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WHY YOUR TAXES ARE HIGH.

A Few Facts From the County Auditors' Statement Can't Be Explained Away.

(Centre Democrat, Oct. 25.)

Last week we published a comparative statement of the amounts paid for certain accounts by the former Democratic Board of County Commissioners for three years and the amounts paid by the present Republican Board, Messrs. Austin and Yarnell, for same purposes. The amounts were taken from the Annual Auditors Statements for the respective years, and are presumed to be correct. The comparisons show that there was a large increase in various expenditures under the present Republican board. We are not responsible for the amounts expended by Austin and Yarnell, yet they have shown much displeasure over the publication of the comparison.

In the tabulated statement the following INCREASED EXPENDITURES UNDER THE REPUBLICAN BOARD WERE SHOWN FOR THREE YEARS PAST:

Republican Increase in Pay for Assessors	7,018.26
Republican Increase in Pay for Coms. Clerks	5,769.29
Republican Increase in Pay to Janitors	1,503.23
Republican Increase in Cost of Delivering Ballots	250.28
Republican Increase County Solicitors	600.00
Republican Increase in Outstanding Notes 1922	63,600.00
Republican Increase in Taxes Collected, 3 yrs.	184,981.02

Another Example—According to the last Annual Auditors' Statement the present County Commissioners allowed \$1816 for making the assessment in the three wards of Bellefonte, while Phillipsburg, which is just as large, was allowed only \$607. We are reliably informed that G. Wash Reese made the water assessment in three wards in Bellefonte recently. This required that he go in every house, garage and barn and count the number of spigots on every floor from the cellar to the garret. He covered the entire town in 22 days and did not hurt himself, either. His bill was \$88, which is considerably less than \$1816 for as but the same amount of work.

This comparison could have been extended to other items of expenditures, which show about the same proportion of increases. That is their record—upon it they stand before the taxpayers of Centre county for election in November.

Prothonotary Wilkinson's Account

To show that general increases in expenditures prevailed throughout the court house in the past three years let us take a glance at the account of Roy Wilkinson, the present Republican prothonotary, over that of D. R. Foreman, the former Democratic official, as found on the same Auditors' Statement, which if doubted can easily be verified by anyone who has preserved these documents from year to year:

Fees Received from County for Services Rendered:	
Democrat	Republican
D. R. Foreman	Roy Wilkinson
1917—\$712.90	1920—\$1,523.26
1918—926.95	1921—2,069.36
1919—1123.66	1922—1,734.90

\$2,763.51 Totals \$5,327.52
REPUBLICAN INCREASE—\$2,564.01

Expenses Charged for Attendance at Sessions of Court:

1919—D. R. Foreman, Dem., charged for 45 days	\$225
1922—Roy Wilkinson, Rep., charged for 151 days	\$775

REPUBLICAN INCREASE—\$550.00 (this is an increase of over 300 per cent.)

According to the above Prothonotary Wilkinson must have been in attendance in court every other day in the year if he served 151 days, for which he drew pay.

Jury Fees Returned to County:

Democrat	Republican
D. R. Foreman	Roy Wilkinson
1917—\$144.17	1920—NONE
1918—116.47	1921—NONE
1919—172.16	1922—NONE

\$422.80 Totals NONE

When civil cases are tried in court a jury fee of \$4 is charged where a verdict is secured. This fee is always charged up and collected by the prothonotary and returned to the County Commissioners. If the present prothonotary has remitted anything on this account or three years we could not find it unless it is covered up in some other account.

Further comment on the above comparisons is unnecessary.

If you want to feel that you have done your very best next Tuesday, vote the Democratic ticket.

CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOLS.

The School of the Future Is the Centralized or Consolidated School—12,000 Such Schools Now in U. S.

There are now over 12,000 centralized or consolidated schools in the rural districts, towns and small cities of the United States. They have taken the place of approximately 50,000 little one-teacher schools. During the year 1919-20 over 1,000 new consolidated schools were established. This is truly a hopeful sign for the future.

Consolidated schools equalize educational opportunities. Those of standard type are rapidly becoming the strongest schools in our educational system. They are all the result of an attempt to equalize education from the bottom up. They have been created by concentrating the wealth and energy of areas that before consolidation dissipated their efforts on very poor kinds of schools. They withdrew nothing from the top of the school system. On the contrary, they have added much to it. They equalize by bringing the poorest schools up not only to the average but to the best.

