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The Centre Democrat.

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LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

Electric Spark at the opera house, Monday, Oct. 5th.

O'Flynn in Mexico at the opera house on Friday evening, Oct. 2.

On Friday evening the annual election of officers of the Y. M. C. A. of this place will occur.

The stand pipe is now erected in the reservoir and they say it increases the pressure considerably.

Rev. Father McArdle, pastor of the St. John's Catholic church, of this place, is now on his way home from Europe.

A Williamsport bank paid a check the other day which said in full for all demands from the birth of Adam to the death of the Devil.

Vreelands minstrels will not appear in the opera house on Friday evening as was advertised. That date will be occupied by O'Flynn in Mexico.

Mr. Heyland, an aged gentleman and resident of Snow Shoe Intersection, was found dead in bed last week. Cause or further particulars not known.

Judge Furst left last week for a journey to the west and will visit the Pacific coast. It is his intention to do a bit of hunting while he is gone.

A freak gave a free exhibition on the diamond Tuesday evening. He wrenched different joints of his body out of place for the benefit of a collection.

Business is rapidly picking up about Bellefonte. On Saturday all our merchants were very busy and money seemed to be circulating more than usual.

Persons who have heard the play O'Flynn in Mexico, to be at the opera house on Friday evening, pronounce it a first class production.

Rev. T. B. Cross, pastor of the Baptist church at Milesburg, has tendered his resignation and will leave immediately for his new home at Centerville, Iowa.

Mrs. Chas. P. Hewes and daughter are visiting friends at Erie and will be absent for some time. In their absence Charley is playing the role of a gay bachelor.

The continued dry weather has made traveling by buggy unpleasant on account of the clouds of dust raised by every team you meet. A good rain would be appreciated.

Jno. I. Rankin and Lawrence L. Brown, the two republicans who hold lucrative government positions, are spending a short vacation at this place. Both are looking well.

Mr. Daniel Schlutman, of Linden Hall, was in town on Tuesday; he is quite lame and suffers considerably from injuries received while at the grange picnic.

Shaeffer, the photographer, will make a flash light this evening of the business men's jubilee at the opera house. Parties desiring copies of the same can obtain them by calling at his gallery.

John W. Moore and family have rented the stone residence on the corner of Penn and Howard streets which he and his family will soon occupy. The room on the corner will be converted into a grocery store.

Messrs. L. A. Schaeffer, P. Gray Meek and J. C. Meyer left on Tuesday morning for Pittsburg to attend the annual convention of democratic societies of this state. They expect to return by Saturday.

The Bellefonte gas company made a welcome announcement this week. Hereafter they will furnish gas to their patrons at \$1.50 per 1,000 feet. The former price was \$2. Let the electric light company do likewise.

On Saturday evening a puddler was arrested and yanked in jail for committing a nuisance near the court house, and on Monday at a hearing he received a fine and costs that amounted to over \$6. Considering that he was a stranger, that such an arrest, for a trivial offence, was the first of its kind made we think the man was slightly imposed upon by the authorities. This is our opinion, candidly expressed, and many others are of the same mind.

SCHOFIELD'S REPLY.

HE DID NOT MISSMANAGE THE POOR DEPARTMENT.

Available Assets to the Amount of Almost Four Thousand Dollars—Malicious Lies Refuted—The "Gazette's" False Statements.

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of Bellefonte boro:

It will be remembered that during my absence, this summer, the Gazette on the 17th of July made one of its accustomed venomous charges against my management of the overseer of the poor department of Bellefonte boro. The substance of that article is contained in the following paragraph:

"As stated before, when Schofield went into office, early in 1886, the borough overseer of the poor department was out of debt, while now, after a little over five years' service, he has saddled on the taxpayers a known debt of \$6,465.71 and the half has not been told."

In addition to the above there was published a long list of unpaid accounts (?) by which they attempt to show that when I resigned I left an indebtedness of \$6,465.71; also that I used the funds of the office for the purpose of buying Democratic votes.

We will now consider the first charge: "When Schofield went into office in 1886, the borough overseer of the poor department was out of debt."

