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COUNTY TICKET.

MILTON ARMSTRONG.

For Sheriff.

C. C. SHANNON.

For County Surveyor.

JOHN C. WESTBROOK, Jr.

Salutatory.

It is with a profound sense of the responsibility which attaches to the position that we assume the editorial management and direction of this new venture. In so doing we are also aware of the delicate and difficult problems which may arise and the complex situations which surround any one who endeavors to keep abreast of the times. It is the duty of a newspaper to so present the current events of the day that readers may be well informed, and also to comment on the various questions, and to so collate the many items of news that the reading public may readily absorb and quickly comprehend the local and general information it seeks. Necessarily the newspaper becomes to a greater or less extent a mold of the opinions, and a suggester of the ideas of the community. Its influence is subtle and far reaching. It is read by the younger as well as the older members of the family. It has its place along with the spelling book the reader and the history in forming the youthful mind. In morals its should be chaste, in virtue above suspicion, in politics clean and consistent and in religion devoutly respectful. With these cardinal principles in view it will be our aim to so conduct the Press that it may enter your homes as a welcome and trusted friend, and while in many respects our opinions may not coincide with yours we shall endeavor to so present them as not to offend the taste of a dispassionate reader. In politics this paper will be Republican because we believe that the principles of that party as contemplated by its founders, and as steadily developed and maintained by its noblest and purest men are best calculated to secure America for Americans in the highest sense of those words. We would welcome the immigrant from whatever country who comes here intending to conform to our laws and become one of our citizens attached to the principles of our Constitution, but we believe that stringent laws should be enacted to shut out that vicious and ignorant class which simply competes with American workingmen, and because of their non-assimilation with our laws are dangerous to American institutions. In local politics we shall urge the selection of those who in our judgment are best fitted to administer the duties of the positions to be filled. We do not think any community will progress or prosper when its affairs are entrusted to incompetent and improper men. There are such in both of the great political parties. Our object will be to present the news of our country in such manner,

that its citizens may become familiar with its weekly history. And to this end we cordially invite correspondence from all parts—such local happenings as may be of interest, whether they pertain purely to secular affairs, or to the social educational or religious interests of the community will be gratefully received. Our columns will be open to dignified discussion of proper questions of general interest and we invite all those who have anything of such character to communicate with us.

We believe the teachers and people of this county could derive benefit from a column devoted to educational matters, and ask all those interested to contribute their notes so that it may be both interesting and profitable. If the farmers have matters of interest to their fellows we will cheerfully accord them a place for the discussion of new methods of agriculture or improvements of the old. If the ladies desire to exchange their receipts or even their "complimenting trades" they shall have a place.

All religious news and notices of religious meetings will be accepted with pleasure and given proper prominence. While we may not always be able to discriminate it will be our care to exclude from the Press everything of a character which might tend in any manner to bring a blush to the cheek of purity, shock the moral sensibilities or wound the religious prejudices of any person. We desire with your aid to publish a live and helpful paper and to that end solicit your good will and patronage for the PIKE COUNTY PRESS.

WE OBEY every Republican the duty of going to the polls on Tuesday next and casting his ballot for the straight ticket. Because it is an off year there may be a tendency to be careless. Let there be no stay-at-homes. Realize the full importance of what is to come. Although the Democratic majority has been driven out of Congress—a result that has restored business confidence all over the country—this will prove but a temporary benefit unless a Republican President and Congress is elected next year. The Republican party must wholly dominate in the legislative and administrative power to establish entire confidence in all departments of trade, business and manufactures. This is an axiomatic truth. Democratic domination is a nightmare to the country's interest. Cleveland himself has asserted that the Democratic party is incapable. Let Pennsylvania show an increased Republican majority Nov. 5.

A BRUTAL MURDER.

An Aged Colored Man Killed to Death by a Buffalo Tongue.

REPAID, Oct. 22.—A peculiarly brutal and unprovoked murder was committed in the open court in the rear of 98 and 70 Spruce street. The victim was Michael Johnson, an aged colored man and a veteran of the civil war.

REDUCED TO ASHES.

A Southern Ohio Village Almost Completely Destroyed by Fire.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 19.—The town of Blanchester, on the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern railway, 15 miles from Wilmington and 40 miles from Cincinnati, was almost wiped out by fire.

His Will on a Window Sill.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Oct. 21.—Two years ago Samuel Schneck committed suicide. Whether he was of sound and disposing mind when he made his first will, April 12, 1893, was tried in court the last few days, and the jury decided that he was of sound mind. The estate is appraised at \$18,000, though Schneck had been reputedly worth \$125,000 when he moved to Allentown, seven years ago.

