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## The Democratic State Ticket.

FOR THE SUPREME COURT:  
S. L. MESTREZAT,  
of Fayette county.

FOR THE SUPERIOR COURT:  
C. J. REILLY,  
of Lycoming county.

FOR STATE TREASURER:  
W. T. CREAMY,  
of Columbia county.

## The County Ticket.

For Sheriff—CYRUS BRUNGARD.

For Treasurer—W. T. SPEER.

For Recorder—J. C. HARPER.

For Register—ALEX ARCHER.

For Commissioners—(P. H. MEYER,  
DANIEL HECKMAN.)

For Auditors—(J. W. HIBBENS,  
JOHN H. BECK.)

For Coroner—W. U. IRVIN.

## County Expenses Increased Twenty-Six Thousand Dollars a Year.

As yet the Republican board of county commissioners have failed to show how they have met an annual expenditure of over \$63,000, with an annual tax levy which, without deducting commissions for collecting and exonerations, amounts to but \$43,024.18.

They have also failed to explain how they expect to meet this yearly expenditure of over \$63,000 with a tax levy reduced to \$36,877.57, as it has been by the half mill reduction, made for political effect and to deceive the tax payers now that they desire re-election.

The truth is no explanation that they, or any one for them, can make will convince the people who pay the taxes that over sixty thousand dollars of expenses can be met and paid out of a net income amounting to less than forty thousand dollars. So that the plain fact stares them in the face that their certified statement of the county finances is false or that there is a county indebtedness being created of which they say nothing.

Failing to be able to explain the kind of book keeping they have been exhibiting to the public, they attempt to justify their management of county affairs by an effort to prove that it has been almost as economical as that which immediately preceded it, forgetting the one important fact that they were elected in 1896 because the tax payers were dissatisfied with the manner in which county affairs were then managed, and that if they have not improved on that management, they have failed in their promises, as well as in the expectations of those who bear the burden of taxation.

In the figures given out by them, in justification of their method of doing business and of their management of the commissioners office, they admit that they have expended more money each year they have been in office, than the average yearly amount expended during the six years preceding their control, and thousands upon thousands of dollars more than it cost to run the county prior to 1891.

During the three years—1888-'89-'90—when the finances of the county were managed by commissioners HENDERSON and DECKER, and whose administration of affairs was considered and denounced as the most reckless and unbusiness like management ever known in that office, the total expenditure for all purposes for the three years was \$140,557.03 or a yearly average of but \$46,850. In those three years \$34,681.17 was expended in building bridges and \$1,732 for permanent repairs to the public buildings and grounds, thus making the average cost of the ordinary county expenses, outside of bridges and repairs to buildings, both of which are considered permanent improvements, but \$31,046, each year.

Messrs. RIDDLE and FISHER have been in office almost three years. For two of these only have the figures been given showing what their management is costing. From their certified statements it will be seen that in 1897 they paid out for all purposes \$61,251.13 and for 1898, \$63,239.12, making an average yearly of \$62,245.12. Of this amount \$5,140.56 was expended on bridges and \$4,000, as they claim, on repairs to the court house, leaving the average cost of county affairs, without any permanent improvements, under their management \$57,679.89, or twenty-six thousand six hundred and thirty-three dollars and eighty nine cents MORE than it was under the unpopular and reckless management of Messrs. HENDERSON and DECKER.

If we compare the present expenditures with those of the six years preceding the administration of Messrs. HENDERSON and DECKER, when A. J. GRIEST and JOHN WOLF had charge of the business of the commissioners office, the difference will be still more startling.

Why there is extraordinary increase in expenditures we leave the two men who have been instrumental in making it to explain. The county is no larger than it was ten years ago. There is not as much criminal litigation as there was then; there are not as many days of court now as there were then; the assessments are no harder to make now than then; constables have no further to come now than then; there have been a few additional election districts

created that would add to the expense of holding elections probably a couple of hundred dollars, and the county now pays for the ticket printing which it did not then do, which would make an additional increase of three or four hundred dollars. But even admitting that the election expenses have increased to the extent of a thousand dollars, how are the other twenty six thousand dollars to be accounted for.

This is one of the questions that the present managers of the county affairs, should be made to answer before they get a single vote for re-election. It won't do for them to say "we did as well as the Democratic board that preceded us," for such is not the case. But even if it should be so, the work of that board was not approved by the tax-payers, or the present board would not have been elected. It was to effect reforms and better the management of county affairs that Messrs. RIDDLE and FISHER were elected. How they have done it is shown by increased expenditures, to meet which increased valuations and increased millage both had to be resorted to.

—Don't neglect to pay your taxes before Saturday, October 7th.

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—When the present board of commissioners of Centre county get through explaining to the owners of dogs in the county what right they have to levy more taxes on dogs than is necessary to pay for sheep that are killed we will lead them into making a few more blundering admissions of incompetency. So you are counting on \$700 net income from dog tax, are you? Don't you know, Messrs. RIDDLE and FISHER, that you are thus confessing your intention to violate the law your oath of office was taken to uphold? Don't you know that you are not allowed to assess a larger tax on dogs than is required to pay for the sheep that are killed within the year for which the tax is levied?

