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TO OUR PATRONS.

The present number of the Advocate completes its sixth volume, and as we close the first volume with which we have been connected it is not inappropriate, that we should take a glance backward at what we have done, as well as a glance forward at what is yet to do.

Of the trials and troubles incident to the publication of a country newspaper, we propose to say nothing. They can only be appreciated by those who have suffered them. Suffice it to say, that the publication of even so unpretending a paper as ours, has proved no sinecure.

Of our success financially we can make no boast. We are out of pocket by the experiment but not disheartened. The practical results we have attained in other respects, affords a gratification which amply repays our loss of money. Those results, are principally: 1. We have made the Elk Advocate a regular weekly paper in fact as well as in name. 2. We have won for it the confidence of our people and largely increased the number of subscribers and readers.

3. We have received a large increase of advertising patronage from the business portion of the county. 4. We have by the addition of a fine press and a large assortment of new job type and material established a job office which is to say the least no discredit to the county. 5. Last but not least, the amount of original matter of merit which has appeared in the columns of the Advocate, has been excelled by no paper of the surrounding countries, while in point of literary merit our original contributions have been creditable to the county and to the ability and culture of the writers.

In speaking thus highly of our original matter it will of course be understood that we do not include or have any reference to the writings of the editor or the publisher. Nor has our political mission proved a failure. While every other county in the State almost, yielded more or less to the violence of radicalism, ours stood erect, faithful among the faithless, proclaiming in majorities larger than ever before, her devotion to constitutional liberty.

For the future we promise our best energies towards the improvement of our paper in every respect, and to this end we ask assistance and substantial encouragement of our friends. We have been indulging the hope that we might soon enlarge our paper. A new press is necessary to such enlargement. Our business does not justify its purchase yet, but by prompt and careful attention to our business, we hope to merit a sufficient patronage in the year to come, to secure the object of our hopes.

We do not feel our duty done in this article without giving the credit of our success in a great measure to Mr. Moore our publisher. It is not necessary to say to the people of this county that the other business of the nominal editor demands all his attention and prevents him from bestowing much time upon the Advocate. Upon Mr. Moore has devolved entirely the local department and almost entirely the supervision of the whole paper.

The Band of Hope.

We perform one of the most pleasant duties of our life in expressing in this article our emphatic approval of the noble resolutions to which some of the boys of Ridgway have pledged their words and honors. To abstain from profane swearing and the use of intoxicating drinks is to avoid two of the meanest, most degrading and most inexcusable vices that disgrace humanity. We are not surprised that our boys should be shocked and disgusted at the blasphemous language which so constantly defiles the mouths of so many of our people, or that they should thus early seek to shun the intoxicating cup whose terrible powers, are evidence by the living wrecks among us, but we are more than gratified, at the determination and unanimity displayed in the organization of The Band of Hope. How appropriate the name. The Band of Hope not for your own interests only, but for ours, for your friends' for your country's for the interests of the future.

Boys! live up to that pledge. Every consideration requires it. Stand fast by your word, maintain your honor which you have staked upon your pledges, and you will deserve and receive the respect and confidence of all whose respect and confidence is worth having, half the battle of life will have been fought and won.

Fail to keep your pledges, or lightly disregard them and you will stand before the world dishonored, you will have displayed a weakness of character that will show you unworthy of confidence. With such want of firmness and two most degrading vices to start with it will not be strange if your own lives prove but a repetition of the career of the most contemptible sot in the town. We trust you will adhere to your glorious resolutions and prove a band that will not disappoint the most sanguine hopes of your future which your noble beginning has inspired.

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STATEMENT of the Receipts and Expenditures of Elk County for the year 1866.

Table with columns for Receipts (DR. and CR.) and Expenditures (DR. and CR.). Includes items like 'By amt paid Wm. A. Bly', 'By amt paid J W Taylor', 'By amt paid Louis Vollmer', etc.

Table with columns for Receipts (DR. and CR.) and Expenditures (DR. and CR.). Includes items like 'To amt of taxes collected from unseated lands', 'To amt rec'd from collectors', 'To amt rec'd from John G. Hall attorney for county', etc.

Table with columns for Assets & Liabilities. Assets include 'Cash in tr'y. co. funds', 'do do state do', 'do do county do'. Liabilities include 'Bounty bonds, outstanding', 'Int. est'd on same', 'Co. orders outstanding', etc.

