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The County Statement.

We give in connection herewith about all there is of interest to the tax-payers of the county in the auditor's annual statement of county receipts and expenditures for 1907, which, it is said, will appear in full in two of the county papers the present week. The entire statement will occupy, we are told, nearly as much space as the commissioner's annual statement as required heretofore, but in detail it will be a bitter disappointment so far as the county expenditures are concerned. In fact the following statement is all the information given the people as to who received, and the purpose for which the tax-payers were required to pay \$73,543.56 as ordinary county expenditures. This is the amount it seems that it cost to run the county outside of its 'Loan Account.' Heretofore the tax-payer has been given to know to whom every cent that had been collected from them as taxes went and for what purpose it had been paid. Assessor's pay, bridge bills, Commonwealth costs, court house expenditures, printing bills, constable's pay, scalp accounts, jail expense bills, sheriff's accounts, miscellaneous expenditures, etc., were set out in detail, so that each tax-payer knew exactly whether his money had been judiciously expended or not. Now these are all lumped and if any one has reason to believe that there may have been over or unjust payments made, he can convince himself only by an examination of the Commissioner's books.

As to the taxes assessed, the collections made, etc., the most minute detail is given, but in the most important matter, as to who and for what the county money was paid out the only detail given is the following:

Table with 2 columns: Description of account and Amount. Includes Auditor's Account, Assessor's Account, Asylum Account, Bridges Account, Commonwealth Costs, Court Expenses, Court House Expenses, Court Expenses, Commonwealth of Penna., Constable's Pay, Corl James, Commissioners Expenses, Dunlap, John L., Election Expense, Fire Warden's Account, Gettig, Bower & Zery, Huntington Reformatory, Inquest Account, Janitor's Account, Jail Expense, Jury Commission, Kimport, A. B., Kline Henry, Lunacy Account, Loan Account, Miscellaneous Account, Printing Account, Lunacy Account, Miscellaneous Account, Primary Election Account, Road and Bridge Views, Registrar Account, Scalp Account, Soldiers' Burial Account, State Tax Account, Turnpike Account, Tax Entry Accounts.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Amount from County Commissioners, Tax Collectors, Unassessed Land Tax, Liquor License, Total County Income.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes ASSETS AND LIABILITIES JAN. 1, 1908. Assets: Cash in Treasurer's hands, Due from Commonwealth, Due from townships for Asylum bills, Due from Unassessed Land Tax, Out-Standing Taxes, 1901 to 1907, Bills Receivable, Tax Licenses Entered, Liabilities in Excess of Assets. Liabilities: Amount due A. B. Kimport, Notes and interest outstanding January 1, 1908, Commonwealth Costs—unpaid, Asylum Amount Due, Due Western Penitentiary, Due Huntington Reformatory, Estimated Commonwealth Land Tax, Exonerations.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes ADDITIONAL LOCALS. Dawson, Weaver, Saylor, Loder, Wolf, Harman, Stover, Law, Gable, Houseman.

MANN.—Several months ago George W. Mann, of Blanchard, became ill and his complaint completely baffled the attending physicians. Not being able to do anything to help him he was taken to the Lock Haven hospital. An operation was attempted last Thursday but it was at once evident that the man's condition was such that he could not recover. Internal tumors were the cause of his trouble and he died on Friday afternoon. Deceased was aged fifty-one years and has lived at Blanchard most all his life, being employed in the woods as a lumberman. He is survived by his wife, one son, Claire, who is employed in the Democrat's book bindery, in Lock Haven; and two daughters, Etta and Merris. He also leaves the following brothers and sisters: Wm., Robert, John and Edward, of Johnsonburg; Mrs. Charles H. Long, of Mill Hall, and Mrs. Rosser and Miss Ella Mann also of Johnsonburg. The remains were taken to Blanchard on Saturday afternoon from where the funeral was held on Monday afternoon, interment being made at Romola.

