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Short Sketches of Democratic Nominees

MEN WHO DESERVE SUPPORT

Reasons why They Merit Your Vote--Are Qualified for the Various Offices--Representative Citizens of Centre County

As the election is close at hand, the average voter will be interested in the various men nominated. For that reason we publish the following portraits and short sketches:

Dr. F. K. White.

This gentleman hails from Philipsburg, and, after the vote is counted. there will be recorded a testimonial from that section of which he justly can be proud. Dr. White is a dentist by profession, but in that community he has been a potent force in public and social life-ever active and energetic, he is a progressive type of man whose usefulness is recognized and appreciated.

He was educated at Gettysburg College after which he was graduated from the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery and located at Philipsburg nineteen years ago, and has resided there continuously ever since.

Politically, as in all things, he has been



FOR TREASURER. DR. F. K. WHITE.

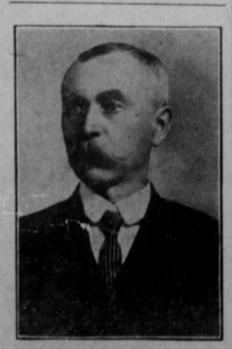
active as a democrat, but his party zeal never went to extremes or incurred the enmity of those who may have held dif- worked for many years. Why should fering views; upright, and honorable, he is highly esteemed wherever known. He is a manly man-the true gentleman at all times, toward friend, as well as

. That he is qualified preeminently for the position of County Treasurer needs no argument. Being neither poor or rich, of moderate means, he would appreciate the position for which he was nominated, and if elected, in turn, would give that position his best ser-

Calvin A. Weaver.

Was born in Haines township 1853. and is a son of Henry H. Weaver, a veteran of the Civil war, and upon his death, the son then a mere boy was left to forge out his own career. As a hireling on farms and clerking in stores the early years were spent. In fact all his life since then has been in the mercantile line and at present conducts a grain house at Coburn.

He is a thorough, painstaking practical business man-true as steel, his



FOR COMMISSIONER, CALVIN A. WEAVER.

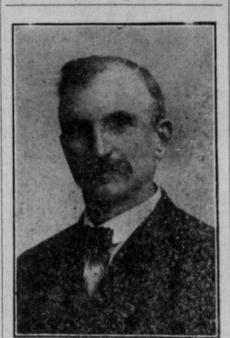
integrity is of the highest order. He is that office. When a youth his parents a man of broad, liberal views, and while came here from Philadelphia, his father he is firm and strong, he ever was known being a cutter in Lewin's tailoring estabas courteous and obliging, and especially

considerate of the rights of his neighbor. We need business methods in the Com-THE CANDIDATES missioners' office, and that is why C. A. Weaver deserves your support.

A. J. Griest was a business man and made one of the best commissioners Centre county ever had. For the same reason Mr. Weaver's experience and training commend him to every taxpayer.

John L. Dunlap.

John L. Dunlap, the other candidate for County Commissioner, is a native of Penns Valley having been born in

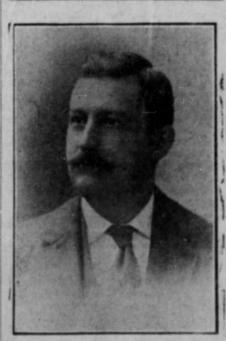


FOR COMMISSIONER, JOHN L. DUNLAP.

Gregg township, and in early life was employed as a farm laborer. Mr. Dunlap obtained such education as was afforded by; the public schools and a term or two at the Penn Hall Academy. After this he taught school for a few terms, working at the carpenter trade in the summer time, and later devoting all his time to this trade. Years ago he moved to Bellefonte and has regularly followed his trade ever since.

The Gazette alleges that Mr. Dunlap owns no property, is poor and therefore should not be elected County Commissioner. If this argument is to be considered then no poor man, however worthy or able he may be, could become a candidate for any office

It is true, we admit that John L. ago and have been at home ever since Dunlap is poor. He like many others was born to poverty which he has worked and labored to overcome. So have thousands, yes millions, of others. They are still engaged in the great struggle; so is Dunlap. But by energy, push and hard work Mr. Dunlap fairly and honestly won the nomination for County Commissioner from the party for which he has poverty stand as a bar to his election?



FOR REGISTER, HARRY J. JACKSON.

On the ground of intelligence, capacity to perform the duties of the office, and that faithfully and honestly, Mr. Dunlap is the superior of either of the present Republican candidates, and will have a larger vote than either when the returns are counted.

Both of the candidates for this office on the Democratic ticket are poor, but they are intelligent, honest, and perfectly capable of performing every duty that may devolve upon them.

Some of the best officers the county has ever had, were poor. When they came into office they had nothing but honor, capability and intelligence. They performed every duty that devolved upon them faithfully and successfully and to the satisfaction of all the people. So will Dunlap and Weaver.

