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OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

Below will be found the names of the various county and district officials. Unless otherwise indicated, their addresses are Somerset, Pa.

President Judge—Francis J. Kooser.
Member of Congress—A. F. Cooper, Uniontown, Pa.
State Senator—William C. Miller, Bedford, Pa.
Members of Assembly—J. W. Endsley, Somerset; A. W. Knepper, Sheriff—William C. Begley.
Prothonotary—Charles C. Shafer.
Recorder—Charles F. Cook.
Clerk of Courts—Milton H. Fike.
Treasurer—Peter Hoffman.
District Attorney—John S. Miller.
Coroner—Dr. C. L. Friedline, Stoystown.

Commissioners—Josiah Specht, Kanton; Charles F. Zimmerman, Stoystown; Robert Augustine, Somerset.
Solicitors—Berkey & Shaver.
Jury Commissioners—George J. Schrock, Joseph B. Miller.
Directors of the Poor—J. F. Reiman, William Brant and William W. Baker.
Attorney for Directors, H. F. Yost; clerk, C. L. Shaver.
Superintendent of Schools—D. W. Seibert.
Chairmen Political Organizations—Jonas M. Cook, Republican; Alex B. Grof, Democratic; Fred Grof, Berlin, Prohibition.

BAD SHOWING FOR SOCIALISTS.

Contrary to the expectations of the leaders of the Socialist party, as well as the expectations of the rank and file thereof, the vote of that party was far smaller at the last election than at the election of four years ago. While Debs, the Socialist candidate for President, was going about the country in his "red special," which was paid for out of the earnings of his poor, deluded dupes, he was greeted by large audiences everywhere he spoke.

The large audiences caused the Socialists to think that Debs was sweeping the country like a whirlwind, and that the Socialist party was growing by leaps and bounds. But they were hugging only a delusion, and a wild and foolish dream. It never occurred to them that more people usually go to hear men like Debs and Bryan out of mere curiosity than for any other reason. Demagogues can easily draw crowds, but to convince their audiences with their wild and absurd palaver, is quite another matter.

A DEAD GIVE-AWAY.

But here is a dead give-away on the Socialist party, the best we have yet heard, and it shows clearly what kind of shiftless citizens the Socialist party is largely made up of: One of the Socialist leaders of Elk Lick township was asked to explain how it happened that the Socialists polled 230 votes in our two home precincts in 1904, and only 69 in the same two precincts in 1908.

After scratching his head a little, the Socialist addressed made answer as follows: "Some of our fellows moved away, and 37 of the remaining ones in Elk Lick township could not vote on account of not having their taxes paid." Then he went on to say that poor men found it impossible to pay their taxes during the past year, and in that statement uttered a great untruth.

There never was a time in the history of Elk Lick township when 37 of her citizens could not pay their taxes, if it was their desire to pay them. If the Socialist leader referred to will give us a list of those 37 persons, that we may publish their names, we will venture the assertion that a great majority of them will be found to be men whose total taxation per individual does not amount to the price of the drunk that most of them are in the habit of getting on.

Furthermore, we will venture the assertion that there is scarcely a man among the 37 that doesn't spend more each month, and in some cases more for booze each week than the taxes assessed against him for a whole year. When almost half of all the Socialists in a single district cannot vote on account of not having paid a state or county tax within two years, it simply shows that a worthless, undesirable class of citizens the Socialist party is largely composed of.

It is true that some of the Socialists who resided in Salisbury and Elk Lick in 1904, have since moved elsewhere, greatly to the benefit of this locality, and some of them committed crimes during their residence here that would have taken them to penitentiary and to the gallows if justice had been done to them. But not over 25 or 30 of them moved away.

However, we do not wish to be un-

derstood that all our local Socialists of four years ago were bad men, nor is the present crop all composed of bad men. Some of them are good citizens, but most of them are neither a credit to themselves nor to the community. The good citizens among them are the exceptions, and not the rule. Most of them are failures in life through their own indolence or vicious habits, and all of them are sadly deluded and hugging delusions and vagaries which can never bring about a realization of their hopes and dreams.

