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## THE BAND CONTEST.

The Famous Salisbury Band Knocks the Foutsman at Berlin.

The big celebration at Berlin, July 4th, is pronounced a great success by all who attended from this place. They say the town was beautifully decorated and was thronged with people from all parts of the county. The old burg did herself proud in taking care of her many guests and all went merry as a marriage bell.

But the one great feature of the big celebration in which Salisbury was interested was the band contest, which ended just as the STAR predicted—a grand and fairly won victory for the grand old Salisbury silver cornet band. The contest was engaged in by the Salisbury, Berkley's Mills, Pine Hill and a mixed band from Confluence and Scottdale. Confluence felt dead sure of carrying away the highest honors, having secured the services of some of the best musicians in Scottdale (so we are reliably informed) to help them out. They also had a German professor with them, under whose able instruction they have been playing for a long time. But alas for Confluence! Alas for the German professor! Alas for the hirelings from Scottdale! Alas! Alas! They would have gotten there, if they could have played well enough and Salisbury wouldn't have been in the way; but that being the case the premiums were awarded in the following order: Salisbury, 1st; Confluence, 2nd; Berkley's Mills, 3d. The decision gave universal satisfaction to the people, as the judges were all disinterested persons and expert musicians.

Other bands may make use of professors and hirelings, if they want to, but they must remember that so far as music is concerned the Salisbury band boys are about all professors themselves. Even if our band was all broke up for a year or more and reorganized only a few months ago, it can get there just the same and there is no other band in the county that is half a match for it.

The Meyersdale band was expected to take a hand in the contest, but that windy organization didn't have the sand and much less does it have the musical talent. The Meyersdale boys had for an excuse that one of their members had just been married, consequently could not be with them, which reminds us of the fellow spoken of in the Bible who had been invited to a feast and could not come because he had married a wife.

Other bands may prate of their music, and brag of their playing, and boast of professors all day, but the Salisbury boys will take the first prize, because they are built that way.

Following is what other county papers have to say concerning the contest:

The prize was captured by the Salisbury boys and it is only fair to them to say that they have the best drilled musical organization in the county.—Somerset Herald.

The band contest took place between 6 and 7 o'clock in the evening, at the lower diamond, amid an immense concourse of people who had assembled for the double purpose of hearing the bands play their best pieces and of witnessing the outcome of the contest. Four bands entered the race, namely, the Salisbury, the Confluence, the Berkley's Mill and the Pine Hill band. They played turn about and kept it up until each band had played three pieces, doing so in the following order: Salisbury, Berkley's Mill, Confluence, Pine Hill. The judges were Prof. F. W. Bushong, of Philadelphia, Prof. Lawrence Hirschhorn, of N. Y., and Mr. W. H. Stetson of Conneksville. According to a system of principles in music by which they gauged the quality of the playing, the averages resulted thus: Salisbury, 90; Confluence, 85; Berkley's Mill, 78; Pine Hill, 68. The prizes were distributed accordingly, Salisbury getting \$35, Confluence \$10 and Berkley's Mill \$5. The decision of the judges was believed to be fair and all seemed to be satisfied with the way they decided.—Berlin Record.

In conclusion we will say that the Salisbury band got better marks on the second and third selection than on the first, getting 100 per cent. on their last selection, while the reverse was the case with the aggregation from Confluence and Scottdale and the highest mark received by that band was 95. Furthermore, the Salisbury band played numerous pieces during the day just as good as their contest pieces, while the Confluence and Scottdale gang did not. Confluence had a square break down while trying to play immediately after the contest, but that was probably because they were all broke up over the result of their defeat.

Here's Fun in Large Chunks.

The editor of the Berlin Record can make a great Pan-American ass of himself and not half try. Some time ago the Record said this: "If you are opposed to high taxes and price-fixing trusts, subscribe for the Record." THE STAR then good-naturedly got off the following: "The Record is doubtless a great trust smasher and tax annihilator. It should at once start a private graveyard to bury the trusts it kills. As for us and our house, all we have to say is this: If you want a live, progressive county paper, one that prints all the news, subscribe for THE STAR. Some county papers are so busy killing trusts that they have no time to print the news."

Then the Record man's wrath was kindled, and he held up his hands in horror and lifted up his voice as if by a crow-bar and vented his spleen in this wise: "THE STAR is published in a community of farmers and mine laborers, yet it is apparently unopposed to tax-dodging and the trusts. If that is THE STAR's attitude, it is neither in line with the sentiments of the class of whom its community is chiefly made up or with the profession of the party it claims to belong to."

