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ITEMS of LOCAL INTEREST

Wheat is up again to 65 cents. Ground Hog Day comes next Sunday. The court advertising appears in this issue. The next day of interest is St. Valentine's Day. H. H. Grimm was a Sunbury visitor Saturday. Editor Aurand was a Middleburgh visitor on Sunday. Don't forget that days of grace have been abolished. H. H. Grimm has moved his office into the bank building. John Tobias of Scranton has returned to his home in this place. Revenue of over \$8,000,000 has been thrown away by free wool. The cry again comes from somewhere that the big sleeves must go. Tobias Reitz of McClure transacted business at the county seat Monday. Miss Lizzie Spangler, of New Berlin, is visiting Mrs. Breon, in Swineford. Dr. Cummings of Sunbury is the inventor of a street car fender, or a fe saving device. Dr. Adam C. Spangler of Selinsgrove spent Sunday with his mother in this place. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral cures colds and coughs; an unequalled anodyne expectorant. Thos. E. Hubley and wife of Harrisburg are visiting Phillip Amig's near the Summit. Constitutional or scrofulous car, sore eyes, etc., surely cured by Ayer's Sarsaparilla. The Pennsylvania State Editorial Association will meet in Harrisburg, Wednesday, Feb. 26. J. E. Forrester, candidate for sheriff, canvassed among the Middleburgh voters on Monday. Miss Hattie C. Specht, of Beavertown is visiting her cousin, Miss Corence Specht in Swineford. Creighton Millhouse and his wife have returned to Reading where they will make their future home. R. Gunsburger is offering all his winter goods, coats, suits, and overcoats at a reduction of 10 to 25 percent from marked price. The recent rain flooded Middleburgh creek and carried off the ice. A great gorge was lodged on Joseph Walter's field above town. Sheriff Specht was called to Philadelphia to serve the notice of A. W. Potter's suit for damages against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Reckless Wanderer Wagner and Abbot Bucher of Lewisburg with the former's large mastiff sneaked into town on stilts Sunday and rested here until Tuesday. PALMS FOR SALE.—Two large palms of 3 years growth, averaging 30 inches in height can be bought by addressing, Box 81, Selinsgrove, Pa. ff. BRICK FOR SALE.—Brick of the best quality for building and paving can be secured at reasonable rates by applying to Carbon Seebold, Middleburgh, Pa. ff. Dr. J. C. Amig, dentist, has rented an office at Lewistown and will locate at that place about April 1st. The Doctor is a good workman and we wish him success in his new field. We must ask the indulgence of our readers and correspondents for another week. We have had to omit some matter and had to boil down some communications in order to find room for the County Statement. After next week we will again supply our usual quota of news as the law requires the statement to be published three times.

In order to set at rest a false rumor I desire to say publicly that I did not promise to vote for the erection of a bridge at Port Trevorton. ISAAC SPOTTS. Robbers were in Selinsgrove on Saturday night, entered G. W. Von-Neida's, H. F. Charles' and J. W. Gaugler's residences. Very little booty was secured. Claude Barns of Selinsgrove broke his left arm on Saturday at the same place that his sister Mollie had broken her arm, exactly one year previous in the Kreamer accident. A smooth, easy shave, genteel hair cut, or other tonsorial work, is always obtained at Soles' Barber Shop, in Wittenmayer's Building, opposite Post office. Go to Soles and you will make no mistake. Shaving soap, face cream, hair oil and egg shampoo for sale. A. E. SOLES. The Republicans of Franklin Twp., on Saturday nominated the following ticket: School Directors, Adam Renninger and A. S. Shambach; Supervisors, Samuel Bowen and Chas. Walter; Overseer, Reuben Weirick; Constable, Michael Hackenburgh; Auditor, C. H. Dunkelberger; Judge of Election, J. W. Eisenhower; Inspectors, Sephars S. Walter and H. S. Renninger. On Monday afternoon an accident was narrowly averted at the depot in this place. Jonathan Bingham of Centerville with a two horse team was approaching the railroad as 3:08 was going West. The horses' front feet were on the track and the driver could not get the horses off soon enough, but luckily the engineer stopped his train in time to save the team and avoid serious results. The New York Cycle Show held in Madison Square Garden last week was visited by Wallace D. Baker and Harvey Grissinger of Selinsgrove, Pa. With the decorations that had been added the great auditorium presented a sight whose beauty and impressiveness far outclassed anything ever seen before by its oldest frequenters. The Columbia bicycles of course are the leading attraction at the Columbia booth. "MISTAKEN SOULS WHO DREAM OF BLESS."