

THE REPUBLICAN.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1895.

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Get out the vote.

Vote for Fawcett.

Election next Tuesday.

Vote for Lawrence and Fawcett.

The election news will appear in our next issue.

Go to the polls and vote for Fawcett and Lawrence.

Mrs. E. J. Flynn of Jamison City, is visiting with friends in Laporte.

F. Schanbacher and wife of Forksville, were calling on friends in Laporte, Tuesday.

If you are sincere and desire to vote for the best men, you will cast your ballot for Fawcett and Lawrence.

Mr. Fawcett the people's candidate for Sheriff is not a drinking man and if elected will attend strictly to business.

There are a number of Democrats throughout the county who will not forget the Ring rule of just one year ago this campaign.

The "ringsters" in the Democratic party feel that they are competent to elect their ticket this fall without the help of a few straggling members of the party.

There is such a thing as knowing too much. There are some people who would be wiser than they are if they could forget one half they think they know.

Will Lawrence is one of the best business men in the county. He will look after the business of the Prothonotary's office with neatness and dispatch. Give him your support.

The Dushore Review has taken an open stand for the Democratic ticket so far as the Prothonotaryship is concerned, this fall. In fact he commenced shooting off his mouth before the campaign opened.

Mackerel, lake herring, and meat at Bodine & Warn's, Sonestown Pa

It isn't necessary at all times for a man of ability to expound his good and bright qualities to the people. This campaign judging from the tone of an article in the Gazette last week, is an exception to the rule.

Hon. W. B. Jennings will please accept our thanks for a copy of Small's Hand Book and a copy of the Laws of Pennsylvania of 1895. We cherish the gift very much and have given the volume a prominent place in our library for present and future use.

Conceit will disqualify any man for office. Be in office he will be overbearing and disgusting. Vote for one of your number—W. J. Lawrence. He is a man at all times and don't stake so much on himself. He wears a larger hat than Gavitt, and it is filled with common sense, too.

Notice.

The books and accounts of W. B. Hill, M. D., have been placed in my hands for settlement. Persons knowing themselves indebted to the aforesaid W. B. Hill, will please arrange to adjust their indebtedness either by calling at my office or by remitting.

A. J. BRADLEY, Atty. for W. B. Hill, Laporte Pa., Oct. 11, 1895.

You might just as well vote for Haywood for state treasurer and the superior court judges associated with him. All will be elected anyway and by so doing you will record yourself on the big side. Vote the first column on the ballot and be on the winning side.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hackley, accompanied by their little nephew, Master Nelson Laurenson, of Laporte, left for Burnwood on Friday last. The Mr. returned home Tuesday, while the Mrs. and Nelson will remain with friends in Susquehanna county for several weeks.

Some great man once said the only way for a party to win the commendation of the people was to nominate men for office against whom not a breath of suspicion as to their private or public character could be discovered. That's the kind of men the people have nominated is Sullivan Co. In Fawcett and Lawrence we have excellent nominees. There are no better in the county. Will you support them?

Just received a complete line of gents and youths overcoats. Call and examine them. We are positive our prices will meet your approval. The quality of our goods are the best in the market.

T. J. KEELER.

Vote for Lawrence.

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Communicated.

The last week's issue of the Gazette, which, since the editor failed to exercise the rights of a freeman, at last election, has been making frantic efforts, to be considered as the official organ of the Democracy of the county, has a long letter from Laporte, in which the question of the qualifications of the opposing candidate for Prothonotary are compared upon the basis of their certificates from the County Superintendent.

The certificate of E. A. Strong to Wm. J. Lawrence was given eighteen years ago, when Mr. Lawrence was a young man. Since then he has been engaged, his whole time, in active business pursuits that would qualify him for any office in the county. It has never been pretended that Mr. Lawrence was highly educated, sufficient to enable him to take a position as Professor in some institution. But simply that he had a good common school education, all that was needed to fill any office in the gift of the people of the county, and that the certificate published by the Gazette furnished them by some member of the "Ring" who are trying to run the democratic party of the county, abundantly shows. When this certificate was given, the ratings were, No. 1, very good; No. 2, good; 3, middling; 4, poor, and 5, very poor. Now, certificates are only granted with three ratings. So this certificate is better, very much better, than are counted the same numbers now.

