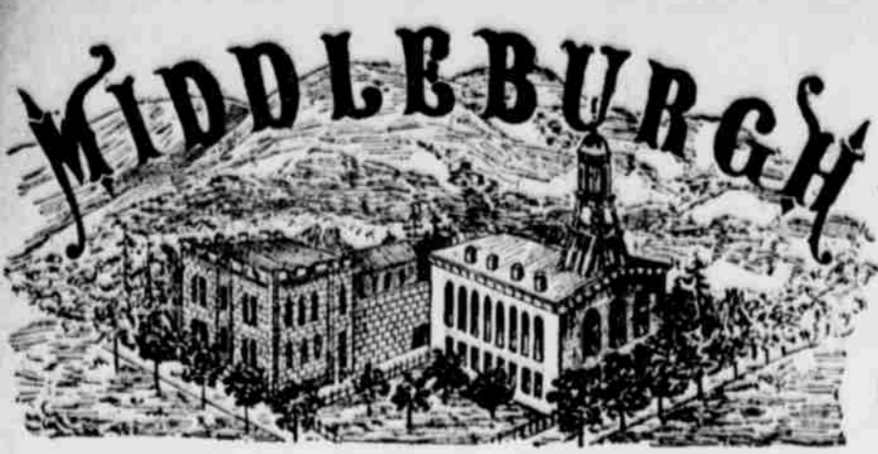


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ITEMS of LOCAL INTEREST

A thing in demand, Post coupons.

Are you square? We mean on our books.

Fredrick Shrader of Selinsgrove was in town last week.

Unlaid coupons will not be good after Jan. 29th 1895.

Rev. Neff of Shenandoah spent several days in town last week.

Heston Neff of Gordon visited relatives at the County seat last week.

The first meeting of the new Board of Pardons will be held February 9th.

What E. G. Shindel would like to see—a town clock on the court house.

Mrs. Julia Deininger of Millheim visited Arthur Beaver and family last week.

Mrs. Emma Bibighaus and family will move to Millburg in the spring.

Fur capes we are closing out at exactly half price. Come and see.

RUNKLE & WALTER.

Of all sweet words of tongue or pen, the sweetest are "received payment." Call again.

Geo. C. Smith of Glen Hazel, Elk county spent Sunday with his parents at this place.

A Selinsgrove man is like a bad oater when he gets a black eye. It wets his face value.

FOR RENT.—The west part of my house and lot in Franklin is for rent. ad. 17, 4t.

S. B. WALTER.

Mrs. A. H. Smith, the estimable wife of editor Smith of Elizabethtown is visiting in town last week.

If left to the author's care the income tax of this decade will go into history as a child without a parent.

C. A. Miller of Millerstown, a constant reader of the Post, passed through town on his way to New Berlin.

Will you try a pair of those beautiful Gent's Pat Leather Tip Shoes at a very low price?

RUNKLE & WALTER.

Middleburgh boasts of a few self-made men. The self-made man naturally has trouble to trace his ancestry.

25 per cent. discount will be allowed on all goods purchased at Gunzburger's on his special bargain day, Jan. 26th.

There will be no hog sale in Middleburgh, as previously announced, in account of the high price of Indiana county pigs.

The name of S. H. Yoder was inadvertently omitted last week in publishing a list of the directors of the Middleburgh Bank.

Ira C. Schoch and wife of Selinsgrove spent last Thursday at the county seat. They drove a spirited horse in a handsome cutter.

WANTED.—Clean 2 and 4 oz. bottles. 1 cent a piece. No panel bottles wanted. Dr. HASSINGER, Middleburgh, Pa.

R. Gunzburger will have a special bargain day on Jan. 26th when he will offer a special discount of 25 per cent. on all goods bought of him at day.

BUCK FOR SALE.—Brick of the best quality for building and paving can be secured at reasonable rates applying to CARLOS SEEBOLD, Washington House, Middleburgh, Pa.

"It's a cold day when I get left", used a thirsty man in Middleburgh at Friday when he shiveringly discovered that his favorite land had refused to give him another drink.

Frank Bowersox of Rock Springs, Centre County is visiting relatives at this place. During his stay he called at our office and left \$1.50 so that the Post shall continue its visit to his home.

Coupons without dates will not be good after Tuesday Jan 29th.

Jacob Rhoads who had been at Harrisburg visiting his old home is again in town.

An entertainment was held in Ocker's School house, Centre Twp. last Friday evening. H. A. Bowersox is the teacher and the entertainment was a brilliant success.

A live deer was seen skirting across the fields near Fremont last week. He was chased out of the woods by some dogs. The deer escaped again to a secure hiding place.

