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## Gross Misuse of Office.

Mr. Editor:— Few people realize that it is immoral to submit to injustice. Fewer still are sufficiently courageous, manly, and christian-like to help right a neighbor's wrongs. They prefer to see the helpless oppressed to the annoyance and trouble of working for a general betterment. Thus every branch of politics has become corrupt, and a misuse of the public funds has become the rule, instead of the exception.

It is just as criminal to make unjust assessments, as it is to obtain money in any other dishonest way; yet this shameful fraud goes on from year to year, without any determined effort being made to check it.

To emphasize the crying necessity for reform in Cameron county, I will cite an experience of my own, viz:

In the year 1900 I disposed of a building on Fourth street, Emporium, but I was assessed just as much the following year as if I still owned it. Naturally I remonstrated and, upon investigation, it was admitted that two persons were assessed for the same building. The commissioners were very courteous, and proved their inclination to be fair by reducing my assessment for that year. But the assessor raised my valuation \$50 the following year, so as to make my taxes keep up to the high water mark. Again I protested, but it was useless. The assessor had entered his figures and they were now legally entitled to it. Subsequently I sold a house property at a sacrifice, because I felt I could no longer endure the burden of taxation in Emporium. But the taxes on my remaining property are rapidly climbing, to make up the deficiency.

Is this right? Is it just? Is it wise? Is it not time to have the local assessments published, as a means of curbing unfair discrimination? Assessors are quite as human as other people, and they are no more likely to see that county officials "honestly expend the money" that they are to conscientiously appraise property values.

They are effective instruments in raising money to pay the running expenses of a town, county, or state; but you want to keep your eyes on them, and not let them trifle with the assessments. It is a bad habit—that of theft.

Nor are the leaders in the public thought blameless. Every time there is to be a vote cast for expenditures of the public funds, the voters are assured that the debt is decreasing—has, in fact, become a mere bagatelle. Yet year by year the taxes continue to soar.

Now there must be a drop somewhere that will cause the people's endurance to overflow. Taxes are trust funds, and the county officials who expend the public money extravagantly or dishonestly ought to be indicted for embezzlement.

How much longer are we to submit to be overburdened by taxes out of all proportion with our incomes? In New York city where rentals are enormous, the taxes are only a little over a cent and a half (1.51). Where in Emporium where rentals are low, I paid over seven times that amount this year for taxes.

Perhaps you may claim that property is assessed at its actual value in New York city; but I know from painful experience that the so-called "actual value" is preferable to the Emporium assessment. From a purely expedient viewpoint it is not wise to kill the goose that lays the golden eggs. People in the city are learning not to over tax themselves, but to find sufficient revenue in municipal ownership of street railways, and other profitable investments. When Emporium officials condescend to consider the commercial interests of its taxpayers, instead of putting money in the pockets of a few, we can turn on the electric fan and rest easy. It is significant that public sentiment is clamoring to have the local assessments published. That is a step in the right direction. Let us go farther and insist that those running for office shall pledge themselves to have this done. No misuse of the public money can long continue if the voters do their duty. And the men who shirk their duties are not absolved from moral responsibility. The devil is quite as much where things are "left undone" as where crimes are committed. Let the voters watchword this fall be REFORM irrespective of party lines.

## A TAXPAYER.

### Bronco Buster.

Bronco Buster gave entire satisfaction at the opera house last evening and it has been one of the best melo-dramas that has been here for years. The cast is very strong. The same company with the same play will be at the opera house again to-night.—Shamokin Dispatch. At Emporium Opera House, Sept. 13th.

WANTED:—At once, two girls to work in Hospital Laundry. Permanent positions. Wages \$16.00 per month. For particulars, apply to Miss Adah Grafius, Ass't. Supt., Elk County General Hospital, Ridgway, Pa. 28-78.

One nicely furnished room to let. Inquire of Mrs. Bardwell.

## Sunny Skies Brighten Veterans Annual Picnic

Large Crowd Spends Delightful Day in the Grove at Agars Park—Judge B. W. Green's Address.



