Democratic Watchman.

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Ink Slings.

-Why shouldn't the colored brethren have their share of the boodle?

-A vote for EDMUND A. BIGLER is a vote against the State money being used for private speculation.

-The voice of the tariff saver is not heard in the land to the extent that it was a year ago. Something has been heard to drop since then.

-- The only thing the Democrats have to fear is apathy. The party is united in sentiment. Success is within their reach if they get out the full vote.

-Isn't it about time to remove the cover that conceals the speculative operations of the State Treasury rings. The

-Democrats who stay at home next if the present profligate and dishonest management of the State Treasury continues.

tic ranks of the county. Victory is sure if this harmonions feeling is attended by a determination to poll every Democratic vote. -Why is it that when one of the

-Harmony prevails in the Democra-

ring rounders and heelers comes out of the Keystone Gazette office he draws the back of his hand across his snoot with such evident satisfaction? -A Democratic vote cast this year is

a vote cast for ballot reform. The boodler and the bulldozer must go, and the departing procession should be headed by BOYER, the enemy of the Australian ballot system.

-Your horse and wagon can do good service for good government, both in State and county, by hauling Democrats to the polls next Tuesday. But if a horse and wagon are not convenient, depend upon your legs.

-Let not a guilty man escape. Turn out of office the unfaithful public servants who have been betraying the interests of the farmers and the wageearners. Boyer has been conspicuously offensive in that way.

-How does it come that none of the colored brethren are seen ascending the massive stairway that leads up to the mansion of the Boss? When the boodle is di vided there should be no distinction of color.

-When Boss HASTINGS tells a colored brother that he hasn't any "surplus" to give out to the supporters of taken from the Republican ticket and viz, "drawing indictment and prosecutthe ring ticket, he is merely trying to save the "stuff" for other voters with whom he knows it is either boodle or against such a change. Others then \$7." The ring organ has no desire to bolt.

ty. This isn't congenial soil for the settled it was hardly known who could members of the bar, that where the in- his party are against it.

that were promised as the fruit of a tar- form. iff victory, have not been realized by the ly. They shouldn't forget this when they held since, we do not know.

since he came to town last week, but the secret kind of work is being done. rounders and heelers who are seen climbing the broad steps that lead to made is being put forth to poll the for the boodle. To them it is equiva- this Gen. Dan Hastings came home on lent to climbing up the golden stairs.

-Centre County voters may be deceived, as they were two years ago by Republican pledges of county reform, and last year by the promises of tariff prosperity, but we don't believe that any considerable percentage of them can be bought up by the ring huck-

-The colored voters of Bellefonte were called to hold a meeting in WM. MILLS' barber shop last Wednesday evening. If they don't get something more substantial than empty promises from the ringsters they ain't smart. The swag's afloat and they should enforce a divvy.

-Business was never duller in Contre county and throughout the whole State than it is at this present moment. It will be well enough for working people to bear this in mind when the not. tariff shriekers of a year ago ask them to vote for BOYER, the candidate of the

-Don't wait until next year to put the seal of condemnation on the iniqui- to do so. ties of the last session of the Legislature. Now is the time for the wage-earners and the farmers to strike at the unfaithful lawmakers by hitting their presiding officer who is asking for their votes, and to strike right from the shoulder.

proceed against a man who he says is as bad as Capt. CLARK of Philipsburg? Doesn't be know that it is as much his duty as anybody else's to bring bad people to justice, particularly if he is as well acquainted with their badness as he pro-



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Democrats, Don't be Fooled.

It is now but a few days until the election and Democrats should not allow themselves to be decieved by the apparant indifference of Republican politicians, or the pretended "don't-carea-cuss" demeanor of the ordinary townelection of BIGLER will take off the ship worker. The truth is they have set up a job in close counties, and in those which they have hopes of car-Tuesday won't have a right to complain rying, to throw Democrats off their guard and steal a march on them on election day.

