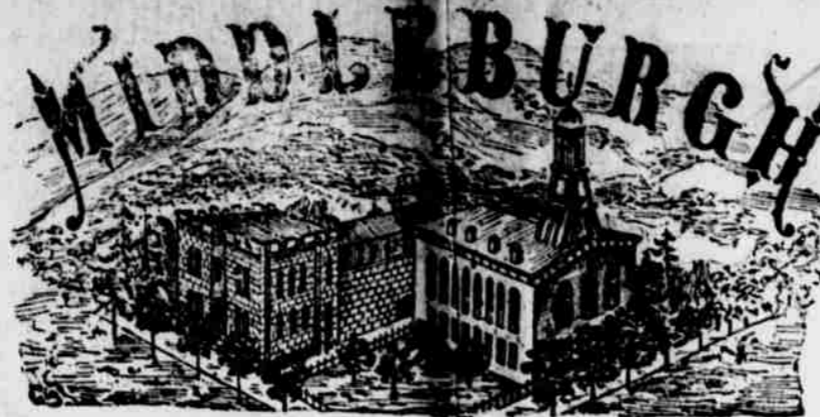


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GEO. W. WAGENSELLER,  
Editor and Proprietor.

MIDDLEBURGH, SNYDER CO., PA., THURSDAY, DEC. 21, 1899.

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EVERYBODY SHOULD READ THE CONTINUED STORY, "IN HIS STEPS" WHICH APPEARS ON THE INSIDE PAGES OF THE POST.

THIS PAPER FARM JOURNAL  
ONE YEAR. 5 YEARS.

Pay Up and Get Both Pa-  
pers at Price of One.

We want to get 500 subscri-  
bers to our paper by New Years,  
and are going to do it if we can;  
we therefore continue our ar-  
rangement with the Farm Journal  
by which we can send The  
Middleburgh Post and the Farm  
Journal 5 years, both for \$1.00  
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the same offer to all old subscri-  
bers who will pay all arrears  
and one year in advance.

You know what our paper  
is and the Farm Journal is a  
gen-practical, progressive—a  
clean, honest, useful paper—full  
of gumption, full of sunshine,  
with an immense circulation a-  
mong the best people everywhere.  
You ought to take it.

#### INTERESTING ITEMS.

The urchins have been enjoying  
some skating.

No paper will be issued from this  
office next week.

Cashier J. N. Thompson spent  
part of last week in Washington.

Go to W. H. Eidem, New Berlin,  
for the best Sterling Silverware. 4t.

Michael K. Schoch of Swineford  
has been quite ill for the past week  
with sciatica.

Mrs. Henry Soles of Lewistown  
is visiting her son, A. E. Soles, on  
West Market St.

Ira C. Schoch of Selinsgrove is  
compiling a history of the Schoch  
family in America.

Emanuel Boyer of Shamokin Dam,  
this county, has received an increase  
of pension from \$8 to \$10.

Mrs. Dr. J. C. Amig of Lewistown  
is visiting her parents, Joseph  
L. Marks and wife, in Swineford.

Editor Albert H. Smith of the  
Elizabethville Echo was visiting his  
relatives in this place on Sunday.

Mrs. C. H. Dunkelberger will  
spend the holidays with her daugh-  
ters at Shamokin and New Ringgold.

John F. Stetler, Middleburgh's ar-  
chitect, is erecting a handsome office  
building on his lot in the French  
Flats.

J. H. Knepp of Middlecreek and  
Joseph G. Martin of Union township  
paid their respects to the Post last  
week.

Charles Marks, a student of the  
Philadelphia Dental College, is  
spending his holiday vacation under  
the parental roof.

Mrs. A. H. Ulsh, who is in a  
Philadelphia hospital, has had a  
second operation performed and is  
getting along very nicely.

McVeystown has a hog committee,  
who utilizes the Sabbath day in visit-  
ing the hog pens of the town to see  
who has the heaviest porker.

Lester G. Smith, who had been  
operator at Burnham, on Monday  
went to Elkins, W. Va., where he  
has accepted a similar position.

William B. Gemberling, one of  
the most successful farmers of Penn  
township, was a caller at this office  
last week while attending court.

