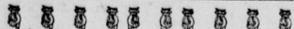


# The Stephens City Star.

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## Our Countries Chism of Sorrow.

The flags are drooping on the heights,  
That erewhile waved so proudly;  
The shouts of victory in the air  
No more are ringing loudly;  
Funeral banners every where replace,  
The gay adorning.  
And tearful faces show more deep and true,  
The nation's mourning.

Then let the bells toll out for him,  
From every tower and steeple,  
Not only ruler of the land, but  
Father of the people;  
With tender grief too deep to speak,  
And awe beyond expression,  
We see our nation's Chief struck down,  
In his unfinished mission.

With hearts on fire we think of him,  
The traitor—the assassin—  
Whose God-forsaken hand could deal that  
Blow, in rebel passion:  
Ring, O ye bells! in deadlier tones,  
The knell of the rebellion,  
That dies in the divinest wrath  
Of loyal hands, a million!

And still our sad eyes backward turn,  
And still we are recalling  
Each generous deed and knightly thought  
That through his life was falling;  
The childlike heart, the lofty soul,  
The rare and tender nature,  
That knew the great and choose the good,  
And pitied every creature.

He lived to see the law of peace,  
In radiant colors gleaming,  
Far o'er the lurid clouds of war  
That melt in shadowy seeming;  
He lived to win that glorious crown  
Of love and admonition,  
That lately on his brow was placed  
By the revering nation.

And now his memory leads us on,  
Like saint in olden story,  
To noble and unselfish lives,  
To purer deeds of glory;  
His crowned soul in paradise  
Forgets not our implorings;  
His spirit bids us turn to God,  
Repenting and adoring.

He needs no canonizing rites,  
He needs no proud enshrining,  
Whose simple, noble life appears before us  
Grandly shining.

We weep no tears, we feel no fears,  
For him our hearts o'erflowing,  
Who bears the martyr's crown and palm,  
Where heaven's lights are glowing.

God hear our prayers! forgive our sighs!  
And consecrate our houses!  
No glorious oriola but after heavy crosses,  
And we, to whom the years have brought  
The holy chism of sorrow,  
Shall see, at last, the glorious dawn,  
Of the eternal morrow.

W. M. M.

## CHESTER A. ARTHUR. Our New President.

A SKETCH OF HIS LIFE.

Chester A. Arthur was born in Franklin county, Vermont, October 5, 1830. He is the oldest of a family of two sons and five daughters. His father was the Rev. William Arthur, a Baptist clergyman, who emigrated to this country from the County Antrim, Ireland, in his eighteenth year and died October 28, 1875, in Newtonville, near Albany. Dr. Arthur was in many respects a remarkable man. He acquired extended fame not only in his calling, but also in the domains of authorship. His work on "Family Names" is regarded the world over as one of the curiosities of English erudite literature. From 1855 to 1863 he was pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, of New York. He also filled the pulpits of Baptist churches in Bennington, Hinesburg, Fairfield and Williston, in Vermont, and York, Perry, Greenwich, Schenectady, Lansingburg, Hoosic, West Troy, and Newtonville, in that State. His other son made a gallant record in the war of the rebellion and is now paymaster in the regular army with the rank of major. Gen. Arthur was educated at Union College and was graduated in the class of '49. After leaving college he taught a country school during two years in Vermont, and then having managed by rigid economy, to save about \$500 he started for New York city, and entered the law office of ex-Judge E. D. Culver as a student. After being admitted to the bar he formed a partnership with his intimate friend and roommate, Henry D. Gardiner, with the intention of practicing in the West, and for four months they roamed about in the west in search of an eligible site, but in the end returned to New York, where they hung out their joint shingle and entered upon a successful career almost from the start. Gen. Arthur soon after married the daughter of Lieut. Herndon, U. S. N.,

who was lost at sea, and who went calmly down to death smoking a cigar. Congress voted to his widow, in recognition of the conspicuous bravery he displayed on that occasion, a gold medal. Mrs. Arthur died only a short time ago.

Gen. Arthur was a delegate to the convention at Saratoga that founded the Republican party. Previous to the outbreak of the war, he was judge advocate of the second brigade of the New York state militia. Gov. E. D. Morgan soon after his election selected him to fill the position of engineer-in-chief of his staff. In 1861 he held the post of inspector general, which he held until the expiration of Governor Morgan's term of office. Although the war account of the State of New York was much larger than that of any other state, yet it was the first audited and allowed in Washington, and without the deduction of a dollar, while the quarter-masters' accounts from other States were reduced from \$1,000,000 to \$10,000,000. During his term of office every present sent to him was immediately returned. Among others a prominent clothing house offered him a magnificent uniform, and a printing house sent him a costly saddle and trappings. Both gifts were indignantly rejected. When Mr. Arthur became quartermaster general he was poor. When his term of office expired he was poorer still.