—The following marriage licenses have been granted since our last publication: (Francie M. Specht, Swineford, Mrs. Sallie J. Ocker, " (J. W. Eby, Herndon, Pa. (Fietta Neitz, Dundore, Pa. (W. E. Custer, Swineford. (Margaret Spaid, Middleburgh. (Jerome W. Hornberger, Perry T. (Mariah Meiser, Meiserville. (Jacob A. Erdley, Penn Twp. (Maggie R. Erdley, Franklin Twp. The Borough nomination on Saturday resulted in the following ticket: Town Council, David Ocker, Adam Showers, Wm. Crouse, Robt. Schambach; School Directors, J. W. Swartz; tie vote for G. E. Hassinger and C. C. Seebold; Justices of the Peace, M. Z. Steininger, M. I. Potter; Constable, Henry R. Reule; Overseer of the Poor, Chas. W. Herman; Auditor, G. M. Shindle; Judge of Election, A. W. Bowersox; Inspectors, W. F. Feese, and Al. Clelan. There will be given away with The Sunday Inquirer of February 2 a toy theatre complete with stage, proscenium arch and a full cast of characters necessary for a reproduction in miniature of that most popular melo-drama, "The Still Alarm." Included in the scenes depicted is that of a great building in flames, while all around a complete fire department, with fire engine, patrol, aerial ladder and a large corps of firemen are at work. This is only one of the many thrilling scenes in this tiny presentation of this famous play. The theatre will be found a useful method of entertainment to every member of every household. To prevent disappointment it will be necessary to send in all orders early in the week.

\$1,000 REWARD. To the Republican Voters of Snyder County. I hereby offer a reward of One Thousand Dollars to any person or persons who can furnish proof that I had anything to do with the Federal appointment at Washington of Joseph A. Lumbard, or that I had any knowledge whatsoever of the same, or that I was in any manner whatsoever concerned therewith or in any way aided or assisted in securing said appointment for Joseph A. Lumbard. The false rumor being circulated in the present canvass is handled by designing persons for the sole purpose of accomplishing my defeat for the State Senate. It is being sown broadcast in the county with the sinister intention of prejudicing the Republican Voters against me. I brand this rumor as unqualifiedly false and malicious in every particular. Signed, B. F. WAGENSELLER. AFFIDAVIT. SNYDER COUNTY, ss: Personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace, in and for the County of Snyder, Dr. Benjamin F. Wagensteller, who being duly sworn according to law deposes and says, that he was not in any way concerned in the recent appointment of Joseph A. Lumbard, to a clerical position in the present Congress at Washington, D. C., that he was not consulted in regard to said appointment by the said Lumbard, nor by any one in his behalf; that he furnished no recommendation to the said Lumbard, nor to any one for him, suggesting or recommending said appointment and that he had no knowledge whatsoever of said appointment until he was informed that he was being charged with the responsibility of the same in the Senatorial canvass. He further says that he was not in any wise concerned in the official appointment which the said Joseph A. Lumbard held in the State Senate through Hon. W. H. Hackenberg, Senator from this Senatorial district, during the session of 1893, and further deponent saith not. B. F. WAGENSELLER, [L. S.] Sworn and subscribed to before me this twenty-fourth day of January, A. D. 1896. [L. S.] M. Z. STEININGER, J. P. The above offer of reward and affidavit was printed on slips of paper and distributed over the county. This means was used because the papers were all out for last week and I wanted the infamous lie nipped in the bud. B. F. W. Death of Samuel Faust. SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 24, 1896. Many of the readers of the Middleburgh Post (especially the older ones) remember Mr. Samuel Faust. He lived for a long time, at Selinsgrove and traveled over Snyder county selling sewing machines. Some years ago he settled in Scranton where he engaged in tailoring. The writer spent many an hour in his tailor shop here in this city. He was a genuine Pennsylvanian and also a true Snyder Countian which made our conversations doubly interesting. We talked frequently about Snyder county. A few mornings