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The MAN is the Best Platform.

Last Saturday's Philadelphia Press in an editorial has the following to say concerning our attempt to secure honest men in the Legislature:

"The editor of Middleburgh 'Post' is offering a premium for the construction of the best platform for the candidates for nomination to the Legislature to run upon at the coming Republican primary in Snyder County. There are plenty of good platform makers in Snyder County, very likely, but it is doubtful if there will be a very crowded competition for the reward offered by our contemporary.

The fact is all the reform platforms that could be packed within the limits of the county would not accomplish the end which the esteemed editor of the 'Post' has in view. He wants an honest man to represent the county in the Legislature. Dishonest men sometimes make use of the best platforms. Insincere politicians are ever ready to deceive the people and gain at least a temporary advantage by declaring in favor of the most radical reforms—the reform of the very evils which they have done all they could to cultivate. This sort of thing takes too well with many people and has helped to continue in power some whose influence has been steadily pernicious, and could never well be anything else. It has been intended to deceive the people, and though made use of by those whose record must be convincing of its insincerity it has served its purpose. No doubt every candidate for the Legislature nomination in Snyder County will go to any extravagant length in declaring for whatever may be thought likely to aid his nomination. How many would heed that declaration after election?

Conscience and capacity are the need in a member of the Legislature. What our public-spirited and right-minded contemporary wants to do is to secure the nomination of a man of such integrity and strength of character that the temptations of the capital will not swerve him from his fidelity to his constituents. It wants to secure a man of sufficient intelligence to know that it is his duty as a representative of the people to serve the people and the State and not become the tool of personal interests. It wants to elect a man who will not, as soon as he reaches Harrisburg, sell himself, and his constituents as well, for a few dollars, or for a particular committee place, or for the chance to name a paster and folder, or the privilege of going upon a special committee with lots of mileage and personal expenses in it. Those who are purchased in that way are weak and cheap men, unfit to represent any constituency, and there is not one of that kind who would not run upon the most radical platform of honesty, if by so doing he could be nominated and elected.

The best platform test in making nominations for the Legislature is the character and record of the man. Nothing else is required, and they ought to be of the best. There has been no time in the recent history of the State when a high type of representation in the Legislature has been so much needed as it will be at the next sessions. Unless the people are properly watchful it is certain that most if not all the scandals, jobs and grabs that were halted by executive veto at the last session will be revived. The various bills for committee expenses that were defeated will be brought forward again, together with the \$60,000 or \$70,000 for the Andrews-Penrose investigation in this city, which had to be withdrawn for obvious reasons. If Senator Andrews' present plans in State politics go through so will every expense bill, vetoed by Gov. Hastings at the last session. The next session will be a highly important

There's Always a WELL-BEATEN PATH AT HOLIDAY TIMES.

It leads to our door. Holiday seekers always find their wants supplied at our store. Our Holiday Display

Never as beautiful as this year. Goods more beautiful, prices lower. We offer easy opportunities to see our stock. No solicitation to buy. No compulsion to keep after you have bought if not satisfied. We are offering in Ladies' Watch in 14k. Solid Gold at \$20; Filled Gold at \$10. If any of the readers of the Post happen to be in our City, we will be pleased to have you give us a call. You are always welcome.

FISHER,

The Jeweler and Optician, SUNBURY, - - PENN'A.

We commend the excellent purpose of our Middleburgh contemporary. It is doing the public a pronounced service in seeking to have the district properly represented in the Legislature. But we admonish it not to rely upon platforms unless it knows that the candidate who stands upon the platform is fit to be there. It can hardly have forgotten the contempt with which the last Legislature treated the pledges of two successive State platforms.

Thinks the Argument Unanswerable

The report of Postmaster-General Gary, embodying as it does, the reports and recommendations of the assistant postmaster-general, is an exceptionally important document. A large part of the volume is devoted to an argument to our mind, unanswerable, in favor of the prompt institution by this country of a postal savings-bank system. The array of facts and figures marshaled to show the timeliness and importance of this step ought to make a deep impression upon the congressional mind. The enormous growth of the postal money-order business, is adduced as showing how the people already patronize the postal service for the transmission of funds. That they would avail themselves of it to deposit their savings is beyond question. Within a few years the deposits would be counted by hundreds of millions. The time is certainly auspicious for the adoption of this policy of postal savings banks. Further than that, however, it ought to be possible to combine that policy with some plan for the improvement of the currency system.—Reviews of Reviews.

