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## Democratic State Ticket

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## DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET

FOR DELEGATE TO CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.  
ELLIS L. ORVIS—Bellefonte, WM. BIGLER—Clearfield.

Jury Commissioner—GEORGE BOWER.

## The Boulanger Suicide.

The tragic end of General BOULANGER, the exiled French disorganizer, which occurred at Brussels, on Wednesday afternoon, is but a fitting climax to a fitful and almost successful career. Not having the courage to survive here, who sacrificed himself for him, he shot himself dead upon the grave of his mistress, MADAME DE BONNEMAIN. The fact that it was a deliberately planned suicide is evidence that the man, whose political aspirations were blighted by the withdrawal of his mistress' financial support and his banishment from his native land, had given up all hope for the success of the party which, so nearly, followed his exalted leadership to victory.

General BOULANGER was called a pop-in-jay and bombast, but whatever the disparagement cast upon him, the French will remember that his craftiness almost turned their fickle heads to the destruction of their Republic, and that had his leadership been crowned with success France would have known a ruler whose arbitrary power would have eclipsed even that of NAPOLEON.

—Governor PATTISON has now performed his duty in calling the Senate to consider the State scandals. No matter what that body may do the Executive must be exonerated from further responsibility until the Senate presents its findings. The Governor cannot force justice; he has merely given it a chance to assert itself and, if the Senate refuses to follow the Governor's lead, that will probably be the end of the matter for the time being.

## The Stand Pipe is Up.

The question of inefficient water supply for Bellefonte, which has been agitating the minds of our borough fathers for some time, has been temporarily hushed by the erection of a stand pipe at the reservoir. Just whether the results have been satisfactory or not we are as yet unable to state, but upon interviewing some of the residents of East Linn street, who were the principal complainants about the scarcity of water, we found that some of them noticed a very material increase in the pressure after Saturday, while others could not say that their supply has been any better.

We have never made special study of Hydraulics, and consequently know very little about the various means for increasing a town's water supply, but we believe if Council had laid larger mains and then directed the engineer at the Water Works to pump with one engine, directly into the pipes, instead of squandering money in a stand pipe, which is hardly large enough to do service as a smoke stack on a third class traction engine, the result would have been a very material change in the pressure all over town.

## The Gazette Answered. A Statement Which Will Set at Rest all the Lingering Tongues.

It will be remembered that during my absence, this summer, the *Gazette*, on the 17th of July, made one of its accustomed, venomous charges against my management, of the overseer of the poor department of Bellefonte borough. The substance of that article is contained in the following paragraph: "As stated before, when Schofield went into office, early in 1886, the borough overseer of the poor department was out of debt, while now, after a little over five years service, he has saddled on the taxpayers a known debt of \$6,465.71 and the half has not been told."

In addition to the above there was published a long list of unpaid accounts (?) by which they attempt to show that when I resigned I left an indebtedness of \$6,465.71; also that I used the funds of the office for the purpose of buying Democratic votes.

We will now consider the first charge: "When Schofield went into office in 1886, the borough overseer of the poor department was out of debt." This was an absolute falsehood. The auditors' statement of Bellefonte borough, for the year ending March 5, 1888, will show that I paid:

E. J. Pruner, judgment note	\$1,048.20
(Paid the year before)	
Cons. of Centre Co., asylum debt	1,066.68
Total debt paid	\$2,114.88

The amounts were published in the different auditors' statements and were known to McClure and Feidler, who were guilty of a deliberate and malicious falsehood when they made this charge. This disposes of lie No. 1.