This was an absolute falsehood. The auditors' statement of Bellefonte boro, for the year ending March 5, 1888, will show that I paid: E. J. Pruner, judgment note ..... \$1,408.30 (Paid the year before) 1,066.63 Coms. of Centre Co., asylum debt..... 1,066.63 Total debt paid, ..... \$2,114.56

The amounts were published in the different auditors' statements and were known to McClure and Feidler, who were guilty of a deliberate and malicious falsehood when they made this charge. This disposes of lie No. 1.

The second charge is: "After a little over five years' service he has saddled on the taxpayers a known debt of \$6,465.71." McClure was elected overseer of Poor in the spring of 1888. The auditors' statement for the year 1887 shows that the cash balance in my hands was \$178.44. The statement for 1888 shows that the assets, over all liabilities, amounted to \$378.72. This clearly shows that the overseer department, while under my exclusive control, was not mismanaged. This also shows that this department was in a good financial standing when McClure began his illustrious (?) official career. Now what is the change that has taken place since 1888, when McClure and the postmaster attempted to run this department? This postmaster published a list of names showing the amount of outstanding orders and unpaid bills when I resigned that amounted to \$6,465.71, and how much more they have gathered since July 17th it is hard to tell, but I wish to impress one fact on the minds of the already overburdened tax payers of Bellefonte, and that is, neither the Gazette or his overseer audit my accounts. This function belongs only to a republican board of boro auditors.

The entire town was canvassed to gather up these unpaid bills and accounts, many of which are excessive and others unfair. I am charged with an Insane Asylum bill of \$848.77, up to date, June 20, 1891, at the coms. office. The correct amount on March 2nd, '91, was \$609.57, I receiving a credit of \$205.07 before a board of arbitration, they allowing a credit of an old bill of \$95 due the boro; the other credit of \$110.30 was the placing of a charge from the boro to the county. The statement of March 2nd shows the boro was in debt to the county \$704.30. To have been at least fair, McClure should have cut this bill in two, as it was a general boro debt and he was (trying) to act also as an overseer and was justly entitled to assume one-half of the boro's obligations. But this would be too much to ask of the "Shadow" who trains with a dishonest postmaster.

It now becomes my duty to show the boro's assets. The following is a correct statement of our unpublished assets which will wipe out the malicious statement of the Gazette:

(Boro Statement '91 Shows): Am't of cash in hands of S. D. Kay ..... \$1,440.81 Am't in hands of McClure ..... 294.56 The following are amounts due the boro and collectable.

Mrs. Lydia Johnston, Spring twp.....	57.50
James Carr, Mifflin county.....	200.00
Mrs. Boyer, Walker twp.....	62.00
James Curry, Snow Shoe twp.....	62.00
Lida Sheridan.....	173.50
Sarah Sheridan.....	124.00
Mrs. Jarrell.....	27.50
Charles Spearley, Patton twp.....	75.00
Jacob Smith, Altoona.....	150.00
Brooks found on bills.....	
C. J. Lott.....	5.50
Hoover & Miller.....	42.00
James Schofield.....	125.00
D. F. Fortney, double charge.....	50.00
Garbrick & Hale.....	2.00
V. J. Bauer & Co.....	15.00
H. P. Harris, double charge.....	15.00

Total credits, ..... \$5,342.59 In addition to the above total there are other credits to follow. From this it will readily be seen that the actual indebtedness of the poor department on June 20, '91, was \$3,123.02, instead of \$6,465.71 as published by Wanamaker's employee. This disposes of lie No. 2.

As all persons know the past year was one of unusual distress, owing to the closing of the furnaces and factories, which threw many out of employment and compelled them to call upon the poor department for relief, which made the necessary expenditures larger than ever. In this situation I acted for the best interests of the people, by giving room suits at Naginey's furniture rooms were willing to work. On this account

the bill of \$42.50 at Harris & Co's. store, was contracted for tools and dynamite used in the quarries for breaking stone for our streets. I gave work to about thirty families for almost three months, and as a result I have turned over 737 loads of broken stone for our streets. This cost about \$650; it will be seen on the boro statement that I received a credit of \$200 for the same, leaving a net loss of almost \$450 to my department; but more stone were broken and as a result our streets are now in better condition than ever. The stone and tools have been regularly turned over to Thomas Shaughansy, street commissioner. Must I be censured for this? I am satisfied with what I have done.

