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Thursday, Mar. 12, 1896.

### A Popular Move.

The Commissioners have reduced the tax rate from 4 to 3 mills. This reduction is in harmony with the Post's editorial several weeks ago and is what the tax payers of Snyder county want. The reduction will be \$3000 in the pockets of farmers and laborers. This will afford a sigh of relief to our farmers' taxes. Wheat is low in price and the average producer must struggle to make ends meet. Most of the farms in Snyder county are weighted down with judgments mortgages and other obligations. The Real Estate of Snyder county is covered with one and half million dollars borrowed money. This is a deplorable condition to face, but as long as the producing class is placed in bonds and under subjugation, no hope of prosperity can come to cheer the dawn of an "Era of Good Feeling".

The commissioners acted wisely in responding to the clamor of an interested people for a reduction of the tax rate. This \$5000 in the hands of the people will mean a great deal toward encouraging our producing class, at once the hope and salvation from the perils of a panic.

### Possibilities of the Cathode Ray.

Ordinary people, who don't buy books, are talking now about the Roentgen discovery than about anything else. It is the most genuinely astonishing thing in science since the invention of the phonograph. The medical aspect of the discovery, which may lead to the photographing of one's internal organs as a preliminary to every visit to the doctor, is possibly the most interesting side of the matter; though the promise of a French servant to adopt the "cathode rays"—if they are the cathode rays—to the eyes that we can all see through solid substances, may be the most startling feature of all. If the day should ever come, says the Boston Transcript, when that should be done, what a world of humbugs would be at an end. Clothes, of course, after that would be worn simply as a protection against cold. Everybody could see how much money everybody else has in his pocket. Skeletons would be visible in care-fully locked closets. We could begin to feel that the very secrets of our hearts were being laid bare. And even now we see rather more than is good for us. Let us hope, on the whole, that the cathode rays will be left to the camera. That is bad enough!

### A Judicial Abuse.

For years bitter complaints have gone to Washington from Arkansas, Texas, West Virginia and other States against the wrongs that are perpetrated in the Courts of the United States by flagrant abuses of the fee system. Session after session Senator Vest has thundered against these iniquities; but the interest of unscrupulous Federal marshals and their deputies has proved more than a match for the Missouri Senator's eloquence. In vain has the Senator, in his fierce indignation against judicial wrong-doing, shown how multitudes of persons charged with petty offenses against Federal laws have been dragged hundreds of miles from their homes and detained for days and weeks around Federal Court-houses in order to swell the fees of greedy wretches clothed with the authority of the Government. The strongest thing is that little or no protest against these iniquities has been made by the Federal Judges, without whose knowledge they could hardly be committed.

At last Mr. B. M. Ambler, of the West Virginia Bar Association, has produced some cumulative evidence of this subject which ought to arrest the attention of Congress and the Country. In a paper read by the association Mr Ambler charges that the Courts are used by unscrupulous officials as mills for grinding fees out of the unfortunate victims of legal oppression. As proof of this he states that out of 925 cases from West Virginia in the United States Courts last year there were only 301 convictions. The rest of the cases resulted in acquittals or the entering of nolle prosequis. Mr. Ambler goes on to say that "so terrible are the delays and expenses of litigants that the well-to do can hardly stand it, and the poor are rarely heard there as parties except when the Government is accusing them of crime." How false are most of these accusations against the poor that judicial records bear witness. Mr. Ambler asks if there be not ground for the thought that "the Government has farmed out her processes for fleecing the friendless."

What answer ought a great and equitable Government of the people to make to so dreadful a reproach upon its administration of justice? Either that the charge is utterly baseless and imaginary, or that the abuses which it covers shall be swept away without delay. In defense of the fee system it is pleaded that United States marshals and their deputies and United States district attorneys would not be vigilant in tracking down and prosecuting offenders if they should be paid moderate salaries. There is no doubt that officials whose zeal in the public service is stimulated by the prospect of large fees in every case they can rake-up would prove exceedingly lukewarm on the trial if their reward should be made dependent upon the salaries which would be paid whether they performed their duties or not. But it is impossible for this Government to secure faithful, zealous and honest officials for its Courts by paying them fair salaries, and taking away the incentive of fees for oppressing the poor and the weak. It would be a thousand times better that an occasional North Carolina moonshiner should escape punishment for the dreadful crime of distilling a few gallons of applejack for his neighbors than that hundreds of innocent persons be dragged off to jail and imprisoned for months and years at the laws of a commission.

neys and clerks accumulate their fees. It is the management of human and enlightened lawyers who have observed the operation of this fee system that it is an instrument of corruption, oppression and cruelty, and that it should be abolished. Few defend this system except such as have an interest in its abuses and iniquities.—Philadelphia Record.

