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TREASON IN THE WEST.

The following article is copied from printed in the California orange belt. It is honest enough to tell the truth in dealing with the tariff question, Bryan :

The Plaindealer, a Taft newspaper Reprinted from the Files of the Reporter to Refresh the Minds of the Older Readers, and Enlighten the Younger. October 30-The Loop church was though it cannot see its way to break re-dedicated Sunday, the sum of \$1500 over the wall and give its support to having been expended in remodeling

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the edifice. The dedicatory sermon There would be no talk of increased was delivered by Rev. John Tomlinfreight rates over the railways if the son. Rev. W. H. Groh, Rev. J. K. railways could buy their steel Tails, Miller and Rev. Koser were also presbridge material, steel cars and other ent. The pastors in charge were Rev. necessary material in an untarified W. E. Fischer and Rev. S. M. Roeder. Rev. J. G. Shoemaker was presentmarket. And there would be no more talk about a reduction of wages. It's ed with a handsome gold-headed cane not so long ago that Charles Schwab by the Aaronsburg Sunday school. testified before a Congressional com. The presentation speech was made by mittee that steel rails could be manu. Prof. Apple, of Lancaster. Rev. Shoefactured in this country and laid down maker will take charge of a Reformed in the European markets at \$16 per mission about Emporia, Kansas.

November 6-By being thrown from ton with a small profit to the American manufacturer. No man better a wagon Jonathan Searfoss, of Centre than Mr. Schwab knew at the time Hill, received a double fracture of the whereof he spoke. A Republican Con. left arm. Dr. Alexander was called to gress has had plenty of time since that attend the lad.

The name of a town in Clinton day to have lowered the tariff, but through some influence the barons county was changed from Young have been able to prevent such legis- Womanstown to North Bend.

The Harris township school direct irs lation. The masses will have a chance in November to select men for Con- have established a graded school in gress favorable to readjustment of the Boalsburg.

November 13-Friday uight Thomp tariff on lines equitable to all. Are you ready to lay aside politics for the son's store at Potters Mills was robbed moment and mske a fight for your of some \$50 in cash, a lot of postage own interests? You don't drive a nail stamps, and nearly \$2700 in notes. that is not tariff taxed. The window M. M. Bingerman, of Laurelton, glass in your windows, the teacups will open a tinware business at Spring

you drink from, the water pitcher, the Mills. November 20-Rev. J. F. DeLong, iron in your stove, the griddle you

bake your cakes on, the knife and of Williamsport, has been secured to fork with which you cut the beef you follow Rev. Shoemsker on the Aaronseat, the shroud in which you bury burg Reformed charge.

your dead, the tombstone at the head While building a fire in the school house in the mountain above Potters of the grave, the matches you burn, the needle with which you stitch on a Mills, a bullet just grazed Charles P. button and the button itself are all Hughes, the teacher of that school. tariff taxed. The blanket you sleep The shot was fired from the outside. Last Friday while Henry Keller, under, if it be wool, pays a hundred per cent. No human being escapes wife and oldest daughter, of near Cenre Hall, were driving near Reynold's ita in this country has risen from \$1.50 mill, the horses took fright, upsetting a hundred years ago to \$12 50 to-day. the wagon and threw the occupants Don't you think it is time to take a out, bruising them somewhat. A few dornicks from the top of the tariff wagon was porrowed to make the trip home, and on reaching Mann's axe tunity to see over? If you do, vote for factory, the horses again frightened. a Democrat for Congress this time, and again upset the rig, throwing the The Republicans have had their day ladies into the creek, but no injuries in Court and have dallied. McKinley were received.

warned them. Give Taft a House of Messrs. John and Israel Stover, for-Representatives friendly to the con- merly of Haines township, now sucsful farmers in Michigan, are visiting their friends about their former The voters of Centre county will not home, but are so well pleased with expect a man as well known to them Michigan that they have no desire to Emanuel Smith has just finished a his time making a personal canvass handsome house in the lower end of

THE TAX QUESTION-

SOURCE FROM WHICH DERIVED Paragraphs Picked from Exchanges of

The following letter from a taxpayer appeared in the Gazette of Sept. 4

EDITOR GAZETTE :-- I am a reader of your paper and notice your repeated declarations of economy by our government, but it remains a feature] for you to explain, why our farms are taxed to such extremes while the State and National government is, as you claim, so economically administered. Spring Mills, Pa., Aug. 31. A TAXPAYER.