WEAVER.—George Weaver, a native of Centre county, died at his home at Dix at an early hour last Friday morning, after an illness of over five years of some time had been a resident of Altoona but late had resided at Dix. He was a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America and a man well liked by all who knew him. He was unmarried and is survived by three brothers and five sisters: Jerry, of Altoona; Samuel, of Lemont; Wesley, of Dix; Mrs. Anna Sharrah, of Tyrone; Mrs. Sarah Johnson, of Dix; Mrs. Ella McAllister and Mrs. Harriet McAllister, of Jersey Shore, and Mrs. Alice Irwin, of Bradock. The funeral took place on Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, interment being made in the Cross Roads cemetery.

SAYLOR.—Mrs. Edith Saylor, wife of Lion Saylor, died on Wednesday of last week at the home of her parents in Paxson town. She had been in bad health for several years and her death was the result. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward McGinness and was born in Belleville. Surviving her are her husband and two children, Edward and Beatrice, as well as her parents and a number of brothers and sisters living in Paxson town. The funeral took place on Saturday.

LADIES' RUBBER BOOTS, \$1.50, men's lumberman's gus \$1.00 at Yeagers.

EVIDENTLY A CASE OF SUICIDE.—On the 7th of last December Theodore Messer, postmaster at Clarence, left his residence to go to the postoffice a short distance away but never reached there. A search was instituted as soon as it was discovered the man was missing but no trace of him could be found and his disappearance was shrouded in mystery until last Saturday afternoon when the dead body of the missing man was found in the woods nearby by Frank Uzzle and another man who were out hunting. A bullet wounded in the right temple and a revolver clutched tightly in his hand told only too plainly the manner of his death, which was undoubtedly a plain case of suicide. Mr. Messer had evidently gone direct from his home to the woods and killed himself and a deep snow falling a few days thereafter prevented the body from being discovered sooner. Just why he killed himself is also a mystery as his financial condition was all right and so far as known he had no trouble of any kind. He was a veteran of the Civil war and is survived by his wife and five children. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon.

MEYERS.—Joseph C. Meyers, of the Branch, and Miss Elsie May Peters, of Oak Hall, were married at the Lutheran parsonage in Boolsburg on Wednesday evening by Rev. J. I. Stonecypher. Both young people are quite well known and are now receiving the congratulations of their many friends.

WOLF.—Mrs. Anna M. Wolf, widow of the late William Wolf, a former prominent resident of Centre Hall, died at the home of her son, J. Wm. Wolf, at Ardmore, on Friday night. She had been sick for a long time, her ailment being paralysis and a general breaking down of the system owing to her advanced age, and on Monday night of last week she sank into a sleep, or semi-comatose condition, from which she never awakened. She is survived by one son, J. Wm. Wolf, of Ardmore, and one sister, Mrs. Isaac Smith, of Centre Hall. The remains were taken to Centre Hall Monday afternoon and burial was made direct from the train.

HARMAN.—Jackson Harman, who has been a resident of Philipsburg the past twenty years, died last Friday morning after an illness of some weeks. He was born in Millin county and was past seventy-nine years of age. Surviving him are his wife and the following children: John, of Salsburg; Dr. L. C. Harman, Miss Annie and Mrs. John A. Dale, all of Philipsburg. The funeral was held on Monday afternoon, interment being made in the Philipsburg cemetery.

HULL.—While out in the corn crib getting corn, last Sunday, John Hull, who lives on the Brockerhoff farm near Falmore, fell dead as the result of heart failure. He had only recently moved to Buffalo Run from the Harshberger farm near Milesburg. He is survived by a wife and family of children, as well as two sisters. The funeral was held on Wednesday.

STOVER.—Samuel S. Stover, who for a number of years past made his home with the Misses Bible, near Centre Hall, died on Wednesday of last week, of pneumonia. He was seventy-two years old and is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Maggie Catherine, of Milmont. The funeral was held on Saturday, interment being made at Centre Hall.