BARGAINS, BARGAINS.—500 Pairs of Shoes on our Bargain Counter. For sale way down in price. Call and see them, at M. S. SCHROYER'S, SELINSGROVE, PA.

The nomination convention of Franklin Township will continue from 1 to 6 P. M. on Saturday instead of from 1 to 4 P. M. as previously announced.

SHINGLES! SHINGLES!! I have just received 100,000 No. 1, 2 and 3 24-inch White-pine Shingles. Call and see them before buying elsewhere.

F. H. Maurer, New Berlin, Pa

Beginning with this week all coupons will be dated stating how long a coupon will be good. This is rendered necessary to avoid combinations by persons who are collecting coupons.

Correspondents must not write on both sides of a sheet. If their supply of paper is exhausted they should inform us. Our correspondents would save us a great deal of unnecessary trouble by consulting a dictionary.

The nominations for the February election must be made 18 days before the election and the nominations certified to the Commissioners' Office on or before the 1st day of Feb. 1895.

The prophets who were around last week predicting that the French Republic had reached the end of its rope now perceive that that same institution has several thousand coils of twisted hemp lying upon the reserve shelves.

A letter was received from the dead letter office in Washington by a Senator addressed to him at "the Senate of Penn'a, Philadelphia." The clerks in the dead letter office think that Philadelphia is the Capital of Pennsylvania.

It was Brother Andrew Carnegie who the other day said it was a sin for any man to die rich. Perhaps Brother Carnegie has just cut the wages of his employes from 35 to 50 per cent, in his solicitude to prevent them from dying sinners.

The nominating caucus of the Republicans of Middleburgh will be held in the Public School house on Thursday evening Jan 24th at 6:30 P. M. The convention for nominating will be held on Saturday Jan 26, in the Register and Recorder's office from 1 to 4 P. M.

Ordinarily the winter time is considered an unfavorable season for a strike, but a strike on a trolley line is an exception. The motormen who pick out the period of cold snaps for a tie-up show great shrewdness—at least, if they work for a company which refuses to use vestibuled cars.

Many people are not familiar with the origin of the superstition of the number 13. It is supposed to have originated when Christ sat down with the twelve apostles, to feast, he being the thirteenth, and afterwards crucified. Since then it is supposed by superstitious people that thirteen is an unlucky number.

The Musical Convention to be held at Selinsgrove promises to be a grand affair. It will open Monday Feb. 4th. Two grand concerts will be given on Friday and Saturday nights of the same week. Special musical talent has been engaged for the occasion and the affair promises to be a grand event.

The welcome news reached our ears that Middleburgh will get a new hotel building next summer. We understand that the Washington House is to be rebuilt. This is a commendable move and will greatly assist in improving the central portion of town.

"What's in a name? he idly said— For sorry 'tis no sin, If one a little Shakspeare knows, To sometimes work it in, And she, with that sweet maiden smile, That so a man allures, Looked shyly down, and softly said, "There's everything in yours."

Oliver Gilbert, a negro lecturer of Maryland, on Saturday evening spoke to a large audience in the Court House. He addressed our people also on Monday evening. He is a speaker of ability and in eloquent strains defended the American negro. He and his son delighted the audiences with some excellent plantation songs.

A charter has been granted to D. P. Rockefeller, W. H. Lyon, Geo. H. Gibson, R. F. Adams and J. K. McWilliams to organize a company to bridge the Susquehanna river at Sunbury. The gentlemen say that the company will be organized at once and an effort will be made to raise the money to build the bridge.

Three sets of large pictures showing many scenes about the Bloomsburg State Normal school have been sent to us. We have placed them on exhibition in the large bay window of the Bank building. This will give every body a chance to see by photographic views where the winner of the Post's most Popular Teacher Prize will go.

I have some men's boy's and children over coats which I will sell at 10 to 15 and 20 per cent. off marked price. The same discount will be allowed on boys' youths' and men's clothing. Now is the time to come if you need anything. I will dispose of all my goods cheap in order to save trouble and expense of moving goods. I will move next month to the First National Bank building. So Come at once.

READ AND REMEMBER THAT I am offering my goods at prices to suit everybody. Closing out Pound cans of Baking Powder with tea pot at 25 cts. Calico from 4 to 6 cts. a yd. Best Lancaster Gingham at 6 cts. per yd. Also Boots and Shoes at reduced prices. Please give me a call and be convinced of the fact that you can buy at bargains to please all.

Yours Respectfully,  
T. A. EWING,  
Jan. 17, 3t.

BUCKNELL ACADEMY.—A school for young men and boys, T. A. Edwards, A. M. Principal. Prepares for college, teaching or business, thorough instruction, firm discipline, personal care of students. Mild and healthful climate. Next session opens Jan. 2nd, 1895. For catalogue or particulars, Address,  
W. C. GRETZINGER, Registrar,  
12-20-4t. Lewisburg, Pa.

