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DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

FOR STATE TREASURER. WILLIAM T. CREASY.....Columbia County. FOR SUPREME COURT JUDGE. HON. S. L. MESTREZAT.....Fayette County. FOR SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE. CHARLES J. REILLY.....Lycoming County.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

FOR SHERIFF. CYRUS BRUMGART.....Millheim. FOR TREASURER. WM. T. SPEER.....Bellefonte. FOR REGISTER. A. G. ARCHY.....Ferguson Twp. FOR RECORDER. J. C. HARPER.....Bellefonte. FOR COMMISSIONERS. DANIEL HECKMAN.....Banner Twp. PHILIP H. MEYER.....Harris Twp. FOR CORONER. W. U. IRWIN.....Julian. FOR AUDITORS. W. H. TIBBENS.....College Twp. JOHN H. BECK.....Walker Twp.

EDITORIAL.

"JOLLY JAKE" has traveled Centre county too long for any preacher to effectually whitewash at one effort. The people know Herman, and an imprudent preacher cannot change black to white.

WHAT doth it profit a farmer if all the iron furnaces and ore mines in Christendom are in operation and he gets only 60 cents for his wheat and has to pay an advanced price for every implement he uses?

"JOLLY JAKE" is a good-natured, kind-hearted fellow, clever and agreeable; so much so that it has become his greatest fault. If elected sheriff, his friends assert that it would be a personal misfortune to the man. We say these things because they come to us from reliable source.

ANOTHER minister of the gospel has so far forgotten his sacred calling as to jump into the political arena by giving out a certificate of character for Jacob Herman, the republican candidate for sheriff. This is done by Rev. W. W. Rhoades, of the Lemont Evangelical church, a man who evidently has allowed his political sentiment to gain master of his better judgment. Preachers who dabble in politics make a mistake.

JACOB HERMAN'S character now becomes a matter for public comment since he has come out with a preacher's certificate. If one-half we hear about Jacob Herman's immoral and dissipated career are true that preacher certainly does not have the faintest conception of what he has done. It is charitable to say that Rev. Rhoades has erred. From the mouths of scores of reliable citizens we have heard accounts of Jacob Herman's weaknesses and convivial habits. We urge voters, who are conscientious, to inquire about Jacob Herman's character before they vote for him.

Wm. T. Spear, but everybody calls him "Daddy Spear," is a man who has reached that period of life when he no longer can hold a steady position at the carpenter's bench, but has the energy, the integrity, and the intelligence to make a first class County Treasurer. When a man has worn the overalls until age has frosted his hair and impaired his vitality he is entitled to favorable consideration. Giving such a man an office, under these circumstances, is doing an act of kindness that all good men will applaud. Vote for "Daddy Spear" and you will feel all the better for having done the right thing.

We have no fault to find with James B. Strohm, the republican candidate for Register. He is a clean man in every respect, so is Alec. Archy, of Ferguson township, democratic candidate for the same office. The only difference seems to be that Mr. Strohm has held office for no less than nine years, while Mr. Archy never as much as got his nose inside the public crib. Would it not be fair to let Alec, have a turn this time and Jim try his hand at farming. It is decidedly injurious to a man's health to sit in the court house over nine long years anyhow; he would better try his hand at farming awhile, where he will get more fresh air.

FARMER CREASY'S PLEDGE.

I pledge myself to uncompromising hostility to all corrupt practices and illegal methods that have been the rule of the machine Treasurers in the past. If elected, I will regard myself as holding a commission from the people and administer the office for their sole use and benefit.—Farmer Creasy at Williams Grove.

A CLEAN MAN.

It is a pleasure to call to the public notice the candidacy of a man like Cyrus Brumgart, of Millheim, the democratic nominee for sheriff. Mr. Brumgart comes from a class of people who are known for their sturdy industry, frugality and integrity, who many years ago came to the eastern portion of our county and were among the first settlers, and broke the original soil and erected the first homes in the forests of what now is known as the most fertile and prosperous section of the county, called Brushvalley. A direct descendant of these pioneers, he has inherited their many sterling qualities and is a manly man in every sense of the word. He is a typical Pennsylvania German, and in him are happily blended those traits of character which have distinguished this people. He is upright, honest, sober, industrious; and these are important points for the public to consider in their choice of public men. He is the kind of a man who would fill that office in a credible manner. He is a man of good habits, with no inclination for dissipation or shiftness. He is industrious and would give close attention to the business of that department, which is a highly important consideration. He has been actively engaged in business for a number of years and has business ideas, which is very desirable. He is an unassuming man, comes from a plain, common class of people, and is one whom anyone could easily approach at any time or occasion, nor is he given to trifling levity, nor would he display a lack of manly dignity which all respect and admire in any man.

