

THE CENTRE REPORTER. FRED KURTZ, Editor.

Table of Democratic County Committee members for various townships including Bellefonte, Howard, Mifflin, Centre, etc.

One more term in congress for Gov. Curtin, would have transmogrified him into a regular Teuton. Well, there would have been nothing wrong in that...

AN ENGINE'S DEEP PLUCKE.

INTO AN ABYSS OF NINETY FEET CARRYING FIVE MEN. PARKSBURG, W. V., March 16.—A terrible accident happened 12 miles from here this morning, on the Marietta Mineral Railroad...

ANOTHER ART CRAZE.

The latest art work among ladies is known as the "French Craze for decorating china, glass, and ware, etc. It is something entirely new, and is both profitable and fascinating...

THE EMPIRE NEWS CO., SYRACUSE, N. Y.

On Wednesday, 23, an explosion by which seventy miners were killed occurred in the Bull colliery at Leyden, South Wales.

LADIES' GUIDE TO FANCY WORK.

This work contains nearly 300 handsome illustrations with instructions for making hundreds of beautiful articles for adorning your home or presents for your friends...

TRUTH DOES NOT TRAVEL AS FAST AS FALSEHOOD.

It eventually gets there. It might do to bear this in mind.

THE HOMELIEST MAN IN CENTRE HALL.

As well as the handsomest, and others are invited to call on J. D. Murray, and get free a trial bottle of Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs...

SOME FOOLISH PEOPLE.

Allow a cough to run until it gets beyond the reach of medicine. They often say, Oh, it will soon pass off, but in most cases it wears them away...

ABSENT-MINDED WOMEN.

A Few Cases of Mental Preoccupation in the Great West. "There are a great many anecdotes on record regarding the absent-mindedness of men," said an acquaintance to a Chicago Journal reporter...

A VERY NARROW ESCAPE.

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FIRING HOTELS IN BUFFALO.

Horrible Scenes at the Burning of the Richmond Hotel. BUFFALO, March 19.—The Richmond hotel and St. James Hall, in which it is included, were destroyed by a fire which broke out at 10 o'clock this morning...

A LAVA DESERT.

Some of the Results of Volcanic Action in the Western Wonderland. A writer in the San Francisco Chronicle says: "Passing west over the Rocky Mountains we come upon the headwaters of the great Snake river. Here, beyond the granite axis of the main range, we encounter the same volcanic conditions...

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The President has appointed the following inter-state commerce commissioners: Thos. M. Cooley, Michigan, for a term of six years, Wm. R. Morris, Ill. in, for a term of five years; Augustus Schoonmaker, New York, for a term of four years; Aldace E. Walker, Vermont, for a term of three years; Walter A. Bragg, Alabama, for a term of two years.

The Watchman in alluding to the management of our county affairs by the present board of Commissioners, and the wilful misrepresentations made by a county paper, says:—

The commissioners have paid the county debt, have stopped the payment of interest, have kept every particle of county property in excellent repair, have built and paid for all bridges required, and have reduced the rate of taxation. Under the old board of commissioners beginning in 1877, there was levied as follows:

Table showing tax levies for various years from 1877 to 1886, including total levies and amounts paid.

Under the present board the following levies have been made: 1882, \$32,871.07; 1883, 44,700.00; 1884, 44,666.78; 1885, 45,194.62; 1886, 55,698.72.

Making \$12,479.47 more than was levied during the preceding five years, or an average of \$2,495.70, with which in addition to other savings an indebtedness of over \$80,000 has been paid. This increase was not made by increasing the millage, or the valuation of real estate, for that is lower in valuation in 1886 than in 1882 when the present board came into power. It is the natural increase in personal property which has advanced fully one-third in valuation since 1877.

The assessed value of real estate in the county in 1882 was \$102,172.28 while in 1886 it was \$100,926.26, or \$1,246.02 less than in 1882. Nor has the millage been increased, as alleged by the Gazette. Prior to 1882 we were paying at the rate of 4 mills on the dollar. In 1882 the rate was fixed at 5 mills; in 1883 it was fixed at 4 mills; in 1884, at 4 mills; in 1885, at 4 mills; and in 1886, at 3 mills, making an average of 4 mills per year or precisely the same as we had been paying previous to the incoming of the present board.

From these figures which we take from the records, the tax payers will see that neither has the valuation been increased nor the millage increased, as alleged by the Gazette. The entire increase in taxation for the last five years coming from the natural increase of personal property, and amounted to but \$12,479.47 all told.

With this and in addition to the ordinary expenses of the county they have expended on: Repairs to jail, \$2,105.54; Steam fixtures for jail, 800.00; Repairs to Court House, 7,581.64; Steam Heat for Court House, 1,388.92; Indexing, by order of Court, 9,587.88; For bridges, 15,209.83. Making a total of extraordinary expenses of \$34,523.81, or \$10,000 more than the increased taxation amounted to. This with the payment of \$83,116.00 of indebtedness, and a balance over in favor of the county amounting to \$24,142.13 is what the Democratic county commissioners have to point to, and which the Gazette says amounts to nothing compared with the alleged \$3,000 saved by the Republican council of Bellefonte.

NEW PRINCIPLES OF ROAD LAW.

The Supreme court has just laid down some new road law in reversing the quarter sessions court in Elk county, in the matter of a road in Benzing township, in that county. Viewers laid out the road, and the township supervisors filed exceptions. The court confirmed the opening of the road to a point convenient to a certain saw mill, but ordered that the other part should not be opened until further order. In setting aside this decree, the supreme court says: "It is not in the province of the court to condition the approval of a public road by an order to open an indefinite part convenient to a saw mill and forbidding the opening of the other part until further order. Such a conditional approval evidences that the court was of opinion that there was no present necessity for the road as laid out. The court cannot approve a part only. If this order be held valid it is neither more or less than approval of a part—the order to open the other part may never be made. The entire road may, in the opinion of the court, be unnecessary, and in that case it matters not that the court should believe a portion of it necessary, for the road must be considered as a whole. The order of confirmation is reversed."

FREE TRADE.

The reduction of internal revenue and the taking off of revenue stamps from Proprietary Medicines, no doubt has largely benefited the consumers, as well as relieving the burden of home manufactures. Especially is this the case with Green's August Flower and Boschee's German Syrup, as the reduction of thirty-six cents per dozen, has been added to increase the size of the bottles containing these remedies; thereby giving one-fifth more medicine in the 75 cent size. The August Flower for Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint, and the German Syrup for Cough and Lung troubles, have perhaps the largest sale of any medicines in the world. The advantage of increased size of the bottles will be greatly appreciated by the sick and afflicted, in every town and village in civilized countries. Sample bottles for 10 cents remain the same size.

Spring styles in summer goods fashions have been opened at S. U. Thompson's Bellefonte.

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