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GET OUT THE VOTE.

Get out the vote. That is the one thing necessary to attain Democratic success. There is a large Democratic vote on the South Side of Centre county, mostly in the rural districts, that must be registered at the polls to elect the Democratic candidates for local offices.

It is unfair to assume that it is the business of the local chairman alone to accomplish this work. It is the duty of every Democrat to work with his chairman in accomplishing not only the getting out of the vote, but to work out every problem the local chairman undertakes.

Every voting district should have sufficient local pride to see that every Democratic voter gets to the polls. The stay-at-homes reflect discredit on the local Democratic organization. The stay-at-homes, in this campaign, must be reduced to the lowest possible number; in fact, every voter should be hustled to the polls.

It has, in time past, been charged that elections have been lost to the Democrats because there were too many stay-at-homes on the South Side. This is a charge in which there was more truth than poetry or fiction.

Let the Democratic voters on this side the mountain redeem themselves; go to the polls, every man of them, vote straight, and claim their due share of victory.

If the Republican papers want to say something about politics and farmers, why don't they talk about how Miller and Bailey are robbing the farmers by over valuing the property of the only farmer's organization in Centre county?

Why don't these papers say a word about how these same county officials ignored, absolutely ignored, an appeal made to them by this same farmer's organization?

If some of the Democratic candidates in Centre county are not farmers, no one will dare to say that one of them has ever attempted to rob them, or even ignored their organization. And no one suspects that when elected, a single Democratic office holder will in any way discriminate against members of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry.

There is no rubbing it out—Miller and Bailey, the county commissioners, are responsible for robbing the farmers of Centre county by over-valuing their property. How many of you, farmers, have been able to have your valuation reduced by attending the appeals? Have you not been ridiculed? Have you not been abused? Have you not been intimidated by a threat that unless you went home and closed your jaws like a clam you would be sorry you asked for justice?

And yet the commissioners collected three dollars a day, and expenses, for holding these appeals. And you paid it in taxes.

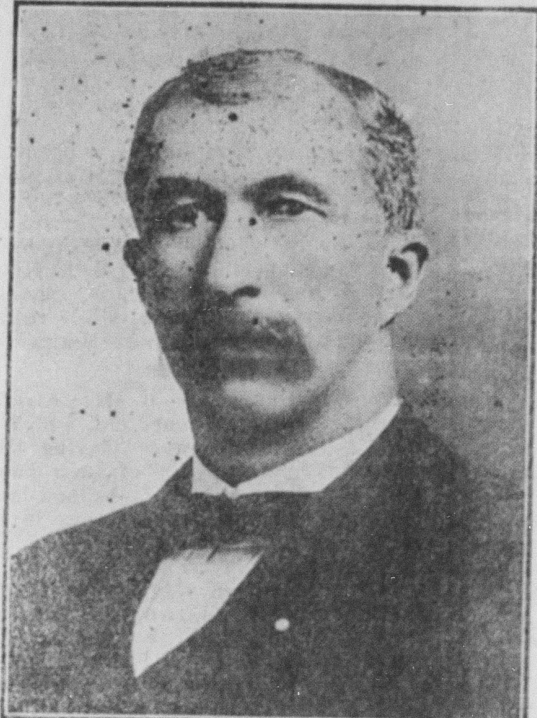
An illustration of extravagance, right at home, is more impressive than one of a foreign character. This being true, the Reporter asks the voters in Potter township who happen to pass over the bridge across Sinking Creek, east of Tusseyville, to make an estimate of the cost to paint such a bridge. The Commissioners of Centre county paid \$67.00 for this work. At such a rate, what would it cost the average farmer to paint his house, barn and outbuildings? Isn't it a shame!

Mr. Democrat, you are not doing your full duty to the organization if you simply go to the polls and cast your ballot. You owe the organization, of which you are a part, your influence to induce your neighbor to go with you to the polls on November 7. The voter who stayed away from the polls never won a victory, and it is because of the large number of this class that the Democratic majority in Centre county has been reduced to the minimum. Get out the vote.

If Commissioner A. V. Miller, candidate for re-election, wants a little notoriety, let him tell the editor of the Gazette the stories he circulated on the South side of Centre county about the \$100 appropriation for premiums. Let Mr. Miller tell what he proposed to do in the future in this matter, if elected.

