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## DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

For State Treasurer,  
BENJAMIN F. MYERS, of Harrisburg.  
For Judges of Superior Court,  
HARMON YERRES, of Bucks county.  
J. S. MOOREHEAD, of Westmoreland county.  
C. H. NOYES, of Warren county.  
P. P. SMITH, of Lackawanna county.  
OLIVER P. BECHDEL, of Schuylkill county.  
CHRISTOPHER MAGEE, of Allegheny county.

## DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

For Prothonotary—WM. F. SMITH.  
For District Attorney—WM. J. SINGER.  
N. B. SPANGLER,  
Chairman.

## Editorial.

### JUDGE LOVE'S ASSESSMENT.

Last week a number of property owners, in Bellefonte, who took exception to their assessments, as fixed by the county commissioners, appealed to court, for a reduction. The Coms. claim that property in the country is assessed at its full market value, selling price, while the towns of Philipsburg and Bellefonte are only at about a two-third rate. They considered this unjust, and consequently valuations in these two boroughs were raised, and they claim it is still far below its true market value.

In the first place, the commissioners board was unanimous in this view—hence there should be no political sentiment connected with this assessment. Again these men are under solemn oaths to do justice towards all, and it is unfair to impose, or insinuate, improper motives to the county commissioners, as certain of our citizens and especially Appellant's counsel are so freely doing. It is reasonable to presume that they have exercised their very best judgment in this matter.

At the hearing, the Court refused the Coms. privilege of showing that in the country districts a full value assessment had been made. On Tuesday, an opinion was handed down by the Court in which he made reductions in three cases:

Reynolds Estate—Store rooms on Allegheny street from \$16,000 to \$15,000; double dwelling, Bishop street, \$1,300 to \$1,000; building on Logan street, \$4,300 to \$2,000. Other property same.

McBride property, corner Bishop and Allegheny streets, \$4,000 to \$3,200.  
Brockhoff Estate—hotel from \$35,000 to \$33,000; Grauer residence, Spring street, \$2,000 to \$1,600.

This action naturally has pleased the appellants. Almost everybody who was advanced regrets now that they did not join in the appeal, and hereafter will allow Judge Love to be the assessor. The commissioners naturally are disappointed over the Court's ruling. Some persons intimate that, since Judge Love is a property owner in Bellefonte, he is an interested party in keeping assessments below market value. The average citizen is capable of estimating the value of property and the opinion of three men is likely to be nearer the correct value than one, learned in legal lore.

The commissioners point to these properties whose assessments were lowered and assert that they could not be purchased for less than one-third, and even one-half more than their assessed value. If this is correct the Court has erred, and an unjust discrimination still continues in the relative assessments of town and country property, compelling the country people to bear the burden of taxation.

The above is the position of our county commissioners, as explained to the writer. We believe they are correct.

### A MISTAKE.

Last week in discussing the Prothonotaryship, Mr. Abraham Miller, the republican nominee, was credited with having supported democrats. Several prominent democrats, for years his neighbor, came in to contradict that statement. They assert that they never knew him to support or vote for a democrat—was always hostile, bitter, uncompromising. While he fought republican candidates, he would not support a democrat.

We accept the above correction and have every reason to believe it correct, coming from some of Spring townships representative citizens.

### Marriage Licenses.

|                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Edward S. Rhine,  | Howard           |
| Annie A. Hoover,  | Roland           |
| Harry V. Hile,    | Pleasant Gap     |
| Rosa J. Twitmyer, | "                |
| Howard Parsons,   | Patton           |
| Amanda Brindle,   | Lewistown        |
| Rev. A. Potts,    | Westmoreland Co. |
| Agnes McCoy,      | Potters Mills    |
| Joe Smaike,       | Clarence         |
| Mary Lutter,      | "                |
| Harry McClellan,  | Milesburg        |
| Nancy J. Reed,    | Coleville        |
| Harry T. Gruver,  | Howard           |
| Eli. M. Rapert,   | "                |
| E. S. Walker,     | Boggs twp        |
| Mary M. Leister,  | Juniata Co       |

## BELLEFONTE'S NEW BOOM.

### Evidence of Prosperity in the Industrial Establishments.

### MILLS RUN ON FULL TIME.

Resumption of the Beaver Nail Mill Plant, Closed Since the Governor's Failure—Number of Men Employed—A Very Sweet Morsel of News—The Balance of the Story.

