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READ IT.

## 18 of LOCAL INTEREST

" is the name of a new Post

in Union county.

aughter at Reading, Pa. Fetterolf of Troxelville was a

eburgh visitor Sunday. Walter Jr., of Paxtonville on ay was in Middleburgh.

Burns Family re-union will be Clemen's Park, Aug. 12tb.

Minerva Stetler is spending at Shannon's at Adamsburg. Gilbert of New Berlin was nt caller at this office on Satur-

and Ira C. Schoch of Selinson Sunday were Middleburgh

Meiser is still buying calves ment. Highest cash prices d for them.

J. O. Herman and wife on were the guests of Hon. C. rman and family.

WOOD WANTED .- Fifty cords of liddleburgh, Pa.

oes, 8 to 5c., Clark's spool faurer's, New Berlin.

J. F. Stetler and son, Leroy ughter Lillian, on Sunday guests of relatives at Kratz-

Catherine Englebert of Lymaking her annual visit to rmer school friends, the Wittenmyer.

t is 20 cents higher then at then it was three years ago.

rago the Republican party

B. McWilliams and son ve gone to McVeytown. The on will be compelled to a Medical examination and an operation.

Lytle received a big approor expenses in the '95 session Legislature, another fellow vise and was made Senator. der county follow suit.

-Those who owe us for s are requested to pay the or to August 1st, 1897, or be collected according to

MEISER & MOYER. OR SALE-Near Zion's church om Middleburg in Franklin , containing 100 acres, has n, good house. Fruit and abundance on the premises. hilly and lays on the sun quire of Israel Shemorry,

argh, Pa. 7-22-4t. ooth, easy shave, genteel or other tonsorial work, is btained at Soles' Barber cream, hair oil and eggfor sale. A. E. SOLES.

L UNIVERSITY-J. Howard President : College, with es of study leading to decademy, a preparatory dies' Institute, a refined chool; Music School for and Art Studio. For address the Registrar, W. yours." ger, Lewisburg, Pa.

had. M. Mahon had the onducting a Georgie de o the White House on last week. They brought a monster water melon e feet and 5 inches in cir-It was decorated with flag. Presieent McKind the gift and replied in a

iel Millhouse is visiting his son Additional Researches Reveal Our Representative's True Position.

> The Governor's veto axe fell on Herman's Expense bill of \$304 last Thursday. The Governor slaughtered the bills right and left. Friday's Phila. Press says :--

> Two bills of Sergeant-at-Arms Wyatt, of the House, in the Saunders-Roberts and Shiffer-Leb contested election cases for mileage at 20 cents mile, amounting to \$609, are vetoed because they are excessive and unwarranted.

> The members of the House Elections Committee were also given the "tey hand" when the Governor came to consider the bill of expense in the Saunders-Roberts contest election case He vetoed the following items, all for extra car

> P. M. Lytle, \$294; Charles W. Herman \$304 J. S. Wilson, \$194; Clarence T. Baldwin, \$294 George Sterr, Jr., \$290; O. M. Kerr, \$294; Seth Orme, \$336 ; D. M. Pry. \$42 ; J. C. French. \$314

The Governor's remarks are:—
"Having made inquiry of all the members o the committee as to the character of the charges I received replies from all, or nearly all of them. rd wood is wanted by F. F. and learned that almost the entire amount ap propriated in each instance was for mileage charged by them as members of the committee One member, under date of July 26, 1897 in re 4c. All kinds of bargains at ply to my inquiry says, among other things claim of mileage at twenty cents per mile to eight trips from Harrisburg to Philadelphia." "Another member of the committee writes or

the same date : "I beg to say that the amount includes items for extra mileage, livery hire, boarding, extra postage, telegrams, etc.' An other member, in reply to my inquiry, says: "I never presented any bill to the com. mittee, Suppose they made the item in my fa-vor on the basis of mileage, which some committees have been in the custom of receiving from the State."

