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AUDITOR'S STATEMENT.

Receipts and Disbursements of Pike County for 1896.

Cash Received From Collectors.				
COLLECTORS.	TOWNSHIPS.	CO. TAX.	INDER.	DOO.
John J. Vainwright,	Dingman, '96,	82 00		37 51
John J. Vainwright,	Greene, '96,	190 11	122 04	
Henry Heberling,	Delaware, '96,	323 21		50 02
M. V. Briscoe,	Lehman, '96,	230 50		
Edwin Kellam,	Palmyra, '96,	151 22	38 58	8 16
August Mercier,	Porter, '96,	637 72		94 22
George S. Smith,	Porter, '96,	61 27	53 94	65 31
Joseph Runyon,	Big Grove, '96,	105 23		7 70
John B. Van Aiken,	Greene, '96,	526 74		82 45
James Courtwright,	Delaware, '96,	1232 12		69 79
John C. Wallace,	Lackawaxen, '96,	1146 98	359 18	104 05
Walter H. Warner,	Milford, '96,	1402 66		24 70
Frank Keller,	Milford Twp, '96,	293 21		19 13
Benjamin C. Totten,	Shohola, '96,	562 19		33 83
	Westfall, '96,	1620 90		170 14
		\$1375 88	\$497 29	\$367 53

Balance in hands of Collectors for 1896.				
COLLECTORS.	TOWNSHIPS.	CO. TAX.	INDER.	DOO.
Joseph Runyon,	Big Grove, '96,	67 27		4 09
Henry Heberling,	Greene, '96,	203 28		
James Courtwright,	Lackawaxen, '96,	183 77		
M. V. Briscoe,	Lehman, '96,	141 03		
Edwin Kellam,	Palmyra, '96,			
		\$935 35	\$4 90	\$72 29

Jacob B. Westbrook, Treasurer, in account with Pike County, 1896.

COUNTY MONIES.	
Dr.	Cr.
To balance settlement of 1895,	\$ 2073 39
from collectors of '96	731 52
cash from collectors of 1896	10632 20
unseated lands, '94	1912 70
and '95	207 48
To cash from seated lands, '96	100 14
and '95	9 63
To cash from seated lands, '96	151 88
and '95	498 73
To cash from hotel license	2420 00
on Commissioners' notes	959 67
To cash from State Treasurer	3 00
State personal tax 1896	9 97
To cash from Commissioners	90
over paid jaggers	947 40
To insurance from J. J. Hart,	161 18
W. S. Ryan	
To cash from Commissioner	
Heiler 2 lamp globes	
To cash from county lands	
State Treasurer	
State personal tax 1896	
To cash from Sheriff Courtwright	
Jury fees	
To cash from indebted fund	
sheep fund	
Geo. H. Swenitzer	
1 lamp	
To cash from A. S. Dingman	
2 lamps	
To cash from Wallace Newman	
1 lamp	
Total	\$2181 65
By county checks and \$104 paid	1641 05
Geo. Snayser	
By commissions \$1028 12 at 2%	20 56
\$1051 05 at 2%	20 82
Total	\$2081 43
Balance on hand	1014 22
Received Milford Jan. 7, 1897	
Jacob B. Westbrook, treasurer, \$33 to balance	
George Daumann, Jr., treasurer.	

INDEBTEDNESS MONEY 1896.

H. I. Courtright, Sheriff, in account with Pike County.	
Dr.	Cr.
To balance at settlement of 1895	132 87
To cash from unseated lands, '94 and '95	1461 67
To cash from seated lands, '96 and '95	144 31
To cash collected on county and redeemed	69 40
To cash donated from indebtedness fund	77 46
To cash from tax of 1896 on seated lands	300 00
By school orders paid	1389 29
commissions 2% on 1894 77	10 70
By commissions 2% on 1895 20	37 61
Balance	\$214 88

SCHOOL MONIES.

JAMES H. HELLER.	
Dr.	Cr.
To balance at settlement of 1895	318 50
Inspection bridges delivering tickets 60 days	210 00
Railroad and stage	21 40
Horse hire	49 50
To checks to balance	309 90

WALLACE NEWMAN.