There are all kinds of men, and no two alike. Cyrus Brumgart is a man with a distinct personality, one who impresses you upon first acquaintance of his sterling worth—just the kind of a man you can vote for and, at the same time, have the positive assurance that you have not made a mistake.

In this campaign Mr. Brumgart has conducted himself as becomes a man. He has resorted to no indiscreet means, or taken an unfair advantage of anyone. He has not stooped to any kind of methods that are shady, sly or undignified. He has not tried to wring in any religious prejudice to inflame and prejudice the minds of the unsuspecting voters, no matter what assaults were made upon him. He has stood up like a man while others have aimed their shafts of ignominy and abuse at his candidacy, but all fell short of their mark.

Again we say: Mr. Brumgart is honest, upright, frugal, sober, industrious; has a clean record, will make a credible official and you will have no regret in casting your vote for such a man.

HOUNDING SCHLEY.

Notwithstanding the failure of the Senate, at the last session of Congress, to act upon the batch of Naval nominations which would have put Rear Admiral Sampson ahead of Rear Admiral Schley, and of the public calling down at Minneapolis of Secretary Long, when he attempted to glory Sampson for what Schley did, it is announced upon seemingly good authority that the attempt to jump Sampson over Schley's head is to be again made by Mr. McKinley as soon as Congress meets. The unjust attitude of the administration toward Admiral Schley has so far only added to that gallant officer's reputation, and if it is persisted in, many believe that it will result in giving Schley the second place on next year's democratic national ticket. Stranger things than that have happened. It may be said that Schley is not a democrat, but that is no reason against it. Gen. Grant was not a republican and he was nominated and elected President by that party. The Army and Navy officer who has enough political bias in his make up to become a member of a political party, is an exception. As a rule, officers in neither branch of the service vote, even when they remain in one place long enough to acquire the right to do so.

Candidate Creasy's Pledges.

If elected I will regard myself as holding a commission from the people to administer the office for their sole use and benefit, and I will keep my trust.

I will safe guard the public money faithfully.

No private or political end shall be served by the deposit or disbursement of a single dollar.

All interest shall go to the state. Political banks or bankers shall receive no favors at my hands with the people's treasure.

I will regularly publish the places of deposit of every dollar, both of the general and sinking fund moneys with the amounts on deposit in each place.

I will keep open books and court inquiry from the people as to my stewardship.

I shall deem it my duty to carefully scrutinize every draft upon the treasury, and will refuse to pay when the justice and legality of the claims are not manifestly established.

I will observe the law in all respects. I will keep my oath.

WHILE Jim Strohm was holding office for nine long years Alec. Archy was farming. Would it not be about fair for Strohm to do the farming a while and give Archy a chance in the court house. Turnabout would be fair play.

EXCESSIVE DOG TAX.

Clearly Set Out How Twice Too Much Money is Collected. Used For County Orders.

The following very clearly, fully and explicitly explains to the people how Commissioners Riddle and Fisher imposed on the dog owners, and misappropriated about \$2000 of the sheep fund. The following totals are copied from the different statements:

Table with columns: Amount levied, Damages Paid, Bal., Used by Co. Comm. Rows for Democratic Board in Office (1894-1896) and Republican Board in Office (1897-1898).

Total Dog Tax Misappropriated to pay County Orders... \$1984.97

In April 1899 the dog tax was again assessed at the same excessive high rate. These commissioners saw that they were levying more than was needed, even in the face of the fact that they had over \$3000 still uncollected and the sheep claims have been growing less, from year to year. The law says they shall levy ONLY A SUFFICIENT amount to pay the sheep claims.

Dog owners can easily see where they have been imposed upon, by Commissioners Riddle and Fisher, and are compelled to pay about twice as much for the privilege of keeping a dog as the law intends they should.

SURPLUS MAKERS--INCREASED TAXES.

TAX LEVY FOR 9 YEARS.