Their instructions from their State chairman is to make pretense of doing nothing; to leave Democrats under the impression that they are not caring anything about the result this fall, and that no effort will be made to get out their vote. At the same time they are instructed to hold township caucuses at private houses, to divide up the Republican vote in each school district into blocks of five or ten, and to appoint one man captain of each block, whose duty it is to see that his five or ten votes, as the case may be, are gotten to the polls early. In this matter they are to maintain the greatest secresy, and when the result is announced, surprise the Democrats with the fullness of the vote they have cast.

It is a nice scheme if it pans out

Unluckily for these Republican schemers this trick has been "given away" in time for Democrats to meet them with every vote at the polls and show them that secret caucuses and scheming trickery will not win.

A few Sundays ago a caucus of this kind was held in the eastern precinct of well, however, for the reason that some scientious management. of the parties wanted MIKE MUSSER But the fee bill has another clause,

laborers who were humbugged by the meetings were held on that same Sun- the defendant is then induced to step commissioners have caused wide spread public attention to an immoral episode promises of the supporters of monopo- day afternoon, or how many have been in, waive trial and pay the costs, the dissatisfaction among land owners of in the personal conduct of Sheriff

That every effort that can quietly be Thursday of last week with the necessary "boodle" to pay the "captains" of each block \$2 for his days work; for each team a reserve fund of some \$1,800 to hire men who do not want to vote with them, to stay away from the polls, and to buy such votes that are purchasable on election day.

To further cover up their work Gen. Hastings has kept himself off the streets and hid away as much as possible, doing his work and sending out his orders from his residence, in place of from his office.

Democrats, we have warned you of the situation. You have it in your power to say whether this scheming, underhand, corrupt method in politics shall be successful in Centre county or

You have only to go to the polls and deposit your ballots to defeat this trickery and we feel confident that you have the disposition and determination

-If you are small enough and corrupt enough to accept the price, \$2, offered by Republicans to Democrats who will stay away from the polls on election day, get your money be--Why is it that FIEDLER doesn't | forehand. They will make no payments after they discover how badly they are beaten by the honest voters of the

--- Democrats, every vote left at home on election day is just that much fesses to be in Capt. Clarks case? | help to the Republican bosses.

How a Careful and Conscientious Official Has Saved Costs to the County.

The reckless attack of the ring organ on District Attorney MEYER concerning the fees he has charged for his service, furnishes an opportunity of showing what Mr. MEYER has saved the taxpayers in the settlement of cases which if they had been allowed to go to trial would have imposed heavy costs upon the county. The ring organ alleges that Mr. MEYER has charged \$7 in the settlement of all cases. This is entirely false, FIEDLER having purposey ignored the fact that in most of the cases settled by Mr. MEYER, which resulted in saving hundreds of dollars to the county, he received and did not ask more than a \$5 fee. The record shows this and Mr. MEYER invites its examination to confirm this statement. It is vastly more trustworthy than the loose assertions of the Keystone Gazette.

The fee bill has been construed by the present District Attorney the same as by his predecessors, and those who have passed upon his bills, including both the bench and the bar as well as the Commissioners' Attorney, have pronounced them correct, reasonable and within the legal limit. FIEDLER himself would not think of raising any objections to them if he didn't think it necessary to falsify the facts in order to serve a political purpose.

In every case settled by Mr. MEYER before the indictment was drawn, the case prepared and the subpœnas issued, he charged and received but \$5. He did this to encouarage the settlement of Boggs township. We have the name petty and unimportant cases, and thus was intended to arrange matters for the to the county the cost of a jury years more. entire township of Boggs and the bor- trial. Hundreds of dollars have thus ough of Milesburg. It didn't work been saved by such careful and con-

ber of those present kicked bitterly prosecutor is required to pay the costs, proposed that arrangement be made to mention this part of the fee bill which -The ring managers have arranged trade a vote for Judge, District Attor- entitles the prosecuting attorney to be trusted to take charge of the squads dictment has been drawn, the case pre--The two dollars a day and roast beef or "blocks of ten" they had met to pared for trial, the witnesses subpænaed, The Voters Will Reprove the Assessthe case prosecuted as far as can be How many more of the same kind of done up to the point of formal trial, and paid by the county, the defendant goes of authority. to jail and at the end of three months,

> them. In this stage of the question it may missioners from \$60 to \$80. be interesting to know how much Mr. cases been tried, and all that Mr. MEY- but one year longer. ER got in each of these cases for this excellent service to the taxpayers was A tull vote means Democratic victory. by the boodle of any Boss.

the strictly legal fee of \$7.00:

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Total saved to the county ject, as it has afforded the taxpayers an

BALLOT REFORM.

