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Statement of Condition September 15, '02.

RESOURCES.	
Loans	\$294,144.47
U. S. Bonds	23,000.00
Banking House	27,500.43
Stocks and Securities	153,746.75
Cash & due from Banks & U. S. Tr.	109,217.33
Total	\$607,608.98
LIABILITIES.	
Capital	\$50,000.00
Surplus	125,000.00
Undivided Profits	11,007.24
Unpaid Dividends	50,000.00
Deposits	428,591.94
Total	\$604,629.18

The First National Bank solicits a share of your business upon the basis of Sound and Progressive Banking, Liberal and Accurate Treatment.

THE COLUMBIAN.

ESTABLISHED 1866.
THE COLUMBIA DEMOCRAT.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1902.
DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

FOR GOVERNOR,
ROBERT E. PATTISON,
of Philadelphia.

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,
GEORGE W. GUTHRIE,
of Allegheny.

FOR SECRETARY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS,
JAMES NOLAN,
of Berks.

DISTRICT TICKET.

FOR CONGRESS,
(Long Term.)
CHARLES H. DICKERMAN,
(Short Term.)
ALEXANDER BILLMEYER.

FOR STATE SENATOR,
J. HENRY COCHRAN,
DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

FOR REPRESENTATIVES,
HON. FRED. IKELER,
HON. WILLIAM T. CREAMY,

FOR MINE INSPECTOR,
MARTIN KELLEY.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY,
C. A. SMALL,

FOR PROTHONOTARY AND CLERK OF THE COURTS,
C. M. TERWILLIGER,

FOR REGISTER AND RECORDER,
J. C. RUTTER, JR.,

FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGE,
WILLIAM KRICKBAUM,

FOR COUNTY TREASURER,
A. B. CROOP,

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
GEO. W. STERNER,
WILLIAM BOGERT,

FOR COUNTY AUDITOR,
CHARLES F. DERR,
GEO. H. SHARPLESS,

To the Democratic Voters of Columbia County.

The work of the preliminary canvass is over. The committee men of the several districts have rendered most valuable aid in organizing the county. Public meetings have been held in nearly every township, and the large attendance has shown that the people are aroused, and that great interest is felt in the coming election. The thanks of the party are especially due to the speakers who have given their time and services, going through the county and ably discussing the issues that confront the people of this Commonwealth. It is now in your hands, and the result of the election next Tuesday depends entirely upon you. With a full vote Columbia county will give Pattison and the whole ticket a good majority, and we will maintain our reputation as one of the banner Democratic counties of the state. Let there be no apathy now. The issues that are presented are too important to be neglected. Let every Democrat feel that the result depends on him. Let neither work, business nor weather keep a single man from the polls. A full vote and fair count will see Robert E. Pattison Governor of Pennsylvania for the third time, and will restore our State to honest government. It is up to you. Do your duty.
W. B. ALLEN,
County Chairman.

The Situation.

An Unbiased View of the Commissionership Question.

THE COLUMBIAN has no axe to grind in the election of county officers next week. It has no personal grievances, and no interest whatever in the personal controversies of politicians who have kept the Democratic party of this county in a turmoil for some years past. Its only desire is to see the supremacy of Democratic principles, and in order to accomplish this it believes that certain things must be done, and unless they are done it will not be many years before the long-time famous reputation of Old Columbia for her unwavering adherence to the doctrines of Jefferson, will be scattered to the winds, and we will find her in the doubtful column, giving sometimes a Republican majority.

The rank and file of the Democracy are getting tired of the scheming and wire-pulling and political treachery that has been going on for some years past, and they are growing to feel that when leaders violate rules of the party when it suits their purposes best, or bolt the ticket or any part of it when they please, that it is no sin for the private ranks to do the same thing. If we want to hold our place in the column of Democratic counties, we must get back to first principles. We must stand by the party rules; we must stick to the ticket as lawfully made; and we must respect the decisions of the courts as they are made in election cases.

