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MIDDLEBURGH POST IS A PROGRESSIVE NEWSPAPER GIVING THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE COUNTY, STATE AND NATION.

BITS OF NEWS.

Paragaphs Paraded to Publicly Please the people.

BRIEFS FROM HOME.

News of Middlecreek Valley. Movements of your Friends, their Visitors and a Hundred other things you Would Like to Know.

Geo. Smith is on the sick bed.

Milton Fair is in progress.

Bashoar spent several days in Selinsgrove.

Middleburgh was well represented at the Lewisburg Fair last week.

Mr. Rodgers last week moved from Belleville to Franklin Twp.

Miss Clara Spittler and Dora Spittler spent Sunday at New Berlin.

Mr. Moyer, of Selinsgrove, was here last visitor one day last week.

Naomi Schoen has been the recipient of a beautiful letter.

Miss Spittler, wife and son, Ray-spender, spending a week at Selinsgrove.

Mr. Housewerth, Esq., of Selinsgrove, was a caller at this office last week.

Mr. Stetler returned home from Selinsgrove where he had been working.

Mr. Meiser will be pleased to see all families to come to a meal.

Mr. Smith, of Mt. Pleasant, was a caller at this office last week.

Mr. Grimm wishes us to see the squirrels shot last week.

Mr. Meiser of Meiserville was here days in town the guest of Mr. Specht this week.

Mr. Snyder and children, last week at Lewisburg—of her sister Mrs. Hubley.

Mr. Bertha Yeager, of Yeager, sister of Dr. C. H. Yeager, a guest of the Doctor last week.

Mr. Regt. P. V. re-union at Port Royal, Juniata county, Thursday and Friday, Oct. 5th, 1897.

Mr. Keiser and Louisa Mifflinburg came over to visit Miss Bertha Yeager, of Dr. Brisbin.

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Thomas and Ada Hosterman of Woodward, Centre county, visited their many friends in town over Sunday.

The faithful old horse owned and driven by David Ocker for so many years has been shot on account of brain fever.

Daniel Hunt of Centerville came in to see us last week and placed his name on our list by paying a year in advance.

H. H. Faust, proprietor of the Central Hotel at Beavertown, was a guest at the Washington House Friday evening of last week.

Wm. W. Brunner, Miss Helen Davis, Mrs. J. C. Packer, Mrs. A. R. Trexler and Miss Bucher rode to Middleburgh on their wheels Monday.

I. F. Bilger, Editor of the New Berlin News was in town on Monday evening and employed Geo. F. Grimm as a compositor for his printing office.

FOR SALE.—The old established Merchants' House, 150 rooms, doing nice business. Furnished etc., \$2500. Address, MERCHANTS' HOUSE, Phila., Pa.

Bird Adams and Charles Walker of New Berlin were released from jail on Tuesday, the grand jury having ignored the bill of indictment against them.

The State Department of Agriculture has named Beavertown, Jan. 14th and 15th and Freeburg, Jan. 17th and 18th as places and dates for holding Farmers' Institute.

If you want the best and latest style Ranges in the market, you can get just what you want by calling on W. E. Stahlnecker, opposite the jail at Middleburgh.

The book accounts and claims of the S. H. Yoder Estate are in my hands and the same must be paid. After this date all purchases must be paid for in cash. Oct. 5-4t. B. W. YODER.

No appointment has been made as pastor of the U. B. church at this place. Rev. Buddinger goes to Pine Grove. Rev. O. G. Romig and Rev. Wm. Lamey retain their positions.

The divorce suit of S. S. Schoch terminated very speedily on Tuesday evening. His wife did not appear against him and the divorce was speedily granted. Evidently a settlement preceded the trial.

A smooth, easy shave, genteel hair cut, or other tonsorial work, is always obtained at Soles' Barber Shop, in Wittenmyer'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 November Magazine Number of The Outlook will contain an article by Mr. Hamilton W. Mabie, founded on the authorized biography of Lord Tennyson by his son, which has just appeared. A notably fine reproduction of Watts's famous painting of Tennyson, and other illustrations, will accompany the article. (\$3 a year. The Outlook Company, 13 Astor Place, New York.)

H. P. Beaver, wife and daughter, Bertha, returned from Cammal, where they spent the summer. The former will return again and the family will remain all winter.

William E. Stahlnecker is prepared to keep you from freezing this winter. He has on hand a full supply of the latest style of Heaters. Call and see his stock opposite the jail.

At the Sheriff's sale on Saturday Matilda Reigle bought the limestone lot of John Zieber for \$10. D. A. Kern bought Tracts No. 1 and 2 of Isaac Wagner for \$1400. The Jesse Hackenburg tract was bought by Geo. I. Kline for \$355.

