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MR. ANSON P. STARR, the well known manager of the large mercantile business of W. L. Hoffman, at Muncy Valley, and candidate for county auditor, is a gentleman well known throughout the county as he has taken unusual interest in the advancement of education and religion in connection with his extremely active and steady business career.

Mr. Starr was born in Muncy township, Lycoming county, Pa. Oct. 8, 1867, he lived at home until thirteen years of age when he worked on a farm in the summer and attended public school during the winter until fifteen years old, when he began attending the Normal School at Muncy, Pa. and at the age of sixteen began teaching school in the township he was born and raised in. He continued teaching in the winter and going to the Normal in the summer for four years. He then accepted a position as station agent with the W. & N. B. R. Co. at Glen Mawr, which he held for over five years, during which time he was Post Master at Glen Mawr, under President Harrison's administration. He resigned this position to accept the management of the tannery store at Muncy Valley, Pa. then owned by D. T. Stevens and son, now by W. L. Hoffman, which position he now holds. Closing his services with the R. R. Co. one day and beginning with D. T. Stevens the next. His time has been so occupied that he has lost only two weeks in nearly twelve years.

Politically our subject is a republican, and always has been an active worker and party organizer and has done much to strengthen the party in his locality. He is always found as a delegate to our county conventions and his judgment is always asked for on all public questions. Aside from being an active politician, his life is linked with the M. E. Church at Muncy Valley, of which he is an active member, and has been President of the Sunday School Association of Sullivan Co. since 1896, and is highly commended for the able and efficient manner in which he performs the duties of this office.

Sullivan Co. has never had the pleasure of electing a more competent auditor to examine the accounts than they have in Mr. Starr. See that your vote counts for his election.

Not being able to secure information on the life of Chas. Warren, candidate for county auditor, the News Item has necessarily omitted his sketch this week. Mr. Warren is at present a school teacher and has met with much success in his profession. He is a young man of pronounced ability, excellent character and merits the office to which he aspires. Elect him auditor and you will never need to regret the action.

We say to the Republicans of Sullivan county, the election of our ticket this fall is not the candidates' business, but your business. If there is work to be done you should do it. If there are sacrifices to make you should make them. **YOU ARE INTERESTED. EVERY GOOD CITIZEN IS INTERESTED. YOU ARE CHOOSING MEN TO TRANSACT YOUR BUSINESS.** You are selecting servants to look after your interests, and take charge of your affairs, into whose hands you will place your property and who will disburse your money. **ARE YOU NOT INTERESTED?** If not, you do not deserve good government or honest public service.

Mr. Taylor, candidate for county commissioner is a man of unexceptionally good business capacity, ability and sound judgment, and a gentleman of the highest character and best impulses. He is genial, warm hearted, considerate and kind, and appreciates the needs of the people and sympathizes with them in their wants.

We are authorized to state that Sadler S. Rogers denies making any statement derogatory to the character of ADAM BAUMUNK. He says Mr. Baumunk stands as high for honesty and integrity as any man in the western part of the county.

OUR COUNTY It is One Worthy of the Support Not Only of all Good Republicans, But of all Good Citizens. It is One That Should Call Out the Highest Enthusiasm of all Classes, and One Which Every Citizen Should Come Out and Vote. **TICKET.**

THE STRONGEST AND BEST TICKET EVER PRESENTED TO SULLIVAN COUNTY VOTERS.

ALL SECTIONS OF THE COUNTY SOLID FOR THIS EXCELLENT TICKET VOLUNTARILY AND GLADLY.



