

Persons having county bonds or road or school orders which they desire to sell will do well to call upon...

A CARD. I herewith announce myself to the voters of this county without regard to party affiliation as an Independent candidate for the office of Sheriff, to be elected November next.

JAMES McCLOSKEY. Centreville, Pa., July 17, 1880.

Announcement for Sheriff. To the Democratic voters of Elk county: I hereby announce myself as candidate for the office of Sheriff, subject to the decision of the Democratic nominating convention.

JAMES MCFARLIN. Ridgway, Pa., Aug. 10, 1880.

Republican Co. Committee of Elk County.

H. M. Powells, chairman, Ridgway, Pa.

Benzinger—(St. Mary's P. O.)—Jas. Corbe, David Leslie, Jas. Eddy, Benetzette township—(Benzette P. O.)—L. Lucore, Erasmus Morey, Jacob English.

Fox township—(Kersey P. O.)—J. J. Taylor, Uriah W. Rogers, Hollis Sidelinger.

Highland township—(Kane P. O.)—McKean county, Pa.—E. Hovencamp, R. Underwood, John Eliason.

Jay township—A. E. Goff, Weedville, P. O.; Wm. P. Luce, Caledonia, P. O.; Ephraim Hewitt, Caledonia, P. O.

Jones township—(Wilcox P. O.)—Jos. Tambini, E. O. Aldrich, G. A. Jacobson.

Millstone township—(Millstone P. O.)—J. W. Donahue, W. A. Irwin.

Ridgway township—(Ridgway, P. O.)—H. H. Wensel, C. D. Osterhout, J. M. Schram.

St. Mary's Boro.—(St. Mary's P. O.)—W. W. Ames, W. C. Spafford, F. Keynote.

Spring Creek—H. Carman, Ridgway, P. O.; William Doane, Ridgway, P. O.; O. E. Miner, Arroyo, P. O.

Horton township—J. S. Chamberlain, Brandy Camp, P. O.; B. A. Rogers, Brandy Camp, P. O.; R. S. McIntosh, Brandy Camp, P. O.

Warm days and cool evenings. See that your name is on the registry list.

New candidates for Sheriff come to light day by day.

The grading of the new Court House yard is nearly finished.

Pine Lemons, cocoanuts, and a full line of green groceries at Morgester's.

Go to Morgester's for all 150¢ and 130¢ fire test, no poor oil kept in stock.

Sociable in the basement of the M. E. Church on Friday evening August, 27th, 1880.

Remember the time for being registered expires on Sept. 2d. Then attend to this important duty at once.

A new sidewalk has been laid on the east end of Main street going toward the Catholic church.

These cold evenings remind one that now is the time to get coal and wood gathered in for the winter campaign.

The pay train passed over the P. and E. railroad on the 16. It made the hearts of the track men glad all the same.

The Potter Enterprise, published at Coudersport, Pa., comes to us once more full size, and with a new dress of type throughout, looks as fresh and clean as a miss on her sixteenth birthday.

Out of the burning this reliable old exchange comes with a smiling face. Hope the Enterprise may live many years and never have another burnout.

Notice is hereby given that the ladies of the M. E. Church will hold a festival and supper in the basement of the M. E. Church, commencing September 21st, and to continue for three nights. Meals will be served both afternoons and evenings. Those attending court will do well to go there for their dinner. A general invitation is extended to all to attend. Citizens turn out and give them a rousing benefit.

By ORDER COM. Harping on Water Still.

Recommendations from all sides flow into THE ADVOCATE office on account of the sentiments expressed in the article last week in reference to the absence of water on the Main street of our beautiful village. No action however, has been taken by any one to bring the water subject to a successful end by again allowing the dried up fountains to bubble forth.

Supervisor Wilson informs us that he has made arrangements with W. H. Schram to again have water flow into the dry trough at the corner of Main and Broad streets. This end secured will be a step in the right direction. Now will a number of our public spirited citizens step forward and subscribe the small sum necessary to the erection of a public fountain, or if not a fountain, a piece of lead pipe supported by a piece of 3x4 scantling, with a faucet, and cup will answer the purpose of a better plan for supplying the thirsty traveler with a draught of Nature's sparkling beverage. Besides THE ADVOCATE subscription we report \$1.00 from L. S. Garritt, and \$1.00 from O. C. Kells, making seven dollars in all. Let the good work proceed, nor longer hear the cry: Water, water everywhere, and not a drop to drink.

