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A Dirty Lie Nailed.

"GEORGE YARNELL, the Republican candidate for Sheriff, is a friend of the old soldier. He never branded the Grand Army button as the 'badge of government paupers.'"—*Bellefonte Republican*.

"GEORGE YARNELL, Republican nominee for Sheriff, has the highest respect for the boys who wore the blue in defense of the flag. This explains why the DEMOCRATIC WATCHMAN is so bitterly opposed to YARNELL and so deeply interested in the election of LEE. Mr. YARNELL is not the type of man who would insult the old soldier by calling him a government pauper."—*Bellefonte Republican*.

The above two items we get from the *Bellefonte Republican* of last week. As no one has ever charged that Mr. YARNELL had spoken of either the Grand Army button or the old soldiers in the contemptuous manner stated, and these assertions were not published in his defense, there could be but two other purposes in sending out the dirty innuendoes; the one to give the old soldiers and their friends, the impression that Mr. LEE had so spoken; the other to suggest to men, unprincipled enough to resort to such methods, a hint to manufacture and circulate a base and infamous falsehood against one of our best citizens and as true a friend of the old soldiers as lives within the county.

Decent men scorn such methods, but to the disgrace of us all there are those permitted to live and claim citizenship among us, who are neither honest, decent or truthful. Some of them have already framed this suggestion of an unprincipled publication into a campaign lie and started it on its rounds. We heard it told last week out in Curtin township, as an actual truth, by a man who had never seen or spoken to Mr. LEE, or couldn't tell where, at what time, to whom, or upon what occasion he had so expressed himself. He simply asserted that "it was a fact and he knew it to be so." It is unnecessary to say that this fellow was out working in the interest of Mr. YARNELL and in place of trying to show that he was fit for and deserving of the place, was attempting to poison the few old soldiers left against Mr. LEE, whose qualification for the office, whose worth as a citizen and whose manly and decent way of electioneering are bringing to him such hosts of friends.

To prove the baselessness of this dirty fabrication as well as to show the public what contemptible and disreputable methods the *Republican* and some of those working for YARNELL are stooping to, this paper is authorized to offer \$100, to be paid over to any hospital, church or other charity that Mr. Yarnell and his friends may name, if they will produce a single reputable citizen who will place Mr. Lee and under oath give time, place, and occasion on which he stigmatized the "Grand Army button as the badge of government paupers," or "insulted the old soldier by calling him a government mendicant."

Here, Mr. *Republican*, and Mr. YARNELL, is a chance to make good your unmanly and your cowardly insinuations,—if there is any truth in them; and at the same time earn for any deserving charity you name, aid to the amount of the figures given?

Will you undertake it? Dare you undertake it?
Or will you sit down, branded as common liars and unprincipled prevaricators, without manliness enough to undo a wrong that you have wilfully and willingly committed.

—The postal bank established at Hazleton recently has proved a disappointment. That is to say only a very few deposits have been made thus far and the amounts of them were meager. As a matter of fact the postal banks are an unnecessary makeshift. They will be little used in communities where there are banking facilities without them except when currency famine frightens the public and then they will be made a vehicle for draining the currency of the country into Wall street, to the detriment of local enterprises and business prosperity.

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Farmer's Are Interested.

No man has greater interest in the result of the election than the rural resident. Year after year we hear, after the event, that this farmer or that failed to vote for the reason that he was husking corn or attending to some other farm work and couldn't spare the hour or two necessary to go to the election. Probably he is the owner of a farm worth eight or ten thousand dollars or more and had, horses in plenty to convey him in a quick trip to the polls. But he felt that he could husk a shock or two of corn in that time, bad weather is impending and he simply can't endure the thought of such loss. Meantime through his neglect to vote unfit candidates are chosen.

No man, especially no farmer and land owner can afford to neglect his civic duties. The election of an unfit board of County Commissioners will cost the average farmer each year more than the loss of the entire product of a five acre field of corn would amount to. A board of Commissioners lacking in judgment or wanting in integrity will waste more in the building of bridges, repairing of roads and caring for public property than the damage to crops will amount to even if the husking of corn is delayed a month. The profligacy of a careless board of Commissioners must be made up by increasing the taxes or neglecting needed improvements in some direction.

