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WHERE ABUSES AND IRREGULARITIES FLOURISH

Reform in the District Attorney's Office Needed—M. P. McLaughlin's Official Record—Has Been Chief Deputy For the Past Six Years.

Pottsville, Oct. 27, 1899.

ED. HERALD:—"Vote for Economy" is the title of an article recently published in an evening Democratic paper and in view of the fact that the thoughtful and honest citizen of the county is always desirous of following such honest and unimpeachable advice, it is fitting and proper that a few facts be called to their attention to enable them to carry out their intentions and decide for themselves how this can best be done.

It is a well known fact that there is in existence in this county an organization known as the "Taxpayers' Association," which is nothing more or less than the same indicated—an association of the taxpayers of the county, organized for the purpose of investigating the several offices of the county, ascertaining how the money of the taxpayers is spent and endeavoring in every honorable way to lessen the burdens of taxation. This organization has lately grown exceedingly heavy. That the organization is non-political is a well known fact, and the investigations thus far made have not been directed against or confined to any particular party; but, without fear or favor or without questioning the politics of the officer, have gone on honestly and fearlessly to call attention to the willful waste of the public funds wherever they were found.

Let us call the attention of the public, or at least that portion of the public who are earnestly and honestly desirous of voting for economy, to the result of an investigation of the District Attorney's office and show how for the past six years this office has been conducted, and how carelessly the public funds of the county have been spent by the incumbent of this important office.

On the 28th day of December, 1898, a communication from the Taxpayers' Association was addressed to B. W. Cunningham, District Attorney-elect, calling his attention to the loose methods and careless conduct of the District Attorney's office, and in a general way specifying in what manner the office had been conducted, giving him a compiled statement of the different dispositions made of the cases returned to and entered in the Court of Quarter Sessions. This communication ended by making six distinct charges as follows:

"We call your attention to some practices that have grown up in this office as to such costs, and indicate a number of them under several heads, and can furnish you, if desired, the number and amount of bills and costs, as made out in each division. It is not necessary and would be tedious to mention them here, but we are ready at any time to give all particulars."

"We find on investigation that—

"1st. Cases have been not pressed and the record marked 'costs paid' where only a part of the costs are paid."

"The following figures show the amount paid out by the county in settled cases, where cases have been disposed of, and the amount of costs received:

1896 Received	\$1,297.35	Paid out	\$1,072.00
1897 Received	1,331.10	Paid out	778.84
1898 Received	720.54	Paid out	778.84
Total	\$3,348.99	Paid out	\$2,630.68

"2nd. Cases have been not pressed at the expense of the county where the defendants have agreed to pay the costs, and, in some instances, have paid a part of them."

"3rd. Cases have been not pressed where the full amount of bills and costs, as made out by the District Attorney, have been collected by the clerk, but the county has paid out a much larger sum in settlement. Often the costs of Justices and Constables' fees have been paid at home and afterwards paid by the county again."

"4th. Cases have been not pressed twice and in some of these costs, or a part of them, have been paid a second time."

"5th. Cases have been not pressed that have been previously disposed of in another way."

"6th. Cases have been not pressed at the expense of the county, where the defendant has little doubt as to the guilt of the defendant; in many of the cases they have virtually confessed as much, by agreeing to make restitution to the prosecutor, in order to get his or her consent to a settlement. In many of these cases bills of indictment have been prepared, witnesses subpoenaed, trial bills returned by the District Attorney, and witnesses have been in attendance at one or more terms of court, at great inconvenience and expense to themselves, for which service they received no compensation, being deprived of their fees by this disposition of the case. In some of the cases the defendant has paid claims of the prosecutor and the costs also, but the county's portion has been appropriated by some one else."

"On the 17th day of March, A. D., 1899, a similar communication was addressed to the County Commissioners by the Taxpayers' Association, and subsequently on the 31st day of April, A. D., 1899, another communication was addressed to the Court of Quarter Sessions of the county. In this last communication, the express charges of irregularities and abuse were specifically made and the number of the parties and the names of the parties and the particular irregularity of each case concisely stated. To give the full name of cases in which marked abuses were found would fill an ordinary newspaper, and we simply give a few samples to show how carefully and economically (?) this great office has been conducted under the present administration:

"1. Cases not pressed and the record marked 'costs paid' where only a part of the costs have been paid:

"135 and 142, January, 1898. Commonwealth vs. Joe Robinson and Grant Withey. Breaking and entering, on oath of C. W. Royer and receiving stolen goods on oath of D. J. Cleary. Costs \$14.80 and \$10.00. \$7.50 paid in each case Feb. 23rd, 1898. Not pressed April 4, 1894. Paid out by county, \$29.80.