J. S. TAYLOR, whose portrait appears in this issue, was born in Franklin township, Bradford county Pa. July 20, 1840 and is a son of John M. and Ruth A. Taylor, who were well known farming people of that county. He received his early education in the public schools of his native birth place. Soon after attaining his majority in November 1861, he responded to his country's call for volunteers to aid and assist in putting down the Rebellion, became a member company E. 52 Rgt. Pennsylvania Volunteers' Infantry. The first engagement in which his Regiment took part was the battle of Fair Oaks, Virginia, under the command of General McClellan in the peninsular campaign and was one of the most active Regiments in the command and has the honor of approaching nearer Richmond during the battle than any other. Mr. Taylor followed the old flag on to victory on Southern battlefields, for three successive years and received an honorable discharge in November 1864, as sergeant of his company. Returning to Franklin township, Bradford county, he engaged in farming for two years after which he spent two years in the employment of the Greenwood tanning company, from there he went to Barclay, and entered the service of I. O. Blight, who a year later promoted him over several of the lumber departments which position he held until 1875, when he moved to Bernice and accepted the responsible position of out side foreman for the State Line and Sullivan R. R. Company, this position he has creditably and satisfactorily filled for al-

most a quarter of a century' having the entire confidence of his employer and the esteem of those under him. Mr. Taylor has been twice married, first in 1861 to Miss Jennie Kellog, of Burlington, Pa. to whom four children were born as follows, William H. who died in infancy; Herman W. who now holds a lucrative position with the S. L. & S. R. R. Company at Bernice; Mattie B. wife of Fred Price, of Arnot, Chemung Co. N. Y. and Bessie B. who died in infancy. Mrs. Taylor died in 1885, and in 1889 Mr. Taylor was again married to Mrs. Inez L. Roberts, daughter of Nathaniel Moyer. Mr. Taylor is an ardent champion of the Republican party. He held the office of school director from 1893 to 1895, and in 1898 was elected road commissioner, the duties of which office he is now creditably filling. Mr. Taylor has always been identified with the best interests of the county. He has by hard and earnest toil learned the true value of the almighty dollar. His business qualities and years of experience has ably fitted him for the position he now asks of the voters of Sullivan Co., that of county commissioner, and we heartily recommend him to the people who are champions of honesty and justice.

OTTO FREDERICK BEHR, the subject of this personal history is the son of Frederick August Behr who came to this county from Germany in 1860, and purchased five hundred acres of woodland in Colley township. He at once began its improvement and by unceasing industry he has succeeded in converting a greater part of the one-time wilderness into fertile fields, green meadows and luscious fruit bearing orchards, and also an extensive park in which deer and other wild game roam at pleasure. With a comfortable residence, large barn and other necessary out-

buildings thereon, leaves nothing wanting to make the home equal to any in the county. On these premises, long before they were brought to this high state of cultivation, Otto Frederick, was born, October 26, 1861. At the age of ten years he was sent to Philadelphia for better schooling advantages where he remained for five years. Otto made rapid progress in that period of time, and now being a sturdy lad of fifteen summers he returned home to swing the axe in the virgin forests and till the soil thus cleared. This was his steady occupation until twenty-four years of age, when he purchased a sawmill and began to manufacture lumber cut from his timber lands. Two years later he took his brother, Herman, in as partner in the business and purchased a large timber tract of their own, which business they are at present conducting on a moderate scale, and when not thus engaged work as laborers for Jennings Bros. at Lopez. Mr. Behr, the subject of this sketch, is still a single man and makes his home with his aged father and mother to whom he is much attached and is ever a great source of pleasure to them in their declining years.

AS CLEAN AS THE NEW FALLEN SNOW. The ticket nominated by the late Republican county convention is made up of practical business men who not only possess the ability to fill the offices for which they have been named but possess the honesty to fill them right. From top to bottom the candidates are all clean men with exceptionally good records as business men and citizens, and this is just the kind of material the voters and taxpayers are looking after.

Mr. Behr, it will thus be seen, has been a resident of Sullivan county all his life, and has large interests in the county. He has cut the timber from about 1200 acres and pays taxes on over one thousand acres of land. He is active and prominent in all the social and business interests of his neighborhood and is a member deeply interested in the welfare and prosperity of the county in which he has been nominated, and is being actively supported by Republicans and Democrats alike, the question of partisanship being laid aside to secure a good, honest, trustworthy, responsible representative to care for county's finances in the interest of all the people. His neighbors are giving him their united support.

