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NEWS NUGGETS.

DEW DROPS OF EVERY DAY INTEREST GATHERED FOR OUR MANY READERS.

The Prattle of Interest to all recounted in an interesting shape for the POST.

Mrs. Isiah Walter is sick with heart trouble.

Elmer Snyder of Selinsgrove was in town on Friday.

There will be no paper issued from this office next week.

There are no prisoners in the Middleburg jail at present.

A question of color—will we have a white or green Christmas.

Mrs. Jere Crouse of Selinsgrove is visiting relatives at this place.

The Republican Standing Committee will meet here Jan. 4, 1898.

The Sunday schools are busy making preparations for Christmas.

John Thomas has moved in with Robert Shambach's with his cobler shop.

Don't forget that the contest for reform platforms will close Jan. 1st, 1898.

Editors Aurand and Leshner made fraternal calls at this office last week.

Kid Gloves, good quality at quick selling prices at Oppenheimer's, Selinsgrove.

W. W. Wittenmyer and Sheriff Ritter were Selinsgrove visitors Wednesday.

Turkeys 10 cents, Chickens 6 cents, at F. H. Maurer's, New Berlin, Pa.

Charles Gable and wife of Selinsgrove spent Sunday with Dr. J. W. Seip and family.

Go to H. Oppenheimer's for a full line of all colors and styles of shirts Selinsgrove, Pa.

Ex-Sheriff Alfred Specht of Beavertown, was a county seat visitor Tuesday morning.

E. W. Snyder, the insurance agent of Selinsgrove, has placed a phone in his office.

Hon. E. M. Hummel of Selinsgrove was in Middleburg between trains Friday afternoon.

Rev. D. E. McLain attended the funeral of Rev. David A. Day at Selinsgrove Wednesday.

E. C. Graybill is erecting a large stable on his lot on the French Flats to be used as a livery stable.

Harry Gutelius is acting as express agent at Shamokin during the rush with the holiday business.

A full line of Neck Ties—something nice for Christmas presents at H. Oppenheimer's, Selinsgrove.

Mrs. Ira Ulsh, son, Alter, and baby daughter of Millersburg are visiting their relatives in Swineford.

F. H. Maurer, New Berlin, wants 1000 turkeys at 10 cents per pound until order is filled. Call at once.

Samuel Hatley had a stroke of Apoplexy. He is a charge of Franklin township. Later.—He has since died.

The Selinsgrove authorities have purchased a stone crusher for which they paid \$400 and their old fire engine.

This is the last issue of the Post for 1897. We extend to our readers an unusually Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We are authorized to state that Snyder county will have a candidate for the republican nomination for congressman of this district.

Christmas matter will be found on the inside pages.

Rev. Spangler, of Yeagertown, was a Middleburg visitor Tuesday evening.

Miss Rose Schoch is spending the holidays in New York City visiting her brother.

Buy your Christmas presents now while the assortment is complete at Weis', Selinsgrove.

Large line of Ladies' and Gents' umbrellas, prices from 60c to \$3.00 at Weis', Selinsgrove.

Editor Wagensseller is in Harrisburg to-day, and Mrs. is attending Dr. Day's funeral at Selinsgrove.

Miss Marion Schoch will give a party to a number of her young lady friends this Thursday evening.

Harrison Moyer of this place pays the highest cash prices for calves and hides. Call on or address as above.

Senator Hummel, of Selinsgrove, is in Phila. attending the meeting of the Republican State Central Committee.

The turkey that escaped execution sings "just tell them that you saw me,"—but don't tell them where I was.

Advices from Sunbury say that H. H. Hassinger of that place, formerly of Middleburg, is sorely afflicted with heart trouble.

A full line of tinware can be found at Schoch and Stahlnecker's stand. All kinds of repairing promptly attended to.

The Republican State Central Committee of Pennsylvania met at 1231 Walnut St. Philadelphia on Wednesday of this week.

The telephone line to McClure is almost completed. A few phones are already in place and communication will be opened in a few days.

An effort will be made to secure a sure and safe skating area in Van Zandt's meadow. The water will be dammed up and allowed to freeze over.

