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AN OPEN LETTER TO WILLIAM KRICKBAUM.

In the issue of the *Sentinel* of July 10th, you have attempted to answer the charges which I made against you in my article of June 22nd. You began by boasting that you would prove every assertion made by me to be a lie. Let us see how you have fulfilled that boast.

Instead of answering my questions you have either deliberately dodged them or shielded yourself behind some indefinite explanation.

In the first place I charge you with wanting me to give \$150 to a candidate for Sheriff, to make him friendly toward you. In your answer, have you denied this? No. You say, you really can't remember. Is this the way you "stamp my accusation as a lie"?

In the second place I charged you with buying off Breisch as a candidate for Sheriff, and then refusing to pay the purchase money. Have you denied this? No, but you say the debt is John Mourey's. You told that same story to the disinterested Justice of the Peace who tried the case between you and Breisch. He evidently didn't believe you, since he gave Breisch judgment for his full claim.

Again, I accused you of deliberately violating the law in relation to your state tax. I openly charged you with refusing to make a sworn return of the amount upon which you ought to have paid tax. How have you answered this charge? What reply have you—the great reformer, the guardian of the people, the watch dog of the Treasury—what reply have you made? Do you proceed to "stamp the lie" on this utterance, as you boasted you would? Oh, no. You content yourself with the statement, that "other men did the same." Is it possible, Krickbaum, that your only excuse is that others have done likewise? But you must remember that you are a reformer. You are a white-winged angel of purity. You are the owner of such a spotless cherub as the whiskered Vanderslice, and we really expected better things from you.

But this isn't the only dodging you have done. There is that Pohe affidavit, charging you under oath with a crime, a deliberate attempt at bribery. What have you said about that? Of course the people expected that you would "stamp that also as a lie." They expected that a reformer, of all men, would crush to pieces the accusation that he had offered hundreds of dollars as a bribe to County officials.

Well, did you satisfy the people? You complained that the accusation was an old one. You got Mr. Pohe to make a statement that he regretted he ever made the affidavit, but remember, that nowhere have you or Pohe denied its truth. Vanderslice wrote Mr. Pohe's statement and got the old man to sign it. You tried the same thing with the Parr affidavit, but you failed, and therefore you have never answered that affidavit at all. Come, come, Krickbaum, if you must be a rascal, at least be a bold one. Don't dodge.

You have learned by this time that it is more pleasant for a man of your stripe to make charges than to answer them. And yet I must ask you to give the people some light upon a few more questions that rather shake their belief in your reform principles.

You have all along been worried that the County Commissioners draw too high salaries. But didn't you vote, as member of the legislature, to increase the pay of Commissioners from \$2.00 to \$3.50 per day? Of course in those days you had control of the Commissioners office. Vanderslice hadn't been whipped out of the West yet, and you were not so anxious about the peoples' rights.

Again, as Commissioner's Clerk, didn't you shave sheep orders by the score, when there was plenty of money to pay the farmers and sheep owners in full? I know this is old, but it is a question full of interest. Don't dodge it Krickbaum, and be careful how you answer, as there are plenty of witnesses about.

Then there is another little matter you might explain while you are at it. *Whatever became of that \$500. County bond, left in your hands as Commissioner's Clerk?* It was in your charge. It suddenly disappeared. Can you explain this? Or possibly this is another case where "you really can't remember."

You have charged me with giving improper advice to public officers. I have squarely denied that charge and you have admitted that you only made it on hearsay. But, on the other hand, when you acted as ad-

viser to the Commissioners at the time the Bloom bridge was built you advised them not to be in any hurry about letting the contract as there would be "a fat thing" in it for them, or words to that effect.

Now let us go a little further. Do you remember when one of your particular followers from Brier creek township wrote you asking you to influence the Commissioners to reduce his tax assessment? Don't you remember, that in order to hold this man you went to the Commissioner's office and secretly altered the records, and that I caught you at it? Don't you remember that you begged me not to expose you; that you pleaded with me to have mercy upon you—you, the man who now boasts that he will wipe all corruption from our public offices? And in answering this accusation remember, Krickbaum, that in your hurry and fright, you left a letter behind.