ago he was unable to come to his shop because of a severe cold, and only a few days later he died. No doubt there are many to whom this is sad news and it will bring up perchance, pleasant memories now clothed in gloom. But such is the way of life. FOSTER U. GIFT. Many merchants are well aware that their customers are their best friends and take pleasure in supplying them with the best goods obtainable. As an instance we mention Perry & Cameron, prominent druggists of Flushing, Michigan. They say: "We have no hesitation in recommending Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to customers, as it is the best cough medicine we have ever sold, and always gives satisfaction." For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by J. W. Saupell, Penns Creek, Pa.

CUSTER—SPAID. At the residence of the bride's parents in Middleburgh on Sunday morning at 7 o'clock, Miss Margaret Spaid became the wife of Winney E. Custer. The groom is the oldest son of B. H. Custer, the postmaster and dealer in general merchandise in Swineford and has a future full of promise. The bride is the youngest daughter of Philip Spaid of this borough, and for about a year was the angel of the Post printing office. She is a young lady of good character, of genial disposition and will make a desirable help meet to her chosen husband. As the family clock told of the hour of seven the organ, under the musical hand of Miss Mamie Stetler, pealed forth the notes of the wedding march in response to which Mr. Harry Reule and Miss Naomi Schoch marched into the room, taking their positions at the north end of the parlor. Following these came the happy bride, dressed in a beautiful cream silk, and groom, wearing conventional black. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. E. McLain in the presence of the families of both contracting parties. On Sunday they visited Richfield and Millport returning on Monday. On Monday evening the calathians played their "usual tune" for them and went away happy. The entire office force of the Post joins the editor in congratulating the groom and bestowing abundant good wishes to the bride. Our thanks are due for a large supply of cake. Robbery at Beavertown. Last Friday night the residences of J. G. Snyder, D. M. Middlewarth and Aaron Hassinger were entered by uninvited guests, who helped themselves to what money they could find, which, fortunately was not much, and other articles of trifling value. At Mr. Snyder's they gained entrance at the dining room but were disturbed by Mrs. Snyder walking up stairs, although the family knew nothing of the visitors they had until morning. At Mr. Hassinger's they were greeted with lead but escaped. At Mr. Middlewarth's one entered the family's sleeping apartment, where a lamp was burning and took a pair of trousers, with Mr. Middlewarth looking at him squarely in the face. The latter not being prepared to fight, he let the trousers and the thief go in peace. Next day the trousers were found near the post office but the money that had been in the pockets was gone. Another pair belonging to John W. Hassinger was found in A. H. Bowersox's stable yard. A tramp who had been arrested on suspicion was discharged. Mr. Middlewarth saying he could not swear that it was the man who had been in his room. COG. BEAVERTOWN. The Union S. S. elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Supt., J. P. Wetzel; Asst., F. E. Specht; Sec'y, Wm. Walker; Asst., Geo. Bingham; Librarian, Isaac Winter; Organist Gertrude Wetzel; Asst., Gertrude Bingham; Treas., Joseph Middlewarth. The Lutheran S. S. elected Supt., T. J. Middlewarth; Asst., S. L. Freed; Sec'y, John Herbst; Librarian, J. W. Hassinger; Organist, Hattie Aigler; Treas., A. H. Bowersox. A. B. Specht, F. E. Specht, W. M. Specht, H. H. Faust and John S. Wood were witnesses in a lawsuit tried before the Union Co. Court last week. Dr. B. F. Wagensteller, of Selinsgrove was, last week, called to the bed side of Mrs. Seth Winney. Arne Lichtenwaller of Lewisburg spent Sunday in town. Miss Mamie Clelan of Middleburgh recently visited Abel Winney's. Miss Carrie Hartley of McClure spent a few days last week with Miss Nettie Shirk. Bertie Seebold and Jennie Schnee from Middleburgh were entertained over Sunday by Carrie Faust and Mabel Kohler. Middleburgh, Pa., Jan. 28 '96. Ed. Post.— Please announce through your paper that for reasons satisfactory to myself I withdraw from being a candidate for the nomination for county treasurer. Thanking my friends for the encouragement and support thus far given. I remain yours very sincerely, JOHN W. WALTER.

