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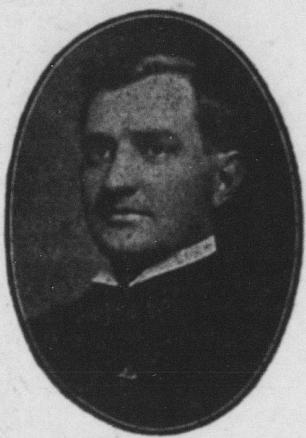
FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

D. Paul Fortney Fills All Requirements of the Law and the Demands of the Party.

It affords us pleasure to commend to the voters of the county the candidate for district attorney. There was quite a spirited contest for the office but Mr. Fortney has been nominated by such a decisive vote that it must be concluded that he was the choice of the party for the office.

He is a young man, vigorous and forceful, and by nature as well as by education he is well qualified to perform all the duties of the office as worthily as any man who has ever held the position.

Since his arrival at full age he has in different campaigns given his time and energies to the success of his party and its candidates. He meets all persons cordially and gives all a kindly greeting. In the campaign his manner of meeting and greeting people was quite a factor in the success he met with and no one can doubt that all who may have business with the attorney, should he be



elected, will be politely treated and their business faithfully and honorably attended to. Being the party candidate and having fairly won by hustling he should, and no doubt will, receive the full party vote, and if the Republicans want a good district attorney they will honor themselves by voting for him.

The act of April 26th, 1883, says, "He shall be admitted to practice, as an attorney, in some county within this commonwealth, for at least two years preceding his election." The candidate very much more than meets these requirements.

David R. Foreman, the candidate of the Democratic party for prothonotary, is a native of Penna Valley, and all his family are now and always have been Democrats. They could not well be anything else as they were born on Democratic soil. Mr. Foreman in early youth, like so many of our very best men, worked on the farm, attended the public schools, and after a time taught school very successfully.

During the term of L. A. Schaeffer as prothonotary, he was chosen by Mr. Schaeffer as his clerk and proved to be a most faithful clerk. He at once made himself master of all the details of the office, kept a most excellent record. At the expiration of Mr. Schaeffer's term he returned to the farm and school room; and some time during his term of office M. I. Gardner needed a clerk and secured Mr. Foreman's service for the



place. Mr. Foreman was selected because he was the most fit and best prepared man that could be obtained to fill the place, and for the same reason he was retained by Mr. Kimpfort. The office of prothonotary is one of great responsibility and a clerk who was careless in making up the records, or in entering judgments, could financially ruin his principal. It was therefore a wise thing for the chief officer of this office to have a clerk who could safely be trusted and implicitly relied upon to do the necessary clerical work of the office.

It may be, as charged, that Mr. Foreman, altogether, has been a clerk in the prothonotary's office fourteen years. It should be remembered that he was only a clerk, working under his chief at a very moderate monthly salary paid him by his chief. He got nothing from the county by way of fees or office.

Being a clerk therefore, and as such, thoroughly mastered all the duties of the office as well as acquired all the details, none is therefore better fitted to assume and discharge its responsible duties, than is the nominee of the Democratic party.

Mr. Foreman during the term of his clerkship, stands much in the position of a hireling to a farmer who has continued to work on the same farm for

the same man for fourteen years at moderate wages and then desired to take up farming on his own hook. Would or could it be alleged that as he had worked so long as a hireling he should not farm on his own responsibility, or rather, would not the fact that he had worked so long under the supervision and directions of a competent farmer, to be counted to his credit and give the assurance that the hired man was abundantly able to conduct and manage a farm on his own responsibility. So it will be with Mr. Foreman, as prothonotary. He is not only well qualified for the office he seeks but he is a clean, sober man, a member of the Reformed church; he has no bad habits to contend with.