LAW.—Mrs. Mary A. Law, widow of George B. Law, of Altoona, and a sister of the Mrs. Sprankle, of this place, died at the home of her daughter, in Philadelphia, on Saturday morning, of a complication of diseases. She had been ill for nine weeks. The remains were taken to Altoona where the funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon.

PIKE GROVE MENTION.—A. B. Tanyer, of Pittsburg, is on a lay off among his old friends here. Elery Parsons visited friends at Unionville several days last week. The snow banks are slowly disappearing but many roads are still closed. Ira Corman and family spent Sunday at their former home at White Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Elder are mourning the death of their baby girl, a week old. Jesse, son of George Jordan, is a very sick boy, suffering from an attack of pneumonia. Our general friend A. E. Zeigler had a tumble last week, sustaining a broken collar bone. That prince of good fellows, Jim Watt, spent part of last week at his boyhood home in the Glades. A. A. Fletcher, candidate for register, was interviewed by Democratic friends in this section last week. The Presbyterian church here last Monday evening was filled to hear Rev. J. C. Fulton's temperance address. G. W. Potter, wife and baby boy were visitors at the Lloyd Brown home down Pennsylvan last week. Miss Bell Woomer, a Juniata school teacher, spent Sunday at her parental home, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Woomer. The mated team of colts at the Hartwick sale last Thursday were knocked down to Hon. J. W. Kepler at \$441. A. F. Smith crossed old Tussey mountain Saturday on horseback and was like the dog who didn't catch the rabbit. The famous bird, the stork, left a nice girl baby at Charley Aikens and a big boy at John D. Dreibleis last week. Master John Krebs Bailey, who was seriously ill last week, is much better. The doctor thinks the danger mark is past. A. M. Brown shipped a car load of horses to the eastern market Monday. They were nice ones and ought to bring high prices. Geo. T. Miller, who has been holding down an arm chair all winter suffering with sciatica, is now in the clutches of the grip. Miss Claire Boret, after a two months visit among her many friends hereabouts, left for her home at Spruce Creek Saturday. G. B. Campbell intends to quit farming but not work, as he is only getting in proper shape for a lot of real hard work at building a barn. Jesse Pennington is housed up nursing several broken ribs caused by a fall, and his chum, Adrian Murtoff, is ill with bronchial trouble. Henry Kyle, one of Gatesburg's successful farmers, attended the Laird sale on the mountain Saturday and bought a fine horse for \$163. Mrs. John H. Strouse is confined to her room with the mumps. Teacher Wm. Garner, of Oak Grove school, is also afflicted with the same malady. Mrs. George Dale has been a very sick lady the past two weeks but is now convalescing nicely and her many friends hope for her permanent recovery. Harry B. Gohsen was taken to the Altoona hospital Sunday afternoon and operated upon that night for appendicitis. It was a critical case and his life is despaired of. The Presbyterian church at Boolsburg caught fire from the fire on Sunday evening and only from the hard work of a bucket brigade was it saved from destruction. James W. Larimer, a former Pine Grove Mills boy but now of Mt. Carroll Ill., has been ill most of the winter with a complication of diseases, but is now on a fair way to recovery. A heavy electric storm passed over this section Sunday afternoon. Lightning flashed and thunder rolled as though in mid summer. Rain poured down in torrents and since then it has been quite colder. The Frank Lohr sale at Shingletown Friday brought a big crowd of farmers and their wives looking for bargains, but they had to pay for what they got. Over \$2,100 were realized and he retained enough to keep on farming. Farmer and stockman Wm. Thompson with his two in-hand high steppers was trying to do his part in making the roads passable instead of lounging behind the cook stove awaiting some one else to do what he ought to do himself. Last Sunday evening the M. E. church was well filled though Rev. E. H. McKelvey's last sermon before taking his final leave for the M. E. conference in York. The reverend was a faithful pastor and a good citizen and did much to advance the Master's cause throughout his life. We wish him God speed in his new field of labor wherever he may be assigned. James C. Sample, an old Pine Grove Mills boy but for the last quarter of a century a resident of Kansas, is for the first time visiting his boyhood home. The Sample corner is well remembered by the older citizens as the most prominent place in town. Jim says the Sunflower State is a great country but he again longs to view old Tussey's lofty peaks and the fertile fields of old Pennsylvan, as well as the old Pine Grove Mills academy where he used to make very faces over knotty problems. He and his brother Robert will take a jaunt to greater New York for the next ten days and will round up their visit here before returning to their homes. Father time has dealt most gently with them.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.—At a meeting of Branch No. 722, National Association of Letter Carriers, located at Belleville, Pa., on the 29th day of February, 1908, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: Resolved, That in view of the kindly interest shown toward the Letter Carriers of the United States by the Honorable Boies Penrose as President of the Senate Committee on Postoffice and Post-roads, at the last session of Congress, we extend him our heartfelt thanks for his friendly attitude in our behalf, and that we deeply appreciate his work for the enhancement of our cause. E. C. WOODS, President. E. E. ARDERY, Secretary.