The consolidated school provides for children in the rural districts, large, new modern buildings, with auditoriums, gymnasiums, and rooms for science, agriculture, shop work, cooking, etc. In addition to classrooms and good modern heating plants, large consolidated schools offer to all boys and girls in these small districts, no matter how poor they may be, the privilege of an accredited four-year high school when they have completed the grades.

The larger schools, too, do not deprive parents of the help, comfort and companionship of their boys and girls during the high school age, the age when adolescents can be most useful about the home; the age when parental protection and guidance are most needed.

In strictly rural communities consolidated schools generally offer every educational advantage known, in our well-graded city schools. We need more of them if we expect to give our country boys and girls a fair chance. The consolidated school offers not only the usual standard course of study and book knowledge, but also a social training impossible in the one-teacher school. Literary societies and debating clubs vitalize the program of studies. Team work on the athletic field, under the direction of competent coaches, instructors and directors, are just life's greatest lessons of fair play, the "golden rule," cooperation and, finally, success.

A vote for S. Claude Herr for the office of prothonotary will not be a misplaced vote. He has never asked for office before and was the only Democratic candidate at the primaries for that office. Let every one who wants a thoroughly capable, honest and industrious man elected vote for him.

If you did not vote for Dick Taylor for Sheriff four years ago, if you make inquiry you can satisfy yourself that you ought to do so next Tuesday. Mr. Taylor took defeat like a man—without a threat. Like the good fighter he is, he is up for the same office again and asks your support. Be generous enough to help an overseas man, the only one on either of the tickets, to reach his goal. Vote for Taylor for sheriff.

Mr. Mrs. and Miss Centre Hall voter, don't fail to vote for the school bond issue next Tuesday. Your school taxes will be lighter, not heavier, by voting "yes" on the bond issue. Putting the bond issue through means a heavy expenditure of money paid gradually—in many years. Failure of the bond issue to carry means a heavy expenditure of money anyhow, and that paid within a few years—heavy taxation for everybody. We MUST have the school house.

While in office many men think they can spend in any way the money collected in the form of taxes without legislation, and in many instances they do, so, and if anyone objects they simply snort and go on with their program regardless of the wishes of the people who furnish the funds, saying in effect, "It's none of your business—no suggestion, good as it may be, from you. But when election time comes the worm turns—it is the people's turn. Here is the proposition: If you believe the men up for office who have had control of your money during the past years were not economical, did not expend wisely, took no thought for the welfare of the taxpayers at large, it is your duty to vote for men who are pledged to economy, and whose very lives lead you to believe that they will hold to their promises. Vote for Swabb and Speary for commissioners.

Vote early next Tuesday to avoid the rush.

The Criticism Offered

The Reporter has been found a fault with and is being accused of criticizing the borough council in the building of the portion of the Nittany Mountain road within the borough limits. Following is reprinted what is termed criticism. The item is taken from the Reporter of September 7th, of last year:

"The road over Nittany Mountain, during last week, was improved by an application of crushed stone being given to rough sections. It would appear that the continuous use of the road drug would work wonders on this road and would be a very cheap method of keeping an even even surface from which the water would drain quickly."

From last spring on until the road was chipped and oiled the road drug was the means resorted to for keeping this stretch of road in any semblance of condition. By the way, do you know that it was only to avoid legal action on the part of a citizen living along this road that oiling by the borough fathers was done?

But this has nothing to do with the spending program mapped out for the coming year by the borough council, the chief item of which will be for a reservoir entirely useless. Ever since this water plant was purchased every drop of water yielded by it was used during severe droughts without the aid of a retaining reservoir. The flow is so small that this can readily be done. The thing this paper wants to get to the taxpayers in Centre Hall is that in its opinion, based on facts, the expenditure contemplated for a reservoir is a useless expenditure. Under the conditions prevailing here a reservoir would be of no additional service. Like has been said before, out of necessity a new school building must be erected. We have no choice in this—we just must do it. Let us not interfere by piling on taxes for useless things.

Red Cross Roll Call.