"For these reasons, and for additional rea sons, the items are disapproved, but in withlast year, 9 cents higher holding my approval I deem it only fair to say this time in 1895, and 23 cents that the appropriation made to the different members of this committee was made upon what I believe to have been the honest assump tion that they were legally entitled to mileage.

d the country an honest of the House to pay the expenses incurred by The appropriation to Sergent-at-Arms Wyatt, nd a protective tariff. The the Senate and House at the mauguration of that led to the veto of the appropriation to pay the expenses to the Washington and Grant nonument dedications, hithertofore published. From this it appears that Her-

man's bill was made up of mileage at 20 cents a mile. Such a bill is illegal. Read what Article II, Section 8 of the constitution says. It is as follows: "The members of the General Assembly shall receive such salary and mileage for regular and special sessions as shall be fixed by law and no other compensation whatever whether for service upon committee or otherwise. No member of either House shall during the term for which he may have been elected receive any increase in salary or mileage under any law passed during such term "

When the bills for "car fare, carriage hire, telegrams, etc." was under discussion on June 26th we find on page 3162 Legislative Record that Mr. Hesbit declared that the bills were fictitious. Mr. J. C. Willson who had a bill for personal expense withdrew his bill for the reason that the law did not allow him to charge for that. Charles J. Ped-Wittenmyer's Building, op- ler withdrew his bill of \$43.20 and st office. Go to Soles and Joseph Alexander withdrew his bill visitors on Sunday. ake no mistake, Shaving of \$43.20. In the face of these withsworn to uphold, Herman voted for an appropriation for "car fare, carriage hire, etc." for \$1046.40 "car fare, carriage hire, telegrams, etc." for the use of the members of the Elections' committee in the Shiffer-Leh contest. It was a case of "you vote for my bill and I'll vote for Soles at campmeeting this year.

His Bill Failed the First Time.

On June 25 (page 3110) Legislative Record the expense bill of Representative Herman and fellow members failed to pass. Herman's vote is recorded in favor of the appropriation. This defeat evidently disconcerted our member as he is

"Absent and Not Voting" on the bill (1.) for 2 additional clerks to make roll of Penna. Volunteers, nee Carrie Bachman, and her two (2) The appriation for the Pennsyl-step children are visiting parents vania Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at and friends.

Erie. (3) Dedication of Soldiers'

That he should be present when his own bill was in the balance and go out when the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Erie was to be cared for is not altogether consistent. The next day when Herman's bill for \$304 came up again our representative was present and on page 3165 is his vote FOR the appropriation. This time the bill was carried with only 106 votes. The bill had 96 votes the day before.

Attorney Fees. Herman voted for Attorneys' fees \$1000, to be divided between two at torney for services in the Saunders-Roberts contest. He also voted for \$500 for attorney's fees in the Shif fer-Feh contest. Mr. Bare said that the brightest lawyers in the house would do all the work needed for \$25 to \$50 each. Besides he said that the committee had no right to employ counsel; it is the duty of the contestants to do this. Both con-

testants get a salary the same as any other member. This is why it pays to contest. More Explanation. In addition to the four things we

asked last week to have explained for the benefit of the tax-papers of Snyder county, the people now want to know (5) how Representative Herman can present and vote as quoted above.

"Absent and not voting" record on three columns that you devote to me so many appropriation bills for directly and by inference you labor charity, yet could be present and vote for his own. (8) His reason for

## Those Expense Bills.

Governor Hastings says that one member of the Elections reports that his "bill is made up of 8 trips between Harrisburg and Phila. at 20 cents a mile." Well the distance one miles. Eight trips would make 1680 a bill for \$346; we presume he is the man. Riding on a pass, this would give him a clear profit of \$336 for 8 trips to Phila. Seven trips would bills of \$294. Herman's bill was \$304-just \$10 more. In the absence of an itemized statement from him we presume his bill is made up telegrams, et cetera. The first terms 7 trips from Harrisburg to Phila., \$294 and \$10 for carriage hire, etc. If the bill had been paid it would make a profit of about \$300.

