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Thursday, June 1, 1899.

THE INQUIRER GIVES US CREDIT.

From Monday's Inquirer.
The Middleburgh Post advises The Inquirer that the people of that town have decided not to contribute any money toward securing the gun factory which was offered to them last week. The reasons for their determination are entirely convincing. The men who made the offer wanted the people of Middleburgh to do almost everything and also give them one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars' worth of stock in the enterprise. Upon the surface that was a rather avaricious start, and the impression made by it, upon the men who were willing to put their money in any fair enterprise, was deepened by the fact that there was no substantial capital back of the promoters and that one of the latter tried to have a check cashed at a local bank which the bank on which the check was drawn telephoned was no good. Under these circumstances Middleburgh is to be congratulated upon not having gone deeper into the subject. There are too many legitimate enterprises looking for sites now-a-days to waste any money on dubious schemes.

MIDDLEBURGH CENTENNIAL.

Next year, 1900, it will be 100 years since the town of Middleburgh was laid out. At that time only a few houses were standing and John Swineford had a tavern here. At that time Middleburgh was in Penn's township, Northumberland county and in last week's issue we gave a list of all the tax payers in the township in 1797. Middleburgh, when laid out was one of the voting places for Penn township. During the one hundred years just passed, many changes have occurred. An entirely new set of faces and characters have come upon the scene of activity since then. Not much industrial development has been manifest, but within the last two months, some signs of it have appeared. We trust ere the time arrives for our centennial, some more results may be our good fortune. It is not too early to appoint committees to look after the matter of getting at least the history of the town written. A great deal of research is necessary and no stone should be left unturned to have a grand and glorious centennial celebration in 1900 to commemorate the laying out of the town. We suggest July 4th of next year for that important event.

Neighboring towns have celebrated their centennial anniversaries and it is fitting that the period marking the 100th milestone of our history be celebrated with a fitting ceremony. We hope to see the citizens of the town take hold of this matter in ample time to have a grand and glorious celebration on Independence Day next year.

WILLIAMSPORT TURNS DOWN THE GUN FACTORY.

From Tuesday's Philadelphia Press.
There are few communities in Pennsylvania that have not been imperturbed by factory "promoters." These always represent companies that want to move from somewhere to somewhere else. Boards of Trade

are regaled with promising figures, and the astuteness of the various bodies is evidenced by the fact that "promoters" almost invariably find they have wary business men to deal with. The co-operation of local capital is occasionally extended to outside companies beating about for a favorable abiding place for their enterprises, but industries that find recognition are generally of the bona fide kind with legitimate prospects of success.

Several of the State towns have recently had experience with the agents of a New York firearms company that made bids for a healthy and inviting location. The firm's representative visited Wetherly, Muncy, Middleburgh, Watsontown and Williamsport, among other places, and proposed moving their industry from the overcrowded metropolis to any one of the towns named, if the citizens of the respective places would subscribe the nominal sum of \$50,000 toward the enterprise.

Some of Wetherly's business men are of a curious turn of mind, and visited New York to take a view of the factory that sought another haven. In Gotham they learned that the total assets of the firearms company comprised about one car load of machinery which looked as if it had not been in use for at least four years. The greater part of the machinery was alleged to have been sold of Sheriff's sale in 1893 or 1894. The story was passed to Watsontown, from which place Editor Lewis Fosnot of the "Record" phoned it to James Sweeney, of the Williamsport "Sun," and they all now smile more knowingly.

Extravagance vs. Public Schools.

FOR THE POST.
Our recent Legislature has made a seven month school term compulsory and our Governor has taken from the public school appropriation of Snyder county almost \$4,000. This is inconsistent, to say the least. The plea that the State debt should be wiped out is laudable, but that this shall be done at the expense of our public schools is almost criminal. The situation is analogous to that of a parent who lessens the educational facilities of his children in order to pay his debts, luxuries in which he indulges are not reduced one cent. The sources of State revenue are manifold, and one million dollars should have been taken from our public school fund only after every other source of economy had been exhausted. Of all our public institutions the public school does the greatest good to the greatest number. It produces good citizens, and yet its coffers must be looted to keep the wealth of monopolists and brewers intact. The head waters of good citizenship are drained, while the brewers with the criminals they breed, the corporations with the shyllocks they produce, wax fat. Four thousand dollars taken from the public schools of our county means either increased taxation for every tax payer in the county, or it means less wages for teachers, less qualified teachers, poorer schools and a host of other evils that will stunt the growth of our rapidly advancing schools. It is decreed by one in authority that it should be so and we must abide by it, but the public school fund should be resorted to last, if at all, in payment of a debt incurred by public extravagance.

PRESENT-DAY THOUGHTS.

