



COMMISSIONERS AGAINST THE FARMERS.

The Present Board of County Commissioners Ignored the Farmers and Their Organization—Ran the Limit of Discourtesy—Discriminated in Appraising Grange Park.

The present board of County Commissioners has invited repudiation at the coming general election. It has invited repudiation by—

- Being Discourteous
- Practicing Discrimination
- Being Extravagant.

The Commissioners of Centre county ran the limit of discourtesy when they refused to acknowledge an appeal made to them by an organization representing more than one thousand farmers in Centre county, for an appropriation of \$100 to be used as premiums.

And to heap insult upon injury, the blame for not answering this appeal was falsely placed upon sickness in the family of the commissioners' clerk. And this reply was received only after the attention to the Commissioners' dirty trick was called by this paper.

The Commissioners acknowledged, privately to individuals, that they had made a mistake in not answering the appeal of the Centre County Pomona Grange through its representative, Hon. L. Rhone. A mistake, they acknowledged, from a political standpoint.

And the letter to Mr. Rhone, signed by the Commissioners, in which was quoted the law upon which the \$100 for premiums was granted, represented a FALSEHOOD, if the words from Mr. Miller's own mouth can be believed.

The present board of County Commissioners is guilty of practicing, in the most artful way, discrimination in the valuation of real estate.

This art was especially put into use when the appraisement of Grange Park was made. See the comparison:

Grange Park, per acre	-\$85
J. J. Arney, farm, per acre	41
Henry Stoner, farm, per acre	31

Grange Park is the property of the Centre County Pomona Grange, and the Encampment and Fair management is doing business under a charter granted the County Grange in 1891, issued by the County Court under an act of 1874, known as the Wallace Act. Concerns incorporated under this act are conducted solely for "educational and social purposes," and NOT FOR PROFIT.

Grange Park was a part of the Arney and Stoner farms; the improvements are of a temporary character, and not nearly as valuable as the improvements on the farms of which the Park was at one time a part, and yet—

Grange Park is appraised, per acre twice as much as the Arney farm, and almost three times as much per acre as the Stoner farm.

This is a great injustice. And this discrimination was made after a committee from the Centre County Grange attended the appeal, held at the Old Fort, in May, 1903.

Grange Park cannot be compared, when valuation for tax purposes is considered, with the Bellefonte fair grounds, Hecla Park and Hunters' Park. They are money making schemes. To the first admission is charged, and dividends may be declared by the owners; the latter have permanent improvements; they are in operation during the whole of the summer season, and net handsome returns to the railroad companies that own them.

Grange Park is used for one week in each year by the Encampment and Fair Association; the remainder of the time it is used as a pasture lot and play ground; not a penny admission has ever been charged; not a dollar of a dividend has ever, or can ever be declared—the park is to be used for educational and social purposes.

The Encampment and Fair Association is robbed by taxation, owing to over valuation. And the present board of County Commissioners is responsible, and no one else, for this condition.

No matter what explanation you may, in the future, see in print or hear by mouth of the actions of the members of the present board of County Commissioners relative to the ignoring of the farmers in one case and the treble taxing in the other, must be disbelieved. An attempt has already been made, by one of the candidates referred to above, to deceive the farmers in regard to the \$100 appropriation. The facts cited here are true.

The members of the Grange and the farmers generally, who have any respect for their own (the farmers') rights, irrespective of party affiliation, cannot with any consistency vote for the re-election of any one of the present board of County Commissioners who are candidates for re-election. These men, if re-elected, will continue their discrimination against the farmers and the Grange, and the extravagant management of County affairs. It is the duty of every farmer and good citizen to go to the polls and repudiate the men who have robbed the farmers of their just rights.

Commissioner Bailey: "Take one (pencil); we get lots of 'em."

But Mr. Bailey only had one term! Well, by the look of the County Auditor's Statement, for 1904, his financing is to be discredited. Why should he have a second term?

Perhaps the protective tariff is responsible for the epidemic of graft that is raging all over the United States. The underlying principle of the protective tariff is graft, and the spirit is bound to corrupt public morals.

The Democratic party in Mifflin county did itself credit in placing on its ticket for county treasurer Charles A. Snunkwiler, of Lewistown, and the voters, no matter of what political faith they are, who vote for him, will never regret it. He is a man very similar to the clean, gentlemanly, business man on the Democratic ticket for the same office in Centre county. They are the type of men who should be elected to office.