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—The public school teachers of the State are the ones who should be emphatic in recording their votes against this QUAY-STONE administration. Many of them are teaching for less salaries than they would have earned had STONE not cut down the school appropriations, so that the liquor men would not have to pay a just share of taxes.

## Dewey's Work and Trip.

April 24, 1898.—Ordered away from Hong Kong to Mirs bay, 30 miles distant.  
April 27.—Left Mirs bay for Manila.  
April 30.—Arrived at Point Bolinao, on the island of Luzon. Rendezvoused at Subig bay, 40 miles north of Manila, and resumed the trip to Manila at 6 p. m.  
May 1.—Steamed into Manila bay and destroyed the Spanish fleet under command of Admiral Montojo.  
May 20, 1899.—Left Manila bay for home at 4 m.  
May 23.—Arrived at Hong Kong.  
June 6.—Left Hong Kong, and arrived at Singapore June 11.  
June 22.—Arrived at Colombo, Ceylon.  
June 28.—Left Colombo and arrived at Suez. Passed through the Suez canal, and arrived at Trieste July 20.  
July 3.—Left Trieste and arrived at Naples August 5, and at Leghorn August 13.  
August 22.—Arrived at Villefranche, and remained until August 31. Here the marines were drilled daily for the New York parade.  
Sept. 4.—Arrived at Gibraltar, and left that port for New York September 10.  
Sept. 26—5:55 a. m.—Arrived at New York two days earlier than expected.

## The Great Reading Fair.

Berks county has always been noted for its large and highly successful agricultural exhibitions. The coming exhibition, to be held in the city of Reading, on the 3d, 4th, 5th and 6th of October, judging by the preparations in progress, will eclipse all previous efforts in that direction. Many special attractions have been provided, and the display in every department promises to be very fine. In fruit the county is rarely excelled, and the season having been favorable, a fine assortment of varieties may be expected. The trotting, running and pacing races will be exciting and diversified by a special program of amusements in front of the grand stand, given between the heats. The railroad companies have granted liberal concessions and will run excursions at a single rate of fare for the round trip. Cars run direct to the grounds. Reading is one of the most attractive cities to visit, and is seen at its best during the week of the county fair.

## Admiral Dewey in Home Again.

Voyage of 28,000 Miles Has at Last Come to an End—Two Days Ahead of Time—The Admiral Is in the Best of Health Although Tired After the Two Years of More Than Ordinary Service, Etc.

NEW YORK, September 26.—Admiral George Dewey arrived off New York dawn and the Olympia is now anchored in American waters in sight of Sandy Hook. The first shout of welcome was from the pilots and crews of pilot boat No. 7 fifteen miles south of the Hook lighthouse. It happened to be Pilot John Peterson's turn, and he was the first to hail the admiral. Dewey and the Olympia are now anchored in American waters in sight of Sandy Hook. The first shout of welcome was from the pilots and crews of pilot boat No. 7 fifteen miles south of the Hook lighthouse. It happened to be Pilot John Peterson's turn, and he was the first to hail the admiral. Dewey and the Olympia are now anchored in American waters in sight of Sandy Hook. The first shout of welcome was from the pilots and crews of pilot boat No. 7 fifteen miles south of the Hook lighthouse. It happened to be Pilot John Peterson's turn, and he was the first to hail the admiral.

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## A Frightful Accident.

Four Men Ground to Pieces Near Elizabeth Furnace.

A short distance east of Ale's crossing, a mile below Elizabeth Furnace, a distressing accident occurred about twenty minutes past 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, when four men were ground to pieces by engine 1276 passing over their bodies. Engineer John H. Curry and conductor Joseph Edmondson, whose homes are in Tyrone, had taken a train of empty cars from Harrisburg to Altoona Tuesday afternoon, and were on the way to Tyrone at the time named above with the engine and cab. Coming this way the engine was reversed and consequently the tender was ahead.

At the point where the accident occurred an east bound freight train was moving on track No. 2 while Mr. Curry's engine was on track No. 1, directly along side the freight train. The air was heavy and the smoke from the engine of the freight train settled about the tracks and obstructed the view completely. It is not definitely known, but supposed that four men were walking east on track No. 1, and were run down by engine No. 1276, the noise of the train on the other track preventing them from hearing the approach of the engine behind them, while the smoke and the darkness of the night hid them entirely from the view of the engineer. They were evidently knocked down and rolled beneath the tender and engine, and later on passed over by several trains moving east before their mangled bodies were discovered by a watchman.

The tank connected with Engineer Curry's engine contained but little water and coal, and for that reason jostled about considerably and prevented Mr. Curry from noticing any jar that may have occurred when the men were struck. When the engine arrived at Tyrone Mr. Curry discovered blood and pieces of garments on his engine, which was the first intimation that he had of the accident. He immediately reported the matter to the Altoona office. The men were horribly mangled; but two of their faces were recognizable yet Wednesday morning had there been any one present who knew them. They were young men not tramps, it is supposed, but on the way possibly to DuBois. An envelope found contained the name and address of James Hazlett, Wellsboro. A shirng further was discovered by which they could be identified.

