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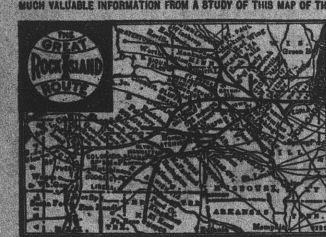
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EDITORIAL REMARKS.

The Pittsburgh Daily Times is a hustler from Hustlersville. It scooped all the other Pittsburgh papers in giving the news concerning the noted Fitzsimmons affair. The Times is a sort of all-round dandy newspaper, anyway.

Now that Blaine is out of the Presidential race, this paper is for the man that "gets there" at the Republican National convention. Either Harrison, Gresham or Bob Lincoln will fill the bill and be able to knock out anything the Democrats can stick up.

Some people in these days of divorces are much opposed to divorces. With all such this paper begs leave to differ. Divorces are in most cases a good thing and usually result from married folks not being adapted to each other. When a married couple find that they are not adapted to each other, they should lose no time in becoming divorced, for when people live together in continual turmoil they are unfit to rear families and the public good and future welfare of the world demand their separation.

As will be seen on 21st page of this issue, James G. Blaine is out with a letter stating that he is not a candidate for the presidency under any circumstances. That ought to settle it, but it grinds THE STAR to learn that such is really the case, for Mr. Blaine is undoubtedly the almost unanimous choice of his party for the office. However, it is greater to be Jim Blaine than to be president, and the people of the whole world recognize that fact. Even should he retire to private life, he would still stand head and shoulders above all the world for greatness. He is greater than all the crowned heads of the world combined, mightier than the combined armies of the globe, grander than grandeur itself.

Judging from the lengthy article in this issue signed "Miner," and headed "Grassy Hollow," some people may be led to believe that this is a regular K. of L. paper. But such is not the case, however, as THE STAR is not an organ published in the interests of any one class of people. We claim to publish a general newspaper, and as our chief object is to print the news, we feel just as independent as a hog on ice. But as this paper is calculated for the advancement of mankind in general, and for the greatest good to the greatest number of the inhabitants in the locality in which it is published, we do not feel disposed to deny space to anyone who has anything to say in which this community is interested.

This town may properly be classed with mining towns, as its prosperity is largely due to the men who wield the pick and shovel. This being the case we deem it but justice to the miners to give space to their opinions in our columns, for the whole community is more or less interested in their welfare. If they are prosperous, the whole country around us is prosperous, while if business is dull with them it is also more or less dull with the rest of us. It don't pay to try to keep the laboring men down, for they are the bone and sinew of our country, and when you sneer at what the laboring man has to say for his cause, or try to keep him from giving his views on things of public interest, then you are indeed opposing your own best interests.

All men have a right to be heard upon questions in which the public is interested, and the columns of this paper are open to capital and labor alike. All we ask is for contributors to avoid getting into personalities and to limit themselves to a reasonable amount of space. The Grassy Hollow article is a good one and contains some excellent points—points which any honest man can endorse. But the writer monopolizes too much of our space, and hereafter must be more brief, if he has anything further to say.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Rev. O. F. Harsbman.
EDITOR STAR:—When the initial number of your newspaper came to hand, I concluded to write you, but this threatened calamity—to your readers—was happily averted by other matters engaging our attention. Having been a resident of Salisbury for five and a half years, I am very much interested in the welfare and prosperity of the people, and cannot but congratulate the citizens on having such a wide-awake paper as THE STAR established in their midst. It brings to us news of friends and acquaintances and seems as the face of an old friend looking in on us among the mountains up here in Cambria county.

I judge it is not the mission of the newspaper or the ministry to follow in the wake of public opinion, and be fearful of making any advance until after the public pulse had been felt and the assurance received that no offense would be given. I am glad to see THE STAR is forging ahead, and thus forming public opinion. Those who are fearful and afraid, who ask, "What is the reason the

former days were better than these degenerate times?" are not the ones to advise us to what is best for the prosperity of a community. It has been prophesied that Salisbury will in the near future be a booming town, and a live newspaper (such as it now has) will be one of the chief factors in ushering in an era of unprecedented prosperity.