"2. Cases not pressed and the record marked 'costs paid' where all the costs called for by the bill furnished the clerk by the District Attorney have been paid, but the county has paid out more than was received in the settlements:

"1507, Nov. 1898, Commonwealth vs. Anth. Kupa-drak, a. and b., on oath of Mike Ravoek. Returned by Justice Keuhn. District Attorney's bill says justice and constable costs paid at Justice's office. All witnesses returned. Received \$9.94. Not pros., Jan. 18, 1899. Paid out by county, \$14.42.

"474, March, 1899. Commonwealth vs. Richard E. Atz, f. and b., on oath of Bertha Lunden-alger. Returned by Justice Lunden-alger. Received \$11.35 and a release from the constable for his costs. Constable credited with \$3.32 on Commissioners' docket. Marked of

Feb. 7, 1899. Not pros., May 15th, 1898. "1224, Sept. 1896, Com. vs. John Kudzie. Larceny on oath of Adolph Rehalla. Returned by Justice Dalley. Received \$6.80 Paid out by county, \$20.46. Not pros. No vember 21, 1899.

"The limited bill of costs furnished by the District Attorney says that \$11.90 justice and constable costs were paid at home. This \$11.90 was again paid by the county to Dalley and Gillespie.

"120, January, 1897 Com. vs. Edw. O. Hunsleker, f. and b., on oath of Vetter, Fishman. Returned by Justice Vetter. Received \$2.80. Credited on the Docket, \$15.15. Bill as first made out by the District Attorney called for \$21.96, but it was revised and everything stricken off but the court costs. \$9.35 justice and constable costs remains on the docket, as payment was not demanded. Not pros., March 13, 1897.

"1008, May 1897, Com. vs. Hugh Shafer, receiving stolen goods, on oath of Daniel K. Kiefer. Returned by Justice Lutz. Received \$0.80. Credited on docket, \$17.45. Not pros., May 24, 1897. \$8.35 justice and constable costs open on docket—not yet paid.

"1344, September, 1896, Com. vs. Martin Kells, a. and b., on oath of John Tomaszewski. Returned by Justice Rykowski. Received \$16.00. Not pros., September 17, 1896. Paid out by county \$20.83.

Cases not pressed twice, in some of which costs were paid a second time.

"1173, September, 1894, Com. vs. Joseph Wielechonski, forger, Sec., on oath of Daniel Christian, November 18, 1894, a true bill, March 13, 1896 not pros., costs paid \$14.00. July 19, 1897, again not pressed and \$10.50 credited to the different officers. \$4.70 was paid to Justice Williams. He received \$6.70 when it was first not pressed.

"514, May, 1898, Com. vs. Marcus Kianowsky, larceny, on oath of Andrew Prentner. Returned by Justice Dalley, of McAdoo, May 7, '98, a true bill, May 7, 1898, capias issued, May 10, capias issued, October 18, '97, not pros., county for costs as follows: Court \$7.45, Justice McLaughlin \$9.90, Constable McKee \$2.90, paid. April 4, 1899, again not pressed. \$21.25 in costs; Court \$5.05, Justice Dalley \$3.50, Constable Gillespie \$10.65—justice and constable costs paid in April and May '98. The first time this case was not pressed it was entered on the Commissioners' docket as 512 and McLaughlin and McKee named as justice and constable. 512 was a case against Charles Sivas.

"1008, September, 1897, Com. vs. Martin Tallet, keeping a bawdy house, on oath of Unity Slavin, March 19th, 1898, not pros.; county for costs, April 4, 1898, again not pros.

"736, May, 1897, Com. vs. Richard Molokan, a. and b., on oath of John Kugar, May 5, 1897, a true bill, May 10, 1897, not pros.; county for costs, July 2, 1897, again not pressed.

"745, May, 1897, Com. vs. James Ready, violation of election laws, on oath of Daniel Holman, April 4, 1898, not pros. county for costs, July 2, 1898, again not pressed."