Current Expenses.	
Dr.	Cr.
Auditors and clerk	97 00
Auditing Prothonotary account	12 00
Assessors making assessments	449 00
Assessors registering deaths and births	15 00
Assessors registering voters	38 55
Assessors military enrollment	25 00
Asylum (Havville)	31 50
Bridge building	626 40
Bridge repairing	40 00
Bridge viewing	62 10
Court copying	42 00
"notaries	54 45
" jurors	1075 14
" stenographer	200 00
" House repairs	426 25
" fuel etc	444 41
" water	45 75
" janitor	275 00
" merchandise	51 57

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Investigation of Land Grants in Florida.

The Monetary Conference Bill Reported Favorably—Senator Kyle May Act With Republicans—Inauguration Parade Arrangements.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The investigation now being conducted by the Senate Committee on public lands may lead to a scandal involving Mr. Cleveland, although every patriotic American will hope not. The investigation is of a land patent recently issued by Secretary Francis to Mr. Perrine, Mrs. Cleveland's step-father, and his associates. The patent covers 23,000 acres of land in Florida, and if it has been illegally issued, the present occupants of the land will have to move or to make terms with Mr. Perrine. The original grant of this land was made to Dr. Perrine, father of the present Mr. Perrine, and his associates, in 1841, and the contention of the settlers on the land, who are represented by Ex-Congressman Brookshire, of Indiana, is that it was forfeited by failure to pay within the legal limit. The land part of the issue of this land patent is in the manner in which it has been hurried along since Mr. Francis became Secretary of the Interior, and the apparent anxiety of Assistant Attorney General Lionberger, who was put in office by Secretary Francis, to get the patent issued for the land before the close of the present administration. The Committee may find the transaction all right, and that the relationship of Mr. Perrine to Mr. Cleveland has not figured in the matter at all, but there is a lot of ugly gossip about it just now, and it will probably get into court anyway.

The smart Alecks who have been industriously circulating reports as to the House on the House Committee on Coinage to smother the Senate bill authorizing President McKinley to appoint delegates to any international monetary conference called by any other nation, or to one called by himself in his discretion, he sees fit to call it, got a knock down blow when that Committee reported the bill favorably to the House with two amendments broadening the authority of the President by authorizing him, if he sees fit, to appoint one or more special Commissioners or envoys to negotiate with other nations for the calling of such a conference, and the other repealing the Act of 1895 for the same purpose, so as to prevent any complications that might arise from two acts on the same subject. Congress did not seem to be in abolishing the title of "Private Secretary to the President" and making the title of that very important and useful official "Secretary to the President." Of late years, especially during the first term of Mr. Cleveland and during President Harrison's term, this position has been filled by men who have been in reality confidential advisers of the President, and it was farcical to designate them as private Secretaries, in view of the popular idea of the duties performed by a private Secretary. The change was made in compliance with a request of President-elect McKinley.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Recorded in the Office of the Recorder for the Week Ending Feb. 25.

Delaware, James H. Piper to Frances Mackin, dated Feb. 1st, 200 acres, Amos Huff No. 23, con. \$1, and \$1 Feb. 19th.

Westfall, Frank X. Reilly to Chas. E. Wheeler dated Oct. 29th lot No. 85, con. \$40, and Feb. 19th.

Lackawaxen, J. B. Westbrook, treasurer, to Commissioners, dated Aug. 22nd, lot Jonas Kettle, con. \$13.97, Commissioners to Alice Mount same land, con. \$1, and Feb. 20th.

Lehman, J. B. Westbrook, treasurer, to Commissioners, land assessed to Wm. Campbell, 60 acres, con. \$8.96, Commissioners to William Mink, same land, dated Oct. 1st, and Feb. 24th.

Delaware, Abraham J. Walters, et. ux., to Theodore Wernag, dated Aug. 23rd, 21 acres, 80 perches, con. \$129, and Feb. 23rd.

Patriotic Exercises.