Announcement has been made that the annual Red Cross Roll Call for the State College district will start on Sunday, November 11, which will also be celebrated as Armistice Day. No better day could have been selected for the opening of the Red Cross drive than this day which marked the cessation of hostilities in the World War. The work of the Red Cross on the various battle fronts was indispensable during the war. Red Cross doctors, nurses and hospitals were in the thick of things performing the errands of mercy that endeared the "Great Mother" to every khaki-clad son of Uncle Sam. And the great record established by the Red Cross in time of war is being continued in time of peace.

For that reason, the selection of Armistice Day, or peace day, for the opening of the annual roll call this year is particularly appropriate. It tends to bring home the fact that the work of the Red Cross is not alone a war-time effort but that it is a peace-time work as well. It also serves to emphasize that Red Cross messengers of help are answering appeals at home just as well as they responded to calls from the outside world.

Through the Red Cross Nurse, Mrs. Jones, the local chapter is doing a real peace-time work in State College district which also includes Lemont, Boalsburg, Pine Grove Mills, Oak Hill, Centre Hall, Millheim and back into the Buffalo Run section.

To carry on this local work successfully, it is hoped that there will be 100 per cent. participation in the coming Roll Call.

Penny Checks Auto Drivers.

During the months of June, July, August and September the Pennsylvania Railroad company, at selected crossings in the thirteen states through which the road passes, checked 242,142 automobile drivers to ascertain the percentage of drivers careless in their manner of crossing the crossings. It is surprising to find that of the large number but 7,566, or 3.12 per cent., showed careless or reckless driving. It therefore follows that the great bulk of accidents at highway crossings, as well as accidents on the streets and highways, may be charged to the carelessness of a very small minority of automobile drivers.

Bellefonte, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Voter:

I am a Democratic candidate for County Commissioner, a farmer and a tax-payer. I am, as other farmers are, interested in the economical administration of County affairs. What interests me in these matters should interest you, and if, from what you may know or learn of me, you think I am a suitable person for the office, I kindly ask your support November 6, 1923.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN S. SPEARLY,
Banner Township.

Centre County Potato Day.

The Reporter has been found a fault with and girls throughout the county who participated in the growing of potatoes from seed furnished through various business men in Bellefonte, State College and Port Matilda, on Thursday evening of last week, in the Y. M. C. A. rooms in Bellefonte. After the program of the evening had been carried out, prizes were awarded as follows:

- Orvis Hosterman, Aaronsburg, grand champion of the county—\$20.00 cash.
 - Chas. H. Campbell, Penna. Furnace—\$15.00 cash.
 - Fred Ross, State College—trip to Harrisburg to State Show.
 - Ralph Ishler, Zion—pair shoes, given by H. C. Yeager, Bellefonte.
 - Ralph Poorman, Bellefonte—pair of boots, given by Cohen & Co.
 - John Kline, Boalsburg—\$5.00 cash.
 - Paul Campbell, Penna. Furnace—sweater, given by Montgomery & Co.
 - Milford Hazel, Aaronsburg—\$2.00 cash.
 - Ray Corman, Bellefonte—flashlight, given by Bellefonte Hardware Co.
 - Harold Albright, State College—scout knife, given by Potter-Hoy Hardware Company.
 - Harold Bloom, Bellefonte—\$2.00 cash.
 - Kenneth West, Boalsburg—\$1.00 cash.
 - Fred Markle, State College—\$1 cash.
- Cash prizes were given by the First National Bank of Bellefonte; the Bellefonte Trust Company; the First National Bank of State College; the People's National Bank, State College.

Will Lecture on the Holy Land.

Rev. A. H. Spangler, D. D., of Yonkers, will bring to the Lutheran church of Centre Hall his wonderful lecture on the Holy Land as he saw it. This lecture is free to all. Come in time to get a seat, Thursday evening, November 8, at 7:30. An offering will be taken.

Young Peoples' Workers' Institute.

Beginning October 29th and continuing to November 24th, Sundays excepted. Rev. Edward H. Bonnell, Jr., State Young People's Superintendent, and Miss Esther I. Williams, associate State Young People's Superintendent, both of the Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association, and Roy M. Burkhardt, the National Young People's Secretary of the United Brethren Church, will hold a series of institutes throughout the state, one in each county, to bring pastors, Sunday-school superintendents and all teachers of classes whose pupils are between 12 and 24 years of age, the latest information and developments in the work of the Young Peoples' Division and the present working program for this department.