Besides the election of unfit men to the county offices works a deterioration of the value of property in the county effected. For example a man intending to buy real estate will ascertain, before he invests, the tax rate and if it is above the average he won't buy there. If the tax rate isn't above the average he looks at the amount of public indebtedness and calculates the prospect of their being increased. If the taxes are to be increased he won't buy. It is the certainty of an increase of taxation and the 30 year mortgage that ZIMMERMAN and WOODRING have fastened upon us, that lessens the selling value of our farms. Fit public officials don't allow things to get into the condition your matters are in this county and the only way to secure good officials is to go to the polls every year and vote for that sort of men. In this county the Democratic candidates, MR. NOLL and MR. GROVE are fit and every man should vote for them. WOODRING and ZIMMERMAN, who will be re-elected if Democrats fail to go to the polls, have been tried. You know what a failure they have proven. Their 30 year mortgage on your farms tells that.

—The death of JOSEPH PULTZER, editor of the *New York World*, is a distinct loss to journalism and the country. His career exemplified the possibilities of courage, integrity and intelligence and his work was a public benefice. Less than fifty years ago he came to this country without money or influence and before his death he was able to accomplish results which improved the conditions of human life in all parts of the world. The newspaper which he conducted so long and so ably is a fit monument of his achievements.

Get Out the Vote.

Getting out the vote is no easy task even if the party organization is approximately complete. In every rural community there are men who find it difficult to go to the polls. Some are busy with their corn, others have their threshing to look after and many are physically unable to go long distances to vote, even if they have the time. Organization to meet and overcome these difficulties should receive the attention of all Democratic voters between this time and the closing of the polls next Tuesday evening. There are various ways by which the result may be achieved. The easiest way is the best and it is the duty of party workers to reason out the easiest way.

Old, infirm and physically ill voters should be taken to the polls in conveyances. To accomplish this result it isn't necessary that all the vehicles in a community be employed. One or two are ample and a fund should be provided by small contributions to pay the expenses of this service. But the conveyances should be at hand and ready at all times during election day. It is a mistake to leave the infirm or sick voters until near the close of the polls in the evening. As a matter of fact they should be brought out early in the day so that they may have plenty of time to prepare and deposit their ballots at the least possible sacrifice of comfort. In the evening there is always a rush.

The party workers at the polls should have a complete roster of the voters and know at any given time during the day not only who has voted but who has not. Without such preparation confusion is certain to ensue and confusion invariably results in the loss of votes. With such method in operation every voter can be brought to the polls every time. Even voters who are inclined to be indifferent will be awakened to a sense of civic obligations by such evidence of energy and vigilance in party management. The principal cause of political lethargy is want of confidence in results and methods while industry and activity inspire confidence. Let Centre county set an example to the State.

—Democrats if you have a neighbor who is physically unable to go to the polls next Tuesday, help him in whatever way will best achieve the result. It will be a service to the country as well as a help to your neighbor.

Let Us Hire New Managers.

By this time next week the election in Centre county will have been held and whether the result proves satisfactory to the taxpayers depends entirely upon the way the majority of them vote on Tuesday.

The WATCHMAN has no last cards to spring. It has no desire to beg of the minds of its readers or present anything other than a resume of the facts that have been brought out in this campaign. It seems to us that they are more than enough to convince the reasonable man that there should be a change in the management of the business affairs of the county.

In the first place the Democratic party presents candidates for every office to be filled who are beyond reproach, both as to their fitness and moral characters. If we are not mistaken every man is actively identified with a church. This, in itself, is a notable condition and only goes to show that the Democratic party has been mindful of the public demand for clean men for the public service. You may have observed that both the *Gazette* and the *Republican* have repeatedly been congratulating themselves and calling attention to the fact that they were not in for a campaign of personalities. We fancy that their attitude was not so much because of reform in their usual methods, but because they could find no weapon with which to strike a single man on the Democratic ticket. And, more than that, they both knew that if the Democratic papers were to have opened up on at least two of their own candidates there may have been some revelations that would have startled the good people of Centre county.

From Sheriff to Auditor our nominees are capable, honorable men, and they should every one be elected because it will be good business to put them in office.

The WATCHMAN has called your attention repeatedly to the manner in which the county business has been attended to by the present officials and not one of the charges that it has made showing the gross mismanagement has been answered.

Neither the *Gazette* nor the *Republican* has uttered a word in the way of explaining why the Commissioners should have built bridge after bridge in Centre county without even having a letting.