Washington's birthday was fittingly celebrated by the scholars of the Intermediate Department under charge of Prof. John C. Watson. The room was crowded with visitors and all enjoyed the pleasing manner in which the several parts were taken. Following is the programme rendered:

Song—"Tribute to Washington," School Opening Address—Principal J. A. Kipp. Address of Welcome—B. Heardsley. Declaration of Independence—George Lattimore. Recitation—"In 1776," Alice Baker. Essay—"Life of Washington," Mabel Thornton. Essay—"Life of Lincoln," Alle Knocson. Recitation—"Good Old Times," C. Darling. Recitation—"Advice," C. Van Campen. "Washington Exercises," By girls and boys. "Anecdotes of Washington," Mary Lester. Recitation—"Patrick Henry," Mabel Thornton. Quotations—By School. An Acrostic—"Washington," By Boys. Recitation—"The Honorable Spy," Nathan Hale. Recitation—"Like Washington," Arthur Smith. "Chain of Dates," By the girls. Address—Rev. B. S. Lasher. Song—"Washington's Christmas Party," By School.

Jacob O. Brown being about to relinquish farming offers a large stock for sale on his place in Delaware township at Cole's school house on Tuesday, March 9th, beginning at 10 o'clock. He will sell 3 horses, 6 cows, 2 heifers, hay, straw, chickens, wagons, harness, mower, household furniture and farming utensils generally. For a complete list see the bills.

PERSONAL.

THE FLOOD'S RAVAGES.

The Worst Since the Terrible One of 1884.

Sixteen Million Dollars Worth of Property Destroyed—Towns Submerged and Railroads Crippled.

For three days floods have prevailed over the states in the North-eastern portion of the Mississippi valley reaching east to western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee. At Alleghany and Pittsburgh thousands of people were cut off, the flood came so quickly. Many were rescued in boats and many stayed in the second stories. The iron works employees are stopped, mines flooded, mills damaged and machinery and homes injured. Several people have been drowned. The work at McKeesport are flooded and 15,000 men are idle. Railroad trains have been abandoned and many roads seriously crippled. It is impossible to fully estimate losses until the water subsides.

THE ANNUAL CYCLE SHOW.

It Was a Grand Success One Hundred Thousand People Admire the Exhibition.

This show which was designed to introduce the new model wheels to the public had the largest exhibit the world has ever seen and now that wheels have been brought to such a state of perfection probably there will be no more exhibits under the auspices of the National Board. The National Recorder thus sums up the points of the exhibition.

THE '97 WHEELS.

An inspection of the many '97 wheels shows the difference between the various makes is in slight details of construction rather than in general lines. The chain has reached a degree of perfection which admits of no improvement. The monstrosities in chains which were seen at the show have with few exceptions been tried in England and have not been found a success.

So the chain which the leading manufacturers put on their '97 wheel is about the same on all the leading makes of wheels. Variation is in the application of the flush joint and the method of attaching the crank to the crank shaft.

Some makers attach the crank to the end of the crank shaft and others make the crank a part of the shaft in two parts, attaching the parts together by means of a screw or nut.

It is the opinion of the leading makers that the degree of strength and lightness consistent with durability has been reached and that if any improvements are possible in the '98 bicycle it is in some of the small details of construction, such as joints and cranks and slants.

It is in these respects that the '97 bicycle differs from the '96 wheel, and the gain has been in strength.

As to flush joints, which seem to be the proper thing, some makers make them semi-flush and also reinforce them on the inside, while others make them flush with inside reinforcement. The interior fastening of the handlebar seems to be disappearing.

A standard weight for the roadster is 22 to 23 pounds, and that of the racer is from 17 to 19 pounds.

Gear cases for men's wheels are supplied this year by numbers of the makers. But the perfect gear case has yet to be devised. Some makers have tried celluloid as a material for a gear case, but it has not proved successful. Those of leather or rubber seem to be better than anything that has been found. One firm shows a gear case made of leather with a metal disk where the crank is attached to the crank shaft, and another displays one of rubber and light strips of leather which keeps the rubber from interfering with the gear.

New Process Steel.

Samuel Maxin has rediscovered the process by which the ancient Hindoos hardened steel. The implements used in constructing the great pyramids were made by that race, and their quality may be judged by the fact that no tools of the present day can be so tempered as to make an impression on the stones. This newly found process renders steel so wonderfully resistive that in the form of an armor plate no known explosive can pierce it, even though it be much thinner than the ordinary plates on battle-ships. This reduced weight would result in increased speed. The new steel would be valuable for the protection of ships and also for the manufacture of all edge tools.

BRIEF MENTION.

—The street arabs are now playing marbles, a sign of early spring.

