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COMMISSIONER RIDDLE'S OVER-DRAWN ACCOUNT.

A Republican Commissioner Using County Funds for His Convenience.

For some time there have been rumors to the effect that some of the Republican Board of Commissioners have been taking monies out of the County Treasury that did not belong to them, by drawing in advance several hundred dollars of unearned salary. This seemed doubtful at first, so much so that no attention was paid to the matter. But as the hint came from a reliable Republican source, it was decided to investigate the same, with the following results:

Wednesday the editor went to the commissioner's office and looked up the records. In "Ledger F" page 394 was found the statement of the money drawn during the year of 1899, by M. Riddle, one of the Republican commissioners. The orders drawn cover almost a page and shows that from January 1st, 1899 up to August 14th, 1899, M. F. Riddle drew a total of \$866.00. Next we inquired for the "Minute Book" of the same office and counted over the minutes of the past year of 1899 and found that Mr. Riddle was credited with 159 days service to August 14th, 1899. The commissioners are paid \$3.50 per day, and 159 days would have entitled him to but \$556.50; or up to that date he had drawn from the County Treasury no less than \$309.50, to which he was not entitled.

If Mr. Riddle had put in every working day of the past year in that office, at \$3.50 per day, he still would have county money in his pocket to which he is not entitled. Up to the first of October he was credited with 189 days, which still leaves him in debt to the county to the amount of \$204.50. As he now is traveling over the county asking the public to re-elect him, at least, no doubt this money comes handy for campaign purposes.

By way of comparison, we turned to Daniel Heckman's account and found that up to September 18th, he had drawn but \$565, or \$300 less than the Republican member, and it shows that he has drawn only what he was entitled to have.

If Mr. Riddle's health had been impaired in August and he would have been unable to come to the office thereafter; or even if death had overtaken him, all of which is possible and probable, the county officials would have been compelled to institute proceedings against his bondsmen or his estate to recover the same. This is but another instance of the manner in which the present Republican Board of County Commissioners conduct that office. We herewith set out Mr. Riddle's account, in tabulated form:

M. F. RIDDLE'S ACCOUNT, AUG. 14, 1899.

To total orders drawn to date.....	\$866.00
By 159 days service.....	556.50
To Amount Overdrawn.....	\$309.50

M. F. RIDDLE'S ACCOUNT, OCT. 2, 1899.

By 189 days service to date.....	\$661.50
To Amount Still Due Treasurer.....	\$204.50

For and Against Vaccination.

One of the Pennsylvania laws adopted in 1895 against which there is ever recurring revolt, is that making vaccination compulsory upon all children who attend the public schools. In Pittsburg and quite a number of the interior towns of the state there is trouble over the enforcement of this requirement, and the antagonism does not seem to lessen as years pass. It comes from the fact that there were many people who preferred to risk the certain danger of contracting small pox rather than subject themselves to a treatment through which they hold there is sometimes absorbed into the system the germs of disease, to say nothing of the ill results that have resulted to persons operated upon who had had blood.

Rattlesnakes or Whiskey—Which.

A Potter county boy of 14, died the other day presumably of rattlesnake bite. After he had been bitten he was given a quart of whiskey as an antidote. It is a very grave question as to which caused death the rattlesnake bite or the whiskey. A quart of Potter county whiskey would kill anything. A Williamsport physician referring to the case says: "A hypodermic injection of a thimbleful of chloride of lime solution would have saved the boy's life—and the whiskey too."

The Bellefonte Gazette, three years ago accorded high praise to Cyrus Brungard. What he deserved then he deserves now. He is a good and fit man. The name of Brungard in the past was A. No. 1. It is a name that has no flaw, and sheriff Cyrus Brungard has well kept up his end of it. The Gazette should put up the name of Cyrus Brungard for sheriff, and can find excellent authority for so doing in its own columns only three years ago. Get in line with the people; the people are for Brungard.

Presbyterians on Bossism.

Bossism and politics was discussed at Monday's session of the Pennsylvania Synod of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in Pittsburg. Rev. R. C. Byers made a stirring speech when the Committee on Christian Citizenship reported. He said the report should more strongly urge the necessity of each Christian going to the polls in favor of pure politics. The present system of government, he said, is no longer for or by the people, but is boss rule, and failure of many people to vote had produced the boss. Elder George H. Garber said: "The condition of things in Pennsylvania is awful. Look at the exposures in connection with the shaking of the plum tree. The trouble is not with the laws, it is with those who refuse to enforce them. There are whole streets in Pittsburg where crime is protected." Mr. Garber said the trade with Manila was mostly in liquors, and declared the President did not stop it, and the people should say to him "No second term for you."