From all of this it will be seen that McClure was not justified in laying the exorbitant tax of 8 mills for poor purposes. The duplicate assessed at 8 mills will give him \$5,500 this year to meet the actual indebtedness of \$3,123.02, leaving a balance in his hands of \$5,376.98 for what—to pay the \$400 doctor bills you contracted last year, and at the same time for keeping others on your list to secure their support for a re-election.

When I resigned the property purchased by me and placed in the poor house and there to-day, and turned over to McClure, consists of: furniture and carpets \$40; stoves \$35; beds and bedding \$20; miscellaneous utensils \$20—total value \$115.00, \$50 of this amount being turned in during the last year.

The picture is not so black as reported in the Gazette; but McClure will have more money to handle this year than I had in any two. Surely the people will resent this extravagance and extortion on the part of McClure, the great reformer. I would like to ask where the tax collector was when McClure laid 5 mills; for last year the same tax collector took great pains in explaining my extravagance in laying 6 mills. He told the taxpayers that McClure could run the office on 5 mills; no doubt he is very busy now in explaining to some why McClure must raise the millage to 8 this year—but next year, of course, it will be less.

I was astonished upon my return to hear that some of my supposed democratic friends were so ready to believe the statements as published in the Gazette. These friends believe they once saved the boro from ruin, but it is well known that while they were saving the boro, they took good care to keep an open eye on No. 1.

My accounts are in the hands of my enemies—the postmaster and the "Shadow" that can hide behind a broom handle—and if this crew can find one dollar spent for any other purpose than to help those that were in need, at the time the order was given, I will pay all of it back to the "Shadow" and 100 per cent in addition.

Now come on with your charges and back them up with facts. While you are getting ready I will ask the taxpayers to let me know when the Gazette was ever able to prove anything in regard to my official management? I will show, in a short time, to the property owners what it has cost them to elect McClure overseer of the poor.

In addition to the above I wish to make a few statements in answer to the Gazette of Sept. 29th. In the first place I wish to state that I am not responsible to any charges or figures that may be published in the Gazette.

In order to insure a speedy and correct answer to all these questions and charges, if the combination from whom the information on which the article was based, will please sign the name so that I may know if I have a responsible party to deal with, I will answer the questions and meet the charges most cheerfully, if the following is complied with:

First, will the Gazette state where it got the \$500 item in favor of James Schofield.

Second, will John M. Keichline state who the \$37 of taxes are for?

Third, what Rowe & Bros., book account is for?

Fourth, what the Danville Asylum account of \$500 is for?

Fifth, give an itemized statement of the \$175 poor house rent account—the date it begins and ends?

Sixth, Why you lifted orders at some stores and refused to do the same at other places with your note, at from four months to one year?

Seventh, explain, with the facts, why it is necessary to lay 8 mills this year.

In conclusion I wish to state that all my accounts with the boro will shortly be turned over to the boro auditors, as it is not my purpose to stand in the way of the light being turned on. I feel satisfied that the present storm was raised for the purpose of arousing indignation against me, to give McClure an excuse to lay an 8 mill tax to cover up his short comings.

For the satisfaction of the public, I am in favor of having all the accounts of the department, McClure's as well as my own, investigated now, so that the people may know the facts, which never were given by the libertine publisher of the Gazette.

Turn on the light, so that the other half of the story may be told.

Yours Resp.,

JAMES SCHOFIELD.

—Have you seen the handsome bed room suits at Naginey's furniture rooms Bishop street.

A GREAT GAME.

The Bellefonte Club Badly Beaten by the Centre Club Ponies.