We understand that the state of affairs as above described is perfectly as it is found in the Western District of Pennsylvania. These abuses have become outrages and something should be done to eradicate these evils from our judicial system.

### A Good Man.

We have noticed that Hon. Walter T. Merrick of Tioga county is a candidate for State Senator from the 25th district. It is gratifying to know that men of Mr. Merrick's stamp and character are to be kept well to the front in the administration of public affairs.

Mr. Merrick has proven himself worthy of the entire confidence, not only of the people of Tioga county but of the whole state.

The record which he made for himself during the sessions of the legislature of '93 and '95 is ample proof that the people had an able, a fearless and an uncompromising champion of their rights and we know of no man in that representative body who espoused the cause of honest, economical government more vehemently and courageously than he, and if the people of the 25th senatorial district appreciate faithful, intelligent and above all honest representation they will send Mr. Merrick to the Senate where his power and influence for good government will be greatly augmented.

Last Friday we had a pleasant call from Prof. J. I. Woodruff of Susquehanna University. The Professor is a typical Snyder county boy and stands high in his profession as a teacher of the Latin Language. He is of a genial disposition and more especially since he has just been promoted to the position of "male carrier" at almost any hour of the night. He is also the Editorial writer of the Susquehanna Journal which together with his other arduous duties requires most of his time.

## BANK STATEMENT.

Report of the Condition of the First National Bank of Middleburgh, at Middleburgh, in the State of Pennsylvania, at the close of business Feb. 28, 1896.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$133,905.30
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	25.24
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	15,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	15,000.00
County Bonds	14,073.13
Real estate, furniture, and fixtures	305.38
Other real estate and mortgages owned	4,459.75
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)	15,856.24
Due from State Banks and bankers	888.29
Checks and other cash items	2,293.00
Notes of other National Banks	648.48
Fractional paper currency, tickets, and coins	7,877.50
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank	10,077.50
Special	4,390.00
Legal-tender notes	675.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer	200,309.11
(5 per cent. of circulation)	
TOTAL	\$200,309.11

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	13,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	1,454.44
National Bank notes outstanding	13,500.00
Due to other National Banks	2,790.43
Individual deposits subject to check	109,526.86
Demand certificates of deposit	9,937.38
Notes and bills discounted	119,464.31
TOTAL	\$200,309.11

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, SNYDER COUNTY, ss. I, J. N. THOMPSON, Jr., Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. N. THOMPSON, Jr., Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of Mar. 1896. J. G. WEISER, Notary Public.

CORRECTED ATTEST: A. KREIBER, W. H. WITTMAYER, F. E. BOWER, Directors.

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## Sciatic Rheumatism

For real blood diseases relief can only be obtained by using a real blood remedy. So many people who are sufferers from an obstinate or deep-seated blood disease make the mistake of taking remedies which at best are only tonics and cannot possibly reach their trouble. It is in just such cases which other so-called blood remedies cannot reach that S.S.S. has made some of the most wonderful cures. Rheumatism is one of the most obstinate diseases of the blood, and there are few remedies which have

Rheumatism, which the treatment of many physicians failed to relieve. I have also used nearly every known blood remedy, but they did me no good, as they did not seem to reach my case at all. Possibly my condition and the extent of my sufferings



MR. ASA SMITH. can be better appreciated when I state that the disease reached a point where it was a matter of utter impossibility for me to take my food, or handle myself in any way, and for several months the nurses were compelled to turn me in bed by use of the sheets.

"This was my condition when S.S.S. was recommended to me, and I must confess that I had little hopes of any medicine benefitting me. I was soon encouraged, however, when after taking three bottles I was able to move my right arm. I continued to take the medicine and before long was able to walk across the room, and when I had finished one dozen bottles was able to get about as of old.

"I have been hale and hearty now for two years, without any sign of a return of the disease. I will never cease to praise S.S.S., which I regard as the most wonderful blood remedy on earth; it brought me out of a condition of utter helplessness to one of robust health, with a weight of 170 pounds."

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The United Evangelicals.

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Turkeys	9
Side	7
Shoulder	9
Hain	12
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