Centre county's institute will commence at 2:30 P. M. Monday, November 19, in the M. E. church of Bellefonte. Institute supper will be served at a nominal charge and the meeting will continue through to 9:30 P. M. Devotions, hymns and music will be an important part of the sessions.

When the new concrete road between Tyrone and Altoona is completed, which will be this fall, the motorist will scarcely be able to recognize the country. Instead of the cinder-coated thoroughfare hugging the main line of the Pennsylvania, and crossing and recrossing a trolley line, the new concrete road winds about through clean, fresh countryland, penetrates several fine groves on its way to Belwood, and on the whole presents a considerably more attractive view than does the old route.

NEXT WEDNESDAY ANOTHER BOOSTER DOLLAR DAY.

Altoona Booster Stores are going to pull another Bargain Dollar Day next Wednesday—November 7.

The Booster Association is reluctant to announce it because it is almost impossible to handle the crowds NOW and the number of wise buyers is continually growing.

Nevertheless, we will do our best to take care of you. But you MUST COME EARLY.

Were you in Altoona on August 15?

If not you missed some real bargains!

Don't miss coming next Wednesday, because you can buy reasonable merchandise of any kind at bargain prices. There are lots of good movies in town next week—see the Strand. Good places to eat—Beam's or Caum's and Community Rest Rooms on 15th Street have been established for visitors' comfort.

Look for the OFFICIAL Dollar Day Window Card before you buy. It is ONLY in Booster members' windows. It's a guarantee.

If you come by auto call at the office of the Booster Association and get one of Mayor Rhodes' Visitors' cards for your protection.

Whether by auto, train or trolley—COME.

NEXT WEDNESDAY, November 7, TO ALTOONA!

Sheffer Entertains Farmers.

Mr. Sheffer, the head of the Dewart Milk Products Company, his treasurer and secretary, together with a party of vocalists, pianist and violinist, entertained a large number of persons, mostly farmers and their families, in Grange Arcadia, Friday evening. When the program was completed packages of the celebrated Dewart ice cream was distributed.

The principal object of the meeting was for the company to get into closer touch with their patrons and producers of milk not now trading with this company. Mr. Sheffer promised the farmers here that with greater support his company would install condensing machinery which would lessen the freight rates to one-third that paid now, and this would permit a still further increase in milk prices paid over that of competitors in the field. He also briefly described a plant for the manufacture of milk flour now in successful operation. In this plant the skim-milk is being prepared for marketing in various sections of the country where there is a light production of milk.

Mr. Ehrhart, cashier of the local First National Bank made overtures to the farmers to assist them in any way of taking care of and calculating the milk weighing sheets kept by many of them and not worked out to a finish. He also stated the bank he represented would be glad to finance calf raising clubs, and it is understood young people will be interviewed, on this proposition and an effort made to organize such a club in the valley. Similar clubs in many sections have resulted in great benefits to the community and in many instances the calf club has been the starting point of a true dairy type of cows being introduced and properly cared for.

An address by a Michigan man, now holding a position at Penn State, was particularly instructive. His talk, of course, was along dairying. How to get the dollars—actual profit—was the thing the farmer desired to know, said the speaker. To get profit, the speaker said further, there are four points to be kept in mind: (1) selection of herd; (2) breeding; (3) feeding; (4) care. These are all of equal importance and fit in one with the other.

County Agent Robinson was the last speaker and spoke on dairying in a general way.

Letter from Nebraska.

Scottsbluff, Neb., Oct. 22, 1923.

Editor Reporter:

Enclosed find draft for \$1.50; please apply on subscription to Centre Reporter. I appreciate the Centre county news very much, especially the Penna Valley happenings.

The sugar beet harvest started Sept. 20 and is about three-fourths concluded. The crop is pretty good—much better than anticipated. Weather fine at present. First freeze on October 15. This was about one month late; usually we can expect a freeze about September 15th, but not so this year.

Kindly remember me to all inquiring friends.

Yours respectfully,
CLYDE P. WIELAND.

Are American Moral Standards Higher Than French?

"While the standards of matrimonial fidelity are indeed quite different in Paris and in New York, they are different in method but not in principle," says the Count Eloi de Castellane, the notorious French nobleman, who married Anna Gould. "It is true that a married man of position, wealth and consequence is expected to have his sweetheart in France. His bride knows this, her parents know this, her brothers and sisters know this and it is expected."