The Editor of the Gazette then proceeds to answer, and " what an answer." It is enough to make a horse laugh. The fellow who writes the answer has about as much idea of taxation as a donkey has of Latin.

The revenues of the state, for state purposes, come from various sources. There is the tax on the capitol stock of corporations, whether railroad, gas, electric light, water power, steam, etc. Then there is the mercantile license tax, varying from \$2.00, and all persons so engaged shall pay one mill additional of the whole volume, gross, of business transacted annually. The state obtains a large revenue from tax on original writs, issued out of the Courts of Common Pleas, and from deeds, mortgages, and other papers recorded, also from liquor licenses, moneys at interest, letters of administration and testamentory, and collateral inheritance taxes and many other sources.

All corporations pay a tax of five mills on their capital stock. Some corporations such as railroads, pipe lines, steam boat, express, telegraph and telephone companies, joint stock associations or limited partnerships, by the Act of June 1, 1889, on business wholly done within the state, must pay eight mills upon the dollar, upon their gross receipts.

It is the delight of the Republican party to boast that there is no tax imposed on real estate in this state, for state purposes. This is so, but it is nothing to the credit of any party to so boast.

. The corporations may well provide all the revenue the state needs, and very much more, and have a soft snap on taxes, as compared with the farmer or any other citizen who owns real estate. The real estate owners of the state, whether farmers or not, pay on the assessed valuation of their real estate, county, school, road and poor tax. In a town it is street tax, in place of road.

None of the corporations in Pennsylvania pay any county, school, road or poor tax. There are hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of real estate in Centre county belonging to railroads and other corporations which pay no taxes for any purpose, other than state tax. All this real estate is counted as part of the capital stock of the corporation, and therefore only pays five mills of taxes on its capitol stock to the state, while the private real estate owner is taxed for county, school, road and poor purposes.

The Gazette's correspondent is invited to note the following : The aggregate assessed value of real estate, in the state is \$2,986 197,041.00. The taxes paid by this real estate for all purposes is \$47,975,075.76, and the average rate of millage on the value of the real estate is 15 2-3 mills.

The assessed value of personal and corporate property for taxation is \$5,301,576,287.00. Taxes on personal and corporate property is \$14.963,156.72; the average millage on this kind of property is 3 mills. This great difference in millage is occasioned by the fact that on the great bulk of personal property no taxes are assessed for county, school, road and poor purposes. The farmer's few horses and cattle must put up for these purposes while the vast amount of personal property owned by corporations is not taxed for any of these purposes, but is counted as part of the capital stock of the corporation which pays only a small millage to the state, and for state purposes. If the corporations paid taxes for local purposes, on all farm property local taxes would be less.

The system of taxation in this state is everything but equitable. The whole system is in favor of the powerful corporations, indeed, made for them. There is no reason why the real estate as well as the franchise of all the corporations should not be assessed and valued and taxed for county, school, road and poor purposes, as well as the farmer's farm, and his horses and cattle, or the

Interest to Reporter Readers, Millheim Journal-

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Dale Musser left for Mosbannon Monday morning, where he has been engaged to teach school during the winter term.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. B. Hartman at Williamsport.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Meyer, of near week's visit and sight-seeing at and for one horse to do the work. During about Pittsburg.

Mrs. Susan Cummings, who spent borse from the livery. the summer with relatives at Jeanplace Tuesday evening.

Penn street, there grows a most prolific pumpkin vine. There are fiftyone pumpkins on this vine ranging in size from a cocoanut to a bushel measure.

Zion, visited the gentleman's aged father at Penn Hall, and the lady's Woodward, for several days during for threshing grain. The old engine

Mrs. Speidel, nee Maggie Ruhl, is visiting her sister, Mrs. William Kreamer, at this place, and her Valley. She is accompanied by her Agnes Lorenz in the October Smart niece, a daughter of Mrs. Leah Zeigler, Set. He may be starved in body and who was also a Ruhl.

children, of Dewart, are visiting rela. seldom comes to satisfy it. tives and friends in the vicinity of Coburn. They arrived at Coburn on expected to be in Centre Hall during Tuesday, after a ten days' outing at the Grange Encampment and Fair, is Atlantic City, Philadelphia and New now laid up in the Kane Summit York. They were accompanied on Hospital, having undergone an operatheir trip by Mrs. W. L. Hosterman, tion. His condition is very favorable of Coburn.