To customers coming from Mid-  
dleburgh and all intermediate sta-  
tions to our store and purchasing  
goods to the value of \$5 or more,  
we will refund the railroad fare  
both ways. This offer is good only  
until Jan. 1, 1900. S. WEIS,  
11-30-4t. Selinsgrove, Pa.

Remember the poor on Christmas.  
Give them a little enjoyment. Be-  
stow some of your plenty to satisfy  
their wants.

The new bell for the school house  
has arrived here. The money was  
raised by popular subscription and is  
in harmony with the modern build-  
ing.

A reunion of the surviving  
members of the Legislature of 1875  
will be held at Harrisburg, Jan. 5,  
1900. Hon. G. A. Schoeh, a mem-  
ber of that body, will attend.

All persons desiring to have good  
carpet made will do well by going  
to J. A. Hummel about two miles  
north-east of Middleburgh, Pa. He is  
successor to Benjamin Hummel. 3t.

The finest line of Sterling Silver  
Cut glass, Solid Gold Jewelry for  
wedding and Christmas gifts at B.  
F. Sheibley's, Jeweler, Engraver  
and Optician, Lewistown, Pa.  
12-7-3t.

In accordance with the usual cus-  
tom of the newspapers of Snyder  
County, there will be no paper is-  
sued from this office next week. It  
is proper that the employees be ac-  
corded a week's vacation.

W. W. Wittenmyer took his father,  
Samuel Wittenmyer to Williamsport  
to have his eyes examined. Mr.  
Wittenmyer is about 92 years of age  
and is sound physically with the ex-  
ception of his failing sight.

The Middleburgh Lodge No. 619,  
Free and Accepted Masons, will  
hold their first annual banquet at  
the Central Hotel, Middleburgh, on  
St. John's, the Evangelist's Day,  
Wednesday, Dec. 27th, 1899.

Sephares Gemberling of Penn  
township, Saturday, passed through  
town to attend the meeting of the  
Directors of the Beavertown Mutual  
Fire Insurance Co. Mr. Gemberling  
is one of the directors of this  
company.

Our line of watches cannot be  
surpassed from the smallest 000  
size to the largest 18 size in both  
open and hunting case for ladies  
and gentlemen. B. F. SHEIBLEY,  
21 West Market St., Lewistown,  
Pa. 12-7-3t.

If you want your hair cut with-  
out steps or a nice easy shave and  
a refreshing shampoo, go to A. E.  
Soles, in the bank building one door  
east of the Post Office, in room with  
the drug store. A clean towel to  
each customer and satisfaction guar-  
anteed.

James Wertz of Hummel's Wharf  
was one of the jurors at court last  
week and while here made a pleasant  
call at this office. He was excused  
on Wednesday on account of the ill-  
ness of his aged father, who is now  
about 88 years old.

Aaron J. Crossgrove and H. E.  
Walter intend going into the up-  
holstering business. Doubtless there  
are many articles in your homes that  
need repairs. It would be well to  
call upon these gentlemen with refer-  
ence to the matter. See their ad-  
vertisement in this issue.

We are in receipt of a new piece  
of music entitled "Impecunious  
Davis" written by Kerry Mills. This  
author occupies the unique position  
in the musical field, having originat-  
ed the style of composition known as  
the "cake-walk march (or two-step)." It  
is published by F. A. Mills, 48  
West 29th St., New York.

Last Friday evening Middleburgh  
Lodge Free and Accepted Masons  
elected the following named officers  
for the ensuing year: Geo. W. Wag-  
enseller, W. M.; Dr. Albert M.  
Smith, S. W.; C. Morris Showers,  
J. W.; H. Harris Bower, Sec.; J.  
Calvin Schoch, Treasurer; F. C.  
Bowersox, Carbon Seibold and J.  
F. Stetler, Trustees, Representative  
to the grand Lodge, John H. Willis.

Don't fail to see "Bethlehem" in  
the Court House on Christmas eve-  
ning.

Wm. Nipple is converting the Sel-  
lingsgrove canning factory into a  
knitting factory. We congratulate  
Selingsgrove on securing this new in-  
dustry.

FOR SALE.—A good working  
horse for all purposes a buggy, hay  
ladders complete, truck wagon com-  
plete with pole and shaft and other  
articles will be sold at private sale in  
Middleburgh. Call on or address,  
IRWIN E. BECK,  
West Market Street.

