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For Vice President:

HENRY G. DAVIS, of West Virginia.

**State:**

For Justice of the Supreme Court:

SAM'L G. THOMPSON, of Philadelphia.

For Congress:

CHAS. SHAEFFER, of Cameron Co.

For Senate:

JAMES KERR, of Clearfield.

**County:**

For President Judge:

ELLIS L. ORVIS, Esq., of Bellefonte.

For Assembly:

J. W. KEPLER, of Ferguson Twp.  
JOHN NOLL, of Bellefonte.

For Prothonotary:

ARTHUR B. KIMFORT, of Harris Twp.

For District Attorney:

W. G. RUNKLE, of Bellefonte.

For County Surveyor:

J. H. WETZEL, of Bellefonte.

**EDITORIAL.**

SATURDAY is the last day to pay your taxes.

In ten years Judge Love received about \$50,000. That is about enough.

The Gazette is putting in a new gasoline engine. There is plenty of gas around that establishment that is very explosive, but lacks strength. Even "hot air" might drive the plant.

The election of Ellis Orvis would not bring additional expense to our county as the State pays all those bills and judges now receive a fixed salary and no additional pay for serving in other courts.

JUDGE LOVE wore no G. A. R. button when he knocked Sam Williams, of Bellefonte, and John Gowland, of Philipsburg, out as applicants for postmaster and put civilians in their place. That G. A. R. button was not considered when John Daley asked for recognition. If a man only wears the G. A. R. button when a candidate, his motives are detected.

The Philadelphia Public Ledger has come out squarely for Parker. The Press of that city notes that "the obvious trend of the Ledger under the present management has been toward democracy." The Ledger bases its support of Parker on the three issues of "tariff reform, the usurpation of legislative authority by the executive, and government extravagance."

ABOUT all the legislation enacted by congress, that was beneficial, directly to the farmer, was originated by the democrats as the record proves and as we have shown it up in the Centre Democrat within the last few weeks, anything the republican trust orators and organs may say to the contrary notwithstanding. The greatest wrong to the farmer—and every one feels it—is the iniquitous robber tariff that has put up the price of all the farmer has to buy and, on the other hand, kept his own products down to a non-profitable point. Farmers, choose between the two.

CLEARER proof of the truth that "Protection is robbery" could not be desired than was given by Representative John Sharp Williams in his speech at Brooklyn. "You know we can make steel rails for less than \$12 a ton," wrote Mr. Schwab, "leaving a nice margin for foreign business." The size of this nice margin is \$9, for the price of American rails to foreigners (the Grand Trunk Railroad of Canada, for instance) is \$21 a ton; but when the same corporation, whose lines are partly in United States territory, buys rails to lay down on this side of our tariff boundary, it is obliged to pay for the goods at the rate of \$29 a ton. The President of the company stands ready to vouch for this fact. The rails cost \$12 a ton to produce; they are sold to foreigners at \$21 a ton, which is a fair profit; but when sold to be put down in the United States the sum of \$29 a ton is exacted, the extra \$8 being pure robbery. This is part of the steel argument which A. L. Martin forgot to mention in his speech at Grange Park and the Republican Club this place.

**FARMERS' EXHIBIT.**

More Discussion About the St. Louis Agricultural Exhibit.

During the past two months there has been much said about the Agricultural exhibit of Pennsylvania at St. Louis. The North American has been especially active in denouncing the display as a fraud and fake, and in giving Col. John A. Woodward of this county a goodly portion of the censure. From other sources there has come some bitter comment, which we believe is actuated more by personal jealousy, spite and revenge, than an honest motive to defend the agricultural interests.

To this time we have given little attention to the matter not knowing whom to believe or defend. This week a farmer brought the following to our office and requested its publication. It is from the American Agriculturist, one of the foremost and best papers of that class published, and is considered very reliable.