Most of the poor men and the working classes in this locality are members of the Republican and Democratic parties, and yet there were scarcely any of the two old parties who did not have their taxes paid and hence eligible to vote at the last election. It is therefore a plain case that the Socialist party embraces the great bulk of the indolent, worthless class usually known as undesirable citizens, and a party largely made up of such rubbish is a good party for any and all decent men to steer clear of. Besides, we cannot see how any fair-minded, loyal American can countenance a party that sings no patriotic songs, adores not the stars and stripes, but waves instead a red rag, the emblem of anarchy. The Debs brand of Socialism is anarchy pure and simple, and it is the kind of Socialism that permeated the brain of the black-hearted assassin who shot down President McKinley while pretending to be eager to give him a friendly grasp of the hand. Therefore, they who adhere to the party of Debs, foster and encourage bloodshed, lawlessness and anarchy.

We are glad indeed to note that the great bulk of citizens in this locality who had espoused the cause of Socialism four years ago, have since turned their backs upon it. And right here it can be truthfully said that no other agency played a larger or stronger part in the change of sentiment against the Socialist party in this locality than that vile and dirty red rag published at Girard, Kan., known as "Appeal to Reason." A paper of its class falling into the hands of those socialistically inclined, first creates commendation, but later it almost invariably creates condemnation. It is a paper whose rabid assertions and treasonable utterances will not wear. The reader in due course of time uses his sober second thought, and then the "Appeal to Reason," as the Kansas paper ought to be called, is cast aside as a vile and unfit thing to be admitted to the family circle. This is the testimony of many former Socialists here in this locality, as well as elsewhere.

The fellows who have been meeting in "Bennie" Wagner's shop to yap and sloop over on questions they are not competent to talk upon, could employ their time and limited amount of talent far better in other directions. They have even been disgusting each other, and some of them have been admitting it to the editor of THE STAR, unhesitatingly.

HOW IS YOUR DIGESTION?

Mrs. Mary Dowling of No. 228 8th Ave., San Francisco, recommends a remedy for stomach trouble. She says: "Gratitude for the wonderful effect of Electric Bitters in a case of acute indigestion, prompts this testimonial. I am fully convinced that for stomach and liver troubles Electric Bitters is the best remedy on the market to-day." This great tonic and alterative medicine invigorates the system, purifies the blood and is especially helpful in all forms of female weakness. 50c. at E. H. Miller's drug store. 15-1

Editor Threatened With a Beating.

Word comes to us from Grantsville, Md., to the effect that Landlord Charles Bender is feeling very sore on account of THE STAR's comments on the recent local option victory in Grantsville. He is reported to have said that the way to get even with Pete Livengood is to catch him out, some time, and give him a good beating.

"Ish dot so, Charley?" Well, if the report is true, as we have reason to believe it is, it strikes us that it's pretty rough talk to come from the mouth of an ex-Sunday school superintendent. But it simply shows how a man degenerates in morality after engaging a few years in the low and dirty business of selling booze to the fathers, husbands and brothers of the poor and the needy. It is about time to take the liquor selling privilege away from moral degenerates who would resort to personal violence, but we're not in the least afraid of a man with only one foot and about two ounces of brains.

Any noodle-headed nonentity can sell booze, and we were given a quiet tip some time ago that Charley Bender is well stocked up and intends to keep on selling it, license or no license. But

when it comes to "licking" the editor of THE STAR, that would require a better physical man than Charley Bender ever was. Anyway, we'd rather take a good body-beating any time than to be fixed the way poor "Shine" Fogle was fixed.

There are two sides to the booze business, of course, but only one right side to it, and Charley isn't on the right side, and he knows it. Deep down in his heart he knows it, and he hears a still, small voice condemning him every day. We were going to say that his business is an alford dirty business, but maybe that would be too rough, so we'll just call it a hell-fired dirty business, for which we have no apologies to make to him or any other booze-vender, and Charley should not get too awful angry, for it is said that whom the Gods would destroy they first make mad.

HEXAMETHYLENETETRAMINE.

The above is the name of a German chemical, which is one of the many valuable ingredients of Foley's Kidney Remedy. Hexamethylenetetramine is recognized by medical text books and authorities as a uric acid solvent and antiseptic for the urine. Take Foley's Kidney Remedy as soon as you notice any irregularities, and avoid a serious malady. Elk Lick Pharmacy, E. H. Miller, proprietor. 12-1

LIKINISM.