Commissioners Miller and Bailey apparently have more confidence in Centre county landlords than they had in the manager of the Princess Hotel, Atlantic City. When stopping at the latter they "took receipts"; on their tour through the county they omit the receipts.

Commissioner Bailey was in Centre Hall Thursday evening and part of Friday. Everybody was sizing him up, and looking at his vest pockets to see if he carried a stock of lead pencils with him on his tour.



ELLIS S. SHAFFER

FOR SHERIFF

Ellis Shaffer, whose portrait appears in this issue, is the democratic nominee for Sheriff of Centre county, and, unless all predictions fail, will be duly elected to fill that important office in November. He comes from one of the best families in Centre county—pure Pennsylvania German stock—noted for their industry, thrift and sterling worth; and as such he will fill that office to the full satisfaction of the voters who approve of his candidacy, and the general public who may have occasion to transact business in that department. For down in Miles township is where they grow good, strong, stalwart men, of which this gentleman is a fitting type.

Among the pioneers of this county were the Shaffers, and his grandfather, Judge John Shaffer, was among the first to clear the forests and till the soil in the fertile section known as Brushvalley which is long famed as the finest agricultural district in this part of the state.

Ellis Shaffer is a son of Adam Shaffer, Jr., and was born on his father's farm, the Shaffer homestead, near Madisonburg, in 1856. His parents and grandparents were farmers and the greater portion of his life was spent on the farm, as he remained with his parents until 1881, and for seven years thereafter conducted the farm himself. In 1889 he moved to Madisonburg and while there devoted most of his attention to farming. For several years he was engaged in reconstructing the pike leading across to Millheim and controlled the stage and mail route between those points. For over a year he was employed by Simon R. King, whose health was failing, as manager of the Musser House, Millheim, after which he returned to Madisonburg and since then has been employed in farming and other pursuits.

He is known in his community as a kind and generous hearted man, always ready to extend the helping hand to those in need.

He further is one possessed of sound judgment and discretion; and in his department, above all, is a true gentleman.

He's One of Them.

From the Democratic Watchman.

Dr. White is naturally a modest man and that probably accounts for his not making it known that he is a Granger. He joined the Phillipsburg Grange over a year ago and is one of its most active members. Having charge of a farm over there the promoters of the Phillipsburg Grange sought him to join their order because it was weak in numbers and they thought he could help it. So he did and has been a working member ever since. He has made no attempt to make political bonum out of it because he is conscientious enough to believe that it would be wrong, but since Mr. Swartz is making such a parade about his being a farmer we think the Grangers of the county should know what relation Dr. White bears to them.

Earl Tuten, the Republican candidate for register is conducting the Bellefonte Republican, just now, on the q. t. plan, and has nothing much to say for his associates on the ticket. Mr. Tuten is afraid of his shadow, that's all, and like other candidates who ran for county office from the Republican office, he is trying to make it appear that although connected with a Republican newspaper all his life he is not a party man. But, don't you believe it.

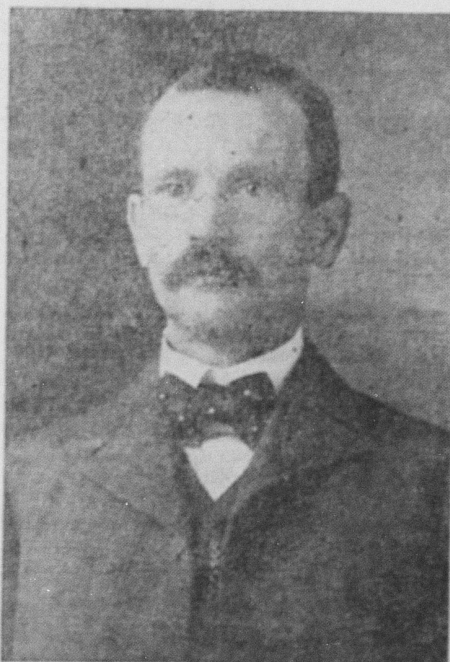
The Democratic candidate for State Treasurer, William H. Berry, is a splendid speaker. No campaign orator, in the knowledge of the writer, ever held an audience as did Mr. Berry in the Court House Wednesday evening of last week.

