



VOLUME XIV COMPLETED.

A Few Words to Our Patrons and the General Public.

With this issue THE STAR completes its XIV volume, and at this time we deem it in order to address a few timely remarks to our patrons in particular and the public in general. It affords us much pleasure to say that during the business year just closed, THE STAR has transacted quite a large volume of business. In fact the volume of business transacted by this paper during the past year was as large as any year's business we have ever done, but we regret to say that collections have not been as good as we would like to have them. We realize that times in general have been hard during the past year, and for that reason THE STAR has been just as lenient as possible with those indebted to it for subscription, etc. However, the time has now arrived when we must get ready for a strenuous campaign of collecting, for no other reason than because we have a large amount of money due us and need it. Most of the amounts are small, and all we ask of our patrons to pay such amounts as they feel able to spare from time to time. The small sum of 50 cents paid every few months on subscription, will soon put any of our subscribers in the advance-paying class.

Before proceeding any further, we pause to thank our good friends who have been favoring us with their patronage. Especially those who are liberal advertisers and advance-paying subscribers. The liberal advertiser is always the local paper's most valuable patron, but we regret to say that Salisbury business men do far too little newspaper advertising. Some of them are quite liberal and enterprising in the matter of advertising, while others do little or none of it. The fact of the matter is, the Salisbury business men allow the Meyersdale merchants to monopolize too much of THE STAR's space. This, however, is no fault of THE STAR, as we have advertising space to sell, and if the Salisbury business men are foolish enough to allow the Meyersdale merchants to gobble up a big lot of it that ought to be used by Salisbury merchants, the fault lies with our home merchants, and not with us. Our advertising patrons in Salisbury are as fine a set of men to deal with as can be found anywhere, and nowhere can the purchasing public deal to better advantage than right here in Salisbury. However, the home merchants must be up and doing, if they wish to get their full share of the trade of this community.

Those who advertise their wares liberally in the local paper, offering special bargains and inducements to draw trade, are going to reap the largest harvest of dollars, whether they are Salisbury merchants or Meyersdale merchants. It is folly in the extreme for the business men of any town to keep themselves ostracised from the business world by keeping their names and their wares out of the advertising columns of the local newspapers. No community should permit its local newspaper to go forth with a dearth of home advertisements, while its columns are fairly bristling with attractive bids for trade from the merchants of rival towns. If the home merchants do not avail themselves of the benefits to be derived from the advertising columns of the home paper, and outside merchants do, the publisher of the home paper is in no way to blame for it. Every business man, professional man and mechanic should advertise judiciously in his home paper, and when that is done, wherever the paper goes it creates the impression that it is published in a live, up-to-date community, the kind of a town people like to trade in. But in towns where the business men, mechanics, etc., allow themselves to become moss-grown, dreamy and sleepy, they are not only doing themselves injury, but the whole community suffers accordingly.

THE STAR has long been trying to promote the habit of buying at home, but without the hearty co-operation of all the business men, the best results along that line can not be attained. People like to deal best with the enterprising people who offer inducements through the newspapers to get their trade, no matter whether the advertisers are home men or not. We have in this town some lines of business not represented at all in the advertising columns of this paper, and that fact alone loses to this community many dollars annually. Every town should have a newspaper, and in order to maintain a newspaper, it must be given a liberal support. Its advertising columns, in particular, should be well patronized, and the more prosperous you make the home paper, the

more you are helping the prosperity of the whole community and of yourself.

Don't order printing that can be done at home from travelling salesmen who do nothing for your town but take money out of it, and don't withhold your advertising patronage from the local paper. Some people do this, and at the same time expect the local publisher to spend his money with them. Every business man who resorts to such a narrow-minded policy is the loser by it, every time. Many of us in this community can get along without each other, but we can all get along much better by aiding and patronizing one another.

We believe THE STAR merits the support and patronage of every decent citizen in this town. Not that we are always right in the things we do and say, but because we strive to do the right thing at all times in our capacity as editor and publisher of your local paper. We advocate only what we believe to be clean and in accordance with good morals and the community's best interests. THE STAR is about the only newspaper in Somerset county that has put the ban on booze advertisements, and it is in every sense a clean family newspaper. True, we at times use some pretty vigorous language in dealing with certain individuals and certain questions, but we have never yet assailed an innocent or inoffensive citizen, and is it not the truth that all of our strenuous editorials on public questions have been in defense and support of the side right, of good morals and good government? Of course, we have made some mistakes, too, as all men do; but the mistakes we have made were through a lack of good judgement at the time, and not through evil designs. It has always been our aim to be fair, square and honorable, and along those lines we feel that we have in a general way succeeded, although, perhaps at times, to our own detriment.

