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Sand Flat.

June 7.—Strawberries, the first fruit of the season, are about to ripen. Prospects are good for a fair crop.

Last evening W. J. Stevanus and wife, of Illinois, accompanied by Mr. Stevanus's mother, of Berlin, landed in our neighboring vicinity where they intend to visit friends and relatives for a short season. We certainly welcome them heartily. Mr. Stevanus left Somerset county over four years ago and went to Dixon, Ill., where he resumed his former profession as school teacher. He is an accomplished teacher and a gentleman and informs us that he expects to follow the profession a while longer. Just before he started on his return to this state he took unto himself a better half, to whom, with him, we tender our congratulations, wishing them a happy and prosperous life.

Now, since election cries have died away, I have a few remarks to make, not that I want to "chew the rag," but it is proper to reveal some of the most common and frequent of the ring-leaders' doings at the primary elections.

The editor has given his readers a short story of how the primary was held at Elk Lick No. 2, and I have a few words to add. All that his informant gave him was true, and much more is true. So look at this phase of the subject: He told you that a number of legal voters who went up from this side of the mountain, or Sand Flat and vicinity, were not allowed to vote. Yes, there were near or about a dozen legal voters who went to Elk Lick No. 2, in the morning, but did not get a vote, because (as the editor told) they were not quite willing to vote the way the committeeman wanted them to vote. Isn't it a dirty shame?

Some time between noon and the time of closing the election, another legal voter went up to Elk Lick No. 2 than any of those that offered their votes and were rejected, but his vote was taken. Now, I'm not saying that he had no vote by right, for he had; but I state it to show the outrageous work of that committeeman. That man's vote was taken because the committeeman doubt less thought he voted "right." Well, in fact, he was told that some were rejected, but they wanted his vote, for they thought it would be for their side. The wise committeeman proposed to this voter that they make it appear that he (the voter) had come up there to buy a cow, which was true in part, but voting was the main object, and he even had the audacity to attempt to have said voter qualify to that effect; but he was refused, and now we have them in the very trap we want them. After asking people to vote "right," allowing non-residents to vote, allowing one that resides nearer the lower voting house, who never votes up there, to vote, and using all possible means to deprive voters of their just privileges, the case is a clear one and should be handled according to law. If some of them had their just dues they could not bother county or township politics.
A READER.

Rockwood.

June 7th.—Hurrah for the glorious 4th! All interested in the coming 4th of July are cordially invited to attend the "blow-out" at Rockwood. The program of the day will consist of music, songs, patriotic speeches, etc., and the entire evening will be spent in displaying fire works. The fire works will consist of the biggest and best lot of patriotic fire works ever displayed in Somerset county, and equal to anything yet displayed in Western Pennsylvania.

Miss Pauline Robinson, of this city, returned home from a visit to her friends in Connellsville.

Oh! "Timmie," please wink the other eye, the anti-Sculls have it this time.

F. R. Sapp, the enterprising president of the Rockwood Cornet Band is making arrangements for a big "blow-out" for the bands of the county, on the Fourth.

Bruce Fee, once Rockwood's famous twirler, but now one of Kennedy's star pitchers of Uniontown, is meeting great success in holding the W. Va., state teams down to 1 and 2 hits a game. In five games at Uniontown Fee hasn't given over 18 hits, and not a base on balls. How do you like that, Jackey and Lewis, you straight base ball cranks.

Geo. Vann and Joseph Harrington, who were arrested, Saturday, for stealing three pairs of shoes at Milford, left early this morning, sticking their bail.
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Mistook the Mule.

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Deacon Jackson was very pious but very determined old colored citizen of Owl Creek valley. He had a young mule which his boys were unable to ride, and their failure to break the animal so exasperated the old man that he determined to ride it himself. He was, however, no sooner located on its back than he was thrown into an adjoining lot, where he was picked up with both legs broken and his neck badly sprained.
"What on earth did such an old man as you mean by trying to ride a wild young mule like that?" asked the doctor.

"Waal, suh," said Deacon Jackson, "I never does undertake to do nuthin' without first consultin' ov de Lawd an seein' what he dun think erbout hit. I axed him ef I orter ride dat mule what my triffin no ercount boys couldn't ride, an de Lawd he sed, 'Yessah,' jes' ez plain ez I am talkin' to you."
"Well, but he seems to have given you bad advice."
"No, doctor, his judgment was all right, fer de Lawd knows dis ole nigger never seed de day when he was afeared to straddle anything from a circular saw up to er elephant, but dis time I think de Lawd was jes' mistaken in de mule."

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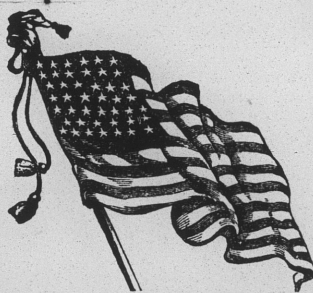


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