This brings us to a case in point. Judge Dunham has decided that W. H. Fisher should have been declared one of the nominees for county commissioner by the Democratic county convention. His decision is based upon the fact that the ballots for the primary election were not printed in accordance with the party rules requiring voters to vote for one person on each side of the river, and that if they had been so printed Mr. Fisher must have been chosen, because he was the only candidate from the south side. The evidence before the court showed beyond a doubt that the official ballots were printed as they were for the express purpose of defeating Fisher. It is fair to presume that if the ballots had been properly printed that the voters who voted for two persons on the north side would not have so voted if they had been properly informed that by so doing they would lose their vote for commissioner. And yet that is exactly what would have happened. If the ballot had been printed in accordance with the rule, every vote for two commissioners on the north side would have been illegal and would have been thrown out; or if counted that way by the election boards the latter would have subjected themselves to arrest and punishment for a violation of the primary election laws.

No one questions this, for there is no room for argument. No one has attempted to claim that the ballots were properly printed. The only claim seems to be that because Fisher was defrauded out of the nomination to which he was entitled, and did not receive a majority vote on ballots so printed that half of them were illegally counted, that now he is "attempting to force himself on the ticket when the people have decided that they didn't want him." There has been no such test fairly and honestly, and therefore no such conclusion can be drawn.

The situation is just this. The rules of the Democratic party of this County provide that when two commissioners are to be nominated, the voters shall vote for one on each side of the river. Not may vote, but shall vote. This is not optional, but mandatory. In accordance with this rule William H.

Fisher was entitled to the nomination from the south side. After a full hearing in open court, it has been so decided, and his name has been ordered to be printed on the ballot in the regular Democratic column.

To abide by the rules of the party is Democratic; to abide by the law as proclaimed by the courts is Democratic. To refuse to do these things is neither Democratic nor good-citizenship. To over-ride the laws and the rights of the public, and then ask the people what they are going to do about it, is one of the great reasons in this campaign why we are trying to drive Quayism from the State.

Democrats, what are you going to do about it? Are you going to over-ride the rules of your party, and ignore the decisions of the courts? If so, you are encouraging a state of anarchy in the Democratic party in Columbia County. You are helping to establish a precedent for overturning the party rules at any and every election. You are helping to stifle the party cry of "stick-to-the ticket." You are encouraging and inviting a gas-you-please habit in voters that will be ruinous to the Democracy as a time honored organization.

We are not pleading William H. Fisher's cause. We are pleading the cause of Democracy, and we are impelled to do it, because unless our rules are observed and our organization kept up on sound Democratic principles, we can see only disaster and defeat in more than one county office in the future. It is our duty to sound this warning note, and we have done it. The responsibility rests with the voters.

Perjury or What?

There are a good many ways of running a political canvass, but some of the methods resorted to in the present campaign cannot inspire very much respect among the better class of people. Four persons have been found, who for a money consideration have been willing to make a statement under oath that is intended to convey to the public a false impression. J. W. Vankirk, O. Stevenson, John O. Koch and Charles Montague have made affidavits that they were paid eighty-nine cents for a day's work, by the Milton Car Works. Two hundred and one of the most reputable employees that ever worked at the Milton car works voluntarily state over their signatures that eighty-nine cents was never paid for a day's work by that company, and that is supplemented by the affidavit of Robert M. Longmore, one of Milton's most respected and reliable citizens and business men, who states that he was pay master at the car works for a period of thirty years and that eighty-nine cents was never paid for a day's work.