The Sunbury & Lewisburg Rail-  
road has been surveying between  
Clifford and Pawling with a view to  
cutting out the large curve and  
avoiding the dangerous trestling at  
Pawling. The proposed new line  
runs out near Wash. Row's, Wil-  
liam Gemberling's and joins the old  
track west of Pawling Station.

J. F. Stetler of this place has re-  
ceived a letter from a party who is  
willing to establish a worsted mill  
at this place. They promise to em-  
ploy sixty hands, half of which shall  
be men. We do not know the nature  
of the proposition, but we under-  
stand some of the promoters will be  
here next week to explain the pro-  
position.

We are now publishing the tomb-  
stone inscriptions of Centre town-  
ship on the inside pages of the Post.  
During 1900 we hope to be able to  
complete the inscriptions of the en-  
tire county. These records are  
valuable. Do not miss the Post for  
1900. One dollar pays for the Post  
one year and the "Farm Journal"  
five years.

Next Monday is Christmas. It  
should be a season of rejoicing. Try  
to make every one happy. In mak-  
ing up your list of Christmas pres-  
ents do not forget that the Post  
would make a most acceptable Xmas  
present that would bring joy and  
happiness to your friend every week  
in the year. Read the special offer  
at the top of first page.

We have now placed for inspec-  
tion the finest and largest col-  
lection of Christmas Novelties ever  
shown in this town. The line com-  
prises nearly everything. Ladies  
Dressing Cases, Jewel Boxes, Fancy  
Mirrors, Pin Trays, Glove Boxes,  
Fancy China Clocks, Handkerchief  
Boxes, etc. Also a complete line of  
Sterling Silver Novelties. A call at  
our store will be profitable to any  
one wishing to purchase Xmas pres-  
ents. S. WEIS,  
12-7-3t. Selinsgrove, Pa.

#### Meeting of Main Shoe Com- pany, Limited.

The regular semi-annual meeting  
of the stock holders of the Main Shoe  
Company, Limited Middleburgh, Pa.,  
will be held at the Shoe Factory,  
Middleburgh, Monday evening Jan.  
8, 1900 at 7 o'clock P. M. At this  
meeting there will be elected nine  
Managers and three Auditors. The  
managers and auditors will report to  
the association the status of the part-  
nership. As this is the regular  
meeting of the association, other busi-  
ness will also come up for consid-  
eration, hence a full turn out is desir-  
ed. G. ALFRED SCHOCH,  
CHAS. E. LONG, President.  
Secretary.

#### Selinsgrove Marble Works.

We are pleased to announce that  
the old and reliable Marble and  
Granite Works of M. L. Miller, de-  
ceased, will be conducted as heretofore.  
The same skilled employes  
will continue to turn out work which  
challenges competition, and the same  
honest dealings on which the busi-  
ness was founded and carried on,  
will be maintained. Satisfaction  
guaranteed to all. 2t.

#### The Seed We Sow.

"Whatsoever a man soweth, that  
shall he also reap." Does not Rev.  
McLain deserve praise for the able  
sermon he delivered on Sunday even-  
ing, Dec. 17, on the above subject? He  
is a man of superb courage. He  
not only acted without fear, but he  
had the fortitude of soul that bears  
the consequences of the course pur-  
sued without complaint. He points  
out the mistakes of his audience, at-  
tacks the prejudices of his people,  
denounces the bad habits, enlightens  
and enlarges their minds, and edu-  
cates the conscience, not because he  
loves himself, but because he loves  
and serves the right, and wishes to  
make his people great and wise. He  
satisfies the eye, the audience is his,  
he has that indefinable thing called  
presence of mind, commanding in  
speech, grateful in compliment, rich  
in illustration and his sentences fall  
like music on his enraptured hearers.

Most people are the slaves of habit,  
followers of customs, believers of  
the wisdom of the past, and were it  
not for brave and splendid souls, the  
dust of antiquity would lie unswep-  
t, and mountainous error would be too  
highly heaped for truth to overcome.  
Nothing can be grander than to sow  
the seeds of noble thoughts and vir-  
tuous deeds, to liberate the bodies  
and the souls of men, to earn the  
grateful homage of a race, and then,  
in life's last shadowy hour, to know  
and feel that the historian of liberty  
will be compelled to write our  
names. There are no words intense  
enough, with heart enough, to ex-  
press any admiration for the great  
and gallant people, who have in ev-  
ery age and every land upheld the  
right, and who have lived and died for  
freedom's sake.