DELIVERANCE OF THE CHURCHES ON LOCAL OPTION.—On May 22nd, 1907, this action was taken by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church. Resolved, That the General Assembly, U. S. A., most heartily commends the American Anti-Saloon League as a safe, sane and efficient organization in the advancement of the great cause of temperance, and pledges thereto the fullest cooperation consistent with the constitution of the church. The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Pennsylvania, at its session in Philadelphia last October adopted the following resolution: Resolved, That the Synod of Pennsylvania express hearty sympathy with the work of the Anti-Saloon League, and all organized work for the overthrow of intemperance, and all forms of business connected therewith. The Synod also at the same meeting through its standing committee on morals and temperance said, "An encouraging feature is the universal plucking up of courage in the work of temperance. If other states can secure local option what hinders Pennsylvania? Although last year's effort for a local option bill failed yet the agitation of the question has aroused a tremendous public sentiment. It ripples in the conscience of a good many that had not cared to take a stand that the liquor influence was able to defeat a measure that was evidently fair. If the influence of the churches and of Christian life be put behind the movement, there is no doubt the next legislature will enact a suitable bill. The Synod rejoices in all agencies that sincerely labor for the overthrow of intemperance."

THE PENNSYLVANIA METHODIST EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE on March 27th, 1907, declared, "That we deprecate the action of the House of Representatives of our Legislature in failing to place the Craven Local Option Bill, on the calendar for consideration in open session; that while we are disappointed we are not finally defeated; that we urge the Anti-Saloon League to continue the fight for the destruction of the saloon in our state, and that we will support the Anti-League in its great struggle, by our prayers, sympathy, means and votes."

THE PENNSYLVANIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION in annual conference at New Castle, Pennsylvania, on Oct. 20th, 1907, adopted the following declaration: "We hail with gratitude to God the evidences of a general awakening of the American conscience on the question of the legalized liquor traffic. The recent thrilling victories in Georgia and Oklahoma, which promise to be soon repeated in several other Southern States, we believe to be the beginning of the end of national complicity in this iniquity. Not only in the South but also in the North are evidences that the movement is not sectional but national. As Pennsylvanians we are confronted with a duty and a hopeful prospect. We are in the midst of a struggle which should enlist every Key-stone patriot. Under the leadership of the federated churches, the Anti-Saloon League, the fight is being carried on in the Legislature. As Pennsylvanians we believe that every citizen should endorse any candidate for the next Legislature who cannot be trusted to vote for a bill expressive of the best temperance sentiment."

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA, at Rehersburg, this conference in September, 1907, made this declaration on temperance: "It is a great pleasure to note the advance that is being made along all lines of temperance reform for the overthrow of the traffic in strong drink. In our national Legislature the forward steps in recent years have been marked. It behooves all Christians to aid in every move for the overthrow of this monstrous sin."

Resolved, That this Synod, most heartily endorse the work of the Anti-Saloon League and commend it to the sympathy, support and co-operation of our people."

THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE SAME CHURCH at its session at Sandusky, Pa., in May, 1907, passed the following resolution: Resolved, "That the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church reiterate its declaration of hostility to the traffic in intoxicating liquors and urge our ministry and laity to wage a relentless warfare against this great curse of human kind."

THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CONFERENCE which met at Reading within a month made this strong declaration for local option and pledged its co-operation with the Anti-Saloon League in the following language: "As representatives of the best sentiment of the state, we herewith give expression to our demand for a State law which will give every citizen the American right to vote out of our midst the cursed liquor traffic. To this end we call upon all our voting members as well as upon every patriotic citizen of whatever creed, to endorse at the primaries and support by their vote at the election any candidate for the Legislature who is not pledged to support a bill embodying the best temperance sentiment."

"We most heartily congratulate the Anti-Saloon League of Pennsylvania on the place of power, leadership and influence that it has reached throughout the State as a result of securing a local option law, and express the conviction that the League represents the best skill and practical efforts all the details necessary to success; and we, the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, composed of 100 clerical and lay members, representing more than 10,000 communicants, pledge our united and hearty co-operation with the Anti-Saloon League in the choice of men unequivocally pledged to the Anti-Saloon option law in the coming session of the Legislature."

THE UNITED BRETHREN at their annual conference held in Clearfield in September, 1907, on the temperance question declared as follows: "All classes suffer from the ravages of this monster. It is an enemy to the nation, the State, the home, and the church. It corrupts government, embitters domestic life, retards the progress of the kingdom of God, and damns multitudes of souls. The shame of the whole matter is, not so much that it is here, but that this nation has attempted to legalize the curse, and thus has become a partner in its crime. It is apparent to all that the balance of political power in the hands of our country is in the hands of the liquor interests. The experience of our own state in our last Legislature is a proof of the influence of the liquor power in politics. But the sky is not altogether dark. There have been some hopeful signs of coming day. A great temperance crusade is on in our nation. It is declared from reliable sources that more than one-half of the territory of the United States is today prohibition territory. Vigorous and continued effort at the same rate will soon win. The Reformed denomination takes as strong ground against the traffic in intoxicating liquors as any of the churches but as the General Synod only meets once in three years it has made no recent deliverance on the question. These resolutions and declarations come from the Courts of the denominations named and are only given after the most careful and thoughtful deliberation. The ecclesiastical bodies from which these deliverances come are the leaders in the Christian thought and manhood of the churches they represent. They are made to guide, direct and help their membership in their action and conduct in their relation to the church and the world. None are more fully aware of the great evil and sin caused by the 'Liquor Traffic' than the ministers and their faithful membership and adherents. Those various utterances, in whatever

Robins and black birds are becoming quite plentiful and spring weather is evidently not far off. Moving day is rapidly approaching, and dwellings here are scarce. No doubt some families will be forced to "double up."

Commercial agents stopping off here report business on the road very quiet, merchants buying only what they must have and then in small quantities. They seem to be sailing close to the shore and taking no risks. All our school houses and town hall doors should be changed at once to open outward and not wait for another frightful tragedy similar to the North Collinwood holocaust. And when the rooms are occupied they should never be locked.