Do the people (asks the Philadel-FISHER's name substituted, and a num- ing the same where the defendant or want ballot reform? Would they like we the footing of the election reto divide their voters off into blocks of ney, County Surveyor and Coroner, for seven dollars for his service. Mr. be an excellent opportunity to make a ten. It is doubtful whether the Dud- a vote for Fleming for Prothonotary. MEYER has very correctly and justifi- record on November 5th. EDMUND A. ten. It is doubtful whether the Dud-lev method of working Indiana floaters This raised another rookery, and by ably taken the position, in which he BIGLER and the Democratic party are tal ability or the moral qualities to will work successfully in Centre Counthe time these two propositions were has been sustained by the court and for ballot reform. Mr. Boyer and render efficient and satisfactory per-

ment Outrages. case has been concluded very profitably the courty by their high-handed and Cooke which almost at the very thresh-It should be enough for the Demo- for the county, for it has not cost unwarranted increase of the valuation hold of his official career stamped him -Hastings has remained very quiet crats of the county to know that this the county a single dollar. When an of property for tax purposes, their ob- as unfit to hold a public office. In the official has managed a case in a way so ject being to secure county revenue performance of his official duties he advantageously for the county every without an apparent increase of taxa- has shown a grasping and avaricious fair-minded citizen, every interested tion. This is assuming a right and disposition, greedy to make every cent his palatial residence know where to go FULL Republican vote, and that to do taxpayer, will applaud him for having power which the law does not give that could be squeezed out of his posisaved the time and money that would them, and against which no property tion. In charging mileage, in the exotherwise have been expended in its owner in the county is safe. This action of poundage, and in straining trial. Suppose, on the other hand, power can be exercised alone by the the fee bill beyond the lawful limit, he that the case was not settled, but tried, assessors, sworn and impowered to per- has shown that he doesn't allow such necessary to get out the vote \$5,00, and and the defendant was convicted and form their designated duty. When a thing as legal restraint to interfere sentenced, it being of the petty class they return assessments it is a usurpa- with and limit his official profits. The that are too frequently brought into tion for a board of commissioners to in- docket shows writ after writ on which court. Then under the act of May 19, crease the value so returned, a proceed-1887, pamphlet laws, page 138, the ing that can be attributed only to gross costs would immediately have to be ignorance or to an arrogant assumption robbery was in many instance practiced

But so irregular and unjust a pracor the term of his imprisonment, comes | tice has sprung from a rash and foolish out under the provisions of the insol- promise to meet the county expenses vent law, and the county never gets a with an insufficient rate of taxation, single cent from the transaction, but which can be fulfilled only by raising has to stand the costs. If the defend- the taxable valuations, or an increase ant should be acquitted in a felony the of the county debt must necessaricounty would have to pay the costs at ly follow. The tax basis is completely any rate; in misdemeanors the jury disturbed by this plan of fulfilling Recould put the costs on the county, on the publican pledges of reform, unequal prosecutor or defendant, or divide them | burdens being imposed which are calbetween the prosecutor and defendant. culated to work injustice and produce In the latter event the defendant seldom dissatisfaction. It is said that this tim by an over-taxed fee bill. has the money to pay and goes to jail. high handed increase of valuations re-In either event, therefore, in nine cases | turned by assessors has even been exout of ten the casts are settled down on | tended to personal property, the value the county and the taxpayers pay of mules returned in the Snow Shoe region having been raised by the com-

The people, however, have their MEYER has saved the county in the remedy against these high handed prosettlement of the cases cited by the ceedings. They can show their disap-Gozette, and we publish the list, with probation next Tuesday by casting their the costs in each case, not including votes in a way that will notify the igthe expense of keeping open the court, norant, reckless and incompetent masuch as jurors, witnesses, court officers, jority in the Commissioners office that &c., which would be required had these they can mismanage the county affairs

Republican County Reform.

