

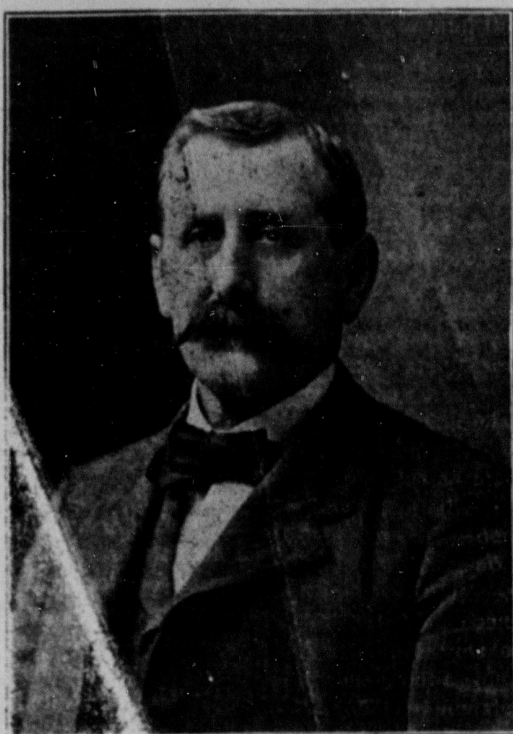
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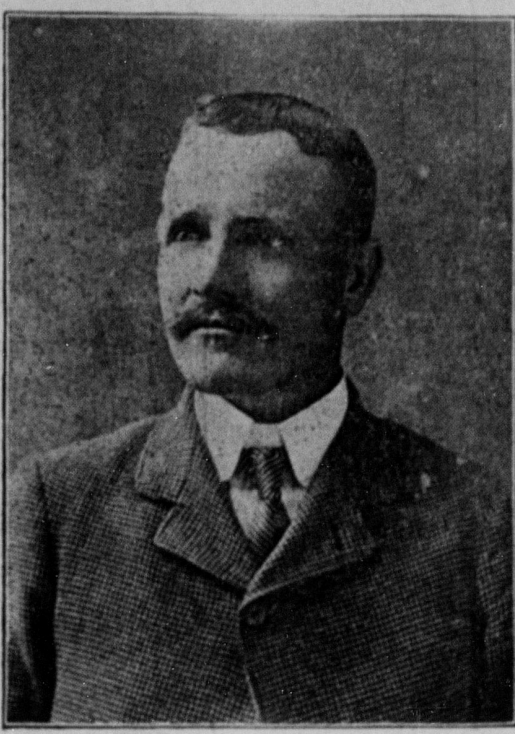
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For Commissioner:



PHILIP H. MEYER, of Harris twp.

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E. A. HUMPTON, of Snow Shoe.

## PHILIP H. MEYER.

### Re-nominated on the Democratic Ticket for Commissioner.

There are few persons in Centre county with a wider acquaintance than Philip H. Meyer, one of our best members of the Board of Commissioners who was re-elected to this year by the Democratic party. Let a few biographical sketches be permitted in this connection.

Philip H. Meyer was born 1851, a son of Henry and Elizabeth Meyer, deceased, who resided near Harris twp., Boalsburg. His parents came from Germany in 1823; his mother was a H. B. Meyer, John, George and Peter being the well known citizens. There is nothing unusual or startling about the career of Mr. Meyer. Like all Penna Dutch farmers, they taught their boys the virtue of labor by practice. From youth he spent his summers working on the farm and attending the district public schools for a few months in winter.

In 1880 he was married to Sallie M. Fetteroff and their family consists of two children, Dora C. and Robert Calvin. Since his marriage he has been engaged in farming near Boalsburg. During the winter season he makes use of his musical talents by conducting singing schools and musical conventions over the county at which he is recognized as one of the best. As the Meyer family is noted for their musical ability in Philip there is a big chunk, and he has been industrious enough to improve the same.

Philip Meyer comes from one of the leading and noted families of Pennsylvania who have a record for industry, integrity, intelligence and thrift. They are all of what is known as "Penny Dutch" extraction, of which they make no apology as it represents a large portion of the stable, prosperous and law-abiding citizens in Centre county; and among the four nominees for office of Commissioner Mr. Meyer is the only man who is able to speak "Penny Dutch" with these people when they have occasion to transact business in that office.

Mr. Meyer need not base his candidacy on the fact that he is a farmer, a good musician or a "Penny Dutch man." As Commissioner he has made a good record. The official reports show that for the past three years that office has been carefully conducted, and in which he has taken an active part. Simplicity and economy has enabled them to reduce expenditures and save taxes. Centre county has no debt, and the tax rate is the lowest. His past experience will increase his future efficiency.