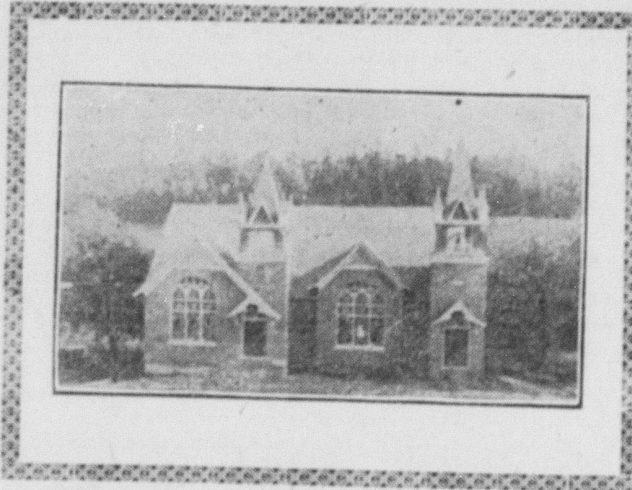
In distributing court house supplies (among the boys) Commissioner Bailey got some of his goods located away down in Snyder county. In order to prove that he didn't make pencil giving a general affair, Commissioner Bailey might present an itemized statement of just how many pencils, etc., the Board of Commissioners purchased during the past two years and nine months. The Reporter presumes that no special account was kept of those given away, and therefore it would be unkind to ask how many high-priced lead pencils, etc., were disposed of in that way during his term of office.

But—
On the other hand, what's the use of worrying? At the rate Mr. Bailey hustles, he couldn't bankrupt Centre county if he were to devote his whole time, between now and the end of his term, to giving away pencils, etc.

Among many Republicans and all Democrats there is this feeling: A. V. Miller has had enough of public patronage.

DEDICATION PENNS CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 15—Cost, \$5326—Brief Sketch of the Congregation, Its Churches and Names of Pastors Since 1801.



PENNS CREEK EVANGELICAL CHURCH, PENN HALL.

The dedication of the Penns Creek Evangelical Lutheran church took place Sunday evening, the sermon being preached by Rev. A. S. Hartman, D. D., of Baltimore, Md., and the dedicatory prayer by the pastor, Rev. B. R. M. Sheeder, of Aaronsburg.

Services incident to the occasion began Monday previous, the sermons being delivered by Rev. H. C. Bixler, Rev. I. N. Bair, Rev. J. M. Riarick, Rev. J. I. Stonecypher, Rev. F. E. Laufler, Rev. G. W. Mellnyay.

Saturday evening and Sunday morning, Rev. J. B. Focht, D. D., of Selinsgrove, filled the appointments, and Sunday afternoon and evening Dr. Hartman delivered discourses.

The new edifice is a structure of brick, with slate roof. There are three departments—the main auditorium, Sunday-school room and infant room. The rooms are abundantly large to accommodate any reasonable increase in membership. The interior presents a pleasing appearance. The walls are covered with white paper having a delicate figure; the ceiling is of natural elm, and is laid in panels; the pews of oak are neat in design, and comfortable to sit on; the floor is covered with a carpet well suited for the place; the pulpit, altar furniture, etc., are all that could be desired both as to style and quality. The church is lighted by acetylene, the plant being located in the cellar. There are two dainty chandeliers suspended from the ceiling and one jet on either side of the pulpit recess. The light and carpet were both furnished by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

The windows are very pretty and were placed there as memorials by various members or friends of the church. Following will be found the inscriptions on the same:

- Our Pastors—
 Rev. A. W. Igebo 1801-1823
 Rev. Aubly 1823-1833
 Rev. D. Gotwalt 1833-1843
 Rev. C. Reese 1843-1853
 Rev. M. J. Alleman 1853-1858
 Rev. J. Welker 1858-1862
 Rev. D. Sell 1862-1867
 Rev. A. C. Folker 1867-1869
 Rev. P. Salm, D. D. 1869-1873
 Rev. J. T. Thomlinson 1873-1884
 Rev. M. L. Deltzer 1884-1890
 Rev. E. H. Gerhart 1890-1901
 Rev. B. R. M. Sheeder 1902

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Shook, by their children.
 Presented by Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Duck.

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Musser, by their children.
 Presented by F. D. Hesterman and Miss Susan Haines, in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Haines.

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Horner, by Sarah Kremer, R. B. Hartges and S. G. Burrell.
 In memory of Mr. and Mrs. S. J.

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Teddy, the Strenuous, wants to "lady" football sufficiently to enable Teddy, the Weakling, to participate without getting his shins hurt. Football at Harvard College is too strenuous for the offshoot of the Most Strenuous.

It is very necessary that the register's office have at the head of it a man capable of doing clerical work. Such a man is Harry J. Jackson. He has every qualification necessary to fill the office of register, and the gift to the office of register, and the gift to "know you when he sees you again."