The auctioneer puts things up only to knock them down.

FOR RECORDER.

For the past three years John C. Rowe has filled the position of Recorder of this county and therefore is well known to most of our readers. He was elected to that office by a nice vote in 1902, on the Democratic ticket, and during the present term he has been faithful to every duty in that position. He is known as an obliging and agreeable official. The work in that department has always received his best care and attention, and we have the first complaint to hear from anyone in that direction.

Personally, John Rowe is above all a perfect gentleman, and one who has made many friends since he moved to Bellefonte from Phillipsburg. As it is customary to reward competent and faithful officials in that office with a second term, he was unani-



JOHN C. ROWE

mously accorded a re-nomination and we believe his re-election is assured.

Mr. Rowe was born at Pittsburg in 1860, and at the early age of nine years found it necessary to go to work and secured employment in a glass factory. After that he learned tailoring, attending school at night. For a number of years he conducted a tailoring establishment in Phillipsburg, until elected Recorder, when with his family he removed to Bellefonte.

He is worthy of your support and will appreciate your vote.

Trial List.

Following is the trial list for the special week of court, commencing Monday, November 20:

Bellefonte, Aaronsburg & Youngmansstown Turnpike Road Co. vs. Centre county.

Hugh Ward, Jr., vs. J. T. Lucas.

Kemp & Burpee Mfg. Co. vs. James I. Thompson.

Wm. E. Shope, adm'r of Julia A. Shope, vs. James N. Shope.

Charles F. Schad vs. the Borough of Milesburg.

Clyde E. Shuey vs. Bellefonte Furnace Co.

W. H. Johnsonbaugh, et. al., vs. Huyett and McNitts.

J. D. Shugert's ex'rs vs. Lewis Rosenthal.

J. H. Lingie vs. Lewis Rosenthal.

George T. Brew vs. Christian Sharer, et. al.

M. J. Averbek vs. F. P. Blair & Co.

Thos. B. Harned vs. D. H. Hasting's adm'r's, et. al.

Clara Brown vs. C. M. Bower's adm'r's.

Blanche Hayes vs. C. M. Bower's adm'r's.

Catharine E. Lucas vs. Jacob H. Orndorf.

Below is given the trial list for the first week of regular court, beginning Monday, November 27:

Chas. L. Brown, receiver of Quaker City Fire Ins. Co., vs. S. M. Bell.

Same vs. Lyons & Co.

Carrie E. Smith vs. Mary H. Snyder.

Boltz, Clymer & Co. vs. J. C. Thompson.

The Reid Tobacco Co. vs. same.

Thomas S. Bailey vs. Geo. Robb and Samuel Shaffer.

K. Peck vs. D. Cohn.

A. H. Knopf vs. Lewis Rosenthal.

D. O. Ethers vs. Bellefonte School District.

INCIDENTS OF 1874.

Local Items Taken from 'The Centre Reporter of Interest to 1905 Readers.

[Note: The spelling of proper names is the same as found in the files of the Reporter.]

JANUARY 28—The school house at Jacksonville was destroyed by fire one day last week.

Dr. William Runkle sold his house and lot in Centre Hall to Samuel Musser.

FEBRUARY 25—The Centre Hall postoffice will be removed to Reesman's shop.

Jasper Wolf has been appointed postmaster at Wolf's Store.

Rev. C. H. Reiter is about to close his connection with the Reformed charge at Aaronsburg, after serving the charge for about ten years. He will locate near Sunbury.

Andrew Ocker has been appointed postmaster at Madisonburg.

At the sale of the personal property of the late Hon. S. S. Wolf corn was sold at eighty-four cents per bushel.

John Shannon was elected justice of the peace for Potter township at the recent election.

The Laubach farm, near Hubbersburg was sold to W. F. Cryder for \$10,000.

About April 1st, Hugh Larimer will become proprietor of the Centre Hill store now carried on by A. W. Graff.

MARCH 18—The sale of Mrs. Mary Ross, in Gregg township, was the largest ever held in this valley.

S. R. Armagast, of Tusseyville, has gone to Nebraska. B. D. Brislin will become a resident of Centre Hall, as will also Mrs. Mary Ross.

