

Read the communication on the first page of this issue from Wm. B. Estell, formerly of town.

"Are the Tariff Reformers afraid to stand up and be counted?" asks the old whig organ of New York. At the last Presidential election, when the Democratic ticket was knifed by the aforesaid whig organ, the Tariff Reformers stood up and were counted. The count showed them to be in the majority by 100,000. And the Tariff Reform bill is still rolling.

There is whispering around Washington to the effect that the Republicans will pass no tariff reduction bill this session, because at the end of the session the treasury surplus, it is expected, will have been turned into a deficiency. The rumor may possibly be true about no bill being passed, but if so it is partly because the Republican protectionists have not been able to throttle the demand for Tariff Reform among their Republican colleagues. The cry for free raw material is becoming a loud one, particularly from the Eastern manufacturers. Recently Senator Hale, who has been as pronounced a protectionist as Blaine, presented a long petition from New England manufacturers asking that raw materials used by them be admitted free of duty.

There has been recently, and is now, marked activity in the ranks of the Democratic Society, of Pennsylvania, of which useful organization nearly every Democratic Club in the State is a member. Vigorous steps are being taken to disseminate true Democratic principles. The organization itself is a part of the National Association of Democratic Clubs. This represents neither men or factions, but the Democratic party. Every day primary societies are sending the names of their officers and members to the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Society. A general committee has recently been formed, consisting of one delegate from each club in the State. They report that in no single district in Pennsylvania, where there has been a live, earnest, well supported Democratic Society, has there been a failure to increase the Democratic vote.

The Jefferson Democratic Society, of Freeland, will celebrate the birth of Thomas Jefferson by a public meeting in Yannes' opera house next Saturday evening; and it is expected that as many of our citizens as can do so will be present.

Working Out Road Taxes.

The greatest abuse connected with the present system of road repair—which has been very freely commented upon in the columns of the Herald—is that resulting from the provision of the old law allowing the working out of road taxes on the part of those to whom they are assessed.

This provision is a relic of what may be considered remote antiquity—not merely "before the war," to use an elastic expression long in fashion, but even anterior to the adoption of present form of government, when money was scarce and a system of barter was in vogue in all rural neighborhoods instead of the more advanced methods of buying and selling long prevalent.

On this crude idea was based the legislation which remains the whole work of road repair to those who are unskilled in such work and whose only aim is often to put in time regardless of the effect upon the highways.

Some one proposes that this system, instead of being swept away at one stroke, shall be indefinitely perpetuated by the issuing of bonds in exchange for labor and material to be used in the work of macadamizing township roads. It is possible that some system of supervision could be devised which would guarantee that such an exchange would be fair and just to the public, but it must be a different experience from that of the past to realize that result. Inferior material and labor inadequate to the purpose would almost certainly be given as an equivalent for the bonds, and the old evils of working out road tax would be repeated.—Norristown Herald.

The Nation Must Solve This Question.

Cooper Union Hall, New York, was crowded one evening recently with men who believe in the overthrow of all organized government and the establishment of universal license, like that of the Paris Commune, which reign of terror the meeting was held to commemorate. The meeting of the fearful episode was told by one of the speakers and received with applause, which was renewed when he predicted that the same thing would occur in the United States. The chairman of the meeting expressed the hope that it would not be long before the uprising to which they all looked forward so eagerly would occur, and the crowd indulged in gleeful anticipations of a time when the streets of New York will be filled with dead bodies, their gutters run with blood and their buildings be consumed with fire.

This is all talk now, and so long as it is all talk it will do no harm; but it went beyond talk in Paris during the reign of the Commune; it went beyond talk in Chicago when the Haymarket riot took place, and it is fondly expected by thousands of men and women in New York that some day soon it will go beyond talk there. Can such a calamity be prevented? If so, it would be criminal folly to let those wretches murder even one man or destroy a dollar's worth of property. Such meetings as that at Cooper Union are threats. If no attention is paid to them, they embolden those who make them, inflame their passions and incite their fury. If suppressed, it is an interference with the right of free speech, which is jealously guarded in this country. The problem is a grave one. New York and the whole country will be fortunate if it is solved peacefully.—Er.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE Auditors of Foster Twp. on Roads.

Table with columns for item, amount, and balance. Includes Thomas Elliott, Collector of Road tax, in account with Foster Twp. Dr. To amt' road tax (regular) \$6,905 35. Supplemental tax. Total \$6,905 35.