Mr. Swartz is putting out the story "that Dr. White is a dude." That was his sole stock in trade when making his campaign through Gregg township. Dr. White is a gentleman, every inch of him; he is gentlemanly, not a dude by any means.

Would you call a man a gentleman who would circulate such a foolish story as that credited to Mr. Swartz? Hardly. There is another name for those who resort to such foolishness.

Henney, by their grandsons, Hosterman brothers.
 In memory of Lydia Burrell.
 In memory of Samuel Burrell.
 In memory of Carrie E. Herring, presented by her nephews and nieces.
 Presented by Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Duck.

Presented by Jonathan Harter.
 Presented by the carpenters, Jeremiah Zettie, Roland Zettie, E. E. Zettie, M. J. Barger, E. E. Sweetwood, Lawrence Runkle.

In memory of Samuel and Lydia Musser, by their family.
 In memory of Charles and Mary G. Musser.

Presented by the Sabbath-school.
 In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bariges, by C. C. and Ivy W. Bariges.
 In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith, by their children.

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Bariges, by their children.

HISTORICAL NOTES.

The Penns Creek Evangelical Lutheran congregation was organized in 1801, under the pastorate of Ludwig Albrecht Wilhelm Igen, a native of Heeligen, Markgrafenschaft, Germany, who served until his death in 1823.

The new congregation was added to the Aaronsburg charge, and first worshipped in the old Presbyterian meeting house, a short distance north of Penn Hall. Later this church building was jointly purchased by the Lutherans and Reformers, and about 1810 or 1812, the structure was renovated, furnished with pews, a gallery added, and was then re-dedicated.

These two denominations, for fifty years, worshipped in this church. In 1860, during the pastorate of Rev. Joseph Welker, a new church was completed, which continued in use until 1903. This church stood three-fourths of a mile east of Penn Hall.

Ground was broken for the church just dedicated in the summer of 1904, and October 2, the corner stone was placed in position with due ceremony.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Total cost of church	\$5326
Subscription subsequent to Dedication Day	2800
Subscription on Dedication Day, about	1726

The oldest parishioner of the Penns Creek church is Mrs. Rebecca Hennick, who has a distinct recollection of being catechized by Rev. Aubly, the second pastor of the congregation. It will be noticed that the inscription on the memorial window does not give Rev. Aubly's christian name, but it is Mrs. Hennick's recollection that his name was "Ludwig." Mrs. Hennick is eighty-seven years of age, and greatly enjoyed the services incident to the dedication of the new church.

Harry M. Allison, a man superior in every way to the Republican candidate for county treasurer, was turned down at the Republican convention through the smartness of Henry C. Quigley, Esq. And with all this, Mr. Swartz has the audacity to go into Gregg township and claim the support of the Republicans. Mr. Swartz secured his nomination through a trick performed by a Bellefonte lawyer, and not through the choice of the delegates to the convention.

The South Side candidate for auditor, James W. Swabb, is especially well qualified to fill the position of auditor. He is rapid in figures, has good judgment, o. k. in every way. See that the South Side votes solid for Mr. Swabb.

John Rowe ought to have easy sailing into the customary second term. Does anyone know who his opponent is, outside of seeing his name on the Republican county ticket?

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Read the inside page of the Reporter

THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES.

All Clean, Honorable Men Asking the Support of the Voters in Centre County—Candidates Selected from Among the Rank and File of the Party.

The people of the county without reference to party lines should congratulate themselves in having a ticket as clean, strong and capable as that presented by the Democratic party. While it is true the Democrats invariably present to the people for their suffrages a ticket of good, honest and worthy men, they have never presented a better line or more efficient set of men than they have this fall.

ELLIS SHAFFER, FOR SHERIFF

The ticket now presented and which the people of the county are asked to support is, Ellis Shaffer, the candidate for sheriff. The people of a large part of the county are personally acquainted with him, and he comes from and belongs to one of the oldest as well as the largest and most substantial families in the county. People known, indeed, distinguished for their integrity and probity of character for generations. The name itself is a synonym for honesty, truthfulness, fairness and incorruptibility. Moreover for generations the members of this family in all its branches have been and are Democrats. The seed of sound democracy and real worth has descended from generation to generation and given us as reliable a class of citizens as can anywhere be found in our great state.

