

Letter from "Mysticus."

ARCATA, July 2.

EDITOR TIMES: I design to address you briefly this week, for in the first place I have but little to say, and secondly but little time to say it in.

The Fourth is close upon us and we are busy in preparing to celebrate it in our quiet way. We would have been pleased to have returned the hospitality extended to us by the good citizens of Eureka two years since, but the length of our purses not equalling our generous wishes, we were obliged to forego that pleasure; our sense of justice mingled, perhaps, with a trifle of pride, would not, however, allow us to again encroach upon your liberality, and as our patriotism could not suffer the memorable event to go uncelebrated we are making arrangements for an unostentatious, social celebration.

Indian matters wear a brighter aspect this week, the scouts we had raised having been relieved by a detachment of men from Co. C, Mountaineers, who have occupied Camp Curtis. Capt. Oursley was in town on Sunday last; he seems well satisfied with his position at Gaston, and with what he is there accomplishing.

Trade in town has been rather dull the past week, excepting in one article. I allude to confectionery, the sales of which for electioneering purposes have been heavy.

Perhaps, a state Editor, you are not aware that a profuse distribution of candy among the children is a powerful means of building up a candidate's popularity with the parents. Know you not that the especial weakness of many a father is in his smart little boy or pot little girl, and that he appreciates and supports whoever appreciates and feeds with candy his little dear?

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to join him in a social glass; when he  
meets a man he must take pains to in-  
quire for his wife and all about the chil-  
dren—this is the way to become popular.

I give you the result of my observation,  
dear Editor, thinking you might some-  
time be induced to offer yourself (a sac-  
rifice to your country) for some nice  
position, and that it would be of service  
to you.

The Dems. here are wiggling about in  
a very vigorous manner and are making  
extensive operations to exhibit their full  
strength at the next election; they seem  
possessed of an idea that if Leo succeeds  
in pocketing Washington and a few other  
small towns in that vicinity their chan-  
ces of success will be greatly enhanced.  
Shame to a party who derives its strength  
from the failure and defeat of the armies  
that are fighting for our country's exis-  
tence!

They expect to get a *tall* vote in this  
town, and I presume their expectations  
will be literally fulfilled, for they have  
succeeded in proselyting to their faith a  
man who certainly is *Sharp!*

The gentle shower of to-day is a wel-  
come visitant to vegetation, although our  
gardens and the growing crops in our vi-  
cinity now look finely. You must always  
call at the "Colonel's," when you come  
up; it is our favorite resort, where we  
gladly escape from the turmoil and bus-  
tle of the city, and revel for a season in  
a profusion of floral treasures, and less  
poetical but more substantial, berries and  
fruit. Colonel is always hospitable, and  
liberal to a fault, a true type of that dis-  
appearing class, the old style gentleman.

Yours truly,  
"Mysticus."

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