The public certainly had some right to know something of the High street bridge affair in Bellefonte after it became such a notorious scandal. But not the first word of explanation has been offered. Therefore the only conclusion a reasonable person can come to is that all that has been said of it is true. If it is true, and it has not been denied, certainly you couldn't think of entrusting the men who are responsible for it with another term in office.

The WATCHMAN has already given you the figures concerning the cost of the court house, so far as it is known. They have not been denied nor refuted by any of the county officials or the Republican organs because they are correct. The work that you were told would cost not more than \$60,000 will now require nearly \$250,000 of your money to pay for. Why? Because the men who have been managing your business have not had enough business ability to do it right and not enough stamina to stand out against the blandishments of those who do not care how far into debt the county is plunged.

Have you ever stopped to think that a big indebtedness means big taxes and big taxes mean high rents and low property values? Look at the town of Bellefonte for example. There isn't a piece of property in the town that could be sold today for what the buildings on it cost. Why? Because the borough is so hopelessly in debt and the taxes so high that reality is no investment whatever.

The Republican organs promise you that Messrs. WOODRING and ZIMMERMAN will not need to raise your taxes to pay the interest and provide the sinking fund for the bonds they have sold. A glance at the county statement during the two years they have already been checked up on will show you that outside of the expenditures on the court house the county has gone several thousand dollars deeper in debt each year. As an intelligent man we ask you then how they may be expected to pay \$6,600.00 a year additional in interest charges without raising your taxes? If they don't raise them, if elected, there will be such a pile up of indebtedness as we will never be able to get out from under.

There is only one thing to be done. Start at the top of the ticket and vote to put a new regime in everywhere. While the Sheriff, the Register, the Recorder, the Treasurer and Auditors may not be responsible for the blunders of the Commissioners they are all part of the system. Part of the crowd that has been in control. Hand in glove with the little coterie of Republican politicians who make and unmake officers and have no concern, whatever, for the people who have the taxes to pay.

It is not a question of the flag. It is not a question of the tariff. There is nothing to it but plain, hard headed business. The election in Centre county next Tuesday will be just the same as if you were going out to hire a manager for your farm, your store, your mill or your household; for your county officers are your managers. If you believe, knowing what you do know about the bridges and the court house, that the time has come to get a new manager for your farm, your store, your mill or your household then vote to change the management of your county affairs, from the Sheriff down to the Auditors.

Should Vote for Foreman.

The citizens of the county who have any pride in their public affairs, and who want the court records properly transcribed and kept, and the public papers systematically and neatly filed can have no hesitancy in deciding who to vote for as Prothonotary on Tuesday next. Mr. FOREMAN, as a clerk in that office has had years of experience at this work. The books in the Prothonotary's offices are specimens of his care and attention. Lawyers and others who have frequent access to them will tell you that there are no court records in the State, better-kept or more intelligently kept. They are just as they should be. It is not claimed, even by his closest friends, that Mr. DEIHL has any particular fitness for this work. He has never even kept an ordinary set of books. To put the records of the court proceedings, judgments and other important public papers in his keeping is running a fearful risk. He may be a good fellow, and might do some things as well as some other people would, but it is an admitted fact—admitted even by his own party backers—that he has no qualifications fitting him for Prothonotary. Then why think of voting for him, as against one who has every qualification, who has been tried as a clerk, proven his ability to do the work, and has done it to the entire satisfaction of everybody who has any business with that office.

No, Mr. Voter, if you want a competent man for this office, and it's an important one, you'll never vote for HARRY DEIHL as against DAVY FOREMAN.

And every voter, no matter what his politics, who knows the two candidates and wants to speak honestly, will tell you this.

—Let nothing interfere with your exercise of the right to vote next Tuesday. Casting your vote is the highest duty you owe to your community.

No Trading Democrats.

Word comes to us from what we believe to be from an entirely responsible source that Republicans have received orders from their bosses in this place to trade their two candidates for Commissioners, their candidate for Treasurer and their candidate for Prothonotary, to the best advantages of the balance of their ticket they can. If they can do no better to trade all their candidates for a vote for YARNELL. They have suddenly wakened up to discover that there is no prospect whatever of electing both Commissioners, or DEIHL or PRITCHARD, and have turned in to try and save their Sheriff and are willing that the defeat of the others shall be made overwhelming, if YARNELL only can be elected.

Its a messy way of treating candidates, but there are messy men in politics, and we don't know of any who are worse tainted in that way than the little gang about town here who run the Republican politics of the county.

