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Assembly.

T. H. HARTER, Ed. Post. Through your paper, allow me to inform the Republican voters of Snyder county that I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for Assembly, subject of course, to all the rules adopted for the holding of the Primary Election. If nominated and elected, I earnestly pledge faithful performance of duty in the interests of the whole people, as well as of my party politically.

Very Respectfully,
S. H. YODER,
Middleburgh township.

County Treasurer.

EDITOR Post. Through your columns permit me to announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for County Treasurer, subject to all the rules governing the Primary Election.

JOHN W. WALTER,
Franklin township.

Clay Eaters of the South.

CULLMAN, Ala. Feb. 1, 1890. There are several sections of North Carolina, South Carolina and Alabama, where there is found a species of kaolin called "Terra Alba," which is largely used for adulteration by candy manufacturers, and which is found in all cheap confectionery. Its deleterious effect upon the system is known to all, but yet for the sake of a few cents per pound, manufacturers use it and children are allowed to eat it. In the vicinity of these clay beds live a class of people called "clay-eaters," because they have formed the habit of eating this clay, not from any nourishment it contains, or that it allays hunger, but probably from pure habit which is handed down from parent to child. The injurious effects are evident in their lank forms, sallow complexion, and they all invariably suffer from chronic indigestion. The men, women, and even children seem prematurely old and lack in physical development. Intellectually there seems to be a deficiency that can hardly be accounted for by their isolation or habits of life.

They reside in sparsely settled communities on the poor clay hills, generally own a few acres of almost worthless land, with a log cabin containing seldom more than two rooms, each of which is supplied with a rude fireplace, which serves all the purposes of domestic convenience, warmth, cookery, light, a spittoon and receptacle for all kinds of dirt.

When questioned as to a reason for eating clay, they reply, "grandpa and grandma allus eat it, an' we uns eat it too." As little children are allowed to eat it, the taste is doubtless acquired.

These poor people were isolated to themselves during slavery, and were despised, even by the slaves, hence they have lived for generations in a semi-barbaric state.

Their entire personal property consists of an ox or a mule, a cow or two, and the crudest agricultural implements. They cultivate a little "crap" of cotton or tobacco with which to purchase the few articles of necessity which they are unable to produce. Hunting and fishing, and a few "razor-backs" that roam wild in the woods furnish their meat, and the corn and sweet potato patch their bread. Here they were born, have lived, and will die contented with the fortune and ignorance of their fathers.

These people are exceedingly superstitious. All their acts are controlled or guided by signs or warnings. The different phases and appearance of the moon, to them is a matter of the greatest importance.

Corn is planted when the moon is full, potatoes are put in the ground in the dark of the moon. They will not kill a beef or a pig in the wane of the moon, because it will shrink in the cooking. If there is a ring around the moon in which there are three bright stars, then in three days it will be sure to rain, and no journey or job of work will be commenced. The number of stars included in the ring always determines the number of days that will elapse before a storm. When the new moon lays on its back, dry weather may be expected, if it stands on end so that a hunter cannot hang his powder horn on it, then a wet spell is sure to follow.

Noises at night made by wild or domestic animals, all have a significance. The hoot of an owl is especially an omen of ill luck, and if answered by the hoot of a dog, it is a sign that a member of the family will soon die. It is customary as soon as the hoot of an owl is heard,

to overturn a chair or make some other noise to break the charm and avert the threatened danger. The howling of a dog or the mewing of a cat at night, when not answered by the owl, is significant of ill, but not of serious fatality.

A large piece of flint kept in every fireplace is supposed to secure poultry from depredations by foxes and owls, and a brood of chickens is protected from hawks by holding a sieve over it for a few moments as soon as it leaves the nest. In case this does not protect, the hen is pronounced "unlucky" and is condemned to the pot.

"Never turn back without making a cross mark on the ground with the right heel," is an admonition they never disregard. If a rabbit crosses their path when just starting on a journey, no matter where, it is at once abandoned, for to go on would only be to neglect the warning of death.