Fatal Accident With a Gun.

SEBASTON, Pa., Oct. 21.—Hugh Archibald, son of President Judas Archibald, was shot and killed while hunting with two companions, while hunting, stopped at the farmhouse of James Green at Weaver, Pa., and asked for a drink of water. While Mrs. Green was handing young Archibald a glass of water, his rifle, which was cocked, slipped from his knee and was discharged. The ball entered Mrs. Green's right side below the ribs and took an upward course. She then Mrs. Green's ill health was being treated by a thread. It is said she cannot recover.

GOLD EATING WATER.

SPARKLING LIQUID CHARGED WITH CYANIDE OF POTASSIUM.

Millions in the Yellow Metal Recovered by Percolation—A Simple but Interesting Process, With Results Which Are Nothing Less Than Marvelous.

It is not generally known, even in California, that millions of dollars in glittering gold are annually taken from rude heaps of base looking quartz by the gentle flowing of crystal water over huge piles of broken rocks that contain the precious metal, but such is the fact.

The process of robbing the earth of its gold has now been reduced to such a fine point, said Professor Price, "that the gentle flowing of water over the ore gleams of its golden treasures, and this works well in cases where the old chloride and other methods are not so useful."

The cyanide process is as noiseless and unobtrusive as the laws of gravitation, doing its work as quietly as the majestic dance of the planets, undisturbed by darkness or weather, by disasters of field or flood.

The state mining bureau of California was one of the first in the United States to investigate the merits of the cyanide process, and since the earliest investigations the method has been steadily applied. It is so interesting that its results are nothing less than marvelous.

This interesting process consists of treating the ore with a weak solution of potassium cyanide, usually by allowing the solution to percolate through the ore, or by agitating a mixture of the ore and solution. When this part of the operation is completed, the solution is separated from the solid material, and the gold and silver are precipitated in a metallic form.

COLLEGE GIRLS AND MARRIAGE.

Bits of Confession That Throw a Light on the Question.

I have no doubt that the remaining cause of the low marriage rate is that many men dislike intellectual women—whether because such women are really disagreeable or because men's taste in that fault shall not try to determine. And even among those who like them as friends many feel as the young man did who made this confession:

THE NOT DIET.

It is evident by many straws noticed in a general reading of periodical and newspaper literature that the next fall of the dietists is to be nuts. All the scientific cooking and health food authorities are urging with increasing persistence the value of this natural food and giving receipts for various nut flours, from which different varieties of bread cake may be made that are nutritious and of medicinal value in certain ailments.

Women on the Bicycle.

What a pretty thing a woman on a bicycle is! Her pose is good. She sits erect and rides easily, gracefully. Most men stoop while riding. Women sit erect. Men always seem to be on business bent and in a hurry. Women appear to ride for pleasure and in no hurry. It is said, from the care they have to bestow to avoid accident. Women have the air of easy indifference, unconsciousness of risk. They ride as the true goddess walked.—Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

MIMICRY AND REASON.

Illustration That This Monkey Is Endowed With a Share of Each.

"That the monkey possesses intelligence to a considerable degree is probably true," said a hotel proprietor who has a small menagerie on his premises.

"I believe, however, much of the intelligence which this animal is credited to is due to its love of mimicry."

"The other day two young men with two girls were at the monkey's cage feeding him peanuts. One of the girls was chewing gum, and one of the men suggested that she give the monkey some, expecting that if he took it in his mouth it would stick to his teeth, and he would make sorry work of trying to chew it.

The monkey grabbed it instantly and put it into his mouth, but instead of chewing it, or attempting to do so, he began pulling it out in small ribbons, as children are frequently seen to do. When he had it all out of his mouth, he rolled it into a compact ball between his hands, threw it into his mouth and began the operation again. He appeared to enjoy the performance much as his visitors. "That was imitative," said another.

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No Precedent.

During a session of the territorial legislature of Montana, held more than 80 years ago, a measure was introduced which appeared to raise some of the most serious constitutional questions. One man, who was supposed to possess great oratorical powers, declaimed fiercely against the measure, claiming that it was "clearly in opposition to the great principles of Magna Charta, which the brave barons in days of old wrested from King John, a blessed result of a bloody conflict."

Consoling Him.

Old Bullion—it tells me to think that if my money goes into your spend-thrift hands when I die.

Young Bullion—Never mind, Governor, it won't stay there long.—Indianapolis Journal.

Too Cautious.

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THE SOCIABLE GAME.