You have kept Vanderslice busy howling ring! ring! But don't you recall the fact that when you were in office it was "the Krickbaum ring." And worse than this, you are already forming a ring in contemplation of your election as Commissioner. Answer this question. A few weeks ago, on the Sabbath day, did you not meet various candidates for other offices, at your nephew's, Trent Creasy's, in Catawissa township, and there form a combination with them? Was it not there agreed that you should be cashier and paymaster? Answer this question, not a part, but all of it.

Is it not also true that in the late contest for Congress you voted against Mr. Buckalew, and that your man Vanderslice took Kulp money and openly, upon the street advocated Kulp's election and abused Mr. Buckalew?

Again, I want you to give a plain answer to a plain question. In your present canvass are you not using money given you by the King Iron Bridge Company, or has not that company offered to pay you money or to defray some of your expenses?

Last but not least, during your present canvass, have you not offered and given money to voters to vote and work for your nomination? The question is plain. Let the answer be likewise.

I know this is bitter medicine, but you really must take it for the public good. And before you hand these questions over to Vanderslice you ought to remember that the people want a plain, straightforward answer. Shirking and dodging won't do.

Therefore, in order that they may be plainly stated, I shall set them out singly. Everyone is capable of an answer, "yes" or "no." Make such an answer, and make your explanations afterwards. I challenge you to put yourself upon record in this plain and unequivocal manner. Here are the questions. Don't rave—Vanderslice might hurt himself—don't call names, but try and tell the truth.

1st.—Does not Stephen Pohe tell the truth in his Affidavit charging you with offering him \$300 to vote for you as Commissioner's Clerk. "Yes" or "No."

2nd.—Did you not as Commissioner's Clerk shave the people's sheep orders?

3rd.—Did you not vote in the Legislature to increase the pay of Commissioners?

4th.—Can you tell the people what became of the \$500 County Bond?

5th.—Did you not advise the old Commissioners, or one of them, not to hurry the letting of the Bloom bridge; that they might make something out of it?

6th.—Did you not violate the tax law and refuse to make a sworn return of your state tax?

7th.—Did you not alter, or attempt to alter the public records in order to please a henchman, and make him "solid" for you?

8th.—Did you not vote for Kulp for Congress, and did not Vanderslice openly speak against Buckalew?

9th.—Did you not have a meeting on Sunday at Trent Creasy's with other candidates for the purpose of forming a combination?

10th.—Have you not received money from the King Iron Bridge Company, in your present canvass, or has not that company promised you financial aid?

11th.—Have you not offered and given money or other valuable things to voters for their votes and influence, in your present canvass?

Again I challenge you, answer these questions "yes" or "no." Add all the explanations you wish, but don't dodge.

JNO. B. CASEY.

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL.

The Dog Question Settled and an Ordinance Adopted.

A special meeting of the Town Council was held last Monday evening with all the members present. The meeting was called to take some action in regard to the dog question, which at present is agitating the minds of our people. Fred Ikeler, Esq., read an ordinance such as is in effect in other places, prohibiting the running at large of dogs, and from this one was agreed upon and adopted. Upon motion the same was ordered published ten days by newspaper advertisements and by notices posted in different parts of the town.

The case of William Rishton vs. the Town for damages caused by water flooding his cellar was reported by the Secretary as having been settled for \$160.

Complaint was made that Mr. Brown had not laid a pavement in front of his residence on Fourth St. The matter was referred to the Street Commissioner.

It was also complained that B. F. Zarr, Esq., did not keep his pavement in proper repair along his property on Catharine Street.

Upon motion Chief of Police Knorr was authorized to purchase six dog nets and the Street Commissioner to prepare a place in the cellar of the City Hall for the impounding of the dogs.

Bicycle Race Meet at Bloomsburg.

On Wednesday August 5th the Bloomsburg Wheelmen will hold their Second Annual Race Meet at the Columbia County Fair Grounds. These grounds are located right in the town, have a fine large grand stand from which every part of the race can be seen and has one of the best half mile tracks in the State.

The following is a list of events: One mile novice, one half mile open, boys race (under 16 years of age,) two mile lap race, four county race (Columbia, Montour, Lycoming and Luzerne,) club handicap (one mile,) one mile open, three mile handicap. \$400 in prizes will be distributed among the contestants.

