

BY THE WAY—

If you didn't vote yesterday you have no right to find fault with the men who won.

Another Sign of the Times Favorable to Reynoldsville.

The opening of another shaft by the Erie company near Sykesville will be noted with satisfaction by Reynoldsville citizens. The direct benefit will result from the founding of a new town with possibly a thousand residents within our commercial radius, and the second reason for satisfaction is that it is the lower vein of coal which is to be developed. The growing scarcity of good coal in the upper veins makes development of the lower deposits a necessity. With the opening of the vein underlying Reynoldsville and thousands of acres surrounding it, will commence the second great epoch in Reynoldsville's prosperity. In the light of events recently noted in THE STAR, that time seems not far distant.

Citizens Register Approval Of Work For The Town

The selection of Jarvis D. Williams for burgess of Reynoldsville borough yesterday came as a deserved reward for services rendered the town in recent years. The municipality will never lose by vesting its official control in the hands of men who have shown themselves awake to the needs of the community and who believe in a progressive and aggressive policy at all times. Williams has been identified with every board of trade in recent years and was one of the founders of the present Business Men's Association. Reynoldsville never had a burgess who has administered the duties of the office with more satisfaction to the people than the present incumbent, I. S. M. McCreight, and yesterday's choice insures a continuance of his policies.

The Way to Kill Your Town and Business.

More towns die for want of confidence on the part of business men and lack of public interest than any other cause. When a man in search of a home or a business location goes into a town and finds everything brim full of hope and enthusiasm of the prospects of the place and all earnestly at work to build it up, he soon becomes imbued with the same spirit, and as a result he drives down stakes and goes to work with the same interest. When, however, he goes into a town where everybody expresses doubt and apprehension for the future prosperity of the place, moping about and indulging in mournful complaints, he naturally feels that it is no place for him, and he shakes the dust from his feet while he pulls out with all possible speed for some other place. Consequently try to make a live, enterprising town out of the town in which you live. When you are working for your town you are accomplishing all the more for yourself.

An anti-treating bill is now before the Pennsylvania legislature, introduced by Representative Watson, of Indiana. It makes buying liquor for another at a bar, or in a room adjacent to a bar, a criminal offense punishable by a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$20. If passed, the bill in many respects will accomplish more for temperance than local option.

The Business Men's Association—and a few hundred other citizens in the two boroughs—has not changed its opinion in the least concerning the advisability of consolidating Reynoldsville and West Reynoldsville boroughs. The past week a printed summary of the reasons for desiring union was sent to all citizens of the west side borough by the Association.

Representative Robert E. Longwell, of Jefferson county, has introduced two bills in the state legislature. The first gives school directors a right to have a passageway from a public road to a school, empowering them to condemn land for this purpose when not otherwise obtainable. The second bill provides that no person in a third-class city, holding any elective office, can be elected to any office by council.

It is a healthy sign of interest in the town when eminent citizens will spend a day out in the rain and wet campaigning for local office.

"We don't want politics in our religion nor religion in our politics," said William Riggs in Assembly hall.

ORATOR AT LINCOLN CENTENARY



DR. A. J. MEEK, popular pastor of the First Baptist Church, delivered an eloquent Centennial Address before the Assembly Hall audience Friday.

To Make People Supreme Over Town Council

On January 27th, 1909, a bill was introduced by Hon. Hyatt M. Cribbs into the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, which, if it becomes a law, will give the voters of cities and boroughs the right by their ballots to veto unfair franchise ordinances or other such ordinances, which may have been passed by the aid of bribery, and the right, by their ballots, to enact fair franchise ordinances, which may have been defeated by bribery. Of course bribery of councilmen would cease if the people had the veto power which this bill would give them. The usefulness of the bill, however, is not limited to the prevention of bribery. It provides a means for accurately learning the will of the people regarding any franchise ordinance upon which there is a division of opinion. Under this system, upon the people themselves would rest the whole responsibility for the passage of franchise ordinances.