Supt. Bowersox delivered a lecture before the Local Institute at Blain, Perry county, on Saturday, December 18th, subject, "The Ideal Citizen."

Wm. Nace of Shamokin Dam was an interested visitor in Swineford Sunday. On Christmas he will lead one of Swineford's damsels to the marriage altar.

BRICKS FOR SALE.—I have on hand 200,000 bricks. Any person in need of bricks can get them at any time. F. F. HARE, Middleburgh, Pa.

Dr. W. O. Perkins of Boston will conduct the Musical Convention, at Selinsgrove, Jan. 24, 1898. Dr. Perkins has a reputation in this section of the State and needs no further introduction.

Benny Oppenheimer has a full line of banjo and guitar strings on hand at Oppenheimer's store, Selinsgrove. Violins, Banjos, Guitars, etc. ordered on short notice.

The rebuilt United Evangelical church at Beavertown, Pa., will be dedicated Jan. 2, 1898, Rev. S. L. Wiest of Harrisburg will officiate. Other ministers are expected to be present to assist.

TURKEYS WANTED—1000 Turkeys wanted at F. H. Maurer's store, New Berlin. Call as soon as possible. Price 10 cents only till the order is filled. Call as soon as possible.

YOU CAN BUY FURNITURE—It's of all sorts—good and bad—anything to fit the price paid, but if you are looking for the best however at lowest prices, call and see my stock. H. E. WALTER, Middleburgh, Pa.

The contest in the competition for the Post's prize reform platform closes Jan. 1st, 1898. Be sure to have your production in on time. The winning platforms will be published also the names of the winners.

Misses Bertha Erhart and Lulu Smith, who have been attending Kee Marr College, at Hagerstown, Md., are spending their Xmas vacation at home. Dr. C. L. Keedy is the president of the institution.

The different Sunday schools of this place will hold their Christmas exercises as follows: United Brethren and Evangelical, Thursday evening, Dec. 23rd, Lutheran and Reformed Friday evening, Dec. 24.

Mrs. George Ann Miller of Shamokin Dam was operated on for cancer of the breast at the Mary M. Packer hospital, Thursday afternoon. Dr. W. L. Shindel performed the operation, assisted by Dr. P. H. Kenn and Dr. E. B. Cooper.

The two passenger cars on express East on Monday evening bore a deep crease along the entire length of the train caused by an open door of a freight car that was passed on its eastward journey. No one was hurt.

Invitations are out which read: "Mr. and Mrs. John Honsinger request your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Anna M., and Mr. M. M. Rote, Wednesday evening, December twenty-ninth, at eight o'clock. Hartleton, Pa., 1897."

If you are contemplating buying a Christmas present, do not fail to visit Weis' store, Selinsgrove, when you will undoubtedly be able to find something to suit you. The assortment of Christmas novelties for the approaching holidays is extremely large and attractive.

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.

"Joanquin" in last week's Selinsgrove Times seems to have been under the impression that we wanted a democratic reform platform. We do not. We do not even want a platform for the Republican party, but a platform for individual candidates to run on at the coming republican primary election.

"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." 10-7-6m.

The college students at home spending their holiday vacation are A. F. and A. R. Gilbert of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster; Charles Marks of Dickinson College, Carlisle; Bruce Crouse and Wm. Shindel of Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, and Samuel Wittenmyer, Jr., of Cornell University, Ithica, N. Y.

Our townsman, Henry Fisher, shipped a grandfather's clock to his son, Samuel, at Harrisburg one day last week. It is a fine specimen of clock work and was made in 1790. Mr. Fisher has been its owner for many years, and the son doubtless will prize this relic of by-gone-days very highly.—Freeburg Courier.

In accordance with the usual custom of the papers of Snyder county and elsewhere, there will be no paper issued from this office next week. We observe the week between Xmas and New Year as our holiday vacation. This office will be open for the execution of job work and receipting for subscription money.

