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HISTORY OF THE POST.

A Brief Sketch of its Career and Useful-ness.

The Post dates back only to 1861 since it assumed this name, but its antecedent was the *Union Democrat* established about 1844 at New Berlin. New Berlin, at that time, was the county seat of Union County, (which then included Snyder Co.) and it was a great newspaper town. Among the other papers published there was the *Union Star*, by Israel Gutelius from 1840 to 1844, a strong Whig paper, the *Union Times* a Democratic paper, published by John M. Baum. This paper was once owned by Jacob Reichley, late of Centreville. The *Good Samaritan*, a temperance paper, was pub-



POST PRINTING OFFICE.

lished here, was established in 1851 at New Berlin by F. and E. Smith. It was sold to A. J. Peters who brought it to Middleburgh about 1855. John B. Stoll and others published it here. *Buds and Blossoms of Literature* was a monthly published by John Flinn. There were other papers published earlier. The *Advocate* started in 1851. The *New Berlin Gazette*, established in 1816 and in 1822 was changed to the *Union Times*. In 1821 there was started a German paper with the title, *Die Stimme von Union und Union*. In 1828 Wm. Carothers published the *Union History*. The same year Joseph Miller published the *Union Telegraph and Anti-Masonic Reporter*.

With such an array of newspapers at New Berlin it is with pleasure that we refer to the antecedent of the Middleburgh Post,—the *Union Democrat*. It was a German paper,

period of 11 years and 3 months. At this juncture Geo. W. Wagenseller and A. E. Cooper bought the plant and formed a partnership with the former as editor. On December 12th of the same year the partnership was dissolved and the writer became the sole owner. In October 1874 the Post was moved to the building now owned by David Ocker. For quite a number of years the Post was printed up stairs in the room now occupied by the G. A. R. Post of this place, but most of the time the first story was used. After occupying that building for a period of 23½ years, the Post on Feb. 3, 1898, the coldest day of the winter, was moved into the new two-story structure erected on the First National Bank lot next to the county jail. The new building is a frame structure 33x19 feet covered with a slate roof. The outside is covered half way up with siding and the upper half with shingles. The editorial and business room occupies the south end of the building and measure 17x11½ feet with 3 large windows facing the street. It is provided with furniture looking to the necessity of systematizing books, papers, letters, documents, etc., in such a way so as to enable one to easily find what is desired at a moment's notice. This is an innovation over the prevailing

for dissemination of news and the good it has done can never be estimated in a practical way. We are proud of its past, we realize that the present has its duty and we shall endeavor to make the future, if possible, shed lustre upon the past.

M. Z. STEININGER.

We publish in this issue the likeness of M. Z. Steininger Esq. and his home and business place that is familiar to all who know anything about Middleburgh. He is a harness



JOHN E. STETTLER'S RESIDENCE.

MILES I. POTTER.

The subject of this sketch is one of the most active attorneys of our town. He was born at Atkinson's Mills, Millin County, Pa., July 29, 1865, and was reared on a farm. He attended the common schools until 16 years of age when he taught his first term of school in Westmoreland Co., Pa. He taught alternately in the winter and attended Normal school during the spring and summer, graduating from the Delmont Normal School in Westmoreland County, taking first honors in a class of 37. He taught 13 terms of school among which he was principal of the public schools of Selinsgrove

maker by trade, having worked at Hartleton, Union Co., Pa., Kratzerville, and Bannerville, this county, and Fremont Nebraska. He has been working at his trade for some thirty years and has worked at this place since 1870, having occupied the same location since 1873. He was born one mile west of town and has seen a great deal of this country. He has taken several trips to the West and South and has been in 16 of the states and Canada. He was appointed Justice of the Peace of this borough for one year and was then elected for five years, which term he is now serving. Mr. Steininger is a useful citizen in the community and the possessor of many friends.



DR. A. J. HERMANN.

purchased by Hon. Jeremiah Crouse who moved it from Selinsgrove to Middleburgh and began issue in the first or second week in January 1867. The Post was printed for a while on first and second story of John Arnold's building located where J. C. Schoch's residence now is. The second story of the building was only a half story. Later it was moved to a building then erected in the vicinity of the present sites of Jacob Gilbert's and D. A. Kern's residences. In this same building there was a furniture store conducted by Charles Katherman of Millinburg. The

custom in many newspaper offices and in too many other offices and business places. The remaining portion of the first floor is used for the cylinder press, the folder, a large jobber and some other appliances belonging to a well regulated printing establishment. At the north-west corner of the building is a 10x9 foot annex, one story high used as an engine room. On the second story are the type cases, cabinets, imposing stones, paper cutter, a small jobber and the compositors. From the second story windows is permitted a full and free



M. Z. STEININGER'S RESIDENCE AND SHOP.

BENJAMIN H. CUSTER.

