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EDITORIAL.

RIGHT TO THE POINT.

Last week an editorial appeared in this colum npon the experience of this paper with public officials. It attracted much comment, the character and extent of which was more than gratifying-was almost a unanimous endorsement by our readers of our views on the distribution of public printing. As a strange coincidence, W. M. Maupin, President of Nebraska Press Association, and one of the ablest newspaper men in the West, on Pebruary 15th, delivered an address before that association which has been published far and wide, and deals with the same question, the politician and office holder. We make the following extracts that are forcible, also appropriate in this connection:

Of course I would not say these things publicly, but here and just between ourselves, where no reporters are admitted, it may profit us to have a few little heart to heart talks.

What about politics? I am something of a politician and perhaps something of a partisan. I believe in working for the success of party principles and supporting the party ticket when it is made up But if ever I am fortunate enough to get hold of a paper of my own did not know me before they were nominated and are sure to forget me after they are elected. The candidate for supervisor who gets my support must give me assurance that after he is elected he will throw the public patronage to the newspaper that supported him. The laborer is worthy of his hire, and why is not a newspaper man who conducts a party organ? The party organ owes nothing to the party organization. The party organization owes everything to the parth organ.

Iowa is a Republican state-hopelessly and seemingly irretrievably Republican-and most of the credit for this fact is due to the splendid Republican newspapers of the state. That it is not unanimously Republican is due to the fact that it has so many able and fearless Democratic newspapers. But how many Republican newspaper men in Iowa have been given places at the pie counter? Occasionally we hear that one has been appointed postmaster, but how many newspaper men have been elected governor or congressmen or senator or to a

salaried state office? The chief end of a man is to praise day. God and glorify him forever. The chief end of the editor is to elect politicians to office and opologise for it afterwards. When the political pie is passed around, it is the office of the editor of the party organs to sit in the gallery and sing songs of praise for the victory won while politi-cians keep time to the tune with their teeth and salivary glands. He is given the blessed privilege of doing the shout-· ing while the politicians do the eating. You can safely wager your last dollar that if anybody gets left in the pie distribution it is the editor of the party organ. You say that you are not supporting the party's principles and whooping it up for the ticket in the hope of securing earthly reward? Pardon me, good friends and brethren, but that's all nonsense. What is wrong about expecting or demanding reward for your labors? Most office seekers publicly declare that they want office in order to benefit the public; but, in fact, they want it because there's money in it. The proof of this statement lies in the fact that no politician hustles for an office that does not carry with it a salary or a fat lot of fees. When you the lines of the "Centre Democrat," to show me an officeholder who covers his give its readers full value for their salary back into the public treasury because he is only serving in order to be of benefit to the public, I will believe that the editor of the party organ should not demand pay for his service.

I am decidedly of the opinion that the time has come when we should quit talking about our disinterestedness, our self sacrifices, our noble profession and all that sort of thing, and do business on business principles. It is all well enough to talk about our high calling but fine words never buttered as many parsnips as a sheriff's sale notice at full legal rates or a doubly earned check from the county central committee. The newspaper man earns more than he gets, but

ne should get more of what he earns. I have in mind the ideal newspapercounty newspaper, I mean. It will de-

The Centre Democrat. vice save that of friendship and pay cash for every business accommodation. The theater or church that uses its advertising columns will pay spot cash, and the 'complimentary ticket" will be abolished. The man who drops in with a "card of thanks" will pay space rates for it, just as he has to pay regular rates to the undertaker, the sexton and the phy sician. The politician who has spent years in scheming to secure a nomination to office will pay for that newspaper's support in proportion as he pays for the support of the ward heeler and the precinct boss. It will not call a spade an agricultural implement nor gloss over the misdeeds of the man with the dollar in order to have more space in which to dilate upon the general cussedness of the man who is one day's wage removed from pauperdom. It will not strain its eyesight trying to overlook the faults of its own party in order to get a view of the shortcomings of the opposition. It will be as quick to see and denounce corruption in its own party as it is to see and denounce corruption in the ranks of the opposition party. It will be clean morally, clean typographically and clean politically. It will cater to men and women of moral character and not to the passions and

prejudices of the public. In conclusion let me plead with you for a more thorough cultivation of busi. ness methods, for closer business rela-Let us banish the stale and unprofitable "ye poor editor joke," and stand upon our claims as business men. Let us acquit ourselves like men.

CONTEST DROPPED.