Because John Dunlap is a poor man that is no reason why he will not make a good commissioner.

Harry J. Jackson.

is the democratic nominee for Register, and is especially well qualified for

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AMAZING CHARGES

Preferred Against Sheriff Taylor are Proven Deliberate False-

As the present campaign draws to a close a desperate effort is being made by the Gazette to distract public attention from the unsavory record of 3rd-Term A. V. Miller, and John G. Bailey. With that purpose in view it began a series of personal attacks on the editor of this paper, until we finally gave him his correct record, from the effects of which he has since been drooping his head in shame. Then he resumed his "10 year-war" on the judge of our courts, Hon. Ellis L Orvis. Col. J. L. Spangler continually is the target for his spite and venom; and ever since H. S. Taylor was elected Sheriff that official has been the object of vicious, vindictive, inhuman, brutal, and untruthful assaults in that paper, and in the last issue Harter became unusually desperate. He has openly mouthed to his readers another brazen falsehood, which has no bearing in this campaign, but we will take time and space to note and refute it, to again prove to the public that T. H. Harter is not only unreliable, but a deliberate and vicious falsifier; and that no one is justified in placing any confidence in the allegations of that paper, the Keystone Gazette.

To prove our charge (and it is a serious one against a fellow publisher) careful attention is called to the parallel columns below. The first column is an extract from a tripple-headed article attacking the sheriff, that appeared in the last issue of the Gazette, Friday Sept. 20th; while the second column is a correct copy of an order, signed by Gov. Pennypacker, (the original can be seen at this office) directing and authorizing Sheriff Taylor to release certain pris-

SERIOUS CHARGE:

From last issue Keystone Gazette : DEFYING COURT AND JURIES

HIGH HANDED MEASURES ADOPTED TO MAKE DEMOCRATIC VOTES.

ASTONISHING PROCEDURE

Prisoners Sentenced to Terms of Imprisonment in Our County Jail * * * Set Scott Free by the Sheriff Two Months Before the Expiration of Their Sentence. Is This Inviting

On November 28, 1904, the grand jury found a true bill against William Gilliland, John Gilliland and Jacob Jackson of State College, charged with larceny. They were tried in court, and found guilty and on Nov. 29th were sentenced by Judge Love to pay a fine of \$1 each and undergo one year's imprisonment in the county jail. * Notwithstanding the fact that the sentence of these three men does not ex-

This has been done in defiance of the

Act of Assembly bearing on the subject, which makes it plain that the sheriff of any county to whom prisoners are consigned for safe keeping, is responsible for carrying out the sen-tence of the law unless the Board of Pardons interferes, and as there was no action taken before this board, sheriff Hugh S. Taylor is guilty or malfeasance in office which renders him subject to criminal prosecution. But as he is the whole push since he is backed by a Democratic non-political judge, it is hardly likely that action against him will be taken, though it goes to show to what extent the leaders of the Democratic party have become a law unto themselves and explains the laxity which resulted so unortunately in the case of Jerre Condo. We fully appreciate the fact that sheriff Taylor is not now a candidate for office, and we do not criticise him as such; nor as a citizen whom we respect, but the fact that he uses questionable means to make votes for his party, makes him an issue which cannot be ignored; for it releasing prisoners in violation of all hnown laws in order to gain three votes is to be tolerated, who can guard against an impure ballot, or forsooth, the defiance of courts and juries which is the very foundation stone of rankest anarchism and if the people refuse to set their seal of condemnation upon this manner of proceedure we but invite the dreaded time when

"Wrong rules the world, And waiting Justice sleeps,

SHERIFF'S AUTHORITY:

IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE

ommonwealth of Benna. [COAT OF ARMS] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

To all to Whom These Presents shall Come, Greeting

WHEREAS, The report of the ... SHERIFF ... of ... CENTRE COUNTY ... dated the ... 12th ... day of ...August ... A. D. 1905, made in pursuance of the provisions of the act of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act providing for the commutation of sentences for good behavior of convicts in prisons, penitentiaries, work houses and county jails of this State, and regulations governing the same," approved the eleventh day of May, A. D. 1901, setting forth the amount, if any, of commutation or diminution of sentences recommended to be allowed or disallowed to the convicts named therein, has been duly filed with the Governor of this Com-

monwealth : AND WHEREAS. The Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the Common wealth. Attorney General and Secretary of Internal Affairs, af er full hearing, upon due public notice and in open session, according to the rules adopted by them, have recommended to me, in willing, commutations and diminu-tions of sentences to be allowed:

KNOW YE, That in consideration of remises and by virtue of the power and My in me ve-ted by the Constitution and Laws of the Commonwealth 1, ... SAMUEL W. PENNYPACKER ... Gov'nor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvan a DO HEREBY OR-DER AND DIRECT that the following named and described prisoners shall have such benefit of the provisions of the aforesaid act of Assembly as is hereinafter set forth: And tout there shall be deducted from the term of the sentence of the said prisoners the time set opposite their names, subject, however, to the following provision: That if any convict so commuted shall, during the period between the date of his or her discharge by reason of such commutation and the date or the expiration of the full term for which he or she was sentenced, be convicted of any felony, he or she shall, in addition to the penalty which may be imposed for such felony committed in the interval, as aforesaid, be compelled to serve in the prison, pentientlary or work house in which he or she may be confined for the felony for which he or she is convict ed, the remainder of the term, without commutation, which he or she would have been compelled to serve but for the commutation of his or her sentence as provived for in the aforementloped act.

Date of Discharge. WILLIAM GILLILAND Sept. 29, 1905. JOHN GILLILAND JACOB JACKSON

AND I DO FURTHER ORDER AND DI-RECT. That the aforesaid prisoners shall be discharged from confinement upon the days on which their terms and after making the deductions as aforesaid from the terms of imprisonment as fixed by the Courts imposing their sentences. GIVEN under my hand and the

SEAL. great Seal of the State, at the City of Harrisburg, this 20th day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and five, and of the Commonwealth the one hundred and thirtieth.

By the Governor: SAM'L W. PENNYPACKER. ROBT. MCAFEE. Sec. of the Com.

The above copy of an order from the Governor of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of Centre county absolutely proves that our Sheriff simply obeyed orders; and the Gazette is guilty of another falsehood,

Such untruthful allegations are simply amazing! You can hardly understand how anyone, if possessed of but ordinary sense, (though unprincipled and even with malicious intent) would dare attempt such a foolish course; he certainly would know that ultimately his act would brand him as an ignorant knave, and bring him humiliation and the contempt of all honest people. Passing by the question of common honesty, the above attack gives evidence of a lack of ordinary prudence, is a display of mental weakness; the writer thereof must be developing senile debility (unusual in the early soties,) which is but a short step from the mental excentricities exhibited by him in recent years, and grown so marked of late. Let us be just to the unfortunate-overlook these irrational rantings, rather than hold Mr. Harter to a full account,

We may say that other assaults on Sheriff Taylor, by the Gazette, are founded on about as much fact as this one.

ANOTHER PARALLEL.

The article in the first column also appeared in the last issue of the Gazette THE FACTS :

THE CHARGE :

From last issue Keystone Gazette :

1st-The State built this bridge, according to an act of Assembly. and-The former Democratic Board did not contract for one cent of this "Three hundred and fifty-nine dollars and forty-four cents (\$359.44) is the | bill,

amount the Democratic board of commissioners agreed to pay for inspecting the Spring Mills bridge in 1902, and then saddled the payment upon the present Republican board; for which they are now being abused. There isn't an item in the whole three years' business transactions of the present board that looks so outrageously extravagant as this, and yet we cannot censure the Democratic board because we do not know what the work implied and are not unfair enough to make one-sided statements in order to mislead the peo-

3rd-This extravagant bill for inspecting was due to the fact that the gang of Bridge Builders at Harrisburg sent a lot of political heelers here from distant parts of the state to inspect this little structure.

41h-This not only looks like, but is, 'outrageous'extravagance" by the Penrose, Durham combine at Harrisburg that nominated Plummer-all of which the Gazette now champions and up-

5th-When the Gazette says the Democratic Board saddled this bill on the present commissioners it atters another falsehood-they never had any knowledge of the bill; [as it was not rendered until Sept. 16th, 1903.-eight months after the Democratic Board were out of office.-How then could they have "saddled it?"

If you do not know what this implied, and were inclined to be fair to the public, why did you not trot up around the corner, where you have a path already, and inquire from the United Order of Bridge Builders of which 3rd-Term Abraham V. is the president, what this meant; and then been honest with your readers, instead of throwing out malicious charges? But then that is not your

You may be able to write Dutch letters, but show a lamentable lack of decency and common sense in discussing public affairs.

FACTS FOR THE TAXPAYERS.

Figures that Show the Unexplainable Extravagance or the Extraordinary Incompetence of the Present Board of County Commissioners. An Increase of Expenditures over an Average for Fifteen Years of OVER \$28,000.

If there is a single tax-payer in Centre county who is not fully informed of the expenditures of the present Board of County Commissioners, it is full time he should be. If there is one who has doubts about what the result of that extravagance must be, it is high time that he seeks information, and makes up his mind for himself.

We have gone back to 1885, and in connection with this give the yearly cost of the county government, up to 1900-the time that the men connected with the present Board took charge of the county affairs. To these figures we call the carnest and unprejudiced attention of every citizen. They are taken from the county statements, as certified to by the different Boards of Commissioners, and attested by the Auditors, and are given correctly and fully, in order that those interested may compare the management of former Boards-a number of which were repudiated by the people-with that of the present Board, that is now asking a longer lease of power. These figures are as follows: TOTAL EXPENDITURES.