"239, January, 1897, Com. vs. Eugene McGee, f. and b., on oath of Katie Smith, July 2, 1897, not pros. County for costs, July 2, 1898, again not pressed. This was the second return of this charge against McGee. The first on which a true bill was returned by the Grand Jury was lost or mislaid by the District Attorney, but was afterwards recovered and he was tried on it and found not guilty but pay the costs.

"4. Cases not pressed at the cost of the county that were previously disposed of in another way:

"1490, November, 1895, Com. vs. Paron Molokan, a. and b., on oath of John Kugar, January 3, 1896, not a true bill and no prosecutor directed to pay costs same day Kugar sentenced, January 18, 1896, not pros. County for costs, \$19.14.

"63, January, 1896, Com. vs. Peter Goodwins, surety, Sec., on oath of Abraham Ives, January 7, 1896, Court heard the parties and directed each to pay half the costs. \$20.92 costs paid out by the county, January 18, 1896, not pros. county for costs, \$7.45. Court costs open. Sheriff collected his costs, \$2.25 and \$1.23 in both dispositions of the case.

"436, March, 1897, Com. vs. Maria Patrick Maloney, a. and b., on oath of Anthony O'Donnell, Jan. 3, 1898, a true bill, Jan. 5, 1898, capias for defendant, Jan. 10, 1898, jury trial, verdict, not guilty and the prosecutor to pay the costs. Jan. 11, 1898, prosecutor sentenced to pay costs and in default committed. April 4, 1898, not pros. county for costs, \$7.45. Sheriff collected fees both times, \$1.75 and \$1.25.

"5. Cases not pressed at the cost of the county where the parties to the suit state that they paid all the costs demanded.

"1241, June, 1898, Com. vs. William Oealus, surety, Sec., on oath of John Cambia, Returned by Justice Dwine. Not pros. December 23, 1898. County for costs, \$18.65.

"1410, Sept. 1898, Com. vs. John Howell, a. and b. on oath of Mike Tiranka, November 25, 1898, not pros. county for costs. The defendant in this case paid the prosecutor \$5, and was willing to pay the costs to have the case settled."

"That the charges made in the foregoing communication are well founded and cannot be successfully defended, is amply proved by the additional fact that the County Controller has refused to pay any salaries to the District Attorney or his deputies since the May term of this year, claiming that they have already received thousands of dollars in excess of what they were legally entitled to.

The careful consideration of the taxpayers of the county of the foregoing facts is respectfully invited and, in addition thereto, to the further fact that the present candidate for District Attorney, on the Democratic ticket, has been chief deputy in the office for the last six years, during which time the abuses and irregularities have flourished, and as such deputy he has to a great extent had charge of the details of the office, and the query naturally presenting itself is: If for six years he has so ably assisted in thus increasing this great public trust, is it the proper person to receive the suffrages of those voters who are honestly and earnestly desirous of 'voting for economy'?

A TAXPAYER.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Proceedings at a Regular Meeting Held Last Night.

A regular meeting of the Board of Health was held last evening in the Council chamber, the following members being in attendance: Messrs. Spalding, Malone and Morrison.

The epidemic committee reported six cases of communicable diseases: Diphtheritic group, 2; scarlet fever, 3; diphtheria, 1. One of the cases of diphtheritic group was fatal. The secretary reported that he issued 23 burial permits, 20 for town interments and 3 for outside places. Seven of the permits were for burial of non-residents from the following places: Shepton, 2; Wm. Penn, 2; St. Nicholas, 2; Lost Creek, 1. The secretary also issued one diphtheritic group permit, 3 scavenger permits and one transcript of record.

The necrology committee reported 15 deaths and one still birth for the month. The case of a woman dying after attendance by midwife led to quite a lengthy discussion, during which it transpired that the triplets born on East Lloyd street a few weeks ago had died.

President Spalding stated that it was no surprise to him that the triplets had died, as they were premature by two months. The discussion then hinged upon the death of the woman who had been under the care of a midwife in connection with the triplets.

Mr. Malone raised a question as to physicians acting in cases at the last hours in such cases. He thought extreme care should be used to prevent a violation of the law in such matters. He also suggested that the subject could be very appropriately discussed by the county medical societies.