Low Rates via P. R. R.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has arranged for special excursion rates to Philadelphia on October 11 and 25, November 8 and 22, account of National Export Exposition. Round-trip tickets, good to return within ten days, including day of issue, will be sold on above dates from New York, Trenton, Belvidere, Atlantic City, Cape May, Pottsville, Reading, Wilkesbarre, Lancaster, Harrisburg, York, Williamsport, Canandaigua, Erie, and intermediate points at rate of single fare for the round trip, plus admission to the Exposition (no rate less than one dollar.) For specific rates apply to Ticket Agents.

The National Export Exposition has surpassed all expectations in the extent and variety of its exhibits, and in its general excellence and attractiveness. The implement building, containing a marvelous display of farm machinery, is particularly interesting to agriculturalists. The band concerts and diverting midway furnish delightful entertainment for all. oct12-21

Ancestors of the Boers.

Chicago Tribune: Seventy family names predominate among the Boers. They are almost all kindred. The Boers now in Africa are descended from 90 people, mainly Dutch, with a few Germans and Danes, who were granted discharges from the Dutch East India service in 1670 and then took to farm life. They have had large families, 12 or 14 children not being uncommon, and from these 90 persons and 200 French Huguenots who arrived some years later the Boers of to-day are descended.

The Oleomargarine Law.

The Dairy and Food Department at Harrisburg has received information that the United States court in Minnesota and the supreme court of Michigan have decided that colored oleomargarine cannot legally be kept out of those states. A similar decision has been made in Maryland, and two cases will soon be tried in Pennsylvania to determine the constitutionality of the law forbidding oleomargarine to be colored, which, if sustained, would practically prevent the article from being sold in this state, because its appearance without being colored would be sufficient to condemn it with almost everybody.

Scalded With Hot Lye.

On Tuesday Mrs. M. L. Emerick received severe and painful burns from hot lye. She was carrying a crock full of a strong solution when her foot slipped and some of the lye was splashed in her face and eyes. Her eyes were badly injured, some of the fluid entering them, and at first fears were entertained that she might lose her sight. Where the lye touched her face the scalds were severe.

Broke his Neck.

Elijah Sharp, of near Roland, this county, fell down stairs on Friday night and broke his neck. He died in a short time. He was a huckster by occupation and a veteran of the civil war. He was sixty-five years old, and leaves a wife and several children. His remains were interred on Monday at Curtin's cemetery.

Progress Being Made.

The public schools completed their first month last Friday and have settled down to steady work. There are additions to all schools by pupils coming in, and in each grade there is a good working force.

A Diphtheria Death.

Ralph, the two-year-old son of Edward Zimmerman, died of diphtheria at Millheim on Monday morning. Owing to the contagious disease, the body was buried the same evening.

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AN ANNUAL PASS FOR A VOTE.

How Commissioner's Attorney Reeder Secured His Position.

Col. W. F. Reeder is the present attorney employed by the Republican board of County Commissioners. The salary attached to the office is \$400 per year. When the present Republican Commissioners, Matthew Riddle and Thomas Fisher went into office there was a wild scramble among Republican attorneys at the county seat to secure the coveted position of legal adviser to these gentlemen on matters pertaining to the workings of the commissioner's office. There was a deadlock on the board for some time and no choice could be made. Ed. Chambers and W. E. Gray were both confident of landing this \$400 snap on the promises made to support them. Each Commissioner had a favorite and the selection hung fire. Col. W. F. Reeder was a candidate and at the final ballot Fisher surprised everyone by deserting his candidate and flopping over to Reeder. This move of Fisher's was a surprise and created no little comment, but the apparent reason for his flopping soon became manifest when Tom Fisher was seen to flourish an annual pass when on his way back and forth on the railroad between his home at Unionville and Bellefonte.

That he received this requisite in return for his vote for Reeder was common talk on the streets of Bellefonte at the time and is today for that matter. Other attorneys aspiring for the position, more deserving in every way, lost the position through Reeder having a pull with the railroad and they went down when Fisher accepted the annual and then voted an increase in the salary.

Do the hard working and intelligent farmers of Penns valley sanction the bartering of their trust in return for an annual pass on the railroad as Tom Fisher has done? He's a tool of Reeder's and if he's influenced in return for an annual on the railroad, can he be trusted in all other matters pertaining to the good of the tax paying public? He's on the Republican ticket for reelection and going before the people with a record that will bring down upon him the vote of every citizen who has at heart a careful housekeeping of the county funds.