But the people of Sullivan county will not be influenced by this attempted dirty fling, to show the superior standing of Professor Gavitt, and will vote for one abundantly qualified who is one of their number.

Were the two persons contesting for a position as some "Dude" Professor in some tony Institution, no one would question "Prof." Gavitt's superior qualification. But this is not the case, and all that is needed for the office is reasonable education, business ability and good sound Common Sense, and in these qualities Mr. Lawrence is as far above Prof. Gavitt as Prof. Gavitt would be above Lawrence for the "Dude" Professorship.

Contest Court.

The judicial contest court reconvened on Tuesday Oct. 29th at 9 a. m. The court with several clerks commenced the examining of the defective ballots on Tuesday morning. The ballots deposited in Wyoming county have been examined in part with the following result:

Table with columns: Sittser, Dunham, Tunkhannock boro., Eaton, Clinton, Exeter, Mehoopany, Forkston, Lemon, Factoryville, Falls, Meshoppens, Northumberland, Braintown, Monroe, Overfield, Nicholson, North Branch, Tunkhannock 2d W., Tunkhannock twp.

Total 195 86 Net gain for Dunham 109 Dunham's majority as returned 29 Total majority for Dunham 188.

It is expected that the entire work of the contest will be completed this Friday. Everybody concedes that Judge Dunham's majority will be over 200 and this they say, is placing the figures low. The cost of the proceedings will most likely be placed on the counties which will amount to several thousand dollars. It is a democratic contest because democrats were the instigators and brought on the proceedings, hence this party is held responsible for the large bill of costs that will follow innocent parties who did not mingle in the suit, will be called upon to pay their portion of the bill. The end is as the REPUBLICAN predicted many months ago.

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School Report.

Report of Sugar Ridge School, month ending October 25th. Number in attendance 24; average, 20; percentage, girls 99, boys 95; percentage in examinations, Parker Lowe 98, Walter Lowe 95, Ernest Lowe 90, Wellington Phillips 90, Monroe Reed 80. Those who have attended every day are: Harry Russel, Edward Dewald, William Burk, Frank Burk, Parker Lowe, Leo Piester, Boreas Dewald, Roxanna Harvey, Mabel Dewald, Sylvia Burk, Wellington Phillips and Chester Fague.

T. F. KERNAN, Teacher.

To the Voters of Sullivan County.

Much has recently been said, through the columns of the Review and the Gazette, concerning the qualifications of Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Gavitt for the office of Prothonotary, Register and Recorder and Clerk of the several courts of Sullivan county. This being a matter in which every voter of this county has an interest, it seems to me that in bringing it before the public, fairness and truth should be foremost in all that is said.

Recent editions of the aforesaid papers have made much ado about Mr. Gavitt's qualifications, claiming that he is already familiar with the duties of the aforesaid office. Not only have such statements and claims been made by the various friends of Mr. Gavitt, but it would seem that Mr. Gavitt is making the same himself as will appear by the following letter, copies of which have been sent to the voters of this county:

LAPORTE, PA. October 21, 1895.

DEAR SIR:—As you are probably aware I am a candidate for the office of Prothonotary, Register and Recorder, and Clerk of the Courts of this county, and I most earnestly desire your support and influence. Should I be elected you, no doubt, will agree with me that my two years experience as clerk in the Prothonotary's office will materially aid me in performing the arduous and important duties required in this office. This I leave you to decide at the polls November 5. If elected I pledge you that the official duties connected with the office will be discharged with care, despatch and to the best of my ability; and furthermore, that the same will receive my Personal, Undivided Attention.

Any favors you may show me in this campaign I shall always remember, and will be pleased to reciprocate when opportunity presents. It is my intention to see you personally before this campaign closes but if I should accidentally miss having that pleasure, I most respectfully ask your assistance in my behalf, and beg to remain, Your obedient servant, (Signed.) MORGAN GAVITT.