—Is it wrong to speak of the mud, if one does it in a pleasant manner?

—Cottage Prayer meeting this Friday evening at the Presbyterian parsonage.

—The number of liquor licenses granted in this country last year was 235,574.

—Twelve veterans of the war of 1812 are still living whose ages range from 90 to 104 years.

—The road between Milford Borough and Westfall township line was in a horrible condition Sunday.

—A. W. Hornbeck is making preparations to build a store on his lot at Dingmans, and will open a business at that place.

—The Society of Willing Workers of the Presbyterian church will meet to-morrow with Miss Jennina Bull on Harford street.

—A. D. Brown and Son are running their steam saw mill at Dingmans, and can now furnish lumber in all sizes to suit at that point.

—The sale of the personal property of Wm. H. Rose, of Westfall, by the Sheriff, took place Tuesday and was largely attended, but the prices realized were, as a rule, small.

—There is considerable worry in Sussex county about the condition of the peach buds and it is thought by many that they are not in a healthy condition.

—A German who was naturalized last October and voted at the November election, recently renounced all allegiance to the United States and returned to his native land.

—The Prohibitionists of Monroe county have organized a new county committee by electing John S. Keller, chairman, and Professor Parks of the Normal School, secretary.

—The Royal Insurance Company through its agent, O. S. Bowman, of Branchville, N. J., and an adjuster, last week promptly settled and paid the loss on the Frieh farm house.

—Washington's Birthday was not generally observed in Milford. The schools and stores were open, and only Uncle Sam's post office gave indications of the national holiday.

—T. R. Julius Klein our tinman has just completed a large contract, roofing a boarding house at Dingmans for Mrs. E. Weiss. The building is 36x20 with an L attached, and is three stories high.

—Plastic is the name of a preparation for renewing walls. The question recurs semi-annually to the householder, how to do it. Mason at Port Jervis can tell you, and furnish the material. See his ad about it.

—In 1869 Rev. Dr. Crane, the father of Stephen Crane, wrote an essay upon the "Evils of Novel Reading," which he pronounced the "evil of the age." In some way that essay did not seem to impress Stephen.

—We have received the illustrated catalogue of Green's Nursery Company at Rochester, N. Y. Any one who contemplates planting trees or small fruits this spring should write for one. The prices are attractive and the stock first class.

—There will be preaching in the Presbyterian Church Tuesday evening next by Rev. W. G. Myles, of Dingmans, the regular prayer meeting Wednesday evening and services Thursday evening when Rev. G. E. Gillespie, of Port Jervis, will preach the sermon.

—The Standard Oil company is indirectly promoting the interest of the Milford Electric Light company, just incorporated, by furnishing our town with a very poor quality of oil. The complaint is general and well founded. That is a trust which should be brought to light.

—Harvey Hornbeck, of Dingmans, Pa., has moved into the Mountain House at Culver's Gap, with the intention of opening a boarding house. There is some dispute as to who has the right to lease to Mr. Hornbeck, but now that he has effected an entrance, and is in possession, he will go ahead.—Recorder.

—The Minisink Valley Historical Society held its annual meeting Monday, the 22nd. An excellent banquet was served at the Fowler House, and speeches were made by Hon. Henry Bacon, of Graham, Rev. Chas. Beattie, of Middletown, Rev. J. H. McKensie, and Jacob May. Milford was represented by Mrs. H. E. Emerson and W. W. Bidlack.

—The Commissioners have had a neat book case put up in the Grand Jury room for the public library. There are many works of interest which should and will be thus preserved. The Acts of Assembly, for instance, can now be properly cared for, and they should be in a condition to be readily found when needed by the court.

—Amos Van Etten, Esq., of Kingstown, had quite an experience at the Hotel Malborough, in New York last Friday. The machinery got out of order and the elevator in which he was suddenly shot skyward, and was wedged fast at the roof. After some delay during which Amos burned a Jersey Havana to soothe his nerves, he was liberated and went on his way rejoicing.

—The time within which the remaining appropriation bills must be passed is growing so short that the most the Senate could do in honor of Washington's Birthday was to listen to the reading of Washington's farewell address by Senator Daniel. After that, business went on just as though the day were not a national holiday. The House took no official notice of the day, being in the midst of a more or less bitter squabble over the appropriations to be made for its employees.