On Monday morning the citizens of Bellefonte and the community read the following bit of very interesting news in the various morning daily papers:

"Bellefonte is reaping material benefit from the general revival of business. The Valentine iron company employs about 400 men at its furnace, rolling mill and mines and pays out monthly about \$15,000. Where last year these works were run only seven months this year they have been run on full time with the rolling mill running day and night. This company has recently advanced the wages of all its employees twelve per cent.

Just adjacent to the works of the Valentine iron company are situated the shops of the Standard scale company. This is a manufacturing establishment that was started up during the panic, but has progressed slowly ever since, until now they have branched out quite extensively, employing from 75 to 100 men, who receive from \$5 to \$8 per week in wages. The company reports more orders than it will be able to fill in many months.

Located about one mile north of Bellefonte is the furnace, rolling mill and chain works of McCoy & Linn. Of all the many furnaces at one time in this country, this is now the only charcoal furnace left. This firm is also now running fuller time than they have been in the past two years, with many advance orders. Their chain works are being run to their fullest capacity.

The foundry and machine shops of Jenkins & Lingle are now doing so much more business than they did a year ago that they found it necessary to move into quarters of almost double the capacity of their former works.

Aside from the iron industry, Bellefonte has the largest lime and lime stone establishments in the state. These are operated by McCalmont & Co. and A. G. Morris. The former reports a ten per cent. increase in output over last year, while the latter operator has more orders than he can fill at his three large plants and has had to turn an order or two down.

But with all the increase in business in the above industrial establishments they are eclipsed by the prospects of the resumption of the Beaver nail mill plant, which has been leased by James Bailey, of Harrisburg, and which is to be put into operation in the near future. These works have not been operated since they were closed with the disastrous failure of General Beaver, just at the completion of his term as governor. When this plant is in full operation it will employ from 400 to 500 men and pay out between \$15,000 and \$20,000 monthly."

The above is very nice reading, but in justice to our readers it is in order that the entire story be told. That may change the above flattering aspect.

Bellefonte, at present, can not truthfully be said to be enjoying a "boom." The above enumerated works are in operation, but the number of employees is somewhat overdrawn. The establishments that are in operation furnish considerable employment; but what of the remaining silent forges and furnaces and mills?

In the face of the fact that the iron market has experienced a wonderful demand for all forms of metal products, and advancing prices are prevailing over the entire country, the Bellefonte Furnaces, operated by the Collins, still are shut down. This plant formerly gave employment to several hundred men. With all the advantages of location and equipment it is a mystery why the stockholders do not have it in full blast, enjoying the benefits of the healthy revival and large demand for iron.

A few hundred yards from this plant stands another silent industry, the Bellefonte Glass Works. It has all the necessary raw materials; coal, lime-stone, sand, etc., right at its door. The factory is equipped with all the modern appliances. We believe it is the only factory in the country that remains closed at the present time. This should not be. It is a reflection upon the enterprise of our capitalists and leading influential citizens. This factory should be in full operation giving employment to over one hundred skilled workmen and laborers, as of old.

One mile south of Bellefonte are the remnants of the once famous Mann Axe Factory, which for many years furnished employment for several hundred workmen. They now are of the past, the plant is dismantled and the machinery shipped away. The great Tool Trust absorbed it. But why should we fret over this loss? Here are splendid manufacturing sites, with good water power; why should they not be used for some other purpose?