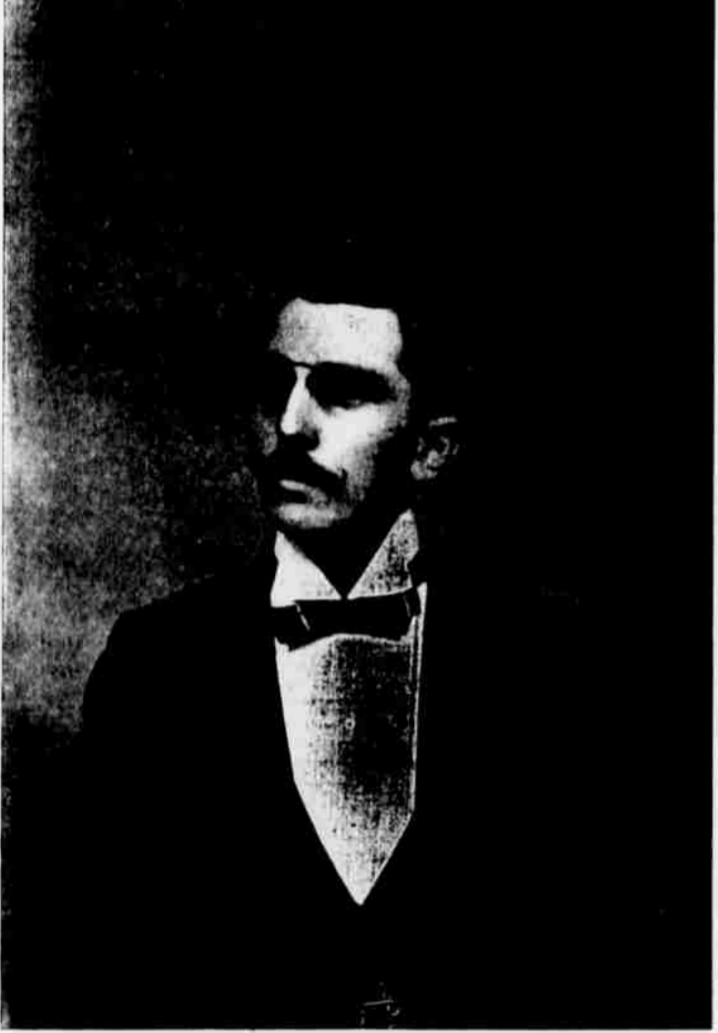
for four terms and was principal of the Middleburgh public schools for three terms. He studied law and was admitted to the Snyder County bar in June 1895. He was elected Justice of the Peace of this borough in February 1896. He is a capable young man with ample ability and abundant mental resources for the successful practice of his chosen profession. He is aspiring for the position of District Attorney of Snyder County and next summer he will be a candidate for the nomination to that position on the Republican ticket. He is well qualified for the position and we predict for him success in his aspirations and in his calling.

The Postmaster and one of the dealers in General Merchandise in Swineford, a prosperous suburb of Middleburgh, is a gentleman of good business qualifications and always treats his customers with courtesy and respect. He is a model citizen and an upright gentleman, who by close attention to business and his own affairs has won a position in the community that is worthy of imitation. He is the owner of the beautiful residence and store building near the Middlecreek bridge on the way from Middleburgh to the depot. He always keeps on hand a well selected stock of the latest goods and is always contriving to please the many customers who frequent his store every day of the week.

Quite a number of sketches will be found on the inside pages.



FIRST NATIONAL BANK.



GEO. W. WAGENSELLER, EDITOR MIDDLEBURGH "POST."

lished by Absalom Swineford. The *Evangelical Messenger*, a religious paper, was published by the Evangelical church and the *Botschafter*, a German paper, was published in the interest of the same church. Another paper mysteriously made its appearance. It was styled "Man about Town" and was gotten out at one of the printing offices there for amusement. The *Volkshesfreund*, at one

Whig in politics, and was established about 1844. Christian Moser, a German, published this paper until about 1850 when Israel Gutelius bought it and continued its publication at New Berlin until the spring of 1853 when it was moved to Selinsgrove. The *Demokrat* was published in a building located where J. Howard Ulsh's drug store now stands. The building was used also



MILES I. POTTER.

Post was on the lower story. Feb. 7th, 1879, the building was destroyed by fire; but the printing plant had been moved out several years before the fire. Mr. Crouse owned the Post and conducted it through all his successful political life when in December 1882 it was sold to Thomas H. Harter. Mr. Harter wielded the editorial pen up to Mar. 17, 1894, a

view of the Middlecreek Valley east with plenty of evidences of its rich fertility and productiveness. Such is the history of the oldest Republican paper in Snyder County. It stood for the Whigs before the Republican party was organized and for more than a half century has furnished food for thought and reflection. At times it served only



HON. JEREMIAH CROUSE, EDITOR POST 1867-82.