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NEED OF A NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

It will not be an easy matter to finance the erection of a new and suitable municipal building in Reynolds-ville at present, but that possibility does not alter the fact that the present building used as a polling place, as a headquarters for the firemen, as a lock-up and for other municipal purposes, is a disgrace to the town and unworthy of a mining village in the backwoods of Indiana county. Built some twenty years ago, it is a relic of the false principles of economy that guided the local council in the olden days. The building and tower adjoining it, which council has decided to repair, should be razed to the ground and a new structure befitting the importance of the town, with ample space to accommodate all the borough departments, erected.

There are reasons for action in this matter more pertinent than mere pride. Those who have investigated the cells where prisoners are incarcerated describe them as unfit for such a purpose, with a stench that is suggestive of filth and which cannot be eradicated. Some day those cells may get the borough into a damage suit more costly than a new bastille.

Further, the present building is too small to house even the present apparatus of Hope Fire Company, and the council pays out annually a large sum for rent which would go far towards paying the interest on bonds issued to defray the cost of erecting a structure large enough to house all branches of the municipal service.

TRADE TERRITORY.

The trade territory of a town is not dependent upon the distance to neighboring trading points. The trade territory depends upon the enterprise of the merchants and the residents of the town. If a town does not reach after the trade, it will come only as fast as it has to, and it will grow as it is forced to. But if the merchants go after business in the surrounding country, advertising in every possible way, and making good every word of their advertising, trade will come from an ever increasing radius, the town will gain a reputation for being awake and it will forge to the front. It is the men in the town, and not altogether the men living within a certain number of miles from it that makes the town.

The Republican Printing Co., of Brookville has been incorporated under the caption "Brookville Republican, Incorporated." Thomas V. Hendricks continues as editor, secretary and treasurer of the concern, with Gil. C. Reitz as president, and "for the first time in almost half a century the honored name of Weaver, so long associated with the journalism of the county, is withdrawn from the masthead of the *Republican*, although the families of the deceased members of the former firm are still interested in the publication." There will be no change in the policy of the *Republican* and its patrons desire none for Editor Hendricks is giving the people one of the best edited country journals in the state.

Sykesville's progressive citizens are agitating the matter of building a public water system. If Sykesville is wise it will profit by the experience of Reynoldsville and practically every other town in this part of the state and not allow such a public necessity as the water supply to get into the hands of a corporation. Let the borough build and control its public utilities and limit the charges for service to actual cost.

Retail merchants, even though they have license, cannot hawk or peddle their wares from house to house without taking out a peddler's license. This is the gist of an opinion handed down from the office of the attorney general of Pennsylvania last week. It will effect thousands of small merchants in the state and a few in this section.

Clearfield town council has passed an ordinance prohibiting the keeping of hogs within the borough limits, and the *Punxsutawney News* regretfully remarks that it refers only to the four-legged species.

THE STAR would greatly appreciate the courtesy if our readers will send us personal items or general news. Always be sure to sign your name, not for publication but as a guarantee of good faith.

The New York *Telegram* notes that though autos are driving the horse out of existence there is no likelihood of a shortage of "sp'asses."

TRIBUTE TO MR. STEPHENSON

The following editorial from the pen of George R. Adam, a former member of THE STAR's staff appeared in The *Brookville Record* last week and is worthy of reproduction as showing the warm sentiments of friendship which the late editor inspired in all who knew him intimately:

"The death of Editor Clarence A. Stephenson, of the Reynoldsville Star, last Friday, which followed an operation for stomach trouble in a Philadelphia hospital, closes the career of one of the best known and among the ablest of the newspaper men of this end of the State, and the town of Reynoldsville loses one of its best and most useful citizens. At no time has there been more general regret over the demise of one of God's noblemen than that which came with the closing of the earthly life-walk of Clarence Stephenson. Having been identified with the affairs of his home town and county for a long term of years, and being a man who was at all times interested in all movements for the public good, and especially active in furthering the cause of christianity and church work generally, he endeared himself to a host of friends and admirers, and his passing to the land of which we know so little and conjecture so much is a distinct loss to the community in which he lived and worked and set an example worthy of emulation.

"Mr. Stephenson followed the printing business nearly all his life and was considered a newspaper man of exceptional ability. He established the Reynoldsville Star eighteen years ago and made of it one of the best local papers in the county. He was public-spirited and took active part in every progressive movement for the betterment of his home community where his his counsel and advice as well as assistance was looked upon as invaluable in the various projects that has made Reynoldsville one of the best towns in this end of the State. In things pertaining to building up the industries of his home town, as well as being an active church worker, Mr. Stephenson never wavered in his duty and could always be depended upon to be among those who were at the front willing to bear his share of the burden that naturally grow out of every progressive movement.

"Clarence Stephenson was a man of high moral character, a God-fearing man whose daily life-walk was honorable and upright and whose every purpose was an exemplification of all that was clean, manly and honorable. No worthy cause ever failed of assistance from him, and many a discouraged heart has been made glad and put on the right road by his kindly word and unselfish help. If for every good deed performed by Clarence Stephenson during his career here on earth there be placed upon his last resting place a single rose, he would be asleep to-day in a wilderness of flowers. The many kind acts rendered by him were as lamps set along the pathway to light the way for the weary feet of those who trod the stony road of existence, and he will be missed, not only in the home that is made sad by his departure, but in the church and in business circles where he was a conspicuous and honorable figure. Clarence Stephenson made no pretensions of desiring to shine in the lime-light of publicity. What he did came from a desire to be of use in the world, and he had an absolute dislike for an accompaniment of sounding brass and tinkling symbols with the achievements and successes for which he was responsible.