By carefully reading the above you will readily see that he, Mr. Gavitt, claims to have had two years experience as clerk in the Prothonotary's office, and states that his experience will materially aid him in performing the arduous and important duties in this office. It may be well for the voters of this county to learn the actual state of facts, so that they can determine how much truth or falsehood is contained in the above referred to letter, and in the statement that Mr. Gavitt has already had two years experience as clerk in the Prothonotary's office. The records of the Prothonotary's office show that Mr. Gavitt was registered as a student at law on the 2d day of May 1892. For a brief period during the summer of 1892 Mr. Gavitt spent a few hours daily reading works on elementary law, but in no manner did he act as clerk during said time, nor at any subsequent time. The records of David-son township school district show that Mr. Gavitt was employed as teacher, in the school at Muncy Valley, during the winter of 1892-3 and was similarly employed during the winter of 1893-4 in the school at Sonestown. Mr. Gavitt had not completed his school term at Sonestown when in the Spring of 1894 Mr. A. L. Smith, the Treasurer of this county, employed him to discharge the duties of County Treasurer. Mr. Smith having a large business to look after at Forksville, found it necessary to have a clerk in his office, so Mr. Gavitt was employed and immediately entered into the discharge of said duties and has ever since been engaged in the Treasurer's office and not in the Prothonotary's office. Many of you no doubt, have met Mr. Gavitt while he was engaged in discharging the duties connected with the Treasurer's office, but how many have met him while he was clerking in the Prothonotary's office?

If he ever served as clerk in the Prothonotary's office for a period of two years, would it be necessary for him and his friends to inform the public of that fact through the columns of the press, and by sending forth letters similar, to the public? You need not investigate very thoroughly to see the inconsistency of said statements. If he has ever served as clerk in the Prothonotary's office the records of this office must be the best evidence of the amount of labor Mr. Gavitt performed therein. But what do the aforesaid records show? They show that Mr. A. Walsh has discharged the duties of this office, in person, during the past nine years.

If Mr. Gavitt's claims are true, will he please inform the voters of this county what papers he has signed as either Prothonotary's clerk or deputy? Will he please go further and show when and where he ever recorded a deed or mortgage? When or where he ever registered a will? When he issued writs, of any nature? When he ever entered a judgment, or satisfied one? When he ever issued Letters Testamentary or of

Administrators? When he ever administered an oath in court? In fact when he ever discharged any of the duties in said office? It is true that on some occasions Mr. A. Walsh has entrusted him with the key to the Prothonotary's office, as he has also entrusted John E. Gallagher, Hon. T. J. Ingham and others in a similar manner. But does this entitle him to make the claims he has made in the foregoing letter? If possession of the key to said office constitutes a clerkship, how much more than a clerkship can John E. Gallagher (who has administered oaths to witnesses in open court) claim.

He who reads the above carefully must necessarily arrive at one of two conclusions viz: either that Mr. Gavitt does not possess intelligence enough to distinguish the difference between the office of Treasurer and that of Prothonotary, or else that he does know the difference but is willing to make false statements to the voters of this county. If the former conclusion be the one arrived at does he possess intelligence enough to fill the said office? The humblest voter in the county, if placed in the office of County Treasurer in the Spring of 1894 and continue therein to the present date would be able to distinguish the difference between the duties of the County Treasurer and those of the Prothonotary, even though he were not armed with a permanent Certificate, and if the humblest voter could distinguish the difference between the duties of the aforesaid office, but should be willing to put forth statements that would deceive the public, would such a person be fit for office even though otherwise well qualified? The records of the Prothonotary's office stand as mute, but powerful witnesses to the fact that during Mr. Gavitt's two years clerkship in said office the records were kept by Mr. A. Walsh in person, and not by others.

Voter, carefully consider these facts and if you should be in doubt upon any point contained herein, come to Laporte and like the doubtful Thomas, be convinced by seeing for yourself. All that is asked is an investigation into the claims of Mr. Gavitt. This will cost nothing and it may be the means of causing you to vote for a Prothonotary—a man possessing business qualifications, a man who if elected to office would treat all with courtesy as he does now, a man who is consistent enough not to lay any claims to a two years clerkship in the Prothonotary's office for the purpose of procuring votes. Such a man is William J. Lawrence. Consider before voting whether it will be for the best interest of the county to elect as Prothonotary a