Old Copies of the Post Wanted

The files of the Middleburg Post have been regularly bound only since it has been an 8-page paper, viz: July 1, 1888. The files from Jan. 1, 1881, to July 1, 1888, were simply tied up in a bundle. Among this lot we find many that are badly torn and damaged and some of them missing. If any of our readers or friends can assist us to supply the missing numbers, they will do a favor not only to us, but to posterity as well. The only written history we now have of Snyder county is that preserved by the newspapers of the county. The Snyder County Historical Society will soon begin work to hunt up data to preserve this history and a complete file of the Post is almost indispensable. The missing copies are Jan. 6, Feb. 10-17, March 10, Oct. 13 and Nov. 10, 1881; Nov. 23, 1882; April 26, 1883; March 27, June 12, Aug. 7, and Oct. 30, 1884; Sept. 17, 1885; Jan. 28, May 6, and Oct. 28, 1886; Jan. 27, July 28, 1887; Feb. 16, March 22, and June 28, 1888. The issues of Dec. 9, 16, 23, 1886 and the issues of Dec. 15, 22, 29, 1887, are so badly damaged that they are practically valueless. We are in need of the issues of the Post above named. The missing numbers will command a fair price depending upon condition of copies. This will then complete our files from Jan. 1, 1881, to the present time.

The Post was established in 1863 and no files are in our possession from that time to 1881. We would like to have a complete file and if any of our friends can assist us we shall be pleased to hear from them. The Post was established by Mr. Gutelius in 1863 and was bought by Hon. Jere Crouse in 1867.

We presume that on the attics of some of our readers can be found all the missing numbers. Will you assist us?

Christmas Announcements.

Quite a number of our wide-awake merchants have their Christmas announcements on the last page of the Post. Our readers will need Christmas presents, Xmas candy and other good things to eat and nice things to wear. Hence you will do well to see what they have to offer.

Christmas Presents.

I desire to announce to the public that those who wish to buy Pianos, Organs or Sewing Machines for Christmas and New Year presents can buy cheaper of me now than ever. Full line of samples on hand. F. S. REIGLE, Middleburgh, Pa.

The Snyder County Historical Society would like to secure a complete file of all the county papers, including the Volksfreund. The present publishers will confer a favor by beginning Jan. 1st to mail gratuitous copies to the Snyder Co. Historical Society, Middleburgh, Pa. These copies are preserved, bound and filed to preserve history. Back numbers are also welcome.

Fred. Graeber of Shamokin, who drove into a mine hole a year or more ago, losing a leg by the accident, and the young lady with him being killed, has had another accident. He was taking a carriage ride with Miss Maggie Watkins, having a coachman. As they drove on the N. C. tracks, a train was coming and Graeber yelled to Miss Watkins to jump, and both did so. Graeber cleared the track, but Miss Watkins was struck on the hip by the bumper. Graeber and the driver escaped unhurt and the lady was slightly injured. The horses escaped unhurt, the carriage was demolished.

Court Proceedings.

Court convened on Monday, Dec. 13th at 11:15 o'clock A. M.

Present, Hon. H. M. McClure, President Judge and Jeremiah Crouse and Z. T. Gemberling, Associate Judges.

George Specht, D. B. Heiser, Michael Hackenberg and H. F. Mohn were appointed tipstaves.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

The cases of the Commonwealth vs. George Renard, Wm. Neitz and Elias Noll were ignored by the Grand Jury.

Report of bridge view in West Beaver township not confirmed by Grand Jury.

In the case of the Commonwealth vs. David Marks, the defendant, was acquitted of the charge of larceny and the costs were divided between him and the prosecutor, David I. Sholley.

Reports of viewers of roads in Penn and Union townships were confirmed in si.

Wm. Moyer, Henry H. Glass and Fred. B. Bolig were appointed to view site to change road in Franklin township.

C. L. Wetzel, John Heterick and A. A. Romig were appointed to view road in Spring township.

COMMON PLEAS.

In case of George S. Rine against J. B. Hall the appointment of auditor was enlarged. He to report to next term.

Masters were appointed in the divorce cases of G. A. Brown vs. S. E. Brown, W. A. Basom vs. Sadie Basom, Arthur D. C. Shirey vs. Martha Jane Shirey.

In the case of Charles P. Ulrich vs. Malinda Romig, the verdict was in favor of the plaintiff for the sum of \$65.00.

In the case of A. W. Potter vs. Malinda Romig it was agreed that the verdict in this case should be the same as in the preceding one.

