

JUDGE IKELER ANSWERS THE CRY OF FRAUD.

So long as the contemptible falsehoods published by Krickbaum and Vanderslice in the *Sentinel*, and circulated by the two men who, only a few days ago, swore to be my true friends, viz: Herring and Rhawn, were directed only against myself and family, I have declined to answer the same, preferring rather to treat such malicious concoctions with silent contempt.

But now, when their vile attacks are directed against the honest men who constituted the election boards of the 4th ward of Danville and Mayberry township, Montour County, and when to account for their crushing defeat, they attempt to cast a criminal reflection upon the honest citizens of that township, by alleging a fraud in the casting and counting of their votes, I am compelled to speak in their behalf.

The *Sentinel* is saying that I carried Montour County by a fraudulent return from Mayberry township. Little, Krickbaum, Vanderslice, Rhawn, Herring, and all their underlings, are trying to deceive the people with the report that the vote of this district should have been Little 13, Ikeler 10. Read the affidavit at the close of this article. The individual name of every Ikeler voter is given, and I openly defy my enemies to show that any one of these 15 men did not support me. I only ask the public to pay no attention to the stories published at the last hour, when I have no opportunity to deny them.

In this contest I am simply asking for my second term, and am only opposed by men who are my personal enemies. *I have no newspaper which to slander my opponent and will not resort to such contemptible methods.* They may abuse me as they will, but I shall not indulge in their newspaper war. I have already carried one County, honestly and fairly, and in the late Montour County convention, when the Krickbaum—Herring—Little combination were crying fraud, Sheriff George Maier openly told the convention that as chairman of the investigating committee he had been fraudulently approached nearly a dozen times by men who sought to influence his conduct, but that in every instance this villainous conduct was performed by Little men, and never by an Ikeler supporter.

And yet they cry fraud! Why, at that convention E. B. Tustin, cashier of the First National Bank, a bitter Republican, was present with the boodle. It was used, and used freely, to influence the chairman of the convention to appoint a committee who would throw out enough of my districts to elect the tool of Krickbaum and Vanderslice.

They tell the people that the return from Mayberry township was fraudulent, and yet at 1 o'clock, on Sunday, Herring and Rhawn were at the house of the delegate from Mayberry, pleading with him to bring them the official paper. He was an honest man and refused.

Read the following affidavit containing the names of the 15 Ikeler voters, procured by the outraged election officers as a vindication of the charges brought against them and backed by the individual affidavits, the originals of which are now in my possession.

MONTOUR COUNTY, ss:
Emory S. Kimbel, being duly sworn, deposes and says:—

1st.—That he was the regularly sworn and appointed clerk of the election board of Mayberry township, Montour County.

2nd.—That at the late Democratic primary election, E. R. Ikeler received 15 votes for the office of President Judge and R. R. Little received 13 votes. *That no other report or different figures were ever given out by the election officers.*

3rd.—That in order to absolutely refute the charges of fraud now being circulated, I herewith append the names of the 15 electors who cast their votes for Judge Ikeler:

1. Emory S. Kimbel.
2. Joseph Swink.
3. M. A. Pensyl.
4. Z. O. Vought.
5. H. A. Bennett.
6. James Brofee.
7. N. E. Brofee.
8. Irvin Vought.
9. H. S. Shultz.
10. Isaac Adams.
11. Christopher Vought.

12. Samuel W. Mutchler.
13. Jerry Vought.
14. Ruben R. Kline.
15. Wm. E. Bird.

EMORY S. KIMBEL,
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 7th day of June A. D. 1898.
(Seal of the Court.)

E. G. HOFFMAN,
Prothonotary.
Could any thing be fairer than this affidavit? And yet they cry fraud. Ought I not at least to receive fair play?

E. R. IKELER.

A NICELY ARRANGED PIGEON LOFT.

Boyd C. Evans, of the Bloomsburg Store Company is the owner of one of the most complete pigeon lofts in this section of the State. Our reporter visited the place last week and was greatly surprised at the up-to-date manner in which everything about the building was arranged. The building is a two story structure, fitted up with every modern convenience, namely, burglar alarms, drinking and bathing fountains in which clear fresh water is constantly running, and time clocks. The latter is used to tell at just what time a pigeon returns after being liberated from some distant town.

