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News items from all over the county of personal and general interest are earnestly requested and published with pleasure.

IT'S WAYS ARE DARK.

For some weeks word has come to THE STAR of secret nocturnal political meetings being held by the Populites at various points in this county. One instance was reported where a democrat happened to be at one of these meetings and was asked to leave. It is very evident that the Populites are following the old Republican plan of night caucuses for the unfolding of plans that won't bear the light of day. The leaders desire the mantle of night to hide the unholy schemes with which they delude their followers.

But another thing! The guileless mass of the Populites think that they are going to nominate candidates for county offices in a convention next month. THE STAR has good reason to believe that these nominations have already been determined upon and that the May convention will be a farce and a fraud so far as it pretends to accomplish its real object. The Populite party as a whole will have no voice in the nominations. We believe that certain leaders—whether they are members of Gideon's band, we will not attempt to say—have parcelled the offices out among themselves and that every thing is all cut and dried to rush the scheme through the convention. In consequence of this arrangement some staunch Populites who really possess the confidence of the party will find themselves cast aside at the convention.

The process by which the leaders secured this absolute control over their followers is interesting. Primary elections being fatal to their schemes, they rejected them. They did not dare to trust the judgment of the party as to who should be candidates. They then spread abroad the doctrine that the office should seek the man and not the man the office. This was a master stroke, preventing any man not of themselves from electioneering for preferment, creating no excitement over an office, and leaving a clear field to their manipulation. It is a more complete system of bossism than has ever prevailed, and it would have been adopted if the leaders had thought they had ignorance to deal with.

As a Democratic newspaper this paper has no particular interest in the grabbing appetite of various leaders, but it would be the most practical thing for the mass of that party to do on the occasion for once and crush its self-constituted bosses.

There was more real business at the factory meeting Monday than ever before. We have great hopes that Kosciusko will soon start on a manufacturing career whose possibilities are boundless. God speed the day.

WE SHOULD HAVE IT.

It occurs to us that in the matter of Presidential elections the South has been playing second fiddle to the North quite long enough. Even if we did go out of the Union once, we have now been back in it for more than a quarter of a century. Through high tariff taxation we have paid pensions to the Northern soldiers and bonuses to Northern manufactures equal in amount to the war debt many times over. In the Congress of the United States we have furnished a majority of the brains to run the government. The South is today the conservative section of the Union. No other arguments than these three are necessary to show that we are deserving of a higher place in the national government than prejudice allows us to take.

We believe it is a duty the South owes herself to contend for at least the second place on the next national Democratic ticket. In view of the great strength we give the party we can claim the office as our due, and the North would not now have the face to deny the claim.

In the Senate of the United States a considerable majority of the chairmanships is held by Southern men. In the lower House the South held most of the important positions. The Northern Democracy concedes to the South the leadership in legislative matters. Then why does not the South stand on her rights and furnish at least the nominee for Vice-President?

THE KOSCIUSKO STAR wants a gynasium in that place. It doesn't require a gymnasium for a Kosciuskoite to play the monkey on the pole.—Columbus Index-Democrat.

The above squib was written by a former Kosciuskoite. While he has the floor we can readily see the truth of his statement.

Those politicians who are looking to the West for the next Democratic President, appear to be gradually centering their gaze on William R. Morrison, of Illinois. He is undoubtedly the greatest luminary the party possesses in that section.

On another page we begin a series of articles on the canning industry of the South. The articles are interesting and will well repay perusal. A canning factory established in our midst would be of very great benefit to all our people.

The Gulf & Ship Island Railroad project is not dead by any means. When the road is built Kosciusko would be very grateful to have a factory or two with large pay rolls to fall back on.

Keep cool in the collar, gentlemen. There is no issue in the campaign that should split the county Democracy. We are all Democrats.

To my friends and patrons:—I will be in Kosciusko on or about the 15th of May, next—on my regular semi-annual tour.

HOFFMAN, the Tuner.

Residence for Rent.

The J P Allen residence. Reasonable terms. Apply to

A. LINKS.

Our stock of men and boys Spring clothing is now complete. Bought each with the tariff off. Call and examine it before making your Spring purchases.

W. B. Potts Co.

COUNTY NEWS.

Joseph, Miss., March 30, 1895.

We have quite a welcome visitor this week—spring weather—and it looks as if it has come to stay. Farm work is progressing finely, plowing, planting corn and sugar cane is the order of the day.

