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FOR CORONER:  
Dr. J. W. NEFF,  
of Snow Shoe.

The Grand Jury beg leave to remind the Commission that the yard in front of the Court House is in a shabby condition, and is being used as a play ground, disfigured by pitching quoits; and we are also informed that the Court House has been granted for holding exhibitions, band meetings, etc., which we discountenance, as this is a MISUSE OF THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

### Editorial.

THE people of the county are paying six dollars a day regularly to two commissioners who in less than two years of Republican reform (?) have squandered a balance in the treasury of \$38,000.00 and actually run the county into debt. What an expensive luxury a Republican administration is.

THE *Gazette* says increasing the valuation of farm lands does not increase the farmers taxes, even if the same rate of taxation is retained. According to this way of reasoning the Democratic farmers of Marion township, who have their valuations raised by the Republican board of Commissioners, would pay no more taxes than their Republican neighbors, who had their valuations reduced. The old fashioned way of calculating would bring an entirely different result, but the *Gazette* man says it is all right, and of course he knows.

WHEN the Democrats came into power in the county in 1863 the county indebtedness amounted to \$125,000.00 and the tax rate was not less than five mills. In 1887 when the republicans obtained control of the county offices this debt was all paid, \$38,000.00 in the treasury and the tax rate two and one half mills. Less than two years of Republican rule squandered this surplus, the county is actually in debt and the valuation of property had to be raised toward increasing the tax rate. Vote the Democratic ticket this year, and return all efficient officers and vote it again next year, and turn the Republican rascals out.

WHY have the Republican papers neglected to publish the late report of the Grand Jury? Judge Furst pronounced it an honest and faithful report from the Bench, and others have commended it. Such a document, referring as it does to the condition of the county property, should be published by every honest newspaper in the county as a matter of news. By the way, the report reflected rather severely, upon some county officials who are Republicans, and if read by the people of the county, might lose some votes for the grand old party. It is possible that this is the reason why the report has not appeared in the Republican county papers. Are these Republican reformers (?) afraid to publish this report? Does it strike too near at home for comfort?

DURING the four years of Democratic rule under Cleveland the national debt was largely decreased; about \$40,000,000 of additional pensions paid to widows and deceiving veterans; a navy organized and equipped of which every one can be proud, and the civil service raised to a standard far above what it ever was before. In less than seven months of Republican rule under Harrison the national debt has been increased by adding millions; the pension office under Tanner has become a sink hole of corruption; the surplus in the Treasury rapidly disappearing; and the civil service is entrusted to the mercies of Mat Quay, Tom Platt, Billy Mahone and Fort Pillon Chalmers.

## THE OLD SOLDIER.

HOW HE IS TREATED BY THE BOSSES IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Not Recognized Unless he is in the Good Graces of the Hastings Ring—Must be a Camp Follower or he has no Show—Deserving Men Shoved Aside for Political Favorites.

The Republican party in this county, and in the State and Nation, always boasts of being the friend of the old veterans and soldiers. In the last Presidential campaign they made many Democrats, who had fought for the safety of their homes and the perpetuity of the Government, believe that Cleveland's administration was hostile to them and did not recognize their great service when the rebellion threatened to overthrow and destroy our institutions. In the honest and faithful discharge of his duties the President did not see fit and proper to turn the Pension office into an extravagant department, to award the people's moneys to camp followers, bummers and bounty jumpers, but he believed in awarding every deserving soldier. He had the courage to say "No" and would attach his veto to every fraudulent claim—yet no President ever endorsed or attached his signature to more new and deserving Pension claims than President Cleveland.

For the faithful discharge of this great trust he was condemned by many and the Democracy was denounced as being the enemy of the old and tried veterans. The Republicans received the old soldiers by promising them increased pensions and recognition.

When Tanner took charge of the Pension office he started in with the intention of fulfilling his party's pledges. He was true to his party but got kicked out of the Pension office in short order. The administration did not remain true to their promises to the old soldiers. So much for their broken pledges on Pensions.

That Harrison's election was due largely to the support given him by the G. A. R. and veterans, is not to be doubted. The Republican party made many believe that it was their only hope and that they would be recognized in the future. Upon this promise many Democrats were lured from their moorings and supported Harrison.