Purer Politics Demanded.

The seeds of purer politics sown by the Post during the last month or more are already showing signs of thrifty blossoms. The Post is not afraid to tell the truth, this it has proved over and over again. Its devotion to truth and principles; its antagonism to theft in public office; its opposition to men who fail to stand upon a platform of their own making; its unflinching determination to insist upon honor and integrity in public as well as private life; these are some of the cardinal principles by which our pen will be guided, and these are none too righteous to receive the unqualified support of every candidate for public office.

Young man and you elder men, too, are already being button-holed for votes. Don't promise to vote for any man until you are sure that he is going to be a credit to his office. Be sure that your choice for assembly is a man who, when he gets to Harrisburg, will not forget his people at home and vote and work for himself. You have been deceived too often. Be on your guard now. Don't nominate and elect men to office who will rob you of the last dollar you have. The time has come when you must open your eyes and are you not going to seek honest men now? The time has come for revolt and resistance to public plunder and we predict that it will come and that in this very next campaign.

BEAVERTOWN.

Miss Sallie Rouch, of Freeburg, spent Sunday with Mrs. Amanda Specht. The Telephone Company now have poles erected and are ready to start the wires.

WEST BEAVER.

Perry W. Treaster has been sawing lumber for the past few weeks, in Millin county for the Goss boys, and expects to be employed all winter. Perry understands getting all out of a log that's in it. James Steely made a business trip to the county seat last week. Henry Moyer, of Lewistown, spent last week here—visiting his Snyder county friends. Our teachers report a good time last week at Middleburgh, it being institute week. They claim they are wiser, but much weaker. The butchering in our end is about over. Up to date Adam Baumgardner takes the lead for the largest hog. Levi B. Treaster killed a beef this fall something over 18 months old, dressed 535 lbs. and had 110 lbs. rough tallow. Some of our weather prophets report 43 snows for the winter. If they don't come any faster than they have been, you can look for some next summer. The 12th is past, and no doubt some of our Centre county friends were disappointed in seeing the world still in a flourishing condition. T. F. Swineford helped bag about 105 cotton tails this fall and at this writing (Monday) has still a few days in his favor. The Treaster boys are still in Huntingdon county, but expect to be home by Christmas, as the mill closes until Spring.

ADAMSBURG.

Mrs. C. B. Witmer and children, from Sunbury, spent a week with the family of H. I. Romig. Thieving is being carried on rather extensively in this section. Mrs. Jos. Dreese and small son from Chillisquaque, were entertained by Mrs. Caroline Dreese. Our teachers from this district have returned from attending institute, having, no doubt, spent the time profitably. Myrtle Klose, Mamie Medtley and Jennie Keller attended institute several days. Mrs. Isaac Saltzman, who has been quite ill for some time, is slowly improving. The oyster supper, on Saturday evening, held by the I. O. F., was enjoyed by all who attended. Addresses were delivered by Co. Supt. Bowersox and Prof. F. R. Smith from Troxleville. Calvin Helfrich has returned home from Indiana, where he had been staying for a year. Solomon Manbeck and wife, from Thompsonstown, visited their son, Edward, last week. Daniel McChattle has come back from Lewistown where he has spent the summer.

THE POST THE CHAMPION OF CLEANER POLITICS.

St. Cloud, Stearns Co., Minn., December 11, 1897.

Editor Post, Middleburgh, Pa.

Dear Sir—I like to know the political situation as it is in old Snyder county, and I like to see manhood exerting itself for more manly and cleaner political methods in the Republican ranks in some quarters. Therefore, you will find herewith inclosed a money order for \$1.50 for a year's extension of my subscription to THE POST.

Very respectfully, E. W. YOUNG.

PISO'S CURE FOR COUGHS WHERE ALL ELSE FAILS. Best Cough Syrup. Throat Good. Use in time. Sold by druggists.

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An avalanche of New Goods AT

F. H. Maurer's Great Bargain EMPORIUM.

PRICES NEVER KNOWN TO BE SO LOW.

Our counters and shelves are now loaded with a magnificent line of rich and elegant Dress Stuffs, Cheviots, Covert Cloths, Henriettas in all the beautiful fall shades. Hosiery, Gloves, Trimmings, &c. &c. just received from New York and Philadelphia.