Lock Haven Daily Express, Aug. 30th.

The 13th annual meeting and picnic of the Clinton County Veterans Association was held at Agars park, near this city, to-day and there was a good attendance of veterans and others. A session of the association was held at 10:30 a. m., and it was called to order by W. F. Moyer, the president. The Loganton band was in attendance and played several selections.

The weather was bright and after the dinner hour the trolley cars began to take people to the park to fraternize with the old soldiers and hear the speeches. The chief speaker was Hon. B. W. Green, the president judge of the Twenty-fifth Judicial district. Judge Green was a stranger to many of the veterans, but all were favorably impressed with his kindly and unassuming manner, and also with his splendid patriotic address. We present this address in full, as follows:

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Veteran Association, Ladies and Gentlemen: I am under many obligations to the committee of the Veteran Association of Clinton county for this opportunity to be present and join in the ceremonies of this event. I can assure you that it is with hesitancy that I undertake to-day to fill the place allotted to me, as I am aware that on former occasions of this character it has been your privilege to listen to some of the best orators this state affords. Yet if a hearty endorsement of the patriotic object of this meeting and sympathy with the noble cause you represent will solicit your approval, I will have your attention at the beginning.

Well do I recall as a boy the stirring events of the spring of 1861, when in a neighboring county we heard the music of the fife and drum, and the brave men and boys from the farms, work shop and homes from every part of Pennsylvania were putting down their names with a determined hand upon the enlistment roll; and you hold the proud distinction to be among the number. You were formed into ranks, drilled for a day on the village green, then these valiant sons of Clinton county took their places in the companies of the valley of the West Branch, the regiments of the Keystone state, and the armies of the great loyal north. Days and weeks of intense anxiety would follow waiting for news from the front, then would come tidings that a great battle had been fought, a victory won or a defeat suffered. Then would the effect be brought closer home with the sad fact that some beloved one from your immediate vicinity had fallen, one more fife and drum in sorrow at the altar of their country. A dear relative, friend or acquaintance, and to you a companion in arms had been sacrificed to pay the debt of liberty.

I was in the city of Charleston a few months ago, and as I passed along the sea wall in full view of Fort Sumpter—now a battered ruin—I could not help recalling some of the great events and changes that have occurred in our country's history in the 45 years that had just passed since the firing from that point upon the Stars and Stripes and fortifications of the United States on Friday, April 12, 1861. The sound of cannon had not died away in that harbor on that unfortunate Friday before their echoes were heard from the mountain tops, and the fire of true patriotism was lighted as if by magic upon every hill and within every dale, north of the Mason and Dixon line. It was the beginning on that bright spring day of the harvest of death and desolation that was to continue for four long years.

Not more than two squares from the water's edge where those first sounds of war were heard, I saw a monument erected in honor of a company of artillerymen, which the inscription informed me were recruited in that city, and

as the chisled words recorded many of whom fell in defence of their native state, "in a war between the states." No words of condemnation have I to offer against the spirit which promoted the erection of this monument in honor of their brave sons. I cannot, however, accept as true the sentiment of the last part of that inscription. It was not a war between states, but an unjust rebellion upon the national government, without cause, that had for its object the division of this union or its absolute destruction, and the upholding of the Southern Confederacy, with human slavery as its cornerstone. But the god of battles was not with them. It was not to be so. A regenerated union was to be the final result. To-day we find factories and the hum of industry upon the spot where were located Libby Prison and the stockade at Salisbury. Northern capital and industry joined with the south, working in harmony in the upbuilding and improvement of that favored section of our country. The people are gradually but surely solving the great problems of the past and the result is a government stable and patriotic in all its parts.

It is not my purpose to follow the fortunes of these years of conflict. Words cannot express the thoughts that come to mind of those days. General Grant, the great commander, has well said that "there were thousands of instances during the rebellion of individual, company, regimental and brigade deeds of heroism which deserved special mention." It has been my fortune recently to see some of the battlefields of the south, the long line of trenches and breastworks at Richmond, Petersburg, and all over Virginia and the south, now in many places covered with trees of the forest. Thus marking the victories of time as well as war. Near at hand can be seen the National cemeteries with their miles of headstones, each a monument to the heroic deeds of a union soldier. "We were in peril, they breasted the danger; the Republic called, they answered with their blood."