The taxes upon the farming community are now enormous, yet this present board soon after inception in office raised the rate from 3 mills to 3 1/2. Political favorites and extravagance in county expenditures were the rule. The people were taxed to make up this increase, and they alone paid for Tom Fisher's annual on the railroad.

Splendid Advice to Hunters.

As the game season is about to open, and in view of the many human lives that are taken yearly by careless sportsmen, the following from the Sportsman Magazine for September is worth reading by all who go gunning: Do not shoot at a noise or moving object in the bushes, but wait until the object is clearly recognized before you pull the trigger. Better lose your only chance at a deer than to lose your peace of mind forever through the remorseful consciousness of having caused the death of a human being. Aside from the costly lessons that have been taught, remember there are other hunters roaming the forest as well as yourself.

Kruger's Opinion.

President Kruger, of the Transvaal, says he cannot tell what may happen next week, and that it is not troubling him. Neither, he says, is he concerning himself about the arrival of British reinforcements, for he feels certain that God will be on the side of those who are fighting for a just cause.

The mobilization of both Transvaal and the Orange Free State, President Kruger adds, is satisfactorily completed, and the issue, peace or war, rests with Great Britain.

Admiral Dewey in his hour's conversation with President McKinley on Wednesday of last week, talked freely about the Philippines. He gave his opinion about the situation there—past, present and future—and said, among other things, that General Miles and Merritt should be sent to Luzon to end the insurrection. The admiral, in his desire to be true to his country, has practically upset the elaborately planned scheme to retain Otis in command of the American army in the Orient, since it is almost certain the President will feel bound to act on the advice of the Philippine expert.

A snail's pace was carefully observed in Florence, Italy. Several of the molusks were placed between two points 10 feet apart and started. It was ascertained that the fastest snail in the race traveled at the rate of a mile in 14 days.

Travel to the Klondike, two years ago, was almost as slow, and McKinley's prosecution of the war is at a "snail's pace."

NOVEMBER JURORS.

Drawn for November Court Commencing Monday, 27th.

GRAND JURORS, FIRST WEEK.

John Womer, Boggs.
I. J. Dreese, College.
Harry Witherite, Snow Shoe.
Emery S. Ripka, Potter.
Frank Fishburn, Ferguson.
Wm. H. Noll, Spring.
J. Orvis Gillen, Bellefonte.
Samuel Moore, State College.
Wm. Smeltzer, Spring.
Jas. McMullen, Bellefonte.
Earl Tuten, Bellefonte.
John B. Harris, Walker.
E. C. Howe, Phillipsburg.
Daniel Gordon, Spring.
Harry Crane, Phillipsburg.
Orvis A. Williams, Worth.
Lot Condo, Potter.
A. A. Schenck, Howard.
John N. Gramly, Gregg.
F. H. Clémson, Patton.
Frank Confer, Howard.
Edward Witmer, Benner.
David Wensel, Boggs.
W. A. Sickle, Snow Shoe.

TRAVERSE JURORS, FIRST WEEK.

James Watson, Snow Shoe.
Wm. Hartsock, Patton.
J. Stuart Fleck, Spring.
Cyrus P. Hoy, Walker.
Samuel Lewin, Bellefonte.
Oscar Smith, State College.
Jacob Hazel, Miles.
John Grove, Benner.
A. L. Bolger, Phillipsburg.
Philip Myers, Haines.
Simon Parsons, Boggs.
Patrick Gerrity, Bellefonte.
Edward Mingle, Haines.
Robert W. McCalmont, Bellefonte.
W. T. Hoover, Worth.
Joel Royer, Walker.
Geo. W. Ream, Gregg.
Geo. L. Smith, Bellefonte.
Jacob Shaffer, Walker.
C. J. Crouse, Miles.
Wm. Sommers, Unionville.
Randolph Pletcher, Howard.
Samuel Ard, Penn.
Emanuel Eisenhuth, Haines.
Ira F. Vonada, Penn.
M. A. Marks, Phillipsburg.
Geo. B. Stover, Miles.
M. I. Hess, Haines.
G. D. Armbruster, Gregg.
C. T. Gerbrich, Bellefonte.
Wm. W. Kerstetter, Spring.
Jas. Swabb, Harris.
John Hines, Spring.
John T. Hoover, Phillipsburg.
S. C. Bathgate, College.
Pierce Gray, Ferguson.
Jas. W. Gonsalus, Liberty.
J. P. Bilger, Rush.
Russel Pierce, Taylor.
Harry Vonada, Gregg.
Scott Lose, Bellefonte.
Wm. R. Long, Howard.
Jas. Cokley, Boggs.
J. H. Harris, Harris.
Wm. Comer, Spring.
Jas. Noll, Milesburg.
John Weaver, Taylor.
D. M. Kline, Spring.