Table with columns for item, amount, and balance. Includes By amt' of exonerations. By amt' abatements. By amt' of unseated land tax returned. Errors in assessment.

Table with columns for item, amount, and balance. Includes Peter Burns, Treas., in account with Foster Twp., Luzerne Co., Pa., for the year 1889 and '90. Dr. By amt' received from Conrad Brecht, ex-Treasurer.

Table with columns for item, amount, and balance. Includes Dec. 22, '89, by orders from Thos. Elliott. Dec. 22, '89, cash. Marshal indebtedness.

Table with columns for item, amount, and balance. Includes By orders of Jos. Iles \$2085 55. Bonner. By orders of P. O'Donnell. By orders of John Cartwright.

Table with columns for item, amount, and balance. Includes By Charles Murrin. Frank O'Donnell. Robert Oliver. Treasurer's com.

Table with columns for item, amount, and balance. Includes Time worked on roads of Foster Twp., Joseph Iles, Supervisor. Names, Days, Rate, Am'ts.

Table with columns for item, amount, and balance. Includes G. B. Markle & Co., lumber. Upper Lehigh Coal Co., lumber.

Table with columns for item, amount, and balance. Includes M. S. Kemmerer & Co., lumber and work. C. L. & A. S. Keck, lumber.

Table with columns for item, amount, and balance. Includes Time worked on roads of Foster Twp., Robert Boner, Supervisor. Names, Days, Rate, Am'ts.

Table with columns for item, amount, and balance. Includes horse. Taggart. Jno. McMonigle. Owen Moyer. John Tully.

Table with columns for item, amount, and balance. Includes Account of supplies: W. A. Grimes, making duplicate. T. A. Buckley, publishing Auditors' report.

Table with columns for item, amount, and balance. Includes SPECIAL IMPROVEMENTS. Included in the foregoing statement of expenses are the following sums, which were paid as per vouchers presented:

Table with columns for item, amount, and balance. Includes Total amount of orders issued by Robert Boner, supervisor, as per list above. \$330 95.

Table with columns for item, amount, and balance. Includes Outstanding Orders of Robert Boner. Order No. 1. Order No. 2.

Table with columns for item, amount, and balance. Includes Total amount of outstanding orders as per list above. \$2167 52.

Table with columns for item, amount, and balance. Includes By amt' of debt at close of last audit. By amt' expended on roads by Joseph Iles.

Table with columns for item, amount, and balance. Includes By amt' paid out by Treas. Peter Burns. By Treas. Craig.

Table with columns for item, amount, and balance. Includes RESOURCES. Bal. in hands of Treas. \$15 35. due from Col. 34 84 \$ 50 19.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF FREELAND For 1889-90.

Table with columns for item, amount, and balance. Includes BERNARD McLAUGHLIN, Col. To amt' of duplicate \$1501 71. " dog tax. \$400. " supplemental tax. 1 20.

Table with columns for item, amount, and balance. Includes To amt' of exonerations. To amt' exonerations on dogs. Ret. to County Com.

Table with columns for item, amount, and balance. Includes By cash paid on vouchers as follows: Condy Boyle, work on streets.

Table with columns for item, amount, and balance. Includes Outstanding Orders of J. Iles. Order No. 1. Order No. 2.

Table with columns for item, amount, and balance. Includes T. A. Buckley, publishing statement. B. A. Buckley, making duplicate.

Table with columns for item, amount, and balance. Includes Jno. M. Powell, drying hose. Jno. Burton, drying hose.

Table with columns for item, amount, and balance. Includes Jno. H. Rinker, drying hose. James Gallagher, interest.

Table with columns for item, amount, and balance. Includes Jno. C. Reich, auditing. Frank Depiero, auditing.

Table with columns for item, amount, and balance. Includes RESOURCES. Bal. in hands of Treas. \$15 35. due from Col. 34 84 \$ 50 19.

Table with columns for item, amount, and balance. Includes Penna. Globe Gas-light Company. Freeland Water Co.

Table with columns for item, amount, and balance. Includes RESOURCES. Due from Bernard McLaughlin, Col.

Table with columns for item, amount, and balance. Includes RESOURCES. Resources over liabilities. \$3,035 73.

Table with columns for item, amount, and balance. Includes IF YOU ARE DRY, AND WANT the worth of your money, just give Patrick Carey a call.

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