

Patton Courier.

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ONE OF THE ISSUES.

At the coming February election the citizens of Patton will vote for or against an issue of bonds for the purpose of raising money for a school building. That much was definitely settled last week when the school board issued notice of such election through this paper. The probability of such an election has been seen for some time and since it is a certainty we would assure the people of Patton that no question of equal importance, perhaps, will come up at the February election. Men may consider other things which vex their spirits, but there is perhaps no need of the town which could not much better be tolerated, if necessary, for a little time to come than the need of ample accommodations for the public schools. A community must have schools; all communities must have them and as required or become amenable to the State law. If the board does not provide the school, which it is now showing a willingness to do, it can be made to do so, and it is a wise government that so provides, and the people of Patton are a part of that government. Therefore, let the citizens support the board in the most feasible plan of complying with the spirit of our State school laws.

The sum which it is proposed to raise may appear to some as a burdensome amount. But it is really not so. The men who pay the taxes here to-day will be giving their children advantages at nominal cost to them and the children themselves will help pay for it in years to come, when the children's children are going to school. Have all weighed the proposition in that light? Nominal taxes will pay the interest and provide a sinking fund, and all the while that nominal expense is being borne Patton will have school rooms and schools as good as any other town.

Our public schools are the great assimilators. In them are found pupils born in all lands, and through them all are brought to live in the atmosphere of a republic with patriotic love for the country where all have equal advantages for obtaining a fair education—a foundation upon which to begin earnest life which is not equalled by any inheritance measured by dollars. Do not mistake the importance of voting for bonds at the February election.

A NEWSPAPER.

In the first issue of the COURIER it was made plain that it was not to be a journal devoted to the cause of any political organization or an association or associations of any kind. That had been determined upon because it was known that a publication which was other than simply a newspaper could not be made self-sustaining in this locality—and there is not a more popular ambition in the newspaper field than to make a good newspaper.

This matter is referred to here because it is gathered from some conversations our solicitor has had that some who toil in the mines at Patton are disappointed because the COURIER is not practically a labor organ. We will explain briefly the situation. There are said to be about 400 English speaking miners employed here at present. If we were to publish a paper for them alone we would get 400 subscribers at \$1 a year, \$400, with which to pay the expenses of the office. That sum would really pay the expenses but a fraction of that time and after a number of weeks the COURIER would be no more. That is the actual situation as related to business, without a line of sentiment. And is it not a plain case? A newspaper all want; an organ but few want. The COURIER means to be a newspaper friendly to working men.

LOCAL TICKETS.

Two local tickets for this borough are in the field now, as the COURIER last week said there probably would be, and both are mixed politically, we understand. Party lines are not observed strictly in local elections in Patton, although it is expected a majority of the votes cast for one ticket will be by Democrats and a majority of those cast for the other will be by Republicans. Every man who owns a foot of ground in Patton and every one who expects to make his home here ought to be enough interested in liberal and progressive local government to choose from the two tickets the candidates in whom the greatest confidence can safely be placed. They are all citizens of a new borough and the question of politics is of small account in the February election. It would be foolish for a man of either party to waive the town's material interests in favor of politics.

As the tickets appear in this paper it will be seen that by taking from both a very good corps of officers can be chosen. Both caucuses have, in fact, been careful in making selections.

FREE WOOL on wheels, in the shape of two live sheep on the top of a load of hay, passed through town last Monday. It is presumed that the driver's name is Wilson.

If you see anything in another man that you don't like be careful that you don't find it in yourself.—Pitts Creek Herald.

The Armstrong Republican says "The record for cheap horses has been broken at a constable's sale near Eldersville a few days ago, when two horses were sold for 90 cents. We have positive proof of this statement from a responsible eye witness."

Pennsylvania holds the lead as the great cigar manufacturer of the country. Her output last year was 1,292,158,852, while New York produced only 1,202,900,000. These two States manufactured about one-half the entire output of the United States, which was 4,674,708,380.

The Postoffice Department at Washington had on hands at the beginning of the year 165,653,745 stamps of the Columbian series, valued at \$3,000,000. To dispose of this vast accumulation of these now discredited stamps the Postmaster General has ordered that they be distributed among a number of the offices of the country, and that no others be supplied until these are exhausted.—Ex.

The Tribune is partly right and also very much wrong in last week's issue. In only one or two places were the bills posted on top of the Hastings bills, and these bills were not posted till late in the afternoon of the day on which the show was to appear at that place, and could not do any harm. Neighbor you are wrong when you accuse Patton of being jealous of the Hastings opera house; the green-eyed monster stands no chance in this busy little city. For the benefit of The Tribune we will say, that Patton is a very large youngster, and if compelled to go back to "Hippine" again, it will require one the size of a storm overcoat.

HASTINGS.

The Sterling mine No. 8, at this place has been idle since Saturday, but by the time the next number of the COURIER is issued it is hoped there will be more cheerful mining intelligence to publish from this section. The members of the checkweigh board in this place went over to Patton on Tuesday and met the members of the same board in the opera house for the purpose of examining the checkweighmen at that place, who were elected some time since, as to their fitness in filling the position.

A number of ladies and gentlemen were entertained in a delightful manner at the home of Miss Emma Nicholson, on Beaver street Tuesday evening. After enjoying the good things provided for the occasion the evening was enlivened by vocal and instrumental music. Those present, were Misses Ida Eckenrod, Fannie Jones, Malvina Eckenrod, and Messrs. James Eck, J. F. Allport, W. C. Hatfield and R. F. Notely. All were highly pleased with the evening's entertainment.

Miss Malvina Eckenrod, of Carrolltown, who has been visiting Miss Emma Nicholson, at the Central hotel, returned to her home to-day. Thomas McNulty, of Barnaboro, was in town Tuesday on business. Mrs. Marks is a poor widow, and lives at this place. Her husband died last October and was buried. Subsequently he was exhumed and laid to rest at Briarlin. The scandal-mongers quickly decided that she sold him to some medical institute. To disprove this lie, Mrs. Marks had the body interred. For the benefit of those who are only too ready to traduce the character of the woman, the doctor's affidavit and the witnesses certificate of denial is appended.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENN'A.
COUNTY OF CLEARFIELD.

Personally appeared before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace, in and for said county of Clearfield, J. A. Baird, M. D., of the Borough of Briarlin in said county, who upon his solemn oath according to law doth depose and say, that he has this day examined the body of Frank Marks, late of Hastings, Cambria county, and now buried in Briarlin cemetery, and is positive that it is the body of the said Frank Marks. And that his body had not been mutilated by a post-mortem examination, and that he has been acquainted with him for about fifteen years last past, and would not be mistaken in the identity.

J. A. BAIRD, M. D.
Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 18th day of January, A. D. 1894.
FRED PULLIN, J. P.
We, the undersigned subscribers, hereby certify that we were present and saw the within named Dr. J. A. Baird examine the body of Frank Marks, deceased, late of Hastings. The said examination having been made in said Frank Marks, having known him personally, and having seen him last at the time of his death on October 20th, 1883, and that we are not mistaken in the identity. William Beveridge, William Silbert, William Marks, Frank Cross, R. C. Davis, Charles Speliga.

Mrs. Marks instructed your correspondent to thank you kindly for the publication of the above, and allowing so much of your valuable space without charge.

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