Precious things command large values the world over, and it is equally true that the living principles of our constitution and law, placed in the corner stone of this great national edifice by its illustrious founders has been dearly maintained. No nation ever paid more. It was not merely the billions of dollars of treasure, nor was it only devastated homes, towns, villages and cities, but the price demanded and paid in full was far more—to make a comparison would not be possible. It was the hundreds of thousands, the brave, the loyal, the true, yes, the very flower of the land who yielded up their lives at Fredericksburg, Vicksburg, Gettysburg, the Wilderness and upon hundreds of other well fought fields, to pay a fitting tribute to these nobledefenders of our country in among the impossibilities of speech, and beyond the power of expression. The pen fails and the tongue is silent, not only their noble deeds but those of their companions in arms, those who returned with maimed bodies and ruined health, will surely live after them, and give life and freedom to the generations yet to come, peace and prosperity within our borders.

The time is now ripe when the veterans of the Civil war should all receive more substantial aid than mere praise. It is not sufficient that the few should be granted invalid, disability or dependent pensions but there should be a universal service pension framed along liberal lines. As the pension list has decreased more than ten thousand during the last year with a corresponding decrease of many millions of dollars, why not? It cannot be successfully contradicted that to the preservation of the union and for the greatest nation of the twentieth century we are indebted to them. The advancements that have been made since that historic event is without parallel in the world's history. Six states at the present time exceed the population of the United States in 1860, and the population south of Mason and Dixon's line is

nearly equal to all of the states on that date; and when we consider the development of the country and the wonderful increase of wealth and the general prosperity, comparison cannot be made. The young man of 25 years of age who became one of the army of volunteers in 1861, now is three score and ten, the life allotted to man. It is high time this debt of gratitude should be paid for in a few more years it will be everlastingly too late.

It is appropriate that the veterans of the good county of Clinton should have an association and hold annual meetings and as much oftener as possible and renew their comradeship. And as the evening star of life descends toward the western horizon they can see the insignia of "Victory" emblazoned in the heavens with a jeweled setting of the years 1861 and 1865, and then recall anew American valor that will ever be a record of great deeds upon the pages of our history. I thank you for your kind attention.

The Lock Haven Democrat in an extended account of the picnic, speaks pleasantly of Judge Green's address, viz: "Judge Green made a stirring address to the people present, confining his remarks to reminiscences of the soldier life, in which he proved himself to be a pleasant speaker and held the closest attention of the vast audience."

### The Campaign.

This is the campaign of good will and good sense; no man can have good sense without good will. Anger, meanness and narrowness all work against good sense and good judgment. The Republican Party this year stands more fully upon this platform than ever and we say to the voters of this county, and more particularly of this Judicial and Congressional district, that if we cannot win on this platform we do not wish to win at all.

Fair play and a square deal, court the widest publicity and in the confidence of intelligent criticism we court your good will, good sense and good judgment in voting for the good men Cameron county presents as candidates. "Of the people, by the people and for the people" they stand without any strings tied to them, upon their own merits for a constitutional government of law, order, justice and progressive industry, with fair play to all and favoritism to none.

Captain Barclay starting out as a soldier boy sixteen years of age, fought his way through the war and kept on in his business career through two periods of hard times, winning his way honestly to the present high standing he and his brother hold in the business world.

Judge Green starting out as a farmer boy, has grown mentally, physically and modestly into one of the leading attorneys in this Judicial district. Confidence in his progressiveness, his integrity and his good judgment was shown two years ago by our leading citizens in choosing him to succeed the late Geo. A. Walker as President of the First National Bank, and his appointment by the Governor to succeed Judge Mayer, was only a just recognition of his legal ability and manly uprightness as a citizen.

