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ANNOUNCEMENT.

I HEREBY announce myself as candidate for County Superintendent of Free Schools at the election to be held on the 16th day of May, 1893.

W. A. MARSH.

A new city charter has been prepared for Clarksburg and a petition has been sent to the legislature to grant a new charter. It will give the council of Clarksburg enlarged powers. We have not seen the proposed charter. We understand that it was prepared by two of our citizens and one of them is now at the capitol trying to engineer it through. We are not prepared to comment upon its provisions. A gentleman who is supposed to know about it informed us that it was mainly to take from the county court the control of the liquor question and give the entire management of this problem to the town council. Our people will want to know what the charter proposes before they will be ready to accept it.

The TELEGRAM realizing the great love of so many West Virginians for James G. Blaine has neglected some other features of the paper this week in order to give a full account of his life and valued public services. On the inside of this paper will be found a history of the Blaine family beautifully illustrated.

Several prominent society ladies of Cattslettsburg were indicted last week for playing euchre for prizes.

The island of Zante, near Greece, was shaken early Monday morning by an earthquake. In the town of Zante many houses were wrecked and the occupants ran in their night clothes into street. The roof of the prison fell in and many prisoners were wounded.

When a newspaper man asks you about any matter that you do not want published request him not to mention it. No respectable news gatherer will betray confidence. Don't lie about the matter for if you do he sees you are trying to hide something and will get the facts elsewhere and will then feel at liberty to publish them.—E.

It will be a surprise to many to learn that Dr. M. S. Holt has sold the Weston Republican to J. H. Edwards. What will Weston be without Holt in its journalistic realm? All must admit that the Doctor has lost but few opportunities for getting in a rap at the Democratic party. And just think! They say the Republican is to become Democratic.

A fellow is now traveling through the country trying to swindle parties with a contract for wire fences. He offers to give enough wire to fence a ten acre field if the party will sign a contract to take the agency for the wire. The contract is where the swindle comes in, for if read closely it turns out to be a promissory note for \$150, after a few words are erased with oxalic acid.

JAMES G. BLAINE

The grandest figure in the group of great Americans of the modern age is numbered with the Nation's distinguished dead. The mighty soul of the "Plumed Knight" has ascended to the throne of the living God. From his early home on the Monongahela, where his life was as simple and pure as the sweet brier roses that grew in wild and luxuriant beauty upon the river heights, he went to New England, that nursery of American intellect and cradle of American patriotism, to develop into the "foremost man of the World."

There has been instituted no great public measure, no policy that tended to broaden the sphere of American influence since the days of reconstruction with which his name has not been identified. Our intellect is too sluggish, our imagination too frail to pay a fitting tribute to the life of this great civil leader.

Mr. Blaine loved West Virginia and took a deep interest in her industrial development. While he had friends everywhere, he was not insensible to the fact that the people of the Little Mountain State, were among his most ardent admirers. His was a life consecrated upon the altar of uncompromising Americanism. He forged his way amid obstructions and difficulties to eminence, to affluence and to the fullest confidence of the American people, wholly by reason of his magnetic personality and sound judgment.

He could not be seduced by love of power—was never weakened by flattery—never overcome by the pleadings of fascinating sophistry. In his towering diplomacy there was a combination of happy faculties. Like Gladstone he was a generator of enthusiasm. He combined the discernment and sagacity of Jefferson with the "tact of Seward and the dignity of Webster." Like Greeley, when he spoke to the common people they understood and applauded. To let him grasp your hand once was to make you his friend forever. Since Lincoln fell, fighting for human liberty, no other statesman has risen so high in the confidence of a great political party. Illustrious, knightly, chivalrous spirit, thou art now amid the visions and delights of eternity! Thy name and works are engraven deep on the altar of thy country's glory. Thy life is an inspiration before which the diplomatic intelligence of the age kneels in adoration and love.

The memory of our departed great ones is a rich heritage of the American citizen. Their tombs are the silent shrines upon which "fires of patriotism" forever burn. From these last resting places tendrils of loyalty and love extend to the hearts of a grateful people. "Washington is at Mt. Vernon, Lincoln at Springfield, Grant at New York and Sherman at St. Louis, Jefferson is at Monticello and Adams at Quincy; Irving is at Sleepy Hollow and Longfellow amid the inspirations of his muse at Cambridge." Whittier is surrounded by the scenes immortalized by his pen at Amesbury, Garfield rests at Cleveland, and on Oak Hill, in sight of the capitol of the Nation he loved and to whose glories he added a grander lustre, peacefully sleeps JAMES G. BLAINE.

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A husband in Chicago calls his wife an Anarchist, because she is always trying to blow him up.

The clerk of the Pocahontas county court has advertised for bids to build a court house at Marlinton. Bids will be received for the court house and jail combined in one building and also for separate buildings.

The Harrisonburg Register reports that a man living near Mt. Meridian walking along the river bank a few days ago saw a muskrat hole just at the edge of the water, and upon closer examination found that it contained some fish. He got a board and stopped up the hole, and in a short while had taken 175 white suckers therefrom with his hands.

He—"Are you happy, now that you are married?" She—"Comparatively." He—"Compared with whom?" She—"Compared with my husband."

ANNUAL STATEMENT Of The Town of Clarksburg for the Year Ending January 31, 1893.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Cash on hands commencement year, general fund, Railroad taxes, Scales, Fines, Licenses, Taxes, 1892.