Political Communications. The Hog Combine sheet of the Democratic party is posing into the Republican fight for Senator in Snyder county. Josie has no standing in his own party and he'll certainly never have any in ours. Amalgamation is a good thing, but the fusion of a Democratic editor with republican Senatorial candidates must surely result in discomfiture for both. Josie's frequent trips to the West End are evidently made for the purpose of enlarging the usefulness of his sheet in a Republican Senatorial canvass. When he saw Dr. Wagensteller's clean and forcible affidavit he gasped a huge democratic breath in his eagerness to earn the One Thousand Dollars Reward. It is said on reliable information that he never slept a wink the first night after it came out, well knowing that it had taken the wind out of the sails of his democratic sheet. X. SPRING TOWNSHIP. Gross Bros. will soon commence again hauling props. J. G. Moyer expects shortly to put a stove mill into his mountain grove. Mattern and Steinger are running their saw mill full capacity at present. Chas. Heimbach and Farry Zeiborn is a business trip to Milroy last week. Miss Bratton of McClure was visiting friends in our village last week. Olandus Hartman and family were visiting friends near Beavertown one day last week. Alvin Ush and wife were visiting at Dan. Romig's last week. The Chas. Ush and Aaron Moyer were on the sick list but are improving. Ambrose Peter who had his shoulder bone broken, while hauling stove wood, is rapidly mending. Knepp & Swinford's Stave Mill is running full time having several times lately run till 11 o'clock at night. It seems strange that a Democratic paper should take up the cause of some of our republican candidates and try to help them fight it out. Better keep hands off, Mr. Democrat, as such a course doesn't take by our republican voters as you shall presently see. BRO. TO FAIR PLAY. Make it Correct. A Memorial record of the Evangelical Lutheran church of Middleburgh is being prepared, and that the proper credit may be given to each contribution, the following request is made. All persons, who, contributed money, labor, or donated anything, toward the building and furnishing of the Evangelical Lutheran church of Middleburgh, are requested to be present at the evening services on Sunday, Feb. 2d, 1896. At that time the name and amount of contribution will be read, that any mistake which may have been made, may be corrected before the Memorial Record is closed. CHESTNUT RIDGE. The late rains carried the ice from Penns creek. Nestor Smeltz, aged 63, near the Kratzerville bridge walked into a hole in the ice on the creek. The little fellow was rescued by Phillip Harman and his son Newton. Ex-commissioner Daniel Beaver is still confined with illness. Miss Mary Weaver is now teaching the Beaver School, vice, John Huff resigned. The three months' old child of Noah Kline and wife found dead in their parents' bed on the morning of the 15th inst. Raymond, son of Noah and Annie Kline was buried on the 16th aged 3 months and 12 days, at Kratzerville L. and R. Cemetery, Rev. Ochsendorf officiated. Mrs. Polly Kratzerville L. and R. Cemetery aged about 70 years. Of pneumonia, Mrs. Daniel Hano (nee Hattie Hummel) was buried on the 24th inst. at Shriner's church. Do Not Fail to Read This. On account of illness of Dr. Salm, he was compelled to return to Columbus, when he got as far as Johnstown. However we are pleased to say, that he is recovering, and will be with us in Middleburgh, at the Washington Hotel, on Tuesday, Feb. 4th. Consultation and Examination free.