To Democrats we appeal to turn down all offers to trade. The very fact that such propositions are being made, in nearly every part of the county, is evidence of the hopelessness of those making them. They know they can't elect their ticket and they don't care how badly some of the men on it are defeated, so that they can save the Sheriff.

Democrats should remember that it's not necessary to trade to elect any of their men. A full and a straight vote will elect every man they have nominated. And there is going to be a full vote. Let every man stand to his guns, and our county will be back to its old place among the reliable Democratic counties of the State.

DON'T TRADE Democrats.

—Democrats "all together" on election day and the result will be all that can be desired.

The Steel Trust Suit.

Only the very credulous will be fooled by the proceedings recently begun against the Steel trust by the administration at Washington. As Judge GARY and Mr. MORGAN state, that litigation is not likely to seriously impair the trust. It will do quite as much business in the near future as it has in the recent past and the GARY dinners will proceed as usual and be quite as rich and enjoyable as ever. The flurry in the stockmarket, following the announcement of the suit was a "frame up." It was intended to spread alarm among the small shareholders, and to some extent succeeded in that purpose. But Mr. MORGAN and Judge GARY are not frightened in the least. They understand.

The prosecution of the Steel trust is purely a political enterprise. If it meant business it would not have been brought in the civil courts. The SHERMAN anti-trust law, under which this farce has been started, is a criminal statute. It was intended to prevent men from operating corporations in a way that would restrain trade and impair commerce. If the Department of Justice in Washington really intended to achieve this result it would have summoned Mr. MORGAN and Judge GARY into the criminal courts. That sort of litigation would have meant something. It would have stopped the criminal operations of the Steel trust and all other trusts instantly.

The suit against the Steel trust is simply a subterfuge to stir up the careless beneficiaries of the tariff and make them "fry the fat." It is not intended to influence the elections in Pennsylvania, probably, for we have only one Congressional election in this State this year. But Legislatures are to be elected in other States which will elect United States Senators and the Republican majority in the United States Senate is perilously small now and the party managers are anxious to prevent any further decrease. Panics are Mr. J. PIERPONT MORGAN's favorite instruments for accomplishing political results and at this distance it looks as if he is experimenting.

Vote Early.

Democrats, it's always a good plan to do your voting early in the morning. It gives you a good start off, encourages others to do the same thing, and puts life into your party. If its possible at all arrange to vote before you go to your work. That duty will be off your mind then and you will feel all day that you have done something towards the defeat of those who have mortgaged your homes for thirty years, and piled an indebtedness upon you of over \$150,000. Remember Democrats that a full Democratic vote in the county cinches the election of every man on your ticket and gives you as clean a set of county officers as ever filled your court house positions.

—DAVID R. FOREMAN, the Democratic nominee for Prothonotary, is a type of the sturdy sons born and bred in Potter township. He was raised on a farm, his education was confined to the public schools, yet such good use did he make of his opportunities that he qualified as a teacher and for years was among the best in the county. He has been a resident of Bellefonte for eight years or over, long enough for everybody to know that he is a clean, sober and industrious man. If each voter will intelligently compare the merits of the respective candidates on election day and vote accordingly, there will be no question about Mr. FOREMAN'S election.

Take Your Neighbor With You.

When you go to vote next Tuesday morning don't forget your Democratic neighbor who may be slow about going out. If you have a rig hitch it up and take him along. Its the time you can square up with the Bellefonte ring that has put an indebtedness of over \$150,000 on your county and mortgaged your homes for thirty years, to pay \$100,000 of it.

—The voter who fails to deposit his ballot is a drone in the community. From the earliest inception of the spirit of freedom the right to vote has been the highest aspiration of manhood. The man who fails to value this right sufficiently to exercise it is lacking in patriotism and deficient in the qualities which make good citizenship.

—Get out the vote even if it does cost a little trouble. Time spent in helping to secure efficient and capable public officials is not wasted.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

RAIN PREVENTS PENITENTIARY COMMISSIONERS VISIT.—On account of the inclement weather this week the commission in charge of selecting a site for the new penitentiary did not visit Bellefonte this week, but postponed their trip until Monday of next week. When they do come the entire board will be here and as they intend going all over the ground they naturally want favorable weather conditions. All the options desired for the McBride gap site have been secured and are ready for the commissioners' consideration. Aside from the above there is nothing new nor any change in the situation from last week.

—Miss Hannah Newman is ill at her home in Altoona, suffering with a broken arm, the result of a fall.

