

Democratic National Ticket.

FOR PRESIDENT WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN, of Nebraska.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT ARTHUR SEWELL, of Maine.

Democratic State Ticket.

FOR CONGRESSMEN AT-LARGE DEWITT C. DEWITT, of Bradford. JEROME T. ALMAN, of Juniata.

FOR ELECTORS AT-LARGE THOS. G. DELAHUNTY. THOMAS STERRETT. A. H. COFFROTH, Somerset. LUTIS M. IRELAND.

FOR DISTRICT ELECTORS.

John H. Keenan, Albert M. Hicks, James J. King, Thos. McCullough, John Hagen, Michael Delaney, John B. Storn, Thos. A. Haak, Chas. F. Reninger, Chas. H. Schadt, Thos. R. Phillips, Chas. D. Kaiser, John K. Royal, William Stahler, John M. Carroll, Chas. J. Reilly, J. P. Hoffar, Lucien Banks, A. J. Brady, George W. Rhine, John C. Patton, William Weibe, Samuel W. Black, Judson A. Brooks, John J. McFarland, C. H. Aikens, Seymour S. Hackett, Harry Alvin Hall.

Democratic County Ticket.

FOR CONGRESS. J. L. SPANGLER.

For Assembly—(JAS. SCHOFIELD, ROBERT M. FOSTER.

For Sheriff—W. M. CRONISTER.

For Treasurer—C. A. WEAVER.

For Recorder—J. C. HARPER.

For Register—GEO. W. RUMBERGER.

For Commissioners—(P. H. MEYER, DANIEL HECKMAN.

For Auditors—(FRANK HESS, B. F. KISTER.

For County Surveyor—J. H. WETZEL.

For Coroner—W. U. IRVIN.

The Bunco Ticket—whose Candidates Are They?

It was only necessary to go up to the court house, on Saturday night last, and look over the audience, drummed up to hear DWIGHT M. LOWERY denounce all who do not believe in the gold standard, as "Anarchists," "repudiators," etc., to fully understand the influences that are back of the Democratic bunco steers of this place and the men whom they call upon to make up such crowds as they can get together. Eight-tenths of the audience were Republicans. Their special train from the College brought down 152 persons, 21 of whom were Republican voters, one Democrat and the balance of them College boys. The little applause given the speaker was from Republicans. What dirt was thrown and what insults given; were thrown at and given to the Democrats. As captain BAYARD boastfully remarked, on Monday: "It was one of the best Republican meetings held this year," and while it made no votes for the Republican ticket, any one with half an eye, or with the least amount of discernment, could see that the sole purpose of the meeting was to encourage the Republicans and do as much injury as possible to the Democratic ticket.

If further evidence of the purpose of the PALMER & BUCKNER ticket, and who is at the bottom of it in this county, is needed, it is furnished by the following list of names from this county that we find was appended to the papers placing that ticket in the field. It was supposed that only disgruntled Democrats were asking for a new ticket. The facts look otherwise. In fact two Republicans to one pretended Democrat is the political proportion of signers from this county and we presume it is the same all over the State.

We have divided the signers into columns representing the former political views of the backers of this bunco business, and our readers can judge for themselves as to the kind of a "Democratic" movement it is. The names, as given, are taken from the papers on file in the office of the Secretary of State at Harrisburg.

- FORMER DEMOCRATS: Charles Smith, S. M. Buck, W. Fred Reynolds, Geo. W. Jackson, Ellis L. Orvis, John Blanchard, J. D. Shugert, John S. Lane, Edward L. Powers, J. W. Gephart, John J. Walsh, J. Will Conley, A. Broeckerhoff, Emanuel Noll, Henry Broeckerhoff, J. H. Anderson, H. E. Jenkins, J. L. Runkle, Harry C. Taylor, David Barlet, E. C. Rowe, W. R. Jenkins, J. M. Neubauer, William Shortidge, Robt McCalmont Jr., John F. Walker, Isaac Underwood, Jno. A. Wagner, Thos. Fleming, J. W. Undercoffer, Archibald Allison, John C. Kurtz, J. S. Yarnall, Frank Wallace, C. C. McKinley, Amos Mullen, John D. Sourbeck, Fred Sourbeck, Wm. H. McClure, E. H. Richards, C. H. Kurtz, W. T. Fitzgerald, David Haines, Wilber Dawson, C. H. Diehl, Chas. Cook, S. B. Miller, H. C. Brew, Edmund Blanchard, Jas. E. Williams, Harry Keller, W. F. Reeder, L. E. Jodon, I. S. Longacre, Thos. Donachy, Isaac Dawson, Samuel Shirk, H. B. Pontius, Lewis Miller, O. R. Johnson, Jas. H. Miller, W. T. Hillbush, Benj. Bradley, John Waite, L. C. Bullock.

Honest Democrats of Centre county, look at the above list of names. You know the men. You know their politics. You see that two thirds of them are radical Republicans who have no idea of voting anything but the straight Republican ticket. Will you allow yourselves to be buncoed by so transparent a trick?