On Wednesday evening last Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Malinay were overwhelmed by a very large surprise party, who had taken possession of the parsonage during their absence at a tea, an absence which had been purposely arranged. Rev. and Mrs. Malinay were expecting a few friends on that evening and in consequence made only a brief visit but had not the remotest idea that it would prove a multitude, and on their return home, of course, were astounded at the numbers, but soon recovering from their astonishment realized at once that it was a well organized surprise party and entered into the spirit of the occasion with a hearty good will. The entertainment was an elegant and brilliant affair. Mirth, pleasure and enjoyment reigned supreme. The supper was on the order of a banquet. The tables were beautifully set and lavishly furnished with substantial and dainties of a choice and most inviting character. There was nothing lacking, everything in profusion. The committee of arrangements deserve all praise for the admirable and skillful manner in which they had everything planned and arranged to insure comfort and pleasure to the guests. It was an evening not soon to be forgotten. After expressing themselves as having been charmingly entertained, and with many regrets at his withdrawal from this charge and assuring him of always having their well wishes, at rather a late hour all retired to their respective homes. The pound packages received nearly filled two bushel baskets. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Kenneley, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Kenneley, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Royer, Mr. and Mrs. D. Sweetwood, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Gramley, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smith and daughter, Mrs. Susan Ruhl, Mrs. Maggie Ruhl, Mrs. Jacob Hazel, Mrs. Jerry Snaveley, Mrs. F. McClellan, Mrs. H. S. Braucht, Mrs. C. A. Krapp, Mrs. H. F. Rossmann, Mrs. J. H. Rishel, Mrs. John Meyers, Mrs. John Snaveley son and daughter, Mrs. Tressler and daughter, Mrs. Jerry Confer, Mrs. H. Grove, Mrs. Zorby, Mrs. Sue Hanna and son, Mrs. B. Bitner, Mrs. G. N. Wolf, Mrs. Amanda Leitzell, Mrs. D. M. McCool and daughter, Mrs. W. E. Zeigler, Mrs. H. I. Brian, Mrs. C. E. Donahy, Mrs. C. C. Bartsge, Mrs. T. Brown, Mrs. N. Bitner, Misses Rena Shires, Lobby Fredericks, Cora Brunst, Mary Woods, Annie Ruhl, Louis Burrell, Ella S. Cummings Lizzie Stover, Messrs. George Getzel, M. Weigley and daughter, and Cal Kenneley. Rev. Malinay withdraws from the Pennsylvania charge, after five years of faithful service, to the regret of a vast majority of his flock, almost a unanimity. Of course he could have continued had he wished, but owing to the opposition of less than a half a dozen of the dissatisfied, who are never pleased with anyone but themselves, and will rule if possible or ruin, he considered it beneath his dignity to remain when there was the slightest opposition and deemed it best to make a change, even when the minority could be counted with the fingers and it would not require both hands to do it. We are very sorry to lose Rev. Malinay. He is a good citizen, an able clergyman and a polished gentleman.

George Williams returned from Philipsburg Friday. Sunday brought us a heavy thundershower accompanied by hail. Mrs. Carrie Hontz and G. W. Ralston are grip sufferers this week. The mumps is still holding full sway in town and in Honesville. W. H. Mokie and wife Sundayed at the home of their son John, of Howard. The Methodist sociable held at James Osman's last Thursday evening was a success in every way. Hammon Sechler was in town Wednesday looking up his interests for the county treasury nomination. James Blair moved his family from Alto, Tuesday, into Clayton Eters' tenant house, he intending working for him. Mrs. John Fishel had the misfortune to fall one day last week and hurt herself, and now is suffering with tonsillitis. Thursday and Friday of last week were high-water days for Spring creek, but it seems there was no damage done. Paul Noll, the hustling teacher of our township High school, moved into part of Mrs. Margaret Williams' house, Tuesday. Rev. Sechrist, the United Evangelical minister, was returned by conference, to this charge and it is hoped that he will be well received by the congregation, and that he may be the means of doing much good.

Spring Fashion Number.—The Pittsburg Sunday Dispatch Making Special Appeal to Ladies. Twice a year The Pittsburg Sunday Dispatch will publish a special fashion number calculated to meet the requirements of the ladies. The Spring number will appear Sunday, March 22, and will contain a whole cartload of information pertaining to spring apparel. The very latest and most authentic fashions, pictured and described, will come from reliable representatives in Paris and Vienna, with all the news and hints applicable to those who must buy their spring clothing in Pittsburg or hereabout. All the newest designs for suits, spring wraps, hats, bonnets, children's clothing, lingerie and embroidery will be found in the number. Also a page for the Home Dressmaker, which will tell you how to make up your spring outfit. Every lady in this district should have this great Spring Fashion number. Keep it to show your dressmaker, and you can explain to her just how you wish to have your gown made. The Pittsburg Sunday Dispatch of March 22 is the one. Don't miss it.