Before exercising the right of suffrage next Tuesday it will be well for the voters of the county, irrespective of of party connection, to pause and consider what they have gained and in what way the general interests of the county have been affected, by the change in the county offices! that took place two years ago. At that time it was claimed by the Republican ringmasters that there was need of reform in the county management, 14 90 and by raising a great racket on that subject they succeeded in deceiving enough voters to put a number of their understrappers in office. In this way they got control of the commissioners' office, and a nice kind of reform they brought about in that quarter. The report of the last grand jury testified to the bad condition of the county buildings. It show. ed up the kind of care and attention that has been bestowed on the county property by those model reformers, HENDERSON and DECKER, an exhibit which the Republican organs declined to publish in their columns for reasons that are quite apparent. In two years of their county administration the large surplus that had been left in the treasury by the last Democratic board has entirely disappeared and there is a visible increase of the county debt of over \$8000, as shown by the \$1052 50 last Auditors' report. There have Unintentionally the ring organ did been no improvements made to justify a good service in referring to this sub- this. If there had been county buildings repaired and bridges built, or opportunity of learning how Mr. MEY- other necessary expenses incurred for ER has been mindful of their interests. the benefit of the people, a justifiable The people have reason to be satisfied reason would exist for the disappearof the residence at which it met and save to the defendants and prosecutors with his record and will demand his ance of the large surplus and an inthe names of most of those present. It the expense of further proceedings, and service as District Attorney for three crease of the debt. But, as is reported by the grand jury, both the court house and the jail are in a neglected and disgraceful condition, bridges that were carried away by the flood have not been rebuilt, and those that are standing have not had a dollar's worth of repairs done to them although turns express the unbought, unintim- can be no other cause assigned for this idated will of the voters? There will bad financial situation than that the men put into the Commissioners office by the Republican cry of reform two years ago have neither the men-

> The Sheriff's office furnishes another example of the kind of reform which Republican control has given our coun-Our incompetent board of county ty. We have already frequently called this grasping official charged fees to which he had no legal right. This upon poor defendants who in addition to the misfortune of being pushed to the wall by legal process, were made to suffer at the hands of an official harpy. It was alleged by his supporters when he was a candidate that if elected he would be the poor man's friend and that the unfortunate defendant would receive the tenderest treatment at his hands, but he has proved a regular Shylock in office, intent upon exacting the last drop of blood that can be squeezed out of the unfortunate vic-

formance of their official duties.

We have shown what kind of reform the Bellefonte Republican ring managers have introduced into the Commissioners' and Sheriff's offices, and now they want to introduce some of it into the Prothonotary's office by the election of FLEMING. We doubt whether the people want to have it extended over an office so closely connected with the courts. Bosses are bad enough in politics, but when they aim at controlling the source of legal business the A Coroners jury exoneratedher. only safety of the people is for them to put their toot down on such a scheme.

