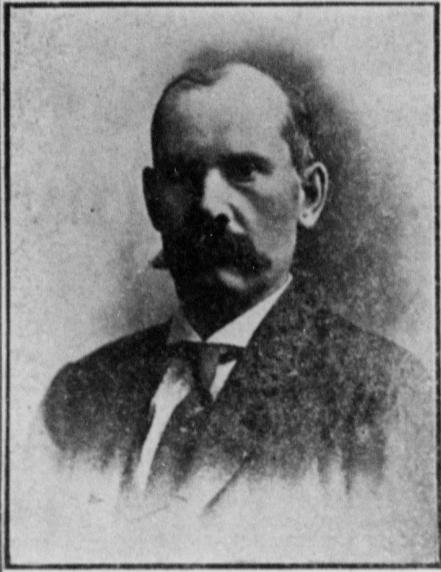


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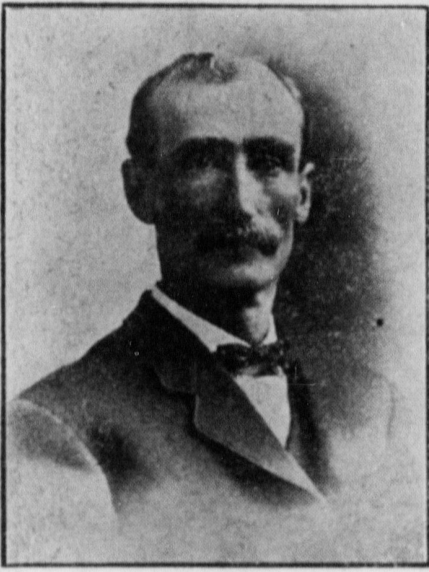
FOR REGISTER



GEORGE F. WEAVER
of Gregg Twp.

was named for this most important office after making his second appeal for the nomination. He did not "sulk in his tent" but stood by the ticket and in due season he was amply rewarded.

FOR TREASURER



JOHN D. MILLER
of Walker Twp.

SPewed UP GARLIC.

Last week "Windy Tom," commonly known as the Emigrant, was driven to desperation. Fearing an unmasking of his questionable course in Snyder county, he put up a bluff, (hoping thereby to forestall the effect of an exposure.)

To defend his course he published a letter last week from Mr. Aurdand, who is in such absolute disrespect in that section that respectable men would hesitate to associate with him or even allow him inside their homes; and if reports are half true it is a wonder that Aurdand's residence now is not elsewhere.

Later we hope to present the authentic "Story of the Emigrant" or how "Windy Tom" tried to elect a Democratic Judge in Snyder county. It will keep people guessing whether a Democrat or a Republican is now running the Gazette—for the coin that is in it.

A Real Estate Boom.

Just now State College is having a big real estate boom, and the fellow who desires to get hold of some building lots up there, will now have an opportunity.

Indians Down State.
State College was defeated by the Carlisle Indians at Wilkesbarre Saturday afternoon by the score of 12-5. The State boys scored five minutes after the first half started on a blocked kick by Weaver, while Vorhis grabbed the ball and was across the line before an Indian could grab him.

Engine Bursts; Two Men Burned.
J. I. Gregg, ass't. superintendent, and Mark Boynton, an engineer, were seriously burned about the face and hands on Friday by an explosion of an oil engine in the boring mills of the Standard Oil Works of Burnham.

State College Visitor.
The Central district Y. M. C. A. convention is to meet in Bellefonte on Oct. 16 and 17. At noon on the seventeenth the delegates are to be taken by special train to State College, where they are to be given a luncheon by President and Mrs. Sparks.

A looking glass keeps many a woman from being lonesome.

THAT \$72,000 STORY.

How the Taxpayers' Money Had Been Spent—A Campaign Lie Ventilated—Now Paying for Former Extravagance—Read this Over Carefully and Vote Accordingly.

We owe the present Democratic Board of County Commissioners an apology for an article in our issue of September 24th, in which county finances were discussed. That article, while it shows them to have been unusually economical and to have paid off an enormous debt, it still does them an injustice which we will now endeavor to correct fully and as briefly as possible.

To prove this, we will cite the NET amount collected in the last five years, for paying county expenditures by direct taxation.

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"In our issue of August 28th, last, we called the taxpayers' attention to the fact that the Democratic Commissioners, elected on the economy plea, had raised the tax from three mills to five mills, thereby taking \$72,000 of the taxpayers' money to pay \$32,000 of so-called "Republican Debt."