**Justice to Pennsylvania Farmers.**

The agricultural exhibit at St. Louis by the state of Pennsylvania has been the subject of caustic criticism recently by certain papers. A correspondent of American Agriculturist, who has had nothing to do with the affair, but who wishes to see justice done to all parties, writes to us as follows: "If you will investigate you will find the following facts: (1) That Col. Woodward was never removed and supplanted by Prof. Menges, as a Philadelphia paper indicates. From the beginning the plan was to have Col. Woodward collect and prepare the exhibit, and Prof. Menges was only to be in charge after all was installed.

"The articles in question severely condemned our horticultural exhibit, and blamed Col. Woodward for this. I know positively that he had nothing to do with it. Cyrus T. Fox had charge of the horticultural exhibit, but did not undertake it until December, when it was too late to make collection and get proper material for a creditable showing. (2) The idea of the exhibit was to show Pennsylvania's raw material, with its possibilities for made-up, artificial or manufactured products, without regard to the state in which the article was given its final form. While it is true that breakfast foods, whisky, etc., were shown in connection with the wheat and corn exhibits, and these products were finished in other states, it was not the idea to make a manufacturer's exhibit of this and show what we manufacture in Pennsylvania alone. The made-up articles represented what could be done with Pennsylvania soil products, and there was no fraud whatever about this. If there had been any attempt at fraud here, the labels would have been removed, which showed their origin in other states.

(4) "It should be stated that the Pennsylvania agricultural exhibit was made at a cost of only \$15,000 for every item. This included salaries, collecting and preparing material, installing, caring for and returning exhibits, floor space, cases, labels, etc. When this is considered it compares favorably with adjoining exhibits from other states, some of which cost several times as much. Many people have observed that the agricultural exhibit is not the disgrace to our state that our critics and their followers would have us think. (5) All Pennsylvania farmers were openly and cordially invited to contribute their products to this exhibit through the state press, circular letters and private correspondence. Thus no one need complain that he was slighted in making up the exhibit.

(6) "Gov. Pennypacker commenced openly to try to discover the source of such rumors as soon as they reached him. He has made every effort to aid the farmers of Pennsylvania by giving them a good administration, proper service in all departments, and adequate representation at St. Louis. To my own personal positive knowledge he has kept nothing secret. He has made investigations to learn if there was any fraud, and has arrived at the conclusion here set forth."—From Am. Agriculturist, Oct. 1st.

In addition to the above we received a lengthy set of "Resolutions of Confidence and Respect passed by Washington Grange," this county regarding the same. In it they practically embody the sentiment of the above. It is signed by G. W. Homan, master; W. E. Stoner, secretary; A. O. Tyson, lecturer; and W. R. Corl, overseer. It finds a complete vindication of Col. Woodward.

**THE TWO PLATFORMS.**

The total Congressional appropriations during President Roosevelt's Administration amount to \$2,449,228,545. During the four years of Mr. McKinley's Administration they were \$1,906,131,611. During Mr. Cleveland's second Administration they were \$1,300,478,666, as compared with \$1,217,331,537 during Mr. Harrison's Administration and \$868,037,673 during Mr. Cleveland's first Administration.

During a period in which the population of the United States has increased 50 per cent, the expenses of the Federal Government have increased nearly 200 per cent. While the population has doubled since Grant's first Administration, the cost of administration has grown fourfold. A population increasing in arithmetical progression has been met with appropriations increasing in geometrical progression.

And there is not one line or word or syllable in the Republican platform that pledges the party to a reduction of expenditures or a more economical administration of public affairs, as contrasted with the Democratic demand for "the strictest economy and frugality compatible with vigorous civil, military and naval administration."

If the Republican party is returned to power it is reasonable to assume that the total expenses of the second Roosevelt Administration will not be far from \$3,000,000,000, or \$37.50 for every man, woman and child in the country.—World.

