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J. H. Van Etten, PUBLISHER, Milford, Pike County, Pa.

EDITORIAL.

AN EXPLANATION.

Some severe strictures having been made by a correspondent in a neighboring paper on our County Commissioners because the Auditor's statement did not appear in the only Democratic paper published in the county, it may be proper, not because the writer of the tirade is worthy of consideration, but that people may fully understand the situation, to give a history of the matter. When the newly elected County Commissioners had been duly sworn in office they were handed the following communication.

MILFORD, JAN. 4, 1897.

TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PIKE COUNTY.

GENTLEMEN:—I hereby propose that all county printing not required by law to be published in two papers, be submitted to me that I have an opportunity to offer proposals for printing same, or that a reasonable amount such as may be fair and proper for having such printing done in both county papers be allowed by you, and that same be published in both county papers, as I believe it is customary in every county in the State to have county matters published in at least two papers of opposite politics.

Yours very respectfully, J. H. Van Etten, Pub. PIKE COUNTY PRESS.

The minute book of the Commissioners shows they took action as follows:

"Commissioners Newman and Bensley met at 9 o'clock a. m. Feb. 3rd.

"Motion made by Mr. Newman to adjourn and meet at Mr. Heller's house to consider the matter of printing county statement. Motion not agreed to by Mr. Bensley.

"Resolution offered by Mr. Bensley that the bid for publishing County Statement be accepted at seventy-five dollars, as received in sealed proposal, that being lowest bid received.

"Mr. Newman, president, calls a meeting at the house of Mr. Heller at 4:30 p. m. Present, Messrs. Newman and Heller.

"On motion of Mr. Newman it was decided to tender the printing of the County Statement to the Milford Dispatch and PIKE COUNTY PRESS to publish for the sum of seventy-five dollars each.

"Newman and Heller in affirmative.

"Mr. Bensley was notified of this meeting but declined to attend."

The above offer was made the same day to both papers by Mr. Newman and it was accepted by the Press, but the Dispatch refused to entertain it.

"Since the act of 1834 requiring the annual statement to be published, it has as we believe appeared annually in the 'only Democratic paper' and been paid for at the regular rates out of the county funds.

"So far as we are informed no Republican ever demurred paying his share of the taxes for this expense although the money went into a Democratic pocket. This is a free country, and men have the right to select the newspaper they prefer, and when they have an organ of their own political faith, they should, although it may be in the minority, have the privilege of reading in its columns such matters as pertain to the county and which they are taxed to pay for.

"The action of the Commissioners was eminently fair. They recognized as an honorable principle that the minority have rights, and they also remembered that they were the custodians of the peoples money and that it should be as economi-

only expended as possible. They had no intention to deprive Democrats of the information. It was offered to the organ of the democracy on precisely the same terms as to the Press. The Commissioners had they been so disposed would have been fully justified in the eyes of the taxpayers, in accepting the only bid offered for the printing; the Dispatch having been invited to bid by them but refusing to do so.

This the Dispatch had a perfect right to do and we are not criticizing its action. Do the people of the County place the 'only Democratic paper' on such a high plane as to exempt it from the ordinary business rules? Do the Commissioners enquire when letting a bridge as to the politics of the bidder? Do men in their every day business transactions consider the politics of those with whom they deal? Is there a Democrat in this county who will pay a fellow Democrat twenty-five per cent more for the same article, rather than buy it of a Republican? But the Commissioners in the exercise of a discretion given them by law to publish the statement 'in one or more' newspapers generously proposed to add a reasonable amount to the usual price, and have it published in both. If the 'only Democratic' refused this the officials had only one option, that of giving it to the paper offering to do it for the least money. In addition to the above the Press proposed to print 200 extra copies each week without further charge so that any Democrat who might be desirous of procuring the statement could do so without being compelled to 'either borrow or steal.'

We do not believe there is a man in the County of Pike mean enough, 'Piko' always excepted, to utter one word of condemnation against the action of the Commissioners in this matter. They have shown themselves as honorable, fair men and as officials considerate both of the taxpayers and their money.

"PIKO," THE "PRESS" SALUTES YOU AND SAYS FAREWELL.

A SINGULAR PROCEEDING.

The Democrats of the county are 'all at sea' over the fact that they do not see the Auditor's Settlement in the only Democratic paper published in the county. We are confronted by a Democratic Board of County Commissioners compelling the taxpayers to beg, borrow or steal, (but none buy it), a Republican publication, to see the financial statement of the receipts and expenditures of Democratic Pike county. It is the work of public officials, required by law to be made public, and such publicity could only have been had by advertising it in the paper that circulates among the people of the county. We have had a copy done to us and will in the near future give the people of this county some of the main facts and features through the columns of the Gazette.