In the case of Charles Howar vs. Hiram E. Gamby, et al., the verdict was in favor of the plaintiff, for \$5.33.

In the case of Dr. H. M. Nipple vs. the Beavertown Mutual Fire Insurance Company, an amended statement was filed.

P. S. Ritter, High Sheriff of said county, acknowledged deed polls to J. C. W. Bassler, G. Kline, Harvey Sholley, the Aultman Company, Amelia M. Gutelius and Caroline Stahl.

ORPHAN'S COURT.

Order of sale were granted in the estates of John Hartman, deceased, Ester Hare, deceased, and John S. Hassinger, deceased.

Returns to orders of sale were confirmed in the estates of Harriet Neitz, deceased, John R. Arbogast, deceased, John A. Goss, deceased.

In the estate of Josiah Kline, deceased, Ira Kline accepted the real estate of said decedent at the appraisalment.

In re-estate of John D. Miller, deceased, on petition of Morris Showers, guardian, &c. The sale of decedent's real estate was ratified by the Court.

Auditor's reports were filed in estates of William Steely, deceased, and Daniel Zeiber, deceased.

B. F. Hummel was appointed guardian of Emerson Hummel, a minor child and grandchild of Daniel and Jacob Hummel, deceased.

D. S. Sholly was appointed guardian of the minor children of Daniel R. Heintzelman, deceased.

The accounts of Executors, Administrators and Guardians and the Widow's Appraisements were confirmed as advertised.

Returns to writ of partition was confirmed in estate of Z. P. Gross,

deceased.

Saturday, Dec. 18, 1897, Court adjourned to Monday, Jan. 24, 1898, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Card of Thanks.

I desire to express my heartfelt thanks to the teachers, directors and citizens of our county for the very earnest interest manifested in the 40th Annual Teachers' Institute of Snyder county. Since my connection with the public schools, no substitute has reached the altitude of success enjoyed by this one. Our people manfully and liberally supported us by attending the day sessions and giving us crowded houses in the evening lectures—for all of which they have our profound thanks. Resp'y yours, F. C. BOWERSOX, Co. Supt.

Dr Day's Body Arrives.

Was Interred at Selinsgrove Wednesday afternoon.

The body of the Rev. Dr. David A. Day, the distinguished missionary of the Lutheran church, who has served the Muhlenberg mission, on the west coast of Africa, for nearly twenty five years, and who died on the steamship "Lucania" last Friday, one day out from New York, was taken to Baltimore Sunday.

At a special meeting of the foreign board arrangements were made for a service in the First Lutheran church of Baltimore on Tuesday at 2 p. m., when prominent clergymen and laymen from all the large cities of the east were present. The interment was made at Selinsgrove, where services were held on Wednesday afternoon.

Religious Announcement.

The "Week of Prayer" will be observed in Middleburgh, by the various churches holding union meetings as follows:

Monday, Jan. 3, Lutheran church led by Rev. D. E. McLain.

Tuesday, Jan. 4, United Brethren church, led by Rev. S. B. Broughter.

Wednesday, Jan. 5, Reformed church, led by Rev. S. Kohler.

Thursday, 6, Evangelical church, led by Rev. J. H. Hertz.

Friday, Jan. 7, Evan. Lutheran church. This meeting will be addressed by William R. Irvin, of Williamsport.

George P Spangler Going to Klondike.

Poplar Bluffs, Mo., Dec. 16, '97. Ed. Post.—Enclosed please find draft for \$3.75 for subscription to the Post. Prosperity has not yet reached me, but I will start for the Klondike March 15 to make my fortune or my wife will make hers. I have insured my life for \$10,000 for years. So if I do not come back, my wife will be able to live with the insurance money. I am paying up all my debts before I go. You may hear from me from the extreme North.

Wishing you and your wife a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am,

Yours truly,
GEO. P. SPANGLER.

We are pleased to receive this bit of news from our friend, Mr. Spangler, who formerly resided here. We hope that he may be able to scoop up millions of dollars worth of gold dust and further that he will occasionally write a letter to the Post. George Spangler is a son of Mrs. Adam L. Spangler of this place and consequently a brother to Charles, formerly of this place and of Dr. A. C. Spangler, the popular young dentist of Selinsgrove.