But, regardless of the past, the present and the future are the times for us all to look to for improvement, and to profit by our mistakes should be the aim and desire of one and all. Such is our desire, and we want the kindly co-operation of one and all of our readers. Let us work together more earnestly for the general good and prosperity of Salisbury and vicinity during the year 1909 than ever before. Hoping that it may be a prosperous year for THE STAR and all of its readers, we are now ready to start in doing our best to attain the best possible results, and trust that our readers will all do their best, also.

BRAVE FIRE LADDIES

often receive severe burns, putting out fires, then use Bucklen's Arnica Salve and forget them. It soon drives out pain. For Burns, Scalds, Wounds, Cuts and Bruises, it's earth's greatest healer. Quickly cures Skin Eruptions, Old Sores, Boils, Ulcers, Felons; best Pile cure made. Relief is instant. 25c. at Elk Lick Pharmacy.

W. S. Livengood, the Editor's Brother, Visits His Native Heath.

The editor's brother, W. S. Livengood, of Berkeley, Cal., arrived here last Friday evening for a visit with relatives and friends. It is needless to say that brother William is a very welcome guest at the editorial mansion, where he is held in high esteem by the whole family, for he is a brother in every sense of the word. As boys, we used to "scrap" with each other and for each other by turns, and although three years his junior, "Petee" was always too much for "Billy" in a fist encounter. However, that time "Billy" was so all-fired glib that he couldn't produce a good shadow without drinking muddy water, while his younger brother was a very muscular lad and as strong as an onion crop. But lo and behold "Billy" is now a six-footer, like the editor, and outweighs him by about ten pounds, which means about 187 or 190. Therefore, neither of us have any particular hankering to measure pugilistic qualities now, and we're both content to recount the many terrific and amusing battles of the past and laugh over them.

During the last score of years our paths of duty led us far apart, several thousand miles being between us most of the time. But though in distance far apart, the bonds of brotherly love have been drawing us closer and firmer together during all the rapidly speeding years, and we have been keeping constantly in close touch with each other by frequent correspondence. We have been sharing our joys and sorrows with each other as brothers should, and it affords us much pleasure to say that the joys of each have been greatly in excess of the sorrows. By dint of hard work and untiring energy, we have both prospered, but the career of neither of us has always

been "flowery bed of ease," and is not now. Since our journey from the cradle to the grave was first begun, our feet have encountered many thorns and grievous obstacles to overcome, but in spite of them all, and the fact that the shadows are beginning to lengthen, we can both testify that "sweet are the uses of adversity," that life is worth living, and that labor has sure reward.

This is our first meeting with brother William since we laid our dear mother to rest in July, 1908, and his coming has not only brought joy to the editor and family, but also to our brother's many other dear friends and relatives in and about his old native town, where he attended school in his boyhood days and taught a number of terms after reaching man's estate. Our brother is a veteran newspaper man, his first newspaper venture being the founding of the Carleton (Neb.) Times in 1886, which paper was later sold to the editor of THE STAR, W. S. then went to Pasadena, Cal., where he was employed on the editorial staff of a daily paper for a short time, then accepted a more lucrative position on the editorial staff of the Los Angeles Daily Herald. After working for that paper several years, he resigned his position to accept a better position on the editorial staff of the Los Angeles Daily Times, remaining with that journal until a short time before the San Francisco earthquake, when he resigned his position to accept a position with the Daily Chronicle. He was in the employ of the Chronicle when the California metropolis was wiped out by earthquake and fire. Since the calamity of that awful April day, he has spent most of his time very successfully in conducting circulation promoting schemes for daily newspapers in various parts of the country. He has successfully conducted contests for the Los Angeles Times, San Francisco Chronicle, San Francisco Call, Portland (Ore.) Journal, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Fort Worth (Tex.) Star, Montgomery (Ala.) Advertiser, Lincoln (Neb.) Star, Duluth (Minn.) News Tribune, the Burlington (Ia.) Gazette, and Goshen (Ind.) Democrat.

DON'T GET A DIVORCE.

A western judge granted a divorce on account of ill temper and bad breath. Dr. King's New Life Pills would have prevented it. They cure Constipation, causing bad breath and Liver Trouble, the ill-temper, dospel colds, banish head-aches, conquer chills. 25c. at Elk Lick Pharmacy.

Reckless New Year Sport.