The most progressive voter these days is the one who has cast away all party prejudice and casts his ballot for what he thinks is right and honorable, closing his ears to the demands and dictations of the party politician whose only ambition is to feather his own nest. In other words, the man who recognizes duty and does it is the best citizen. This theory will apply to W. Francis Speer, of Bellefonte, who received a highly complimentary vote for the office of Recorder of deeds at the Democratic primaries. His case therefore should appeal to the honest voters of both parties, and there should thus be no party lines drawn when it comes to voting for a worthy man. He is deserving from the fact that for the last twenty-five years he has been devoting his time and talents to giving the people of Centre county the news, he having been connected with the various newspapers for that length of time. He is the author of the famous "That Column" that has brought so much good cheer and merit to the homes of Centre county each week for so many years. He has done his part well and faithfully and is now asking the voters of Centre county for something that will increase his happiness and help him over a difficult period in life.

Up to this time Mr. Speer has made a brave fight in the battle of life against tremendous odds. Those who are acquainted with him know that he is incapacitated for doing hard, manual labor but his long service as a newspaper man has fully demonstrated to the people of Centre county that he is capable of performing the duties of the office to which he is aspiring. Therefore one of the wisest and best things the voters could do would be to give him what he is asking of them, and what we believe is justly due him.

Those who vote for Francis Speer will in years after look back upon their action with the satisfaction that they did their duty, and that the office went to a man who was deserving and who thoroughly appreciated what had been done for him. He is a first class business man and would make a good conservative officer. This is the time to elect Mr. Speer recorder, as the probabilities are he will never come before the people again. Let us pull together and insure ourselves of having done a wise and noble thing.

Daniel A. Grove, the farmer candidate for county commissioner on the Democratic ticket, was born in Benner township, (now College), in 1856, and is therefore a man of mature years. His father, Michael Grove, was one of the noted Grove brothers, farmers along the Boalsburg pike a mile or so east of Lemont. On the farm he grew to manhood and all his days has been a sober, upright citizen. He has been a success as a tiller of the soil, for no man regularly raises better crops than those found on the farm tilled by him.

Having made a success of his private business by industry, hard work, careful and economical management, he can with confidence in his ability to do right, be entrusted with public duties, which in their management for the good of the people, require sound judgment and the exercise of broad and well grounded common sense.

Mr. Grove is in every way a clean, sober man, a member of the Lutheran church by inheritance as well as by profession and practice. He has every qualification necessary to make him a most useful, worthy and honorable member of the board of county commissioners. Mr. Grove, like every other man on the Democratic ticket, was fairly and honestly nominated. True he won over several other worthy men, but he did so by hard work and continuous hustling, his high standing in the community in which he lives also greatly aiding him. Mr. Grove as well as the other candidate for county commissioner on the Democratic ticket is worthy of the support and vote, not only of Democrats, but of all men who desire that honesty and economy shall be practiced in administering the affairs of the county. Vote for Grove and Noll.

John D. Miller, the candidate for county treasurer, is a native of Walker township, this county, and is now about fifty-four years of age. His whole life has been spent on the farm, first working for his father and afterwards farm-

THE \$100,000 COUNTY BOND PROBLEM.

There may be a division of opinion on the question of remodeling the court house. Many deemed the remodeling necessary, and are not galled over the large expense that must be met in the shape of taxes, while others think the old court house, or at least a less pretentious than the present one, would have served the purpose. Yes, opinions on this question may vary, but no one who gives serious thought to the method employed to pay \$100,000 in bonds issued can come to any other than the conclusion that foresight on the part of the commissioners was lacking.

The Reporter has never made a statement of the financial methods adopted for the liquidation of the court house debt, because heretofore there had never been an occasion to do so. The public was not consulted when the money was borrowed, nor were the taxpayers permitted to purchase the bonds.

Here is the plan briefly stated: By the sale of bonds \$100,000 was raised to pay the court house bills.

The bonds bear interest at four per centum.

The bonds run for a period of thirty years. None of them can be paid before that time.

The payment is to be made in this wise:

\$1100 is paid on the principal every six months, or \$2200 each year.

The interest on \$100,000 at four per centum for one year is \$4000.

\$2200 paid on the principal plus \$4000 interest, or \$6200 represents the sum paid each year.