Last Friday an interesting game of base ball occurred on the Athletic grounds. The contest was between the two social clubs of this place, between whom there has been considerable rivalry of late as to which could turn out the best ball team. At 3 p. m., while the sun was pouring down its scorching rays and the thermometer stood 92 degrees in the shade, the two clubs began playing, with Robt. McKnight as umpire. Harry Green pitched for the Bellefonte club until the boys knocked him out of the box. Bob Hunter then stepped in and began hurling the sphere but his efforts gave the fielders too much exercise and Quigley was given a trial with the same result.

Chas. Cruise pitched for the Centre Club and was followed by Jim Harris who fairly paralyzed the Bellefonte Club giants. At the end of the seventh inning the score stood 31 to 12. The Bellefonte Club realized that the longer they played the more humiliating would be the defeat and concluded to stop.

The principal features of the game were Joe Montgomery's faultless fielding, likewise that of Johnston and Richard; Harl Harris played a noble game as short stop and 3rd base and received rounds of applause from the grand stand and large bouquets from his many admiring lady friends; Harry Keller covered 2nd base in fine style; Jim Laurie played faultless on first base while Mr. Morris, imported from Tyrone for this game, tried hard to get about the field, but several hot liners, with whisks on them, proved too much for him; Hunter would be a fine pitcher but he always played with a soft ball and the regulation sphere annoyed him on that account. The girls all admired Quigley's heroic efforts behind the bat. To tell the whole truth the Bellefonte Club base ball nine is made up of some very fine material, but the only trouble is, they can't play ball. 31 to 12—that's awful. The result of the game is said to have terrified prostrated their manager, John Lane, who has failed to put in an appearance since.

Church Dedicated.

Last Sabbath morning the dedicatory services of the handsome new Presbyterian church at Centre Hall occurred. Many distinguished visitors from over the county were present. The Rev. Freeman, D. D., of Huntingdon, delivered the morning discourse after which a collection was taken up which was sufficient to pay off all indebtedness. The building cost \$4,791.27 and it is remarkable to see how judiciously that amount was expended. Rev. Garner of Lewisburg, and Rev. Baskerville, the pastor, assisted in the dedicatory services which followed. Rev. Garner preached in the afternoon and in the evening Rev. Eisenburg, of the Centre Hall Reformed church, occupied the pulpit.

Died at Oak Hall.

Mrs. James C. Gilliland died Sunday morning at two o'clock at her home in Oak Hall, of heart failure, aged about forty-nine years. Deceased is survived by her husband and two children, and by five sisters and two brothers. The latter are Mrs. D. M. Clemson and Miss Kate Gardner, of Pittsburg; Mrs. A. J. Mattern, of Tyrone; Mrs. Goheen, East Tyrone; Mrs. Kincaid, of Athens, Ill.; Wilson and Franklin Gardner, of Rock Springs. The funeral took place on Wednesday morning at ten o'clock from the late home of the deceased.

Found Dead in Bed.

On Friday morning Mrs. Lewis Aikley, of Snow Shoe Intersection, went up stairs to waken a man by the name of Hughland, who had been boarding there for some time. She knocked at the door several times, but receiving no answer she opened the door and went in and found his lifeless body lying on the bed. It was evident that he died without a struggle during the night. Heart disease is said to have been the cause of his death. He was sixty-five years of age, a widower and has children living on Buffalo Run.

For a Free Turnpike.

A petition is being signed and will be presented to the Clinton county courts to have that portion of a turnpike, in Clinton county made free of tolls which is known as the Bald Eagle, Nittany and Brush Valley Turnpike which extends from "the county bridge at Flemington, Clinton county to the Old Fort in Pennsylvan, Centre county."

Sportsmen's Convention.

The sportsmen's Association of Pennsylvania, hold their first annual convention and trap shooting tournament at Williamsport, this week, commencing on Tuesday and closing on Friday. \$2000 in prizes will be given; also the contest for the championship of the state.

County Fairs.

Agricultural and mechanical county fairs will be held as follows: Milton, September 29 and 30 and October 1 and 2. Danville, Lewisburg and Hughesville, October 6, 7, 8 and 9.

—Have your clothes fit you by leaving your order for a suit at the Philad. Branch tailoring establishment.