Health Officer Conry reported that he abated ten cases of nuisances during the month. He also stated that J. J. Bradigan, the contractor, had been working on the First ward creek since last Wednesday and that the work would be probably satisfactorily completed in about a week.

Overcoats for young and old at THE FAMOUS. 10-15-14

WM. PENN.
Rev. George Mack, of Girardville, was a visitor here yesterday. Rev. Mack's church office is being improved and will be reopened November 25th.

Supt. B. E. Quinn was a business visitor to Pottsville yesterday.

William Nixon, Jr., whose left eye was injured by the explosion of a dynam cap, returned from a Philadelphia hospital, with his sight retained.

Mrs. John Birklebach has accepted the janitorship of the M. E. church.

Services in the Methodist Episcopal church to-morrow, Rev. W. H. Stewart, pastor, 10:30 a. m., Sunday school; 2 p. m., Jr. League; 6 p. m., preaching. Subject of sermon: "The Lost Sheep."

The finest selection in men's pants at THE FAMOUS. 10-15-14

Deaths and Funerals.
Marion, the 7-months-old daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth McDonald, died last evening at the home of the parents in Port Carbon.

Charles J. Slayman, a well known Shamokin contractor, died from consumption yesterday. He leaves a wife and six children.

The funeral of Mrs. Catherine Campbell took place this morning from her late residence at Turkey Run and was attended by a large number of relatives and friends. High mass was celebrated in the Annunciation church and interment was made in the Annunciation cemetery. M. J. O'Neill was the funeral director.

BRICHMAN'S PILLS for stomach and liver ills.

Missionary Meeting.
The Home Missionary Society connected with the Lehigh Presbytery will meet in the Presbyterian church at Mahanoy City next Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and evenings. There will be addresses by Rev. D. M. Buchanan, of Mauch Chunk, and Mrs. Pingry, of the Women's Board of Home Missions. About fifty delegates are expected to attend. A pleasant and interesting feature will be the filling of a Christmas box to be sent to the mission school at Pleasant Grove, Utah.

To Cure LaGrippe in Two Days
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Held for Trial.
Michael Roshke and his wife, Maggie, were held in \$500 bail for trial at court by Justice Toomey last night. They were charged with assault by Mrs. Charles Dudurk, who alleges that the accused chased her, one carrying a clothes line prop and the other a knife.

The Best 3 for 5 Cent Cigars
at F. J. Porta's novelty store, 21 North Main street. 10-24-14

FINED FOR AUCTIONEERING

Hardnick Arrested Because He Had no State License.

E. Hardnick, who has been conducting an auction house in the Redball building the past two days, was arrested last night by Detectives O'Hara, on complaint of Charles Strone. The complaint was that Hardnick was conducting an auction business without a state license.

Hardnick told Justice Toomey that he paid Chief Burgess Taber \$25 for an auctioneer's license for one year and he was under the impression that that was all he was required to do. The Justice fixed bail in the sum of \$500 for trial at court, but it was subsequently agreed that if the costs were paid, and Hardnick agreed not to continue the business, the case would be dropped. The costs, amounting to \$13.70, were paid this morning. Hardnick left town, but he stated before his departure that he would return this evening. His stock is still here.

ROBBERS AT GIRARDVILLE

Justice Lenahan Waited For Their Entry But They Became Alarmed.

Early this morning several robbers made an unsuccessful attempt to enter the residence of Justice of the Peace Lenahan, at Girardville. The presence of the robbers was discovered by Mrs. Lenahan, who heard a noise in the kitchen. She awakened her husband. He arose and went down stairs with a drawn revolver in hand.

When he reached the bottom of the stairs he found the robbers were making splendid headway in sawing a panel out of the kitchen door. He remained silent and awaited their entry. One of the robbers on guard across the street saw Mrs. Lenahan turn on the light in her bedroom. He signaled his pals by firing a shot from a revolver. This caused the robbers to flee, and Lenahan ran to the door and fired several shots after them, but without effect.

The cheapest place for ready-made clothing for men, boys and children is THE FAMOUS.

Church Notices.
Services in the P. M. church to-morrow morning and evening. Revival subject, "The Prayer for a Revival of Pure Religion." Sunday school at 3 p. m. Evening subject, "God's Balances." A kind invitation is extended to all to attend these services. Good singing by the church choir, Mr. Ed. Cooper, leader.