The loft is stocked with upwards of a hundred and fifty of the feathered pets, consisting of homers, spouters, outside and inside tumbler, fantails, and several other varieties, and Mr. Evans has pedigrees for nearly all of them. He has one pair of homing pigeons which were imported from Belgium and cost fifty dollars, one of which was the winner of 1st diploma 300 mile concourse race, competing against the whole United States.

Boyd's whole heart and soul is in the business and it is his ambition to be among the fanciers who lead and not follow. He is now considering the erection of an addition to the building to be used for a reception hall, so that he will have a place to entertain his friends when they call on him to talk pigeons. A visit to the place is worth any one's time.

He is daily testing their speed, flying them from Danville, Sunbury and other towns, and the birds have made remarkably good time. We have no doubt that when Uncle Sam decides to use the carrier pigeons for war purposes, Boyd will be able to lend some assistance.

A MENACE TO HEALTH.

On the east side of the canal on Catharine street there is a pest hole that is a constant menace to the health of the residents of that section. It is a nuisance of long continuance, and instead of being abated by the proper authorities, it seems to be permitted and encouraged by them. A sign invites everybody to "Dump your rubbish here." The filling in of Catharine street for the bridge abutment has formed a dam which backs the water up, and there it stands, green and slimy, with here and there the carcass of a dead dog, cat, or chicken festering on its surface. And into this pestilential mass the public is invited to dump their rubbish, and they do it. Ashes reeking with the rotten offal that usually gets into the ash heap, and all sorts of decaying matter is dumped there, and the odor is at times almost unbearable.

Besides this, the water is backed up over land, and damages may ensue. This matter needs the immediate attention of the Council.

DEATH OF JOHN J. McHENRY.

The subject of this sketch was born at Stillwater, Fishingcreek township, April 3, 1824, and died at his home in Benton, three miles above his birth place Saturday evening, aged seventy-four years. He started in the mercantile business in Benton in 1865, which he has conducted ever since. In 1847, he married Miss Sarah, daughter of John Lundy of Rohrsburg, who together with seven children survive. He was well known all over the county.

The funeral service was held yesterday afternoon. Interment in the Christian Cemetery at Stillwater.

THE BAND.

Under the leadership of Prof. Lucey the Bloomsburg Band is progressing rapidly, and they play good music, and play it well. On Tuesday evening they were on the streets and serenaded R. R. Little Esq., Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Sloan, Mr. and Mrs. Grier Quick. A large crowd followed them, attracted by the excellent music. No town in this section can now boast of a better band. The boys ought to be encouraged.

WAR NOTES.

Every Cuban cable has been cut, and Blanco is entirely shut off from the outside world.

The Spanish vessels captured by our navy, and now lying at Key West, will be used by the government as transports to carry soldiers to Cuba and other points.

5000 American troops were landed six miles from Santiago on Saturday, and more are on the way.

Captain Gridley who commanded Dewey's flagship at Manila, and was wounded there, died at Kobe, Japan, last Saturday.

A Spanish spy system conducted in Canada by Lieut. Carranza, has been discovered by our secret service agent, and England will expel all spies from her territory.

Sampson has silenced the Santiago forts. Under the tremendous fire of ten warships the Spanish defences crumbled to dust. Several of the enemies' warships are reported sunk. Schley's fleet also took part in the bombardment. An attack by our land forces is now made easy and Santiago will soon be in our hands.

Admiral Dewey is to be presented with a beautiful sword by the government.

Alumni Banquet.

The fifth annual banquet of the Bloomsburg High School Alumni was held at the Exchange Hotel Friday evening. Through the kindness of Bryfogle Bros., the dining room and parlor were decorated in a very tasteful manner, with flowers and plants.

There were about one hundred present to share in the festivities. From eight o'clock till ten the time was very pleasantly spent in social conversation, when it was announced that the banquet was ready. They all marched out into the dining room and seated themselves around the tastefully arranged tables. After all had done justice to the repast J. C. Brown who was the master of ceremonies made a few remarks. The toasts were responded to by Harry S. Barton, Mrs. Minnie Hehl Buck, Charles E. Kesty, John Traub, Martha Bruglar, Josiah Johnson, Annie Simon and Edward Lewis. After these the directors were called upon and made brief speeches. After a few words by Prof. Sterner and Samuel Pursell, all joined in singing "The Star Spangled Banner." The music, which was furnished by the Clover Mandolin and Guitar Club was very nicely rendered.