**CAMPAIGN LIES.**

Up to this time the judicial campaign has been comparatively clean; no mud slinging or mean personalities have been used. Judge Love has announced his claim, that he will stand upon his record of a judge during the past ten years. To that the democrats are willing to hold him and thus far have carefully confined their criticism. No one has ventured to pry into his personal affairs, his private business, or even the sanctity of his home, to find something to cast before the public. If it has been done by any individuals it is unknown to the writer, or the organization which has named Ellis L. Orvis as his opponent. We believe every one interested in Mr. Orvis' candidacy will discredit and discountenance such work, and it is hoped that no democrat or friend of Mr. Orvis will resort to such methods.

On the other hand we wish to call public attention to a few dirty canards that emanated in Bellefonte and are being industriously circulated in all parts of the county, and occasionally influence unthinking people. The stories are as follows:

(1) "Mr. Orvis is so 'tony' that he sends to Philadelphia for all his clothing. No body in Centre county can make clothes good enough for him."

Jacob Gross, merchant tailor, three doors below this office, Monday morning informed us that he had made all of Mr. Orvis' clothing, for the past five years. Mr. Orvis says he never purchases his clothing away from home.

(2) "Orvis had his cellar filled with coal this fall, and will not pay the dealer who supplied it."

Mr. Orvis authorizes us to say the above is untrue.

(3) "When Hon. John H. Orvis died, all his life insurance was payable to his son Ellis, who kept the entire bulk and did not apply it where it belonged, as intended by his father."

This story was spread broadcast in the lower end of Baldeagle, by a well-known republican life insurance agent, who frequently is in consultation with "headquarters." Mr. Orvis authorizes us to state that it is a malicious fabrication, without a grain of truth. Further, the gentleman who is peddling this stuff will be notified this week that an explanation is desired; if he was misinformed he can correct his imprudent remarks, and if persisted in the proper remedy for vilifiers will be invoked.

The above shows that the campaign liar is industriously at work. We have no intention of constructing angelic wings or immaculate garb for Mr. Orvis. No sanctified halo enshrines his brow, or illumines his pathway. He is mortal man, made of "common mud." He has lived in Bellefonte these forty years and more, and this community has always found him a modest, unassuming, upright citizen. His life has been moral, temperate, industrious and always marked by a high degree of deliberation and prudence.

It is natural that in a campaign like this mean, little, dirty lies will be peddled. The above instances do not surprise us—we know the men who spread them and their source.

As we go along it will be our aim to follow up every canard and give it due publicity.

**SUPPER AND CIGARS.**

A general delivery of prisoners in the Sunbury county jail was prevented Saturday night by Warden George Hancock, Lewis Pfrom, of Mount Carmel, who was sentenced to serve six years for manslaughter, had manufactured a key from old tin cans which could unlock every cell door on the penitentiary side.

The intention was to release the prisoners at a late hour and then to ring for the turnkey. He was to be overpowered and, if necessary, murdered. The keys were to be taken and then the convicts would escape to the street through the front door. A trusty revealed this plot to Hancock, who searched Pfrom's cell and found the key. The leader of the gang was put in the dungeon while his confederates are being watched. The warden will recommend to the court to have Pfrom removed to the Eastern Penitentiary.

Here the Gazette might find a new set of subjects to offer a supper and cigars to, a la the Condo criminals.

J. OGDEN ARMOUR, the most prominent figure in the Beef Trust, told a New York World reporter: We are going to support Roosevelt, most emphatically. We have been satisfied with his Administration, and will be well satisfied to have him continue in office." Certainly, of course. That injunction against the Beef Trust never interfered with it in the least, and the Trust does not want the duty taken off hides.

CARL SCHURZ, a prominent member of the National Convention which nominated Abraham Lincoln, long ago, left the Republican party because it had turned from morals to mammon. It is now, he says, "more and more becoming a party owned by rich men who want to become, through it, still richer."

The Gazette of last week strongly intimates that the editor of the Bituminous Record is a "grafter, sucker and a bum." Will the gentleman of Philipsburg stand up—guilty or not guilty, what is your plea?