Later in the night coroner McCarthy was notified of the accident. He held an inquest but no further information could be ascertained, and a verdict of accidental death was rendered. The remains were gathered up Wednesday forenoon and conveyed to Lafferty undertaking establishment at Altoona and prepared for burial. Later it was learned that the names of the unfortunate quartet are: James Hazlett Jr., James H. Kerwan and John H. Dickinson, all of Wellsboro, Pa., and Richard McKay, alias Richard Joseph Adams, of Providence, R. I.

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## Dewey Ready for To-Day.

Olympia Moved Majestically up the Lower Bay and Passed Through the Picturesque Strait and Began Her Run—Noting Welcome from Thousands Upon Thousands Witnessed It From Shore, Balcony, Window or House-top.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—Through frolicking which the Olympia moved majestically up the lower bay to-day and passed through the picturesque strait, guarded by Forts Wadsworth and Hamilton, amid the booming of great guns, and there, inside the city gates, Admiral Dewey and his gallant staff received the glorious, thunderous salutes of the steeler and the sailors of their steady ship glided up to her position at the head of the column, there to remain until the great naval pageant starts on Friday. Never, perhaps, did a triumphant warrior returning from a victorious campaign receive a more impressive welcome. Although thousands upon thousands witnessed it from shore, balcony, window or house-top, and the man-of-war anchored at Tompkinsville, where the fleet lay, fairly swarmed with tugs, yachts and steamers and every sort of harbor craft, all jet black with wild, cheering, exulting people, and the towering white walls of the city were everywhere with a million of welcoming faces, to-day's greeting to Dewey was the greeting of his comrades of the navy. And it was eminently fitting that his comrades in arms should have the first chance at him whom the millions are waiting to honor. The people will begin to get at him on Friday and Saturday.

The sides were manned, the marine guard was paraded and seventeen roaring guns were loosed in honor of Dewey. The Chicago's jacksies cheered wildly as she steamed past. The Olympia responded with thirteen guns, and the two admirals, come together from the two ends of the earth, waved a welcome to each other from the bridges of their respective vessels. The tugs and harbor craft which had been hovering about since daylight, tooting and shrieking their salutations at every opportunity, fell into her wake and puffed proudly up behind her. Every vessel she passed gave her a rapturous salute, and, as the shipping increased, the noisy demonstrations became almost continuous. The figure of the hero of the day was in full relief against the sky as he stood upon the bridge chatting with Assistant Secretary Allen and the group of officers. He occasionally turned and bowed to the noisy crowd.

The grassy heights of both Wadsworth and Hamilton were thronged with spectators as she approached the Narrows. Suddenly a tongue of red flames leaped from the granite side of Fort Wadsworth, and like the recoil came a streak of fire from the granite wall on the opposite side.

DEAFENING ROAR OF SALUTE.  
Then alternately from each side, came the deafening roar of an admiral's salute of seventeen guns.  
Slowly and majestically the Olympia passed the smoke-wreathed forts, answering the salute, gun for gun, until she became so enveloped in her own smoke that it seemed she might have broken her steam chest. Then she passed through the steam curtain and stood revealed before the whole Atlantic squadron, waiting an anchor off Tompkinsville to receive her. Every bit of brass and gilt on every ship of the receiving column had been burnished, every spot on the white hulls painted over and every marine and sailor locked in his best. Every officer had donned his most showy uniform.

—Consumption caused the death of Clara, the eldest daughter of Charles Bresler, at her home in Aaronsburg on Monday. She had been ill for several months. Deceased was 22 years old and is survived by her father, two sisters and six brothers. Rev. Wolf conducted funeral services in the Lutheran church at that place on Wednesday.

—Lewis Shimmel, of Cold Stream, near Philipsburg, died Friday afternoon as a result of a third stroke of paralysis which he suffered some time previous. He was born in 1829 and was twice married; his second wife with three children surviving him.

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For many years deceased was a shoe maker in Millheim; later moving to Sugarvalley, thence to the home of his son-in-law, where he died. He was 87 years old and is survived by eight children.

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—Hon. W. H. Mayer died in his apartments in Look Haven early last Friday morning as a result of diseases that followed an attack of grip last winter. "Col." Mayer was a brother of Judge Mayer, of Look Haven, and was one of the town's foremost, as well as most popular residents. The thousands of Centre countians who became acquainted with this affable, courtly gentleman during the inter-county picnics at Hecla park will be genuinely sorry to hear that he is dead. For as Mayor of Look Haven he was the soul of cordiality and good fellowship and was an ornament to that city. He was born at Chambersburg, March 17th, 1833.

## Alvin Ertle, of Howard, a 19 Year Old Boy.

was tussling with a friend in that place Friday night, when he fell and struck his head against a stake. He was rendered unconscious and carried home in that condition; dying on Saturday morning. Ertle had but one arm and was employed to carry the mail from the station to the post office and was also Western Union messenger at Howard. He was the son of Jacob Ertle, of Milesburg.