To an inheritance of this kind came Ellis Shaffer. He has in no manner fallen from his rightful legacy. A man who was brought up on the farm, used to toil, born to energy and industry, he has honestly and faithfully followed in the footsteps of his fathers and has proven himself worthy of the confidence and support, not only of his party, but of the people of the county. Always kind and generous to the poor, he inherits this from his well known father, Adam Shaffer, who was noted throughout all his neighborhood for his kindly disposition and helpfulness to those in need. So deserving was he deemed to be by his party that when he became a candidate for Sheriff his fitness for the office was admitted by all and the nomination conceded to him without contest or opposition.

This being so, no Democrat can find cause for not giving to him his most hearty support at the polls. This too is good reason why the voters of all parties should support him.

DR. F. K. WHITE, FOR TREASURER

Then for County Treasurer we have Dr. F. K. White, a citizen of the borough of Philipsburg. A young man of intelligence and fine abilities, clean in his private life, pleasant and agreeable in his intercourse with all whom he meets or who have the good fortune to meet him.

Dr. White has been the wheel horse of the democracy on his side of the mountain for years past. While this is so his real worth as a neighbor and citizen is best attested by the hearty support that is given by the voters of all parties in the community in which he has spent the best years of his mature life.

The citizens of Philipsburg and Rush township knowing Dr. White, as only the people among whom a man lives can know him, insisted on the Doctor becoming a candidate for the office for which he was nominated. While the Doctor met with honorable and worthy competition, with the united support of the community in which he lived back of him, his nomination was almost a foregone conclusion from the first.

None can doubt the Doctor's fitness or capability for the position to which he has been nominated. By education, business training, intercourse with and affability toward people he meets, he is especially fitted for the office of County Treasurer. The Gazette objects to him because it says he is rich. This is not true. He is in moderate circumstances. But should it be an objection to a man for an office that he has by care, industry and thrift won himself a competency. To us it seems this should be a reason why he should be supported by his fellow citizens. To say the plain truth, no party in the county has presented a more worthy, competent, intelligent and honorable candidate for the office of County Treasurer than F. K. White, for many years past. He will be elected, of course.

HARRY J. JACKSON, FOR REGISTER

Next on the list for the office of Register, is Harry J. Jackson, a comparatively young man, deliberate and careful in his ways, kindly in disposition, reliable and faithful in the discharge of every duty.

Mr. Jackson has been deputy sheriff for a number of years. In this office he has measured up to every duty put upon him. He has been careful, conscientious, courteous, and gentlemanly in his intercourse with all persons having business with the Sheriff's office. This is much in his favor and gives assurance that as Register of the county, people who have business with him will be kindly treated.

The Gazette alleges that he has had enough because he has been deputy sheriff. It is a disgrace to ever mention this as a reason that Mr. Jackson or anybody else has been served and should not seek something more or better.

The office of Deputy Sheriff, it is true has its responsibilities, and these Mr. Jackson has fully met and discharged. But the office yields a very small monthly income, and from this by careful living Mr. Jackson has maintained himself, his mother and sister. The fact that he has been faithful in this office is the best guarantee that he will be faithful with larger and more responsible duties.

There is one thing that should commend Mr. Jackson to every one in the county. Upon the death of his father some years ago, the support of his mother and sister devolved upon him. Faithfully and tenderly he has cared for and supported them, consuming for this purpose his entire income and sacrificing home and family of his own that they might be comfortable.

From all we know of Mr. Jackson in the past, his conduct, promptness and faithfulness, we are assured that as register of the county and clerk of the Orphan's Court he will be an honor to the party and a credit to the county.

JOHN C. ROWE, FOR RECORDER

And here we are now with a candidate tried and true in the person of John C. Rowe, who having served one term as Recorder was as a matter of course entitled to and received at the hands of his party a renomination. By this time everybody ought to know Mr. Rowe, at least everybody who has had any business with the recorder or in his office during the last three years.

If they have been there and seen or met Mr. Rowe they have both seen and met a gentleman. It is conceded that in his intercourse with people in both his official and private capacity Mr. Rowe has always been the genial, kindly, considerate gentleman.

In the transaction of his duties he has been very careful, faithful and prompt. In life and character he is pure and upright, and as for his qualifications and fitness for the office we take no risks. In the three years or nearly so that he has been recorder he has beyond question demonstrated his absolute fitness for the place. To do anything else than re-elect Mr. Rowe would be a disgrace to the people of the county.

JOHN L. DUNLAP AND C. A. WEAVER, FOR COMMISSIONERS

For the office of County Commissioner we have John L. Dunlap and Calvin A. Weaver. These men come direct from the people. They are both men who make their living by toil. Neither of them have heretofore held office, except that Mr. Weaver was deputy sheriff under Sheriff Condo. In this office he proved himself entirely honest and competent and in his intercourse with the people he was polite and