The above appeared in a nearby newspaper recently over the signature of that noble son of toil 'Piko.'

It conveys the admission that 'Democrats of this county are all at sea.' This fact has generally been known since last November, with the further fact that most of them have been sadly troubled with the usual concomitant of going to sea, extreme nausea. In fact they were so sick that they spewed 'Piko' out of the positions of Commissioners' Clerk, Clerk to the County Auditors, and Auditor of the Accounts of the Prothonotary, for two of which he was an applicant, and to the third appointed as the suggestion of a Republican judge, but in the latter case it was too much for the stomach of even a veteran, and he promptly overruled the court and substituted another name. 'Piko' 'made him,' he said 'too tired.'

The Press loves 'Piko' for the enemies to Democracy he has made in this county, and only hopes he will continue his missionary labors. 'Piko' may congratulate himself, that, paradoxical as it may seem, there will always be ten in his party if another single person can be found who will remain with him, for the other fellow will be one and 'Piko' will be the cipher.

'Piko' is a noble specimen of manhood, his whole career, his example in all aspects and respects is one which the youth of the country should carefully and conscientiously shun. He belittles every thing

and every body in the county except himself, and that every body else is unanimous in doing for him.

If 'Piko' is so zealous for the spread of the information contained in the Auditor's Statement why does he not suggest the Dispatch. It will be seen that he carefully refrains from mentioning its name in the above article nor does he filter his literary sweetness through the columns of that paper.

The Democrats of this county we think, as a rule, are honorable, upright men, and not averse to buying what they want, and paying for it. 'Piko' should not judge them by himself and when he says they 'borrow, beg or steal,' and never buy a Republican publication he is simply trying to drag other people down to his own low level. We do not know if Josh Billings knew 'Piko,' but he evidently knew some one just like him and thus describes his character.

The loafer is a human being who is willing to be despised just for the privilege of abusing others. During his middle life he begs all the tobacco he uses and drinks all the whiskey he can at somebody else's expense.

The loafer rather covets disgrace of all kinds and when a man gets so low down as this he has got as low down as he can get without digging.

'Farwell' 'Piko,' the Press takes plenty of soap and water and washes his hands now lest some ill odor may remain after handling such a fragrant subject.

It is mineral should be taxed.

It is considered by some of the members that the citizens of Pennsylvania have made a mistake heretofore in not exacting a state tax on the more important minerals mined and produced within the limits of that State. The claim that the mining of coal has been made profitable to a number of persons who have taken their profits to build palaces in New York city and engage in other states.

The production of petroleum has been the means of securing great wealth to a number of persons, some of whom have used it to engage in manufacturing on a gigantic scale in other states, and also a part of their profits to the establishment of universities in different parts of the country. It is claimed that the development of these enterprises have been a great source of export to the State, and the large percentage of foreigners that have been brought into the state, and through which the percentage of crime has increased, requiring an increased expenditure of the State in the maintenance of the prisons. Then, as there is more or less hazard connection with these occupations, there is necessarily an increase in the number of patients in the State, and the fact that the considerable expense is necessary in the surveillance over the various mining interests by the State, and other features, has been justly held to be demanding a state tax on coal, petroleum and other mineral products; and with these, in addition to the revenues now collected, there can be sufficient to build a capital building, a building that will be a credit, and have a balance to devote to the improvement of roads, school purposes or anything else of importance to Pennsylvania.

A bill recently introduced imposes a tax on all beer and porter manufactured or brewed in the State during the ensuing three years. The amount of the tax is one-half of 1 per cent, upon each gallon of beer or porter brewed within the State, and in this tax it is thought considerable revenue can be derived.

There is a determined stand against the increase of the tax on the farming interests, which will have an influence on legislation increasing the taxes on farms, and no further burden is likely to be imposed on this overburdened class.

Additional Taxation Proposed.

A bill was introduced by Mr. Bliss, of Delaware, imposing these additional taxes, all of which shall be retained in the State treasury for the use of the commonwealth. One mill to be imposed on personal property, except public loans liable to taxation under the act of 1889 and 1891; one mill on the actual value of all capital stock and gross receipts subject to taxation under these acts; 2 per cent on the gross receipts of every character and description received from business done within the commonwealth during the preceding year by insurance companies of other States and foreign governments, subject to the act of 1889; one mill on the par value, or actual value of the shares of all banks, savings institutions and national banks; 1 per cent on all annual net earnings or income, subject to the act of 1889; 11 per 100 of the clear value of every estate subject to the act of 1887.

Among the bills introduced prior to the adjournment of the session, providing that every person entitled to a vote who failed to cast a ballot at any of the elections be subject to a fine of \$5.

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HARRISBURG LETTER.

Grace Church Has All the Features of a Capitol Building.