The official count of the vote polled in this county, last Tuesday, furnishes a stinging commentary on the effect of Crowism and Likinism on the Prohibition vote and the damage which Likins and his villainous journalism are inflicting on the Prohibition cause.

Chaffin, the Prohibition candidate for President, polled a mere 872 votes this year, against 1,556 polled for Swallow four years ago. The official table shows a uniform decline in the Prohibition vote. Likins' total of 1,532 is 500 less than that received by the Prohibition county candidates one year ago. The Prohibition vote averaged about 1,000 this time, a drop of 50 per cent. since the Presidential election of 1904.

This is not to be wondered at. Ever since the organ of the Prohibition party was turned over to W. E. Crow, to be conducted in the interest of disunion in the Republican party, its value to the Prohibition cause has steadily declined.

Attention was frequently called to the fact that the Prohibition ticket was not receiving adequate support by the People's Tribune, half of its news space and all of its editorial space being devoted to the attacks of Crow, "Lal" Minor and John S. Ritenour on the real Republican leaders and the Republican organization of the county. H. L. Robinson, president of the Tribune Printing Company, may not be open to conviction, for "there are none so blind as those who will not see," but the fact, remains nevertheless that the sensible and sincere followers of Prohibition have been driven from the party by the reprehensible manner in which the Tribune has been conducted and the contemptible Crow interest which it really represents.

However, Robinson's recent endorsement of Likins will lead the public to believe that he is cognizant of the true situation, and if not *particeps criminis*, clearly as accessory both before and after the fact. As he took up considerable space in the Tribune two weeks ago with his written apology to A. E. Jones and R. F. Hopwood for the way in which that paper libeled them, and in making a labored and lengthy explanation to the manager of THE STAR as to why he could not keep a check rein on the sorrel Likins, he may further explain how it happens that Crow holds a mortgage on the columns of the paper. He may also explain the falling off of the Prohibition vote during an era of temperance agitation. That he may, however, avoid some of the breaks which crept into his latest fulmination, we would advise that he submit his next contribution to the "superior" political judgement of W. E. Crow and the "superior" literary capacity of "Lal" Minor. They are the real publishers of the sheet. Robinson is a figure-head and Likins a joke.—Uniontown Morning Herald.

RAW LUNGS.

When the lungs are sore and inflamed, the germs of pneumonia and consumption find lodgement and multiply. Foley's Honey and Tar kills the cough germs, cures the most obstinate racking cough, heals the lungs, and prevents serious results. The genuine is in the yellow package. Elk Lick Pharmacy, E. H. Miller, proprietor. 12-1

W. E. CROW REBUKED.

Fayette County's Republican Chairman Fittingly Shows Up the Dirty Work of the Crow Crowd.

One W. E. Crow, of Uniontown, Pa., who has long had great political aspirations, but who evidently lacks the necessary force to get to the front by honorable means, did all in his power during the political campaign just ended to boost a few of his personal friends on the Republican ticket and defeat others to gratify an unwarranted personal spite he holds against them. His efforts were very strenuous indeed, and he resorted to all manner of contemptible and unfair means to accomplish his designs, but he failed most signally, and Republican County Chairman P. A. Johns has published a statement in some of the newspapers in which he gives Crow and his crowd of corruptionists a much needed rebuke.

MR. JOHN'S STATEMENT.

Complete unofficial returns show that the entire Republican ticket, National, State, Congressional, Legislative and County, has been elected. In this I am highly gratified.

At the same time I find it difficult to conceal my disappointment at the evidences of party treachery which these returns disclose. I deem it just and proper, therefore, to make a statement to the rank and file of the party and to the public.

The reason why the men on the National, State, Congressional and Legislative, as well as a majority of those on the County ticket, were sacrificed, and the chances of their election imperiled, were that factional spite might be gratified. Some of the men on the County ticket were boosted at the expense of the rest of the ticket, including even the Republican candidates for President, Congress and Legislature. The great importance of these results was ignored, and the fact that the next Legislature will elect a United States Senator received no consideration at the hands of the men mentioned below.