To a man who hasn't any conscientious scruples himself there is really nothing in the way to prevent him from purchasing affidavits when they can be had at bargain counter prices. Here is an affidavit that will explain itself:

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, S. S.
Before me the subscriber, a justice of the peace in and for said county, personally came John C. Karchner, of the Borough of Milton in said county, who being duly sworn according to law doth depose and say that he had on October 20, 1902, a conversation with J. O. Koch and that in the course of this conversation the said J. O. Koch did state that he had received five dollars (\$5) for signing an affidavit stating that Murray, Dougal & Company Limited had paid eighty-nine cents a day; which affidavit is now being circulated by Fred A. Godcharles.

JOHN C. KARCHNER.
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 25th day of October, A. D. 1902.
D. E. AUNKST, J. P.

Bad Coughs

"I had a bad cough for six weeks and could find no relief until I tried Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Only one-fourth of the bottle cured me."
L. Hawn, Newington, Ont.

Neglected colds always lead to something serious. They run into chronic bronchitis, pneumonia, asthma, or consumption. Don't wait, but take Ayer's Cherry Pectoral just as soon as your cough begins. A few doses will cure you then.

Three sizes: 25c, 50c, \$1. All druggists. Consult your doctor. If he says take it, then do as he says. If he tells you not to take it, then don't take it. He knows. Leave it with him. We are willing.

Pains in the Back

Are symptoms of a weak, torpid or stagnant condition of the kidneys or liver, and are a warning that it is extremely hazardous to neglect, no important is a healthy action of these organs.

They are commonly attended by loss of energy, lack of courage, and sometimes by gloomy foreboding and despondency.

"I had pains in my back, could not sleep and when I got up in the morning felt worse than the night before. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and now I can sleep and get up feeling rested and able to do my work. I attribute my cure entirely to Hood's Sarsaparilla." Mrs. J. N. PENNY, care H. S. Copeland, Pine Road, Ala.

Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills

Cure kidney and liver troubles, relieve the back, and build up the whole system.

Dodging the Issue.

The dominant issue in the approaching congressional election throughout the country is the regulation of the trusts. The wage earner, the tradesman, the farmer, the small dealer and operator see in the great combinations of capital the passing of individual enterprise. These great combinations or trusts as they are called stand together for their own protection and perpetuation, thus forming a gigantic octopus, that crushes out competition, arbitrarily regulates the prices not only of its own output, but determines the cost of materials it purchases and places its merciless heel upon all grades and classes of labor. Mr. F. A. Godcharles, nail manufacturer of Milton, and the Republican candidate for Congress in this district, is a member of the nail trust. This association controls the output of the cut nail factories of this country, and the evidence is in the possession of the writer, under their own signature, that it extorts an additional profit of forty-one cents a keg more from the home consumer than it does from nails exported into foreign countries for the use of foreigners. Mr. Godcharles realizes his position and is dodging the issue. He is resorting to every possible ploy that his fertile and unscrupulous imagination can suggest to keep the attention of the voters from the only real issue in the campaign that affects their interests. If Mr. Godcharles could be elected, of which fortunately there is not even a remote possibility, he could be depended upon to support every measure before Congress that would strengthen the grip of these monopolies upon the people, and oppose every bill that was intended for their protection and relief. A vote for Godcharles means a vote to continue the extortion of the meat trust, the coal trust, and the other trusts that have increased the living expenses of the wage-earner over forty per cent. upon a nineteen per cent. increase in wages. The workingman votes with his eyes open. If he by his ballot elects to put the corporation yoke around his neck, he ought not to grumble or complain when it becomes oppressive. It is there by his own act.

One of the very thin pleas that are being made in the effort to get votes away from Mr. Dickerman, the Democratic congressional candidate, is that he is a Democrat, and if elected, being a representative of the minority party, he would have no influence at the capitol and would not be able to accomplish anything for his constituents. What bosh! If it were true, what a commentary upon our Republican government! Elias Deemer is a Republican congressman from the Locoming-Clinton district and the Williamsport Sun points out that while he was getting three rural delivery routes in his district, our congressman, Rufus K. Polk, Democrat, was plastering the counties of his district over with rural routes. It is true that Republican statesmanship in Pennsylvania has reached a pretty low ebb, but it is not quite so bad yet, that a man of merit and character cannot get a hearing because his politics is out of gear with those in power. Stick a pin right here. Hon. Charles H. Dickerman, the next congressman from this district will always be accorded a hearing.—Milton Record.