"But in America society pretends," continues the noble Count. "To be shocked when the newspapers or the poets reveal the fact that an American husband has a sweetheart. In America things are done differently, and surely in my travels in the United States and my visits to the town palaces and the country estates of the great and wealthy in America, I had ample opportunity to observe."

So writes the noble Count de Castellane in a series of articles appearing in the NEW YORK SUNDAY AMERICAN, in which he tells how he won and lost Anna Gould's millions and reveals the scandals of high society of Europe and America.

Remember the men who will lay your tax and expend the money will be elected next Tuesday. If you do not vote for men who are committed to an economic administration of affairs don't get sore when you pay your taxes in October of next year.

If we want Centre Hall represented among the office holders in the Court House during the next four years we must work for and vote for Lyman L. Smith for treasurer. Let's all do it.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

- Vote for Herr for prothonotary.
 - Vote for Smith for treasurer.
 - Vote for Hoy for recorder.
 - Vote for Ocker for register.
 - Vote for Swabb and Speary for commissioners.
 - Vote for Taylor for sheriff.
- and—
Voters in Centre Hall borough, vote for the school bond issue.

Next Tuesday is election day. With many people it is "squaring up" day with candidates.

One of the three surviving Civil war veterans in the borough of Millheim, Nathaniel Boob, passed his eightieth birthday last week.

Cleveland Mitterling last week, shipped a load of potatoes to the eastern market, making the third carload shipment from this section.

The public sale of household goods held on Friday afternoon by B. D. Brislin, in Centre Hall, was largely attended and bidding on all articles of usefulness was spirited.

Mrs. Fay Crow, of Brownsville, came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradford, at Old Fort. Before leaving she visited other relatives here. Before marriage Mrs. Crow was Miss Meyers.

Millinburg is debating the question whether it should continue securing electric light and power by contract or install a municipal plant. The Telegraph is inviting discussion through its columns.

The largest potato grower in Centre county is A. C. Keplar, near Pine Grove Mills, who reported the yield this year at six thousand bushels. Select seed was planted, and they were carefully cultivated and sprayed during the entire season.

Miss Mary Foreman, who has been teaching in the public schools in New York City, was in Centre Hall last week, a guest of her aunt, Miss Jane Foreman. From here she went to New York where she entered upon her duties in the school room.

Arrangements were made last week to take Mrs. E. R. Shreckengast, of Millheim, to the Geisinger hospital. She had been very ill for some time, but it is thought she is now able to undergo an operation which it is believed will be highly beneficial.

On returning from a trip to Coburn, Lloyd Luse, of Millheim, discovered that the wagon he was using had been damaged by some evil disposed person the night previous. The rear axle, a number of spokes in one of the wheels and one of the shafts were almost cut off by the use of a saw.

Dr. and Mrs. J. R. G. Allison, of Millheim, tendered a birthday surprise party to their youngest ward, Margaret Markle, in honor of her twelfth birthday anniversary. Twelve of the young friends of the little girl were present and enjoyed the evening's pleasures. Refreshments were served.

Pictures at the scenic To-night (Thursday), Katarine MacDonald in "The Scarlet Lily." Friday, William Desmond in "The Shadows of the North," a melodrama; also the 11th episode of "The Eagle's Talons." Opera house: Friday, all-star cast in "The Spillers." Fine from start to finish; also a two-reel Metro comedy.

Messrs. J. H. Bitner, of Milroy, and Charles Kyle, of Reedsville, were in the valley on business on Thursday of last week. They are both in the automobile field. Mr. Bitner is conducting a garage at Milroy and finds his new building already too small to properly accommodate his trade. He is selling the Ford and Overland. Mr. Kyle is selling under the Lewistown sales company.

The Herald-Star, published at Steubenville, Ohio, contained the following article, referring to one well known to many Reporter readers: The Steubenville ice plant officials and employees held a banquet at the plant on Wednesday night which was an informal good fellowship affair. There were 35 in attendance and an oyster supper with trimmings was served. Then followed the entertainment, with some doing jig and clog dancing, orchestra music, songs and talks by James Mulrooney, and toastmaster, Geo. E. Wisener, Geo. Vreeland, Edgar Kelberg and others. The banquet was arranged as a surprise on the manager, Guy Jacobs who was presented with a handsome Elks tooth chain, the presentation address being made by Mr. Kelberg and Mr. Jacobs responded in an appropriate way.