What recognition do these veterans receive from their party? We can answer that by looking around in our county, and can judge with considerable accuracy the condition elsewhere. In this county no old and tried soldier of the late war receives any reward unless he belongs to a favored clique, is in the good graces of the Bellefonte politicians and must belong to the Hastings faction. His services and army record are never considered unless he has the other qualifications.

We have made some broad and sweeping assertions and may fall upon our readers minds as idle babblings of an irresponsible scribbler unless something substantial can be given in support of the statements.

OUR PROOF.  
To prove the above charge of bad faith of the Republican party will cite one of the many cases which have come under our observation in the last few months.

J. A. SYLVIVUS, SNUBED.

Down at Aaronsburg there lives a man by the above name who bared his breast and risked his life in our country's great trial of 1860-64. He was in the service and bore the privations and hardships of a soldier life without a murmur. Like thousands of others, he was seriously wounded and came home a crippled and maimed hero of the war. His left arm was riddled with bullets and to-day is nothing but a disfigured, distorted and withered member. He is a cripple and is unable to perform a day's work and must shift along as he best knows how. When Harrison was elected Mr. Sylvivus grew hopeful that his party might recognize him and assist him in some way to make a decent living. He thought of making application to the Republican leaders in our county, Hastings and Beaver, for the post office at Aaronsburg. Mich Musser, who held it formerly under the Republican rule, was consulted. Mr. Musser said he would not be an applicant for the position and encouraged Mr. Sylvivus in his effort. Mr. Sylvivus then framed a petition and in a few days almost every voter, regardless of politics, in that section signed his application. He then came to Bellefonte and called upon General Hastings who, in his hospitable way, left him under the impression that he would certainly get the appointment. Mr. Sylvivus returned home satisfied and patiently awaited the arrival

rival of the necessary credentials. A SURPRISE.

About three weeks after the above trip to Bellefonte, Mr. Sylvivus and the citizens of Aaronsburg were surprised when it was announced that Mich Musser received the post office appointment, when he (Musser) said he did not want it and told Sylvivus so.

MUSSER'S DOUBLE GAME.

Mich. Musser is a sly fox, and evidently told Sylvivus that he did not want it, to keep matters quiet, while he worked his winning card by an underhand scheme and succeeded admirably. Mr. Musser was an old soldier also, we will be frank in the matter, but had been recognized by holding the post office at Aaronsburg for over twelve years during the Republican administrations; he was well served and should have stood aside. Then he is considered wealthy and is an able bodied man, while Mr. Sylvivus is a poor man and a crippled soldier. Merit did not come into consideration in this case and the point we make is that Musser was a political favorite of the leaders while Sylvivus was a poor man without influence or political friends.

Musser got his appointment by standing in with Jim Coburn, who is a henchman, a hanger-on or rather a sort-of-a man-Friday to Gen. Hastings and Gov. Beaver and they allow him to suggest the appointments in that little section, which makes him feel mighty important when among the common people of Haines township. Jim Coburn quietly suggested to Gen. Hastings that he wanted Musser appointed, as Sylvivus didn't amount to much and Musser was a "Coburn-Hastings man" and had to be cared for at any risk. That is how the crippled and maimed soldier was beaten—because he was poor, had no money to spend in politics, was not a friend of Coburn—no disgrace—and no one of them cared if he was snubbed.

There is another reason why Musser should not have had the post office. We are told that the people continually complained of his carelessness and bad management in serving the public. Mail matter often remained several days in the office before being sent away or was delivered.

If any of our readers doubt the above facts let them inquire of the citizens of Aaronsburg or Mr. Sylvivus and they will see the force of these statements. Let them go to Jas. P. Coburn, and, if he speaks the truth, will tell the same story.

Musser is a political favorite and that is the reason such men were shoved aside like Geo. Dale, Mr. Thompson and other old Republicans for Associate Judge and given to a man who has been abundantly rewarded. He is a political favorite and that settles it. In the face of all this the Republican leaders are trying to force the voters in Haines twp., to support Musser for Associate Judge and, if elected, will be his third office while the deserving soldiers and the old line Republicans of the county must take a back seat.