They implicitly believe in the magic power of the "left hind foot" of a rabbit killed in a graveyard, and each clay-eater carries one suspended around his neck under his clothes, with as much faith and reverence as ever a reclusa clung to the rosary and crucifix.

To kill or move a cat is bad luck and no one who disregards this custom will ever prosper.

If an axe or other edge tool, or even a spade or shovel is carried into a room it must be carried out of the door through which it was brought in, otherwise it will be the cause of the death of some one of the family. All dirt, or crumbs from the table must be swept into the fire and not out of doors, to prevent "luck" from going out also. The children are educated to believe in these signs and traditions, and should a stranger express a doubt, he will at once be overwhelmed with proof as strong as "holy writ," for "didn't gran-pa, gran-ma, Uncle Nathaniel or Aunt Jemsha, have warnin' time an' agin', an' didn't they tell we uns themself'."

These people do not number over five or six hundred families, residing in sections remote from the civilizing influences of towns, churches and schools. With the tenacity of ignorance they cling to their superstitious traditions, which will only disappear before the onward march of intelligence. S. A. F.

Our Jury System.

Chief Justice Ewing, of Kansas, in an address before the bar association of that state at Topeka, made a strong argument against the requirement of unanimous of the judgment of juries in civil cases. Abolishing this requirement would be a radical beginning in the work of jury reform, in favor of which there appears to be unanimous sentiment.

Justice Ewing maintains that unanimity of opinion in either a small or large body of men upon any question presented, reinforced by the best evidence that the methods of the lawyer can extort, must perforce be forced. A jury of twelve is similarly situated. Twelve men gathered promiscuously cannot, he says, agree upon the simplest question that may turn up. How can they do better when confronted by the great responsibility imposed by the majesty of the courts.

Judge Ewing maintains that justice can only be done by a system that will allow a juror to judge as an individual. He takes the evidence of the several witnesses. He knows, if he is a qualified juror, as much of the individual case as a lawyer in his special plea can tell him, and to hold a jury of qualified men until they come each to the same opinion is a barbarism. The finding is forced, and the most persistent, stubborn, determined man is the jury, and directs the findings of the body. Jurists everywhere wherever they have expressed an opinion favor the majority judgment of a jury, upon the ground that it is more likely to be just. This is a reasonable view. The general purpose of man is to be fair and just. Forced by the rules of court to come to a decision he is as likely to go astray in his judgment as to come to proper conclusions, and under such conditions the conscientious juror prefers to disagree with his colleagues, and a failure of the purposes of exact justice is the consequence.

There is need of reform in our jury system, and it seems to be in the direction of a majority decision.

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Court Proclamation.

WHEREAS the Hon. Joseph O. Bucher, President Judge of the Judicial District, composed of the counties of Snyder, Union and Mifflin, and Samuel A. Wetzel and Henry Brown Esq., Associate Judges in and for Snyder County, have issued their process bearing date the 10th day of Dec. A. D. 1889, to me directed for the holding of an Orphans' Court, a court of Common Pleas, court of Oyer and Terminer and General Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, at Middleburgh, for the county of Snyder, on the 4th Monday, (being the 24th day of February 1890), and to continue one week.

Notice is therefore hereby given to the Coroner, Justices of the Peace and Constables in and for the county of Snyder, to appear in their proper person with their rolls, records, inquiries, examinations, and other remembrances to do those things which of their offices and in their behalf pertain to be done and witnesses and persons prosecuting in behalf of the County are requested to attend in their attendance at the appointed time agreeably to notice. Given under my hand and seal at the Sheriff's office of the County of Snyder, this 10th day of Jan. A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety. REUBEN DREISE, Sheriff.

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Whereas, by virtue of a writ of F. F. issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Snyder county, and to me directed, I will expose to public sale at the Court House, in the Borough of Middleburgh, Pa., on

Saturday, February 22, 1890, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The following described three tracts of Real Estate, all situate in Chapman township, Snyder county, Pa.