Ambrose Aurand of the Adamsburg Hearld was in town on Sunday.

Misses Fetzar, Jennie Miller, Mary and Anne Alleinan were Middleburgh

Fancy White Dress goods at 5 to drawals and the constitution he is 18 cents, reduced from 8 to 25c. at Maurer's, New Berlin.

As yet we have no persons who have the gold fever so severely as to be ready to start for the Yucon.

Frank K. Sheary of Mffilinburg is running the barber shop for A. E. Serenus Bowersox and wife of

Benfer township on Sunday were the guests of I. H. Bowersox and family. Miss Jennie Ulrich of Selinsgrove has for several days been the guest of Miss Naomi Schoch of this place.

Showing the Motive that Record.

MIDDLEBURGH, PA., Aug. 2, '97. To the Editor of the Post :

It must be very gratifying to the among them.

Ever since the time of the Roman and Grecian forum lights of more or less magnitude have hurled their malice and venom against those who may have honestly differed from them in matters of community, state or national, and it is not surprising to find among us a censor who with one mighty sweep of the pen hopes to forever cast a stain upon whatever was commendable in the public life of a fellow citizen.

You, Mr. Editor, are the censor. You invite me to a defense and I sccept the challenge.

Your magnanimous offer to give me your columns through which I hope to reach the people who have honored me with their suffrages and whose confidence, I believe, I have always had, I must cheerfully ac-

No man realizes more fully than I do the force of the common saying that public office is a public trust. Every man in whom is vested representative power is responsible to for a bill of \$304 for mileage when it is a violation of the constitution as quoted above.

those who confer such power and I have never avoided criticisms of any public acts of my life. I invite such criticism now but I want it without as quoted above.

(6) Why he voted for the bills

(\$1046.40) in the Shiffer-Leh contest
when the members themselves admit they had no expense. (7) His most heroically to tell the people that I betrayed their sacred trusts. mit that the first term I most zealously guarded the interests of the people of the county but that the old satanic spirit had at least seized me and that my course during the last term deserved nothing but the severest condemnation.

You charge me with four great crimes which you think I should exway is 105 miles or a round plain to the people, because you say trip would be equivalent to 210 that the taxpayers have a right to know what reasons a man has for betraying them. You are very much miles and at 20 cents a mile equals exorcised over the fact that I was a Bill \$336. Sethe Orme of Schuylkill has member of the Elections Committee and that in the bill providing for the expenses of the members of the committee in conducting the Roberts-Saunders contest an item of \$304 was appropriated to me. The amount make \$294. Four members have in itself does not stagger you so much as the items that are to make up the amount. You don't appear to know what is meant by extra carfare, boarding, liveryhire, postage, are easy enough and your Latin will help you out in the et cetera.

You say that the Governor came very near home and demanded an itemized statement from me. you will accept the reply I sent to Mr. Beitler, the governor's private secretary, who asked for information I think I will have made sufficient explanation. My letter to Mr. Beit-ler was as follows:

MIDDLEBURGH, PA., July 20, '97. Hon. Lewis Beitler,

Dear Sir: In reply to yours of recent date in relation to the item specifically appropriated to me in House Bill, No. -. I beg to say that the amount includes items for extra carfare, boarding, livery hire, streetcar fare, postage and telegrams (used as secretary of the committee). The bill is based on precedent established at session of 95 and all previous legis-latures. If the items are not au-thorized by law I am willing to be held up as an example so that the present as well as the future protection of the state may be secured. Very truly, Chas. W. Herman.

I am glad that the governor is fair enough to say "It has been the prac-H. I. Romig and Mr. Warner of tice for many years to allow mileage Adamsburgh were visitors to the Lutheran Y. P. S. C. E. Sunday evening.

