

FREDERIC E. BOWER, ESQ.

Mr. Frederic E. Bower was born Selingsgrove, Pa., Jan. 21, 1846, the son of Hon. Thomas Bower and his wife Mrs. Catharine Bower. His father was for many years prominent in politics and business, having held, among other positions, that of Representative from old Snyder, Union and Juniata District in our State Legislature in 1857. During the session he was chairman of the Committee on Currency and Banking. Mr. Bower's mother is a daughter of Hon. George Kremer, who represented his district in Congress during the memorable contest in the National House of Representatives between Jackson, Clay and Adams for the Presidency, in which Mr. Kremer was a prominent and ardent champion of General Jackson.

University schools, still, however, maintained his law office in Middleburg. Mr. Bower was a soldier during the civil war and is a member of Andrew Gregg Tucker Post No. 52, G. A. R. of Lewisburg. He is a member of Lafayette Lodge, F. and A. M. 194 of Selingsgrove, Pa.

His two eldest sons were soldiers in the Spanish-American war. He, with his family, are members of the Baptist church at Lewisburg and his life and character are such as to gain him the ungrudging respect of the entire community.

STEININGER BROTHERS

The firm of Steininger Brothers is composed of John M. Steininger, who for 16 years was the foreman of the Post, and Geo. H. Steininger, who for many years was clerk in the

in his long connection with this bakery has never had a bad lot of bread. He deals also, in Peanuts and crackers by wholesale. The Middleburg bakery has a reputation also in pretzels which are shipped to the coal regions and to all parts of the state. Candy and pop corn balls are manufactured in the winter time and a very large quantity is handled. The baker is that well known gentleman, John Strickle, assisted by Ed Howell and others. The bakery has a capacity of 175 to 200 loaves on one baking. He serves the best bread and cakes on the market. Mr. Meiser has fully demonstrated to all our people that it is cheaper to buy cakes and bread than to bake them. The Bakery in all its departments has a reputation for cleanliness, one of the most essential features of a bakery.

The Excelsior Planing Mill

Geo. F. Stetler, Foreman. Calvin Stetler, Supt. and Treas.

The Excelsior Planing Mill of Middleburg was opened May 1872 under the firm name of Stetler, Stahlmecker & Co. January 1, 1885 the same passed into the hands of Aaron Stetler who died April 5th, 1890. The mill is still conducted under the same name by the heirs.

The mill has run for 27 years with the following list of accidents, viz: Aaron Stetler, Frederick Walter, Geo. F. Stetler and Edward Mitchell, all had their hands and fingers cut by a small circular saw and all on the same table. The first 3 men were experienced workmen in the mill, the last inexperienced and not employed in the mill.

The mill now is equipped with a full line of first class wood working machinery, in a spacious building well ventilated and lighted, with 3 large lumber sheds and storage rooms.

In connection with that of general planing mill work, the firm in 1895 added a casket factory, where all kinds and styles of caskets, plain and fancy work and cloth covered, are manufactured for the trade, a full line of casket hardware, linings, trimmings and robes are kept on hand. They are prepared to fill orders from undertakers on the shortest possible notice.

The mill was in its infancy when the 1873 panic struck this section, and for a number of years had hard work to keep above water, but by careful and conservative management the plant stands to-day clear of all incumbrances.

DR. J. W. ORWIG

We present in this issue of the Post a cut of the handsome residence of Dr. J. W. Orwig, who since the war has followed the profession of a dentist. He moved to Middleburg in 1868 and has resided here ever since with the exception of four years from 1876 to 1880 when he resided at Watsontown, Pa. He studied for five and one-half years during which time he participated in 34 engagements. He served first in the 51st P. V. I. Co. E, but when he joined the regulars, he was assigned to the position of bugler of Co. B, First Cavalry. He has built up a very large practice in his profession extending away from town as much as ten and fifteen miles. He is a skillful workman at his chosen profession and has made a very large number of plates during his career as a dentist.

Geo. M. Shindel.

The Prothonotary and Clerk of our courts is Geo. M. Shindel, a young man of more than ordinary ability as an efficient officer. Born at Middleburg Feb. 1, 1859, he descends from a long line of illustrious ancestry. He was educated in the public schools and by private tutors. At the age of fifteen years he entered the drug store of his father and spent five years in that calling. Later he was employed as a clerk in the public offices of the county and that paved his way for a public career. In 1891 he was elected to the position of Register & Recorder. Three years later he was re-elected to the same position. In 1897 he was nominated on the Republican ticket for the position of prothonotary in a very hard fought battle. This was considered a very high honor as two consecutive terms in a public office was all that was conceded to the same man. On November 2, 1897, he was elected by a majority of 1,070 against one of the most popular Democrats in the county. Mr. Shindel is a very neat penman, a very accurate and conscientious officer who fills the position of his trust with the assiduity that one would assume in the transaction of his own private business.