The Benner Boys, the celebrated midget cyclers of Philadelphia, aged 5 and 7 years have been secured and will give exhibitions in handicap racing, trick and tandem riding.

Applications for entry blanks are being received daily from many of the best amateurs of the state. This meet coming as it does between the Williamsport and Scranton meets will insure good riders and fast races.

LICENSE GRANTED.

The Superior Court has affirmed the action of the Columbia county Court in granting a restaurant license to J. R. Fowler in the Opera House. Mr. Fowler has named his place the Grand Restaurant, and will have a formal opening this Thursday evening, when a clam bake will be the leading feature. The Grand is handsomely fitted up, and contains separate private dining rooms for ladies and gentlemen. It is finished in hard wood throughout, and is one of the finest in the State, outside of the large cities. J. L. Girton and wife have charge of the culinary department, and the bill of fare embraces all the delicacies usually found in a first class restaurant in season.

BAND CONCERT.

The Bloomsburg Band gave a concert in front of the Court House Saturday evening which was thoroughly enjoyed by a large concourse of people. The following program was rendered in a manner which reflected credit upon the organization and proved that the leader Mr. Blair was the right man in the right place.

1. MARCH, The Bloomsburg Belles.
2. THE LITTLE FLATTERER, (Piece Characteristic) Eilenberg.
3. WALTZ, Moonlight and Starlight. Flor. Reed.
4. MAY BELLS, Herald approaching Spring, Eilenberg.
5. OVERTURE, Poet and Peasant. Von Suppe.

The editor of an exchange says: "Let the young man about town out of a job try a year on the farm. Plowing behind a mule will give him a new constitution, take the kinks out of his head, the frog out of his throat, the gas off his stomach, the weakness out of his legs, the corn off his toes, and give him a good appetite, an honest living and a sight of heaven."

STILL IMPROVING.

Since B. Stohner has taken possession of the Central Hotel he has made many decided improvements to this old and well known hostelry which have been noticed from time to time in this paper. Every one supposed that all had been done possible to render the exterior and interior attractive and convenient, but he was not satisfied and has now entered into negotiations with the Smith Electrical Company and Glass Sign Works, of Waverly, N. Y., to place in his hotel a system of return call bells from the office to each room. This same firm are also to place in the hotel, a large fine directory in polished oak beautifully carved representing the different business firms of this city, only one of each branch of business to be represented. The lettering is to be in cut glass. This will be one of the finest pieces of furniture of its kind ever brought to this town.

By these improvements Mr. Stohner has shown himself to be in line with the spirit of progress which pervades our town, and alive to the necessities and comforts of his guests. Under the present management it is not only holding its old reputation but rapidly coming to the front as one of the best hotels in this section.

LOST A VALUABLE HORSE.

William Mericle of Madison township, lost a valuable horse last Sunday. A few days ago it was taken sick and a veterinary surgeon was called in who pronounced it a case of hydrophobia. During the sickness whilst he was administering medicine to the animal, he bit the bottle—broke away—bit two horses, a cow and a pig. Upon the veterinary surgeon pronouncing it hydrophobia the animal was shot. He does not know when the horse was bitten, but it will be remembered that the dog which went mad at the Bittenbender farm passed Mr. Mericle's on its way to Watsonstown where it was killed. This is certainly unfortunate for him as it may necessitate the killing of the other animals.

Reorganization.

After a suspension of several days, the Bloomsburg Car Works resumed operations last Monday with the company reorganized. L. S. Wintersteen Esq., has purchased the interest of George M. Lockard who was formerly the largest stockholder, and has been elected president of the same. The Bloomsburg Store Company, limited, has also formed a new company, which is composed of the old members with the exception of G. M. Lockard, and with the following additional members: C. R. Woodin, W. H. Woodin, Frederick H. Eaton, C. H. Dickerman and L. S. Wintersteen. It is the intention of the new company to push the works to its utmost capacity.

There will be a mass meeting held in the M. E. Church at Stillwater on Friday evening, July 24th, in the interest of the suffering Armenians.

All who have read of the massacres and sufferings of these poor christians should feel sympathy for them and come prepared to help relieve their wants; for many of them are homeless, and actually starving. Ministers from the different churches are expected to be present and address the audience on the subject, so that they may better understand the needs of these people, who would rather die than give up their religion.