Personal Items. The pigeon was fed all the same. Pat Malone, now runs a meat wagon. Fred Wilmarth was in this village last Monday. Miss Laura Warner, of St. Mary's, is visiting in this village. Mrs. J. S. Bordwell is on a visit to friends at Randolph, N. Y. Martin Sowers, treasurer of Jones township, was in town yesterday. Mrs. D. S. Luther is at Erie on a visit to Mrs. J. W. Eyster her daughter. Col. W. W. Ames of St. Mary's was in town on Tuesday of this week. Miles and Noon have finished plastering W. H. Horton's house at Brockport. Miss Rhoda Wilcox has just returned home from her visit to friends in Brookville. Mrs. Lucy Crawford has arrived from the west, and will spend some time in this village. A party of young folks of this village, intend visiting the Wilcox fish-pond on Friday of this week. G. W. Nichols has one of his school houses in Jones township inclosed and nearly ready for plastering. Sam. Miles is having his picket fence in front of his residence on Centre street painted. Will Cuthbert is doing the work. Mrs. Chapin has gone to Brockville under the treatment of Doctor Niver. Mrs. Niver and Mrs. Chapin are sisters. Miss Emma Ross is here from Renovo ready to commence teaching in the Ridgway Graded school which commences Aug. 30. Philip Schirk's little girl, about five years of age, fell off a lumber pile yesterday receiving some severe cuts about the head and face. Hon. Jas. L. Gillis, of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, came to town yesterday, with his 85 years he is still apparently as hale and hearty as many a younger man. Mrs. Whitling, nee Celia Gillis, was in Ridgway a guest at the house of Jno. G. Hall. She took mail west on Monday to visit her brother C. V. Gillis at Kane. Mrs. Malone wishes the party who borrowed her iron kettle would be so kind as to return the same, providing, of course, they are through using it. Jas. H. Ross has his new house well under way. The bricklayers will commence work in a few days. This house is located on Centre street just opposite the old VanGrassall house. Rev. J. V. Osterhout, a brother of W. H. Osterhout, will preach in the school building next Sabbath. Services morning and evening at 10:45 and 7:30. Sabbath school after morning service. Mrs. DeGrote, widow of Elisha DeGrote who died last February, was blessed with twins last week. There are already six or seven children in the family, and Mrs. DeGrote is in very poor circumstances. Judge J. K. Whitmore will have been in Ridgway 21 years the 1st day of next September. During which long time he has worked with the exception of two years, for J. S. Hyde. The Judge thinks he has gained a residence. FRESH EGGS 16 cents a dozen at Morgester's.