As to our Nail Works, we are not so confident of their early resumption. They are in the grasp of a large trust who may prefer to control the plant instead of operating the same.

The above is the industrial situation of Bellefonte. Some of our large establishments are in full operation, while others are silent. Bellefonte is enjoying a moderate degree of prosperity; not as much as some towns and more than many others. It has the opportunities of being the best inland town in the state, if our natural resources were only fully appreciated by live business men and investors.

### An Accident Averted.

Friday evening a young gentleman and lady drove out the residence of Mr. Nestlerode, south of Lock Haven, and when about to get into their buggy the horse dashed down the tracks of the Bald Eagle railroad until the culvert near the nail mill was reached, when the horse fell through the cattle guards, completely obstructing the road. The passenger train due at 10:10 could be heard in the distance and but little time remained to signal it and prevent an accident. J. C. Miller, a young man who lives near there, seized a switch light and rushed up the tracks swinging the light until he attracted the attention of the engineer, who brought the train to a stop about twenty feet away from the horse.

### To the Penitentiary.

Jacob Aikey, who was associated with George Spangler in the stealing and killing of a steer belonging to Sam Haagen, and for whom a bench warrant was issued was brought before Judge Mayer, in the Clinton county court, on Saturday morning. After hearing his statement the court sentenced Aikey to thirteen months imprisonment in the western penitentiary. The conviction of Spangler is cause for rejoicing among the people of Eagleville and vicinity. He has been on trial for several offenses in the Centre county court, but always succeeded in proving an alibi.

### Tyrone's Horse Racing Day.

Arrangements have been largely completed for the series of horse races at Woodin's driving park, Tyrone, next Saturday. It is going to be a great day for the local sports and doubtless many lovers of horseflesh will be here from a distance to the exhibition of Tyrone speed.

There will be three big races, as follows: \$100 purse, 3 minute class; \$150 purse, 2.40 class; \$75 purse, 2 year old. Abbehen, the property of George D. Blair, will give an exhibition mile. The race will take place, rain or shine.

### Bellefonte Bruiser.

The Reporter in speaking of the Grange picnic, at Centre Hall, says: "A Bellefonter had been making himself obnoxious. He said he could lick any six men in Centre Hall. He kept on in this way, and finally ran up against a man who wouldn't stand his talk, and whacked the Bellefonter bruiser over the head with a beer bottle. That knocked all the fight out of the bruiser and he started on a run down street and hid in a field back of the Reporter office."

### First Game.

On Saturday afternoon the first game of football for the season, at State College, was played with the team from Gettysburg. From the start it was evident that the visitors were overmatched. The State College boys outplayed them in every point, showing superior skill and training. In the second-half the second college team was put on the field and they also outplayed the visitors. The score was 48 to 0.

### New Editor.

On Monday morning, of this week, Mr. Charles L. Gates, after several years of editorial service in the Daily News office, resigned his position and Charles Dorworth has accepted the same. Mr. Gates is an all around man and did faithful service. Mr. Dorworth is a young man of ability and some experience in newspaper work. He has put some new life in the News and we hope success will attend his efforts.

### A Poor Place.

Henry Leinger, of Clearfield Co., who is 84 years of age, had his barn and all his crops destroyed by fire on last Thursday. He had hid in the barn \$700 in gold, which he had concealed there for safe keeping, and this was secured by a neighbor at the peril of his life. The fire occurred during the electrical storm on that day.

### New Law.

The error of a transcribing clerk of the house is rectified. Hereafter a marriage license may be procured in another county than that in which the marriage is to take place. A careless clerk made this amendment to the marriage license law take effect two years later than the legislature intended it should.

## ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—See that your taxes are paid by Friday, Oct. 4th.

—Friday, October 18, has been designated as Arbor Day.

—Argument court was in progress on Monday and Tuesday.

—William Stover, of Earlstown, has taken charge of Bartholmew's mill, at Centre Hall.