The Quay agents who are traveling around this county trying to instruct the Democrats how to vote will find that they are dealing with a class of voters who need no instruction.

Columbia County is highly honored in being so well and so conspicuously represented in state politics as she is by Hon. W. T. Creamy, chairman of the Democratic State Committee. The value of his public services is deservedly recognized by his retention year after year as state chairman, and his popularity at home is shown by his being returned to the legislature five times in succession. He will be elected by a big vote.

Townsend's CORN CONTEST!

We will give away a

\$10.00 SUIT

of CLOTHES to the Farmer Raising the

Six Largest Ears of Corn

Corn to be raised in Columbia County. This offer will remain open until December the 1st when Judges will decide the contest.

Our line of winter goods is now in. Call and see them before you buy. Prices always right at

Townsend's

Reasonable, Reliable, Right.

These three words are used in connection with our Merchandise. If we use them with a proper sense of their meaning in that connection, then there's no room for doubt as to this being a good store for you to trade with.

- REASONABLE—This concerns our prices.
- RELIABLE—This concerns our qualities.
- RIGHT—This concerns our styles.

Prove what we print by a personal investigation. If the proof stands, the chances are we've won you for a business friend.

Height of the Dress Goods Season.

Dress goods selling was early made active by the completeness of the equipment, the excellence of styles and the moderateness of price. We've been adding to that activity ever since by such special offerings as these

- 34in. cloth in 4 colors at 23c
- 50in. Covert cloth, extra value at 79c
- 50in. Habit cloths all the fall colors at 69 cents.
- 50in. Venetian cloth worth \$1.00 at 85 cents.

Look at this big Assortment of Black Dress Goods, Ready-to-wear Readiness.

Stylish suits, nobby jackets, handsome skirts, fresh from the hands of artists, and priced with great consideration for the sellers and consumer. These are the prices.

- Ladies' coats from \$5.00 to \$37.50.
- Ladies' Tailored suits from \$7.98 to \$25.00.
- Misses' coats from \$2.25 to \$12.00.
- Misses' tailored suits from \$7.98 to \$15.00.

BIG ASSORTMENT OF LADIES' CAPES.

All Kinds of Furniture.

We have lots of Furniture here you'll buy if you'll only take the time and trouble to select it. Selecting should not be a trouble but a pleasure from such a stock as this.

- Bed room suits from \$18.00 to \$85.00.
- Sideboards from \$18.00 to \$11.50 to \$35.00.
- Enamel beds from \$6.75 to \$25.00.
- Fancy rockers from \$1.25 to \$28.00.
- Chiffoniers from \$6.00 to \$25.00.
- Couches from \$6.75 to \$25.00.

A glance at this lot of Furniture will convince you that we can save you money if you buy at this store.

SHOES! SHOES!

The fatigue of doing anything is greatly lessened by comfortable shoes. Buy the American Gul shoe at \$2.50 or the Patriotic shoe at \$3.50 and you will have comfort and service.

F. P. Pursel.

Vote the straight Democratic ticket by marking in the circle, and there will be no danger of losing your vote by a mistake in marking your ballot.

Vote for C. A. Small for District Attorney. He has been a life long Democrat, born and raised in this county, and by hard work and perseverance he has worked himself from the farm to a prominent place in his chosen career.

TAILOR-MADE SUITS.

N. S. Tingley has accepted the agency for Reinach, Ullman & Co. of Chicago, merchant tailors, and is ready to supply made-to-measure clothing at prices lower than can be obtained elsewhere. He has a large line of samples to select from. His place of business is the third floor of the COLUMBIAN building. 4t.

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