- All Best Lancaster Apron Gingham, 5 cents
Blue Calico, 5
Light Calico, 5
Red Oil Calico, 1 to 3
Dark Calico, 3, 4, 5 & 6
Fancy Novelty Dress Goods, only 8

This is the greatest bargain we ever had. Everybody ought to see the bargains we have in dress goods, styles and prices.

The latest silks, 30 inches wide, only 35 cts. Extra fine novelty dress goods, 75

CLOTHING DEPARTMENT

will be found elegant stylish suits. Heavy and light weight Overcoats, Storm-coats and Every-day suits at prices to astound you. Men's Heavy Beaver Black Overcoats, \$3.00 to \$4.00
Men's Storm " \$2.50 to \$3.50
Boys' suits, size 35 to 42, upward from \$2.50
Boys' suits, 14 to 19 years, for \$1.50
Youths' " for only 1 bushel of wheat, \$1.00
Men's heavy extra pants, only 25c
Men's over-shirts, only 25c
Men's underwear, per suit, only 50c
Youths' " 15c to 25c

WRAP Department

is now complete. Here is a bewildering array of Charming Wsaps, rich and strikingly handsome Coats and Capes—a dozen or more styles to select from. The Children's Coats are perfect beauties. We had these made expressly for comfort and ease. For elegance and style of garments our Ladies' Wrap Department is not surpassed anywhere; and what is to your advantage, we are able to sell at Manufacturer's prices. Ladies' fine coats, from \$2.00 up
Ladies' fine capes, from \$1.50 up
Misses' coats, 4 to 14, only \$1.50

Boots & Shoes

reached our store yesterday. Everything for footwear from the finest French kid to the ordinary dollar shoe. Greater assortment the ever. Here is a whole counter full of shoes for the Little people, for fat babies too,—sizes from 1 to 5 and 6 to 12.

- Ladies' Rubbers, 25 cents
Ladies' Storm Rubbers, 35
Gents' Rubbers, 40

IN GROCERIES

we have added to our usual heavy stock in this line a full assortment of very choice Fine Groceries, such as prime Old Government Java and Mocha Coffee, Spiced Cherries and Apricots. The Winner Coffee, 13c, 2 lbs. 25c.
Arbuckles' " 11c, 4 " 40c.
Lion " 11c, 4 " 40c.
Sugar, Brown, 4 1/2c
" Light Brown, 5c.
" Soft A., 10 lbs., 50c.
" Granulated, 9 lbs., 50c.
Soup beans, 3c, 9 lbs., 25c.
Baking soda, per lb., 4c.
2400 matches, 8c.
Corn starch, 5c, 3 lbs. 13c.
Rice, 5c.
Best Bakers' Chocolate, 18c.

Carpets, Rugs and Oilcloths

we have all the newest patterns and choice colorings. The latest designs are beautiful and at a quarter off from former prices.

The best Ingrain Carpet I ever saw for only 25c. per yard. Next better, 28c. Next better, 32c. Brussels, Only 45c. Home made carpets, 25c. to 50c. Floor oilcloth 6-4, only 50c. per yard. Table oilcloth 5 1/2 " 14c. " " 6-4 " 19c. " "

BLANKETS MARKETS.

- No. 1 Butter, 20 Potatoes, 60
No. 2 Butter, 18 New Lard, 7
Fresh Eggs, 20 Old Lard, 5
Onions, 50 Young Chickens 7

All Good Butter Wanted. N. B. We have no Special Bargain Day, Our Bargains are Every Day.

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New Hardware Store, MT. PLEASANT MILLS.

I keep everything in the hardware line. Horse shoe nails, other nails by the keg or pound, toe steel, cast steel, tires for buggies and wagons, round bar iron, chains of all kinds, forks, shovels, hoes, tools of all kinds,

Horse Blankets,

Whips, halters, tie ropes, curry combs, brushes of all kinds, brooms, tinware, granite ware, tubs, buckets, and PATENT WASHING MACHINES.

Call to see my goods and you will be convinced that you can buy cheaper here than any where in the county.

Yours resp'y, J. L. Varner, Mt Pleasant Mills, Pa.

Great Reduction Sale of FURNITURE!

For Ninety Days!

The Undersigned Offer The Public Their ENTIRE STOCK OF FURNITURE

AT THE GREATEST SACRIFICE EVER KNOWN IN CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.

