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### Editorial.

BELLEFONTE boro is going deeper in debt every year. Give us a new Tax Collector.

QUAY appears to be the only man in Pennsylvania who has had any luck in prosecuting newspaper men for libel.

SAVAGE and Short, editors of the Public Spirit, were last week acquitted at Clearfield of libeling ex-District Attorney McKenrick, whom they had charged with taking illegal fees.

ACCORDING to recent dispatches that have appeared in the Philadelphia papers Centre county has a half dozen legislative candidates on the list with more to follow. There is nothing like being willing to serve the dear people.

JIM Blaine has formally announced that he will not allow any one to use his name as a candidate for the republican presidential nomination. If Blaine is out of the contest, there is a strong sentiment against Harrison and his re-nomination is a great uncertainty.

THE money spent by the state for holding Farmers' Institutes is productive of much good. The various sessions in our county last week, attended by large audiences and the instruction was of the most useful nature to our farmers.

BELLEFONTE is controlled by a strong republican majority and it is head and heels in debt. Centre county, on the other hand, is prospering under democratic rule and is out of debt and with a very low rate of taxation. What Bellefonte needs is new officials.

Ex-Senator George W. Delamater and his father and brother have returned to Meadville to stand trial on the charge of embezzlement made against them after the failure of the Delamater bank.

The cases are set for trial this week. It is understood that the defendants will seek another postponement.

The floors for the vaults in the court house are being put in this week. It is a patent stone composition that makes a good even surface and will endure for years. The floor is being put in by a company from Lock Haven. Many people are under the impression that the famous Gallagher is the contractor but such is not the case, he has nothing to do with it.

Since Blaine has declined to allow his name go before the next republican convention for the presidential nomination of his party there is much comment as to who the choice will be. The Gazette interviewed a large number of republicans in this section and from their canvass the sentiment seems to be for the re-nomination of Harrison. President Harrison, though, may have very strong opposition by the time boss Quay sends forth his edict. Our republican leaders here are like weather-vanes, they turn which ever way Quay directs.

### WHAT IT COST

Bellefonte for the Election of Jim McClure Overseer of the Poor.

As the election of new borough officials will take place next Tuesday we wish to call the attention of the intelligent taxpayers to a few items for their consideration so that they may act as they see best.

The following items, as published in former boro statements, are set out to show the public how much extra and unnecessary expense was incurred by the boro in the defeat of Cowdrick and the election of Jim McClure overseer of the poor. The following extra expenses were unnecessary.

Books, for accounts 1.55  
Orders of relief 3.50  
Auditing of accounts 12.00  
Relief to Thomas Welsh 13.35  
Relief to Nancy Keeler over previous year 13.48  
Relief to John Ryan over previous year 65.70  
Relief to Annie Luft over previous year 16.90  
Rent published on list 42.50  
Orders to persons who had received aid 25.50  
Overseers salary 150.00

Total extra expense \$323.48  
This could not have occurred if Mr. McClure had not been elected in the spring of 1889.

The boro statement of 1890 shows a large number of items that could have been avoided had Ed Brown, Jr., been elected in place of McClure. The following items would have been saved:

Books and Stationary 12.55  
Counsel and advice 35.00  
Auditing McClure's account 12.00  
Orders to John Ryan over previous year (was well and made many visits) 47.70  
Overseers salary 150.00  
Relief to Mrs. Jarrett (colored) 21.10  
Mrs. Jarrett over previous year 31.55  
Nancy Keeler " 175.00  
Double list of accounts

Total extra expense \$571.15

Other items could be pointed out but there are enough to show how McClure increased the expenses of this department over Schofield's former administration, to this extra expense must also be added the extra 2 mill tax which this reformer (?) and vindicator (?) layed when there was no one to question his authority. That amounted in round numbers to \$1200.00.

When Schofield resigned McClure instituted another reform. He relieved a woman from the charge of the poor house, who had been dependent on the poor department for aid and rented a house for her in Spring township for \$60 per year and keeps her in addition. In her place he put a man and woman, two persons to take charge of two paupers. That is the kind of reform Jim Feidler and his man McClure have given the overburdened taxpayers of Bellefonte.