Mrs. W. A. Lutz of Shippensburg that no reflection upon the character of the members can be fairly im-plied because of these appropria-tions." I have no right to question

Erie. (3) Dedication of Soldiers' monuments at Chatanooga, Tena.

(4) State Hospital for Injured Prisons at Ashland. (5) Pennsylvania Nautical schoolship. (6) Penn Asylum for Indegent widows and Single Women. (7) Board of Game Commissioners.

HERMANS REPLY.

Quite understand that he did not know two years ago that such expenses were unauthorized by law. In the P. L. of 1895 pages 608 and 609 you will find a bill that appropriates to Justify His Course by the Senate. Under the fundamental law, as you should know if you don't, nominations made by the Pres, and Gov. Board of Game Commissioners.

Penna, in reference to appointments made by the President of the U. S. Or the Governor of the State.

Under the fundamental law, as you should know if you don't, nominations made by the Pres, and Gov. The session of '93. Gov. Pattison to Justify His Course by the Senate. Can you see any great crime in applying the same principle to the tings approved the bill in '95.

he Thinks Prompted the propriated to P. M. Lytle for extra Among the items I find \$561 ap-Exposition of His Bad carfare, sleeping berths, telegrams, etc. Huntingdon county returned Mr. Lytle to the last legislature, not-withstanding. J. J. Coyle of Schuyl-kill Co. had a bill of \$300. Coyle is now the Senator from that district. E. W. Tool was credited with a bill of \$261 for the same items. \$760 was bill ? allowed for the secretary of the com-

> The committee of the last House which you charge with extravagance had no seperate bills for services of a secretary, doorkeepers, etc.

I here publicly assert that there has been no contest for many years that didn't cost the state from \$5000 to \$8000 more than the cases that were before the committee of the last House your charge of extravagance to the contrary notwithstanding. I leave this part of your censorious article and take up the second charge which you call the Mc-Cook funeral Bill.

Funerals are grave matters and I had hoped you could find live sub-jects in which you could ventilate your spleen. I can see of course that funerals lead to executor's notices, sale bills and other fees that come to printers in the settlement of dead men's estates and in so far as those things are concerned I can see why you want an explanation.

The particular funeral in which you are most interested is the Cook funeral although the bills for the expenses incurred in the burial of exrepresentative Phillips of Schuylkill county and Cassin of Phila. would have served the pu pose of showing how the people's money would be spent, but I realize that you could'nt accomplish your purpose except to call for another itemized statement of expenditures. You certainly must be jesting when you attempt to make the people of the county believe that I got or am to get \$100 of the \$671.80 appropriated to pay for the expenses of said fun. to pay for the expenses of said fun-eral. It seems to me that any one voting for such enormous attorney fees in cases where the state is not liable.

You are very charitable in your declarations that my great sins were are either jesting or willfully attempting to deceive the people when the legislature just closed. You advous a that the expense bill of each you say that the expense bill of each you say that the expense bill of each member was more than \$100. When you furnish information to the pub lic, common decency should admonish you to be at least reasonably fair.

I suppose I will be liable to your censure if I say to you and the peo-ple of the county that I do not know anything about the Cook Funeral Bill except that the Chairman, Mr. Long of York county, presented the bill to Mr. Marshall, chairman of the General Appropriation Committee. for insertion in the General App.

The bill includes an item. I think, for flowers, coffiin, boarding, sar-geant-at-arm's fees and carriage-hire. To the last item you will not likely object when I say that that was the only way we could go from Mercersburg to Fulton county. As to the amount of each particular item, I know absolutely nothing. Mr. Long I think can furnish you the information and if you really feel that the people demand the itemized bill it is your business as a watch dog of their treasury to obtain the infor-mation. The Governor, I believe, has approved the bill and if the expenses are not strictly authorized by iaw your recourse is to write up the governor. In '95 an item of \$1405 was allowed in the Gen. App. Bill to pay the funeral expenses of Mr. Lemon, who died during the sesson. I was nt a member of the committee but it might be interesting to have the itemized statement from the members who composed the committe. Hon. W. F. Stewart, the father of the House, was chairman of the committee, who will no doubt be willing to answer any questions you may have to ask him.