New Code For Regulation And Government of Schools

Considering the interest which for several years has centered on the public schools of Reynoldsville, the local citizens should be deeply interested in the proposed new code for the government and regulation of the public schools of Pennsylvania. The bill now before the legislature is revolutionary in character and contains provisions which will be bitterly opposed when it comes up for action. As a whole the measure was drafted by some of the most practical educators in the state. Following are a few important features of the new code:

It makes eight months the minimum school term.  
It provides for five directors on each board whose term of office is five years.  
It aims to take school matters entirely out of politics by not permitting the names of the candidates for the office of school director to appear on the party ballot as they now do.  
It puts into the hands of the school board the power to levy taxes for school purposes.

It makes ample provision to replenish the treasury for school purposes by levying an occupation tax of one dollar on each taxpayer or voter.  
It provides that townships which do not maintain the maximum High School course of four years must pay the tuition of their pupils in other schools if they desire to take a four year course.

It fixes the maximum age limit for teaching at 18 years.  
It makes provision for strengthening the teaching force intellectually by making the limit of five years for provisional certificates, 2 years for professional certificates and makes the renewal of professional certificates include two high school branches and added work in methods and management.

It makes provision for closer supervision by permitting school boards to elect district superintendents. It provides for a minimum course of study for the public schools to be made by County Superintendent.  
The permanent certificate committee as it now exists is abolished and examinations for permanent certificates are conducted by a committee appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction after the manner of the state boards who examine at the Normal schools.

The Energy That Wins.

A young man with a practical amount of knowledge in his head, skill in his hands and health in his body is his own letter of reference. Mix him up with six millions of others, and you will find him again, as he has a habit of being, on top. Throw him naked into a desert island and he will be at the head of something. He does not go over the land blaming fortune and saying he has no chance, but goes out and does it again and better. Men that can do things either with the head or hands are the men that are wanted, and the demand is as great here and now as it has been at any time since the beginning.

A Kansas editor notes that Halley's comet is headed this way and appeals to his readers thus: "The coming of this comet means war, pestilence and famine and may hit the earth. Hurry up please and settle your back subscription. We can't run all over the hunting for you."

From Thackeray.

The brightest eyes that ever have shown,  
The reddest lips that ever have kissed,  
May look away and be not missed,  
May pray and whisper and we not list,  
Yet ere ever a month is gone.

WASHINGTON'S VISION.

A Legend of the Revolution Recalled  
By the Anniversary of the Great General's Birth.

HERE is a chapter from the life of General Washington as told by Anton Scherman, who had served with the great commander during the revolutionary war.  
"The darkest period of the revolution," Mr. Scherman said, "was in the year 1777, when Washington, after various reverses went into winter headquarters at Valley Forge. Once during these gloomy days I observed that Gen. Washington remained alone in his room until after midnight, and as he came out he appeared paler and more careworn than usual."

"As I sat to-night at my table, busy writing and oppressed by care there appeared opposite to me the figure of a beautiful woman," said Washington in reply to inquiries regarding his appearance. "I was surprised, for I had given strict orders that I was to be disturbed by no one. I asked the visitor what she wanted. There was no reply. I repeated the question four times without receiving an answer. I arose from my chair, but the glance of my strange visitor's eyes made me powerless to leave or to speak. An unknown secret power made me a prisoner. I was unable to do anything under the fascinating charm of those wonderful eyes. The room filled with a bright light and the figure stood out more brilliant and clear. I felt like a dead person; I could not think, nor reason, nor make a motion."

"Then I heard a voice saying: 'You of the republic, look and learn!'"  
"Suddenly then there was stretched out an arm with a finger pointing towards the east. Clouds rolled away in the distance and a picture opened before my eyes. Before me lay all the lands of the earth: Europe, Asia, Africa and America. Between Europe and America I saw tossing the waves of the Atlantic and between Asia and America the great Pacific."

"And the voice said: 'Son of the republic, look and learn!'"  
"Suddenly I saw the dark figure of an angel suspended over the ocean between Europe and America. It scooped up water from the ocean with both hands and sprinkled with its right over America and with its left over Europe. Then a great black cloud arose from both lands and met in the middle of the ocean. A long time it stood still and then rushed to the west and hovered over America. Streaks of lightning illuminated the darkness and I heard the sighs and complaints of our people. Again the angel drew up water from the sea and sprinkled it as before. The dark cloud drifted away and sank into the sea. The third time I heard the voice. It said: 'The end of the century approaches.'"

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