IS IT TO GO ON AS USUAL?

The people of no other State in the Union suffer as much from bad government as do the people of Pennsylvania.

Extravagant legislation and corrupt official service are but a part of what they have to endure as a consequence of Republican rule. The expense of highly salaried offices and profligate appropriations, heavy as it is, does not begin to cost them as much as they are robbed of by the corporations and monopolies that owe their facilities of plunder to the favoritism of Republican Legislatures and Governors.

It should long ago have attracted the attention of the people that the larger the Republican majorities in the State have grown to be, the more reckless the State officers have become in the betrayal of the public interest.

It should not have escaped the notice of the tax-payers that the greater the numerical strength of the Republicans in the Legislature, the more extravagant have been the appropriations and the more licentious the squandering of the state revenues.

The voters should not have been blind to the fact that the more unlimited the power given the dominant party in the legislative and executive branches of the state government, the more unrestricted have been the privileges and immunities granted to corporations and monopolistic combines that are despoiling the people.

All these abuses have sprung from an entirely natural cause, for when a set of corrupt party managers and mercenary Legislators see that the people do not care how they betray the public interest and squander the state money, but rather appear to approve of such misconduct by increasing their majorities and making their power in the Legislature almost unanimous, it is natural for them to believe, and in fact they can't do otherwise than believe that they have been given unquestioned privilege to commit every form of extravagance, and to indulge their disposition to plunder without liability to be called to account for it.

Thus it was seen that after the HASTINGS administration was put in control of the state government by a majority of unexampled size, and the Republican supremacy in the Legislature was made more complete than it ever was before, both the Legislature and the Governor started on a career of unprecedented extravagance and reckless expenditure of the state revenues that surpassed the wildest dreams of plunder previously entertained by the professional politicians and ringsters who had derived their subsistence from official spoils.

They doubled the number of officers about the State capitol, with the sole object of furnishing places for party workers. They created new offices and new departments for which there was no public necessity, and filled them with incumbents whose only claim to such preferment was their service as henchmen to the party bosses.

They brought into existence a new batch of judges which the judicial business of the State did not need, putting in operation an unnecessary court at an annual cost of nearly \$100,000 in salaries alone, and setting up an appellate tribunal whose chief function will be the encouragement of litigation.

In addition to the creation of new offices, the salaries of old ones, whose emoluments were amply sufficient, were largely increased.

Shameful extravagance was practiced in the alleged improvement and adornment of the public grounds and buildings at Harrisburg, and in the embellishment of the Governor's mansion, a notorious party worker being put in charge of this department at a large salary, with a corps of assistants to increase the expense of that service.

To these unbridled measures of extravagance, intended chiefly for the emolument of political tools and party parasites, was added the most disgraceful subservience to corporations and moneyed interests.

Street railway companies were given larger privilege to fleece their passengers and oppress their employes, a wrong which led to riotous disturbance in Philadelphia, suspending the business of the city for an entire week and causing a serious destruction of property.

Corporations were confirmed, by legislative and executive sanction, in all the privileges and powers required for the successful enforcement of their extortions, whether by the company store system, by discrimination in railroad freights, by restriction of the coal product for the purpose of increasing the price of that indispensable fuel, and by various other forms of corporate rapacity.

And as a crowning disgrace to the State and outrage upon her people, the entire state government, including the Governor and the Legislature, yielded a ready submission to the interest of the Standard oil company, handing over to that insatiable monopoly every right and privilege that was wanting for the completion of its power to rob the State of the benefit of her petroleum resources, and to enable the monopoly to raise the price of the product, of which it was thus given complete control; and this was done by these unfaithful servants of the people with an avarice and zeal such as is displayed only when men are paid a money equivalent for their service.

In these disgraceful details we have not given an exaggerated picture of the consequences that have attended the big majorities given by the people to the party which has construed this confidence as a license for its Legislature and administration to squander the public revenue and to betray every interest that is valuable to the people.

HASTINGS' big majority and the overwhelming party preponderance in the Legislature confirmed them in the belief that the people approved of their looting the treasury and committing every form of legislative and administrative profligacy.

Have the people had enough of this, or will they give this licentious party a further license to go on with its squandering and plundering by sending to Harrisburg the usual majority of Republican law-makers?

The voters of this county helped to commit these raids upon the treasury and outrages upon the people, by electing two representatives who voted consistently for every swindle and theft that was proposed; and these same two men are asking to be returned. Those in favor of such legislative robbery, as we have alluded to, will vote for CURTIN and WOMELSDORF. Those opposed will support FOSTER and SCHOFIELD.

A Sentiment Against Him.

There is a very well defined and highly commendable sentiment among the voters of both parties in the county against the candidacy of ABE MILLER for Sheriff. Aside from the natural objection that would arise on account of his admitted "incompetency" for public office there is a feeling among the people that such a chronic seeker after office should not be encouraged in any quarter.