"The world can ill afford to lose men like Clarence Stephenson. He was the kind that stands for the highest prerogative of good citizenship, for progress, for clean politics, for sincere christianity, one who was genuine salt of the earth. Scarcely more can be said of any man. Peace to his ashes."

Irrespective of creed or personal religious belief the people of this section will rejoice with pleasure the honor recently bestowed upon Father Clement Welker by Pope Pius X. At one time he was in charge of the local Catholic parish and is well known all over this part of the state. Modest and unassuming in his manner, he has devoted his life to spreading the faith of his church among the lowly and has lived a life of ceaseless toil and hardship, the equal of which can be found only among the early missionaries of the church.

The failure of Jefferson park to make good will discourage the promotion of similar amusement resorts in this section. It was the third, and most ambitious, resort of the kind along the Reynoldsville-Punxsutawney trolley line to be abandoned. The failures have been due not so much to lack of popular appreciation as to the high fares charged by the traction company from the parks to the towns on its lines and at the terminals.

John Short, editor of the *Clearfield Republican*, has brought suit for libel against Matt Savage, editor of the *Public Spirit*. The trouble comes as a result of charges made by Savage after the recent Democratic state convention.

TO REVIVE OLD MEMORIES.

The following items are taken from a copy of the *The Reynolds Herald*, published in Reynoldsville October 24th, 1876—the Centennial year. After 34 years they are of more than passing interest.

"Hidecooper" brought a deer from the mountains last week.

Mrs. Wood Reynolds and daughter, Ida, and Mrs. David Reynolds returned from the Centennial last week.

Wm. Fairman, Esq., of Punxsutawney, was in town Saturday. The opinion is prevalent among some classes that he is Fair-man enough for District Attorney, anyhow.

"It would be a 'God's send' if they would 'strike oil' or something else, to light up the countenance of the Reynoldsville merchant," said the Brookville *Republican* last week. Weaver don't know that we have a merchant or two who will almost discount the sales of ye Brookville merchant, but nevertheless we have.

On Thursday night of last week the citizens of the West End were again startled by the cry of fire. About eleven o'clock flames were discovered issuing from the St. Charles hotel, on the corner of Sixth and Main streets. The hotel was occupied by Mr. Schwem. A large crowd of persons soon assembled and made every effort to save the building, but without avail.

A couple from over the mountains came to town Friday and were united in matrimony. They stopped at the Reynolds House, near the depot, and on Saturday, about 2.30 p. m., they started down Main street en route for the cars. Just as they stepped into the waiting room side by side and arm in arm, a small pug nosed boy mischievously run between them and almost uptripped the blushing bride, whereupon the groom indignantly caught the boy by the lobe of the right ear and led him out, explaining the while in a guttural voice, "Whom God hath joined together let no perniculous imp put asunder!"

CANDY WORKS GROWS

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Only a small portion of his entire product is sold through the Reynoldsville store, though its stock gives a fair idea of the line of goods manufactured on the floor above.

The department which is least known to local people, and which is yet more important from the standpoint of its possible growth than all the others, is the wholesale branch, started in a small way, this has grown to such dimensions that Mr. Athenian now rents the large room back of the First National bank on Fourth street, as a storage room and headquarters for the wholesale division. Representatives of the Reynoldsville Candy Works are travelling over the territory between Kittanning and Ridgway constantly and have built up a large and permanent trade. Mr. Athenian finds it easy to compete with the large city factories both in price and quality and is planning to still further enlarge his business in this line.

The purpose of this article is not to advertise any local business project, but to make known to our people the facts connected with the growth of the venture which are not visible to the public, and for this reason it is unnecessary to say anything concerning the retail department of the business. That Mr. Athenian equipped one of the brightest and cleanest and most inviting places in the country for the local trade is known to all who have passed his place and been lured by the hissing electric lights and melody of the electric automatic piano into the parlor.

The secret of the success of this project is nothing more than the fact that the man at its head understands his business thoroughly and is pushing it day and night. Mr. Athenian came to Reynoldsville when the prospect for the town was not any brighter than at present and went after the business he wanted and got it. If every other business institution in the town was conducted with the energy and ambition to grow which has characterized this since its establishment, the cry of hard times would soon cease and Reynoldsville would become the biggest wholesale and retail center in this section, a position to which its location naturally entitles it.

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SALE NOW GOING ON.



I will visit the Imperial Hotel, Reynoldsville, August 5 and the American House, Brookville, August 6 and 8. As the schools will soon open I will have special tests for school children this visit. If your child did poor work last term better have its eyes examined at once.

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\$1.00 dresses now	50c
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\$3.00 dresses now	\$1.50

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25c, 35c and 50c shades now 19c

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A few ladies' and children's lisle and silk gloves now half price.

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A few odds and ends in ladies' and children's black and colored hose now half price.

Corsets

A few odds and ends in ladies' corsets to clean-up.

50c corsets now	39c
\$1.00 corsets now	67c
\$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50 corsets	\$1.00