A Musical Convention will be held in Middleburgh during the week, commencing February 11th. Some very fine Specialists have been engaged and the Concerts promise to outshine those of last year, if possible. The whole management will be in the hands of Prof. Paul Billhardt, whose ability as a Conductor and Musical Director is too well known to comment upon.

It is predicted in some of the papers of the state that there will be an effort made to change the present license law by the incoming legislature. The important change proposed is to take the power to grant licenses from the judiciary and place it in the hands of county commissioners or excise boards. This change is not asked for by the people, therefore it would be for the legislators not to take a step which they would have occasion to regret hereafter. No doubt many of the judges would like to be relieved from this responsibility, but it is questionable whether a change would prove satisfactory to the public. We do not hesitate to express the opinion that the law had better remain as it is.—Cambria Herald.

How the Vote Stands.

C. W. Smith, Midd'g.	471
L. C. Bachman, Franklin.	468
Chas. K. Fisher, Penn.	325
Edwin Charles, Perry.	297
M. C. Harner, Franklin.	154
D. L. Gemberling, Penn.	44
A. S. Sechrist, Union.	35
J. J. Stealy, W. Beaver.	14

The above statement includes the votes published last week.

The Middleburgh Post Office was moved on Monday to the new room in the bank building. The office looks very neat and pleasant and considering the size of the town it compares well with the most handsomely furnished office at Selinsgrove. Middleburgh has reason to feel proud of its new office and Billy Snyder, the assistant, is happy in his new apartments.

Girls who have formed the unlovely habit of chewing gum are informed on the authority of a famous scientist that it produces face wrinkles running from the nose towards the corners of the mouth. The girl who wishes to avoid such wrinkles will stop chewing gum. Probably she would not stop for anything else, but when the choice is between an uncrinkled and a wrinkled one the gum will have to go.

The Spring election will take place on Tuesday Feb. 19, for borough and township officers. Great care should be taken to select good men. The positions to be filled in Middleburgh are two persons for Town Council, two persons for School Directors, one person for assessor, one person for assessor, one person for auditor, one person for judge of election, two persons for Inspectors of election and one person for High Constable.

A bill has been introduced in the state Legislature making it compulsory upon counties to establish a county poor house for the maintenance of the poor and to provide work for those able to do it. Representative Herman will likely make known to the people of the County the purport of the bill. This matter has been discussed by the papers of the County and it should again be carefully considered so that our representative will know how to vote on the question.

There is a compulsory education bill ready to be launched upon the Legislature. The word compulsory and arrest do not appear in the bill. It is a complete blind on those points. It requires parents and guardians of children between the ages of 8 and 15 years to attend a public or private school for at least sixteen consecutive weeks each year. A violation of the proposed act shall be a misdemeanor, punishable for the first offense by a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars, and for each subsequent offense by a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding thirty days or both, at the discretion of the Court.

After fourteen years of faithful and efficient services as assistant Postmaster at Selinsgrove, Wm. G. VonNeida will retire from the services of Uncle Sam. There is a universal feeling of regret among the patrons of that office to lose Mr. VonNeida. In the entire 14 years' service, we have the first complaint to hear concerning his treatment of patrons, yet he voluntarily retires from his present position with a view of spending his entire time and attention in the life insurance business. A special effort was made by the citizens to induce Mr. VonNeida to remain, but feeling the need of recreation and more outdoor work, he was compelled reluctantly to decline their earnest solicitation. Harry Laudenslager, a young man of sterling qualities, will succeed Mr. VonNeida and by close application he will be able to serve the people satisfactorily. All parties concerned have our best wishes. He will retire Feb. 1st.

A New Feature in the Prize Offer.

