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For Associate Judge,
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A. J. GRIEST.
M. S. FEIDLER.

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ROBERT COOKE is not a "horse jockey" he's a "cord wood chopper." Allee lightee Bobbee, you won't get there allee samee.

JUDGE FURST can whisper in judge Grove's off ear a whole day, but Grove will not be influenced by it. Grove will be a judge and not a figure head.

DEMOCRATS are urged to defeat their candidate for Associate Judge so that the republicans may have the entire machinery of the court as a political club to batter the brains out of their opponents.

Butler will Take a Hand.

Chicago, October 19.—General B. F. Butler has definately retained as counsel in the anarchist case, and will appear for the defendants before the supreme court next Friday. The Defense Association met last night in response to letters and telegrams received from Captain Black, in which it was stated that Butler was willing to give his services as a leading attorney.

Gen. Butler will receive a retaining fee of $1,500 and the modest consideration of $250. Frank Stauber, the treasurer of the Defense Association, telegraphed Captain Black last night authorizing him to retain Butler.

Captain Black has been in consultation with Butler for several days," said Stauber. "They reviewed the case together and in carefully examining the points Butler assured Black that a supersedeas could certainly be obtained. Butler expressed himself as not only willing but anxious to be retained. We have considerable money, but I shall need more. Contributions are coming in rapidly, though mostly in small amounts. It takes a great many dimes and quarters to aggregate $50,000. All the money necessary will be forthcoming, however. There are individuals in Chicago who would advance $50,000 if it was absolutely needed. It costs, lots of money to secure justice, but we are determined that these men shall not hang if legal methods can save them."

WE have constant inquiries from Democrats all over the county to know whether M. S. Feidler the Democratic candidate for Commissioner is related to the *Gazette* man. We wish to say that if there is any relationship it is very, very distant, we rather think that it is only in the name. M. S. Feidler, the candidate on the Democratic ticket is a bright, intelligent honest farmer, and business man and is well qualified for the office of commissioners. He should not be confounded in any way with the fellow who runs the *Gazette*. It is a little unfortunate that the good old german name Feidler should be borne by a fellow like the *Gazette* editor but such accidents will occur, and M. S. Feidler the democratic candidate could not have prevented it or he would. We think however the proper orthography of the *Gazette* man's name is Fiddler.

IF the *Gazette* would write a letter to the gentlemen whose names it published last week as defeated candidates asking what position they proposed to take in the coming campaign he would without doubt get an answer like this.

DEAR SIR:

In reply to yours I would say, I am a man of my word when I once pledge myself to anything I abide by that pledge. To my fellow democrats when I became a candidate I gave my word of honor to *abide the decisions of the democratic county convention.* That decision made, adverse to me it is true, but I abide by the decision. I am a democrat and propose to support the ticket heartily. Your solicitude for my defeat at the convention, I regard as an insult. If you choose to publish this, you can say in large type I am for the Democratic ticket first last and all the time,

Yours etc.

This is the answer he would likely receive from Messrs. Miles, Neff, Vail, Condo, Hoy and every other gentleman. They are all democrats. Try it brother Feidler.

THE *Gazette* urges the defeat of Griest so that the entire printing of the commissioners office will be in the hands of that paper. It wants John Noll defeated for sheriff so that it may get the printing of that office. It wants John Rupp defeated for Register so that the accounts may be advertised in the *Gazette*. These reasons are not very strong for the defeat of any man on the Democratic ticket, but that is all there is in the *Gazette's* appeals. The party which our cotemporary so vigorously lies about each week will hardly accommodate the *Gazette* man this fall.

THE Democratic county ticket is exceptionally strong and is composed of honest and capable men. There is no good reason why it should not be heartily supported.

JOHN RUPP, is a man whose character is above reproach and his qualifications undoubted. Why should Democrats vote against him.

JOHN NOLL is not running for the Sheriffs office on false pretenses, neither is he running on the weaknesses or foibles of his competitor. He is running on his merits and treating everybody fairly. He assails the character of no man.

IF Griest, Noll and Rupp would promise the *Gazette* man the printing of their respective offices all opposition to them would cease—It is the printing that Feidler is after.

A VOTE against Griest is in favor of increased taxation and a big county debt. Do you want either?

GRIEST VINDICATED.

What His Neighbors Say About Him.

A LIE REFUTED.