The time has come for the citizens to elect a clean, reliable and efficient man to the position of Overseer, and especially one who has no axe to grind—in the shape of harness, etc. We need a man who will administer the boro's affairs in the interest of the taxpayers.

Eligibility of Tax Collectors  
A tax collector who has not settled his former duplicates is not eligible for re-election act passed April 1799, section 18 says:

"No person shall be reappointed a collector who has not finally settled and paid off the whole amount of the balance due on former duplicates."

Act of 18th of April, 1834—"No person shall be reappointed a collector of county or township rates and levies who shall not have finally settled and paid over the whole amount received by him on former duplicates."

Act 28th of Feb. 1835—"No person shall be appointed collector of county rates and levies who shall not have paid the whole amount of his former duplicates.

The acts, above mentioned, are not repealed, by the act of 25th of June, 1885, under which the present tax collectors are elected, which reads as follows:

"The collector of taxes shall have all the power for the collection of said taxes during his term of office heretofore vested in collection of county taxes under existing laws and be subject to the same liabilities and penalties for neglect or violation of the duties of his office."

Avoid Detective Agencies.  
Shyster agents are at work in several sections of the county swindling the gullibles on a World's Fair Detective Agency scheme. By the payment of \$2 the victim is given a brass shield, on receipt of his credentials in red morocco, \$3 more to be forwarded to the managers in Chicago. The victims are promised transportation to Chicago, hotel and street car expenses, and a salary of \$65 per month during the fair. It is a very taking swindle.

New Cure for Fits.  
An old man in Williamsport has applied to Deputy Sheriff Joe Milnor, at the jail, to borrow the rope with which Wade, the murderer, was hanged. He wants it to put around his wife's neck "to cure her of fits." The deputy says he'll let the old man have the rope.

Overcoats are selling at cost at the Philad. Branch.

### FIVE MYSTERIOUS MURDERS

In the Vicinity of Johnstown. But as yet no Clue can be Obtained.

Nothing since the awful flood in the spring of 1889 has caused so much alarm as a series of mysterious murders that have been committed within a radius of twelve miles of Johnstown. Apparently all the five murders were done by one hand, but so far detectives have been unable to discover the owner. On December 4 the body of a well dressed man was found in the woods near Gallitzin with a bullet hole in his head. The remains were those of a prosperous looking man. The theory of suicide, which at first prevailed, was dispelled by the condition in which the body was found. No clue could be obtained as to his identity, and he was buried.

A week later the body of another man was found about twelve miles away, with a bullet through his head. About this time it was learned that George Myers, a prosperous citizen of Frugality, had disappeared, and the body was identified as his. Myers had \$800 on his person when he left home, and he had been murdered for his money. Less than a week ago the decomposed body of another man was found in the woods near Bethel. The clothes were of good quality, but nothing could be discovered to establish his identity. The horrible butchery of old man Kring and his wife, and the cremation of their bodies a few nights ago, is attributed to the same mysterious murderer, who is evidently hiding in the mountains ready to pounce upon the victim who he supposes has money.

### County Statement.

This issue of the CENTRE DEMOCRAT contains a supplement giving a complete statement of the expenditures and revenues of the various county offices for the year 1891. The summary for the year 1891 shows that Centre county, after one year of Democratic rule in the commissioners office, is again out of debt and on good financial basis. The former statement issued by the republican board showed the county in debt \$5,297.63. The past year over \$13,000 of the former board's unpaid bills were settled and we have a balance in favor of the county of \$951.66.

The commissioners have faithfully performed their duty and redeemed their pledges to the people. There is no cheap, rattle-trap politics practiced there and one and all are treated alike.

The statement this year is prepared in better and more intelligent form than of previous years, and for this Robt. Hunter, the efficient and obliging clerk, is deserving of special mention. He has filled his position in a very creditable manner.