As there is much discussion at present as to the amount of tax levied for the county in recent years the following tabulated statement will clearly show the amount of funds demanded by the various boards. Remember, this list does not include the tax levied on Un-settled Lands, and property assessed for State purposes, of which the county receives a portion. We have also set out the financial condition of the county for each year, to-wit:

Table showing financial condition of the county from 1890 to 1898, including Republican Board in Office and Democratic Board in Office.

The present republican board prides with the fact that they have bettered the county's condition by over \$9000, in two years. That is true, but they never told the people frankly how

they did it. The increase in taxes, and the money taken from the sheep fund, for those two years, is a source of revenue that was not justifiable, as it was not necessary, and a source from which no other board derived any revenues. This amounted to the following sums:

Table showing revenue sources: 1898, from 1/2 mill levy; 1897, from excess dog tax; 1898, from excess dog tax. Total of excessive and unnecessary taxes.

The above shows that if this republican board had not appropriated the sheep funds and not increased the millage 1/2 mill, when they had a surplus of over \$14569.86, and confined themselves to the same income as the former boards, their rate of increase would only have been a little over \$1000 per year, while the former democratic board in six years gained \$18,669.33—an average gain of \$3,161.55 per year while in office. There you have the situation clearly on this question of surplus.

PENNSVALLEY O. K.

Mr. Drucker:—Liever freindt, sex yohr zurick hob ich dier en brief g'schriwa und ich hob gamaned do dacht farlicht wider glich tu hara fun mear. Ich hob g'sana in dar tzing dos de Republican Business Men's League in Philadelphia hen es ons geva, dosse dada vota for der Creasy, for State Treasurer. Se soga dos are ware an arlicher mon. Sel is gawis wore, for ich hob selver gablowteret mit ehm, on der Granger Picnic in Centre Hall, und hob ehm harra de tox business outsga. Wan es net so feel boober nemma date, date ich dier amohl my opinion geva fun der tox business, over ich loss sell for der MATT RIDDLE tsu explaina. Are wase anybun tzu feel fun geld, dos net tzu ehm kart.

Dar Hamilton, fun der Kollege, hut of course g'sawd dos dar Quay wed dar Barnett hawa far sei clerk in dar Treasurer's Office, an Harrisburg, over ich denk mear doona dar Quay ons business, des spoteyohr, un lossa dar Creasy acht-geva ufs geld.

Waga dar Kounty Ticket muss ich aw eppes sawga. Ich war dot in Court House we se de ticket gamacht hen. Far Schrief, dot is dar Cyrus Brumgart, yader epper kend em; are is so gross und goot-hartich, dos mear net helfakenna ehn tsu gleicha. Do in dem sthettle doona feel republicans vota for ehn. Won es nunner coomt uf monshoft, are kon uns all en example setza. Ich hob yusht g'sana im "Bellefonte Republican" an gross sthick waga am Ellis Shaffer und am Brumgart, waga dar delegates in Miles township. Ich hob dar Ellis g'sana und are sawged are war far dar Brumgart, roadhase. Ich will dier sawga dos dar Ellis Shaffer is an Demagrawd, und so sthuft we sell gaed net by ehm, und sex yohr noach dem wetta mear fun ehm schwetza. Dar mon woo sell g'schriwa hut war dohonna ledst woch, und an Republican hut tzu ehm g'sawd de "tzida wara hod, do by us," und are hut tzu ehm g'sawd "de ursach war while allis Demagrawdish ware, und unser Hargut date net uns prospera lussa waga selm." Es nemt yusht an "Mush-kupp" for so ebbes tzu sawga und dar Divel hold ehm for so ebbes, anyhow.

Dar Herman, was is ahr? Fun ehm was ich nix, net may dos wasich g'hared hob, und sell is ganunk. Ich sawg; luss ehn dahame—dot dade are nemond ken shawds (ich mahn, vote net fer ehn.)

Dar Kal. Harper, of course se sawga dos are hut shoon so feel office g'hot, of course are war mull Prothonatar, ower won es nunner coomt uf finy points, are hut allifed sie office in opple-pie odder kolta, und won do bee coomsht don sawged are allifed "Howdy-Do." Well dot is dar Jim Strohm, Republican kondidawd fer Register—are date glich allifed in office sei. Are war Commissioner's Clerk, twa mohl Commissioner, und now will are Register sei—over ich denk net. Dot is dar Archey, an hodschoff-licher mon, und schmard; ehn doona mear in sella office.

Dar old dawdy Spear, are is yusht we an wassermaloon—yader ebber will en sthich harvallo. Ollis vota fer ehn.