TRACT No. 1.—A certain message and tract of land situate in the township and county aforesaid, bounded north by public road, east by lands of Harrison Newman and John Hine, south by lands of Benjamin Swartz, and west by public road, whereon are erected a good Two-story Brick House, Barn, Barn, Wagon Shed, Hog Stable, and other necessary outbuildings, containing 5 ACRES, more or less.

TRACT No. 2.—A tract of land situate in the township and county aforesaid, bounded north by lands of Samuel Herold, east by lands of John M. Hine, south by lands of Solomon Ehrig, and west by lands of A. H. Trumbull, containing 21 ACRES and 56 perches more or less.

TRACT No. 3.—A tract of land situate in the township and county aforesaid, bounded north by lands of Joseph Meiser, east by lands of John Newman, south by lands of Henry Diehl, and west by lands of A. H. Trumbull, containing 48 ACRES and 14 perches, more or less.

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Butter.....	20
Eggs.....	12
Pitted cherries.....	25
Unpitted.....	3
Branched.....	6
Raspberries.....	2
Onions.....	30
Lard.....	8
Tallow.....	4
Chickens per lb.....	7
Turkeys.....	—
Side.....	10
Soude.....	7
Ham.....	12

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Trial List—February Term.

J. M. Troxel vs. Aaron Wagner. N. P. Hare vs. Franklin Township. P. S. Reichenbach vs. C. Tower & Co., et al. H. P. App vs. Albert Arloogast et al. Commissioners of Union Co. vs. Richard Bodd. Geo. W. Klase et al. vs. John Crutshank et al. John Snider vs. The Union Co. Mut. Live Stock Insurance Co. Borough of Middleburgh vs. L. Grier Barber et al. Susquehanna Mut. Fire Ins. Co. vs. Heinrich & Sons vs. Same. Same vs. I. and Ner B. Middleburgh. Same vs. Henry C. Middleburgh. Ellen M. Musser vs. Elizabeth Musser. Geo. H. Dean vs. E. C. Williams. Geo. E. Bucher vs. Norman App. Josiah Vaucler vs. Horstberger & Jacobs Esq. et al. John W. Reindinger vs. The S. A. L. R. Co. John Hummel vs. Cyrus Bowersox et al. B. Ann & Co. vs. Joseph Walter. Lydia Ann Hare vs. Franklin Twp.

WIDOWS' APPRAISEMENTS.—Notice is here-

by given that the following Widows' Appraisements under the will-law have been filed with the Clerk of the Orphans' Court of Snyder county for Confirmation on Monday, the 24th day of Feb. 1890.

Appraisement of Sarah Romig, widow of Geo. G. Romig, late of Penn Twp, Snyder county, Pa., dec'd.

Appraisement of Susan Erffler, widow of Simon Erffler, late of Middleburgh Twp, Snyder county, Pa., dec'd.

Appraisement of Mary A. Strawser, widow of Jacob H. Strawser, late of Chapman Twp, Snyder county, Pa., dec'd.

Appraisement of Mary Geinett, widow of Geo. Geinett, late of Perry Twp, Snyder county, Pa., dec'd.

Appraisement of Esther Harding, widow of Wm. Harding, late of Perry Twp, Snyder county, Pa., dec'd.

W. W. WITTENMYER, Clerk Orphans' Court.

Accounts.

The following Accounts have been filed, examined and passed in the Prothonotary's office, and will be presented to the next court of Common Pleas for confirmation. All persons interested will take notice.

The first account of Harry J. Heiser, committee of the person and estate of Polly Lease, a lunatic.

W. W. WITTENMYER, Prothy.

Caution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned property has been purchased by me at Constable's sale, and bonded for use to Mrs. Lettides Smith, and caution all persons against meddling with the same: 1 Cook stove, 1 coal stove, 1 sink, 1 flour chest, 1 wood box, 1 sofa, 15 chairs, 2 tables, beds and bedding, 1 Sewing machine, 1 clock, 1 Bureau, 1 stand, 25 yards carpets, 1 butter churn, 2 tubs, 25 chickens, 1 cow, the half of four acres of grain in the ground, &c. A. C. FIELD, Middleburgh Twp. February 3, pd.

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