WILSON B. WINTRY.

EAGLE HOTEL

The first attraction that meets the gaze of the stranger when he alights from the train at the depot is the Eagle Hotel a very good likeness of which we present herewith. It is owned and conducted by D. K. Haas, a gentleman who is a very active and energetic in all he undertakes. He is a firm advocate of the idea of building up a town and what is more is willing to back up his ideas by assisting to get industries to locate in our midst. The hotel he conducts is under careful management and no guest ever stops at the Eagle, but feels that it was well for him to have been there. The hotel is nicely fitted up and the guests enjoy all the comforts of a modern hotel. In a brief time Mr. Haas will add to his hotel a first class livery that will outdo any livery in the town. This will render the Eagle Hotel complete and will give to the outfit a completeness it would not otherwise receive.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

This bank was chartered December 1889 and its organization was the result of a citizens' movement called into being by a crying need. Prior to its establishment this county had but one bank. Soon after its doors were opened to the public in consequence of its superior management it rapidly grew in favor and is in

\$200,000. This institution transacts a general banking business, such as discounting notes with approved security, receiving money on deposits, subject to check, issues demand drafts on the great banking centres of the country, and in short carries on a wide and varied range of financial business.

The business of this bank since its establishment has been so remarkable and has become so extensive that requirements necessitated the officers to erect a building especially for banking business. This building is a two-story brick structure designed according to the American art of architecture is in keeping in every way with the most modern and artistic of the time and is fitted up in a manner to guarantee the greatest security to the valuables of the bank and is in every respect the equal of any in this part of the State. The fact that this Banking Company is managed by such capable, intelligent and responsible gentlemen each of whom has been remarkably successful in the management of his own private affairs and whose names are synonymous with the strictest integrity, unquestioned stability are proof that a safe, sound and reliable business always be conducted.

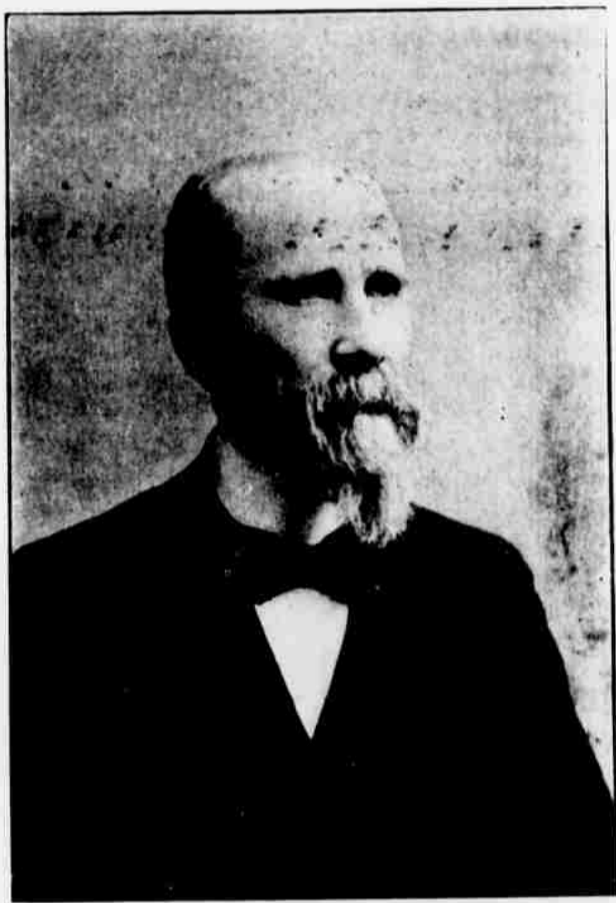
H. Burns Smith of New Kensington spent a few days in town this week on business for his father's estate.



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possession at the present time of a very large business. Its enterprising projectors were all men of success and business stability and soon had it on a sound and unusually prosperous footing. The cash capital is \$50,000; surplus and undivided profits \$25,000; bills discounted \$175,000; average deposit subject to check

FOR SALE.—I offer for sale fifteen acres of farm land, twenty acres of partly cleared land, and twenty-four acres of timber land, all situated at New Berlin in Limestone township, Union Co. If so desired, it will be sold in lots. For particulars inquire of A. E. Taylor, Kishwaukee, Pa. 3-23-1900.