For the purpose of deception it is

The interest on \$100,000 at four per cent, or \$4,000 each year for thirty years is..... \$ 120,000

Every six months the county pays on the principal \$1,100, or in every year \$2,200 for thirty years..... 66,000

The principal is \$100,000, and why do the taxpayers only, as the Republicans would have you believe, pay but \$66,000? Because the \$1,100 paid every six months for thirty years, at four per cent compound interest, is worth not only the principal, which is \$100,000, but \$55,000 in addition in other words if the taxpayers would put \$1,100 every six months for a period of thirty years at four per cent, on compound interest, it would sum up to a grand total of..... \$ 155,000

The total cost of the court house, or the funds needed to cancel the \$100,000 bonded indebtedness, according to the Republican board of commissioners method of calculating is \$120,000 interest plus \$66,000, or..... \$ 186,000

The actual result of this financial deal is that the county will pay in interest, \$120,000, and the principal, if interest were allowed at the same rate the county pays, would equal \$185,000, or a grand total of..... \$ 255,000

From this total of \$255,000 there must be deducted the difference between \$100,000 and \$66,000, or..... 34,000

The actual sum of money represented in principal and interest to liquidate the \$100,000 in bonds, is \$255,000, less the allowance of \$34,000, or..... \$ 221,000

Not \$186,000, but \$221,000 is what it will require to cancel the \$100,000 bonds.

ing a rented farm on his own account.

Mr. Miller is a well informed man, not only in agricultural matters, but in all matters relating to business. He is financially in very moderate circumstances, being a renter instead of the owner of a farm. The old story peddled over the county three years ago that Mr. Miller was rich in this world's goods has been revived, but it has no foundation in fact.

Mr. Miller is moreover a man of the most kindly and benevolent disposition. No one is allowed to suffer or want when within the knowledge of him. While Mr. Miller's education is only that of the public schools of the township in which he lived, he is in every possible way amply qualified to discharge the duties of the office for which he has been nominated. He writes a plain, clear hand, he understands the manner in which books should be kept, and his records and accounts will be models of correctness and neatness.

Mr. Miller always has been honest in his dealings with all men, and considering that he was in the wreck three years ago, and as the party is now on the highway to success he should have, as he is entitled to have, the united support, not only of his party, but of all good citizens who desire that the office of county treasurer shall be conducted in the interest of and for the benefit of the people. Vote for John D. Miller.

Arthur Lee is built all right for a sheriff, and has not only the physical qualifications but the mental capacity. His muscles were developed doing farm work and later hardened swinging a hammer over an anvil. That good disposition he carried with him during the preliminary campaign, and that will be retained when he becomes sheriff, he cultivated while wrestling with the fore and hind legs of horses and mules—young and old.

A Well Merited Tribute.
Once in a while, a man comes by his own while he lives. We observe with pleasure that the Board of Trustees and Faculty of Pennsylvania State College did themselves honor last week by giving a complimentary dinner to Colonel John A. Woodward. No man in Pennsylvania has done more than Farmer Woodward in helping to advance farming interests in Pennsylvania by advancing the knowledge of how to farm. He has been at it for forty years as an active participant in boosting the revenues and the prestige of the great agricultural school in Centre county. He has worked both as an outsider and a trustee. He was especially helpful while a member of the Legislature in procuring larger State aid and fuller State recognition for State College. He has more than earned all the distinction and honors that his fellow-workers are glad to accord to him.

The above is from the Philadelphia Record. It is but a fitting tribute to a most worthy and honorable public servant. In what ever position Mr. Woodward has been placed, whether as representative in the legislature, trustee of the State College, director of the Farmers Institutes he has filled the position to the satisfaction of those he served.

He was a faithful representative, and the State College never had, nor will it ever have a better trustee. We endorse all the Record has said concerning him.

heralded everywhere that instead of the taxpayers being obliged to pay the full \$100,000, representing the principal, they will only need to pay \$2200 for thirty years or \$66,000. That is true, but it is not a full statement of the facts in the case.

The truth of the matter is this: The party who furnished the funds for the \$100,000 bonds will get their full \$100,000 back in thirty years, and interest at over FIVE PER CENTUM.

Some who have figured on this proposition come to the conclusion that the county is paying as much as six to eight per centum interest, while the Reporter is content to say that it is over five.