(3rd.) Now surely you can't be in earnest when you want to make the people of Snyder county believe that I voted their birthright away when I voted for what you are so kind as to call the "infamous Becker Bill".

The Becker Bill, well, pray, what has that to do with the interests of the people of this county? Do you really believe that the people care? Why you did'nt even tell them what the bill provided for and I can't see how you can make it appear infamous unless you show us just where you see the infamy. I must be very much mistaken if the people in the county care anything about whether the Mayor of Phila, has absolute power in making appointments or whether his power is restricted by councils. You know something of course about the functions of the perfect manhood, and leaves a widow the Governor's motives, but I can't | U. S. Senate as well as the senate of and two small children.

plying the same principle to the Mayor's appointments in the great city of Phila. The great majority of the Phila. delegation was in favor of the bill and I saw no particular crime in voting for it. You knew something about the bill before it had passed and if you are so much interested why did'nt you give me the benefit of your political judgment and ask me to vote against the

I have but little time left to touch upon your fourth charge. You want to know why I voted against Mr. Coray's motion to go into the committee of the whole for the purpose of smending the Geo. App. Bill ?

Mr. Coray is an excellant gentleman and for whom I have a good deal of respect but when he presumed to know more about the amounts required to pay for the expenses of the legislative and senate branch of the government I preferred to support the amounts as furnished by the Chief Clerk of the House and of the Senate.

When Mr. Coray wanted to appropriate no more for the expenses of the legislature than was appro-priated in '95 he forgot that the last session was a month longer than the '95 session and that in the item was an amount of \$5000 or more to cover a deficiency. Mr. Coray may have been correct when he said that the pay rolls were padded, but he had no means of knowing that \$35,000 should be stricken off from the item. The governor's explanation proves my position to have been nearer correct than Mr. Corays.

If you are after itemized statements Mr. Ceray may be able to give you some information because I no-tice that in the session of '91 of which he was a member, \$291 was allowed to him as a member of the appropriation committee. We are all quite human.

In your judgment I have forfeited the confidence of my best friends because you measured me and according to your standard I am found wanting.

You have called me before the bar of public opinion to answer four dististinct charges which you prefer against me and for which you think I deserve to be condemned. I rest my case with the honest judgment of a common sense, fairminded, and intelligent constituency.

Before I finally leave you, however, I want to charge you with four little things that have much to do with your unmanly attack upon me.

1st. The motive that prompts you to parade what you call my record is due to the fact that Hon. Mahon didn't appoint your father-in-law postmaster of Middleburg for which you hold me in a great measure reeponsible. 2nd. Your candidate threa' ad

to turn your paper on me if I re. ed to endorse him and now as means to even things up you are induced to assail me. 3rd. You are not infallible if

measured by anything near like the moral or spiritual law. You should say to the public that you endeavored to land your father-in-law in the post office by fair and unfair means, because as a last resort did you not purchase my endorsemen for him? 4th. You might also state that

during the last United States Senatorial fight you accepted \$100 as a price for running your paper in the interest of John Wanamaenr. I dismiss you with the pri ting advice that a censor shoum, by all

means be free from the get t sins which ascribes to the object of his criticism, all of which is most respectfully submitted.

CHAS. W. HERMAN.

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ANOTHER FATALITY.

Wilson Knouse Fatally Injured Saturday Morning.

Wilson Knouse, of Northumberland, a brakeman in DY yard, was fatally injured while at work about 6 o'clock Saturday morning, death resulting at about 10 minutes before 3 o'clock that afternoon. He was in the act of getting on a moving car when he fell, the wheels crushing his left leg between the ankle and knee and badly bruising and tearing the right. He was taken to the Mary M. Packer hospital but he never rallied sufficiently to have an operation