Mr. Behr is generally a large employer of labor himself, and takes a great interest in all that concerns them, and claims himself a working man, and as such should receive the vote of every man in the county, whatever his party affiliations are, and should take a personal pride in

assisting in his election by every means in their power. In this campaign with Mr. Behr as a candidate at the head of the ticket, politics should cut no figure. Otto can be safely supported as a friend who can always be relied upon to do his full duty.

Mr. Behr is an enthusiastic sportsman and an honorary member of the Delaware Ornithological Club of Philadelphia which is connected with the American Academy of Natural Science. He takes an active interest in hunting as well as in business and politics. In his whole business career he has never been idle scarcely a day, save a few weeks two years ago the past winter he had the misfortune of breaking his left leg by a rolling log while at work in the woods. He is no aristocrat whatever, but puts himself on a level with his employees and does the same kind of labor. While he is a man of ordinary means he is in no way

tries to be an autocrat, but on the other hand thoroughly democratic, and believes firmly in Republican principles which are conducive to progress and prosperity. Mr. Behr has been prevailed upon to accept three elective terms of

road commissioner and three consecutive terms to overseer of poor in his township, which shows the value and estimation placed upon him by his neighbors. Already, since his nomination, he has made many warm friends in sections of the county where he has become known. Inquire into these facts set forth.

same opinions expressed by many honorable democrats, and the result will prove it. —There is no reason whatever for the public to give people an office because they are poor and unable to earn a living at other labor. We collect a poor fund for that purpose, and desire responsible men to hold our public offices.

MR. ADAM BAUMUNK. Standing conspicuously in the foremost ranks of the leading farmers of Sullivan is the subject of this personal history, who owns one of the finest farms in Elkland township, and who has been brought before the people of this county by his party as a candidate for the office of county commissioner.

Mr. Baumunk was born in Germany, January 3, 1843, in which country he received his education. He came to Sullivan in the winter of 1866, purchased a patch of wilderness and began his chosen earthly career. By the dint of hard labor and rigid economy he has now placed himself in comfortable circumstances to enjoy the fruits of his early struggle in carving from the forests fields of verdure and golden grain.

Mr. Baumunk is a man of the people. No man is better fitted to serve the cause of labor and industry and no man has a keener appreciation of the interests and needs of the farmer. As he has been in that vocation all his life and has by the sweat of his brow, cleared and cultivated a large farm, he would naturally favor that policy which will do most to advance the interests of the farmer in general. Long identified with the interests of the tillers of the soil, none has a greater appreciation of the wants of the farmer, or a keener desire to promote their welfare, than Adam Baumunk, and no class in the county needs proper representation in the commissioners office more than the agriculturists.

Politically he is a Republican, but believes in men and not politics when selecting officers for county affairs. Being a farmer in the one locality all his life and attending strictly to business, his life history is not a varied nor long one to narrate. Suffice to say, he is a man, and has honestly earned from the soil he tills, all that he has. He is eminently qualified to hold the office for which he seeks, and promises his constituents if elected an honest administration of county affairs, and Adam is a man of his word. Vote for him.

Political Scintillations. —The candidates before the people will have a most excellent opportunity at the fair next week to meet and converse with men from all parts of the county, that class who represents the most vigorous, active and useful portion of a community. At such a gathering the public sentiment of a people is more correctly ascertained than at partisan meetings. At such a time men are not excited, but talk free from passion and size up men from observation and upon what they say as intelligent all around citizens. We are confident the Republican candidates in this county will gain respect and strength and leave impressions that considerate, thinking men will carry home with them and use as the foundation of their estimate of what constitutes a person desirous of their regard, confidence and vote.

—Chairman Scouten flings his mud at Otto Behr this week; also flings a few more handfuls at J. S. Taylor. No one seems to care for what Chairman Scouten says. Brother Newell of the Review, expressed the opinion that the personalities and misrepresentation playing so prominent a part in the present campaign will in the end react on the heads of those who inspire them. We hear the

Names for Voters to Conjure With.

MESSRS. BAUMUNK AND TAYLOR, candidates for county commissioners, are both gentlemen whose reputations for honest, sobriety and faithful devotion to business cannot be impeached. The county can be saved hundreds of dollars every year by capably handling and honestly conducting the business of the commissioners office.