REMARKABLE ESCAPE FROM DEATH.

Lewis Mensch, son of Thomas Mensch of Franklin township had a remarkable escape from death on Saturday afternoon. He was engaged hauling sand and while crossing the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad, at a private crossing about three miles below Catawissa was struck by the north bound passenger train. The horses, a fine large team of sorrels were both killed, the wagon smashed, and strange to say, Mr. Mensch escaped with but a few slight bruises. The horses were carried along one on each side of the engine for a distance of about two hundred feet.

Hon. Russel Karns, of Laporte, went to Benton, Columbia county, on Sunday, and on Memorial Day presented Karns Camp, Sons of Veterans, with a beautiful U. S. Army regulation flag. It was of the best banner silk, fringed with silk bullion, silk tassels and cords, and the staff surmounted with gold eagle. At the breaking out of the Civil war, Lieutenant Karns led a detachment of Benton boys to the front, and it is especially fitting that the sons of his old soldiers should name their camp after him. We have had the pleasure of inspecting the flag, and it is a beauty.—*Sullivan Review*, June 2.

Owego has a Jasper Purple and Danville a lawyer named Scarlet, but Towanda bears off the palm for Blacks, Browns, Greens and Whites.—*Towanda Journal*.

Bloomsburg has all the last four and can go several better. We have the Blues, and we also have some black Greens.

GIDDINGS.

A Positive Closing Out

of this entire stock without reserve, and at
ABSOLUTE COST.

Summer Suits for men, boys or children
At about what it costs to make. No trash, no poorly made sweatshop goods. The very best made.

Suits at \$3.75, worth from 5 to \$6.
Suits for 5.00, " " 7 to 8.
Suits for 6.00, " " 8 to 9.
Suits for 7.00, " " 10 to 12.

Stiff and soft Hats,
3.00 kind, \$2.00. 2.50 kind, \$1.75. 2.00 kind, \$1.50, and so on down.

Summer shirts,
Fine French Madras and Cheviots, a big line of \$1.00 grades at 50c.

Straw Hats,
Big lot of men's \$1 hats, large sizes 50c.
Men's and boys' crash hats, 19c.
Fine \$1.00 laundered shirts, colored bosom, white bodies, 50c.
Men and Boys' all wool sweaters, 59c.

SHOE PRICES

That you'll not match again for such sterling qualities.
Hundreds of pairs ladies' shoes for 98c., worth from 2 to \$4.
" " men's " at \$1.98, worth 3.50 to \$5
" " women's finest shoes, 1.20 to \$2, worth 3 to \$4 (broken sizes).
Hundreds of buyers are coming in from every section of the county.
Tell it around, come yourself.

This sale is absolute, and every article in both stores will be closed out completely.

GIDDING & CO.

The White Front. **The White Front.**
Nearly opposite Court House.
Don't get confused with any other store in this neighborhood.

RECEPTION TO MR. RATTI.

Joseph Ratti, proprietor of the Silk Mill, one of the most prosperous industries of our town, who left here about two months ago to visit his former home in Italy, returned on Tuesday, and in celebration of his safe arrival, and to show the high esteem in which he is held, a reception was tendered him by a number of his friends at the Exchange Hotel Tuesday evening. It was a happy crowd, and it goes without saying that they had a good time.

The large parlor was used for a dining room. It was very tastefully decorated with flowers, flags and bunting. The party consisted of sixteen.

MENU:
Soup, Beef à la Rice. Cheese.
Lettuce. Fish. Soft Shell Crabs.
Mason. New Boiled Potatoes.
Olives. Sliced Cucumbers.
Claret. Broiled Chicken with Sauce.
Asparagus. Brown Sweet Potatoes
J. H. Mummi's. Loin of Beef, Brown Dressing
Mashed Potatoes. Chicken Salad.
Green Peas.
Sliced Tomatoes. Baked Macaroni.
Apples. Bananas. Raisins.
Oranges. Nuts.
Ice Cream. Strawberries.
Layer Cake. Fruit Cake. Lady Fingers.
Maccaronis.
Tea. Coffee.