Judge Green and Captain Barclay will both receive a tremendous vote in this county where they are well so known, and trust that the voters of the other counties will get better acquainted with them and with record which is open to the public, both here and in their native counties of Potter and Tioga.

Come and see!

Come in the evening or,

Come in the morning;

Come when you are looked for or,

Come without warning."

We want you to know these men and we appeal to your good will, your good sense and your good judgment to vote for these good men, that they may render you independent, trustworthy, and capable service in the high offices for which they are nominated.

### Lumber Township's Grand Old Man.

While stopping at the Valley House in Cameron recently we had the pleasure of meeting our old and highly esteemed friend William H. Smith. Lumber township has produced many men that have been and are highly respected by all her citizens, but there is none that stands higher in the estimation of all than Mr. Smith. At present he is serving as tax collector, a position which he is filling with credit to himself and to his friends. He was born and raised in this township and is in every sense of the word a model man.

### TRAVELER.

No one would buy a sailboat with sails that could not be reefed. There is always that possibility of a little too much wind that makes a cautious man afraid to go unprovided. The thinking man, whose stomach sometimes goes back on him, provides for his stomach by keeping a bottle of Kodol for Dyspepsia within reach. Kodol digests what you eat and restores the stomach to the condition to properly perform its functions. Sold by R. C. Dodson.

### To Parents, Pupils and Teachers.

The public schools will open on Monday, Sept. 10th. Pupils who have been in the schools are requested to take their report cards to the room to which they were assigned for the coming term.

The schools are open to all persons, between the ages of six and twenty-one, but children who will reach the age of six before January 1st, should be started at the opening of the term.

All beginners, as well as those who have never attended school in Emporium, will be required to present to the teacher a certificate of successful vaccination.

Pupils who have moved from other districts are requested to meet the principal at his office on Saturday, Sept. 8th, between 9 and 12 a. m., so that they may be assigned to the proper room before the opening of school. This applies only to those who were not enrolled in our schools last term.

The daily sessions will open at 9:00 a. m., and 1:15 p. m. Pupils are expected to be regular and prompt in their attendance. Tardiness and irregularity of attendance are great hindrances in school work.

Parents and all friends of education are cordially invited to visit the schools. Teachers and pupils will be encouraged by their presence. Only through hearty cooperation will the best results be attained in school work.

### TEACHERS' MEETING.

The teachers are requested to meet in the High School Room on Friday afternoon, Sept. 7 at 2:00 o'clock.

Very respectfully,

C. E. PLASTERER, Principal.

### A Jolly "Weary Willie" Coming.

The happy-go-lucky "Weary Willie" will be a new exponent on the stage, when Manager U. D. Newell presents E. E. Kidder's strikingly original comedy drama, "A Jolly American Tramp" at the Emporium Opera House on Saturday evening, Sept. 8. This piece is said to be more strikingly intense than the same author's other plays, "Peaceful Valley" and "Poor Relation," that he wrote for Sol Smith Russell. In "A Jolly American Tramp" he holds the attention of his audience by the quality of his wit, the deep touches of pathos that he has interwoven in its interesting plot, and the convincing comedy with which it is interspersed. Of course the despised tramp turns out to be a hero in rags, and the supposed millionaire whose greed for gold leads him to commit felony, simply does what all his ilk in the big trusts are doing every day. There are many scenes and incidents portrayed that will be worth witnessing in that it shows how the rights of many are ruthlessly brushed aside by the few, but in the end the wronged triumph, and justice gets the reward. The cast that is to unfold this interesting story contains the names of many of this country's best players, among them being Jack Allen, Grace Euler, Juliette Newell, Lillian S. White, Vera Wilson, W. S. Ely and others. Much attention has been paid, too, to the costuming, each presenting the exact prototype of the original from which the talented author took his conception. Prices 50, 35 and 25.