Back to the \$66,000! This is the deceptive sum in the transaction. The parties who transacted this deal figured that the county ought to at least have some interest on the payments made every six months on the bonds, but instead of allowing an interest rate, the idea was conceived that the principal should be paid with \$66,000 instead of \$100,000, which in effect means that \$34,000 is for interest. The ordinary business man, had he made such a deal, would have asked the same rate of interest on the payments of a note that he was obliged to pay on the principal, or else ask that the payments be deducted from the principal, and in that case the principal should have been paid by a much smaller sum than \$66,000.

The calculations below will aid the reader to understand the bond paying proposition, and it is a fair statement of all the facts in the case:

13 Apples For 20 Cents.

"Where does the difference go?" is a question frequently asked by the city consumer. He means the difference between the price paid by him and price received by the farmer for the products of the soil. Here is an explanation:
Some time ago Dr. George P. Bible, the lecturer, who lives in Philadelphia, went to his grocer and purchased a half-peck of apples for which he paid twenty cents, or at the rate of \$1.60 per bushel. He counted the apples and found there were just thirteen in the sack. Then the lecturer put a question squarely to his grocer, who replied that it was none of his business, but that he paid \$4.00 per barrel for the apples. Dr. Bible suddenly left the grocer standing by the barrel, went to his home and from the reading table picked up a copy of The Centre Reporter, and back to the apple man he went. Much to the astonishment of the grocer he read the item which appeared in these columns several weeks ago in which it stated that the Centre Hall Evaporating Company was obliged to evaporate hand-picked apples because no market for the fruit could be found.

The grocer then became frank and made this statement. It is just like this. I am in business here, and am obliged to buy from the commission men; if I did not they would ruin my business; I am obliged to demand a price so that I have a profit.

So there it is. Where does the difference go is not nearly so much of a perplexing question as it was one day.

Letwiler Farm Sold.

The Letwiler farm, near Farmers Mills, was sold by Mrs. Jacob Letwiler to Harvey Rote, tenant on the Pierce Vonada farm, near Penns Cave, for \$3000. The farm contains one hundred and twenty-five acres, sixty-five acres of which are under cultivation. Mr. Rote will take possession of the property next spring.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Thomas Foster et al to Susan Comfort, September 20, 1909, tract of land in State College, \$450.

William Bush et ux to Daniel Hall, September 19, 1911, tract of land in Unionville, \$205.

First National Bank, State College, to Ray D. Gilliland, September 22, 1911, lot in State College, \$5000.

Lorenzo G. Runk et ux to Scott W. Shirey, September 22, 1911, tract of land in Phillipsburg, \$1100.

A. J. Long et ux to P. G. Murray, September 9, 1911, tract of land in Boggs twp., \$200.

Mary Wertz to Harvey Emenheizer, September 2, 1911, tract of land in Spring twp., \$350.

Rosetta Runkle et bar to C. C. Barges, April 14, 1902, tract of land in Gregg twp., \$112.50.

John S. Schaeffer et al to Mary Schaeffer et al, October 5, 1911, tract of land in Harris twp., \$1.

Mary K. Gray to Mary K. Gray, September 33, 1911, tract of land in Phillipsburg, \$1.

W. E. Hurley, sheriff, to Mary Cook, October 2, 1911, tract of land in Bellefonte, \$325.

W. E. Hurley, sheriff, to Terressa Frank, October 2, 1911, tract of land in Rush twp., \$100.

Lizzie Catherman to Catherine M. Catherman, September 28, 1906, tract of land in Taylor twp., \$300.

Thomas Royer to J. B. Hebrling, July 17, 1911, tract of land in State College, \$185.

Progress Grange Meets Saturday afternoon, that being the time for the regular meeting.

GLENN ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

North Carolina's Former Governor Will Open a Centre Hall Lecture Course.

Saturday evening, in Grange Arcadia, former Governor Robert B. Glenn will open the Centre Hall Lecture Course, being the first of the five numbers making up the course.

Governor Glenn is a North Carolinian by birth, having been born in Buckingham county, in August, 1854. In 1881 he became a member of the Legislature, and then held several minor political positions until 1893, when he was appointed U. S. District Attorney; in 1898 he was elected to the state senate, and governor in 1904.