TRAVERSE JURORS, SECOND WEEK.

Thos. Ingram, Union.
Reuben Grimm, Miles.
Joseph Winslow, Liberty.
Samuel Baisor, Patton.
Calvin M. Harter, Marion.
S. P. Irwin, Ferguson.
John N. Lane, Bellefonte.
Fred Youm, Walker.
John Musser, Ferguson.
John Stuart, Rush.
J. I. Lucas, Snow Shoe.
Geo. E. Lamb, Phillipsburg.
Emanuel Peters, College.
John Kennedy, Rush.
Daniel Eberhart, Bellefonte.
Wm. Eckley, Ferguson.
Jacob Heller, South Phillipsburg.
Thos. Longee, Howard.
A. W. Ulrich, Penn.
H. D. Rossman, Gregg.
Edward Allison, Potter.
P. S. Richards, Taylor.
Joseph Harpster, Worth.
D. M. Burlew, Liberty.
M. L. Rishel, Gregg.
Patrick Ward, Snow Shoe.
H. I. Wise, Centre Hall.
Albert Hoy, State College.
Jas. Dumbleton, Rush.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week: John Barawynak and Ella Butinchack, of Gorton Heights.

David Phillips and Elizabeth Richards, of Chester Hill, Clearfield county.

Daniel C. Murphy, of Phillipsburg, and Maggie Nolan, of Bellefonte.

James W. Motter, of Phillipsburg, and Minerva Stine, of South Phillipsburg.

Ira Condo and Bertha M. Kerlin, of Walker.

Recent Millin County Deaths.

Decatur, Ida M. Erb, age 33 years.
Smithville, O., Jacob Bashore, aged 75 years.
McVeytown, the widow of Jacob Knapp, aged 73 years.
Siglerville, David Shank, aged 62 years.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

Key West has 28 new cases of yellow fever.

Murders, suicides, and double murders, are a score of horrors in the past ten days.

From Yokohama it is reported that no fewer than 50 persons perished in Saturday's typhoon.

The 300 inmates of the Hudson House of Refuge for Women began at midnight of Monday to smash the furniture and break the windows in the several cottages.

President McKinley had a run-off on Tuesday in one of Chicago's crowded streets, one of the carriage horses becoming fractious. A mounted policeman followed and grabbed the horse by the bridle, and stopped the team.

Nine columns of the great hypostyle hall of the Temple of El-Karnak, built by Sete I, Dynasty XIX, one of the most magnificent and celebrated relics of the architecture of ancient Egypt, have fallen.

Col. Barnett, the candidate running against Creasy, opened his campaign at Lebanon, on Monday night. He dodged state issues, saying he saw nothing wrong at home—queer; but he went away off to the war out at Manila.

Ex-President Harrison is traveling in Germany, and was given a reception by the U. S. Ambassador White, at which he met Mrs. Birchard, who was present at the inauguration of General Harrison's grandfather as President of the United States.

Kruger has set the time limit for the war to begin which was yesterday. The presence of British soldiers on his borders is intolerable, and he will strike if they remain a day longer. No more soldiers must be landed in Africa, and all which have arrived since June must be recalled.

A Berlin dispatch says: Information has been received in diplomatic quarters here that Lord Salisbury, at the last moment, hesitates to enter upon a war with the Transvaal. A peaceful solution is not, therefore, altogether impossible, although it is improbable.

On Sunday there were two sharp battles in Luzon. The towns of Cavite and Noveleta were taken by General Schwan's column. The Americans sustained a big loss, many officers and men being shot down from ambush. The town was burned down along with roadside huts, behind which the enemy formed a firing line.

The next great celebration in New York is likely to be held in September, 1900, and it will be the 300th anniversary of the discovery of the Island of Manhattan by Henry Hudson. This would be a favorable opportunity for New York to hold a World's Fair, which would be the best way of celebrating the event of such importance.

From a Western Subscriber.

A former Centre county resident, on a trip through several states, writes us from Janesville, Ill:

"The supply of beef will be short for several weeks yet, as the farmers all over the West have exceptionally good crops, particularly corn, and instead of selling it for 20 or 25 cents a bushel they are feeding it to their cattle and hogs."

"The farmers calculated that eight bushels of corn would put 100 pounds of pork on a hog, and in this way they were able to realize more money on their crops than by marketing it."