### Cheering News for Railroad Men.

An increase of wages has been ordered by the board of directors of the Pennsylvania road company. The new schedule is as follows: Conductors, \$3 50 a day, an increase of 25 cents; brakemen, \$1 80 a day, an increase of 15 cents; parlor car conductors, \$2 a day, an increase of 25 cents; through baggagemen, \$1 95 a day, an increase of 10 cents; local baggagemen, \$1 82 a day, an increase of 20 cents.

### In the Mad.

On Wednesday evening of last week, after the evening session of the Farmers' Institute had adjourned at Boalsburg and all of the peaceable and good citizens of the community had retired, several persons were startled by the loud cries of one who seemed to be in distress or danger. A lad who lived near by ran out in the darkness and by following the direction of the sound he came to a large mud puddle and in the middle stood a bewildered man, who asked to led home and offered 25 cents for the service. The lad led the stranger to his boarding house; when he opened the door the man was all bespattered with mud and to his surprise when he looked in the man's face he found that it was none other than our own Francy Spear. He must have been drinking again.

### Methodist Church Burned.

Tuesday morning at about two o'clock the newly finished Methodist Episcopal church at Alexandria was discovered to be on fire, and though persons gathered on the scene for the purpose of assisting in extinguishing the flames, the handsome structure was totally destroyed. The fire is supposed to have originated from a defective flue. The total loss is estimated at \$11,000, with an insurance of \$2,500.

Don't forget to call at CENTRE DEMOCRAT office if you want to have sale bills printed. We carry a complete line of type and can fill orders on short notice. Our prices are reasonable and will suit you.

### THE LOTTERY SHARKS SURRENDER.

The recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United States affirming the constitutionality of the Act of Congress for the suppression of lottery circulars and correspondence, seems to have been the last straw to break the back of the Louisiana State Lottery. Louisiana has been convulsed for months past by the great struggle between the supporters and opponents of the powerful lottery monopoly that has so long controlled that State; and the political campaign, that has yet two months to run, threatened the most violent disturbances in every section, and gave every promise of riot and bloodshed. The decision of the Supreme Court, therefore, came at a most auspicious moment, as it made the contest too costly for the lottery sharks, even if they could hope to succeed in debauching the people of the State.

The public may reasonably judge of the value of a lottery charter when it is understood that the State of Louisiana was offered an annual payment of \$1,250,000 for a franchise to extend for twenty-five years. In addition to this enormous cost, the expenses of conducting it can hardly be estimated; and when all these subsidies and expenses shall have been subtracted, those who own the lottery must make their millions before the miserable dupes who invest their money in lottery tickets can receive anything. It has been the most profligate swindle of this generation, and had Louisiana been permitted to fight out the battle and yielded to the debauchery of the lottery leaders, the name of the State would have been lisped with scorn by every honest citizen of the Union.

Both of the leading parties of Louisiana have been split in twain by this issue, but it is now probable, as the disturbing question has been removed by the public proclamation of the lottery men themselves, that they would not under any circumstances accept a charter if granted by the State, that the factional differences in both parties will be reconciled and the campaign end in a square fight on old party lines.

Not only Louisiana but the whole country is to be congratulated on the victory that has been gained over the most pernicious and demoralizing swindle of modern times. The leading newspapers of the country, especially in the North, and the leading statesmen of the country of all parties, have manfully performed their duty in the great battle for the overthrow of this gillainy. But the men who deserve special commendation, and who should be cherished in grateful memory by every friend of good government throughout the land, are the heroic citizens of Louisiana who braved apparently omnipotent power and defied the blandishments of fortune to win an honest name for their grand old Commonwealth. They are the real heroes of this victory, and it is to them that the nation is indebted for the effacement of this blot from its escutcheon.—Philad. Times.

### Temperance Revival.

John G. Woolley will deliver a series of temperance addresses in the court house, commencing Sunday, Feb. 14, at 2 30 p. m. Mr. Woolley is without a doubt, the most popular and successful temperance Evangelist in the country at the present time. These meetings promise to be the most interesting and instructive entertainments of the season, and are free to all. Mr. Woolley is here under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. which is a vouch that these lectures will be of a high order. Hear what those who have heard him, say:

"Mr. J. G. Woolley, a former lawyer of Minneapolis, who has been saved from the horrors of drunkenness, delivered an address in Stone Hall last evening by request, which resulted in the inauguration of a new and important temperance movement. Mr. Woolley is a wonderful speaker, and his powers of imagination are phenomenal, his language elegant, his manner profoundly impressive. He seemed to weave a magic spell over his auditors."—The Boston Journal.