The Central Lyceum Bureau, Kansas City, Missouri, says this of Governor Glenn:

"He is considered the leading orator of the day. He is a man of majestic mold, brilliant in speech, lofty in eloquence, sweeping and convincing in his discussions of great questions."

The Chicago Herald-Leader makes this reference to the lecturer:

"He is a big man mentally and physically. His personality is such that from the moment he appears, even before he has spoken, one realizes that here is one who has a message and the courage to deliver it. Nor is the opinion incorrect."

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Hear Governor Glenn on Saturday night.

Daniel Martz has leased the Leech farm, above Boalsburg. Mrs. Leech expects to make her home in Boalsburg.

There is a report current that J. W. Foreman, of Curtin, purchased the Jacob Neese farm, in Gregg township, near Farmers Mills. The farm had been advertised for sale.

The dedication of the Knights of Malta Hall, in Boalsburg, will take place Friday evening, October 27th. After these ceremonies the four degrees will be conferred on a class of twenty.

William Sopes is one of the men of Spring Mills who is permanently employed elsewhere, and is now located in the vicinity of Reno, on a lumber job. He came home last week, the first visit to his family in five months.

The installation of Rev. George Hawes, as pastor of the Bellefonte Presbyterian church, will take place Tuesday evening, the last day of this month. The minister held his first services on his new charge last Sunday.

Messrs. R. D. Musser, of Spring Mills, and Prof. H. C. Rothrock, of Boalsburg, were business callers at the Reporter office on Tuesday morning. The latter was here in the interest of the Knights of Malta order, which will dedicate its hall Friday of next week.

Miriam Huyett, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Huyett, of Centre Hall, fell from an express wagon and injured the ligaments surrounding one of her shoulders, causing much pain. She was coasting with other children in front of her home, when she fell from the wagon.

The committee having in charge the Farmer's Institute to be held in Centre Hall, Wednesday and Thursday, December 6th and 7th, met Col. John A. Woodward at the Reporter office on Monday evening, and selected topics for discussion. The chairman of the local committee is Prof. C. R. Neft, who appointed George L. Goodhart as presiding officer during the sessions of the institute.

While picking apples in the orchard of L. R. Lingle, on Friday, Aaron Thomas fell a distance of eighteen feet, receiving several cuts and bruises about his head. The ordinary man would have sought a hospital for the next six weeks, but not so with Mr. Thomas. The remainder of the day was devoted to apple picking. He was in the act of stepping from a limb onto the ladder, when the latter broke.

The rainy day work on the farm of Charles F. Stover, in Penn township, proved detrimental to one of the digits on the foot of Harry R. Auman, a helper on the farm. The young man was chopping wood, when he made a false stroke, the axe striking his foot, and splitting the second toe, the gash being four inches in length. Dr. S. C. Musser examined the wound, and found amputation of the toe necessary, and this was done.

Dairying in Penna Valley is gradually becoming more and more accepted as the correct solution of making farming profitable. Among the few farmers who have a fair sized herd of cows and give them first attention is John Snavelly, of Spring Mills, who is now milking sixteen cows and expects to add five more before winter sets in. He had the misfortune to lose a cow from milk fever, one day last week, but such losses must be expected.

Several weeks ago in a letter in the Subscribers' Column, Harry W. Potter wrote from Washington giving an account of a record-breaking oat crop, the yield of which was one hundred and seventy bushels per acre. In a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Potter, he enclosed a clipping from Stanwood, Washington, which gives the information that the phenomenal yield noted above was exceeded on the T. K. Logan farm, on the Stanwood flats, where a half-acre yielded 2,920 pounds of oats, or one hundred and eighty bushels per acre. The seed had been imported from Sweden.

The absence of a three-year-old child from his little bed the other Sunday morning, gave much concern to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Auman, who live on a farm near Coburn. The boy, while his parents were at the barn, arose from his bed and with no other clothing on than his night dress, wandered away from the house. A search of the premises was made, and after several hours the child was found in the farm lane, crying and his bare feet and limbs were blue with cold. He was picked up by W. H. Harter, who had joined the searching party, and suffered no ill effects from his experience.