Absolom Harter, who has been covery. working at Harter, West Virginia, returned to his home at this place on week bought the E. C. Fye farm in Thursday. He passed the seventy Ferguson township three miles west fifth mile stone of his life on July 24, of State College. The price was \$6,500, and stated that he was the recipient which included this year's crops. on that day of seventy-five presents With his son-in-law he will occupy and among them was enough of and till the broad and fertile acres tobacco to last him the balance of his after April 1st, '09. days.

Fisher-Gearbardt.

A wedding under rather sad and painful circumstances was that on Saturday of last week of Charles E. Fisher, of Boalsburg, and Miss Emma Gearbardt, of Danville. The engagement was announced in the spring and the wedding day was set for Monday, September 14th, and arrangements were being made for a big wedding when the bride's mother, who had been ill for some time, grew suddenly worse, says the Watchman. Realizing that death was imminent she expressed a wish to see her daughter married, consequently the wedding was solemnized at her bedside on Saturday. And the nuptials took place none too soon as Mrs. Gearbardt railroad, is taking a vacation this died on Sunday and was buried on week, which time is being spent Wednesday. The bride is a young lady of many accomplishments, chief among which is her talent for music. For several years past she has been an instructor own homes, whose tickets he has oftin music at Bucknell University. She comparison, with a flash of inspirahas frequently visited friends in Bellefonte and has always been regarded a tric Light Company, in Altoona, for very charming woman. The bride a period of eighteen years, has groom is well known all over Centre placed John O. Scholl, at the head of county. He is a triveling salesman the engineering department, and he is it was-took the form of the hymn in for the Harrisburg Casket company, filling that position with great credit. which thousands of sad and weary persons have found joy and comfort in Early this summer he was a candidate Last week Mr. Scholl made a trip to on the Republican ticket for the nom. Centre Hall to visit his mother, Mrs. ination for the Legislature but was Rebecca Scholl, and his aunt, Mrs. Another interesting story is told of this hymn by a Boston paper. One defeated by R. B. Taylor. For a time, Lucinda Weaver, the latter being ill, evening, the story goes, an old Civil at least, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher will live Industrial conditions in Altoona have War veteran was telling how he had in Danville.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

Will D. Shoop has accepted a position as clerk in Fauble's clothing store, Bellefonte, and went to that town last week.

Al. S. Garman has concluded to spent several days during the past make Tyrone his home for the present. week with relatives and acquaintances having closed up his business affairs in Bellefonte.

Dr. P. H. Dale purchased a new Coburn, left Friday morning for a driving horse, business being too brisk the past few months he used a second

A visit to Florida and other southnette, returned to her home in this ern states by Mr. and Mrs. George H. Smull, of Smullton, impressed the On the premises of W. F. Colyer, on couple very favorably. Mr. Smull has real estate interests in the south.

Where tomatoes weighing two pounds can be grown there ought to be no complaint of drought in that Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Musser, of of the Coburn house, L. E. Stover, did. section. That is what the proprietor The Eungard Brothers last week mother, Mrs. Ambrose Haines, near purchased a new fifteen horse-power

> will be used for hulling clover seed and baling hay. The Jew is the most incurably intel-

brothers, four of whom reside in Sugar lectual of all mankind, says Mabel mind, but hunger cannot kill the Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Braucht and sppetite for learning, and prosperity

> Frank Bloomster, of Kane, who had and his friends anticipate speedy re-

Emanuel Roan, of Filmore, last

J. L. Tressler, of Linden Hall, and Abner W. Alexander, of near Centre Hall, each had the misfortune to lose

mers of the country.

the tariff tax. The tariff tax per cap-

wall and give the consumers an oppor-

as W. Harrison Walker, the Demo- return to Pennsylvania to live. cratic candidate for congress, to spend here, when he has a territory to cover town. as large as many of the foreign countries. This congressional district is ler, of Newton, Kansas, and Miss Henone of the largest districts in the state, rietta O. Hosterman, of near Rebersand is composed of the counties of burg. . . George M. Silvis, of Centre, Clearfield, Cameron and Mc. Aaronsburg, and Miss Emma A. Wil-Kean. If Mr. Walker were obliged to low, of Millheim. . . October 30. make a complete canvass at home, he Frank McCoy, of Milesburg, and Miss would not be able to do anything in Emma Allison, of Potters Mills. . . any of the other three counties in the September 28, William T. Stratton and district. The mentioning of these con. Miss Annie M. Boal, both of Coleville. ditions will be ample to satisfy the November 11, John R. Close, of Milvoters of Centre county that the course roy, and Miss Annie Smetzler, of Mr. Walker is pursuing is the proper Sprucetown. . . November 13, Isaac one.