Let us take warning. Always  
speak a kind word for our pastor,  
and above all pay him what dues we  
owe him. Never despair, never be  
discouraged, however stormy the  
heavens, however dark the way, how-  
ever great the difficulties, and re-  
peated the failures, have courage.  
If fortune has played false with thee  
today, do thou play true for thyself  
tomorrow. If thy riches have taken  
wings and left thee, do not weep thy  
life away, but be up and doing, and  
retrieve the loss by new energies and  
action.

If an unfortunate bargain has de-  
ranged thy business, do not fold thy  
arms and give up all as lost, but stir  
thyself and work the more vigorously.  
If those whom thou hast trusted  
have betrayed thee, do not be dis-  
couraged, do not idly weep, but have  
courage, find others; or what is bet-  
ter, learn to live within thyself.  
"Let the foolishness of yesterday  
make thee wise today."

An editor once said, "I expect to  
pass through this life but once, if  
therefore, there be any kindness I  
can show, or any good thing I can  
do to your fellow human beings, let  
me do it now; let me not defer or  
neglect it; for I shall not pass this  
way again." Grand and noble say-  
ing!

Are we all sure we give our  
printers their just dues? Do we  
even promptly pay them what dues  
we honestly owe them? Are we even  
careful concerning our promises to  
pay them our dues? The person  
who thinks nothing of his word is  
not to be trusted. To think lightly  
of a promise foreshadows dishonesty,  
ruin and disgrace.

The editors and printers are the  
busy people we all know. There are  
a great many men who seem to think  
there is a patent on "work," and  
they are afraid of getting into trouble  
if they should use the patent. Some  
business men apparently have the  
idea that there is a patent on success,  
but there is not.

But use the editor's remedy; en-  
ergy, system, and push are practical

ly open to all, and those who employ  
them have in effect a patent over  
those who are asleep to their possi-  
bilities.

Old Philip Hessing, after repeat-  
edly reprimanding his nephew for  
playing the races, telling him that  
fast horses would be his ruin, was  
somewhat taken back by the reply:  
"Why, uncle, it is not the fast  
horses, but the slow horses that have  
lost me my money."

So it is in the walks of life. The  
man who is slow to see and take ad-  
vantage of good opportunities is  
strictly speaking the losing horse.  
Now, I am in the race to win, not  
to lose, and so are you, and so is ev-  
erybody, so then if thy affections  
have been poured out like water in  
the desert, do not sit down and per-  
ish for thirst, but press on, a beauti-  
ful spring of living water is before  
thee, and thou mayst reach it thou  
wilt.

Then do not say the world has  
lost its beauty, but let us all make  
our own beauty, but a brave, a true  
and above all a religious life.

Truly thine, ZIR.

#### Letter From Oklahoma.

Henry Kerstetter, recently moved  
from Laporte City, Iowa to Okla-  
homa. He sent us remittance under  
date of Dec. 14th for another year's  
subscription to the Post and says he  
can't do without it. The following  
letter was written for a Laporte pa-  
per, and as Mr. Kerstetter has friends  
in this county we publish the letter:

ALVA, OKLA., Nov. 30, 1899.  
(Thanksgiving Day.)

I will now try to fulfill my prom-  
ise to my many friends in La Porte  
and vicinity. First, if any one  
wants to come to Oklahoma; don't  
come in an emigrant car. I am 60  
years old and have had the experi-  
ence of traveling that way coming  
here. It about laid me up. In  
switching at Strong City I was  
knocked to my knees, while lighting  
my pipe, which jarred me fearfully.  
Several times I thought lightning  
had struck the train. We were just  
95 hours on the road, between La  
Porte City and Alva.

In passing through Kansas I  
saw some very fine wheat fields; but  
Oklahoma beats it. My horse stood  
the alright. The horse I got only  
held six loads of my goods. The  
remaining five loads I thought I  
would have to leave out on the prairie,  
but a friend gave me shelter. I  
told you for ten days I was homesick,  
but now I feel better satisfied. I  
have not had the time to look around  
much yet for a place. I start to-  
morrow morning to look for a place  
to locate, and will keep on looking  
until I find something to suit me.  
Since Sept. land has raised from  
\$300 to \$400 on every quarter sec-  
tion. That much I found out al-  
ready.