FREDERIC E. BOWER.

Mr. Bower was educated at the University as Lewisburg (now Bucknell University) where he graduated in 1869, having among his classmates President Harris of Bucknell, Judge Bell of Huntingdon, Pa. and Mr. Andrew A. Leiser of Lewisburg, Pa. After diligently pursuing the study of the law in the office of the Hon. John P. Cronmiller he was admitted to the bar in 1878 and has since successfully pursued his chosen profession.

In 1882 he was elected District Attorney of our county, and so well did he serve the public that, although his party was largely in the minority, he was re-elected his own successor by a handsome majority. Since his admission to the bar he has been concerned in a large proportion of the most important civil and criminal cases tried in our county.

Prothonotary's office. Both are natives of this vicinity and are well known active progressive business men. They are dealers in coal, grain and bark. In railroad and mining ties they have a very large trade. Prop timber has been a very important feature in their business, they have shipped in one month 30 car loads or about 600 tons. They also handle phosphate and seeds of all kinds. They are thoroughly imbued with the ideas of public improvements and are willing to prove their loyalty to industries proposing to locate here by giving to them all the support within their power. They are honest, straight-forward in all their business dealing with their patrons. They have been in business since 1895, but they have a most extensive business and one which keeps them very busy.



R. H. CUSTER.

WASHINGTON HOUSE

It is with a great deal of pleasure that we are permitted to present to our readers a likeness of one of the oldest hotel stands in the county. It is unnecessary for us to say that people who knew the Washington House as it was in the forties when it first became a hotel, would not recognize the present building as the same one. The proprietor, Mr. Carbon Seibold has been in that building for seven years first leasing it and now owning it. The Hotel has recently been remodeled and refitted in such a way that it has no superior in the county. It is especially adapted for the accommodation of the traveling public. The rates are \$1.50 per day and those who stop at the Washington House aver that the accommodations at many \$2.00 houses are inferior to Mr. Seibold's hospitality.

W. NEVIN ENGLE

For the past year Middleburg has again found the convenience of having a photograph gallery. The photographer is W. Nevin Engle, a native of Williamsport, Pa., who learned the art with I. C. Lee Danville and worked with Hunt & Ellinger, Williamsport. For 3 years prior to coming here he was a member of the firm Engle Brothers at Williamsport. Mr. Engle came to Middleburg, May 15, 1898 and by close attention to business has won for himself the reputation of making a good likeness. He takes delight in pleasing the people and takes great pains in getting good pictures of babies. Most of the photographs from which the cuts in this issue were made were taken by Mr. Engle and they are all good photographs. Mr. Engle understands his business thoroughly and no one will be disappointed in employing him.

JOHN W. RUNKLE

The beautiful home of Mr. Runkle is one of the prettiest and most complete residence in this town. For 16 years Mr. Runkle has been closely identified with the business interests of the town. For 6 years he was a partner with C. C. Seibold in the general merchandise business and for the last ten years he has been with his present partner, K. C. Walter. For three years the firm of Seibold and Runkle occupied the present location of Mr. W. H. Beaver. Since then their business was carried on in the Seibold building which Runkle and Walter now occupy. Mr. Runkle is native of the great County of Center. He has held some positions of honor and trust. Mr. Runkle was appointed Postmaster of Middleburg, June 16, 1893 and served four years in that capacity meeting with the heartiest approbation of the patrons of the office. He served one term as Chief Burgess of this borough and is now serving his second term on the town Council of Middleburg. Mr. Runkle is a good business man and an admirable citizen.



PROF. F. C. BOWERSOX.

CHAS. A. MEISER

His ability and ardor as an advocate and his fidelity to his clients are well known. In 1875, Mr. Bower married Miss Harriet Harris, a sister of President Harris of Bucknell University, and a lady of education and great force of character, whose zealous labors in the Sabbath school and elsewhere in our community soon made her name a household word. Always especially interested in education, in 1893 Mr. Bower, with his interesting family, moved to Lewisburg for the sake of the educational advantages to be secured at the Uni-

The Middleburg Bakery is conducted by Chas. A. Meiser, a young man of push and energy. He has been in business has grown very extensive. He buys his flour by the car, runs two wagons and owns three horses, and runs his wagons to Fremont, Freeburg, Richfield, Kreamer, Globe Mills, Adamsburg, Beavertown, Paxtonville, Troxelville, and Centreville. The baking is done by a German, who learned the trade in Germany while a mere boy and



VIEW OF STEININGER BROTHERS COAL YARD.