ANOTHER INSTANCE.  
A. V. Miller was an applicant for Deputy Revenue collector, was an old and tried soldier carrying the marks of many wounds but had to stand aside for a young political favorite, Ed. R. Chambers, Esq. Then there is Matt Riddle another old soldier who asked for commissioner's clerk but was shoved aside for a young stripling. Then there is Davy Glenn who was promised the appointment of storekeeper, at Pleasant Gap distillery, but has been notified that the bosses have gone back on their promise.

The fact of the matter is old soldiers have no recognition in the Republican ranks unless they are "in the swim," today to Gen. Hastings and do his bidding like menial servants and all in this great and glorious land of freedom and Liberty.

IN 1883 at the last triennial assessment the taxable property in Centre county was valued at \$10,992,454, thus making an increase of \$315,828 and this in the face of the fact that farm land has decreased in value since 1886. This increased valuation will increase the county taxes \$7,865.70, almost one half as much as it cost to run the business of the county under Democratic rule. But the *Gazette* says an increased valuation does not increase the farmers taxes. "Is't dot so?"

Several men from this city who were fishing for eels in Bald Eagle creek last night, came in this morning with about as many as they could carry. They caught 280 and it wasn't a very good night for fishing.

The above is from the Lock Haven *Express* and takes the cake for a big story, it is the best of its kind going.

## GROUND TO PIECES.

A Baltimore Man On His Way To Johnstown, Meets Death At Altoona.

Wednesday last week a little after noon two men, both of whom were painters claiming Baltimore as their home, were on board a western-bound freight, and learning in some way they would be liable to arrest if they were found on the train in Altoona, they concluded to jump off. The first one made the attempt successfully and only remained his balance in time to see the Day Express approaching. He shouted to his companion not to jump, but the latter perhaps did not hear or did not understand him and made the fatal leap, lighting fairly in front of the engine of the east-bound passenger.

The entire train passed over him, and from the waist downward he was literally cut to pieces. His horror stricken comrade assisted in gathering up the mutilated body and it was brought to this city. Francis Coleman, the dead man, leaves a wife and eight children in Baltimore, and it will be indeed sad news to them when the Coroner's message brings them tidings of the fatal accident. —Altoona Times.

## Prohibitionists Convention.

The third party met in the court house last Thursday and completed an organization by electing Rev. A. K. Fellow, of Phillipsburg, permanent chairman and Rev. J. Zeigler, of Wingate, secretary. After all the preliminary business was transacted the convention proceeded with the nominations, which resulted in the following ticket being chosen: Associate judge, William P. Fisher, of Unionville; district attorney, H. H. Harshberger, of Bellefonte; prothonotary, George W. Ganoe, county surveyor Samuel J. Dale; coroner, Dr. W. L. Bigelow.

The resolutions passed endorsed the state and national platforms and denounced the two old parties for their digressions in favor of whisky. A good fund was raised to carry on the fall campaign. This was the largest county convention ever held by the prohibitionists in this county, and the delegates in attendance report many new recruits. A number of prominent ladies of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union were in attendance.

## Railroad News.

Superintendent J. I. Higbee and Chief Engineer H. C. Richardson, of the Bellefonte and Eastern Railroad, are in Sugar Valley engaged in locating the line of the proposed new road, and making preparations to commence work. Houses for the accommodation of the workmen have been rented and the people of Sugar Valley are rejoicing over the prospects of the road being built at an early date.

—Mrs. Mabel Dum, wife of Dr. J. M. Dum, of Mackeyville, Clinton county, died on Saturday morning, of typhoid fever. She was a sister of Miss Puella Dornblazer, who is slowly recovering from an attack of the same malady. The deceased leaves a husband and three children to mourn her loss. Funeral Tuesday afternoon.

—Mingle's shoe store is one of the old and well established business houses of Bellefonte. They do not sell goods away below cost or give them away, but handle solid and reliable goods and sell them at the most reasonable rates. Anything bought of them will always be found satisfactory in every instance. Don't forget Mingle's shoe store when in Bellefonte.