Philip H. Meyer has proven himself a man of capacity, and considerable executive ability. He is a man of good judgment and sufficient courage to say "No!" when politicians attempt to make raids in the public funds. These are reasons why it is extremely important that he be retained for the coming term.

## Company B, Called.

The coal strike in the anthracite region has assumed such a condition as to cause Gov. Stone to call out the entire state militia for the purpose of preserving order and to prevent violence to those who may want to work in the mines. Of course this included Company B, of our town. They received orders Tuesday and Wednesday morning the boys pulled out at 8 o'clock. Their destination is not known and how long they will be out is uncertain.

Owing to the critical illness of Mrs. Taylor, the past week the Capt. was granted a permit for several days.

When a fellow is green and is done up brown, it makes him blue.

## E. A. HUMPTON.

### Democratic Nominee for the Office of County Commissioner.

Ephram A. Humpton, of Snow Shoe, Pa., was born in Rush township, Sept. 2, 1864, and is a son of Richard and Susan Humpton. When about six years of age the family moved to Cooper township, Clearfield Co. Pa., where he resided until of age and where he worked on a farm in the summer and in the woods in the winter. He attended the common schools until 13 years old, after which he worked summer and winter for his father. He earned the money to pay for further education at the North Western State Normal, Edinboro, Pa., and graduated from the North Western business college, Tacoma, Wash., after which he attended the Spring Mills Academy one term.

Having a good education, he has been continuously employed in teaching school in Snow Shoe township for the past seven years. By occupation Mr. Humpton is a farmer, he also learned the carpenter trade, which he followed in summer time and taught during the winter season. He also had some experience as a lumberman and contractor for two years while in the West. In Snow Shoe township he was always looked upon as a trustworthy and reliable citizen, having been elected in a republican district as assessor one year, tax collector five years, and treasurer of the Snow Shoe school district four years. The people of Snow Shoe township are enthusiastic over Mr. Humpton's candidacy for one reason, that he made the best tax collector the township ever had. He succeeded in compelling corporations and the shifty individuals to pay their taxes in a manner that was thorough, effective and astonishing. He is a modest, unassuming fellow; plain in dress, reserved in manner and of a retiring disposition; and his acquaintance improves the longer you know him. As Mr. Humpton spent most of his time in Snow Shoe township he does not have as wide an acquaintance over the county as some others. Let us assure our readers that here they have a man of sterling worth; his integrity is of the highest order; he comes from the common people; as a farmer, then carpenter, school teacher, is perfectly in touch with the masses; he has good sense, and with it an education that would qualify him for a more exalted public station. Above all, he has a mind of his own and the manly courage to do what in his judgment is right.

What we have said of Mr. Humpton's traits of character, in the above sketch, is not fulsome praise and cheap flattery, but facts pure and simple. We consider it extremely fortunate that the people of Centre county have the opportunity of voting for and electing such an excellent man for what, to the taxpayer, is the most important office in the county, that of Commissioner.

The machine legislature bestowed franchises upon a small knot of corrupt politicians as reward for ballot box stuffing, fraudulent registration, and bribery to elect a U. S. senator. Mr. Wanmaker himself offered to pay two and a half million dollars for these franchises. But the machine administration at Harrisburg gave them away without charging a cent. The stocks for these stolen franchises are now on the market valued at six million dollars, which amount should have been in the public treasury. Pennypacker endorsed this robbery in his Johnston speech. Voter, will you endorse Pennypacker? What good can you expect from him should he be elected?

It's better to begin at the top, if you can stay there.

## OUR HISTORICAL REVIEW

### A Chapter on Difficulties of the Early Settler

#### AN UPRISING OF INDIANS

Letters Written by John Harris, Adam Terrace and Conrad Weiser—Preparations to Meet the Hostile Invasion.

Bearing upon Indian massacres in 1755, including the massacre of inhabitants on Penn's creek, given in our Review in earlier issues of the Centre Democrat, we print, the following letters of John Harris, and Conrad Weiser, as of historic interest.

Paxton, October 28, 1775.  
May it please your Honor (Gov. Morris).  
This is to acquaint you, that on the 24th of October, I arrived at Shamokin, in order to protect our frontiers up that way, till they might make their escape from their cruel enemies, and learn the best intelligence I could.

The Indians on the west branch of the Susquehanna, certainly killed our inhabitants on Penn's creek; and there are a hatchet and two English scalp sent by them up the north branch, to desire them to strike with them, if they are men. The Indians are all assembling themselves at Shamokin, to counsel; a large body of them was there four days ago. I cannot learn their intentions; but seems Andrew Montour and Monaca-too-tha are to bring down the news from them. There is not a sufficient number of them to oppose the enemy; and, perhaps, they will join the enemy against us. There is no dependence on Indians; and we are in imminent danger.