See what a splurge! It's awful, isn't it, that THE STAR isn't a calamity-howling organ? For the benefit of the Record we will state that THE STAR is published in an enlightened community where the calamityites are few and far between. Our people are all prosperous and have plenty of work and good wages. They are too busy and too intelligent to howl with the calamityites, therefore they say nothing and saw wood. They want their local paper to devote its time to printing the news instead of posing as a great trust smasher and tax-annihilator, and THE STAR fills the bill and gives general satisfaction. THE STAR is just as much opposed to trusts and tax-dodging as the Record is, but it isn't a dyed-in-the-wool calamity paper of the Record stripe. On account of printing the news, which is the mission of a newspaper, as we understand it, it has neither the time nor space to do as the Record does—send up whole columns of doleful calamity howls every week and bellyache and whine for subscribers just because it is opposed to trusts. We have observed long ago that the men who howl most about taxes are those who have practically none to pay. What does a poor man's tax, in Pennsylvania, amount to, anyway? The laborer's household goods can not be taxed, and outside of that, what has he to be taxed? Therefore, where does the poor man's tax come in and who pays the taxes that there is so much said about in the Record? Even people in moderate circumstances need pay but very little tax in this state. For example we will take the editor of this paper, who owns no less than \$2,000 worth of personal property. Not one dollar's worth of his property is taxable in this state, except a dog that he owns. Of course he has to pay a reasonable occupation tax, a little poll tax and a little school tax; but the whole thing doesn't amount to 1 as much as he used to pay

in Nebraska for school tax alone, where nearly all kinds of personal property is assessed and where 25 mills on every dollar of our valuation had to be paid for school tax, to say nothing of the additional \$3 poll tax in that state and the high state and county taxes. The fact of the matter is that a poor man or a man in moderate circumstances in this state isn't "in it" very much when it comes to paying taxes. The men who have money on interest and own fine horses, carriages, real estate, etc., are the men who pay the taxes in this state, and it is just and right that they should pay them.

Trusts, of course, are bad enough, but THE STAR has neither the time nor the ability to kill them. It is here to print the news. The Record can play the role of a calamity organ if it wants to, but there isn't a trust in the United States that knows anything of the existence of the Berlin Record, and what is more, never will. Besides that, judging from the slush that from time to time appears in the Record, concerning trusts, that giddy calamity sheet doesn't know the difference between a trust and a homemade bootjack.

But the Record wasn't satisfied with venting its spleen as before stated, and in its local columns slops over in this wise:

"THE STAR, which stuffs its advertising columns with cuts of sewing machines and organs, whines because its should-be patrons have too much of a habit of going to other offices with their job work."

Now, THE STAR has done no such whining at all, for it has all the job work it can do, at all times, and since locating here we have sent work to other printers, as the Meyersdale Commercial can testify to, and it is only a few weeks since we made arrangements to do a large amount of job work for a firm in Berlin. So it will be seen that we are not suffering on account of a lack of job work. Of course there are a few persons in every community that want their local paper to give them lots of free advertising, but when they have any printing to do, take it to some other place. THE STAR will not quarrel with such people, for every man can take his work where he please; but as we stated in these columns a few weeks ago, all such may get their free advertising where they get their work done.

As to our advertising columns, we compared them with those of the Record after reading what that paper had to say about organ and sewing machine "ads," and upon measurement of home "ads" alone, leaving all foreign "ads" out of the question, the comparison stood as follows: Home "ads" in Berlin Record, including those from neighboring towns, 104 inches. Home "ads" in THE STAR, including those from neighboring towns, 152 inches. Difference in favor of THE STAR, 48 inches.

Upon further examination of the same issues of said papers, we measured the space devoted to editorial matter and home and county news, etc., and found the following result: Record, 112 inches; STAR, 146 inches. Difference in favor of THE STAR, 34 inches. This reading matter is exclusive of both editors' own advertisements and reading notices, concerning clubbing offers, etc.

Now then, the Record can resume its calamity howling and THE STAR will continue to print the news. Our esteemed contemporary has too slow a gait to keep up with this paper in either advertising or news, as any one can plainly see by examining both papers. "Nuf sed."

## EDITORIAL REMARKS.

WHERE is the man who said that silver would cut no figure in the campaign?

THE country would be the gainer if Maine would send Mr. Blaine to Congress again.

THE professional stump speaker is beginning to practice his most engaging campaign smile.

THIS seems to be seizure season in Belknap's Sea, and poaching for seals is not the snap it has been.

FOR a man who claims to be entirely "out of it" Prince Bismarck appears to be very much "in it."

BIG political bets are now being made—in the newspapers; next fall they will be paid in the same way.

LOCKSURE knowledge of future political events has never been worth so little as during the present summer.

MR. DANA forgot to write a letter of congratulations to Mr. Cleveland, it seems. Editors are always so busy, you know.

THE three-year-old race horse, Tammamy, is away ahead of the political organization of the same name, in winning qualities.

A MEXICAN Presidential election is a very tame affair; there is only one candidate. Still there are people who call Mexico a republic.