MARCH 25—Rev. J. K. Miller, pastor of the Lutheran church, has resigned.

Mr. McIntire, of Spring Mills, will open a new store at Potters Mills, in the stand vacated by Mr. Brislin.

The woolen factory at Potters Mills will be put into operation again by William Allison.

Jacob Harpster took the contract for tearing down the Lutheran church, in this place, and is accomplishing the work now. He is being assisted by C. Peck and a force of workmen. The church was erected in 1863, and was constructed on a foundation that gave way. Samuel Farner has the contract for erecting the brick work of the new church.

APRIL 15—The people of Miles township raised \$106 for the farmers in the grasshopper district, in Kansas.

The general store of Judge Proudfoot, Milesburg, was destroyed by fire Tuesday night. The loss was about \$2500, with an insurance of \$1200.

APRIL 22—The Sinking Creek Presbyterian church was separated from the Spring Creek pastorate. Dr. Hamill will now give his whole time to the Spring Creek church.

The corner stone of the Pine Hall Lutheran church will be laid May 16.

Married—January 28, William M. Goheen and Miss Kate J. Woods, both of Boalsburg. . . January 31, W. H. Hosterman, of Moccasin, Illinois, and Miss S. E. Stover, of Haines township. . . February 11, S. T. Smith, of Huntingdon, and Miss Elmira Murray, of Linden Hall. . . January 31, Elias Crader and Miss Susan Ripka, both of Gregg township. . . February 11, Lindeman Wingard and Rosetta H. Snaveley, both of Penn township. . . February 17, John T. Hagens, of Farmers Mills, and Miss Emma J. Brown, of Wolf's Store. . . February 18, Peter D. Phillips, of Snydertown, and Miss Sarah Mulbarger, of Potter township. . . February 21, John Roush, of Brush Valley, and Mrs. Mary Swartz, of Aaronsburg. . . February 28, William Meyers, of Benner township, and Miss Alice J. Wise, of Aaronsburg. . . February 18, John E. Murray, of Lemont, and Miss Mary A. Steele, of Pleasant Gap. . . March 11, James M. Moyer, of Logansville, to Miss Christiana Jordan, of Boalsburg. . . March 9, John Hoy, Jr., of Jacksonville, and Mrs. Sydney Gramley, of Rebersburg. . . February 25, John From and Miss Sarah Horner, both of Centre Hall.

Markets, Bellefonte, April 29. White wheat \$1.00, red wheat \$1.00, corn 60c, oats 55c, barley 90c, clover seed \$5.00, potatoes 60c, pork 65c, butter 20c, eggs 15c, bacon 10c, ham 15c, lard 8c, buckwheat 65c, flour per bbl. \$7.00.

Farm for Sale.

Peter Smith, of Centre Hill, re-advertises his farm, near Clintondale, Clinton county, at public sale, Saturday, November 18. The property was put up at sale Saturday, and was bid up to \$37 per acre by Milton Dorman. The farm contains one hundred and forty acres, thirty-five of which are covered with choice heavy timber, mostly oak and pine.

His Greatest Exhibit.

From the Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution.

We've seen Teddy's teeth, and they were all they're advertised to be.

Ask your grocer for Wash-Easy.

REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE AGAINST MILLER AND BAILEY.

The Expenses of Conducting the County's Affairs Largely Increased Under the Present Board of Commissioners—Extravagant Prices Paid for Bridges and Bridge Repairs—Sixty-Seven Dollars for a Ten Dollar Job.

The people of Centre county have it absolutely within their power to say whether or not the expenses of the county shall continue at \$78,000.00 to \$90,000.00 a year, or shall be held within the limits of \$63,000.00 to \$65,000.00. If they prefer that the annual expenses of the county shall continue at \$90,000.00 or \$100,000.00 they will vote for Miller and Bailey, if they do not, they will vote for John L. Dunlap and C. A. Weaver.

The Watchman, last week, very clearly and fairly shows that for a period of fifteen years, three of them covering the old board of Henderson and Decker, the average annual expense did not exceed \$62,000.