T. E. Griest, a prominent Republican, and for many years a partner of A. J. Griest in the mercantile business said: "To the best of my knowledge I never heard Jack say that 75 cents a day was enough for a laboring man. He might have said it in my absence but I do not believe he entertains any such sentiments as I always considered him very liberal in allowing wages to men who worked for him." Edward M. Lucas who worked side by side with A. J. Griest on the rail road some years ago, an upright citizen and good Republican, said "I have done a great deal of work for Jack in the last 15 years and I never worked for a better man. He never asked me to work for 75 cts a day. My son Walter also did a good bit of work for him, and I never knew him to dispute our bills; he always paid us what we asked. I don't believe he ever said that 75cts was enough for a laboring man. He always used us well." William Cadwalder, another leading Republican and most excellent citizen and neighbor said: "I have worked for Jack off and on for about twenty years, and I never worked for any body more willing and ready to pay than he always was. He never asked me to work for 75 cts a day. All I had to do was to make out my bills and I never knew him to dispute my charges." G. W. Morrison also a Republican and an honest and upright citizen said: "Jack and I used to work together on the railroad, I never heard him say that 75 cts was enough for a laboring man, and I don't believe he said it for he is not that kind of a man. Some time ago the R. R. Co., cut us down to half time, we were getting 11cts an hour, I worked the balance of the day for Jack and he paid me 15 cts an hour."

Harry Calhoun another Republican said: "What work I did for Jack he always paid me what I asked with a free will. I charged him $2 per day and he never disputed the price."

L. B. Barthurst Republican, a square fellow and honest to the core said he is as clever a neighbor as I ever lived along side of.

Joseph Barton, a young man of high moral worth strict integrity and a leading Republican said: "I clerked for Jack four years, and I never heard him express such sentiments as he is reported to have done, and I don't believe he ever entertained any such sentiments. He always paid better wages to his working men than any body I ever knew. Why when I was only a bit of a boy he paid me from 75 cts to $1.00 per day, for cutting brush and doing other work. I have talked with a great many republicans and I believe nine tenths of them condemned the article and affidavit published in the *Gazette* a few weeks ago concerning the 75 cts a day. I believe it has done him more good than harm."

William Moran a young Democrat of good reputation and of honest and industrious habits said: "I have worked a good many days for him (meaning Griest) and he always paid me well. He sometimes paid me more than I asked. I wouldn't want to work for a better man."

Daniel Hall, blacksmith, a man of undoubted integrity and well known throughout the county said "I have done lots of work for Jack and I never knew him to say one word against my charges, I consider him one of the most generous and large hearted man in his dealings with the laboring class I ever knew. He is the best friend they have in this section. When asked "Do you believe he ever said that 75cts a day was enough for a laboring man?" replied no I do not. He is not so narrow minded as that would make him appear. Jack is not a stranger to manuel labor himself and he knows how to appreciate physical toil and he does it with an open hand and willing mind."

J. C. Jones another honest toiler and respectable citizen said: "He always paid me well for all work I did for him, I charged him at the rate of $2.50 per day for unloading car load of lumber, and he paid me promptly in cash and did not even ask me to take it out in store goods, I was in the store at the time he should have made the assertion that 75 cts a day was enough for a working man, but I am sure he did not say it in that way. The way the report started is about as follows: I was in Griest store one evening and Frank Confer and Scott Roup were there when Jack causually remarked that the meat bill of Mr. Hurley who was then a pauper, was very high for that month. A controversy then arose in the course of which Jack remarked that 75 cts a day was enough for any man to *live on* because a man can buy more with 75 cts now than he could have done in war times with $1.50. He did not say, nor in any way insinuate that 75 cts a day was enough for a laboring man as, wages he isn't that kind of a man. Frank Confer came to me the other day and wanted me to swear the same as he did, but I told him I could not do it, I would not swear to what I knew to be false or untrue for any body. To these facts I am willing to be sworn.

Need we add more? Here is the testimony of a number of persons from among the best, most reliable and respected citizens of Unionville, nearly all of whom are republicans, who pay their honest debts, and are not afraid to speak the truth at all times and under all circumstances. Men who are not moral or political cowards, but cheerfully testify to Mr. Griest's worth as a citizen and neighbor even though he be a Democrat. To the foregoing might be added, similar testimony from scores of others, equally reputable citizens but we do not deem it necessary.

That *two hundred thousand dollar* Court House which Feidler and Furst propose to build with the people's hard earned money, is rapidly receding from view. Distance seems to lend enchantment to the view. It already looks no larger than a bird cage and by the 8th of November will be entirely out of signt.

ARE Democrats going to endorse the attacks of the Republican press of the county on their candidates, by voting as the Republicans want them, or are they going to stand by their colors?

BELLEFONTE, has 170,000 of a debt, Centre county has no debt, and thousands of dollars in the treasury, and yet Feidler wants Griest defeated.

To Harness Niagara's Power

BUFFALO, N. Y., October 19.—It is expected that before long a practical test of one of the numerous harnesses for the control of Niagara's power brought into existence under the stimulus of a $100,000 prize, will receive a practical test, which will demonstrate its use or prove it a failure and give something further on which to base arguments that Niagara contains no great shakes of available power. An endless chain, with feathering buckets, was the invention of a Buffalo man. The rights from Erie and Niagara counties he sold for $65,000. He says that he has a contract for that amount. A stock company with $100,000 capital is to be formed if the coming test proves successful. George W. Smith has obtained backing to the amount of $100,000 which is the amount a 1,000-horse power machine will cost, and yesterday he received the necessary permission from the secretary of war to place the machinery in the river. Mechanical drawings are now being made, and it is expected that the machine will be tested this fall.