At the expiration of Gov. Morgan's term General Arthur returned to his law practice. Business of the most lucrative character poured in upon him, and the firm of Arthur & Gardiner prospered very exceedingly. Much of their work consisted in the collection of war claims and the drafting of important bills for speedy legislation, and a great deal of General Arthur's time was spent in Albany and Washington, where his uniform success won for him a national reputation. For a short time he held the position of counsel to the board of tax commissioners of New York city, at a salary of \$10,000 per annum. Gradually he was drawn into the area of politics. He nominated, and by his efforts elected the Hon. Thos. Murphy a state Senator. When the latter resigned the collectorship of the Port of New York, on November 20, 1871, President Grant nominated General Arthur to the vacant position, and four years later, when his term expired, renominated him, an honor that had never been shown to any previous collector in the history of the port. He was removed by President Hayes on July 22, 1878, despite the fact that two special committees made searching investigation into his administration, and both of them reported themselves unable to find anything upon which to base a charge against him. The reforms which Gen. Arthur instituted in the methods of doing business in the custom house were as numerous as they were grateful to a mercantile community. After his removal he engaged in the practice of the law and the direction of Republican politics in New York, being chairman of the Republican State committee. He was nominated for Vice President at the National Republican convention on the 8th of June, 1880, only one ballot being taken. In person, Gen. Arthur is over six feet in height, broad shouldered, athletic and handsome. Like his predecessor in the Vice Presidential chair, he is an ardent disciple of Walton. He is a man of great culture and wide experience, an able lawyer, with refined tastes, and manners of utmost geniality.

[Correspondence to the STAR.]

MR. EDITOR:—I read in your last issue, "Chapter of Wonders," signed "Selah." It pleased me much: it is full of practice thought. It should be the desire of all good citizens to have our school system as near perfect as possible. Those wonders contain what has agitated the public mind for the last ten years.

The subject of paying our teachers promptly, (in my judgement) cannot receive too much attention. I believe our school board is composed of honest men, and do their best under the circumstances, to promote the interest of the public schools, but while we admit this fact, is it not equally true, that our neighboring counties are very much ahead of us? They have learned this fact, that teachers paid promptly, insure faithful labor, and successful teaching, and usually where the pay is slow and uncertain, the work bestowed corresponds with the pay.

Already the counties who manage their school finances more successfully have selected teachers of the best grade from the Normal Schools. That really looks like business. This is a matter of vital importance and cannot be over estimated, indeed the success of the public school system depends greatly upon this. It is humiliating to know that the certificates given to the teachers for services last spring were thrown upon the market, and in some instances sold at a discount, no wonder they are still unpaid.

In conducting our public schools, we should economize at every point. The use of coal in a public school is a good suggestion. It is much cheaper,

which fact I have learned from experience. The temperature is more uniform, children less liable to suffer from cold, and the houses not at all likely to burn from its use.

The third wonder, "Why the county cannot have the use of the money, she pays for school purposes," I know the difficulties in the way. The answer is the eastern counties out vote us. Let us look into the question: Some of the counties had suffered greatly during the war. The lands being poor and a large majority of our colored population being east of the Blue Ridge. This arrangement was acceded to to help them, but now, after doing so for twelve or fifteen years, giving them time to recuperate from the effects of the war, do you not think in all honesty that we ought to be relieved of this burden? Surely our fellow citizens of eastern Virginia are reasonable men, and I am persuaded that if this subject was ventilated, and they saw the wrong we complain of, in justice to us they would yield, and release us at once.

PHENIX.

## From Middletown.

[Special Correspondence to the STAR.]

Timberlake, Stickley & Guyer, of Middletown, have sold this far nearly two hundred tons of G. Ober & Son's celebrated Fertilizers. The leading phosphates have been their chemicals, and "Sydnor's Formula" was originally suggested by Dr. C. W. Sydnor, three years ago, and used by himself and neighbors, with great success. Over 50 tons of it was sold last year and some of the best crops in the country were raised with it. It is prepared and sacked ready for use by Ober & Sons. Over 42 tons have been delivered up to this time, Three Car loads are to arrive this week.

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Middletown, Va.

## Alleged Plot Against the President.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—A sworn statement was filed in the police department here yesterday by a man named Bayley, an attache of the army medical museum, of the surgeon general's department, to the effect that while laying in bed at his room, in house No. 461 Missouri avenue, on Monday night, he heard two men standing in front of the house plot the assassination of President Arthur. One asked the other if he would swear to do it, and the other said he would kill him within a month. Mr. Bayley says he saw the men as they walked off, and can fully recognize them. No arrests have been made.—*Balto. Sun.*

FIRE AT SUMAC MILL.—Sunday morning, the 18th inst., about 9 o'clock the sumac mill of German Smith was discovered to be on fire. Smoke was pouring from the large building, and with difficulty, the firemen, who were promptly on the spot soon succeeded in locating the fire in that portion of the building contiguous to the engine room. The firemen are entitled to the greatest credit for the mode of managing this fire, and for their efforts to extinguish it. Everybody speaks in their praise. Mr. Smith is unable at present to estimate his loss. There were sumac in large quantities stored in the building. The machinery is also much damaged, and it will take some time to put the mill in running order. He still, however, is receiving and shipping. Loss fully covered by insurance.—*Winchester News.*

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