I feel free to state that the manner in which W. E. Crow and a few of his henchmen complicated the situation by sending out poll books and conducting a separate organization in the interest of party disunion, was reprehensible. Crow never even made his appearance at regular Republican headquarters. These tactics created discord and distrust among the workers, with the result that the county organization found it a matter of great difficulty to conduct a winning campaign.

I also find that the Legislative situation was endangered by the liquor men of the county sending out letters signed by Springer Todd, as president, and R. F. Sample, as secretary, asking all their friends to defeat Legislative Candidate John S. Carroll, if possible, and I have reasons to believe that Crow was in sympathy with this movement. But in this, as well as their assaults on the rest of the ticket from President down to Poor Director, I am pleased to say the efforts of Crow and his followers failed signally.

My prediction that the Republican ticket would win by pluralities of from 2,500 to 2,800 has been verified in the cases of several of the candidates, because these candidates were the only men who received the full party support. For the falling off of the rest of the ticket the Republican party in this county can blame Crow and his crowd. I find that the organization Republicans voted the ticket straight, while these men supported only a part of the ticket and out the rest. That may be their brand of Republicanism, but it is not mine. P. A. JOHNS, County Chairman.

IF YOU ARE OVER FIFTY, READ THIS.

Most people past middle age suffer from kidney and bladder disorders which Foley's Kidney Remedy would cure. Stop the drain on the vitality and restore needed strength and vigor. Commence taking Foley's Kidney Remedy today. Elk Lick Pharmacy, E. H. Miller, proprietor. 12-1

If the liquor traffic is legitimate, it should not be burdened with any more taxation than is borne by any other legitimate business. If it is illegitimate or wrong, it should be wiped out altogether.

The question now openly stands, shall the saloon conquer the United States, or shall the United States conquer the saloon? The battle is to come; there is no escape from the contest; it is life for a life, death for death; the saloon must die, or the nation go like Babylon to a quick, dishonorable and debauched death.

Rum not only destroys the productive power of drunkards, it cripples the industrial power of the whole community. The traffic levies a tax upon us all. He wastes while we try to save. He blights and blasts while other men are trying to bless. The little children, who are forced to labor when they ought to be at play or at school, are the slaves of the devilish enginery of the saloon.

They must have the boys, these saloons must live. As the old "bummers" drop off, new material must be secured. The hungry publican has eyes open wide for bright lads. He invents diabolical schemes to entrap them. Whose boys will he deceive and ruin? Not mine, do you say? How do you know that? Other parents have said as much, and are today wailing over the awful wreck rum hath wrought.

ALLEN F. COOPER, Republican, is re-elected to Congress from the Twenty-third congressional district, composed of the counties of Somerset, Fayette and Greene, easily defeating Milton R. Travis, Democrat, and William M. Likins, Prohibition. It is a significant fact that in Somerset county, at least, Likins made his best runs where he was least known, and where he had not been seen during the entire campaign.—Berlin Gleaner.

Every young man should remember that if his income is just a little above expenses every day he will eventually become well off. If his receipts daily lack a little of meeting his expenditures, he will in time become a candidate for public favors at the poor house. Honest work at any calling, and such economy as the case requires, is honorable; while idleness and spendthrift habits are a disgrace to anyone, young or old.

ALCOHOL has sundered and made miserable more wedded lives than all other agencies combined. Filial affection endures separation from home, tyranny of parents and cruelty. Alcoholize a young man and he will tread upon the heart of his mother as a worthless thing. Business integrity will endure loss and starvation. Alcoholize a man and he will live on borrowed money which he cannot pay, and deliberately waste the assets which belong to his creditors.

If there is any business among men worthy of being described as a work of the devil, it is the business of making and selling intoxicating liquor to be used as a beverage. Out of this traffic countless evils arise. The devil has no enterprise on earth that brings him greater returns than this. With all his wonderful shrewdness and long experience, the devil could not invent and supply any means to so effectually injure the peace of mankind and make them forever his victims as this liquor business.

THERE is a sowing time and a time to reap. The wise man said: "Bring a child up in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." So it is with the boys of today who are allowed to run the streets till nine or ten o'clock at night. This does not mean our town alone, as nearly all towns are similarly afflicted—for an affliction it surely proves to be to many families in the after life of the boys. Parents, see after your boys, and the company they keep. It will be worth more than gold to you and them, in the years to come.