—Bellefonte has no vacant houses—a search for one on Tuesday revealed this.

**KERR DECLINES.**

On Saturday, Hon. James Kerr sent a cablegram from London, England, to his friends at Clearfield that he could not accept the Democratic nomination for Senator in this district. Prior to the conference Mr. Kerr indicated a willingness to accept the nomination, and so informed friends in Centre and Clearfield counties.

Recently some of the 'arge coal companies in which he and the late Senator Patton and others were interested, consolidated. It had been arranged for Senator Patton to go to London to market bonds of the new corporation, then another was assigned the work who could not go and upon an hour's notice, while in New York City Mr. Kerr had to leave for London. At the time he anticipated returning here by October 15th. Since then, delays have arisen and he will hardly be back in time to vote. Therefore he would be unable to give the senatorial canvass his attention and it is quite natural for him to decline the nomination.

His nomination was duly certified to the department at Harrisburg, and the only way it can be removed from the ticket is by a personal request or by a certified request over his signature, and that might not arrive here for several weeks, until too late for a substitute.

From what we can understand Mr. Kerr's name will remain on the ballot, and no other will be substituted. It is believed by his friends that they can carry the district for him anyhow.

The E. E. Higbee Literary society of the Ferguson township High school, Pine Grove Mills, W. S. Gerhard teacher, held its first regular meeting on Friday, Sept. 30, the schools of Wm. Keller and Miss Margaret Keichline being present as guests. Miss Mary Ward presided at the organ. The program rendered was exceedingly fine and of a high order. Singing by the school. The exercises were closed with the singing of our National hymns. The officers of the society are: President, Emory C. Johnson; vice president J. Homer Decker; secretary, Beulah R. Smith; editor, Lucretia A. Tanyer.

Henry C. Payne, Postmaster General of the United States, died at his apartments at the Arlington Hotel, Washington, D. C., on Tuesday night from heart affection. George B. Cortelyou, chairman of the national Republican committee, will eventually become the successor of Mr. Payne as postmaster general. As Mr. Cortelyou will not be available for the place until after the election, it is thought that a temporary appointment will be made.

The Huntingdon & Clearfield Telephone Co. on Saturday completed their new line to Gillintown, where connection was made with the United Telephone Co. This will give the patrons of the former company connection, over two pair of wires, with Bellefonte, Lock Haven, Williamsport, Tyrone, Altoona and intervening points, a service that will be very greatly appreciated.

Judge Bell, of Blair county, at the opening of court Monday morning called attention of the constables of the county as to their duty with regard to reporting to the court all bad roads in their respective bailiwicks, and stated hereafter they will be held strictly accountable for any neglect of this duty.

**Corner Stone Laying.**

The corner stone for the new United Evangelical church, at Upper Marion, will be laid on Sunday, Oct. 16th, at 2:30 pm. Rev. W. B. Cox, of Bellefonte, will assist the pastor. All are cordially invited to be present.

The grain fields look about right just at this time—the same was the case last fall, but winter put a pincher over the fields and caused a short crop of wheat.

When women read the last chapter of a novel first it proves that they jump at conclusions.

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**WAR NEWS.**

There is little to report on the war this week. Port Arthur continues to hold out but provisions are getting scarce and other conditions are severe. The situation at this point has undergone little change in the past week.

Up in Manchuria there was no important engagement to report. The two great armies seem to be shifting about playing for position. The Japs are making a desperate effort to surround the Russians by a flank movement, but have not succeeded thus far.

**Karthaus Brick Plant.**

Work on the foundation walls of the new fire brick plant of the Karthaus Fire Brick company at Karthaus is progressing and it is proposed to push the erection of the building as rapidly as possible. The company owns several hundred acres of fire clay and coal lands and is leasing more clay land so as to be amply supplied with all the raw material needed for an extensive business.

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