A Stoyestown news dispatch says: Gottlieb Straub, and a horse and wagon belonging to Merchant Dobson, were within an inch of being blown to atoms. The boys who used the dynamite to celebrate the passing of the old year, breaking the windows in the home of Mrs. Penrod, left two sticks of the explosive lying in the road. The caps were on the dynamite, and Mr. Straub, in driving along the road, came within an inch of striking them. Mr. Straub shudders when he thinks of what would have happened had the wheels of the wagon passed over those caps. The dynamite used by the boys on New Year's Eve was put off only 100 feet away from about 150 pounds of explosive stored by Merchant C. H. Shockey, an amount sufficient to blow up the greater portion of the town.

SAVE THIS, ANYWAY.

Put it In Some Safe Place, for it May Come In Handy Some Day.

Here is a simple home-made mixture as given by an eminent authority on Kidney diseases, who makes the statement that it will relieve almost any case of Kidney trouble if taken before the stage of Bright's disease. He states that such symptoms as lame back, pain in the side, frequent desire to urinate, especially at night; painful and discolored urination, are readily overcome. Here is the recipe. Try it: Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces. Take a teaspoonful after each meal and at bedtime.

A well-known druggist here in town is authority that these ingredients are all harmless and easily mixed at home by shaking well in a bottle. This mixture has a peculiar healing and soothing effect upon the entire Kidney and Urinary structure, and often overcomes the worst forms of Rheumatism in just a little while. This mixture is said to remove all blood disorders and cure the Rheumatism by forcing the Kidneys to filter and strain from the blood and system all uric acid and foul, decomposed waste matter, which cause these afflictions. Try it if you aren't well. Save the prescription.

LEGISLATURE MEETS.

The Pennsylvania Legislature met on Tuesday and ratified the caucus nominations, viz: Boies Penrose, of Philadelphia, for U. S. Senator, and John F. Cox, of Homestead, for Speaker of the House. The Senate organized by electing A. E. Sisson, of Erie county, President pro tem.

The Republican State organization had everything its own way in the nominations, etc., and the fellows who were backing State Treasurer John O. Sheatz for the U. S. Senatorial nomination and Frank McClain for Speaker of the House, made a miserable showing.

In the joint caucus, Senator Penrose received 177 votes and Sheatz only 23, while for Speaker of the House, Cox received 136 votes to 35 cast for McClain.

Somerset county's representatives in the Legislature made the fool blunder to tack onto the insignificant minority gang, an aggregation that has no political sense or standing, and thereby they have greatly weakened their influence and chances for the passage of a local option law. The mere figure-head position they have unwittingly placed themselves in will render them practically useless to their constituents, and their course, so far, does not speak well for their intelligence and resourcefulness. Knepper and Floto will be able to draw their salaries, and when that is said it is about all said.

Messrs. Knepper and Floto, of course, had a perfect right to support whom they pleased in the caucus, and had the editor of this paper been nominated and elected to the Legislature, he would have reserved the right to vote for whom he pleased for U. S. Senator and Speaker. But, nevertheless, we think it is folly in the extreme for men to go to the Legislature and join an insignificant aggregation of kickers, when it is so plainly visible that they have no more show than a cat in hades without claws. It's all right, of course, for men to do so who don't want any standing in the Legislature, but for those who want to be in a position to wield some influence and be able to accomplish something worth while for their constituents, it's all wrong.

Free Political Advertising; Proper Public Advertising.

The candidacy of the Hon. Frank B. McClain for Speaker of the Pennsylvania Assembly has resolved itself into an endless chain of begging letters from his Legislative supporters having in view the wheeling of the country press into giving the McClain boom some effective free advertising.

The value of political advertising is better appreciated here in Fayette county, where it has been the custom for some years past to open the columns of the press to it, each advertiser being plainly marked, and none necessarily receiving the endorsement of the paper itself, and to make a proper charge for the service. Under such conditions, the Fayette county press would undoubtedly have handled the advertising of the McClain press bureau.

The handsome little booklet which the McClain press bureau got out and mailed to all the newspapers was not, we venture to say, printed without charge by the job printer who did the work. It is difficult to understand why so many people of ordinary intelligence expect free advertising from the newspapers, and utterly fail to understand the difference between news and advertising matter.

This seems to be especially true of the Pennsylvania lawmakers. They have always taken the position that it is too expensive for the state to publish the laws, even though the state has more money than it knows what to do with, and publishes almost everything the Legislators can think of printing at the State printing establishment.

The Legislature ought to appoint an Advertising committee to report on what is and what is not good advertising; how much advertising and of what kind the state ought as a matter of grave public duty do; and lastly, how such advertising ought to be done. The newspapers have ceased to ask for this legislation, because their motives have been misconstrued and impugned, but some of the State departments have arrived at a realizing sense of the importance of the matter.