By order of Committee.

There will be a big time at Forks, in Laubach's grove, on next Saturday. Music by choristers from Catawissa who are camping there. E. J. Bowman of Berwick will deliver an address on "The multi-millionaire and the thirty millions of white slaves in the land of Washington." The address will be delivered at 2 o'clock P. M. sharp, after which a lunch will be served. The proceeds will be used for repairing the church, and every one is invited to attend. By order of Jacob Geisinger and G. W. Hess, committee of arrangements.

Time that is very well spent is that which is devoted to the destruction of weeds. If all lot owners and farmers would make it a point to spend an hour or two daily in cutting and destroying weeds before the seeds have ripened and scattered for another crop, their land would be more productive and the tilling would be less annoying. Weeds are a great hindrance to the successful tilling of the soil, and cause much extra work in farming and gardening.

IT'S THIS WAY...



Still Trying to Swindle Farmers.

Farmers are warned to look out for the man who is around endeavoring to sell the right to get more butter out of milk than the cows put in it. There are several such swindlers through this and adjoining states, and should one chance to wander into this vicinity, the grand bounce or the bulldog would be an appropriate reception for him.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Gray on Sixth street last Thursday evening, was the scene of a pretty wedding, when Rev. M. E. McLinn, with the beautiful and impressive service of the Lutheran Church, united for life Miss Anna, their eldest daughter and Mr. John Jones. The ceremony was strictly private and witnessed only by the immediate families. They have the best wishes of their friends for a long and happy life.

Persons owning land are in duty bound to cut and destroy all Canada thistles found growing upon their premises. The legal penalty for non-compliance with this provision of law is from five to twenty dollars. It is the duty of the constables, road supervisors and street commissioners to see that all Canada thistles are destroyed, or to enforce the penalty against the owners of the land.

An Exchange says: Merchants, who want the newspapers to "roast" grocery peddlers and the like, would make a newspaper feel more like doing so if the same merchants would quit using baking powder envelopes, statements, side-walk advertisements, holiday and circus programs and patronize the home papers, as all live successful merchants do.

The following letters are advertised July 21, 1896: Miss Stella Hughes, Mr. Robert J. McKane, Mrs. Jacob Martz, Mrs. Eva Shaffer, Mrs. Louise Schreiner, Glean Sibart, C. E. Washington. Cards: Mrs. Fannie McBride. Will be sent to the dead letter office Aug. 4, 1896. JAMES H. MERCER, P. M.

If the Bloomsburg dogs don't soon learn to look more natural and drink more water, the cartridge manufacturers will declare bigger dividends.

Don't Kill the Robins.

Here is a few words of warning which all should heed. Any person killing a robin at any season of the year is liable to a fine of from two to twenty dollars, or imprisonment for twenty days, or both. The law makes no exceptions as to the object or purpose for which the robin is killed, but is strictly prohibitive.

Our people are not generally aware of the extensive building operations going on at the corner of Catharine and Eighth Streets. We refer to the six, large two storied brick dwelling houses J. H. Coleman is erecting at that point. They are under roof and about ready for the plasterers.

A large tank and wind wheel has been erected in the rear of the McHenry House at Benton for the purpose of supplying that model hostelry throughout with water. The water is raised to the tank by means of a pump attached to the wind wheel, from whence it is distributed throughout the building.

The excursion over the Bloomsburg and Sullivan railroad last Thursday, in honor of the State Teachers' Association, was participated in by over three hundred people. The objective point was Jamison City, and they were deeply impressed with the grandeur of the scenery.

The already commodious store room of I. W. Hartman & Son is being enlarged by removing a rear partition thereby adding about 480 feet to the room. When the contemplated improvements are completed they will have one of the finest store rooms in town.

Bishop McGovern has appointed Rev. Thomas Hayes rector of the Catholic church at Centralia. Rev. Father Hayes takes the place of Rev. Charles Koch, who has been transferred to Milton and Sunbury.

In an interview printed in the Harrisburg Patriot yesterday, Bishop McGovern, of the Catholic diocese of Harrisburg, declares for free silver. He believes the Democrats will carry every state west of Pennsylvania, and every southern state.