Lords of Creation. The feebleness of human nature is proverbial. Though our energies of mind and body, when united together, can conquer nations, cover the earth with a network of railways, chain the thunderbolts of Jove, and practically annihilate space, yet as individuals we regard one another as amongst the most impotent creatures that come from the hands of our Maker. Though man, in the abstract, is lord of creation, in the concrete, he is an object slave to the vaguest whims and fancies. In common with his fellow beings, he holds sway over the savage hearts of glade and jungle; place him by himself near a bear-pit in the menagerie, and he clings with a feeling of terror to the iron railings, lest he should topple over, and be devoured by his captive brute. He will, at times, exert the superiority of his rights over the brute creation, by annoying them as they crouch behind the bars that keep them confined among their civilized rulers. He will make so bold as to sound the backbone of an alligator with a gold headed cane, or throw peanut shells at the eyes of some dozing tiger. We have even seen the gentler portion of human nature become so courageous as to pass ginger snaps on their fans to the chattering, mischievous monkeys. Let but the captive show his teeth or elevate his tail, and at once his petty annoyances shrink away from his presence, "to go and see the elephant." The superiority of mind over matter has long been proclaimed by the would-be rulers of both. Poets, whose eyes, "in his frenzy rolling," seem cyprusian heights, and read the secrets of our lordly nature, do not disdain to cast their optics around in search of something material where-with to satisfy the lower man. They may pretend to mount the winged Pegasus, with no other hopes than that they may be borne aloft to the prairies regions of deserving fame, even though no material advantages may greet them in their aerial passage. As they upward fly, they scan the surface of lower earth in search of flattery and greenbacks, like the stately eagle which hovers above the crested peak, yet soans the valley below, to pounce when it can, upon a crippled sheep or donkey. Statesmen and teamsters, engineers and rag-pickers, are, alike, dupes of their own misguided fancies, when they begin to land the chastened nobility of their natures, which rise, they would persuade us, above the sordid things of earth. The very question "what is the matter?" so repeated by the busy world, shows us that our tendencies are downward, even though our open pretensions in the walks of science, art, and mental improvements generally, would pass us off as the sincerest devotees of intellectual advancement. Very few, if any, will ask "what is the mind?" Of course we must all acknowledge that what custom has introduced among us should be entitled to some consideration and respect. If novelty seekers would now begin to revolutionize the existing order of things the world would be turned into one grand tabernacle of confusion; sensible men would flee from their fellow men, and bury themselves in solitude, rather than expose themselves to what they would be pleased to term universal insanity. However, when we look into existing customs, and endeavor to find out the reason of their origin, we discover that many of them took their rise from the misguided fancies of those who really believed themselves omnipotent to rule their fellowmen in thought as well as in action. Succeeding generations receive the boasts as well as the laurels of their predecessors, and treasure them with simple reverence, because, perchance, those vanities are recommended by their hallowed dust of years. We do not wish to depreciate the greatness of human nature; such an attempt would be useless, and perhaps sacrilegious; we only laugh in a moment of levity at the folly of those persons who will listen to a generous truth, and believe they can exemplify it in their petty selves. We are lords of creation; but which of us are to show his superiority, will dare to bridle a refractory mule? We command the ocean, yet which of us will attempt to appease the rebellious waves, which toss us about like corks, when we enter our watery realm at Long Branch or Coney Island? We know that to the vague rule called humanity, of which we constitute a part, the whole earth is subject, with its mines of wealth in the vegetable, mineral and animal kingdoms; yet as individual parts of the whole monarch, we may not possess a bushel of corn to pay the tribute which in turn is exacted from us by our tyrant stomachs; of all the gold and silver which line the floors of our terrestrial dominions, we may not own a fraction sufficient to pass us through a circus tent, or admit us to the pantomime of Humpty Dumpty.

MAXIMS.

The formation of Limestone township is a rare geological curiosity. It is supposed to rest upon a lake. There are numerous sink holes caused by the action of water. Many years ago a man digging a well in that township declared that the "bottom of the well was falling out." This was treated with derision by his assistants. He declared that he would not strike with the pick because he was standing on a shell that was cracking. He was accordingly drawn up and a huge boulder was rolled down the well and the shell was broken. Enough lime could not be obtained about the premises to reach the bottom. Suddenly the water came rushing in and rose to within fourteen feet of the surface. It was used many years, but it action was irregular and spasmodic, sometimes going dry entirely.

Potatoes 65 cents a bushel at Morgester's.