The manufacture and traffic in intoxicating beverages is a public nuisance and a prolific source of disorder, pauperism and crime. The attempt to regulate this business is a recognition of its legitimacy. It should therefore be totally suppressed by enactments of the state legislatures, prohibiting the manufacture, traffic and transportation within the state, and congressional enactments prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating beverages in all places under the jurisdiction of Congress, and inter-state transportation of all intoxicants intended for beverage purposes.

A Correction.

To correct an erroneous item in a recent issue of THE STAR, we gladly publish the following from our friend Edward H. Smith, of Pittsburg:

"I noticed in your local items in your last week's issue, that you said I was going to Texas to locate there. This was an error. It should have read Willis B. Smith, who sent his family there some time ago, but he will remain here himself for the time being. It was not myself. Will you kindly correct this in your next issue, as I have no idea at present of leaving this 'burg.'" tf

Were it not for this insatiable greed prevalent in some people to possess everything in sight, and to discountenance everything that does not directly benefit themselves, there would be more homes in this country and less people roaming around in search of a scanty living while these monsters of greed are accumulating, hoarding and denying themselves many things actually necessary to their comfort, to the end that they may satisfy their covetous wishes, which are so grasping that nothing ordinary can satisfy them. By day and by night and throughout their entire existence their one thought is for self and accumulation, and to such an extent do people ride this disagreeable hobby, that they utterly obliterate every good quality that they have started in life with, never stopping to think that it is a sin to covet, and that their life at best is but a short span until they will be compelled, however reluctantly, to give up their dearly secured possessions to those who will not even be grateful to them for their grasping efforts in obtaining them.

The editor of a local paper is often unjustly censured for his mistakes. The wonder is that he does not make more of them. On the average paper he must deal with all kinds of subjects, give the names, dates, etc. One hour he may be engaged in reporting a religious meeting and the next drawing the picture of a fight. He must condense and fill with his items several columns, whether events are transpiring to throw up material for his use or not. Count the local items in a paper and imagine how many steps they have required, how much mental anxiety, worry and work they have cost, and some idea of the editor's work can be gathered. The smallest may have cost him a long walk and much effort to reach the facts. There is no end to his work. When one paper goes to press he turns his attention to the next one. He makes the rounds in search of news, and may not get a line. From some he must get news without their knowing it, drawing them into conversation and obtaining what he wants, in sections. He may labor for hours in chasing down a rumor, only to find that there is nothing in it. His local columns stare him in the face and demand to be filled, not with skim milk, but with cream of the news events and matters of interest. His bounds are limited, and yet he must find in each day and all through the week, month and year something of interest to the public. No more perfect treadmill could be devised. With such a constant strain, producing weariness of the body and mind and an almost endless variety of subjects to be touched upon, is it surprising that he should occasionally make a mistake? Other people do, why shouldn't an editor?

Causes of Mine Accidents.

The prominence given by the press to descriptions of mine explosions when such disasters claim a number of victims has led the general public to believe that of the many perils to which coal-mine workers are exposed the danger from explosions is the greatest. Statistics do not bear out this impression. Of the total number reported for the last calendar year, 947 deaths and 343 injuries were caused by gas and dust explosions, 201 deaths and 418 injuries by powder explosions and windy shots, 1,122 deaths and 2,141 injuries by falls of roof or coal; 855 deaths and 2,418 injuries were ascribed to other causes. The figures for 1907 show, however, that explosions of gas or mixture of gas and dust have comparatively fatal results, the number killed in this way during the year being three times as great as the number injured; in accidents from other causes, the number of non-fatal injuries largely exceed the fatal ones. In accidents from powder explosions and windy shots, twice as many men were injured as were killed, and the same ratio holds in injuries from falls of roof or coal. In the accidents ascribed to other causes, nearly three times as many men were injured as were killed.

THE BLANKS WE KEEP.

The following blanks can be obtained at all times at THE STAR office: Leases, Mortgages, Deeds, Judgment Bonds, Common Bonds, Judgment Notes, Receipt Books, Landlord's Notice to Tenants, Constable Sale Blanks, Summons Execution for Debt, Notice of Claims for Collection, Commitments, Subpoenas, Criminal Warrants, etc. tf

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