To-morrow, being Reformation Day in the annals of the Lutheran church, special services will be conducted in St. John's German Lutheran church, on West Cherry street. The sermon at the morning services will be in German by the pastor, Rev. John Grubler. The evening services will be conducted in the English language and will dwell extensively on the Reformation. The Sunday school will be present in a body and will render a special program.

A few more bright young ladies and gentlemen wanted to enroll in night school, Dougherty building. 10-13-14

Social Functions.
The members of the Up-to-date Club were entertained at the residence of Miss Lillie Heibach, on North Jardin street, last evening. The occasion afforded much pleasure to the members.

A party was given to a number of friends of the Bierstein family at their residence on West Lloyd street, last evening.

Our prices in merchant tailor-made garments for ladies and men can't be beat. THE FAMOUS. 10-18-14

Minersville Boy Killed.
The parents of John McClusky, of Minersville, received a message that the young man was killed in an engagement in the Philippines. The young man was 23 years old, and enlisted as a volunteer last April. He is the first Schuylkill county soldier killed in battle in the Philippines.

Ladies if you have any cloth to be made into a dress, just bring it to us; we will do the rest. THE FAMOUS 10-18-14

Sunday School Anniversary.
To-morrow will be celebrated by the congregation of the Methodist Episcopal church, Mahanoy City, as anniversary day. It being the thirty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the church and the sixth rebuilding of the structure. A special feature will be the music, the home choir being augmented by twenty of the best singers from Shenandoah.

Gas mantels, 10 and 15 cents. Orkin's warehouse and music store, 7 S. Main St. 10-18-14

Marriage Licenses.
The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday: John Umlauf, of Louist Dale, and Katie M. Hepler, of Mahantongo; Theodore Kopechek and Tadoka Bartichock, both of New Philadelphia; George Bridal and Gwennie L. Reese, both of Ashland.

Special Bargains.
It will pay parties needing carpets and oil cloth to give me a call. The latest styles and lowest prices. Special bargains: All wool blankets, furniture and dress goods of all kinds. Also coats and capes, at 10-27-14 P. J. MONAGHAN'S.

The best hat for the money at THE FAMOUS.

Senator Loch's Condition.
Chas. A. Saylor, Esq., attended to legal business in Philadelphia this week and while there visited Hon. S. A. Loch, and reports that he is improving under the treatment at the hospital. He is of the opinion that the Senator will soon be a well man.

Pretty patterns in cut glass and silver is displayed at Brumm's jewelry and music store. 10-14-14

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The finest hats the world offers—their wonderful goodness known in every civilized country of the globe.

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Good Woolen Blankets, white, with fancy borders at \$1.98, \$2.15, \$2.65, \$2.98, \$3.25, \$4.10 to \$7.50 a pair.

Children's, Ladies' and Men's Underwear. Union Suits, Oneita Brand.

Children's Cloaks, \$2.50 to \$4.75, double collars, sizes 6 to 12, in black, brown, blue, mixed greys and boucle.

Broadcloth in colors, at 90c., fifty inches wide.

Mohair, 25c. up.
White Satin, 37 1/2c. per yard.
Taffetas, 65c. per yard.
Duchess Satins, \$1.35 per yard.
Mittens for children and misses, 10c. a pair.
Ladies' Silk Mitts at 49c. a pair. They are beauties.

Infants Woolen Caps and the Germantown Wool to Make Them.

A full line of Misses', Ladies' and Gentlemen's Soles for House Slippers.

Also a full line of Cream Candies at 20c, 30c, 36c, 40c, 46c, 60c, 80c, per pound.

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Maple Syrup. IMPORTED SWISS, BRICK and LIMBERGER CHEESE.

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Ranges.—Guaranteed to bake and cook to your own taste.

Heaters.—Double and single, at prices from \$5.00 to \$30.00.

Stove Boards.—Stove pipe and elbows and everything you want when setting up a stove.

The New Clothing Store.

Come and see the fine clothing you can be attired in for a small amount of money. Our stock is new and stylish. No shopworn goods. Every garment is guaranteed. We have just received the finest line of Overcoats at very low prices. A purchase means a saving to you from \$2.00 to \$5.00.

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