At Troutville, near DuBois, the teacher of the grammar school uses a buggy whip in administering punishment to his scholars. There is probably no other place in Pennsylvania where such a thing would be permitted.

The republicans in the South Ward think they can capture another councilman by placing J. S. M'Carra on their ticket. Mac is a royal good fellow, but then there are too many democrats in that neck of woods and for that reason he may not be in it.

Be sure and see the "Midnight Alarm" at the opera house next Friday evening. It is an elegant production.

Get your sale bills printed at this office. We do satisfactory work at very reasonable prices.

### BOROUGH FINANCES.

If there ever was a time in the history of Bellefonte that it needed reformation of its finances and management, it is now. The Poor department is in debt no less than \$9,000, and the poor orders are worth nothing. All our merchants have some and get nothing for them. The department needs an investigation and the only way to investigate this department is to elect an Overseer who will manage the business the same as he would his own affairs.

The tax collecting needs prompt attention. No duplicates have been settled since 1889. The state, county, poor, borough and school duplicates of 1890 and 1891 are all unsettled. No less than (\$20,000) twenty thousand dollars remains in the hands of the collector—not paid over. This department also needs an investigation and reform, and the only remedy is to elect a tax collector who will collect and pay over promptly. The former tax collector should be made settle his duplicates of 1890, or else he should be defeated at the Republican caucus for the nomination.

No man should be elected to the town council who has an axe to grind. The old members who are grinding the tax payers, by contracts made by them as members of the council, should be ground out and new ones selected who will work to the interest of the people. We want councilmen who are not interested in any borough contracts or works of any kind. The only way to remedy this extravagance is by your ballots.

### A WEST WARD REPUBLICAN.

### Applicants for License.

License Court will be held in the latter part of March, and nearly all applicants have filed their necessary papers with the Prothonotary and are anxiously awaiting the pleasure of the Hon. A. O. Furst in the matter. The following parties are asking for liquor license: Peter Ashcroft, Tavern, Phillipsburg. Wm. Parker, " " " " Geo. E. Leister, " " " " G. A. Walther, " " " " N. W. Eby, Distiller, Haines twp. W. W. Rishel, Tavern, Penn twp. W. L. Daggett, " Bellefonte. Passmore & Wood, " Phillipsburg. Jacob DeHaas, " Howard. Mary C. Nolan, " Snow Shoe. Jno. Mullinger, Distiller, Spring twp. A. Kohlbecker, Tavern, Boggs twp. D. A. Ruhl, " Gregg twp. J. H. Odenkirk, " Potter twp. G. B. Brandon, " Bellefonte. D. Garman, " " " " John G. Uzzle, " Snow Shoe. W. S. Musser, " Millheim. D. L. Bartges, " Centre Hall. Henry Robb, " Walker twp. The above applicants held license during the past year and are asking for a renewal. The following ten persons do not hold liquor license and have good claims to present for the same: Gottlieb Haag, Tavern, Bellefonte. Tattersall Ingham, " Phillipsburg. Jas. A. Decker, " Ferguson. Thos. Gleason, " Snow Shoe. Simler & M'Comick, " Phillipsburg. George B. Uzzle, " Snow Shoe. Wm. P. Brown, " " " " J. Anderson, Wholesale, Bellefonte. Jos. Lehman, " Phillipsburg. W. R. Haynes, " Snow Shoe.

### Weighing Mail.

The weighing of the United States mails, which takes place every four years, will be commenced about the middle of February, and will be continued thirty days. The purpose of this weighing is to form an estimate on which to base the contract with the railroads for carrying the mail. The time mentioned is selected as being about the average, the heaviest period being during December and January, and the lightest during August. Weighers are employed by the department who weigh all mail handled.

