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WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 1892.

For State Senator.

FOR STATE SENATE:

J. G. MITCHELL,
OF PERRY TOWNSHIP.

Subject to the action of the Republicans of Jefferson county at the primary election, June 18, 1892.

For Assembly.

FOR ASSEMBLY:

WILLIAM O. SMITH,
OF PUNXSUTAWNEY BOROUGH.

Subject to action of the Republicans of Jefferson county at the primary election, June 18, 1892.

FOR ASSEMBLY:

JOHN W. PHILLIPPI,
OF WINSLOW TOWNSHIP.

Subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of Jefferson county at the ensuing primary election.

SALUTATION.

The editor of THE STAR hereby makes his bow, and introduces his paper to the public.

We will not attempt to write a conventional salutatory. Such are usually composed of pleasing platitudes and promiscuous promises. We prefer that our paper shall speak for itself during the weeks and years to come. A few things, however, we desire to say.

THE STAR is, and will continue to be, an independent newspaper. It is not published in the interest of any corporation, sect, or party. While attempting to present all sides of every question of interest within its province, it shall be our aim to make the paper editorially independent and purely unbiased. We shall strive to present to our readers a clean, practical, moral, wide-awake, newspaper.

In our prosperous and growing town, and thickly settled community, there are numerous homes, filled with busy, intelligent reading people. They want the news from week to week. We hope they will find THE STAR a household necessity.

Our business men interested as they are in the growth and development of the town and adjacent community, will find us ever striving to promote their best interest in every possible way.

Mining is the chief industry of this part of the country. A large percentage of our citizens are miners. These, as a class, are industrious, frugal, excellent people, comparing favorably with any of the grand army of laborers of the world. They are largely property owners. Their interests are interwoven with those of the entire inhabitants of the community. We hope they will welcome the weekly visits of THE STAR to their homes as they welcome their choice friends.

We are surrounded by a community that is constantly increasing in wealth and importance. The men who till the soil, whether they are called Patrons of husbandry, or Grangers, or plain farmers, are an important and worthy factor in society. We shall strive to make our paper helpful to all.

We expect to make some mistakes. We are willing to confess that there are some things about editing a newspaper that we do not know. In all probability we shall not succeed in pleasing everybody. We shall simply do the best we can.

This first issue is not an ideal one. Everything is new. New presses, new type, new office, new pen, new ink, new shears, new editor, new foreman, new devil. We have not, perhaps, entirely overcome the stiffness of the new features. We hope our paper will evidence a steady improvement from time to time. We cordially invite your patience, good will and support.

President Harrison performed an important work on the 5th inst. in signing, without delay, the Chinese exclusion bill. There was doubt as to the length of time the present law continued, the Attorney General being of the opinion that it ceased to be in force on the 6th inst. The bill approved by the President is practically one which continues existing regulations, established ten years ago, by the bill passed then. The measure approved is certainly a better one than the Geary bill which repealed existing treaties. No doubt President Harrison will gain popularity with the citizens of the Pacific coast and with laboring men generally, by approving the present bill. While we welcome intelligent, industrious, home-making and liberty-loving immigrants, we have no room for those of any land or nation who do not promise to make valuable and patriotic citizens. America must not become the dumping ground for the pauperism, ignorance, crime and semi-barbarism of either Europe or Asia. We have millions of acres for the home-seeking, lover of liberty and labor, but not one square inch for the itinerant slave, beggar or anarchist.

A Reynoldsville Boy.

The announcement of Hon. W. O. Smith, editor of the Punxsutawney Spirit, and a candidate for the customary second term in the legislature, appears in this issue of the STAR. Mr. Smith is well known to the people of Reynoldsville and vicinity, having been born in the old white house on the hill near the school house, and reared to young manhood in our midst. He made a record to be proud of at the last session of the legislature, attending faithfully to his duties, and accomplishing almost everything he undertook, although the Governor undid much of his work with the veto hatchet. Of his exposition of the Bird Book steal the Lancaster News had this to say:

"There seems to be a pretty keen young gentleman waiting around the corridors of the State Capitol at the present time. His name is Smith and he runs a paper up in Punxsutawney. He didn't know very much about printing in colors, but when the Superintendent of Public Printing reported to the house that it would cost \$76,000 to engrave and print the color plates for the Bird Book, he thought the figure was somewhat higher than was necessary to put the proper red wing on the blackbird, the breast on the robin or the speckles on the killdeer. He therefore wrote to two prominent lithograph color printers, one in Boston and one in Philadelphia, for estimates on the work. The replies received by him were enough to startle even a printer. The Philadelphia firm said they would do the entire job, make the plates, furnish paper, and put the colors on for \$12,095. The bid of the Boston was but a trifle more. Mr. Smith is very anxious to get back to his printing office in Punxsutawney, for he knows how he can get \$76,000 for work he can do for \$12,095 and make a fair profit at that. The people, however, would like to have Mr. Smith stay where he is for a time and see the bird business through."

Mr. Smith is a young man, and deserves encouragement, having to depend upon his own labor for a subsistence, and he has proven that the interest of Jefferson county are safe in his hands. The farmers and miners, through their organizations, have expressed their confidence in him, and if he is returned for a second term, with the experience of one term fresh in his mind he will know just how to take hold and do business.

The decision of the Supreme Court that the Baker Ballot Law is constitutional and must stand, emphasizes the need that every citizen inform himself properly as to the method of preparing his ballot and voting. No doubt this measure is in the main a wise one, though all its provisions do not seem to be equitable and serviceable. Certainly it does not give the independent voter a fair chance, but he can use his paper or pen and is in no sense disfranchised. However we may regard it in whole or part, we must abide by its method and must needs "learn the ropes" first. The Pittsburg Times is doing a good work in its tour of the counties for sample elections. Jefferson county ought to be among the favored ones. Some novel experiences are recorded by those engaged in these play elections. At Meadville one prominent voter declared that he could not read and demanded assistance in preparing his ballot and indorsing it, the result being that four citizens in all were required to get that ballot prepared and deposited. Probably few votes will be cast in a real election requiring so much effort. The moral of this incident and of the present situation is: Let us all be prepared to vote intelligently according to our present law with as little effort as possible.

The political situation is interesting, as is usual at the present stage of the presidential campaign. In the Democratic party ex-President Cleveland is strong with the masses, but lacks the good wishes of the party bosses. Senator Hill with New York behind him is nevertheless not showing much strength at present. Senator Gorman seems to be a possible compromise candidate. Others are regarded as "dark horses" whose strength will only develop later. In the Republican ranks the most prominent candidate is President Harrison. However, Harrison lacks great popular strength and has opposed to him many of the most prominent politicians of his party. These seemed recently to have agreed on Minister Lincoln as their candidate, but at present are said to be working for Senator Sherman. There is no doubt that Blaine is the real choice of his party, but he continues to decline the honor of leading again the party he once led to defeat. The Farmers' Alliance and Labor organization do not yet seem to have determined upon their attitude in the coming campaign. The Prohibitionists are actively engaged in circulating a "Million Voters' Agreement," and are inclined to name again ex-Governor St. John as their candidate. At present, it is impossible to predict the result of the nominating conventions or of the election in November, but the campaign promises at this stage to be a hot one.

The DuBois Express has taken a decided stand, politically. The last issue of the journal says: "The Express will hereafter be a Democratic independent newspaper; Democratic after the principles of Jefferson and Jackson; independent in the vindication of right and suppression of wrong. The Express will represent no faction nor seek to conceal individual misdeeds."

Law is like a sieve; you can see through it, but you must be considerably red, red before you get through it.

Harbingers of Spring.

[Robt. J. Burdette.]
Out of their wintry seclusions in hospitable almshouses and sheltering asylums within the city walls, come out into the ways of the budding country they who toil not, neither spin, nor yet do they shave, nor in their moments of idle leisure, which are many, do they pen soft lithographic testimonials for the soap that cleanseth all which it touches, that renders the complexion transparent, whitens the teeth to pearly brilliancy, causeth the hair to curl, the eyes to shine, removes stains, tar spots, paint, grease, freckles, and promotes longevity. Naught of such vanities touch their tranquil souls; the remnant on the pie counter, the sandwich left over in the children's lunch basket—if such a miracle ever were—the ancient garments of the good-man of the house, which he, in an unguarded moment has forgotten to nail fast to the wall—these plain, homely simples will supply the wanderer's wants, and carry him on his aimless journey to the next house not half a mile away. When the tramp ringeth the door bell, or with mock humility knocketh at the gate, we lift our eyes to the southern hill slopes, and lo, hand in hand with "Wandering Willie" dances gentle spring.