For Libel Reform. The Pennsylvania Editorial Association at its next meeting will act upon a report of a committee appointed to draft a new libel law. The proposed law is intended to prevent criminal prosecutions where there is no element of crime, and to prevent the recovery of damages when no damages have been suffered. There is not a feature of the proposed measure that does not hold criminal libel—that is libel published maliciously to the injury of others—to the strictest accountability, or that does not hold that any newspaper, whether by accident or intention, inflicts damages upon any person, shall pay the full measure of damage thus inflicted. The new bill offers no protection to licentious journalism, and affords the greatest protection to every good citizen. This provision is a very necessary one to halt the speculative libel suits now common in every section of the country, usually inspired by lawyers who degrade their profession to contingent contracts, and who bring actions with the hope of forcing the payment of fees to themselves. The journalists of the country are now paying fully a quarter of a million a year to defend purely speculative libel suits in which there is never any recovery for the plaintiff, and it is quite time that such actions should be halted. Libel reform is a supreme necessity in Pennsylvania. In most of the States of the Union one of the most essential reforms is to curb criminal actions for libel to cases in which there has been criminal intent or action, and to confine civil actions for damages to the recovery of compensation for injury actually sustained, as is the law in other cases. It is only just also that but one civil or criminal action should be brought for a libel and that where the offense has been committed, instead of allowing indefinite criminal and civil actions in every State and Territory of the Union, as is now the law. The present libel law is the last dregs of the dark ages of despotic monarchic power, and it must bow to the enlightened advancement of the age. Our Clubbing List. We have made arrangements with a number of newspapers to club them at reduced rates in connection with the Post. The figures in the first column represent the regular price of the paper and in the second column is the price of that paper with the Post: Price of one.—Both. Phila. Inquirer, (daily) \$3.00 \$4.00 Phila. Inquirer, (Sunday) 2.50 3.05 Patm News, .50 1.00 Womankind, .50 1.00 Boston Traveler, (twice a week) 1.75 2.75 N. Y. Tribune, (Weekly) 1.00 1.75 Queen of Fashion, .50 1.00 Review of Reviews, 2.50 3.50 American Economist, 2.50 3.50 Washington Post, .25 1.25 American Agriculturist, 1.00 2.25 SPECIAL COMBINATIONS. (1.) We will send the N. Y. Weekly Tribune, The Boston Traveler (twice a week) and the Post all one year (this makes four papers every week) for only two dollars. (2.) We will send the Farm News, (monthly), Womankind, (monthly), The N. Y. Tribune (or the Boston Traveler) and the Post all one year for only two Dollars ff. MARRIED. Jan. 23rd, by Rev. J. T. Freed of Williamsport, Rev. E. E. Gilbert of Port Trevorton and Miss Alice Lenig of Fremont. Jan. 26, at the home of the groom's parents, by Rev. Oscar G. Romig, Mr. Jerome W. Hornberger, of Aline and Miss Marie Meiser, of Meiserville. DIED. Jan. 10, near Kratzerville, Pa., Magdalene, relict of John Kratzerv, aged 78 yrs., 8 months and 3 days. Jan. 14, near Kratzerville, James Raymond, infant son of Noah and Annie Kline, aged 3 months, 12 days. Jan. 20, at Selinsgrove, Pa., Angeline, wife of Benjamin Ulrich, and daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Pwling, aged 61 yrs., 3m. and 9 days.