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Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Office rent, Salaries, Regular police, Special police and janitor, Lighting streets, Printing, Jail fees, Stone contr'ls, laying pav'ts, &c., Pay rolls—labor, Bills, lumber, brick, &c., &c., Fee bills, office gas, clerks, fees, &c., Erroneous assessments, Election, Error R.R. Tax, 1891, Interest on Water loan bonds, Water loan bonds p'd Nos. 46 & 47, Delinquent list, 1892, Railroad tax, 1892, uncollected.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Disbursements in operating water works, Salaries, Pay rolls, Plumbers, Material, hardware, &c., W. Va. Pittsburg R. R. Company, 1893, Jan. 31.—Cash on hands, To credit general fund, To credit Water fund.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Statement of Assets, Balance on hands credit general fund, Bal. on hands credit Water fund, Railroad taxes uncollected, Tapping owed by Broadard Col., Total, TESTE: MARCELLUS M. THOMPSON, Recorder.

A new passenger depot will be built at Elkins by the West Virginia Central railroad.

Parkersburg is discussing the propriety of issuing bonds to build a \$38,000 city building.

Fire at Charleston Friday partially destroyed the Cotton block on Capitol street; loss \$12,000.

The Ravenswood papers are agitating the question of bringing natural gas to that town.

That industrious and unwavering Republican paper, the Fairmont West Virginian, has entered upon its twenty seventh year.

There are forty-seven farmers in both branches of the West Virginia legislature and only seventeen lawyers.

MUST

Ex-Senator H. G. Davis has tendered President Cleveland a handsome cottage at Deer Park for next summer. The President and Mrs. Cleveland spent their honeymoon at Deer Park.

The champion married man of the world was John Winsor, of Providence, R. I., who died the other day aged 84. He left seven wives living. From six he had obtained legal separations. Poor man; at last he is at peace.—E.

D. M. Morris, formerly with Col. Cooper, on the Old Guard, of Clarksburg, has bought a saloon in Parkersburg and is going into that business. He says there is not as much fun or glory in it as in running a country newspaper, but lots more money.—Parkersburg Cor. Wheeling News.

Hamlin H. Davis, of Salem, and his father of New Milton, have purchased the residence and lot of Dr. Louchery, and also a half interest in the Louchery block. We understand that Mr. Granville Davis will soon become a resident of Salem. This is the largest deal ever made in Salem. The price paid was \$3,500.—Cyclone.

In Hardy county, at Hanging Rock, two young men, brothers, William and Ricker Doran, were out rabbit hunting and were around a pile of brush, one on either side, when by some means William's gun was accidentally discharged. The load of shot entered the fleshy part of Ricker's thigh, causing a painful and serious wound. The boy whose gun was fired fainted when he found that he had shot his brother.

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Wildcat Currency Indications.

Two bills providing for a system of State banks are pending in the Legislature of North Carolina. They were introduced in anticipation of the repeal of the prohibitory tax on State bank currency by the new Democratic federal government. Their purpose is to put the local banks in shape to flood the State, and perhaps its neighboring commonwealths, with wildcat notes at the earliest possible moment after the Democracy has redeemed its pledge to cut away all obstacles in the way of a return to the fluctuating currency of antebellum times. As movement to the same end was started in Georgia some time ago. It will undoubtedly become general throughout the South if the 10 per cent. tax on State bank issues is abolished by the incoming Congress. Free trade was not the only pernicious policy that triumphed in November.—N. Y. Press.

Mr. Charles Shuck, aged about eighty years, was burned to death near Mt. Ida, Sewell district, Fayette county, W. Va., recently. Mr. Shuck had lived in a house by himself for several years. He was seen by one of his neighbors on Monday, January 16. On Tuesday afternoon some person went to the place and found the remains of Mr. Shuck lying on the hearth, his face badly burned, his clothes nearly all burned off, the fire out and the body frozen stiff. It is supposed that he fell into the fire and was unable to get out.

Hon. M. D. Post, the brilliant young Democrat of Harrison county, who made quite a reputation for himself during the last campaign, and who was one of the Cleveland electors, has decided to locate in the city for the practice of law. His office will be in Prosecuting Attorney Howard's office for the time being. No doubt Mr. Post will make his mark as a barrister.—Wheeling News.

Elkins will soon have electric lights. It will be built primarily for the private use of Secretary Elkins, Senator Kerens, Ex-Senator Davis, and the railroad shops, but will be used in lighting the streets of the town.

Typhoid fever is raging in Elkins. The epidemic is attributed to the water.

ASPIRATION. N life's threshold stood a sculptor boy. With his marble block before him. And his face lit up with a smile of joy. As an angel dream passed o'er him; He carv'd the dream on that shapeless stone. With many a sharp incision; With heaven's own light the sculpture shone. He had caught that angel-vision. Sculptors of life are we as we stand. With our souls uncarved before us, Waiting the hour at God's command, Our life dream shall pass o'er us; If we carve it then, on the yielding stone, With many a sharp incision, Its heavenly beauty shall be our own, Our lives that angel-vision. —Bishop Doane.

We consider this the prettiest poem that we have seen in looking over our exchanges this month. It is next to impossible to teach a girl to whistle. When she gets her lips properly puckered, she looks so bewitchingly tempting that the teacher ordinarily loses his head, and forgets the object of the lesson.

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