On Wednesday morning Attorney Grimm received a notice from the Shamokin Gun Club with the notice about Mr. Grimm shooting eight squirrels, clipped from last week's Post. These were red squirrels, gentlemen. Attorney Grimm is not a violator of the law.

We want to inform the public that our stock of winter wraps will be ready for inspection this week. We will have a full line of the best and cheapest wraps to be had. Also a new line of Chinaware. Please give us a call. ULRICH & OSMAN, Selinsgrove, Pa.

G. C. Dreisbach, who has been spending most of his time for the past 18 months in and around Middleburgh, on Monday started for Georgia and Alabama by vehicle. He left Mt. Pleasant Mills on Monday morning and is traveling in the interest of the United States View Company.

At the S. H. Yoder estate sale on Saturday at Globe Mills, Sheriff Geo. K. Fagley and Grant Yoder bought the mill for \$10,000. Banks Yoder purchased the store property and farm for \$3350. Mrs. Anna Hottenstein bought tract No. 3 for \$250. The warehouse was not sold. Tract No. 5 containing 2 acres was bought by Dora Yoder for \$115. Tract No. 6 was bought by Sheriff Fegley and Grant Yoder for \$55. Emanuel Zechman bought the iron ore tract for \$110.

Frank Magee and wife of Mazepa are the guests of Dr. Orwig this week. Mr. Magee has served as County Commissioner of Union county and was the Democratic chairman over there during the feast of distributing democratic pap and he helped himself to the position of Storekeeper and Guager at Reish's Distillery which position he held until the plant was destroyed by fire. He has the reputation of being the best Storekeeper and Guager in his district.

Our account of Constable Loss' adventure with Jno. Swartz, the bear (!) hunter, published in last week's Telegraph, appears in last Sunday's Phila. Press without credit to this paper, but as a special dispatch to the Press. This is encouraging, and proves conclusively that the Press has an energetic contributor at Selinsgrove, one who can tell good, interesting, truthful news when he sees it—so reliable and catchy that he cannot resist the temptation to steal it entire.—Mifflinburg Telegraph.

A REMARKABLE STORY. Experience of a Man Who Threatened to Shoot the Almighty.

A few weeks ago a story was published in a number of newspapers concerning a man residing near Instanter, this State, who, it was said, had uttered a threat that he would shoot the Almighty. The story was that the man had raised his gun and pointed it toward the heavens, and that as he did so he was turned into stone and was unable to move. The story was generally discredited, but according to the Keystone Gazette, of Bellefonte, there is some truth in it. The Gazette of Friday contains the following in reference to the affair.

"Last week we published a statement about the Stone Man who defied the Deity by threatening to shoot his God. The story has been generally discredited but Dr. McEntire, of Howard, in order to find out what there really was in the story, wrote to the postmaster at Instanter, Pa., and in reply received two letters which we print below:

LETTER NO. 1. INSTANTER, Pa., Sept. 21, 1897. G. W. McEntire, M. D., Howard, [Pa.]

Dear Sir—Your letter of the 18th inst. inquiring as to the truth of the several different reports running through the newspapers of our section of the State concerning a farmer being turned to stone, I will say in reply that a man by the name of Decker, living near here, is reported to have had an experience of that kind, but was in town yesterday looking very pale and scarcely able to walk. He denies the allegation but there are different people here who positively claim to have seen him, when he was in the position as reported by the papers. These people say that on account of some mysterious influence, they were unable to get close enough to make identification complete but they are positive he was the man. On the contrary, Decker is very quiet on the subject, and absolutely refuses to discuss it. One thing is very apparent, that before this was supposed to have happened, he was a very profane man, but now he is altogether changed, so much so, that any one having known him before, would not now recognize him at all. Trusting this explanation will gratify your curiosity, I remain,

Very Respectfully, A. C. QUIGLEY, Assistant P. M.

LETTER NO. 2. INSTANTER, Pa., Sept. 22, '97. G. W. McEntire, M. D., Howard, [Pa.]

DEAR DOCTOR—As you have received my answer to your letter of the 18th inst., I have since learned more concerning the matter you wrote about. Decker has finally admitted that part of the matter said of him is true; in respect to making the threat and getting his gun and going into the orchard and pointing to the heavens. He says when he had his gun in position a feeling came over him that would be impossible to describe. The muscles of his body seemed to be paralyzed. He could not change his position. He tried to call for someone to help

him, but could make no sound. There was but one person at the house, that being a small boy, and noticing his position, went toward him, but could not get within at least 100 feet of him. In regard to anyone trying to build a shed over him, he says that no attempt was made. He was in the position two nights and one day. He says that as long as he lives he will never utter another oath, but will try and serve his Maker to the best of his ability, from this time on. He says it was a direct warning from the other world.