The second charge is: "After a little over five years' service he has saddled on the taxpayers a known debt of \$6,465.71." McClure was elected overseer of Poor in the spring of 1888. The auditors' statement for the year 1887 shows that the cash balance in my hands was \$178.44. The statement for 1888 shows that the assets, over all liabilities, amounted to \$378.72. This clearly shows that the overseer department, while under my exclusive control, was not mismanaged. This also shows that this department was in a good financial standing when McClure began his illustrious (?) official career. Now what is the change that has taken place since 1888, when McClure and the postmaster attempted to run this department? This postmaster published a list of names showing the amount of outstanding orders and unpaid bills, when I resigned, that amounted to \$6,465.71, and how much more they have gathered since July 17th it is hard to tell, but I wish to impress one fact on the minds of the already over-burdened tax payers of Bellefonte, and that is, neither the *Gazette* nor its overseer audit my accounts. This function belongs, only, to a republican board of borough auditors.

The entire town was canvassed to gather up these unpaid bills and accounts, many of which are excessive and others unfair. I am charged with an Insane Asylum bill of \$848.77, up to date, June 20, 1891, at the Cons. office. The correct amount on March 5th, '91, was \$909.37, I receiving a credit of \$205.08 before a board of arbitration, they allowing a credit of an old bill of \$95 due the borough; the other credit of \$110.30 was the placing of a charge from the borough to the county. The statement of March 2nd, shows the borough was in debt to the county \$704.30. To have been at least fair, McClure should have cut this bill in two, as it was a general borough debt and he was (trying) to act also as an overseer and was justly entitled to assume one-half of the borough's obligations. But this would be too much to ask of the "Shadow" who trains with a dishonest postmaster.

It now becomes my duty to show the borough's assets. The following is a correct statement of our unpublished assets which will wipe out the malicious statement of the *Gazette*:

Am't of cash in hands of S. D. Ray	\$1,340.81
Am't in hands of McClure	29.10
The following are amounts due the Borough and collectable.	
Mrs. Lydia Johnston, Spring twp.	87.80
James Carr, Millia county	80.00
Mrs. Boyer, Walker twp.	63.08
James Galva, Snow Shoe twp.	175.50
Lida Sheridan	124.00
Sarah Sheridan	275.00
Mrs. J. J. J. J.	75.00
Charles Spearley, Patton twp.	75.00
Jacob Smith, Altoona	150.00
Errors found on bills	
C. J. Loss	5.55
Hoover & Miller	42.00
James Schofield	125.00
By F. Fortney, double charge	50.00
Geordick & Hite	2.00
V. J. Baner & Co.	5.00
H. P. Harris, double charge	10.00
Total credits	\$8,342.69

In addition to the above total there are other credits to follow. From this it will readily be seen that the actual indebtedness of the poor department, on June 20, '91, was \$3,123.02, instead of \$6,465.71 as published by WANAMAKER'S employe. This disposes of lie No. 2.

As all persons know the past year was one of unusual distress, owing to the closing of the furnaces and factories, which threw many out of employment and compelled them to call upon

the poor department for relief, which made the necessary expenditures larger than ever. In this situation I acted for the best interests of the people, by giving employment to the many, all of whom were willing to work. On this account the bill of \$42.50 at Harris & Co's. store, was contracted, for tools and dynamite used in the quarries, for breaking stone for our streets. I gave work to about thirty families for almost three months, and as a result I have turned over 737 loads of broken stone for our streets. This cost about \$650; it will be seen on the borough statement that I received a credit of \$200 for the same, leaving a net loss of almost \$400 to my department; but more stone were broken and as a result our streets are now in better condition than ever. The stone and tools have been regularly turned over to THOMAS SHAUGHNESSY, street commissioner. Must I be censured for this? I am satisfied with what I have done.

From all of this it will be seen that McClure was not justified in laying the exorbitant tax of 8 mills for poor purposes. The duplicate assessed at 8 mills will give him \$8,500 this year to meet the actual indebtedness of \$3,123.02, leaving a balance in his hands of \$5,376.98 for what—to pay the \$400 doctor bills he contracted last year, and at the same time for keeping others on his list to secure their support for a re-election.

When I resigned the property purchased by me and placed in the poor house, and there to-day, and turned over to McClure, consists of: furniture and carpets \$40; stoves \$55; beds and bedding \$20; miscellaneous utensils \$20—total value \$115.00, \$50 of this amount having been turned in during the last year.

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