I got certain information from Andrew Montour and others, that there is a body of French with fifteen hundred Indians coming upon us, Pickets, Ottaways, Oradux, Delaware, Shawanese, and a number of the Six Nations; and are now, not many days from this Province and Virginia, which are appointed to be attacked; at the same time, some of the Shamokin Indians seem friendly, and others appear like enemies.

Montour knew, many days ago, of the enemy being on their march against us, before he informed; for which I said as much to him, as I thought proper, considering the place I was in.

On the 25th inst., on my return with about forty more, we were attacked by about twenty or thirty Indians—received their fire, and about fifteen of our men and myself took to the trees, attacked the villains, killed four of them on the spot, and lost but three more—retreating about half mile through woods, and crossing the Susquehanna, one of whom was shot off a horse riding behind myself, through the river. My horse was wounded, and falling in the river, I was obliged to quit him and swim part of the way.

Four or five of our men were drowned, crossing the river. I hope our journey, though with fatigue and loss of substance, and some of our lives, will be of service to our country, by discovering our enemy, who will be our ruin, if not timely prevented.

I just now received information that there was a French officer, supposed captain, with a party of Shawanese, Delaware, &c., within six miles of Shamokin, ten days ago; and no doubt towards this place early that morning on a hand car, which was deserted on the track near Bellefonte.

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## A Short Talk For Practical People on County Finances

Some Striking Comparisons Made Relative to the Management of the County Commissioners' Office--Democratic Board have Rendered Good Service--Low Taxes, Expenditures Reduced, Competent and Efficient men a Saving to Taxpayers.

In this issue we present brief biographical sketches of the two nominees on the Democratic Ticket, for Commissioners of Centre county. In connection therewith we deem it appropriate to present some facts relative to the management of the Commissioners Office in recent years to show that every taxpayer has reason to rejoice over the success of democratic economy. If such a condition can be shown by official data, we believe fair-minded men will agree that faithful service and good accounting merit endorsement at the polls.

We propose to make some comparisons of the financial standing and the tax rate of Centre county with adjoining counties, in which we have gone to considerable pains to compile statistics from official reports only and absolutely guarantee their accuracy. The following will show how much tax the average individual must pay for county purposes in the various counties:

County	1901	1900	1899	1898
Blair Co.	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50
Clearfield Co.	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50
Clinton Co.	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50
Huntingdon Co.	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50
Mifflin Co.	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50
Union Co.	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50
Centre Co.	\$2.37	\$2.37	\$2.37	\$2.37

This is a remarkable showing, especially when you consider the amount collected per taxable in Blair, Clinton, Huntingdon and other counties, in some instances Centre county people only pay about one-half as much and, further, there is no county debt to annoy us in the future.

For a great many years the Commissioners Office in this county was under Democratic management, except two terms, '88-'89 and '90 with Henderson and Decker; and '97-'98 and '99 with Fisher and Riddle. By comparison we will show the per capita tax paid since 1896 in this county:

Year	Amount
1896--Democratic Board, amount	\$2.46
1897--Republican	2.47
1898--Republican	2.96
1899--Republican	2.81
1900--Democratic	2.82
1901--Democratic	2.37

Next we will show the amount and the reduction of the county debt during the same years:

Year	Debt
Dem--Jan. 1897, debt was	\$12,812.26
Rep--Jan. 1898	17,881.17
Rep--Jan. 1899	10,177.83
Rep--Jan. 1900	8,502.10
Dem--Jan. 1901	4,052.10
Dem--Jan. 1902	NONE

The above statement shows a decided improvement every time a democratic board has been in that office. Next we will give a pointer on economy during the same years:

Year	Amount
1897--Republican	\$61,251.12
1898--Republican	62,229.12
1899--Republican	64,023.75
1900--Democratic	62,502.04
1901--Democratic	61,861.41

This shows that for some reason republican management proves expensive and democratic administration is cheaper. Next we will show how public business was transacted in the manner of gathering.

**Robber's Big Haul.**  
Last Friday morning the discovery was made that the safe in the State College postoffice had been blown open and the office robbed of between \$800 and \$1,000 worth of postage stamps and upwards of \$50 in small change. The robbery was committed about 4 o'clock that morning. The postmaster at State College is John W. Stewart and the office is kept in a room in a flat. At that hour the people living in the flat heard an explosion that sounded like the report of a cannon. They gave the matter no thought, supposing that some of the college students were on a lark and had fired a cannon somewhere near. In the morning the discovery of the robbery was made. The robbers had effected an entrance through a widow and after drilling a hole in the safe had blown it open with nitroglycerine. There is no clue to the robbers. At Struble station they broke in the office at the chop mill, but secured nothing of any value.