We are not selling out, but we do this to increase our sales above any previous year. We give a few of the prices as follows: Soft Wood Chamber Suits, \$14.00 Cotton Top Mattress, 2.25 Hard Wood Chamber Suits, 16.00 Woven Wire Mattress, 1.75 Antique Oak Suits, 8 Pieces, 19.00 Bed Springs, 1.25 Plush Parlor Suits, 30.00 Drop Tables, per ft., .50 Wooden Chairs per set, 2.50 Platform Rockers, 2.25

In stock, everything in the furniture line, including Mirrors, Book Cases, Desks, Side-boards, Cupboards, Centre Tables, Fancy Rockers, Baby Chairs, Feather Pillows, Lounges, Couches, Doughtrays, Sinks, Hall Racks, Can Seat Chairs—fine, medium and cheap furniture, to suit all classes. Prices reduced all through. Come early and see our stock before giving your order, and thus save 15 to 20 per cent. on every dollar.

Special Attention Given to Undertaking & Embalming. KATHERMAN & HARTMAN, Limited, MIFFLINBURGH, Pa.

HOLD ON TO YOUR DOLLARS

Until you see Solid fact Bargains. We have opened the Season with a stock of goods that beats the record for beauty and low prices. Be fair with yourselves and our Elegant Stock of Winter Clothing. It presents an opportunity for economical buying that is not found elsewhere.

OVERCOATS, IN DRESS GOODS

Everybody needs something in this line. We have just what you need, and at prices that defy competition. We have the Finest Line of Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods on the Market. Hats, Coats, Valises, Trunks and Rubber Goods have in large assortments.

We have a line unequalled in the county, our heavier wear, in price and quality, cannot be beat in the State. We want you to see our stock.

A full Line of Horse Blankets, Lap Robes and Whips constantly on hand at greatly reduced prices.

H. OPPENHEIMER, App's Block, - - Selinsgrove, Pa.

Scribner's Magazine for 1898.

A GREAT PROGRAMME. THE STORY OF THE REVOLUTION by Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, so far throughout the year. (For the first time all the modern art forces and resources will be brought to bear upon the Revolution. Howard Pyle and a corps of artists are making over 100 paintings and drawings expressly for this great work.)

CAPTAIN A. T. MARY'S "The American Navy in the Revolution," to be illustrated by Carlton T. Chapman, the marine artist; Harry Penn, and others.

THOMAS NELSON PAGE'S FIRST LONG NOVEL, "Red Rock—A Chronicle of Reconstruction." Mr. Page has devoted four years to the story, and he considers it his best work. (Illustrated by B. West Clineclint.)

RUYARD KIPLING, RICHARD HARDING DAVIS, JOE CHANDLER HERRIS, GEORGE W. CABLER, and others, are under engagement to contribute stories during 1898.

ROBERT GRANT'S "Search-Light Letters,"—replies to various letters that came in consequence of his "Reflections of a Married Man" and "The Opinions of a Philosopher."

"THE WORKERS" in a new field—Walter A. Wyckoff, the college man who became a laborer, will tell about his experience with sweatshop laborers and anarchists in Chicago. (Illustrated from life by W. R. Leigh.)

THE THEATRE, THE MINE, etc., will be treated in "The Conduct of Great Business," series (as were "The Wheat Farm," "The Newspaper," etc., in '97), with numerous illustrations.

LIFE AT GIRLS' COLLEGE—like the articles on "Undergraduate Life at Harvard, Princeton and Yale," and as richly illustrated.

Personally-Conducted Tours via Pennsylvania Railroad.

SEASON OF 1897-8. The Personally-Conducted Tourist System of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company is the highest perfection yet attained in railway travel: it affords all the comforts and conveniences of modern railway equipment, and at the same time eliminates all anxiety and annoyance inseparably connected with individual travel.

For the season of '97 and '98 it has arranged for the following tours:— California—Four tours, leaving New York Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh January 8, January 27, February 16, and March 19. With the exception of the first party going and the last returning, all of these parties will travel by the "Golden Gate Special" between New York and California, stopping at interesting points en route.

Florida—Four tours to Jacksonville will leave New York and Philadelphia January 25, February 8 and 22, and March 8. The first three admit of a sojourn of two weeks in the "Flower State." Tickets for the fourth tour will be good to return by regular trains until May 31, 1898.

Tickets for the above tours will be sold from all principal stations on the Pennsylvania

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Sells his own made the Purest and Best RYE WHISKY. You can find these goods as Representatives. The ages are from 20 to 50 years old.

For Medical They Have No