The Graves of the Dead.—Though one day is just as important as another with whom all of life is important, and though the memory of the past deeds of those we love should be ever with us as a daily benison; yet it is so natural a thing for human beings to set aside times and seasons for performing certain acts, that we cannot be blamed for having one day of the year for special decoration of the graves of our soldier dead. Once, therefore, with a joy that comes from realizing an increasing unity in a country once almost rent asunder, and a new solemnity because many of the new graves of the past year are the graves

of those who were young and strong, we approach this season.
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The years that have passed have seen our women tenderly decorating in honor of a former generation; this year sees us bending low over the green mounds that cover the manhood of to-day. Thus one touch of common sorrow unites the past and the present.
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For what have these dead died? The earlier generation—perhaps blindly at times, but nevertheless effectually—on behalf of a nation that was, that is and that ever will be—please God—one and indivisible. With all sorts of motives, quite beyond our pen and certainly beyond our criticism these forms of dust worked out even a greater purpose than they knew or national perpetuity. Many of them were uncontrolled in passion, many of them were wayward and heedless, and many of them, perhaps, need never have died as they did and when they did. But they now rest from their labors. And the work they did partial and complete as to each individual, but grand in its totality of influence, is ours by inheritance, so that we indeed do reap where we have not sowed. Their ancestors before them died to make a nation, these dead died to save it.
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The new generation heard from West to East and from North to South the sad cry of the Queen of Antilles. Women and men alike were thrilled with horror at the ravages done by a dying monarchy and a waning power. So from the mountains of the South, from the prairies, from the mine, and from the busy marts, our boys, some of them, lying dead beneath our feet—went forth to scourge a scourge, and to smite a beast. So fragile was his fury, so so periculate was his defense, that thousands of them never tested strength; but the knowledge that they were ready to do so gave strength to those who were in the front and melted into weakness the strength of a nation that was strong only in tyranny. Some of our new dead died bravely facing the foe; more, alas, died because the sudden exposure of our forces found us unprepared to take proper care of them; but even they in their dying have taught us a national lesson and hardened up a national purpose to run no such risks in future.
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This day of decoration we will honor those who fought, those who fell by the way side, and those who at mercy's call faced the dangers of the camp. Likewise will we honor the women who bore them and the women who nursed them. Just as the Civil War when the unit soldier was only partially aware of the great purpose that he was working out for these, our recent dead, mark a year that has summoned a nation begotten in riot, born in revolution, nurtured in separation and grown to manhood in aloofness—summoned, I say, this nation of power into actual membership among the groups of nations that make this great sensitive world. It is but another illustration of the truth that a duty done is almost certain to reveal a still wider duty to be done; much as it is with the mountain climber whose every step upward serves to show him a wider view.
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We have smitten the shackles from Cuba and thereby have opened before ourselves a way that shows us the need of teaching the Cubans how to govern themselves. We have freed Porto Rico from the power of the Don only to find our own past experience and own high grade of progress summoned at every point—governmental, financial, educational and religious—to bring better things than these island-dwellers have ever yet known. Southward therefore has the year thrust our influence, making American theories and American Standards leap to points that we did not reckon on when our errand was first undertaken. Also far out over the Pacific Ocean westward have the American stars been placed in a firmament to be seen of all men—where they were scarcely known before. The islands of the great King Kamehameha are ours; the Philippines are ours; Guam is ours. It has been a strange year, a fateful year; a great year; one whose every solemn minute summons all of us who believe in America and its future to the unavoidable conviction that in the affairs of this great round world, in addition

to Russia, to Germany and to England there is one other great nation, the fourth of the big four, by whom all other nations whatever of the earth are to be controlled, or guided, or governed. The hands on the dial of destiny never turn back; they move forward with the precision of the universe. In the minutes, or the years, or the centuries, or the millennia that they record, the weighing of nations is going on. Judging by our past, dare any one predict that in the sudden and unexpected revelation to ourselves of the truth that no nation lived to itself, America shall be found wanting?
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The deeds of the dead leave a duty for the living; and so as we rise with sobbs from bending over those who breathe no more, may there come to each American soul the determination that though partisanship be sunk, that though personal triumph be considered of small moment, that though the individual by himself be small and of light influence, yet there shall be in this time of our great testing a re-birth of intelligent purpose and of national unity that we shall shine in the marvelous eyes of those powers and demonstrate once more that the nation of the fathers is not mere tradition, but a living being that goes forth at the call of destiny to make lighter burdens for weary shoulders and a lighter influence in the dark places of the earth.
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The Right to Tax Poles

Important Decision in the Bradford County Court by Judge McClure.
Judge McClure, of Union County, last week filed in the Bradford County Court of Common Pleas an opinion that will be of interest to all boroughs in the State.

In the case of the borough of Athens vs. the New York & Pennsylvania Telephone and Telegraph Company, he directed a verdict for the defendant holding that the borough ordinance under which an attempt was made to collect a tax of \$1 on each pole of the defendant company within the borough was void, because it discriminated in levying a tax upon such poles and exempted electric light and trolley poles.

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. T. Taylor, Kishacoquillas, Pa. 3-23-3mo.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Let- ters of Administration in the estate of Sophia Hook, late of Franklin Twp., Snyder county, Pa., dec'd, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, while those having claims will present them duly authenticated to the undersigned.
E. E. HOFFMAN, Administrator,
May 27, 1899. Paxtonville, Pa.

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Eggs.....	10
Onions.....	00
Lard.....	6
Tallow.....	4
Chickens per lb.....	7
Turkeys.....	10
Side.....	6
Shoulder.....	8
Ham.....	12
Wheat.....	70
Rye.....	45
Potatoes.....	35
Old Corn.....	35
Oats.....	30
Brn per 100 lbs.....	75
Middlings.....	85
Chop.....	90
Flour per bbl.....	4 40

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

Sunbury & Lewistown Division.
In effect May 22, 1899.

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