SLEPT ON THE TRACK.

WAS KILLED BY A PASSENGER TRAIN.

The Chronic Insane Asylum to be Located Near Reading—Dr. Curwin Opposes the Selection.

John Henry, a resident of South Philipsburg, met his death Friday in a very sad and distressing manner. He had been attending a party held out in the Third ward that night, helping furnish the music, and about 4:30 Friday morning he started for home. Wending his way up the railroad, laid down on the track, having at the time been somewhat under the influence of liquor. The passenger train due there shortly after 5 o'clock, had pulled out from the station and attained such a speed as not to enable the engineer to see him in time to stop the train, which passed over him and completely severed his body at the abdomen, and when found the parts were separated by a distance of ten feet. The train was stopped and conductor Allison Haupt returned to the station and informed ticket agent Pierce of what had happened.

The deceased was aged about 39 years, and leaves a wife and six children to mourn his sudden death. He was a miner by occupation, a good, honest fellow, whom everybody liked, and a musician of marked ability.

THE CHRONIC INSANE ASYLUM.

A Majority Report in Favor of the South Mountain Site.

On Monday the committee appointed to select a site and build an asylum for the chronic insane, made a majority report, stating that it had selected a site of 545 acres, known as the South Mountain site, in Berks county, eight miles from Reading. The site will cost \$77,000. The governor's approval to the choice is asked. A minority report was submitted by Dr. John Curwin, of Warren, stating that in his opinion as a hospital physician the Berks county site was not a suitable one, and asking the governor to withhold his approval of it until he had time to write out in detail the reasons for his objections, and also the reason for his approving another site, the location of which he did not state. The governor will not take any immediate action. We may be presuming a great deal, but we feel confident that Dr. Curwin has the most favorable opinion of the site near Bellefonte, which answers all the requirements and would not cost one-tenth of \$77,000.

The Asylum Location.

An article in the Altoona Tribune says the asylum will likely be located near Bellwood. They say:

"The selection of a site for the location of a chronic insane asylum in this state out of the many offered has dwindled to two—Wemerville, Berks county and Bellwood, this county—with the chances in favor of the former. All sites examined west of the Alleghenies have relinquished their claims in favor of Bellwood and it now has become a contest between the eastern and western portions of the state. The commission is favorable to Wemerville. The governor and the board of charities are still to act and Bellwood has a fighting chance, being more centrally located to the asylums from whence the inmates are selected."

If this is correct Bellefonte is "not in it" as so many were confident of securing its location near here. Some say prominent citizens of our town worked against and secretly used all their influence to oppose it.

"Electric Spark."

Atkinson's Jollities produced their new opera, "The Electric Spark" at the Alcazar last evening. The performance was of surpassing excellence and we do not hesitate to pronounce it by far the best thing of the kind that has ever appeared in New York. As an extravaganza it can stand on its merits, which are of the first order. Not only is the opera itself remarkable for its excellence and originality but the characters are well filled by talent that speaks a successful season for "The Electric Spark."—Dramatic News.

At the opera house Monday evening, Oct. 3th.

Has a Hotel.

The Milheim Journal says: Squire Reifsnnyder, of Main street, is absent his week on a trip to Coudersport and Buffalo, N. Y., and on his return will stop at Bradford, Pa., to look after "The Henderson," a large hotel which he owns in that place. He expects to get home in the last of this week.

Platform Dance.

On next Saturday evening, Oct. 3d, the Zion band will hold a platform dance in Henry Gentsel's grove, near Zion. Good music has been secured for the occasion and refreshments of all kinds will be served. Be sure to attend the last dance of the season and have a good time.

Death of Mrs. Shaeffer.

On Monday morning, September 29th, Mrs. Michael Shaeffer died at her home, Zion, Pa., aged 65 years and 3 months. Her death was due to an attack of typhoid fever. A husband and four grown children survive. Interment occurred in the Zion cemetery on the following Wednesday.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Issued During the Past Week—Taken From the Docket.

Harry E. Johnston, Altoona and Sadie J. Walkey, of Bellefonte.