Average vearly expenditures \$61,321.02. Mr. ABRAM V. MILLER, the senior member of the present Board, and who is now asking for a third term, took his place as County Commissioner upon the death of Mr. RIDDLE, early in 1900. Three years later Mr. BAILEY, who is also seeking re election, took his place as one of the managers of the county's finances. And bow have they performed their duty as the financial agents and business managers of the county's affairs? Not a single year since they assumed control of these matters, but shows an unexplainable and startling increase of expenditures over the years referred to in the above table.

The last year of their management that the public knows anything about -1904—shows the enormous increase over the averages given above, of \$28,-193.67; ALMOST ONE-THIRD GREATER THAN WAS FOUND NECESSARY DUR-ING ANY OF THE 15 YEARS PRECEDING.

Their own statement as published in every newspaper in the county for 1904, shows that under their management it cost the tax payers of the county \$89,514.69 to meet the county expenditures, as against \$61,321.02, the yearly cost for the fifteen years preceding their induction into office. This is an increase of almost 33 per cent., and means that valuations, millage and taxations

must go up proportionately.

As yet, we have seen or heard of no one who has attempted an explanation of this profligacy. Nor do we believe that there is a citizen in the county who can explain the necessity for this enormous outlay, that will be satisfactory to the taxpayers generally.

An article in an up town paper a few days ago attempted to excuse it. on the ground that during the past year \$11,000, or over, had been expended on the erection of bridges; and the cost to the county in the murder trial of Dil-LON and GREEN, amounting to less than \$2,000, all told, had been paid as ex-

This might be considered as a partial excuse, were it not for the fact that during the years mentioned above, the same kind of extraordinary expenses were met and are included in the figures given, and that fewer bridges have been erected during the past six years, under the management of the present Board, than during that of any of the six years preceding. In fact nearly every large and important bridge within the county was completed and paid for before these men went into office. Those along the Bald Eagle, Moshannon, Spring creek, Penns creek and Elk creek were all erected before either Mr. MILLER or Mr. BAILEY knew anything about the Commissioners' affairs. Nor does the fact of calling attention to the cost of the murder trial in the

case of DILLON and GREEN belp it any. During the years we have referred to. we had the HOPKINS murder trial, the Andrews murder trial, the ETLINGER tragedy, and several homicide cases, all to occupy the attention of the courts, and pile up their bills of costs. To these were added the extraordinary expenses of a contested election, in which the present Commissioner, Mr. Miller, sought to overturn the will of the people of the county, when they refused to make him Sheriff, and did not stop in his efforts until he had piled upon the county extraordinary expenses amounting to over \$2,000. Nor was this all of the extraordinary expenses that are included in the 15 years prior to Mr. MILLER and Mr. BAILEY's beginning as Commissioners. During that period the court house was re-roofed, re-floored, re-plumbed, re-seated, re-furnished and almost entirely re-built, barring the outside walls. Toilet rooms and costly plumbing, steam heating and electric light were added, and in every way that building was finished up in the best of style, at a large expense. Expensive steel filing cases were procured for the county offices, new steel cells placed in the jail, and thousands upon thousands of dollars were expended to beautify and improve the public buildings and grounds.

And to none of these expenditures has the present Board been subjected, and yet they spend \$28,193.67 more per year than did any of their predecessors.

And for what reason?

Simply because of incompetency and extravagance And what must be the result. INCREASED VALUATION, INCREASED MILLAGE AND INCREASED TAXATION. You can't pay \$89,514.67 of county expenditures with \$60,000 of an income, and to have a greater income higher taxes MUST be levied. Is this what you are after Mr. Taxpayer? If it is, ignore the above facts and keep MILLER and BAILEY in the office they have so badly managed, and you will have it.

From last issue of the Watchman.

CAMPAIGN EXPENSES. Paid By the Taxpayers of Centre County.

various assessors by the County Commis. are putting in about four days each more sioners. Each official takes an equal than usual, which is charged to the counportion of the county. Ordinarily it ty at about the following rate: Salary takes each about three days. This year \$3.50, horse hire \$2.00, expenses \$1.25, or Mr. Meyer covered his territory in three about \$6 a day. At this rate the county days. Mr. Bailey charged the county will be paying each from \$20 to \$30 for for eight days and expenses, for what electioneering. formerly was done in four days. Ab. V. That is one reason why expenses are Miller has five days entered and when running so high, in our county.

through will have about seven or eight days. As their expenses are generally \$2 per day for their own horse and bug-At this season of the year the supplies gy, and other expenses included, it is for the assessment are delivered to the making a costly job. Miller and Bailey