work to an understrapper Friday of last week. In that issue an editorial appeared not at all flattering to Uncle how a newspaper once fair on important topics-political or otherwisecan become so narrow as is the Public Ledger during the present campaign. The worst political outlaws are shown editorial columns of the Public Ledger, is a great deal. than Mr. Bryan. Possibly the Public Ledger intends outdoing a class of newspapers it formerly held in con- in mind favoring deserving young best loved hymns in the world, if intempt.

choice of Judges, and it would have ing an humble home. been setting an example of non-partisanship for a Republican Executive tion county to fill a vacancy occasion Judge. All this goes without breath. either. ing a word against the Governor's appointee.

Fred Smith, the farmer from Rush township, is the man the farmers in has every qualification needed for a of him.

Men of good moral character are needed in the Legislature. J. C. Honest men are needed in the Legis-lature. J. C. Meyer, Esq., has a repu-its fullest sense. Was feeling the need of a refuge in trouble as much as the little bird which he was sheltering. Noting the its Men of good moral character are

Married-October 23, Uriah Spang-Stover and Miss Maria Kauffman, both of Zion. . . September 18,

The sensor of the Public Ledger edi. John I. Markle, of Bellefonte, and torial writer must have intrusted his Miss Jennie Rossman, of Centre Hall.

The finances of this county have always been better under Democratic most popular hymns. These stories Joe Cannon, the boss of the lower administration than under Republican are based on facts, and will be inter- and so on until the prayer-for prayer house of Congress. It is astonishing rule. That is a matter of history, esting to the average reader. The present board has paid off the indebtedness a Republican board left behind. No Democratic board of Charles Wesley as the author of such successors to pay its debts. So much aid Angels Sing", "Arise my Soul, more respect, in both the news and for Democratic management, and that Arise," and "O for a Thousand Ton-

If the voters of Centre county have "Jesus Lover of My Soul," one of the

of George F. Weaver, Democratic can- time it was not generally known how Governor Stuart was not equal to didate for Register. He is a one armed the hymn came to be written; for his opportunity when he failed to man, and has been obliged to struggle Wesley himself has never, so far as is name a Democrat for the vacant during the whole of his life. Practi- definitely known, said a word concern-Judgeship in Berks county. There cally all his earnings have been de- ing its origin. The following story, should be nonpartisanship in the voted to aiding his parents in retain- however, is generally accepted as the me till I was almost in a state of ner-

There is absolutely no argument sion, Mr. Wesley was sitting by an and by the time I had finished the to name a fit man of the opposition against the principal of local option in open window, looking out over a large party to sit on the Bench in an opposi- a free country. For local option is and beautiful field flooded with suned by the death of an opposition the popular privilege of declaring for ting about in the field attracted his

Centre county can well afford to sup-port for office. He is intelligent, and mary trial, and elected E. D. Smith window and the man sitting by it. ever, I heard him singing : United States Senator to succeed A. The hawk was now almost upon it, model sheriff. And he is big enough C. Latimer, deceased. Smith is a to hold a prisoner, once he gets hold mighty good man, and had twenty thousand votes above his opponent, ex-Governor John Gray Evans.

house and lot of the city or borough resident.

In all taxation, as in everything else, the last fellow must bear the burden. All freight and passenger rates of the raifroads and all other carrying corporations are based on the cost of repairs, keeping up road beds, etc., and the amount of taxes to pay, and the traveler and the shipper must foot the bill. When the rates are fixed ,all these matters are fully considered.

As an illustration of how this works it will be remembered that when Congress was providing revenue to carry on the Spanish War, it imposed a tax of one cent upon every receipt given by an express company. The express company though they gave the receipt and affixed thereto a one cent internal revenue stamp, they made the shipper of the package pay for the stamp, in addition to the express on the package, and when hauled up in Court for doing so the Court held that the sender must pay the tax. This though the law did say, that all express companies shall affix the one cent revenue stamp to all receipts given. The Government got the revenue, but the shipper had to pay for it.