—The boys gave Mr. and Mrs. Cruse a good serenade at their home on Linn street, Monday evening.

—Manager Garman has been pleasing the public with his list of attractions at the opera house, this season.

—Col. J. L. Spangler and wife are at home again, after an absence of three months in Philadelphia.

—The Bellefonte Academy will have a first-class foot ball team this season. They have several engagements.

—Cut out the scholarship coupon's of each issue as you may want to vote for some one before the contest is over.

—Every voter should be sure that his taxes are paid not later than Friday, October 4th. Don't neglect this. Time is short.

—Miss Martha, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. N. Lane, left on Tuesday, for Glenore, Baltimore, where she will attend school this winter.

—John Trafford of the Logan fire company, is at Reading this week attending the State Firemen's Convention. The Undines did not send a delegate.

—Little Adeline, the youngest daughter of Ex-Sheriff Woodring, has been in a critical condition for the past week. Her ailment is inflammation of the bowels.

—Owing to ill health, Rev. James P. Hughes has been unable to fill his position at the Academy. On Monday he left for Cape May in the hope of recuperating.

—Mr. B. Smetzer, of Dakota, Ill., a former resident of this county, has been visiting friends in this section, for the past few weeks and spent several days with ex-treasurer James J. Granley.

—Mrs. C. P. Hewes and children returned last week from their summers visit to their former home in Erie county. Her husband is now in the Erie county penitentiary.

—Edward H. Harris, youngest son of John P. Harris, and a graduate of the State College, left Saturday for Philadelphia, where he will enter the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania.

—Mr. W. A. Schreyer, of Milton, Pa., visited relatives in Bellefonte, on Wednesday, and attended the Curtin funeral. Mr. Schreyer is one of Milton's leading business men and enterprising citizens.

—The following letters remain in the Bellefonte post office unclaimed for Sept. 30th, 1895: Filippo Cleiso, Jos. Genucuar, Gonseppe Metto, Kazinera Frazier, Cials Fern. When called for say advertised.

—Miss May Crider, eldest daughter of F. W. Crider, left Tuesday for Bryn Mawr, near Philadelphia, where she will attend school. Her cousin, Miss Blanche Crider, has entered Wilson college, at Chambersburg.

—On Sunday someone stole Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gephart's dinner, while they were at church. That was all that was taken. All the doors were locked and it is a mystery how an entrance was effected.

—Miss Mary Hall, aged some fifty years, died at ten o'clock Saturday morning at the residence of her sister, Mrs. D. Z. Kline, on Spring street. The cause of death was cancer, with which the lady had been afflicted a long time.

—Mrs. Murray, probably the oldest person in Bellefonte, she being almost 99 years of age, died at the home of her son Torrence, near McCalmont & Co's. lime kilns, at 11 o'clock Thursday night. The funeral was held on Monday, interment being made in the Catholic cemetery.

—The argument before the court on Thursday and Friday on appeals from the assessments made in this borough, attracted considerable attention. Much contradictory evidence was given on valuations. Everybody seems to have an axe to grind in such affairs and the criticism of public officials comes too often from prejudice.

—Death of a Nittany Valley Lady.  
Mrs. Lewis Shuler died Sunday evening at her home a short distance east of Clintonville, aged 69 years. Her funeral took place from the house Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

It was the last republican legislature and senate, and a republican governor that passed the famous Pipe Line Bill for the Standard Oil Company. Since then every consumer must pay more for his oil. That is the benefit of Hastings' administration. It is well to keep these things in mind.

## A DESERVING APPOINTMENT.

### Prof. Hamilton Received a Good Position.

### DEP. SEC. OF AGRICULTURE.

Gov. Hastings Made the Appointment on Tuesday—Worth \$3,000 per Year—Many Applicants for the Position—A Surprise to Some.

