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THE COUNTY'S FINANCE.

The Auditors' Report Shows a Judicious Administration of Public Business.

The county auditors completed their audit of the accounts of the county officials for the year 1901 Jan. 28th. This report will show that the business of the county during the past year was conducted on a wise and judicious basis, and that the financial affairs of the county are in a very gratifying condition. The bonded indebtedness of the county was reduced \$10,000, and there remains in the hands of the County Treasurer over \$21,000 for county purposes and \$7,000 for poor purposes.

In 1898 the tax levy for county purposes was 4 1/2 mills and a bond tax of 1 1/2 mills; in 1899, 4 1/2 for county and 1 1/2 bond, and in 1900, 4.4, for county and 1 1/2 bond. This levy was made on a total valuation in the county of over \$14,000,000. For the years 1901, 1902 and 1903 the total valuation of taxable properties in the county is a little over \$12,000,000, and for the year 1901 the tax levy for county purposes was 4 mills; bond, 1 mill; poor, 2 mills, and for this year the levy has been fixed at 3 mills for county purposes 1 mill bond and 1 1/2 mills poor, making a total assessment of 5 1/2 mills, or 1 1/2 mills less than for the year 1901. This is a most gratifying exhibit for the tax-payers of the county, coming as it does so soon after the extra burden on the county treasury occasioned by the building of the county home, and it is alike gratifying to the board of County Commissioners who labored so faithfully and well to accomplish this result.

And there is another pleasing feature in connection with this subject that we wish to mention. Under the old plan of taking care of the poor it cost the tax-payers of the county on an average over \$33,000 a year, while the cost of maintaining the poor in the county home last year was less than half of that amount. The beneficiaries, too, were so much better taken care of than under the old plan of every borough and township letting out the keeping of its indigent poor to the lowest bidder.

The present board of County Commissioners, W. C. Murray, Newton Webster and Al. Hawk, had extraordinary responsibilities resting upon them, and it is a pleasure for the Republican to make mention of the success that comes out of their faithful and efficient administration of that office.—Brookville Republican.

Brookwayville has been visited by travelling agents and the Record has entered a vigorous protest against giving them patronage. We believe the Record is right. Every bit of business transacted in a community should work toward its betterment. The man who benefits a town is the one who contributes his share towards its business. A grocery man has no right to expect the patronage of the dry goods merchant whose business he hurts by buying from out-of-town firms. The business life of a town is a web of interdependencies, and the man who would take a share of business without contributing his own share to the support of others is a parasite. Travelling agents are business parasites when they invade the legitimate field of business of the home merchants. They rarely offer lower prices, even if that could be used as an argument for patronizing them, and leave the town poorer to the extent of the business they have done in it. In the business life there is a giving that makes a man rich and a withholding that makes a man poor. Remember this when you come to do business with your home dealer. If for no better reason than the selfish one that it will help your own business, patronize your home merchants.—Clarion Republican.

There is an outward lull in the window fight this week. The American and Independent have locked horns and it seems to be a test of endurance, awaiting the outcome of the wage advance move. So far there has been no break on either side and both interests seem to have their workmen well enough under control to indicate that no great break will occur. The first signs of the strain of the wage advance are expected to soon come from the outside plants. So far all have met the advance, but it is thought impossible for some of them to continue long under present expenses of operation.—Commoner and Glassworker.

Bargains at the Reynoldsville Woolen Mill in ends, seconds, remnants, blankets, flannels, hosiery, shirts, pants, &c. But a small quantity of each of the above. First come, first served.

Caps--Special.
Only a few left in Black, Brown and Blue.
GREATEST DEPARTMENT STORE.

Matchless Shoe Values



Six lines of Womans \$3.00 shoes in all the spring styles and leathers. Patent, Ideal, Kid, Velour, Calf and Vici Kid, all of these are the latest up-to-date styles and lasts full extended or close edge Rock Oak soles made by Jno. Kelly, good wearers and fitters.

Men's Shoes Unexcelled

Patent Calf, Enamel, Vici Kid, or Box Calf all sizes and lasts \$1.25, 1.50, 2.00, 3.00, 3.50, 5.00, 6.00. See window display.

Women's AND MISSES' Coats

Only a few left and we don't want to carry them over the season so we have put the knife deep enough so it will pay you to buy for future use.

The Great Reliable Store

MILLIRENS

This week representatives of this store are in markets of the East putting on the finishing touches to our Spring array of wearing apparel for Men, Women and Children.

While at home we are gaining all the shelf space possible by selling all Heavy Overcoats, Suits and Ladies' Coats at a saving to consumer of 25 to 35 per cent.

VISIT US FOR ANYTHING DEPENDABLE TO WEAR FOR MEN, WOMEN OR CHILDREN.

MILLIRENS

Men's Flannelette Night Robes, 14 to 17, 50c and 75c.

GREATEST DEPARTMENT STORE.

Underwear



selling has gone on here at a rapid rate for the last two months and it leaves us a few odds and ends if you want to piece the winter out. Examine our underwear bargains.

Overcoats 1-4 @ 1-3 Off. Heavy Suits Slashed.

If the boys suit is scuffed here is an unusual opportunity to fix him up O K at a saving of 1/2 and 1/3. Or if he only needs trousers to wear the good coat out you can get 75c values here for 50c.

All Wool Skirts.

You need them this kind of weather they are made of fine all wool cloth, in colors blue, black and oxford, with a deep flounce heavily stitched. Excellent values. \$2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00.

Big Stone Building.

Silk Mill Wages Increased.