It is the same way with all taxes raised for the support of the National Government. All tariff is added to, and included in the price to the consumer. If the Government is extravagant, internal revenue tax and the tariff is piled on to meet the expenditure. A billion dollars is an enormous expenditure and drains the public treasury, and the people, the consumers, must foot the bill or the nation becomes bankrupt.

It is proposed in another article to discuss county finances and taxation.

"Jesus, lover of my soul,

time of trouble.

Let me to thy bosom fly,"

been appointed to picket duty one

Stories of Famous Hymns.

From week to week the Reporter tion he picked up his pen and wrote, will publish the stories of a few of the

"JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL".

Everybody knows something about county commissioners ever obliged its beautiful hymns as "Hark ! the Her-

gues to Sing," but more especially do they know him as the author of men, they are asked to weigh the case deed not the best-loved. For a long

true one.

One day, not long after his converattention and also the attention of a and in its extremity it flew in and with beating heart and quivering wings found refuge with Mr. Wesley. Mr. Wesley himself was at that

time suffering under severe trials, and Union soldier as the two veterans in-

Teachers Institute.

dark night of 1864. "It was frightfully dark," he said, "the enemy was Centre county has been set for the of the republic. She takes the bantnear, the country full of pitfalls, and week of December 28th. One of the ling fresh from the home nest, full of I knew that my life was in momenevening lecturers will be Senator Gore, his pouts, his pets and his passions, tary peril. Of course I had faced as of Oklahoma, the only blind man who ungovernable in many cases, a ramgreat risks more than once before, but ever sat in the United States Senate, pant, riotous little wretch whose own somehow out there alone I began to Senator Gore is not only very popular mother often admits she sends him to think of the dangers that surrounded. on the Democratic side of the upper school purposely to get rid of him. branch of Congress, but is an orator of The school-ma'am takes a whole car vous collapse. To culm my fears I began to sing 'Jesus, Lover of my Soul' great distinction.

School Opens Monday.

The borough schools open Monday. neither prohibition nor license, but shine. As he looked a little bird flit- several of the hearers noticed the un- It is the duty of parents to see that usual interest of an old fellow sitting their children are in attendance the near by. At the close he asked : "Did first day, and that they are not absent is east, having come here to join his

> Weaver for Commissioners. They took care of the tax payers during the The county's finances are O. K., and that is more than could be said of the condition of the county's treasury when they went into office.

This is Grange week in Centre county, and Centre Hall the centre of at-

a good milch cow, last week. The animal belonging to the former choked on an apple, and the other broke into a corn field and ate a too large quantity of green corp.

William Rossman, of Spring Mills, is assisting Station Agent W. Frank Bradford to take care of the extra work at the Centre Hall railroad station during the Grange Encampment and Fair. He is a young man at the business, but is the making of the kind that the Pennsy advances when opportunity presents itself.

R. U. Reamer, for twenty-five years conductor on the Lewisburg & Tyrone among acquaintances in the lower portions of Peuns and Brush Valleys. Mr. Reamer will drive from one point to the other and meet those, in their times punched on the train.

A connection with the Edison Elecbeen improving slightly during the past month, according to Mr. Scholl's observations.

The date for Teachers Institute in The schoolma'am is the guiding star

load of these anarchists, half of whom singly and alone cannot be handled by their own mothers, and she is expected to put them in the way of becoming useful citizens.

S. B. Shirk, of Springfield, Missouri, Sober men are needed in the Legis-lature. J. C. Meyer, Esq, has always been a sober man. South Carolina had its second pri-South Carolina had its second pri-South Carolina had its second priin and about Centre Hall have been so past three years and will do so again. numerous that it was almost impossible for him to recognize anything but the old familiar landmarks. Mr. Shirk is a railroad passenger conductor, his run being between Kansas City, Missouri, and Memphis, Tennessee, on a limited express. Pennsylvanians, especially those born and raised in Penne Valley, are all right wherever located, and Mr. Shirk is as exception,

last stanza I was again calm and fearless". While he was telling the story

'Cover my defenceless head With the shadow of thy wing' Instantly I dropped my gun with the thought that I couldn't kill that man were he ten times my enemy." Tears of gratitude came into the eyes of the