Boga and Vicinity Now and Then. Rain and sunshine now and then. The thermometer crawled up to 110° one day last week in the sun. Comfortably warm now and then. Harvesting and haying have been the leading business but is now nearly over. Some few are behind owing to the frequent rains now and then. Judging from the noise and actions in the road and fence corners Sunday evenings the lemonade must be strong somewhere now and then. Boga holds a man so grasping in nature that he drives his neighbors' chickens into his park cuts a wing or marks them some way and then claims them. Charley Short went to Galusha's last week to look for a new location but returned the same night at 10 o'clock saying he was crowded out by little insects being about ten thousand to the square inch now and then. One wishing a good quiet game of croquet, Clarke says Boga is the place to have it now and then. This place and Brockport possess a large gang of young rowdies who break into school houses and places of business, stone windows and do a large amount of mischief now and then. Candidates for sheriff are making themselves visible now and then. John Bander is no longer a bachelor but has taken the responsibility of a benedict. Mrs. Alonzo Myers is recovering from an attack of diptheria having recently lost two children by the same disease. Short & Horton having their job at Shawmut about completed have moved into their camp on Whet Stone Run where they will slaughter about two million feet of pine. The little 50 game is now all the go. "Bobby" says, "O, I've done it, done it lots of times, but I can't tell just how." Now that's what puzzled them all now and then. Thos. Myers and family of Brockville have been engaged to keep shanty on Whet Stone Run for Short & Horton. A rattlesnake was killed on Boga's mountain one day last week that had twenty rattles. More snakes have been killed this season than has been for a number of years before. The Brockport boys steal tadpoles from the girls, while the Boga boys don't have to steal the article. Cleveland Gazette. The New York Sun says a Cincinnati Republican newspaper sent a correspondent into Garfield's district to ascertain what was thought of him as a Presidential candidate, and that the report was unfavorable. The letters were not published. The Cincinnati Gazette makes the more specific. It says the Gazette did nothing of the kind. There is not a word of truth in the report so far as this office is concerned, and we presume it is not true of an office, for the reason that an unfavorable report could not be truthfully written from that district. Cleveland Leader. "Doubts having been expressed as to the real sentiments of General Hancock on the tariff question, or whether he has any opinions at all on the subject, the Louisville Courier-Journal comes to his defense. The Courier-Journal calls attention to the fact that General Hancock endorses the Democratic platform, which declares for a tariff increase only. The Louisville Courier-Journal considers explicit enough, but least there should be any mistake about the matter, it goes on to explain that a tariff for revenue only means free trade, that is, the tariff is the true punishment for the ill-treatment which the people are suffering and that this is what General Hancock and the Democratic party are laboring for."

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A New Campaign Document. STATISTICS WHICH WILL MAKE DEMOCRATS WINE. (Special to the Pittsburgh Dispatch.) Washington, Aug. 3.—What is expected will be a very effective campaign document—if figures have not lost their terrifying power—is soon to be issued from the Republican headquarters, which, while unlike the document summarized in these dispatches yesterday in that it deals with the records of the parties instead of with that of an individual, is derived from no less authentic sources and can be no less damaging. It was prepared by Congressman McKinley of Ohio with great care, and shows the following statistical comparisons: In 1860, after twenty years of Democratic rule, a government 6-per-cent bond sold for 80 cents. In 1869, after twenty years of Republican rule, a government 4-per-cent bond sells for 108 cents. In 1870 a loan of \$18,000,000 exhausted the market for six months. In 1880 a loan of \$19,000,000 was taken in one day. Under Republican rule there has been an increase of population of 50 per cent., an increase of agricultural export of 600 per cent., an increase of export of breadstuffs of 450 per cent., an increase of exports of manufactured articles of 225 per cent., an increase of internal commerce of 700 per cent., and an increase of railway mileage of 187 per cent. In 1869 Congress authorized a loan of \$25,000,000. In 1880, the Secretary of the Treasury paid \$85,000,000 of the war debt, brought on by a solid Democratic South. In 1860 the balance of trade against the country was over \$24,000,000. In 1880 the balance of trade in favor of the country is over \$162,000,000. A document that will appear more strongly than this to industrial and commercial interests and to the good sense of voters, and yet more devoid of cant it is believed could not be devised. The facts stated therein are available to any one at any time in official records.

Democracy Alarmed. The purity of the ballot is more important than any other issue of the campaign. Democratic victory means that the southern system of elections is to continue and increase. It has already increased since 1876. The white element is determined that the vote of the negro shall not avail him, and at the same time is coming, if this order of things continues, when it will be as dangerous for a Republican to express his views in the South as it was for an Abolitionist before the war.

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The New York Tribune says of the ticket nominated by the Republicans of Connecticut: "It is an admirable ticket placed in nomination for State officers. It is emphatically a young man's ticket. It is a ticket of an honest man's ticket as well. Mr. Bigelow, as a man who has successfully worked his way up from a poor boy to a prosperous position and post of honor and trust among his fellow-citizens, is a good illustration of the influence of free institutions, of the possibilities that open under them to young men of industry and probity. Lieutenant Governor, is a fit representative of the energy and enterprise of the generation of business men just entering upon the political stage and assuming the large and important responsibilities of public life."

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