"The army investigation did make a vast difference in the sale of canned goods. The poor quality of meat put up in cans has much to do with the consumption of it when people can afford to buy a better grade of goods. The Chicago market reports quote cows for culling along about \$2 or \$2.50 per hundred, while good graded cattle bring from \$5 to \$7. Farmers are making more money out of their live stock than for the last 35 years. . . . There is nothing so pleasing to me as the receipt of the Reporter; it keeps me posted on all that happens in my native county of Centre; besides I admire it for its unwavering democracy, is great aid in securing a railroad through Penns valley and its steady advocacy of all that tends to the public good. . . . J. E. L."

How to Prevent Croup.

We have two children who are subject to attacks of croup. Whenever an attack is coming on my wife gives them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it always prevents the attack. It is a household necessity in this county and no matter what else we run out of, it would not do to be without Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. More of it is sold here than all other cough medicines combined.—J. M. Nickle, of Nickle Bros., merchants, Nickleville, Pa. For sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; F. A. Carson, Potters Mills; H. F. Rossman, Spring Mills.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Callings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

Come Along, Winter.

Come 'long, Mister Winter,
Weary for you so!
Don't you shake de winder—
Walk right in de do'!

Come 'long, I say!
Dis de place ter stay—
Toss de snow
De way you go—
Come 'long, I say!

Come 'long, Mister Winter,
One mo' hill ter cross;
Hesh dem yaller punkins—
Spice 'um wid de fros'!

Come 'long, I say!
Walk de freezin' way—
Sling dat sleet
On roof and street—
Come 'long, I say!

Come 'long, Mister Winter,
Hesh a ban' ter hol'!
Fus place in de quadril,
Bless yo' freezin' soul!

Come 'long, I say!
Bring dat holiday—
'Possum pie,
(Don't pass dat by!)
Come 'long, I say!
—Atlanta Constitution.

And walnuts too, are little.

Chestnuts small this season.
See Mrs. Ishler's milliner card.
Grain fields look exceedingly fine.
Hickory nuts not plenty and small.
Cider is quite plenty and no sale for all of it.

In Philadelphia coal has gone up to \$6 per ton.

The coal Trust knows how to make it hot for the people.

Quinones never were finer or more plentiful than this fall.

Train killed Wm. Hoover's cow, at Axeman, the other day.

There will be little or no speech-making campaign in our county this fall.

Jeremies Hoy, an old resident of west end of Brush valley, is seriously ill.

Our townsman, A. S. Kerlin, we are pleased to learn, is gaining strength of late.

Handpicked apples are bringing 30, 35 and 40c per bushel, according to quality.

Shook's cider press does considerable squeezing—but not of the Saturday night kind.

Some farmers will find it necessary to kill their hogs early for want of corn to feed them.

Dr. J. B. Krebs, a recent medical graduate, of Pinegrove, has located at Northumberland.

A 6-months-old babe of Mr. Koonsman, of Poe Mills, died on Wednesday morning of dysentery.

Rev. Rearick's appointments, October 15: Centre Hall 7 p. m.; Spring Mills, 2 p. m.; Tusseyville, 10 a. m.

Among the fortunate ones to have a crop of fine apples are George H. Emerick, Harry Dinges, and Will Curry, farmers near our town.

On Newt. Brungard's farm, in Sugar valley, A. J. Mark, with steam thrasher outfit, threshed 450 bushels of oats in 4 hours and 40 minutes.

Butcher Bill Lyon, of Bellefonte, informs us that farmers can make more money by raising sheep for slaughter than by raising beef cattle.

The construction of the three-mile extension of the Bellefonte Central Railroad, from Waddles to the Scotia ore mines, has been begun.

Work is under way for Bellefonte's new match factory, the site being near the railroad between Reynolds' mill and the creek this side the station.

England believes the war with the Transvaal will be short, and is providing supplies for only an eight month's campaign.

The Bellefonte lawyers have resolved to do no legal work whatever for a less fee than \$5. This is to prevent some lawyers from taking \$1.50 to \$2.50 for some light "chores."

Rebersburg friends of Wm. S. Miller, under arrest for a violation of the postal laws, are decidedly of the opinion that Miller is innocent and that the charge is from questionable motives.

S. J. Koch, son of George Koch, of this place, who spent nearly a year at Junction, N. J., has returned to again make his home under the paternal roof. "There's no place like home."

"77" for Simple and Complicated Colds.—From Influenza to Grip—from Bronchitis to Pneumonia—from Sore Throat to Diphtheria—are "broken up" by Dr. Humphreys' Specific "77"; all druggists, 25c.

Coal has been discovered in abundance along Loyalsock creek, north of Montoursville. The find was made by H. F. Betts, a mineralogist. He says the vein can be traced from Montoursville to Milton, a distance of 20 miles. A stock company is being organized to develop the land.