SKETCHES.

CALVIN STETLER.

Calvin Stetler was born in Centre township, now Franklin, about 1 mile east of Middleburg, June 13, 1850. Until 18 years of age, he assisted his father in conducting the farm on which the family then resided. He then worked at the carpenter trade until Nov. 8, 1869, when he began clerking in the store of Charles Bower at Freeburg in which business he continued for a period of about 6 years; being apt and capable, his services were secured by a number of the leading merchants of the county among whom are Charles Bower, J. W. Dreese, W. H. Beaver and Henry Houser.

From June 1, 1876 to January 1, 1880, Mr. Stetler performed the function of clerk to the Prothonotary of the county, his services being very satisfactory to both his employer, Hr. Jeremiah Cronse, and the people of the office.

In 1881 he began to practice the mercantile art in which he has since been so successful. His many old and enthused customers will attest the excellence of his work. About the same time Mr. Stetler began coffining, he also handle into the undertaking business. His business readily grew until he reached the proud station of representing some of the best and oldest companies in existence. His manner of conducting business has endeared him to his companies and his patrons, and all with one accord declare that he is fair and honorable in the taking, trade and adjustment of losses. The citizens of our county and neighboring counties will find it to their interest to consult Mr. Stetler in all matters pertaining insurance.

Mr. Stetler has been clerk to the auditor for 10 years. The same statements proper to him, as well as the second last in the latter, speak in the highest terms of his ability, promptness and his thoroughness in all his dealings. The home of Mr. Stetler is one of the most pleasant in the town, and his family circle is complete with the exception of one child, which was taken to the Father's home in the Spirit land. Mr. Stetler is a member of the Lutheran church and is a consistent Christian gentleman.

H. A. HERMAN.

Dr. A. Herman, a native of Perseverance, Pa., and a son of Mr. Philip Herman, formerly whose residence is in the community is deserving of a hearing. By reading in this the advertisement of the Planing Mill and as will evidence at Troxelville, Snyder Co., he has engaged in business in Middleburg. He is now leading in such a variety of things that any attempt to itemize them would prove a failure. He has on hand Steam Fittings, Iron and Piping, wood and iron pumps, steel roofing, Planing and saw mill work, Awnings, Diamond Wall cement and Cleandled and one things that we can not mention in detail. Personally he is a very handy man. He can be called in to repair or make anything from the smallest trifle at a picture frame to the most difficult thing at a steam engine or a printing press. His absence from town would be very keenly felt by everyone. He is a keen business man and a clever workman.

Dr. A. J. Herman.

In the cure of the sick and injured we have the services of Dr. A. J. Herman, a native of Kratzerville, this county. He recieved his education at Central Pennsylvania College, New Berlin, and taught school in the counties of Snyder, Northumberland and Luzerne. Feeling the instinct of the Medical profession he went to Philadelphia and matriculated at the Medico Chirurgical College from which institution he graduated in the spring of 1897. In September of 1897 he located in Middleburg and from that time to this has accumulated a very extensive practice. He has shown his interest in his profession by taking special pains with all his patients and caring in every way to relieve suffering and pain as far as the science of medicine will permit. He is a young man in the profession and has before him a very useful career.

REV. OSCAR G. ROMIG.

The readers of the POST will no doubt be pleased to look in the open and friendly face of Rev. Oscar G. Romig of Richfield, pastor of the Freeburg Circuit, Eastern Conference, United Brethren in Christ. As indicated by his portrait Rev. Romig is favored with a genial yet earnest disposition, and a determination to make a success of all he undertakes. Besides having enjoyed the advantages of a common school education, he is a graduate in the "art preservative," having worked on the Quakertown *Free Press* and Allentown *Leader* for a period of six years, and also attended Lebanon Valley College. At the age of sixteen he was

converted and joined the United Brethren Church, and by his aggressive spirit, so manifested in all church labors, he soon gave evidence of grace for enlarged sphere of activity. Accordingly, in due time, he was granted license to preach by the Allentown quarterly conference, and, after studying with credit in the solution of short time was admitted into the East Pennsylvania Conference and assigned to Freeburg Circuit, which in his [illegible] revival [illegible] his people well as in the [illegible] his people as well as in the [illegible] office.

Supt. J. C. Bowersox.

[illegible] has held the [illegible] Superintendent of public schools [illegible] again been [illegible] popular gentleman, and a very acceptable speaker, being called not only to all parts of this county for that purpose, but also to other counties as well.

Some Early County History.

The first board of County Commissioners of Snyder County was organized Dec. 5, 1855. They elected Sam Leitzel, Clerk and Samuel Weirick their attorney. They agreed to rent the U. B. Church for the purpose of holding court for $12 until the court house was completed. The Commissioners and Treasurer's office was to be in Jacob Aurand's house the prothonotary office in the house of John L. Reininger, which stood where Runkle & Walter's store now is located; the grand jurors room was in the school house and

[illegible] the trustees [illegible] to house occupied by Hiram Schreiber.

On Dec. 24, 1855 the Commissioners decided to put Commissioners' office and Treasurer's office and the Sheriff's office in Jacob D. Frank's [illegible] room at an annual rent of $30.

Official Ballot

for Report from Dykes' Election of Snyder County, May 1, 1899.

ASSOCIATE JUDGE.

Alfred Speicher.
Jos. H. Wagenseller.
Peter S. Bixler.
Peter Rumble.

SHERIFF.

Amos Washington Shreiner.
J. Kohler Peck.
John E. Zechman.
Wesley Reisner.

COMMISSIONER.

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The Side Path Law.

Governor Stone has signed [illegible] bill providing that the [illegible] vidual taxpayers in [illegible] to contribute not to exceed [illegible] and a further [illegible] appointed [illegible] public [illegible] the county [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] leasing, selling and [illegible] of [illegible] provides [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]