I had to haul my goods seven  
miles and the late rains made the  
roads quite bad. The weather since  
our arrival has been quite pleasant  
during the day; nights quite cool. In  
passing a school house I counted  
thirty scholars. This is good for  
Oklahoma, considering only six years  
ago it was the home of the Indians.

The people here are hand in hand  
for the settlement of this country.  
Hundreds of cattle can be seen at  
any time, which would indicate  
a good stock country. Piles of  
wheat are coming into Alva every  
day. The price paid is fifty cents  
per bushel. I will close my letter  
and promise you a fuller account in  
my next. HENRY KERSTETTER.

#### Clocks! Clocks! Clocks!

From the Nickel Alarm up to the  
finest French in plain and fancy  
dials with or without alarms, from  
24 hours to 8 days.

B. F. SHEIBLEY, Lewistown, Pa.

#### COURT HOUSE CHIPS

##### Deeds Entered for Record.

Rose E. Groover and Henry, her  
husband to \_\_\_\_\_, 14  
acres and 14 perches in Washington  
township for \$250.

H. W. Romig and wife, J. F.  
Romig and wife to Wm. W. Romig,  
125 perches in Penn twp., being a  
limestone tract, for \$3.75.

J. H. Hendricks to J. K. Hughes,  
Esq., 14 acres and 49 perches in  
Washington township.

Henry Kabley and wife to Calvin  
H. Knepp, 108 acres in West Beaver  
twp., for \$2150.

Mrs. Matilda Bateman and Jacob,  
her husband, to Rev. S. E. Bateman,  
house and lot in Selingsgrove, for  
\$650.

Benjamin Seesholtz and wife to  
J. P. Wenit, 9 acres and 140 perches  
in Chapman twp., for \$160.

Rev. Noah Young and wife to P.  
J. Herbster, lot in Beavertown, for  
\$7.60.

##### Marriage Licenses.

(Francis B. Moyer, Holler,  
(Jennie Metzger, "

(Wm. J. Bickel, Centre twp.,  
(Ida V. Renner, Union Co.

(Jas. O. Hackenberg, Northumb'd,  
(Sarah S. Reichley, Shreiner.

##### Musical Assembly.

Fifth annual musical assembly  
in the Opera House, Freeburg, Pa.,  
Thursday evening, Dec. 28th, 1899,  
closing Saturday evening. Morning  
and afternoon of each day will be  
occupied with instruction and rec-  
itals in music. Concerts every ev-  
ening with pleasing and instructive  
programs, including cantata, "Ruth  
the Moabitess."

Prof. F. C. Moyer, conductor.

Able talent, voice and instruments  
will participate.

Lovers of music cordially invited.  
WM. MOYER.

##### Christmas Cantata.

The Christmas Cantata entitled  
"Bethlehem" will be rendered by the  
Evangelical Lutheran Sunday School  
of Middleburgh, in the Court House  
on the evening of Dec. 25, (Christ-  
mas evening) at 7:30 o'clock. This  
cantata is very interesting and will  
be rendered by the best musical  
talent of the town, who will be  
dressed in full oriental costume.  
Admission, adults, 10 cents; chil-  
dren, 5 cents.

##### Historical Society Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Snyder  
County Historical Society will be  
held Saturday, January 6, 1900  
at the office of Jay G. Weiser in the  
Bank Building, Middleburgh at one  
o'clock P. M. Officers will be  
elected for the ensuing year and sev-  
eral interesting papers will be read  
on local historical subjects. A full  
attendance is desired.

JAY G. WEISER,  
President.

##### Christmas Entertainments

All the Sunday schools of the  
borough will have Christmas enter-  
tainments this year. The Evangelical  
entertainment will occur Friday  
evening; the Reformed and Hassing-  
er's, Saturday evening; the United  
Brethren, Sunday evening, and the  
Lutheran, Monday evening in the  
Court House.

##### Ladies' Coats and Capes.

We have now in stock the most  
complete line of Ladies and Misses'  
Coats and Capes, that we ever had.  
Prices \$2.50 upwards.  
Call now while the line is still  
complete. S. WEIS, Selingsgrove.  
11-30-4t.