According to an article in the Clearfield Republican, of last week, the congressional contest instituted in this district by Mr. Clearwater, the defeated republican candidate, to unseat J. K. P. Hall, has been dropped. Up to this time Mr. Clearwater's attorneys have done practically nothing in the line of a complete canvass of every section of the district and would have given him such a surprise in the windup as would have made them sorry that they ever attempted such a thing. Up to this time there has been no news sent to this county by Mr. Hall that the contest has been abandoned, but the opinion prevails that it is the situation.

THE ballot bill now offered by the Quay machine, is simply infamous, it not only is intended to perpetuate machine rule, but to disfranchise the thousands of independent republicans who are opposed to the corruption and robbery at Harrisburg, but also to disfranchise the half million democratic voters and taxpayers of the state.

Orbison-Gile.

Miss Virginia Gile and Dr. Thomas J. Orbison, both of the Quaker city, were married Monday in Philadelphia. Dr. Orbison is a Bellefonte boy and a son of Mrs. N. D. Orbison, of this place.

Pleasant Gap.

A scarcity of water at this place at the present.

On Tuesday Harry Tate one of our

young men left for Ohio. The Gettig Bros., will have public sale machine, copper kettle, tubs, carpets,

The protracted meeting which is held in the M. E church will be continued

The majority of our schools will close the first week in April.

The funeral of Mrs. A. V. Miller was largely attended on last Thursday.

Miss Mame Bell had exercises at her school on Washington's Birthday, which were a success.

Now boys you want to watch the real thing, for we are little bit better than we have been yet.

Oak Hall.

Miss Irene Segner, of Boalsburg, spent Sunday at the home of B. F. Homan and

Miss Edith Korman has been ill for several days. Luther Peters and sister Elsie made a visit to the Pine Grove dentist on Thurs-

Daniel Meyer, of Boaisburg, transacted business in town on Tuesday.

Raymond Dale, of the Branch, is visiting his grandmother.

Wm Sellers, of Pittsburg, made

brief visit in town on Saturday. Mr. Barnhart is able to be around again after a siege of the grip.

L. H. Musser and Mr. Linder, Fillmore, agents for the Deering Machine Co., were in town on Tuesday.

A sled load of young folks from Dales Summit and Peru visited friends in Oak Hall on Tuesday evening. The scholars of the grammar school

are making arrangements for an entertainment for Friday afternoon.

A Kind Word.

Washington, D. C. February 25, 1901

EDITOR "CENTRE DEMOCRAT." DEAR SIR :- Herewith enclosed find one dollar for which please advance me upon your subscription list of the paper. Your earnest efforts are clearly shown in money in clean, intelligible reading matter, both local and from outside of the county, and you deserve the credit of prompt remittance from such delinquents as myself.

Very respectfully, S. S. P.

"For croup, Chamberlain's Cough Remedy gives the best satisfaction of any medicine we ever sold," says John T. Washburn, Gravois Mill, Mo. remedy not only cures croup, but when freely given as soon as the croupy cough appears, will prevent the attack. It is the favorite and sole reliance in many thousands of homes for the prevention and cure of c oup. For sale by Green's

Old maids evidently believe that where mand remuneration in full for every ser- i singleness is bliss 'tis folly to be wives.

School Directors' Duty Defined.

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ment which supports and sustains our public

sentiment in relation to the schools if success

school system today. I may be in error but the conviction is supreme with me, that it is the duty of the members of the school board, to lead the public

is desired and efficient progress is to be made, Under the law certain men are chosen and elected to the office of school director by the people, to assume and discharge duties which cannot be performed by all the people. When the election is over, the people have, for the time being, discharged their duty. The schools of the districts, with all that relates to them, are put into the hands of the men thus elected. In all things that pertain to the schools, the erecting of school houses, their durnishings, the supply of material and text books, the providing of a course of study, the proper grading of the schools, the establishing of high schools, and district libraries are all left to their care, judgment and discretion. In truth the school board is the driving wheel of the whole system. If it is well balanced and moves with the proper force and energy, the schools will grow

and prosper. Good houses will be built, well lighted, ventilated and with all outside conveniences. Good courses of study will not only be provided but a graded course of study will be provided for ungraded schools. A few of the best out line maps that can be obtained, an unabridged or other good dictionary, with a few first class reference books will be placed in every school-