De Commissioners, well dar aint bassed "Matt"—sell set ganunk sei fer yader ebber. Are hut shunt gabrovriert en kounty fer de Treasury tzu nemma. Se sawga das are hut iver dri-

hundred dawler may rous dos sei war. Of course, won mear allis in consideration nemma, es is we der mon wo de sow sthola hut, are hut de gons sow ganomma—sell is republican sthille now an Harrisburg, und se setta ehn es naxt mohl tzu em legislature schicka. Dar Fisher, of course dar "Matt" is boss, und won are eppis sawged don sawged are "Yah," und won tzu ehna schwetza wid, don musht do English schwetza; over won der Dan. Heckman dot is, of course by ehn bin ich dehame; un wan der Philip Meyer he coomed der no is alles recht—no ward de Commissioner's office wider nummer gado uf an business office.

Of course ich kend dier lots may schriwa, over ich muss now sthuppa. Geb my beshta respects tzu am Bill. Heinle, unserm Senator, und my onera freind.

"MIKE SCHNITZELMON," Millheim, Pennsylvania.

"Jolly Jake Herman is having a big time."—Gazette.

THERE ARE OTHERS.

James B. Strohm was elected County Commissioner for a period of six years, and in addition thereto acted as Commissioners Clerk for three years more. That gave him nine years in all that he has polished the seat of his breeches in public office and drawn about \$9000 in salaries. That is doing pretty well by one individual, indeed, when there are plenty of others in the county. Elect him Register for the usual term of six years and he will then have fifteen years in the court house and about \$24000 from the people by holding public office. That comes pretty near to lifetime in office. On the other hand, Alec. Archy, of Ferguson twp., never had such an office, and there is some merit in his claim that these good things should be passed around and not a few allowed to monopolize the public offices. If Alec. Archy is elected this time, and serves six years, we know that he will be satisfied; and if he should ask for more, we would be in favor of kicking him out of office. Let the good things be passed around, and not a few monopolize the whole business.

GOOD COMMENT.

Over in Centre county the Democratic newspapers are exposing the extravagance of the present Board of County Commissioners. They make a great fuss because the expenditures are greater than ever before and because evidence of extravagance is visible here and there. Both the Democratic papers are engaged in the good work and, while one paper turned on the light quicker than the other, the second took up the work and has been active ever since. There is no jealousy between them, as both recognize that the interests of the people are always best served by keeping the public in close touch with the acts of their servants—county officials. All over the State progressive newspapers are following the lead of the Clearfield Republican in showing up the rottenness of the county commissioners offices. There cannot be too much light turned on anywhere.—Clearfield Republican.

James B. Strohm has held office in the court house for nine years already and now he wants six more. Is that not asking a great deal from the people?

THE GLOBE

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SAY YOU BUY

\$150.00 worth of Dry Goods a year. We can save you 5 per cent. on this. \$7.50 clear profit for you--Immense trade incresed for us.

LOGIC IN THIS... ..THINK IT OVER.

DRESS GOODS

An odd lot of dress lengths all wool and silk and wool enough in each piece for a dress. Goods formerly priced from \$5 to \$7.50 a pattern—to close entire lot quickly we have marked them, a pattern... \$2.98. All wool plaids 40 inches wide choice colorings... 35c. 100 pieces Mohair Hercules braid received this week at 1-2 regular value

- 1-4 inch, 2e yard
1-2 " 3e "
3-4 " 4e "
1 " 5e "
2 " 8e "

CLOAKS

See our last week's ad for best values ever offered in coats and wraps. Our \$3.98 ladies coat can not be matched anywhere under \$5.00. \$2.48 buys the best boucle ladies cape you ever saw; padded, lined and trimmed with hand curled Thibet fur. Still a few left of the extraordinary offer of Childrens reeters \$1.79 takes the pick of a dozen styles.

CARPETS

There's a reason why we are awarded nearly all the large carpet contracts given out in Bellefonte in the past two years. Other people appreciate the lowness of our prices. If you need a carpet or matting. Why shouldn't you? They start at... 12c. Dress coats for men in Blue and Black... \$4.50. All wool Ingrain... 50c.

CLOTHING

Do you need an overcoat? We have a few that are taking up room, we should have for our carpets. No reason they should not move quickly, when such ridiculously low prices are attached. Storm coats for men... \$3.98. Dress coats for men in Blue and Black... \$4.50.

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