### Barnes-Taggart.

Mr. Geo. C. Taggart, son of Hon. and Mrs. L. Taggart, surprised his friends by returning home last Saturday from Buffalo accompanied by his bride, who was formerly Miss Gertrude Barnes of Fort Huron, Mich. The lady resided in Emporium about two years ago, then being in the employ of Miss Raymond. Their friends cordially congratulate them. The groom has been a druggist for several years and is employed in his father's store. The wedding took place a Buffalo, Aug. 30th, Rev. Coleman Banon, Rector of First St. James Episcopal church officiating. The Press extends its best wishes and hopes prosperity and happiness may ever surround them.

### Bronco Buster.

Deming News: I hear Buster wrote a play and is out on the road. He calls it "The Bronco Buster."

You don't say, So he's an actor now? Yep. I'd hate to be the galoot that plays the villain.

Why so? Buster's liable to forget and think he's the sheriff again and fill that gazabo full of holes. That was a bad habit he had. From "The Bronco Buster," at Emporium, Sept. 13th.

### X-Ray Picture.

Dr. V. K. Corbett, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Bertha, visited in Emporium last Saturday. Miss Corbett had the misfortune to break her left arm some time ago, by falling. The Dr. wanted to be dead sure that he had made a good job of the resetting the badly fractured elbow and brought the young lady up to have Dr. Heilman make an X-ray picture of the fracture. The picture, which we were permitted to see, showed very plainly the break in the bone.

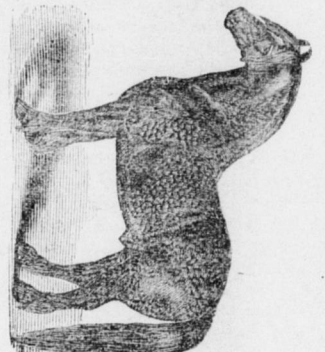
THE WEATHER.  
FRIDAY, Fair SATURDAY, Fair.  
SUNDAY, Showers.

ASSETS  
**First National Bank,**  
EMPORIUM, PA.  
At the close of business Sept. 5, 1906.  
**\$743,148.12.**

A National Bank is always a safe bank. Government supervision makes it so. This week the Government shows its confidence in this bank by depositing another \$25,000, public money.

DR. LEON REX FELT,  
DENTIST.  
Rockwell Block, Emporium, Pa.

## HORSE SALE.



## Johnson Bros.

Will dispose of 50 head of choice Western horses at the barn of J. W. NORRIS, Emporium, Pa., TUESDAY, SEPT. 11, 1906. These excellent horses will be disposed of at Auction. Don't forget the date.

### Married.

On the 3rd of July at the Free Methodist parsonage, Emporium, Mr. Fred Solveson and Mrs. Llewella B. Moore were quietly united in the bonds of holy matrimony, by the Rev. J. Nelson Bennett. We extend congratulations and wish them prosperity and a long happy journey through life.

### Two of our Young People Wedded.

Miss Alice Irene Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Robinson and Mr. Ira Theodore Good, both of Emporium, were married at Buffalo, Wednesday, Aug. 29th. The bride is one of our popular young ladies and has many friends through the county, as well as in Emporium. The groom is an up to date cigar maker and has worked here some time. The Press extends congratulations.

### Baptist Association.

The following Emporium Baptists attended the meeting of the Allegany River Baptists Association, at Port Allegany last Tuesday and Wednesday, Rev. E. Calvin, Mrs. Mary Beers, Miss Rachael Day, Miss Elizabeth Crandell, Mr. Bertram Olmsted.

### Eye Specialist.

Prof. W. H. Budine, the well known Eye Specialist, of Binghamton, N. Y., will be at R. H. Hirsch's jewelry store, Emporium, Pa., September 15th. If you can't see well or have headache don't fail to call and see Prof. Budine, as he guarantees to cure all such cases. Lenses ground and fitted in old frames. Eyes tested and examined free. All work guaranteed.

### Shoes Found.

Some time ago a pair of new shoes were left in the Bank. Owner can have same by proving ownership and paying for this notice.

### Low Rate Niagara Falls Excursion.

Popular ten-day excursions to Niagara Falls will be run by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company on Fridays, September 7, 21, and October 12. Special trains of parlor cars, coaches and dining car will start from Philadelphia and Washington.

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