There has been much and gratifying progress made in the schools in every conceivable way in the last fifty years. I well remember the first public schoolhouse I ever entered, stand ing, as was common in those days, on the very edge of the public road. The desks, nothing but large boards surfaced, arranged around the room far enough from the wall to permit the larger boys and girls to sit between them and the wall. This arrangement was some times reversed, the desks placed along the wall, and the larger pupils sit with back toward the centre of the room, the little fellows taking testimony, while Mr. Hall began stiting on a high bench, with back against their desks, or against nothing, and their feet dangling somewhere between heaven and earth; fresh air in abundance was admitted through cracks in the wall, and the stove, an old castaway tenplate. Oh! how patiently it could smoke from morning to noon, while the pupils froze, rubbed their eyes and choked. And the teacher! who doesn't remember the teacher of those days? There was no correction without whipping. You were whaled if you did anything; you were lashed if you did not do anything, and you were thrashed if you should unfortunately fait from your high perch to the floor, and knowledge was poured in through the back with a vim, vigor and energy never to be forgotten.

These days, bless God! are gone forever They passed away as the influence and power of knowledge and education spread throughout the Commonwealth, by the growth and establishment of the public school, and as younger men and women were given place as teachers in the school room, and school boards composed largely of men who had been through it all, led on to a higher and nobler sentiment, on all questions relating to the education of our youth.

The neat school house of today, in most of our rural school districts, standing back from the public highway a short distance, with a fine plot of ground surrounding it, frequently ornamented with trees, seated with the very best and latest of school furniture and supplied with many of the modern school appliances, is the result of a love for mankind, a desire to help on and make better those who are to come after us, indeeda well grounded sentiment in the hearts of individual members of the school boards.

It is no doubt true that in some instances the board was backed, it may have been led, by a good healthy sentiment in the community, in I will studiously refrain from rending my on Saturday at the homestead; among favor of this line of progress. But in most nether garment to elect men to office who the articles to be sold will be a sewing cases the advancement made, was led by the school board creating and leading the senti-

And the same is true of the school boards and controllers of the public schools in the towns and cities of the state. The public school buildings, in these, grand in their proportions, magnificent to behold, containing every possible convenience and appliance known to the educational world, filled daily by hundreds of our youth, under the care and instruction of the most accomplished teachers, is not the result of the board or controllers being led by public sentiment, but the product of earnest thought, much sacrifice and unceasing labor on the part of the boards or the few leading, restless, tireless and energetic spirits, which dominated and pushed them along to the accomplishment of a high and noble purpose, all in the interest and for the good of the

At a former meeting of this association, I used the names of Hon, H. L. Diffenbach, for merly of the city of Lock Haven, now decaesed and S. P. Johnson, Esq., of Warren, to illus trate what an individual member of a school board can do if he will. In the face of much opposition, each, in his respective district after the passage of the act of 1854, enlarging the powers of directors and perfecting the whole public school system, determined to establish good schools. In the district of the former there was to be good buildings, the best teachers obtainable, maps, globes, reference books supplied and the schoot term extended to ten months. In order that the people might understand what was to be done. he issued an address in which he set forth his purpose, asking their aid and support, and promised after a fair trial, if the people were not satisfied with results, they should have the opportunity of electing another in his place. That was nearly half a century ago, and the chools of that city have taken high rank from that day to this. While in Warren, Mr. Johnson, realizing the immense opportunities and powers given to school boards under the same act of assembly, proceeded to reorganize the crea'e a healthy and much needed sentiment schools up to end including a high school, with French and German and Higher Ma hematics in the course of study. To carry out his purpose, the maximum tax of 28 mills was levied, good houses were built and furnished, first class teachers were employed, and everything necessary to establish a first class public school supplied. That too was nearly fifty years ago, but who today, that knows anything about public schools, does not know that the schools of the Borough of Warren are the very best in the state, and all because of the master hand that controlled in the beginning.

In doing this neither of these men led public sentiment. It was fierce in its hostility to them, but, in obedience to a sentiment dwelling within their own souls, they pushed forward to the discharge of their duty as they conceived it under the law they were elected to administer. In school work we can only pray that God would give us plenty of such

advantages of education as their object. The ministers who preach in the various congrega tions in the districts should be called upon to preach upon the need of higher and better education and the blessings it surely brings-The local newspapers are a great power and exert a great influence in this direction, and would very often render more and better aid if given the proper information. Every progressive citizen in the district should be called to aid in the work. But in all this, the school board, either as a board, or its individual

members, should lead. Of course, the board or the directors who indertake to do this need not expect to have everybody agree with it or them. Opposition they will have, sometimes fierce and violent in all forward and progressive movements, from the thoughtless, illiterate and penurious, mostly from the latter. No progress has ever been made in any department of life, whether physical, moral or intellectual, without opposition, and this sometimes so fierce that it is flery. This, however, should only make the school board or directors the more determined to lead on, and do that which it or he believes to be right and for the best interests of the public, especially the children in the several districts.