THE DEBT WAS NOT \$32,000, BUT NEARER \$42,000. The annual statement misstated it by \$9,200. The following sets it out:

LIABILITIES OF FORMER REPUBLICAN BOARD
According to Annual Statement..... \$22,577.72
Due on Harrisburg bridge..... 400.00
Dillon and Green award..... 900.00
Due on Soldiers' Monument..... 2,500.00
Undemanded Turnpikes and Costs..... 3,500.00
Other bills estimated..... 2,000.00
Total INDEBTEDNESS..... \$32,777.72

TO THIS DATE THE SURPLUS THEY FOUND IN THE TREASURY WHEN THEY ENTERED 3 YEARS PRIOR..... \$25,000.00
Total Shortage in 3 years..... \$66,777.72

OF AN AVERAGE SHORTAGE OF \$22,259.57 PER YEAR.
This proves that the debt of that Republican Board was almost \$42,000 instead of \$32,000. In our estimate two weeks ago the item of \$1,500 for condemned turnpikes was overlooked and is included in this statement.

That Republican Board had an income from a three-mill tax and on that basis note that they fell behind, ran in debt, had liabilities over assets in three years of over \$66,777.72, or fell behind \$22,259.57 annually. Don't miss the point! How was that for economy? We defy the Gazette to print the above tabulated statement. It dare not give the truth to its readers. They dare not publish it with an attempt to refute it! We defy them! They are afraid of the truth!

"THEY (Dunlap and Weaver) HAVE NOW REALIZED \$72,000 ON THAT RAISE" (meaning the increase of two mill tax, from three to five mills.)
We declare this another falsehood of the Gazette, and prove it as follows:
THE FALSEHOOD REPEATED.
The assessed valuation of property for county purposes amounts to \$12,000,000, two mills increase for three years (if they got all of it promptly) would yield \$24,000 annually or \$72,000, in three years.

Little Taft Sentiment.
"There was little Taft sentiment visible," declared one of the Republican mayoralty candidates for Greater Pittsburgh, on Saturday. "All along the line the workmen were cheering for William J. Bryan. There was little for us. The men took great delight in making us squirm by yelling for the Democratic presidential nominee.

Runaway Horses.
Peter Smith, of Centre Hill, became mixed up with a team of Arabian horses the other evening in Centre Hill, opposite George L. Goodhart's residence and resulted in knocking him from his vehicle. The first part of the accident occurred up town farther, when the tongue in the vehicle to which W. H. Blauser, of Potters Mills, had hitched a pair of Arabian colts, dropped on their heels.

Annual Reunion.
The 22nd Pa. Vol. Cavalry will hold its annual reunion at Huntington on October 22nd. There will be a meeting forenoon, afternoon and a camp fire in the evening.

Reduced Postage.
Beginning on last Thursday letters to England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales will need only a 2 cent postage stamp instead of a 5 cent one to insure delivery to their destination.

When poverty comes in at the door it never stops to wipe its feet.

JOHN MITCHELL ENDORSES BRYAN

The Great Labor Leader Out in a Strong Letter.

ISSUES ARE CLEARLY DRAWN

Democratic Platform Recognizes the Rights of Organized Labor—The Friend of Laboring Men Gives Good Advice.

Everybody has heard of John Mitchell, the laboringman's friend. Recently he was the President of the "American Federation of Labor." The "Buffalo Republican," at Buffalo, N. Y., is one of the official papers of this organization which represents about two million workmen who also are voters. To them Mr. Mitchell has sent the following letter:

FACT, FUN AND FANCY

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

THE CANDIDATE'S SOLILOQUY.
It's nice to meet a friendly man,
And shake and shake his horny hand;
There's something in his smile and grace,
Unknown to the crust human race.
In this cold world such love is rare,
You'll meet it at the County Fair;
Once I was in that friendly group,
Got badly stung when in the Loop.
That lay gaze gave me the grip,
Or God! I might be running yet.
So all you want is pluck and grit
To stay right there and never quit.
What if the Sailors' Sun is red,
Just keep your nerve and drive ahead.
If men sometimes do treat you mean,
Just walk right in and see the Queen.
You'll turn the crank that turns the mill,
That makes him do his master's will.
So keep your nerve, your chance is good,
Give them the best that's in the wood.
And, with your opponents, boys be fair!
Electioneer right on the square.
And to be square will be the sign,
You'll make the goal with Billy Bryan—S.

FROM JOHN MITCHELL

To the Buffalo Republic,
Buffalo, N. Y.:
Answering your telegram of today, I have this to say: I sincerely believe that all honest interests in this country, including those of the workingman, would be greatly benefited by the election of Bryan. Legitimate business and honest wealth would have nothing to fear in such an event.

GOMPERS SPEAKS.

Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, in an editorial which appears in the last number of the official organ, renews his criticisms of Judge Taft and the Republican party. In the editorial he says:

"The recent newspaper expose of Senator Foraker shows that he was 'retained' by a great trust and accepted many thousands of dollars since he has been in the Senate for obstructing and defeating any legislation which might be offered to curb the illegal practices of the trusts.
"The thing to which we especially call attention in this Foraker matter is that it is evident to anybody possessed of average discernment that Mr. Foraker may not be the only Senator who accepts trust retainers. If he were, it would hardly be possible for him to deliver the goods so successfully year after year. It takes quite a number of Senators to defeat the will of the people, yet they have generally done it successfully.
"We respectfully inform President Roosevelt that he is mistaken when he says 'No respectable organization would hesitate to condemn the abuses against which Judge Taft's injunctions were aimed.' The exact contrary is the fact. Not one respectable organization (unless Van Cleave's organization is so regarded) can be found to indorse Judge Taft's injunctions.
"Labor is not partisan. It is neither Republican nor Democratic, nor does it owe allegiance to any other political party. It is today, and proposes to continue, absolutely independent of party domination; yet in this campaign labor realizes that the Republican party and its candidate stands committed against the relief and the justice which it must have. The Democratic party and its candidate have openly and courageously made labor's demands its own. The toilers of America and the thinking sympathetic, liberty-loving citizens of our country will have no hesitancy in making their choice."
"From Lincoln to Taft."
When the employes of F. M. Pierce Company's glass plant at Clayton, N. J., received their pay envelopes the other day they found enclosed in each one a Republican campaign pamphlet, of neat design and attractive appearance, entitled "From Lincoln to Taft." Many of the workers are strong Republicans, but a good many of them are this year ready to vote for Bryan and the Democratic platform and they did not take kindly to this means of campaigning for the Taft ticket. Some of the men threw the pamphlets away as soon as they were outside the yard of the glass works. One exclaimed: "It's a damned long way from Lincoln to Taft."
The following farmers' institutes for Centre county have been announced:
At Aaronsburg—Monday and Tuesday, February 22nd and 23rd, 1909.
At Pine Grove Mills—Wednesday and Thursday, February 24th and 25th.
At Stormstown—Friday and Saturday, February 26th and 27th.
Further information regarding speakers and topics on the program will be announced later.
Looks For Big Majority.
William J. Bryan, for the first time, predicted on Saturday that he would be elected. He bases his prediction upon his recent speaking tour and the reports which are coming out to him daily from the party managers indicating a landslide of Republican farmers, labor and small merchant votes toward the Democratic ticket.
Horace Dale, of Rushville, Nebraska, is now visiting at the home of his father, George Dale, near Shiloh.

CENTRE COUNTY FAIR.

Owing to the fact of going to press earlier than usual this week, we are unable to give a detailed account of the big Centre County Fair that is now being attended by thousands of people from this and adjoining counties. The expression, "It's the greatest ever held in this part of the state" is the verdict heard every place on the grounds. The exhibits of cattle, farming implements and machinery, poultry and stock of all kinds is larger and better than ever before. The domestic department found in the main building is filled with much that is to be admired. In a long tent there is displayed a large quantity of choice fruit showing that Centre County will not take a back step along this line.
On the line of amusements there is much to please and take the eye of the pleasure seeker, including vaudeville shows, games, merry-go-round, ocean waves, freaks of all descriptions, together with a balloon ascension and an interesting number of specialties before the grand stand. The racing this year is far superior to that of any fair ever held in the county. It is also probable that the track record of 2:17 will be broken. Some of these horses came from different states, and have raced at some of the largest fairs in the country. The best races will be to-day and to-morrow, so if you are interested in that part of the fair you should make every effort to get there.

The Proposition Tabled.

Monday evening John Bower, Esq., in behalf of D. S. Drake and F. H. Fisher, presented an ordinance to the Bellefonte Council which provided for the right of the said parties to erect poles and wires through the streets and alleys of Bellefonte for the purpose of furnishing electric light and power to the residents of the town and for street lighting purposes. Mr. Musser stated that the special committee on water power were negotiating with a party who had offered to furnish \$25,000 at 5 per cent for the purpose of borough erecting its own plant for illuminating the streets. The proposition made by Messrs Drake and Fisher was laid on the table until next meeting night when a more definite understanding could be made with reference to the borough putting up its own plant.

On the Job 23 Years.

In April, 1865, J. L. Bennage, who resides in Allison township, entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad company in the route house in Lock Haven. The duties assigned to him apparently met with favor with both himself and his superior officers, for he continued to labor faithfully and well for 43 years and only resigned when he had reached the age limit for service—70 years. In all this time he worked continuously excepting about 30 days when he was obliged to leave his duties at intervals on account of various causes. He acted in the capacity of foreman.

A Live Corpse.

Fredrick D. Cox former editor of the Altoona Mirror, who was reported drowned in Kentucky, is yet alive and has informed the Mirror of the falseness of the report. He believes that his companion, Thomas J. Campbell, concocted the story while suffering from a hallucination as the result of his drinking habit.

A Heartless Mother.

A handsome baby boy was left on the steps of the Home for the Friendless at Williamsport the other evening. In the baby's clothes was found a note stating the parents had gone away on a four-weeks' visit and wanted them to take good care of it, and upon their return they would pay the institution \$50.
WE NEED a change—that is why working people will vote for Bryan.