--- Centre County can't be carried

Spawls from the Keystone

- -Some furnaces near Reading are using imported iron ore.
- -Raspberries were sold in the Easton market
- -At a Lancaster church fair chances on a live steer will be sold.
- -Five decrees of divorce were issued las week at Lancaster
- -The price of bread at Pottstown has been educed to a nickel. -A single comunion class at Stouchsburg
- ecently numbered 330. -The Berks County Courts have decided that
- type-written will is legal. -A bureau made of cigar boxes was recently
- hanced off at Harriburg.
- -Pittsburg has a 7-year-old child that is be
- -Eight tramps have been convicted at Allen
- town of stealing six kegs of beer.
- -Reading barber shops are to be closed on
- Sunday by the Law and Order society. -George E. Heere, of Pottstown, found a pois
- oned loaf of bread on his kitchen steps.
- -Willie Sears, a Lancaster 10 year old enter-
- tains crowds on the street with his whistling -The Mennonite brethren in convention a
- Reading greet each other with fervent kisses -Fourteen hundred violets have been ordered of a West Grove gardener by a Philadelphia
- florist. -Johnstown residents have contributed nearly \$6000 to continue the work of searching for bodies.
- -The Lehigh valley Silk mill, at South Bethlehem, has ordered several thousand addition-
- al spindles -Thieves broke into the room of an inmate of the Berks county alms house and stole \$10 and two watches.
- —An unknown woman was killed by a Lehigh Valley passenger train at Tunkannock on Wedneesday night.
- -Republican factions in Berks county are as far apart as ever, despite efforts to bring abou
- -The body of a baby was buried under the
- loorstep of a Blossburg resident. The neighors found it. -M. Krupp, the great gun maker, is looking
- for a site in Pittsburg according to a stateme to a paper of that city. -While a public presentation was being
- made to Clara Barton at Johnstown the floor sank and caused a panic. -Unless rain shall do the work, another tem porary splash dam will be made at Lock Ha-
- ven to float grounded logs. -The Sophs at the College at Gettysburg have ecured a class flag; made of asbestos, so that
- the freshmen cannot burn it. —One edition of a Pennsburg paper contains sixty three advertisments by land owners warn
- ing gunners to keep off their property. -The lineman erecting electric light poles' at Williamsport are opposed by citizens who ob
- ject to poles on their pavements. -The Diligence Fire Company, No. 2, of Beth ehem, celebrated their eightieth anniversary ast week with a grand banquet.
- -An old man named Fortzinger, desponden ver his losses by the flood, hanged himself in Conemaugh borough the other day. -The contents of the pockets of a tramps
- oat which he left at a Telford smithy, led to his arrest for robbery at Norristown. -Two young men at Macungie were arrested
- for bumping chestnut trees, which brings the uts in showers but ruins the trees -The village of Ephrata is greatly excited
- ever an alledged ghost, which takes the shape fa very large woman dressed in black. -The dying request of a Harrisburg girl was that her father should see that a drygoods
- bill coutracted by her should be paid. -Mr. and Mrs. J. C, Snyder, of Columbia, aged 84 and 78 respectively, have just celebrated their sixtieth weading annivesary.
- -A House designed to exhibit a patent roofng at the Berks county fair has been purchaseb by a Blue Mountain hermit who will live in
- dressing-room of a railroad-waiting room. Be ng stopped he changed his clothes in the -Without the aid of a magistrate or minister

-At Pittsburg a Hungarian wanted to make

- Calvin Heric and Hattie Bear, of Meadville, married each other at the office of the County -A \$2 bill lost twenty four years ago by John Unger at Wenrensville, Berks county, while
- -A Harrisburg Telegraph man found \$80,00 n negotiable securities on the floor of a bank and returned them before they were miss-

digging a trench, was found last Thurs

-Eleven years ago James Ryan, of Moun Carmel, prevented a wreck on the Reading Rail road, and last week he received a life pass over

-It is expected that the Window Glass Man

ufacturers' association at its next meeting in

Pittsburg, will authorize a 5 percent advance in the price. -With the body of her babe in her arms Maggie Simmons, yet a child herself, applied

for aid at Erie. She said that her husband had

- eloped with her mother. -Not for years has their been so much freight traffic on the roads centering at Will amsport as there is now. Shippers cannot be
- accommodated with cars. -The Berks county Almshouse farm produc ed 3000 loads of hay, 2400 bushels of wheat, 210 bushels of oats, 4000 bushels of corn, and 1200
- bushels of potatoes last season. Levi L. Landis,46 years old, of New Berlinville Berks county, has been declared a lunatic. He imagined that a line of electric wires had been erected through his head.
- -Five cent barbers of Reading have written to the Labor Council of that city to say that they are forced to charge that price to compete with ther barbers who sell monthly tickets.
- -Emil and Matilda Schmidt, of South Bethehem, have sued the Reading Railroad Company for \$20,000 damages for the killing of their daughter Lizzie by a passenger train at a rossing.
- -- Mrs. Hogentogler, of Marietta, gave birth oa child a few days ago, and during the ab. ence of the nurse she was seized with an epileptic fit and rolled on her child, killing it
- -Objecting to the erection of an electric light pole, a Williamsport man stood guard over his pavement and drove the workmen away; but was lured away from home by s trick, and the pole was planted during his ab-