Each guest received a menu, which was in the shape of a folder on one page contained the following:
Special Menu.
In Honor of Joseph Ratti,
Tuesday Evening June 7th, 1898,
Exchange Hotel,
G. Snyder & Son, Proprietors,
Bloomsburg, Pa.
The Bloomsburg Band enlivened the occasion with a few selections.

The wet spring throughout the country has made glad the hearts of agriculturists who raise the annual American hay crop, which, with a little warm sunshine to cure it, will be the greatest this year ever known. Last year's hay crop in the United States was valued at nearly \$400,000,000, and the record-breaker for the current season should far exceed this imposing figure.

Many of the store windows are patriotically decorated. H. R. Snyder's grocery and J. Gross' clothing store are among the most noticeable.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONVENTION AT ESPY.

For two days at Espy, Pa., June 2 and 3, with the evening between them, there was held a convention of the Sabbath School Association of Columbia county, Pa. Delegates from every part of the county were present, making a full attendance and a most interesting convention.

The program was carried out in full and contained some exercises of great value to S. S. workers, among which we might mention a series of excellent papers on the life of Christ by Rev. A. H. Smith of Berwick, Pa. Several helpful addresses by Rev. Roads, D. D., the State Sec'y of Sabbath School work in Pa.

There was also a most interesting talk by Rev. J. D. Smith of Bloomsburg, on Elements of Success in Sunday School Work. The reports from the different schools and the many district presidents were all encouraging, showing the work of our county to be in good condition. The only trouble in these conventions is the small number of people outside of delegates who get to hear these exercises, and consequently to be educated and enthused by them.

The Sunday School cause is one of intense and thrilling importance. Rev. A. H. Smith suggested a Bible Institute in Columbia county this summer, and on motion the work was taken up and a committee was appointed to take charge of it—Revs. A. H. Smith, B. C. Conner, Thomas, Martyn, Albeck and McLinn; Messrs. J. C. Creveling, A. W. Spear, H. R. Bower, M. I. Low, C. E. Yorks and T. H. Edgar.

This committee will hold a meeting in Bloomsburg Y. M. C. A. hall on June 20, at 2:30 p. m.

Children's Day was observed at Lime Ridge M. E. Church last Sabbath evening. An unusually large audience gathered to listen to the exercises given by the children and young people. The program had many good features and was well rendered. The church was tastefully decorated with spruce, the Stars and stripes and cut flowers.

There will be preaching at Fowlerville next Sabbath at 10.30 A. M., Lime Ridge 3 P. M., Children's Day exercises at Espy at 7.30 P. M.

BOARD OF THANKS.

At a meeting of Ent Post G. A. R., Friday evening, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be extended to the Bloomsburg Cornet Band, Ladies' Circle, Sons of Veterans and P. O. S. of A. for their assistance on Memorial day. Also to all friends for their liberal donation of flowers, also to Rev. M. E. McLinn and Rev. James Smith for their excellent Memorial sermons, and to Fred Ikeler for the eloquent and appropriate address in the cemetery. Also to all orders, Normal cadets and Fire Companies for participating in the parade, also to the *Daily* and other Bloomsburg papers for calling the attention of the people to the celebration.

M. P. LUTZ,
W. O. HOLMES,
C. P. SLOAN,
W. R. RINGROSE,
Z. THOMAS,
Com.

Judges' Pay.

Bloomsburg, Penna., June 8th, 1898.

MR. EDITOR:
In reply to numerous inquiries pertaining to paying Judges' salaries, permit me to inform the public that the Judges, President and Associates, are paid by the State, out of State money, in the same way as the Governor, Members of the Legislature, State and County Superintendents as well as the State and public School Appropriations.

The State funds are derived from taxes on Railroad Companies, Insurance Companies, Liquor Licenses, Notaries Public and Tax on monies at interest. There is not a taxpayer in the County who directly pays one cent to our Judges, and if they pay no State Tax then they do not contribute to the support of the Judges at all. Columbia County derives far more Public School appropriations than she pays in taxes.

G. S. FLECKENSTINE, Treasurer.

A festival will be given by the Alumni of the B. H. S. at the High School Building on the evening of June 10th. Strawberries, Ice-cream and Cake will be served. Everybody welcome.