We have had cotton growers' conventions and other meetings that have met and adopted resolutions, etc. (in which I have very little confidence), but just now I think there should be some individual resoluting done in regard to the question of a reduction of cotton acreage and as to what crops farmers can grow most profitably, a question that must be settled by each farmer and I not think it is a question that should be avoided. Let's take a plain practical view of it. Reason thus: Can I grow cotton at present prices to buy my meat, corn, molasses, etc. with? If so, then cotton is the crop for me to plant; but if on the other hand it pays me best to make a living at home and a little to spare, why then it is a plain business matter that I should pursue this course. My observation is that farmers who have practiced the former plan have failed while those who have practiced the latter have succeeded. The idea of a man buying his farm supplies from some one else, perhaps a thousand miles away. My idea is that farmers should be sellers of farm supplies and not buyers. I believe the time is coming (and perhaps the sooner the better) when meat and bread will be made a basis of of credit. Then, brother farmers, let's resolve individually to raise more corn, meat, molasses, potatoes, peas, hay and in short, more of everything needed to make a farm self-sustaining and after we have done this my advice is to raise every pound of cotton we can as a surplus crop. You may talk about relief from this or that source, but if we are ever saved we must work out our own salvation and I believe along the lines indicated above. I heard a gentleman say that if the old hens were given a chance, they would lay this country out of debt and I believe he is about half right as they are furnishing a good per cent of the "circulating medium" From the way eggs are going to market, I don't think many of the hens are "spreading" themselves now. You know the boy said he set his hen on one hundred eggs and when asked why he set her on so many eggs, said he wanted to see her "spread" herself. We would just now recommend a little spreading.

On last Monday the good people of Good Hope and Bethel communities met at Mrs. Annie Steele's (widow of the late J. R. Steele) and planted her corn crop and furnished substantial aid in other ways. I take the liberty of saying for Mrs. Steele that these good people have her heartfelt thanks. On the following Thursday these same people went to Mr. Henry Harman and gave him a days work. Mr. Harman has been on the sick list for three or four months. It is hoped that as the weather improves, he will be restored to health.

The dining at Mr. J. W. S. Guytons' on the 29th inst. in honor of Mrs. Guyton's birthday as well as the 21st anniversary wedding day, was a very enjoyable affair. Mr. Steele Guyton, their son, who is a student at the A. & M. College, was present to add to the joy of the occasion.

As the next Legislature is to elect a U. S. Senator, how would it do for the people to express a choice at the primary election?

RET.

THE FARMER.

Ethel, Miss., April 3, 1895.

The earth is being stirred. We do not suppose the farmers were ever more busily engaged than they have been for the last 8 or 10 days. Everything available has been put in the plow. Corn is being planted at a very rapid rate. Farmers complain that they are behind, but they are certainly not behind the season.

The farmer is certainly a man of hope. He has good reason to hope. The promise is "while the earth remaineth seed time and harvest, cold and heat, summer day and night shall not cease.

How inexhaustible are the stores of the earth, from the precious metals which lie within her bosom to the various cereal productions and luscious fruits which she produces for her teaming millions of inhabitants!

Our people know how to farm. They do not need a foreign element to teach them this lesson. The farmer may have been extravagant, but he is learning to economize. He is learning to use the improved method of farming. He has learned that he must have his own crib and smoke house and I am glad to note that the most of them have plenty in both.

Every farmer should have a farm of his own. If he is satisfied with his home he will improve it. The farmer will never succeed well as long as he is thinking about moving. Whenever he settles down and says: This is my home; here I expect to stay, then he begins to improve his farm and beautify his home. Restlessness is incompatible with the success of the farmer.

What is more attractive than a beautiful country home, with a cozy house, a good barn, good stock, good fences, and everything moving on that line, which means success and independence?

A VOICE.

Board of Aldermen.

At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen Tuesday night Messrs J. S. Smith, W. J. Hammond, and Wade Harvey were elected public school trustees to succeed Messrs. Brooke, A E Kelly and Haden.

The W. B. Potts Co. having proposed to bore a public artesian well in front of their store if the town would put a pump in it and keep it in repair, the Board accepted the proposition and the well will be bored.

The necessity of the blind alley just South of Dr. O. M. Oldham's residence being opened entirely through to Wells St. came up for discussion. No definite action was taken; but the matter will be investigated.

The owners of the two lots just East of Alexander & Morgan's store were ordered to tear down the brick walls left standing by the last conflagration, the same being deemed dangerous.