### Future Attractions.

Manager A. S. Garman informs us that all the attractions he has booked for the balance of this season are the following: The Midnight Alarm, on Friday, February 12th. Bristol's Eques-Curriculum, on February 29th and March 1st, with one matinee. Grime's Cellar Door, on March 4. Annie Mitchell Comedy Co., one week commencing March 7. There are arrangements now being made by the G. A. R. and High School to give a benefit entertainment on Feb. 22nd, Washington's birth day.

### Our Opinion of Hazing.

For some time an article has been going the rounds of the papers that Ralph Keller, of Harrisburg, a student of State College, was lying at his home in a critical condition from the effects of a severe hazing by the students of that institution. The rumor is a mistake and a misrepresentation upon the College. Hazing, as practiced among college boys, very seldom causes an injury and it is frequently one of the best lessons of life taught at college. It helps to make a man out of many a sissy and the "mamma boy" who has just let go of his mother's apron string. We believe in an initiation of this kind which is invariably administered to the new student. It tempers down the conceited, haughty pimps, brings the bully to time and teaches the young lad from home that he has left his parents protecting arm and must sail his own skill in life, and be a man among men. It has done more good to many young men than a whole term of greek and mathematics. Crawling through a horse collar, encouraged by a smart application of a shingle on the rear of the anatomy, never injures any one and invariably drives out conceit and pride and makes room for practical common sense. Hazing is no respecter of person, the rich and poor lad must take a like dose and it impresses upon them the equality of mankind. Every college graduate believes in this doctrine when carefully and judiciously carried out. College boys are not brutes, as some would suppose. The hazer comes from as good a home and as kind parents as the victim. Hazing, carefully administered, we believe has an ennobling effect and you might just as well try to stop the orb of day in its course as to check college boys from the proper observance of this time honored custom.

—Mr. J. C. ROSSBERG, of FATHOM MILLS, had business in town on Wednesday and paid us a visit.

—Election tickets will be printed at this office for townships at short notice and reasonable rates. Send in orders as early as you can.

—Belva Lockwood has announced openly that she will again be a candidate for the presidency, and that she will oppose both the old parties.

—Don't forget your township or boro election which takes place on next Tuesday, the 16th of February. These elections are important to all taxpayers.

—The Rochester Clothing store has been much improved by a large window in the rear of the store room. They are not afraid to let plenty of day light fall on their goods.

—Carnegie is said to be about ready to use in his biggest steel mills, at Braddock and Homestead, the fuel gas plan in which ex-Gov. Beaver and Gen. Hastings are interested.

—W. A. Tobias, of Millheim, was in town on Tuesday. It was reported that he had gone to New Hampshire; owing to a spell of illness his trip there was delayed and he will not go until spring.

—John Wanamaker, the Philadelphia merchant, says that during the ten days previous to Christmas, his sales averaged \$100,000 a day, so that the total for the ten days was only a few dollars under a million. He adds: "I spend \$5,000 a week for advertising, and I pay a skillful man \$600 a month to do it for me. Advertising is the leverage with which this store has been raised up. I do not see how any large and successful business can be done without liberal advertising."

—The pupils of the Bellefonte High School expect to give an entertainment in the Garman opera house on Monday evening, February 22nd, Washington's Birthday. The proceeds will be for the benefit of Gregg Post.

—Mr. Wm. Hendrixson and wife, of Sunbury, are visiting friends in this section. Mr. Hendrixson is engaged in the insurance business at that place and is prospering.

—For severe cold on the lungs use the following excellent remedy: A teaspoonful of strained honey, one-half teaspoonful of olive oil and the juice of one lemon. Cook all together and take one teaspoonful every two hours.

—W. R. Haynes, of Snow Shoe, has made application to court for a whole sale liquor license at that place. It is said that there is an immense amount of liquor shipped into that country for private parties and often to minors and bad characters. It is claimed that a wholesale agency there might just as well receive the benefit of this trade, and at the same time could see that liquor is not sold to dangerous characters. A wholesale license at Snow Shoe might be the proper thing.