That "Soldier's Burial."

Bellefonte, Oct. 21st 1887,

EDITOR OF THE DEMOCRAT:

I have no desire to get into a controversy with any one, but the article in last weeks *Gazette* headed "How. Griest serves the Veterans" does Mr. Griest such manifest injustice that I must speak. Mr. Griest nor any one of the other members of the board ever refused to pay the bill presented for the funeral expenses of Andrew Murray. When the bill was presented it was plain that Mr. Murray had died in Houtzdale, Clearfield county. No information as to how long he had been there or whether he had gone there, with the intention of making that place his home was submitted at the time. What the commissioners should do was left entirely with me, and when this was done the entire board was present. At no time did Mr. Griest act upon his own responsibility. I just lately submitted to them my views about the matter, and this, I did not undertake to do until I was fully satisfied of the facts surrounding the case. Until I had advised them that it was proper and right for them to pay it under the law they had no business to pay the bill whatever may have been their feelings or desires. I submit herewith the opinion I gave to them on their subject.

Respectfully
D. F. FORTNEY.

TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF CENTRE COUNTY.

Gentlemen:

Andrew Murray a soldier of the late war, having died in Houtzdale, Clearfield county, without leaving sufficient means to defray necessary funeral expenses the question is properly raised as to whether or not Centre county should pay the necessary funeral expense under the provisions of the act of May 12 1885. I have had some correspondence with the commissioners of Clearfield county in reference to this matter. They refuse to pay the necessary funeral expense provided for by said act because the person whom they have appointed under said act for the district of Houtzdale refuses, to make the required return to them, and bases his refusal upon the ground that the deceased soldier was a citizen of Boggs township Centre county, at the time of his death. That the soldier was at Houtzdale Clearfield county at the time of his death all parties admit, but it is alleged by his friends that he was there only temporarily.

The first section of the act of Assembly of May 12 1885 "provides that it shall be the duty of the commissioners of each county to appoint a sufficient number of suitable persons in each township and ward etc * * * to look after and cause to be buried in a descent and respectable manner etc. * * * * At an expense to their county not exceeding thirty-five dollars, the body of every honorably discharged Soldier Sailor or marine, who served in the army or navy of the United States during the rebellion, or any preceding war and shall hereafter die, in their county, leaving insufficient means to defray the necessary burial expenses. The act says nothing about the expense being paid by the county wherein the soldier had his legal settlement But it is in full accord with reason, that where a soldier is only temporarily away from his home, and while absent, dies, without leaving sufficient means to defray the necessary funeral expenses, the county wherein he had his home or residence, should pay the funeral expense provided for by said act of assembly. Settlement like that provided for by our poor laws is not the test under this act, and I do not wish to be so understood. If a soldier, a citizen of Centre county, moves from the county into Clearfield county, or into any other county in the state, with the intention of making that county his home and should die within a day after his arrival, not leaving sufficient means to defray his necessary funeral expense, the county in which he dies would be bound to pay his funeral expenses, while if he had gone there temporairly, it would not be bound so to do.

Without taking testimony in this case but relying upon the statements of the friends of the deceased soldier, the truth of which, I do not doubt, it is clear that he had gone to Houtzdale, Clearfield county temporairly, and while absent died, without leaving sufficient means to defray his funeral expenses. It is equally clear that the home of the soldier was in Boggs township, Centre county. This being so it is my opinion that it is the duty of Centre county to pay the necessary funeral expense provided for by the act of assembly of May 12 1885.

Very Respectfully,
D. F. FORTNEY.

Sept. 27 1887.

JOHN NOLL is a Pennsylvania german his father, and grandfather were before him, he speaks the german language and is proud of his german ancestry. When anybody says that he speaks disrespectfully of the german speaking people of the county he utters a deliberate willful and malicious lie. Of course he expects to be elected and he expects the hearty and earnest support of the Democratic voters of Penns and Brush Valley's not because he is a german, but because he is honest, industrious and capable, because he has never swerved in his allegiance to his party, because he has helped to elect every Democratic ticket elected since he was a voter, because he was fairly and honestly nominated, and lastly because the people of Centre county don't propose to elevate a horse jocky over a man who earns his bread by the sweat of his brow.

WE fail to see any good reason why a single name should be scratched from the democratic ticket, and particularly since the republican leaders and papers are so anxious that democrats should scratch. What do our enemies offer in exchange for the defeat of a single man? Nothing? The county is now out of debt with money in the Treasury how long would such a condition of affairs exist with Henderson and Decker as commissioners? Take the record of republican control of the tax ridden borough of Bellefonte and you have a fair sample of what may be expected with that party in control of county affairs. $170.000 is the pleasant little debt that the property owner of Bellefonte contemplates as he gazes at a Borough statement, and about $70,000 of it bearing interest at 7 per cent and the borough powerless to refund at a lower rate of interest. Do you want the county in the same position. If you do, elect Henderson and Decker.