Historical Sketch of the Late Dr. W. Benton Hill, as Read by the Rev. John M. Steek. The departed Dr. W. Benton Hill, son of Mr. J. P. H. and Mrs. Henrietta Mackey Hill, was born in Hughesville, November 3d, 1855, and died at Philadelphia, October 19 1895. After passing through the course of studies in the public schools of his native place, he was a student for some time of the Montoursville Normal school, Dickinson Seminary and Millersville State Normal school. At intervals, during the time in which he was pursuing these studies, and after their completion he was employed as a teacher in the public schools of Hughesville, a position he filled with much satisfaction to his patrons. Having decided to enter the medical profession, he began his preliminary studies in the office of Dr. G. W. Metzger. He graduated from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania in 1880. Soon after his graduation he located at Laporte, Pa. Here he continued in the practice of his profession for about fifteen years. His skill and devotion to the duties of his profession, and his cheerful and sympathizing disposition, soon won the confidence, as well as the affectionate regard of his patrons, which he retained until the close of his professional labors. He relinquished his practice a few weeks ago, with the view of pursuing special lines of study in his profession in the institution from which he graduated. With this object in view, he removed with his family to Philadelphia, arriving there on the 12th of October, just one week before his sudden death.

In early life he was received as a member of the Lutheran church of Hughesville, by Rev. M. L. Heister, of which he was an active member while he resided in the place. Since his removal he retained his membership, attending services when opportunity afforded, and contributing to the church's support.

He was united in marriage to Miss Ella M. Fague, June 15th, 1884, who with two sons survive him, as do also his parents, and a brother, Dr. P. K. Hill, of Rochester, N. Y., and a sister, Mrs. Maggie Gardner, of New York city, all of whom have the heart-felt sympathy of the community in the sad loss of a husband, son and brother, so worthy, faithful and devoted.

Thos. Collins of Laporte twp., and near Ringdale will expose to public sale all of his personal property consisting of horses, cows, sheep, hay, wagons, sleds and farming utensils, on Saturday, Nov. 2d, 1895, at 10 o'clock a. m.

He speaks of Gavitt as being a poor man. Who is to blame for it? It is not the people. Why, if he has the education he claims he has, why don't he seek larger fields, but to sit down in little Sullivan with the cry that "I am a poor man and my people will put me into office," goes for naught. A VOTER.

Dr. Willard Benton Hill.

Last week we announced the sudden death of Dr. W. B. Hill. Since that time we have learned the particulars of his sickness and death and know that his many friends in this county will be interested to know more about the sad event.

About September 15th Dr. Hill and family left Laporte. After a few weeks visit with his parents in Hughesville the Doctor went to Philadelphia where he had decided to take a post-graduate course at the University of Pennsylvania, where he graduated fifteen years ago. On Thursday, October 18th, his wife and two children joined him in the city. Having concluded to rent a house they spent Friday in making the selection returning to the hotel in the evening. Considerably fatigued with the day's work they retired early, the Doctor seemingly in the enjoyment of his usual good health. In the morning they were awakened by their youngest son, a boy only three years old, who left his bed to lie down by his father's side. It was at this time that Mrs. Hill's attention was attracted by the Doctor's deep breathing. Turning around she saw that something was wrong. She at once sent for medical assistance but by less than ten minutes and before aid could reach him, he breathed his last. The cause of death was apoplexy.

The remains were brought to Hughesville on Monday, the 21st inst. and the funeral occurred the following Wednesday. Laporte Lodge, I. O. O. F. of which Dr. Hill was a member assisted by Hughesville Lodge and the Lycoming County Medical Society had charge of the funeral services. A very large number of people from Laporte, Nordmont, Sonestown, Muncy Valley and other places where the Doctor had practiced attended the funeral. The sermon was preached by Rev. John M. Steek, pastor of the Lutheran church at Lewisburg.

Dr. Hill came to Laporte in 1880 where he lived until a month previous to his death. He was a skillful and successful physician and had built up a large and growing practice. In fact the long drives and exposure to all kinds of weather had induced him to leave the country for a city practice for which he was about to take a special course. As a citizen Dr. Hill was upright and honorable, always interested in every thing that pertained to the good of the town. He was a kind friend and neighbor and leaves many warm friends wherever he was known, who join in sincere sympathy with the bereaved family in their terrible affliction.

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