We have many reasons to remember the people of Salisbury and many tokens of their thoughtfulness and regard were received during the period of our sojourn among them. And this kindness is still manifested. I would wish to acknowledge the kindness of E. E. H., "the deacon," in causing THE STAR to send its cheering twinkles even here. Neighbor towns may boast of their electric lights, but with such a STAR, Salisbury needs none.

Our winter has been rather mild, with many visits of "Jupiter pluvius." Thus far there have been about three weeks of sleighing. The recent cold snap—10 below zero—broadened the visages of the ice men hereabouts, who were wishing for the wherewithal to keep cool, next Dog days.

A voice from West Salisbury is heard calling for all those "who are interested in the progression of our old burg" to speak out regarding a change of name, and suggesting the name "Royal." I believe I am one of those addressed, as I am as much interested in the progression—not like a crab—of Salisbury as I well can be, and I would rise and modestly remark that in such an important matter it would be wise to hasten slowly. Another might prefer the name of "Bologus," while those who are hunters might suggest the names of "Raccoon" or "Wild Turkey City" as more appropriate. I am well satisfied with the name which your town has won while men have come and men have gone, during the years that have passed, but if there must be a new name, in accordance with the eternal fitness of things, would it not be well to change the name from Salisbury to Blackberry, in acknowledgment of the bountiful supply of those luscious berries, which are found everywhere in the vicinity?

I have whiled away a blue hour in penning these lines which I now head toward your capacious waste-basket. There are several mild cases of gripe in the home of your correspondent. Wishing your readers the same blessings, I remain as ever,
REV. O. F. HARSBMAN,
Lilly, Pa.

P. S. What is a letter to those of the gentler sex without a P. S.? I only wish to add, Mr. Editor, that the Dominion's better half finds fault with THE STAR, because when it comes the housework must stop until it is read, including "ads."

State Line.
Thirteen below zero on Saturday. On Sunday, at noon, 50 above. That was a change of 83 degrees in 30 hours.
J. W. Folk will move into Maggie Brown's house, in Grantsville, in the spring.
Oil Broadwater trapped a big wildcat on their farm, recently.
Henry Wagner, while cutting ice on the mill dam, lost his footing and went into the water. This is his second mishap of this kind.
Feb. 9th, 1892. JANUS.

Teachers' District Institute.
The following topics are for discussion at the District Institute, to be held at Salisbury, Feb. 20, 1892.

The Coming Teacher—D. H. Bender.
Co-education—H. H. Rupp. C. E. Dick-ey.

Friday Afternoon Exercises—Alice Hay.

Recess or no Recess—C. C. Welfley.
Prizes and Rewards—Annie Haselbarth.

Memory Culture—H. G. Lempy.
Weekly and Monthly Reports—Annie McKinley.

What should teachers read?—Ida Beachy.
Reviews—C. F. Livengood.
Higher Education of Women—Maud Stalter.

Should the school term be lengthened?—C. E. Stalter.
How should teachers spend their evenings?—Lizzie Livengood.

Is public opinion a safe guide to determine a teacher's success?—J. P. Vogel.
To what extent should pupils be assisted?—Harvey Nicholson.

To what extent should pupils memorize?—A. L. Maust.
How should teachers spend their vacation?—E. K. Blauch.

CHAS. F. LIVENGOOD,
J. P. VOGEL,
Committee.

Monthly Report of the Thomas School.
Following is the report of the Thomas school, for the month ending Jan. 19, 1892:

Whole number enrolled: Male, 9; Female, 16; total, 25.
Average attendance during the month: Male 7; Female, 12; total, 19.

Per cent of attendance during month: Male 95; Female, 83; total, 89.

Names of pupils that attended every day: Henry K. Vogel, Irvin Thomas, Mary Coleman, Emma Maust.
JOHN P. VOGEL, Teacher.