Three men were seen coming towards this place early that morning on a hand car, which was deserted on the track near Bellefonte.

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## FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs--Selected and Original.

How high should a girl lift her dress  
In crossing a muddy street?  
A couple of inches, or less,  
And still this is over two feet.

Canvasback duck is not sold by the yard.

A work of art generally results from the art of work.

One "touch" of nature makes the whole world skin.

No man's credit is so bad that he can't borrow trouble.

Even the Chinese laundryman may be a man of iron.

There is just as much kicking in baseball as in football.

The cook can generally be depended upon to stir things up.

Strange as it may seem when a man is a bore he seldom comes to the point.

A man never gets too old to celebrate a birthday, but a woman is different.

The elderly female may adopt new fads, but she objects to new wrinkles.

FROM PENNSYLVANIA.

MR. EDITOR:

I am not surprised that your readers are interested in the articles from the several correspondents touching on the subject of who should represent us in the next Legislature. The manner in which the honest voters were deceived by one of the candidates two years ago, has taught them to regard with suspicion any one who is not willing to publicly declare his position on the paramount issues, which is:

"Shall Quay and his corrupt gang continue to control our Legislature or shall we have pure politics and clean legislation?"

The majority of the voters of our county are honest, and they desire honest laws enacted and abhor bribery and corruption; it is therefore proper that they know where the several candidates stand. We have two candidates for the Legislature, Wetzel and Kepler, who openly declare that they will not support or vote for any corrupt measures introduced by the Quay machine. What is the position of the other two candidates? Schoonover, it is said, does not deny that he is a machine man and expects to win on that issue. Strohm expects to be a little slick, he undoubtedly learned a trick from John K. Thompson two years ago, he is as silent as a clam; his political history is, however, anything to get an office.

Let us for a moment look into the political record of Mr. Strohm. He betrayed John D. Decker the man that brought him before the public, and was a willing tool in the hands of the gang to perpetrate a similar scheme; Wm. Allison had to be gotten rid of, and he was the one that was willing to plunge into the breach. It may be proper to enlighten the public as to why this man is so frequently before the people for office. You will observe he is an emergency man, when a place is vacant and if he is called on he is ready to fill the gap; if he is inclined to object, a dose of taffy from the lieutenants invariably fixes him up. To prove this assertion, three days before their Republican County Convention he expressed himself as "entirely disgusted with politics" and did not know as he would attend their caucus; but on day of convention, when he got into the hands of the gang's lieutenants, he forgot all the good promises he had made, was clay in the potter's hands, could be moulded and shaped to fit any position desired. There was a vacant place, as Mr. Allison was forced to decline, by threats that the gang would oppose him. Strohm was placed on the "sliding board", like Pennypacker, and slid in.

Last spring a clique sought the defeat of C. L. Gramley for superintendent. This same man was approached and urged to be a candidate. His favorite medicine (taffy) was administered and had the proper effect, but unfortunately he got on the wrong "sliding board" and slid off, before the race was finished.

Voters of Centre county, is such a man fit to represent us in the Legislature? If elected, would not the gang use him to help carry out their nefarious schemes? If Strohm cannot withstand the pressure brought to bear upon him by the local leaders, how will he be able to stand before the coming and corrupt manipulators that will interest the Legislature? Voters of Centre county do, you think it would be wise to elect him? Has he shown back-bone sufficient for the place?

GREGG TOWNSHIP.

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## MORE OF THE SANDBAGGERS.

**Kulp Confesses and Implicates Rice and George.**  
Thursday evening, of last week, William Kulp, who was confined in the lock-up, at Philipsburg, pending his removal to the county jail to await trial on the charge of highway robbery, "squealed" on the rest of the gang and stated that Joe Rice had been the instigator of a plot to rob Vaux and had dragged him Saturday night before the crime was committed. He also implicated Isaac George in his confession and the whole party was hailed before Squire LaPorte again, who held the trio in \$500 bail each for appearance at court. Rice got bail, but Kulp and George will languish in the bastle for the next two months, after which, if they get their just deserts the three will go west under the escort of Sheriff Brunhart. Vaux's watch was stolen buried at Point Lookout, but the found money has not been recovered.

The robbery was a bold piece of crime, bunglingly executed and the arrest of its perpetrators will doubtless prevent the commission of many similar occurrences.

Chestnuts are very plenty in the mountains.

## Farm Sale.

The Hoy farm which was sold to Mrs. Perry Gates, Mrs. Edward McClintick and Mrs. Andrew McClintick was duly settled for today and payment made in cash. Mrs. Catherine Hoy was not identified in the order of sale or concerned in same. Oct. 1, 1902. I. S. FRAIN.