SIXTON SOCIETY'S RADICAL INNOVATIONS AT POKER.

Decks of Sixty Cards and "Ringed" Hands Among the New Features—Symphony For Louers and Luncheon With "A Wee Nip" For All—The Little Kites.

Could the late Minister Schenck, who gave to the world during his diplomatic life a treatise on the fascinating American game, attend a modern poker party he would certainly declare that the world had moved backward, in one respect at least.

Very few people outside certain circles of the Back Bay have any conception of the extent to which poker playing is carried in that section. The whole locality is divided into "sets," and it is customary for each set to hold a session at its or her home nearly every night in the week.

The usual hour for beginning play is 8 o'clock, and it is customary for the ladies to dress for the occasion, while the gentlemen do not infrequently array themselves in full evening costume.

A FAMOUS MAN'S MOTHER.

Thomas Wentworth Higginson's Beautiful Tribute to His Mother.

I trace to my mother's direct influence three leading motives of my youngest son's life—the love of personal liberty, of religious freedom and of the equality of the sexes—writes Thomas Wentworth Higginson in 'The Ladies' Home Journal. As to the more subtle and intimate influences, they ordinarily came by contact, not by preaching. She always maintained that the younger children of a large family had a much better chance for development than the elder because they had more freedom to develop themselves.

The Costliest of Ideas.

Affirmation, pure and simple, without reasoning and without proof, is one of the surest means of planting an idea in the popular mind. The more concise it is, the more free from every appearance of proofs and demonstration, the more authority it has. The religious books and the codes of all ages have always proceeded by simple affirmation. Statesmen called upon to defend any political cause and manufacturers advertising their goods know what it is worth. Yet it has no real influence, except it is constantly repeated and so far as possible in the same terms. Napoleon said that repetition was the only serious figure in rhetoric. By repetition an affirmation is incrustated in the minds of hearers till they at last accept it as a demonstrated truth.

One of the Three.

A bold and fearless statement was made in this column a few days ago touching beauty. It was put forth that there were only three attributes on earth which could lay a honest claim to beauty. "Clara M." writes that her curiosity has been aroused and wants to know who the three are. Now, it would be very ungrateful to say. The statement has all the attributes in the world guessing, and until the names of the three are mentioned, each of our footlight favorites will believe she is one of them. Why spill their fun? What is the use of calling names to make people feel injured and slighted and misunderstood? I do not doubt that Miss Clara M., if she be an actress, could lay an honest claim to recognition as one of the three.—New York Press.

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HABITS OF THE MANATEE.

A Harmless Monster That Feeds Under Water on Grasses.

The manatee belongs to a mammalian order called sirenia, or manatees, which contains only three species—our manatee, that of west Africa and the dugong of Australia. As its clumsy form suggests, it is an animal of quiet and even sluggish habits, entirely harmless and easily taken when once its habits are known.

When at home, the manatee consists of tender aquatic plants and grasses, always eaten under water, and its presence is generally revealed by the bits of broken stems and grass which escape and float to the surface above where it is feeding.

In captivity it feeds on cabbage, lettuce, the leaves of the canna, celery tops, watercress, spinach, and also certain kinds of ocean seaweed. In the St. Lucie river its favorite food is a luxuriant, trailing aquatic grass, called manatee grass, in which the manatee finds not only good food, but good hiding places from its human enemies.

HER ALARM CLOCK.

And Why She Had Good Reason For Being Informed Against It.

A suburban woman not long since purchased an alarm clock. It was a fat little plated little affair, with a tinkling alarm going at. The woman got the clock because she felt an overwhelming desire to play the role of the early bird. That night, therefore, she set the alarm-piece according to the specified directions. But for some reason or other the clock failed to go off. The woman gave it a second trial. Again it played her false. She took it to the suburban jeweler. He said the clock was outrageously out of order, hinted darkly at the dishonesty of any individual who would pain off such an article as perfect goods and prescribed a course of treatment which would cost her \$1 for so doing. The woman then took it to the city jeweler from whom she had first purchased it. He declared the clock to have been all right until "ruined" by the suburban jeweler, but consented to repair it for the sum of 75 cents. The clock's original cost had been \$1.50.

FAMOUS POLITICAL PHRASE.

Used in Different Forms by Lincoln, Theodore Parker and Webster.

In a letter headed "Not Lincoln's Own Words," a correspondent points out that the words "government of the people, by the people, for the people," in the famous Gettysburg address were not original with Lincoln. He attempts to further show that they were original with Henry Wilson, and were quoted by Lincoln from a letter written in 1860 by Wilson to certain persons in Boston.

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