JAMES COYNE, Treasurer of Elk County, in account with its several funds for the year ending, January 1st, 1867. Table with columns for DR. and CR. Includes items like 'To amount rec'd from former Treasurer', 'By orders redeemed', 'By refunding orders', etc.

ROAD, SCHOOL & SCHOOL BUILDING FUNDS. Table with columns for DR. and CR. Includes items like 'Benezett Road Fund, Dr.', 'Benezett Road Fund, Cr.', 'To amt rec'd from former Tr.', etc.

Benezett school fund, dr. Table with columns for DR. and CR. Includes items like 'To amount received from unseated lands', 'To balance due Treasurer', etc.

Benezett school fund, cr. Table with columns for DR. and CR. Includes items like 'By dist. tr's receipt', 'By tr's com. on \$1,124 65', etc.

Benzinger road fund, dr. Table with columns for DR. and CR. Includes items like 'To amount of tax received from unseated lands', 'To amount received from unseated, additional', etc.

Benzinger road fund, cr. Table with columns for DR. and CR. Includes items like 'By amt paid former treasurer', 'By orders redeemed', 'By refunding order', etc.

Benzinger school fund, dr. Table with columns for DR. and CR. Includes items like 'To amount received from former treasurer', 'To amount of tax received from unseated lands', etc.

Benzinger school fund, cr. Table with columns for DR. and CR. Includes items like 'By district treasurer's receipt', 'By refunding order', 'By tr's com. on 1,005 41 rec'd', etc.

Fox road fund, dr. Table with columns for DR. and CR. Includes items like 'To amount received from former treasurer', 'To amount of tax received from unseated lands', etc.

Fox road fund, cr. Table with columns for DR. and CR. Includes items like 'By orders redeemed', 'By refunding order', 'By tr's com. on 2,556 47 rec'd', etc.

BOUNTY, BRIDGE & STATE ROAD FUNDS. Table with columns for DR. and CR. Includes items like 'County bounty fund, dr.', 'County bounty fund, cr.', 'To amt rec'd from former tr', etc.

Jay bounty fund, dr. Table with columns for DR. and CR. Includes items like 'To amount received from former treasurer', 'To amount received from tax on unseated lands', etc.

St. Mary's bounty fund, dr. Table with columns for DR. and CR. Includes items like 'To amount from for. treasurer', 'To amount from uns. lands', etc.

Benezett bounty fund, dr. Table with columns for DR. and CR. Includes items like 'To amount of tax received from unseated lands', etc.

Benzinger bounty fund, dr. Table with columns for DR. and CR. Includes items like 'To amount received from tax on unseated lands', etc.

Ridgway bounty fund, dr. Table with columns for DR. and CR. Includes items like 'To amount of tax received from unseated lands', etc.

Ridgway bounty fund, cr. Table with columns for DR. and CR. Includes items like 'By district treasurer's receipts', 'By treasurer's commission', etc.

M'Kean, Elk, Forest & Clarion State Road Fund, Cr. Table with columns for DR. and CR. Includes items like 'To amount rec'd from former tr.', 'To amt from tax on uns lands', etc.

Jones bridge fund, dr. Table with columns for DR. and CR. Includes items like 'To amt rec'd from former tr.', 'To amt from tax on uns lands', etc.

Jones bridge fund, cr. Table with columns for DR. and CR. Includes items like 'By orders redeemed', 'By treasurer's commission', etc.

JAMES COYNE, Treasurer of Elk County, in account with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Table with columns for DR. and CR. Includes items like 'To balance due at former settlement', 'To amt of tax rec'd from unseated lands', etc.

JAMES A. MALONE, High Sheriff of Elk Co., in account with the County of Elk for the year 1866. Table with columns for DR. and CR. Includes items like 'To Jury fee in Messenger vs Wasson et al.', 'To Jury fee in Hill and Mayhord vs Elliott', etc.

COMMISSIONERS of the McKean, Elk and Forest State Road in account with the said road. Table with columns for DR. and CR. Includes items like 'To orders drawn from Elk county by T L Kane', 'To orders drawn from McKeane co. by T L Kane', etc.

We the undersigned Auditors and Commissioners of Elk county, having met at the Commissioners office in Ridgway on Monday the seventh day of January, A. D. 1866, do certify that we have carefully examined the foregoing accounts and find them to be correct as stated. JACOB McCALLEY, Aud'r; J. K. P. HALL, Aud'r; C. A. WILCOX, Aud'r; B. J. JONES, Aud'r; W. A. BLY, Com'r; J. W. TAYLOR, Com'r; LOUIS VOLMER, Com'r.

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