The Gazette puts this great increase in the expenditures in the commissioners office on the number of bridges built in 1903 and 1904. This organ then puts out a double column of expense for bridges in its issue of October 6. An examination of the list reveals that bridges were built at the following places:

Evert Bridge, Haines township	\$ 1030 00
Lose Bridge	1450 50
Pine Grove Mills Bridge, Ferguson township	1335 00
Houserville Bridge, College township	1180 00
S. H. Kunes Bridge, Liberty township	1200 00
Making for new bridges in 1903-1904 a total of	\$ 6195 00

One of these, the Evert bridge, the Gazette says, was contracted for by the Democratic board that went out of office January 1, 1903. It is to be noted that this bridge even though it was a large one, crossing Pine Creek, in Haines township, cost less than any other new bridge built in 1903-4.

To say the least, the cost of the bridge at Pine Grove Mills was enormous. It is built over a practically dry ravine, and cost the county \$1335.00. Other bridges not contained in Gazette's list, have like the Pine Grove Mills bridge, cost at least twice what they should.

Let it be clearly understood that no one complains that any of these bridges were built. But the taxpayers of the county have a right to complain when their burdens are increased because the county commissioners pay double prices for bridges.

Note another thing about the Gazette's list for 1903 and 1904. The total cost given for the two years is \$19,133.41. Of this \$6195.00 is for new bridges. This leaves \$12,938.41 spent for repairs.

The county commissioners paid for painting seven bridges the sum of \$467.33, or \$66.76 each. Responsible painters, men who know, do say that the bridge at Fleishers, in Potter township, could have been painted, and the painter find the material, for \$10.00 and good wages made at that price. Beside that the bridges at Eagleville, (Kunes) Greenbriar, and Fleishers are not county bridges. The Commissioners refused to enter them on the county books as county bridges, but required the township in each instance to build the abutments and the county put on the super-structure. The Commissioners have no authority in law to paint or repair them. The Act of Assembly approved April 21, 1903, expressly provides, "That the county commissioners of the several counties of this commonwealth are authorized and required to have the county bridges of their respective counties, which are constructed of iron and steel, painted and the bolts thereof drawn as often as may be necessary, to preserve them from the effects of rust and prevent unnecessary wear occasioned by loose bolts."

The second section of this act requires that contracts for painting bridges shall be advertised, bids received for work and material, and the contract let to the lowest bidder.

No one will complain that these bridges were painted, but when it is done as an electioneering scheme at from four to six prices, and contrary to law, the taxpayers have a right to object, and insist that men who conduct the business of the county as has the present board, are unfit to be further trusted with the management of county affairs. They have demonstrated this themselves.

The steel joists put on the bridges at Curtins, Eagleville, Port Matilda and Unionville, and replanked by the Penn Bridge Company at a cost of \$4080 is from \$1000 to \$1200 more than the job should have cost.

With these revelations based on information given by the Gazette, it is no longer a question why the present board of Commissioners was taken by the agents of the Penn Bridge Co. to the Worlds Fair at St. Louis, to Washington, D. C., by the agents of the York Bridge Co., and to Atlantic City by one of the firm of the Nelson & Bechanan Bridge Co. And the people, the dear people, whom Bailey and Miller are now asking for their support, have paid the bills in advance by the enormous prices they have paid for the bridges.

It is to be hoped that the Gazette will publish the list and cost of other bridges in 1904-05, which are not contained in the list of 1903-04. Why do they not put in the list the bridge built in Potter township, across Sinking Creek, near George Spanglers, (Fleishers perhaps) for which the Commissioners paid \$67.00 to paint.

To go further into this is useless. More than enough has been said to show that the public has paid nearly, if not altogether, a double price for all the bridges built or work done on bridges, by the present board of Commissioners.

The complaint the people make is not answered by saying that Weaver and Dunlap are poor and therefore not proper persons to take charge of so responsible a position. They are honest, intelligent, and capable, and in every qualification they are the superiors of the men on the Republican ticket seeking a re-election. Moreover they will not be found taking trips at the expense of Bridge Companies, chaperoned by their agents, the taxpayers first having paid the cost in double prices on bridges they may build, or aid in building.

If you are practicing economy yourself, see to it that your ideas are carried out in the commissioners office. Don't let Miller and Bailey represent extravagance. Dunlap and Weaver economy. Take your choice.