You can give this publicly in your paper, Doctor, as it will be an accommodation to us, our mail is literally overrun with inquiries.

Very truly yours, A. C. QUIGLEY, Ass't P. M.

Edward Miller Dead.

One of the prominent citizens of Middlecreek township, viz: Edward Miller, died last Thursday at 1:30 o'clock. Mr. Miller was born in Penn township Snyder (then Union) county, March 22, 1829 and is a son of John Miller.

Edward Miller lived for a while in Washington township and the balance of his life was spent in Middlecreek township. George Miller of Freeburg, Daniel and Frederick of Kantz and Lewis Miller of Globe Mills are brothers and Angeline, Mrs. A. D. Kremer of Smith Grove is an only sister. For the last three years he has been troubled with cancer from the effects of which he died at the age of 68 years, 6 mos. and 8 days. He was buried on Sunday. Rev. Schumble of Salem officiated.

COURT HOUSE CHIPS.

Needs Entered for Record. Jacob Bay and wife to William Brouse, 2 acres and 10 perches in Penn Twp., for \$25.

Wm. Brouse and wife to H. P. App, same as above, for \$25.

Alex Bertch and wife to Gustavus Bertch, for lot No. 19, situate in Freeburg, for \$500.

Susanna Houtz to Mary Houtz, for 29 ft. by 165 ft. in eastern part of lot No. 5, Moyer's addition, in Freeburg, for \$400.

David F. Botdorf and wife to G. A. Botdorf, release deed of 100 acres in Washington Twp., for \$600.

Mary M. Wilt to G. A. Botdorf, 100 acres in Washington township, for \$600.

Marriage Licenses.

"HEARTS FLUTTERING WITH DELUSIONS."—The following marriage licenses have been granted since our last publication:

- (Levi Hoffman, Perry Twp., Juniata Co.
(Cora Seaman, Juniata Co.
(J. F. Zechman, Franklin Twp., Washington "
(Sarah Reiche, Washington "
(D. R. Gemberling, Dauphin Co., "
(Amelia T. Fisher, "
(Jno. A. Roush, Nanticoke, "
(Nettie Paige, ")

At Private Sale.

The farm of the late Dr. T. B. Bibighaus, dec'd, situate East of Middleburgh about one mile is offered at private sale. For further particulars inquire of Mrs. Emma Bibighaus, Executrix, Mifflinburg, Penn'a. 8-26-tf.

Bean Soup.

The members of Capt. C. S. Davis Post, No. 148, G. A. R., will hold a Bean Soup and Camp Fire on the Base Ball Ground, Selinsgrove, Oct. 7th, day and evening. Speeches will be made by a number of Comrades.—A hospital Fly has been secured from the state for the occasion. No pains will be spared to make this an enjoyable time. Everybody will be welcome. Come and spend the day with us. A special invitation is extended to all the Grand Army Posts, Union Veteran Legions, Sons of Veterans, and every old soldier in this or adjoining county.—Come with your family and spend the day with the old Veterans. A plate of soup, tin of coffee and crackers, 10c.

The Wintersteen Case.

An order of court has been made by Judge Ikeler, of Columbia county, for a special session of 2 weeks, beginning Tuesday, October 26, for which 48 traverse jurors have been summoned. The Waller-Wintersteen-Knorr dynamite case will then be re-tried by Judge Ermentrout, of Reading, who has written Judge Ikeler that he would come.

Judge Jeremiah O. Lyons of Mifflintown presided at our court Wednesday while Judge Crouse's case was on trial.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Reformed church will hold an Echo Meeting on Saturday evening. The other societies of the town will attend.

A phone has been placed in the Post printing office and those desiring work at short notice can place orders by wire. Any news occurring Tuesday night may be phoned to us early Wednesday morning.

"That the richest and largest deposits of gold that the earth has ever produced up to the present time have been found in the Alaska Klondyke country is now an established fact. We call your attention to the advertisement of the Alaska Klondyke Gold Mining Co. in another column." 10-7-9m.

The American Protective Tariff League has just issued another and very complete edition of our Tariff laws. The volume of 144 pages, gives the official text of the Dingley Tariff; complete comparison of the Dingley and Wilson law; and, index to all articles covered by the new Tariff. The book will be of great value for reference and for answering all questions regarding the Tariff question. It will be sent to any address for twenty-five cents. Ask for document No. 27, and address The American Tariff League, 135 West 23rd Street, New York.

During the past week there was entered upon the marriage license docket the name of a man 22 years of age to be married to a little girl only 14 years of age. The girl has the consent of her parents. The man makes an "x" instead of signing his name. Would this not seem to indicate that we need a law preventing children from getting married? A man so totally ignorant that he cannot write his name married to a little girl not yet out of short dresses! The clerk of the Orphans' court had no authority to refuse a license.