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OPERA HOUSE NEWS.—With that ambition born of competitive zeal, and with the American showman's desire to out-shine all others in his line, manager Vogel, the owner and manager of Vogel's Big City Minstrels, which will appear in Bellefonte in the near future, promises the greatest First Part setting ever seen in a minstrel production during the coming season. The promise is not like the usual claim of the indifferent and haphazard producer, but the assured word, backed by fact, of a responsible and representative manager. Mr. Vogel's first part for this season will be known as "The Radium Palace," from the fact that the entire stage will be set with myriads of scintillating opalescent jets, of what might be termed "imprisoned sunshine." To be more specific, the entire First Part setting will be hung with multi-colored beads, imported by Mr. Vogel from the best and biggest factory in Bucharest, Roumania. Many American electricians and scenic artists have seen the set, at a special reception given by Mr. Vogel, and all agree that there has never been anything in the line of scenic splendor in this or any other country to compare favorably with this wonderful and dazzling set. This set will be used in Bellefonte and is alone worth the price of admission.

One of the best attractions to be seen here this season will be that quaint character comedian, Harry Kelley in his famous success, "His Honor the Mayor." Mr. Kelley starred in this piece for three seasons, and probably in his many other stellar roles, both before and after "His Honor the Mayor," has never had as successful a role as that of Deacon Flood, in this screamingly funny musical comedy. Among the many new features with the piece this season are the original English dancing dolls, several new musical numbers by the principals with the famous beauty chorus and an entire new scenic equipment and beautiful electrical effects. Among those prominent in the cast are Eddie Flavelle, Arthur J. Earnest, who played with Mr. Kelley in the original company at Wallack's theatre in New York city. John E. Pratt, last season with Louise Gunning, Jack Ryan, Roy La Rue, Cliff Worman, Dan Evans, Eleanor Sutter, Kate Uart, Nellie de Grasse, Mildred Booth and Miss Nellie Daly in her original role of May Flood, the deacon's daughter.

CENTRE HILL CEMETERY.—The old Presbyterian burying place at Centre Hill, Pennsvalley, is not often used as a place of interment in these days; but representatives of present and former prominent families of the valley lie entombed there. The church, which has been moved to Centre Hall, has always desired to keep the place in order, but changes have reduced its numbers and consequently its ability and interest. Hence the place was fast filling up with nature's growth, and the surrounding wall was falling down.

On several occasions recently the congregation came together and did much to clear out the brush and briars; but the wall and some other improvements seemed too much for them. Besides it seemed only just that people who had left the valley and their dead behind them should assist in the work of putting and keeping the cemetery in order. Hence friends far and near were asked to contribute towards this purpose. The response was such that the trustees felt warranted in advertising for proposals to put the wall in order. John Horner, of Colyer, was the lowest bidder, and he has just completed his contract. The wall has been rebuilt, where fallen down, and the whole covered with a coping of concrete, and it looks as if it would resist the ravages of time for a century or more.

So far no oldest inhabitant has been found who knows when this wall was first built. The church records are complete for only seventy-five years back, though the church dates from about 1779, but these records do not mention the construction of the wall. If any WATCHMAN reader can give reliable information on this subject, he will confer a favor by addressing Mr. George L. Goodhart, clerk of session, or the pastor, Rev. W. Henry Schuyler, Centre Hall, Pa. There is still much work to be done to put the cemetery in first class condition; and, if those who have not yet sent in their contributions will do so promptly, the labor of love and filial piety will be continued till this sacred spot presents an appearance that will be creditable to the survivors of those who lie there for the last long sleep of the body.

FOUR SCORE AND TEN.—On Monday George W. Gray, the oldest resident of Tyrone, celebrated his ninetieth birthday an anniversary, and he is still in comparatively good health. The history of his life reads like a romance. He was born in Hope-well township, Bedford county, and in those early days his only school was hard work. When he was twenty-one years of age he went to Hollidaysburg and got a job as boatman on the old Pennsylvania canal. Some years later he took up the life of a forgerman and worked at various rolling mills until 1861 when he entered the army and served all through the Civil war. Some time after the close of the war he located at Milesburg and for thirty years or more was one of the most faithful employees at the McCoy & Linn iron works. Advancing age finally compelled his retirement and during the past few years he has been making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Jacob Shirk, of Tyrone. In 1844 he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Harpster, of Ferguson township, who died sixteen years ago. They had twelve children, six of whom are living.