Governor Hastings has appointed Professor John Hamilton, of State College, secretary of agriculture. The appointment was made Tuesday and goes into effect at once. Professor Hamilton was for many years professor of agriculture at the Pennsylvania State College, and is now treasurer of the institution. He was one of the original members of the state board of agriculture. He has a splendid soldier record and is one of the most active workers in the Presbyterian church in Central Pennsylvania. He is serving as supervisor of roads in the township in which he lives. Professor Hamilton was born in 1843 in Juniata county near Thompsonstown and is a relative of A. Boyd Hamilton, of this city.

The appointment of Professor Hamilton will be a great surprise to the many applicants for the place. There is scarcely a county in the state where there were not less than a dozen active aspirants and all seemed to be confident of appointment. Probably the most disappointed of the lot will be George G. Hutchinson, of Huntingdon, ex-sergeant-at-arms of the senate. Hutchinson worked faithfully for the combine in Huntingdon county during the state chairmanship contest and expected the appointment as a reward for his services. The office pays \$3,000 a year and is a sinecure. The duties consist chiefly of conducting farmers' institutes under the direction of the department.

### Information Wanted.

Last week Prothonotary Smith, of this place, received the following letter:

W. G. SMITH,  
dealer in  
General Merchandise.

COLAGAN, I. T., SEPT. 21.  
Dear Sir:—I am desirous of finding the relatives of John T. Smith, who was born in the state of Penna., in Centre county. John T. Smith was my father and I am anxious to know if his people are still there, some of them any way. He left there nearly 40 years ago and never went back, but always talked of doing so up till his death, 13 years ago.

I would like to correspond with you and think you might help me in my search.  
My object in hunting for them is only to know that I have relatives living on my father's side. Hoping to hear from you, I am  
Yours Respectfully,  
W. C. SMITH.

The above was given for publication in the hope the writer may obtain the necessary information.

### Snake Charmer Bitten.

M. D. Scully, of Loyalsock, Lyncoming county, is suffering from the poison of a rattlesnake. Mr. Scully is a "snake charmer" and attended the fair at Lewisburg last Friday. The free and easy manner in which he handles the reptiles makes his spectators shudder. While caressing one of the rattlers, the reptile unexpectedly bit him on the cheek below the eye. The poison took immediate effect and the man was hurried to town and given medical attention. He was terribly swollen and was frothing at the mouth when the physicians office was reached. The necessary remedies were applied and he is now reported as being out of danger.

### Lock Haven Minister Honored.

Rev. C. B. Gruver, of Lock Haven, has been elected president of the Central Pennsylvania Lutheran synod, which is now in session at Millintown. The synod embraces nearly the whole of the central portion of this state and is a large religious body. The presidency is bestowed on a worthy and capable minister.

### Pay of Election Officers.

The legislature enacted a law which says that the pay of the judges and inspectors at all elections hereafter shall be three dollars and fifty cents each at each election so held without regard to time, and the pay of the several clerks to each election board shall be three dollars each without regard to time.

FROM every part of the country come these reports: business improving, plenty of employment, wages advancing, large trade. Remember this is all transpiring under a democratic tariff that is scarcely in full operation.

It was the republican legislature that attempted to reduce the public school appropriation last winter. The great protest from the people alone prevented it.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

Following are the names of persons who paid their subscription last month and the date when paid to:

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| John A. Swartz, Hubersburg     | April 95 |
| S. S. Frank, Spring Mills      | May 95   |
| P. J. McDonnell, Flemington    | Nov 95   |
| John A. Stover, Hubersburg     | Jan 95   |
| Geo. W. Sheesley, Penn Hall    | Sept 95  |
| C. W. Fisher, Penn Hall        | Sept 95  |
| Felix Shuey, Bellefonte        | Oct 95   |
| Mrs. R. S. Lyon, Philadelphia  | Sept 95  |
| G. E. Ishler, Tusseyville      | May 95   |
| B. W. Shaffer, Madisonburg     | Oct 95   |
| Wm. A. Bachlet, Beech Creek    | Dec 95   |
| Jacob Weaver, Hubersburg       | May 95   |
| W. S. Krise, Gazzam            | May 95   |
| Wm. Hipple, Pine Glen          | Jan 95   |
| A. H. Spayd, Walker            | Jan 95   |
| J. A. Hoy, Zion                | Sept 95  |
| O. E. Houseman, State College  | Aug 95   |
| Michael Corman, Zion           | Nov 95   |
| Israel Condo, Zion             | Oct 95   |
| Wm. B. Beck, State College     | Jan 95   |
| James Coakley, Milesburg       | June 95  |
| Thomas Mayes, Hubersburg       | Nov 95   |
| Ira Korman, Oak Hill           | Aug 95   |
| R. F. Vonada, Walker           | Aug 95   |
| Elmer Hockman, Precourt, Ill.  | Feb 95   |
| Aug. Newman, Milesburg         | July 95  |
| Wm. Hall, Snow Shoe            | Sept 95  |
| Sarah Pifer, Howard            | Oct 95   |
| J. C. Witmer, Bellefonte       | Oct 95   |
| J. P. Williams, Port Matilda   | May 95   |
| Henry Lesh, Zion               | Sept 95  |
| O. W. Harpsler, Philipsburg    | Aug 95   |
| Jno. Ishler, Bellefonte        | Nov 95   |
| D. R. Boileau, Milesburg       | Sept 95  |
| John Roundtree, Bellefonte     | Dec 95   |
| Samuel Gilland, Oak Hill       | Oct 95   |
| J. M. Hubler, State College    | Nov 95   |
| J. T. McCormick, State College | Nov 95   |
| W. C. Lauck, State College     | Feb 95   |

### A Wedding.

This Thursday Miss Agnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex McCoy, of Potters Mills, will be married to Rev. Potts, of Pleasant Unity, Pa. The wedding will take place at the home of the bride's parents, and a large number of invited guests have been invited.

### New Feature.

Every week hereafter we expect to devote one column to puzzles, and in the following issue the answers will be printed at the bottom of the puzzle column. Each puzzle is numbered and so are the answers, turn to an inside page to find same.

### Died near Howard.

Miss Anna Haines died near Howard Thursday after a lingering illness with cancer of the stomach, and her funeral took place Saturday morning. Miss Haines for several years taught school in Altoona.

### A Well known Man.

John Rich, a well known citizen of Woolrich, died Friday at 10 o'clock, after an illness of two weeks of congestion of the liver, aged 42 years. He is survived by his wife and two children. The deceased was the senior member of the firm of John Rich & Brothers, operators of the woolen mills at Woolrich, Clinton county.

### United Evangelical Churches.

The United Evangelical church at Swissdale is nearing completion and will be dedicated October 13.

The Loganston church will also be dedicated October 13. Rev. A. Stapleton will have charge of the services and be assisted by other ministers.

The new United Evangelical church at Woodward will be dedicated October 6. Rev. A. Stapleton is the presiding elder, and Rev. J. J. Lohr is the pastor. Bishop R. Dubbs, D. D., LL. D., of Chicago, is expected to be present.

THERE is scarcely a democrat in Centre county now, who voted for the republican state ticket last Fall, that does not regret his course.

## WE'RE NEVER BEHIND.

When you think you see a big bargain some place, better wait and see what we have—We're never behind.

One place where we are way ahead of all competition is in

## SCHOOL SHOES.

The children know where they get the best looking, best fitting, best wearing shoes as well as you do. Nine out of ten of them will come to us if they have their way.

We are selling Mundells Genuine Solar Tips, 5 to 8 at \$1.00; 8 to 10 1-2, \$1.25; 11 to 13 1-2, \$1.50—25 cents per pair cheaper than regular price. (See City Papers.) These goods are the Most Economical School Shoes Made. Buy them long, or your child will out-grow them.

## MINGLES SHOE STORE.