—Joe Fury says Lock Haven is just lousy with pretty girls, if you want to know it. Prettiest creatures imaginable, which is the reason why Heaven sometimes sends for them when angels especially lovely are needed up there. It may be true as they may have floated down into Lock Haven from Bald Eagle valley during the big flood. The town never had 'em before.

—Read the *Keystone Gazette*, the cheapest, best and most reliable weekly newspaper in central Penna. Send 25cts. and have the *Gazette* addressed to your post office, for two months. adv. oct 17

—Last week, Wm. Colyer had his leg broken from jumping off a passenger train at Linden Hall.

—There are no bugs on Phillipsburg and their people are sluggers when starved. The following, taken from the *Ledger* shows how they do things out there.

Cap. Thos. E. Clark and Robert Taylor got into a dispute on Tuesday evening, which resulted in the Captain knocking Robert down a deep cellar way. Robert was hurt so badly that he had to be hauled home in a wagon. He lay unconscious for several hours and is still disabled. The quarrel was the result of an argument about a cow.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

GRANTED DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.

Who they are, where they Live, and when some of them were Married—Taken from the Marriage Docket.

Some time ago the DEMOCRAT published regularly a list of all marriage licenses granted as found on the "Marriage Docket" in the Register's Office. At the request of Register John A. Rupp, it was discontinued, as he said they were kicking all along the line and caused him considerable annoyance.

This week we commence publishing them with Mr. Rupp's objection filed. The publication of these licenses is done in almost every county in the State. It is public matter and is interesting and legitimate news for our readers. Mr. Rupp cannot prevent their publication and if any kicking is to be done don't give it to him.

The following licenses were granted during the month of September:

Ira Heaton, Howard twp., and Miss Mary A. E. Johnson, of Walker twp.  
John F. Warner, Boggs twp., and Miss Mary A. Watkins, Curtin twp.  
Geo. W. Rowe, Centre Hall and Miss Elizabeth Sweeney, Potter twp. Married Sep. 5th.

Calvin Waltz, Pleasant Gap and Miss S. J. Furey, Bellefonte. Married Sep. 19th.

Robert Wightman, Phillipsburg, and Nellie Laff, Empire Mines, Clearfield co.

Sherwood White and Miss Edie Cox, both of Howard twp. Married Sep. 12th.

James Williams and Miss Jenney Richards, both of Sandy Ridge. Married Sep. 10.

John H. Klinger and Miss Minnie S. Mulberger, both of Lemont. Married Sep. 12th.

Robert A. Rhone, Altoona and Miss Maggie A. Rodgers, Bellefonte.

W. H. Ghaner, Benore, and Miss Ella Meese, Buffalo Run.

George Manerall, Lycoming Co., and Miss Edith Fulton, Walker twp. Married Sep. 12th.

Thomas B. Everett, Coburn and Miss Eva B. Moore, Lemont. Married Sep. 17th.

James B. Dufford and Miss Rebecca Grimes, both of Pine Grove Mills. Married Sep. 14th.

B. J. Johnsonbaugh, Benore, and Miss Annie Straw, Julian Furnace.

Samuel Styers, Coburn and Miss Annie Luder, Peal, Clearfield co. Married Sep. 19.

Edward Royer and Miss Minnie Miller, both of Millheim. Married Sep. 13.

John P. Weber, Howard, and Miss M. E. Yearick, Walker twp. Married Sep. 19th.

Sam F. Hosband, Union twp., and Maggie E. Fleisher, Centre Hall. Married Sep. 19th.

H. D. Hagan and Alice R. Neese, both of Farmers Mills.

Wallace Kerstter, Rebersburg, and Miss Lizzie A. Snyder, Penn Hall.

Wm. F. Eaton, Phillipsburg and Miss Maggie Elias, Huntingdon Co.

John A. Swartz, and Miss Amelia A. Vonada, both of Hubersburg.

George Klinefelter, Tusseyville, and Miss Ella A. Auman, Spring Mills.

Daniel Corman and Miss Sallie E. McClintic, both of Wolfs Store.

Robert E. Zerby, and Miss S. Catharine Spicer, both of Potter twp.