Very much credit, indeed more than they will likely ever be given, is due to the many noble, self-sacrificing directors of the past, for the manner in which they have led on in all that was necessary in good school work. Meeting, as was too often the case, with much opposition from those whose children it was their whole purpose to benefit. While this is true, much remains to be done by those who now fill the office of directors, as well as those who shall in the future hold the same "benevo lent" office.

The question of Township High Schools is now, and fairly has been, before the public for the past few years, and here and there it is true such schools have been established, and while it is conceded that the need is general,

the demand is not, by any means, universal. How then shall the need be met, and who shall lead in their establishment in the several districts? The school boards of course. They are the head of the schools. What sent ment exists in reference to such schools should be chrystalized, the people shown if possible the great advantages such schools would be to the youth of the district, and if, in the end, the upport the board should have, is not given, being convinced of the righteousness of the cause, seeing in the future years the good that must, so sure as God lives, come from it, the board should lead on and establish the school Until this bold progressive stand is taken by most of the school boards, township high schools will remain buried in the womb of the future. The work, however, being done, the public sooner or later will honor the board which had the courage and intelligence to take so great a forward step in the educational in terests of the district.

It is so too, with reference to district libraries. They will never come except through the school board, and if the board shall wait until public sentiment demands them, there wil never be any.

There are other lines along which public sentiment can, and should be led, and if prop erly done will result in much good and endless advantage to the schools in many of the districts. Men of wealth very often contribute funds, in moderate sums, to educational insti tutions. Their attention has never been called to the lact that a few hundred dollars judiclously invested would furnish a perpetual fund to maintain a good district library, or that a few thousand would erect a first class schoolhouse, and that in doing this they would be helping the very class of people that, in all the world, need it most. The school boards under the law are perpetual, there never could

be any difficulty in the control and management of funds devoted to such purposes. That there is a strong sentiment in the hearts of our people in favor of our public ools and the whole system, there can be n possible doubt. Attempt to destroy them, and deprive our people of their privileges and advantages, and a storm of indignation so righteous and overwhelming would be raised, the like of which has never yet appeared, on any question, within the limits of our Common wealth. The full benefits and glories of the

system will never be known in time. As a means to prepare themselves to; lead ublic opinion sch-oi boards and directors ould be free to consult with, and draw upon, the department of public instruction. From the day the law was passed under which our public school system is or, anized, this deport ment, in whatever form it existed, has been more than vigilant in developing the efficiency of the schools and devising means to help school boards in the performance of their duties. It always leads. Through it came six onth as the minimum school term-then seven. From it has come a mighty effort to est blish township high schools and libraries in the several districts. In every thing that will advance the schools of our great Common wealth it has been, and is now, in the lead.

Every school board should subscribe for a opy of the Pennsylvania School Journal for each member of the board, and then each issue should be thoroughly read. No school board should undertake to get along without it. No good school board will. It is not only a pure. clean, healthy magazine, well edited, but is authority on all educational questions and more than leads, it carries the colors in ad-

vance and calls upon us to come up to them. I conceive it is the duty of school boards to do, at all times, what they can to keep this sentiment pure, and preserve it from the foul taint of either the demagogue or politician. who would use the schools to accomplish base or selfish ends. It is to be regretted that in the election of members of school boards, politics is not much more generally, or alto gether lain aside, and the very best men, men who love their kind, and above all the children; men who are willing to give time, and if need be, do and sacrifice; elected to the office of school director in each district.

School boards as a body and the members in their individual capacity, can do much to in this direction by leaving out of all their actions relating to the schools. politics, or any show of politics. When this is done, our schools will have acquired in a measure, at least, the high standard of usefulness to the public that was predicted by those who conceived and brought forth the system.

Weather Report. Weekly Report-Bellefonte Station. TEMPERATURE DATE Maximun Minimun 24. clear ... 25. cloudy 26. clear 27. clear

On 22nd at night, I inch snow; on 26th at night, I inch snow.

I may be wrong in this, but I believe it is the duty of the school board to lead public sentiment in all matters which relate to public education in their respective districts. In doing this school boards, or individual mem bers of boards, can do much toward the creation of a sentiment that will support them in every movement that has for its purpose the betterment of the schools and the increase of the



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