NEED OF INCREASED TAXATION.

Measures Which Propose a Revenue from the Great Natural Resources of the Commonwealth—Opposition to Increasing the Burden of the Farmers.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, Feb. 15.—There has been a great transformation in the improved quarters of the legislature in the past few days, and Grace Methodist Episcopal church at the present time presents in its interior all the features of a capitol building, so that when the legislature convenes again on Wednesday the members will find new desks have been completed and everything established to add to their comfort and convenience. It is to be hoped nothing further will hinder them in their work during the remainder of the session.

They were there at three o'clock on a regular way a few days ago that it looked now as though there had only been two things accomplished since the organization—the election of a United States senator and the election of a capitol building. But there is a determination to get down to business, and from present indications there is every reason to justify the belief that much good will be accomplished in the session.

There has been much discussion among the members of both branches of the legislature on a number of questions of importance to the State, and the fact that the many plans proposed would lead a person to conclude that, after all, the fire was a blessing in disguise. One thing is certain, it will result in a more efficient fire department in Harrisburg, and greater security will be given to the remainder of the property of the State on the hill, especially those which contain the important records of the State.

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SHERIFF'S SALE. By virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Pike county, to me directed, I will expose to public sale by vendue or outcry, at the Sheriff's Office in the Borough of Milford on Monday, March 8, 1897.

At 9 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, following real estate, viz: All those certain pieces and parcels of land situated in the Township of Westfall, in the County of Pike, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: First, all that farm, adjoining lands of Maurice S. Quinn, Delaware river, land of Charles Marcin, James Frick and others and the public road, containing 125 acres, more or less, also wood lot adjoining, surveyed on a warrant, granted to James Rossmore and numbered 2 on Commissioners' books containing 85 acres, 49 perches more or less, also the Island adjoining said farm containing 2 acres more or less, together being the farm known as the H. H. Rose farm, less 6 1/2 acres sold off to James Frick, dated May 23, 1891, and recorded in Deed Book No. 50, page 10, and being part of the lands conveyed to William H. Rose, by deed of W. K. Highway, sheriff, dated May 23, 1891, and recorded in Deed Book 38, page 47.

Second, also all that farm, adjoining lands of James C. Rose, Delaware river, land of Charles Marcin and road, leading from Milford and Matamoras road up the mountain, and lands of E. A. Rose, Robert P. Bell and others, containing 200 acres more or less, being part of the farm, upon which Frederick A. Rose resided at the time of his death and which by his last will and testament he devised to William H. Rose.

Third, also about 500 acres, mostly woodland, lying on the southwest side of said road leading up the mountain and was the property of the said Frederick A. Rose at the time of his death and also devised by said William H. Rose, Premises '2' and '3' intended to embrace and contain all the land the said Frederick A. Rose owned in said Township of Westfall at the time of his death.

Fourth, also a piece of woodland containing 142 acres, 125 perches more or less, surveyed on a warrant granted to James Van Alken and numbered 8 on Commissioners' books and is one of the parcels of land conveyed in said deed from W. K. Highway sheriff, to said William H. Rose.

Improvements.

On No. 1, a good dwelling house, large barn, cow sheds and other outbuildings, about 180 acres improved, balance woodland, premises well-watered, plenty fruit and nut trees, situated about nine miles west of Matamoras and Milford on the public road and Delaware river.

No. 2, a good dwelling house, barn, cow sheds, large woodshed, wagon sheds, outbuildings, about 157 acres, cleared, of which about 100 acres are first-class river flats and balance woodland, premises well-watered, plenty of fruit and nut trees, situated about two miles from Port Jervis and about five from Milford on the public highway.

No. 3, about 80 acres cleared, balance woodland.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of William H. Rose and will be sold by me for cash.

H. I. Courtright, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, Milford, Pa., Feb. 10, 1897.

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M. E. CHURCH SERVICES, in the M. E. Church Sundays: Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9 p. m. Epworth League at 6:45 p. m. Weekly prayer meeting on Wednesdays at 7:30 p. m. Class meeting conducted by Mrs. Angle on Fridays at 7:30 p. m. A earnest invitation is extended to anyone who may desire to worship with us. Rev. W. H. NEFF, Pastor.

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Secret Societies. MILFORD LODGE, No. 344, F. & A. M.: Lodge meets Wednesdays, on or before Full Moon at the Sewell House, Milford, Pa. N. Emery, Jr., Secretary, Milford, Godfred Wieland, W. M., Milford, Pa.

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NOTICE. All persons are hereby notified that showing or burning papers or refuse of any kind in the streets of the Borough is prohibited. By order of the town council, J. C. CHAMBERLAIN, President, pro tem. Attest, D. H. HORNBECK, Sec'y. Milford, May 8, 1896.

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