The following accounts were allowed:

W M Nosh	salary	$50 80
F M Harper	"	25.00
Eli Ethridge	"	25,00
Chas. Story	"	30.00
C M Brooke	"	5.00
T J Fowler	"	3.89
Dodd & Armistead, fee for prosecuting		
Dr. Johnson		$5.00
Gilliland Bros., Mdse.		16 10
D L Brown.	"	.40
A M Storer, streets,		75.95
B P Gallaway, labor;		2.00
D B Comfort, wood,		2.80
Kosciusko Star, printing,		6.25
A M Hanna, storage,		5.00

$370 was allowed in salaries to white teachers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS

MAY WELL BE INTERESTED IN THE COMING STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION,

To be Held at Water Valley, April 23-25.

Some of the most eminent and successful Sunday School workers of our land will be present. A rich program is now being prepared. The purpose is to make this the most notable meeting of our existence.

Let no Sunday School worker remain away. Water Valley cordially invites all.

Send your name and address to James R. Mauldin, Chairman, Water Valley.

Railroad rates will be full fare going, one-third returning. Get certificate from agent of each railroad from which you purchase ticket, showing that you have paid full fare going. This will entitle you to reduced rates for returning.

For additional details and program address, with stamp

C. W. MILLS, Sec'y,
Columbus, Miss.

Board of Supervisors.

APRIL TERM.

The Board met Monday morning, all the members and officers being present.

The following were appointed road overseers, viz: W P Brown, Irwin Edwards, M J Claitor, Sam Suggs, Isaac Herring.

The report of the county Supt. was received and approved.

The petition of M T McMillan for a change in the Kosciusko and West Station public road No. 8 w. s continued until the first Monday in May.

The petition of H Brunt and others that road 205 be discontinued was likewise continued.

A new road district was created on the McCool and Plattsburg public road beginning at the 9-mile board and ending at Turkey creek, H T C Morgan overseer.

Ordered that the Scooba Chita bridge be let out to the lowest and best bidder on the first Monday in May.

The following accounts were allowed;

J H Teat, Statutory reward,		$100.00
W B Potts Co.	mdse	65
S P Rimmer	"	1 75
Crowder & Edmunds	"	6 45
N O Thompson	"	20 15
D L Brown	"	2 25
A J Riggs	"	1 25
G R Conner	services	2 00
G A Thornton	"	2 00
J G Comfort	"	75
D F Love	"	57 51
Dr. F D Smythe	"	20 00
R D Cassidy	"	80 00
D F Love	"	1049.00
J H Sullivant	"	177 25
W H Miller	"	1 80
W H Turner	"	2 00
H I Jeffers	"	6 25
Shumaker & Conn	lumber	2 16
T S Rosamond	"	4 35
Jas Mabry	"	27 60
R W Campbell	"	28 45
A R Meeks & Co.	"	18 60
A G Ellis	"	2 16
J A Keliy	land	5 00
Kosciusko Star, printing		4 25
T J Fowler, salary, etc.		50 00
S CLoftin, keeping poorhouse,		80 20
D B Comfort, wood		1 50

TUESDAY'S SESSION.

The following changes in assessment were made: Certain lands from W T Skeen to Mrs. Thera Goyne; Lou Riley to S L Dodd; S W Charping to S L Dodd. A former order changing a certain assessment from Mrs. M P Lord to M & F Bank was stricken off, the same being a double assessment,

Burk Sharp was appointed overseer.

The Treasurer's report was approved as follows:

GENERAL FUND.

Bal last report	$12461 23
Rec'd since	413 39
Dibursed	2294 14
Am't on hand	10580 51

SCHOOL FUND.

Bal last report	7029 49
Rec'd since	50 44
Disburned	3605 50
Am't on hand	3674 73

The road overseers for 1894 were ordered to send in the road laws to the Chancecy clerk at once.

The board adjourned until the first Monday in May.

In Memoriam.

John Ross Steele was born in Anderson District, S. C., Jan. 26th, 1851; professed faith in Christ and joined the Presbyterian church in the year 1887; lived a consistent member of the same until he removed with his family to Mississippi only a few years ago; and, as he was not located sufficiently near the church of his first choice, he united with the Lutheran church three miles West of Salls in this county, and remained a faithful member of the same until the Master called him home on March 12, 1895.

Bro. Steele leaves a sister, also a wife and seven children, with a host of friends, who realize that indeed a dear one has left them. Still he leaves to each the legacy of a noble character. Sad! oh! so sad to part with those who we love so dearly. Would that we could say some kind word that would aid his sorrowing family to bear the stroke that is laid so heavily upon them.

Though disease had been preying upon his body for several months, no one thought the end so near. It was the the sad pleasure of the writer to visit him in his last days and find his faith growing stronger as the body grew weaker.

May the God who upheld him and guided him through this life uphold and guide his wife and children till they shall join him in the better land, where they can love without parting and live without tears.

W. M. C.