Riehard S. Confer, Milesburg, and Miss Lura Zimmerman, Pine Glenn.

W. E. Hendrixson and Miss Minnie Jewison, both of Bellefonte.

Ed. W. Poorman, Coleville, and Miss Virgie A. Lowery, Benner twp.

Seymore H. Winkleblech and Miss Carrie R. Musser, both of Haines twp.

Death of Rev. J. M. Shutt.

On last Sabbath morning Rev. J. M. Shutt, a minister in the United Brethren Church, died at his residence at Coleville, near Bellefonte. He had been in the ministry for a period of thirty years and was an able and learned divine. He was 59 years of age. During the last years of his life his eyesight became impaired yet he continued his labors the same as ever. The interment took place on last Tuesday morning in the Union cemetery.

Gave Birth to Sixteen.

Mrs. Hiram Snell, of Malad, Idaho, has given birth to sextets, three boys and three girls. They weigh eight pounds altogether. All are bright and hearty and promise to live.

—Subscribe for the DEMOCRAT.

## Sunbury Excursion.

The G. A. R. Posts of Central Penna. will celebrate Grand Army day at Sunbury, this year on Oct. 9th. A large number are going from this county and it has been arranged to have the Posts and additional Comrades going to consolidate as one organization as the representative posts of the G. A. R. of Centre county. All posts or detachments of same are kindly requested to report to the Com. at once, or as soon as they have first regular meeting.

The excursion will leave Bellefonte station by early train 6 a. m., Oct., 9th and return leaving Sunbury at 10 p. m. The rates of fare from the several stations along the route of the Sunbury and Tyrone R. R. will be as follows:

Bellefonte	.....	\$ .35
Lemont	.....	.125
Oak Hall	.....	.125
Linden Hall	.....	.125
Centre Hall	.....	.75
Rising Spring	.....	1.50
Coburn	.....	1.50

The above rates are for the round trip going and returning for one fare.

There should be a large excursion as the accommodations will be ample.

By order of the Committee of arrangements of Gregg Post:

R. C. Irvin, A. V. Smith, Thos. Dunachy, Com.

R. C. IRVIN, Secy.

## Spring Mills.

In my communication last week I stated that the Spring Mills Evangelic congregation had paid their share of Rev. Beaumont's salary and that it was the other congregation of his charge that had treated him so shamefully. When your compositor set the article he jumbled the two articles together so that it read that the Spring Mills congregation had treated him most shamefully. The Spring Mills members of his charge have stood by him manfully.

Our schools commenced last Monday morning, two weeks ahead of Penn and Haines townships; but then we are always ahead of their fourteen schools and only two wooden school houses left the rest all brick and these two will soon be replaced with brick buildings. Patent desks in all but three and in another year all will probably have the improved furniture.

A Mr. Bible, who formerly clerked for Mr. Bartholemew, at Centre Hall, but lately has been in the eastern part of the state, has purchased from Mr. Reynolds, the old Grenoble stand and will immediately commence the erection of store buildings.

Dr. Stem has moved his store back to Millheim. He made a short stay but it is characteristic of the doctor as he is noted for his fitting propensities.

Miss Maggie Bibby who had been visiting her old friends here has returned to Montandon. Maggie makes hosts of friends wherever she goes.

## A Drop in Corn.

On Monday evening there was a decided drop of corn near Reynold's mill this place. A freight train brought a car load of shelled corn to that mill and the train men were shifting the cars in order to run this car into the mill siding. Some twenty loaded cars standing on the track above, in charge of a brakeman, became unmanageable and came thundering down the grade and struck the car of corn as it was going in the siding. The result was that the car was badly smashed and the corn scattered along the banks in numerous heaps. Several cars were wrecked but everything was cleared up for travel by Tuesday morning.

## United Brethren Appointed.

During last week the United Brethren Conference was in session at Altoona. The following is a list of appointments made for this section.

Bellefonte—G. W. Erminger, Huntingdon—W. Cramer, Millheim—George Noden, Tyrone—G. W. McKee, Phillipsburg—G. W. Wasson, Stormstown—W. A. Jackson, Coalport—J. S. Buell, Clearfield—D. Elzie.

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