Archibald Shau and Annie Weir, both of Snow Shoe.

Tine Wagner and Mary Emma Jane Beals, both of Burnside twp.

G. H. Decker, Potter twp., and Emma R. Zeigler, Benner twp.

Wm. Brown and Mary Emma Lee, both of Philipsburg.

A Valuable Property.

We wish to again call the attention of our readers to the sale of the Weaver flouring mill, which will occur on the premises next Friday morning at Oak Hall, Pa. This mill was recently equipped throughout with the latest and most improved machinery for manufacturing high grades of flour by the roller process. It is run by a never failing water power; has an immense custom trade; is in a rich farming district and is a valuable plant. In addition to the mill there is a coal yard with sheds, connected by switch with L. & T. railroad. The property also embraces 19 acres of land on which are erected three dwelling houses, stables and outbuildings. The entire property will be sold. For further information address Jas. C. Gilliland, adm'r., Oak Hall, Pa., or Spangler & Hewes, attorneys, Bellefonte, Pa.

Public Sale at Howard.

On Thursday, October 29th, Mrs. Catharine McElwain will offer at public sale, at her residence, Howard boro, the following: 1 cow, 2 heifers, truck-wagon, open buggy, plows, cultivators, harness, cider mill; also a lot of household furniture, consisting of 1 organ, 2 cook stoves, parlor stove, tables, lounges, chairs, carpets and many other articles. Sale commences at 1 o'clock.

At the Opera House.

The following attractions are billed to appear at the opera house this week: Business Men's Jubilee this Thursday evening; O'Flynn in Mexico on Friday evening; Electric Spark next Monday evening. All of them will be worth the price of admission.

—While the sheriff of Lycoming county, assisted by six deputies, was conveying eighteen convicts to the Eastern Penitentiary last Wednesday, Lincoln Person, one of the prisoners, with a toothpick picked the lock of the handcuff which bound him to a fellow criminal, and escaped. He jumped from the train while it was running forty miles an hour and made good his escape. Seemingly uninjured by his daring leap for liberty. The sheriff offers the munificent sum of twenty dollars for Person's return.

—Mrs. John Diehl, mother of Mr. Samuel Diehl, of this place, died on Saturday at her home in Laurelton, Union co. She had reached the advanced age of 70 years. Eight children survive, four of whom are in the Western states.

—Misses Sadie and Dora Taylor, two very bright and agreeable young ladies, of Milfubinburg, Union county, are at present visiting their aged grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Gephart, of Zion. While in town on Saturday they were pleasant callers at this office.

—The Philad. Branch is now prepared for the fall trade and they have unpacked an immense line of clothing—new styles, new goods, new designs and the very lowest prices.

Bellefonte Grain Market.

Corrected weekly by Geo. W. Jackson & Co:

White wheat, per bushel.....	85
Red wheat, per bushel.....	70
Rye, per bushel.....	75
Corn, ears per bushel.....	70
Corn, shelled per bushel.....	70
Oats—new per bushel.....	30
Barley, per bushel.....	80
Buckwheat, per bushel.....	80
Cloverseed, per bushel.....	\$4.00 to \$5.00
Ground plaster, per ton.....	9.50

PROVISIONS, GROCERIES & C. (as corrected weekly by Bower & Co.)

Apples, dried, per pound.....	15
Cherries dried, per pound, seeded.....	20
Dried Currants, per pound.....	08
New Raisins, per pound.....	10
Beans per quart.....	10
Onions, per bushel.....	100
Butter, per pound.....	20
Cheese, per pound.....	15
Tallow, per pound.....	3
Country Shoulders.....	10
Sides.....	08
Hams.....	14
Hams sugar cured.....	12
Breakfast Bacon.....	12
Lard, per pound.....	10
Eggs per dozen.....	12
Potatoes per bushel.....	20
Dried Beef chopped.....	25
Canned Beef per can.....	25
Canned Tomatoes per can.....	12
Canned Corn per can.....	12
Lemons per doz.....	35
Dried Sweet Corn per pound.....	4

The Soap for Hard Water is Lenox.