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Assembly.

T. H. HARTER, Ed. Post. Through your paper, allow me to inform the Republican voters of Snyder county...

County Treasurer.

EDITH POST. Through your columns permit me to announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for County Treasurer...

Written for the Post.

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...

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...

When questioned as to a reason for eating clay, they reply, "grandpa and grandma allus eat it, an' we uns eat it too."

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...

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.

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 howl of a dog, it is a sign that a member of the family will soon die.

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 mewling 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.

"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 recluse 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.

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 Jernsha, 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.

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 judgement of juries in civil cases.

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.

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.

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

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Court Proclamation.

WHEREAS the Hon. Joseph C. Bucher, President Judge of the Judicial District, composed of the counties of Snyder, Union and Mifflin, and Samuel A. Wessel and Henry Brown Esqs., Associate Judges in and for Snyder county, have issued their present hearing notice...

Notice is therefore hereby given to the Coroners, 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 these things which of their offices and in their behalf pertains to be done and witnessed...

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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 lands of Harrison Newman and John Rice, south by lands of Benjamin Swartz, and west by public road, whereon are erected a good Two-Story DWELLING HOUSE, Bank 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 Herrold, east by lands of John M. Rice, south by lands of Solomon Ehrig, and west by lands of A. H. Trotman, 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. Trotman, containing 40 ACRES, and 14 perches, more or less.

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