Brookville.

Rumor says that a choice selection of our young men attended the exhibition at DuBois Tuesday evening. They were invisible on Tuesday, however, their thirst having been fully satisfied.

The brown-stone front of the Brookville National bank is being erected and when completed will be the most substantial structure in the county. Its architectural beauty and convenience is an innovation.

But little improvement in the line of business is expected at the county seat the coming season. The furniture factory with \$25,000 capital stock is in embryo, as is also a Building and Loan association. These enterprises are both worthy of the support of our capitalists, and generally speaking, are receiving merited encouragement.

The regular session of court, beginning on May 2nd, brought to the county seat but small delegations of litigants as compared with those usual upon similar occasions. Not that less crime has been committed in the county during the past few months, does this state of affairs exist, but rather a disposition to keep out of court trivial offences that are of no public concern. This reformation is gratifying to tax-payers. The motives actuating parties whose influence in this direction is thus demonstrated, may be sinister and unenduring, but the results serve to fix responsibility for trivial litigation if nothing else. Judge Clark is winning favorable comment for fairness and firmness. Greater dispatch may be expected when he becomes more familiar with the varied duties of his responsible position.

Sandy Valley.

The farmers are busy planting their potatoes.

The two stores at this place are doing good business.

Our supervisor, A. T. McClure, is busy repairing the roads, which was much needed at present.

The bark peeling season is at hand and the woodmen have commenced peeling the hemlock.

There was no services at our church last Sunday on account of the quarterly meeting services at Rathmel.

The Valley is enjoying a boom this spring. All the houses are rented and a number of calls for more houses.

Walte & Son are busy sawing and hauling lumber to the Sherwood mine, located one mile east of this place.

One of our merchants, W. T. Cox, has returned from Allentown, Pa., where he was attending the state council of the O. U. A. M. He reports a pleasant time and a cordial welcome from the citizens of Allentown.

A horse belonging to some person at Elanora came in to town with the front wheels of a buggy. The animal was going so fast that it could not make the turn and ran into Geo. Ritz's coal house and smashed up the remaining part of the buggy. The horse was caught by one of our citizens. No one hurt.

DIED.

ARMSTRONG—On Saturday, May 7th, 1892, at Rathmel, Pa., Willie J. Armstrong, son of A. S. Armstrong; of consumption, aged 12 years, 8 months, and 19 days. Funeral services were held in the M. E. Church at Rathmel Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Pollard. Interment in the Prospect cemetery.

SEDLER—On Monday, May 9th, 1892, Margaret Sedler, wife of John Sedler, aged 73 years. Funeral services were held in M. E. church Wednesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. W. P. Murray. Remains were buried in Beulah cemetery.

BURKETT—On Sunday, May 8th, 1892, of chronic myelitis, Peter Burkett, of Horn Settlement, aged 52 years. Remains were buried in Smith Cemetery Tuesday.

Drifting with the Tide.

RUTH—BAILEY—On Saturday, May 7th, 1892, at the residence of Squire E. T. McGaw, John A. Ruth, of Reynoldsville, and Sarah Alice Bailey, of Forest county, Pa.

Some Are Deemed Works of Beauty. In New Holland the women cut themselves with shells, and, keeping the wounds open a long time, form deep scars in the flesh, which they deem highly ornamental. Another singular mutilation is made among them, when in infancy they take off the little finger of the left hand at the second joint.—Yankee Blade.

A Question and an Answer. A correspondent in an Alabama town sends a "poem," on the margin of which he asks the following question: "Do you think I will ever walk a bit?" You may. But you are liable to have a bad spell of it.—Atlantic Constitution.

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