

Port Matilda Pointers

Next week being court week quite a lot of our citizens are dusting up their Sunday clothes, preparatory to spending a few days at the county capitol.

Mr. A. J. Stephens, who has been spending a short time in Philadelphia, returned home on Saturday last and reports politics as very lively in the Quaker City.

Miss Kesiah Dunlap, of whom we made mention in last week's items as being at Howard Hospital, Philadelphia, returned home last Saturday. We regret to say that she received but little benefit or encouragement from the treatment.

Rev. G. P. Sarris commenced a protracted meeting in the M. E. church on Monday evening, to be continued for some time if he receives sufficient encouragement from both saint and sinner, which should be given him, as there is plenty of material here to work on.

The nominating primaries of both parties will be held, in the election house in this place, next Saturday afternoon to name candidates for the different township officers. We have only heard of five aspirants, on the one side for constable, and have no idea how many the other side will have. Evidently there is going to be a goodly number of disappointed people, when the result is announced.

H. H. Oeman, one of our blacksmiths, had a severe attack of the "Grip" last Friday and Saturday, which made him think that it was almost the end of time with him. He was round however on Monday morning, and now says it is worth ones while, to occasionally get sick just to find how many kind friends one has. He desires us to extend his thanks through the Warchman to the many who visited him and particularly to those who carried in dainties to tempt his appetite.

Things That Have Happened at State College.

Mr. T. M. Hubler will move to the Shuey farm which he has purchased.

Mr. McKinley has been elected foot ball manager for the season of '967.

Albert Hoy Esq., is about again after being home for a few days with La Grippe.

Mrs. A. V. Miller who has been on the sick list for some time is slowly improving.

The class of '96 are still debating the question of cap and gown, being equally divided.

Mr. Budd Glenn when he leaves Mr. William Foster's farm in the spring will go to New York State.

John N. Krumrine is having a large porch erected in the rear of his house on church street.

The Rev. Chas. T. Aikens of Pine Grove Mills circulated among his many friends here about on Tuesday.

The Democrats of this place should turn out in force to the caucus on Saturday afternoon from 3 to 4 o'clock at the band hall.

Mr. Fred Krumrine has bought a farm about a mile west of the college and will remove to it early in the spring. Mr. Edward Houser will take the Hamilton farm vacated by Krumrine.

Mr. Jacob Krumrine has sold his interest in the Krumrine Snyder meat market to Mr. M. D. Snyder, who will continue to serve the public at the old stand. We understand Mr. Krumrine will work for the College.

Mr. T. C. Hopkins who was formerly an instructor in the department of Mining Engineering has returned and resumed his duties in that department. Mr. F. E. Knoche will soon go to Germany to complete his chemical studies.

From signs so far the "flittings" will be more numerous than ever this spring. These flitting knights of the plow ought to take our friend William Foster for an example, and stay on one farm thirty or forty years and then own it. Truly the "rolling stone gathers no moss."

There was a splendid turnout of visiting brothers and members at I. O. O. F. Lodge 1032, on Monday night. The initiation work was under the direction of the degree master of Centre Lodge and was fine. Fraternal visits are the proper thing. Come again brothers one and all.

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Spring Mills.

Wm. From of the mill firm of Allison Bros. & Co. extensive dealers in flour, grain and coal, will leave our town, and, if I am rightly informed will locate in Shamokin. We are very sorry to part with Mr. From, besides losing a very pleasant and affable gentleman, we lose a citizen whose Democracy is unquestionable.

Two gentlemen here in this village—very prominent and highly influential—are spoken of by the Democracy for Treasurer, but I am hardly at liberty to give names. They are "good and true" men and either would be a candidate of unusual strength. Within the next week, the rumor may assume a more definite and reliable shape.

W. E. Krape of our town, an agent for nursery stock, and by the way, as a salesman in that line has few equals, is also an aspirant for Sheriff of Centre county, and will be a candidate before the next Republican convention for that office. He has already made quite an extensive canvass, but with what prospects of success I am not advised. Many of his friends regard his aspirations as a *faux pas*, and think that he would make a better Auditor—perhaps.