In the meantime, however, the newspapers that are wise to their business have ceased to give free political advertising, as well as any other free advertising.—Connellsville Courier.

IT IS BAD BUSINESS to allow people to look in vain through the columns of THE STAR for an advertisement of your business.

"Owen Moore Went Away, Owen Moore Than He Could Pay; Owen Moore Came Back One Day, Owen Moore."



Poor Mr. Owen Moore no doubt lived in a small city or town where he tried to make a living by running a store. The people who were his neighbors in that town and on the farms around town bought most of their things from the great Mail Order houses, neglecting to trade with Mr. Moore. Quite naturally, Mr. Moore failed in business and went away owing more than he could pay. He had to go away and find a location in some town where the people patronized home merchants.

But the funny poet who wrote those lines was mistaken about Owen Moore coming back one day. Mr. Moore, having been burnt once, would not stick his fingers in the same fire again. No, indeed! Mr. Moore would stay away, not because he was Owen Moore than he could pay, but because if he ever came back and started again in business there he would be Owen Moore still. He would let the old town continue to grow street grass.

Have you been the cause of any Owen Moore tragedies in your town?

NAPOLION lost Sedan and died in exile, because he went to fight before he was ready. How many young men and women, when the battle of life is on, will fail because they were not prepared for the contest! It is education alone which enables us to fight from vantage ground. They who do not have it will not be able to stand when the heavy charges are made on them. Success must be won, and how can it be done without a drilled mind, like a skillful general, to lead the assault? Do not accept ignorance or partial preparation as your lot, if by any means you can escape it. It is not by jerks that the load is moved. It is the steady pull that counts. Spasmodic getting ready usually ends in no preparation at all, and consequent failure. The student who comes to school regularly, and adds to each day's acquisition a little more knowledge, is growing; is laying by a sinking fund upon which he can draw in the future, and above all, he is gaining mental muscle to enable him to combat the difficulties of his later life. Education is a growth. If it be sudden, like that of the mushroom, it will amount to as little; if it be like that of the oak, it will be permanent and useful.

SIMPLE REMEDY FOR LA GRIPPE. Racking la grippe coughs—that may develop into pneumonia over night are quickly cured by Foley's Honey and Tar. The sore and inflamed lungs are healed and strengthened, and a dangerous condition is quickly averted. Take only Foley's Honey and Tar in the yellow package. Elk Lick Pharmacy, E. H. Miller, Prop.

The New County Officers. On Monday morning of this week the new county officers elected at the election last November, took charge of their respective offices.

Sheriff Weimer will retain the duties of his predecessor, Messrs. Geo. M. Baker and Lester A. Wagner. The County Commissioners organized by electing Rush S. McMillan President, and choosing C. W. Walker

County Solicitor, E. H. Werner Chief Clerk, and L. M. Phillips assistant clerk. Among the applicants for a clerkship, C. S. Lichtfer, of this city, is in the "Try-Again" class, as we suspected he would be.

Prothonotary J. B. Gerhard is being temporarily assisted by L. C. Colborn, Esq.

Recorder N. E. Berkey's assistants are A. J. Hileman and Chas. Ringler. The Directors of the Poor and House of Employment held their annual meeting on the first day of the year. Director Jacob Dietz, who will not formally assume the functions of office until the first of March, was sworn in.

Dr. J. J. Emmens, the present incumbent, was re-elected Superintendent and Physician. By virtue of his re-election he will remain in full control as the executive and medical head of the institution. H. F. Yost was re-elected solicitor, and in addition was elected clerk of the board, a position formerly held by Attorney Clarence L. Shaver. E. E. Pritts was re-elected treasurer; Edmund Glessner, of Stonycreek township, farmer; Rev. B. F. Boyer, chaplain, and Dr. E. F. Bittner, Out Door Physician.

PRESIDENT HELPS ORPHANS.

Hundreds of orphans have been helped by the President of The Industrial and Orphan's Home at Macon, Ga., who writes: "We have used Electric Bitters in this Institution for nine years. It has proved a most excellent medicine for Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles. We regard it as one of the best family medicines on earth." It invigorates the vital organs, purifies the blood, aids digestion, creates appetite. To strengthen and build up thin, pale, weak children or run-down people, it has no equal. Best for female complaints. Only 50c. at Elk Lick Pharmacy.

OLD PAPERS for sale at THE STAR office. They are just the thing for pantry shelves, wrapping paper and cartridge paper for the miners. Five cents buys a large roll of them.