Among the amenities of industrial life and movement in the great silk center was the anti-Christmas "Testimonial," so to write (one cannot call it a gift) of Murphy Bros. to their hands on the 19th of Dec., 1901. It came as a genuine surprise and was none the less welcome on that account. One of the brothers on that date called all the silk weavers together and made them a brief address in substance as follows:

We have decided to increase the wages of every weaver, and from now on the scale will be 15 per cent higher than heretofore, we do this because the business warrants it.

The silk trade is better now in all its branches than it has been in a long time and the outlook is also very bright. We feel that our employees should share in the prosperity.

To say that the weavers were pleased over this frank recognition of their right to share in the better condition is putting it mildly.

They unanimously voted the Messrs. Murphy the very best employers "that was," and will serve them all the more faithfully in the future; other employees also have given notice of an increase, to take effect with the new year.

The average wages of silk worker (19,622 hands) in New Jersey is \$32.00 per month.—American Silk Journal.

Sympathetic Women and Murderers.

If the authorities published the names of the morbidly sympathetic people who ask mercy for abandoned criminals the practice might cease, to the advancement of society. Gov. Stone, for instance, says the woman who approached him in the interest of the Biddle brothers was a "woman of respectability" who got interested in their supposedly sad case. As a matter of fact, there was nothing sad about the case at all. The murderers were cold-blooded criminals with a peculiarly evil record. So long as the appeals of those morbidly inclined are given consideration by jailer or Governor so long will the practice keep up, but if the "respectable women" know that publicity was a part of the procedure when they interfered in the cases of notorious criminals they would soon find a better outlet for their sympathies. In the Biddle case publicity would have been in the interest of the public.—Philadelphia Press.

Wanted—Men and women solicitors for some of the newest, brightest and best selling publications printed. Life of McKinley, Under Both Flags, etc. A golden harvest for the energetic. Address to-day, The Household Publishing Co., Erie, Pa.

Father Wenker.

Perhaps the most industrious and energetic man in this community is the Rev. Father C. Wenker, pastor of the Clayville Catholic church. He never wastes a minute of time, and is always genial and good natured. Even while traveling, he is studying, and has gained much of his extensive knowledge of languages that way. His congregation comprises men of half a dozen or more different nationalities and he can converse with any of them in their own tongue. He is always on the go, and he never goes slow. Men of all religious denominations admire the sunny temper, the indomitable energy and upright life of Father Wenker. The same intellectual force and devoted zeal that he has given to the church, had it been directed to the accumulation of wealth, would have made him a millionaire, or rendered him famous in any other profession he might have chosen to adopt.—Punxsutawney Spirit.

Father Wenker was pastor of the Reynoldsville Catholic church about a quarter of a century ago.

Dressskirts at Sutters.

I am selling sleighs, sleds and hack runners at a "a way down" price. Call and see them. L. M. Snyder.

Did you see those new gingham at Sutters?

We are offering bargains in merchandise, reducing our stock, and will rent our rooms, as I am on the road selling McCormick machinery and can't run a store at the same time. We have several horses to dispose of and wagons and harness. At the new chop mill below company store you will find all kinds of feed. M. C. COLEMAN.

Sutters for coats.

WANT COLUMN.

Rates:—One cent per word for each and every insertion.

For sale—A good, well finished six room house, near public school building, West Reynoldsville. Good out buildings. Inquire of D. E. Shearer.

One house for rent and two houses for sale on Jackson street. Inquire of Dr. J. B. Neale.

For sale—A complete barber outfit, including chair. Will be sold at a bargain. Inquire of M. Phillips, Reynoldsville.

A light sled for sale cheap. Inquire of Mrs. J. S. Morrow.

Have several pieces good new carpet for sale cheap, also will weave your carpet any day. TROPEL DEMAY, weaver, West Reynoldsville.

Robinson's

Sell the most

Rubbers

—AND—

Overshoes

Because they are not trying to get rich in one winter.

Economical

People like the store. It's a money-saver.

Robinsons Shoe Store...

Bargains in Coats, Suits and Skirts.

We have a few odd garments left that we don't care to carry over summer. The season is getting late and we would rather let you have these at any price you may suggest than to keep them. Our Clearance Sale is now over and to complete our preparation for the Spring season and to make room for new goods, we are offering bargains that may seem ridiculous, but we can back up our assertion with good honest goods as we always have done. We have some very good coats in Black, Brown, Castor, Tan and Blue in the 27-inch length with and without yoke. These are all very good garments with the same style and workmanship that characterized our garments this season. They range in price from \$5.00 to \$15.00. Examine these and if any suit you the coat will be yours at a very small price.

We have also a few short jackets that we will close at very low prices. These range in prices from \$3.50 to \$15.00. We have still a few Suits to close at any price.

Kindly note below the following prices which actually represent garments of real value:

Short Jackets

\$3.50, 4.50 and 5.00 to close at \$1.75.
\$6.50, 7.50, 8.50, 9.00 and 10.00 go at 3.50
\$11, 12.50, 13.50 and \$15 to close at 4.50

Suits

\$7.00, 7.50, 8.00 and 8.50 to close at \$3.50
\$9.00, 10.00, 11.00 and 12.50 to close at 5.00
\$13.50 and 15.00 to close at 7.50

Skirts

A few to close. There are only 1/2 doz. and are broken sizes. \$5.00 skirts at \$2.50. \$8.00 skirts at \$4.00.

Children's Jackets

A few left at 1/2 price.

SHICK & WAGNER,

THE BIG STORE,

Next door to Postoffice,

Reynoldsville, Penn'a.