Last week in speaking of the excellent condition of our roads, being superior to the pike for traveling etc. I accidentally neglected to mention John Rossman who is road supervisor north of the pike, while Jacob McCool has south of the same. As I previously observed, these two gentlemen (sound Democrats) know just exactly what the people need in the way of roads, and of course attend to it. They require no prompter? Evidently both will succeed themselves for next year, as they have little or no opposition.

On the 25th inst., our constabulary fracas will end, as on that date the convention meets to nominate candidates etc. We have now five or six anxious for the honor, and all Democrats. The "war" has been quite interesting, because so uncertain. The contest however, has finally settled down to Reuben Kline, (present incumbent) Wm. Smith and Wm. Ream. The most singular part of this whole contest, better call it squabble, was and is the inability of any of the candidates to hold their own following longer than a day or two at a time. Two weeks ago, no one would question no doubt the nomination of Mr. Kline, then the tide turned and the indications were favorable to Mr. Smith, and now Mr. Ream seems to be the favorite. If the emplacements of the office were worth anything, this vacillation could be accounted for. But as the revenue is very trivial, it seems a little remarkable and somewhat puzzling. However who ever floats on the ebb tide on the 25th inst., will be the nominee.

The general announcement that C. P. Long,

of our town, would be a candidate for Treasurer of Centre county, before the next Republican convention, has created quite a small sensation here among his friends. They are almost enthusiastic as if he had been actually nominated and elected—the former point he may possibly gain, but the latter is very remote. The comments here however, have been certainly very flattering. At present Mr. Long is a very popular merchant of our village, a thorough business man and evidently possesses abilities of an ordinary degree, and undoubtedly could discharge the requirements of that office. Of course he is not yet nominated, but many of his friends anticipate it. They forget however, that nearly all nominations nowadays are in the hands of the politicians, and they are somewhat like the cunning celestial, for "ways that are dark and tricks that are vain, the Chinese are peculiar" you might change it, and say the politicians are tricky instead of peculiar. Still Mr. Long may receive the nomination, then comes the election, and then a Democratic flood.

Books, Magazines, Etc.

THE WERNER PRIMER.—Something decidedly new and a marked departure from the monotony of the old school text book has just been issued by the Werner publishing company, of New York, in the form of an illustrated object lesson primer. Aside from the mechanical excellence of the little book, it is a novelty from a composition point of view. It outlines the first instructions for the teacher and by a series of simple, clever exercises introduces the untutored mind into the branches of reading, writing, language, numbers, science, literature and occupation in a way that is at once convincing and lasting. The book is calculated to lead the child mind safely through the stale wonderment and misunderstanding that so often embarrasses teachers in primary schools. Its object lessons in form and color attract the attention in such a way that the steps to the more complex studies are made sure and speedy.

The Werner Primer was shown during the sessions of the county institute here last month and was very favorably received by the teachers of the county.

BIERLY'S LATEST SONGSTER.—Among the very recent musical publications is a book of "School Songs" for public or private schools, academies and colleges, published by Prof. A. Bierly, of Chicago. The book is gotten up on the same comprehensive plan that has characterized all of Professor Bierly's work and besides containing 124 pages of songs there are elementary studies, practical exercises, non-reading exercises and many other useful departments to those unacquainted with the methods of music.

The particular value of the "School Songs" No. 1 will be found to lie in the selections it contains. There is music for everything within its covers, from the regular daily devotional exercise songs to those for calisthenic drills, closing exercises and real difficult choruses.

The book is substantially bound in board and is in every way calculated to meet the

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wear and tear of school use. Prof. Bierly's address 215 Wabash Ave. The price is 50c. a piece by mail or \$3.00 per dozen—express not prepaid.

The illustrations which are to accompany Marion Crawford's article on "Pope Leo XIII. and his Household," which will appear in the February Century, are made from photographs taken by a private chamberlain of the Pope and a personal friend of Mr. Crawford. So far as known they are the only pictures ever made of the inner rooms of the Vatican. They were taken with the consent of the Pope who moved from room to room to make way for the photographer.

The Forum for February will contain a noteworthy discussion of the Venezuelan controversy by three distinguished writers: (1) "Professor Theodore S. Woolsey, professor of International Law at Yale University; Hon. Oscar Straus, ex-United States Minister to Turkey, and Mr. Isaac L. Rice, a well-known lawyer of New York who has made a lifelong study of constitutional and international law.

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