Some interesting and peculiar developments have come to light as the contest for the Post's Free Scholarship prize contest advances. We are well aware that the prize is an unusually large one and hence we are not surprised to find such vigorous work to capture the bonanza. All expenses paid for 14 weeks at Bloomsburg State Normal School is an offer that has never been equalled in the history of country journalism. We want a warm contest and every effort will be put forth to discourage and to prevent, if possible, any advantage that might be enjoyed by any one person over others. Coupons are at a premium in all parts of the County. Coupons are bartered in some instances like stocks on Wall street. A cent a piece is often paid for coupons and in some cases a demand of two cents, and even more has been made for a single coupon. The bartering business is distasteful to the editor who has made the liberal offer, but he can do nothing to abate the mischief unless by opening another avenue for the supply of coupons on a different basis. It was to be presumed that coupons would be willingly and gratuitously voted in behalf of friends. Of course we believe that most of them are voted in this way. We do not mean that any of the contestants have offered pay for coupons, but some of their friends are interested in their welfare. We are glad to see this and are willing to encourage as much as possible the friendly interest already enlisted in behalf of the various candidates. Many of the contestants and friends have sent us quite a number of subscribers and some few have not sent us any. As long as it is a more rapid way of collecting coupons by going to see old subscribers, no new ones will be solicited or at least only a few. Every fair-minded and intelligent man or woman will admit that the giver of the prize must derive some benefit from the offer. We will however remain true to our original pledge not to sell any coupons or papers containing coupons except as before stipulated—one to each subscriber. For the reasons above stated we will offer coupons as a premium to all who enlist their services in behalf of the Post. Contestants or friends of contestants will be entitled to 12 premium coupons for every new subscriber they get who pays a year in advance. We do this so that it will be profitable for all contestants to work to secure new cash subscribers. Coupons cut from the Post are good when voted the same as before. This is still keeping all contestants on an equality since all contestants have an equal chance to exert themselves. This is placing a premium upon industry and that is the key to all success. The coupons in the Post this week are dated. All coupons without a date must be sent in to the committee until Tuesday evening, Jan. 29th 1895. This is necessary in order to protect candidates now in the field. Coupons are being collected in various parts of the county and are being held. If they are not called in, combinations may be made and enough power placed in the hands of two or three persons to elect some one. Hence all coupons that are not dated will not be counted after Jan. 29th. We regret that it is necessary to make this requirement, but it was made necessary by the action of candidates who hold their coupons. We want to give all candidates an equal chance.

Middleburgh occasionally has the privilege of seeing an aristocratic tramp. One of this character was in town the other day. The following conversation will explain matters: Tramp—"Please, lady, take back this pie you gave." Lady—"You feel that you don't deserve it, eh?" Tramp—"No, lady, it ain't that I'm 'fraid I'll disgrace my profession tryin' to cut it."

Died By His Own hand.

Wm J. Gortner, a prominent Citizen of Selinsgrove, Committed Suicide by hanging himself.

FINANCIAL TROUBLES BURIED HIM IN GRIEF AND LED HIM TO SELF-DENIAL.

The bravely arm of fate by its cruel destiny has found another human victim. Like a clap of thunder from a clear sky fell the news on Tuesday evening that Wm. J. Gortner of Selinsgrove had committed suicide. The news spread over the County like wild fire. The first to arrive at the scene of the tragedy from outside of Selinsgrove was a Post reporter. The spectacle was anything but pleasant. There lay the lifeless form of one of the noblest benefactors of Selinsgrove. The wheels of industry in his town were oiled by his energy and ambition. The canning factory, the only late industry of which the town can boast, is the product of his ambition. He was a member of the Board Trustees of Susquehanna University, an officer in the church and enjoyed beyond all others the high esteem of his fellow men. He was always jolly until the last few months. The responsibility of business reverses depicted cares and troubles upon his brow. On Monday while in conversation with the Editor of this paper seemed sorely distressed.

An execution was issued against him on Monday.

All his personal property was levied on Tuesday morning. At four o'clock he went to the barn to do some milking. He fed the cattle and brought the milk to the house. He returned again to the barn and five minutes later his body was found by his daughter Minnie hanging from the rafters of the roof. Evidently he jumped from a beam. The body was suspended from a strap which was cut by Wm. Van Buskirk. The coroner's inquest was held by John M. Boyer, Dr. B. F. Wagenseiler, Dr. M. L. Emerick, Dr. H. M. Nipple, A. W. Smith and Wm. Van Buskirk. The verdict rendered was that the deceased met death with suicide caused by temporary insanity.

Wm. J. Gortner is dead and the town of Selinsgrove has lost one of its best citizens. He was a man of unyielding integrity, an unblemished character and a promoter of public weal. He leaves a loving wife, two faithful daughters and a dutiful son, Oden, who is the highly respected Principal of the Milltown schools.

Representative Emerson Collins, of Lycoming, has introduced a bill in the House, which is the first step towards establishing High schools in the rural districts. The measure allows two or more districts to establish joint High schools to be classified as of three different grades—those in which the course of study is of four years' duration to be known as the first grade; those in which the course is three years to be known as the second grade, and those of two years as third grade. From the annual appropriation for the support of High schools the first grade shall receive not more than \$800 annually, the second \$600 and the third \$400. In case of insufficiency of appropriation each grade is to receive a proportional share. The bill designates the studies in which the teachers of such schools shall be examined, requires an annual statement to be made to the Superintendent of Public Instruction giving as to the teacher, classes and courses of study. The course of study is subject to the approval of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.