There is no doubt that MILLER's selfishness has had much to do with weakening him in his own party and it is but a natural result of the methods he has resorted to to capture places for himself. His idea has invariably been, MILLER always, the party never. Not once has he stepped back to make room for another man and when such a thing has been suggested he has heaped the bitterest kind of abuse on those of his own party who have dared to intimate that others should be given a chance. MILLER has never been the least bit considerate for those who have not been for him. He has fought them to the bitter end. Yet he claims the support of every Republican now because his selfishness and overweening greed for office have secured him a place on their ticket. He urges men, whom he has repeatedly abused, to support him. Will they do it?

Mr. W. M. CRONISTER is the man to whom MILLER's vindictiveness has driven many supporters. He is a clean cut young man, raised on a farm, and prominent before the public because it is known that the same integrity and thrift that has made him a nominee for sheriff will make him a most exemplary official, if elected. His record is open as a book. There is nothing in his past that need be concealed for fear of its injuring his chances for election. He is amply qualified for the office of sheriff and is the proper man to elect. Vote for Mr. CRONISTER.

What Courtesy Will Do.

In GEORGE W. RUMBERGER, the Democratic nominee for Register, is seen an excellent example of the opportunity of a courteous, obliging official. We do not say that he was an entire stranger to the people of Centre county when he came out for office, three years ago, for such was not the case. Yet he knew only those people who came in contact with him in various mercantile ventures, as a country school teacher and as Commissioner's clerk. In the latter office he first came before the public notice. His ability as an accountant, his affable nature and his readiness to accommodate those who had business in the court house to look after made him many friends, but it was not until he became an elective official that the real excellence of the man became known to the county in general.

As Register, Mr. RUMBERGER has indeed been a success. By very nature he is designed for the office. He handles men with the most pleasing tact and transacts the business in his department with dispatch and satisfaction to all. Being a scholar, a fine penman and accurate at figures he has every quality to equip him for Register. But above all there is that pleasing personality that makes every one feel at home in his office; that open, courteous manner that makes him approachable at all times. Are you going to vote for Mr. RUMBERGER? Thousands of others are and you had better do the same.

The death of the late WILLIAM B. MANN Esq., a nestor of the Philadelphia bar, and a man whose mellow old age afforded him opportunity to convert the many political enemies of his active life to friends of his declining years, will be a source of sorrow in Bellefonte. His eulogium of our lamented CURTIN made him loved here.

The Why of It.

The contest for Treasurer is waging warmer in the county than that for any other office. In fact it is currently reported that county chairman GRAY intends leaving the rest of his ticket to look after itself and try to pull HARRISON KLINE through. For what purpose this is to be done no one has a satisfactory explanation, other than the one so freely given that KLINE is the best man on the Republican ticket. We have nothing to say against him, but this being the case, there is no reasonable ground for a Democrat deserting Mr. WEAVER, the regular nominee of his party for the office.

HARRISON KLINE is not, has never been and is not likely to become a well known man in Centre county. He enjoys a little notoriety, gained by giving away potatoes that he had no use for, nor no place to store, last spring, and with this he is before the people of Centre county asking to be made Treasurer. Why should it be done? Or rather, let us ask the Democrats of Centre county why CAL. WEAVER should not receive every Democratic vote in the county?

He is as good, if not a better man than his opponent.

He has been a life long Democrat. He has supported the party's nominees at all times and done what he could to up-bild the party.

His record is as clean as it is possible for that of a mortal's to be.

He has worked himself up in the public estimation by dint of personal exertion. From early boyhood he has been thrown on his own resources.

His mother died while his father was away fighting for his country and young WEAVER was left a homeless, friendless orphan, to struggle for himself.

He is now a candidate of the Democratic party for county office and hopes that Democrats will prove the friends that he so sadly lacked in his youth.

Mr. WEAVER has been deputy sheriff of the county for three years. His record is without a blemish and his acquaintance with the routine of county affairs makes him far superior to KLINE as a qualified nominee.

Mr. KLINE has been a life long Republican. He has been vindictive in the pursuit of partisanship and has never done anything to help a Democrat to office. Why then should a Democrat cut Mr. WEAVER to vote for KLINE?

We challenge anyone to disprove our statement that Mr. WEAVER is as good a man as his opponent and that he is better qualified to fill the office than Mr. KLINE.

Will They Get It?

The Republican party managers about Bellefonte are counting on the great gains they propose making, "on the other side." Referring, of course, to Penns Valley. Just what has put such a notion into their heads is very hard to tell. From a glance at the political situation in the county there is only one logical conclusion and that, quite the reverse of what they expect.

We need go no further than their ticket for the best explanation of why they should be disappointed in the claim for a gain "on the other side." Not a single place of importance was given to the Republicans "on the other side," from whom they now expect so much.

Among the good men of that locality who were turned down at the dictation of the Bellefonte managers, who now expect them to turn in and roll up this gain, were: W. B. KRAPE, of Gregg township; L. SCOTT BRICKER, Boalsburg; GEORGE M. MUSSER, of Miles township; the late GEO. M. BOAL, of Potter township; CHAS. P. LONG, of Gregg township; M. M. MUSSER, of Haines township; and HARRY S. STUART, of Harris township.

It is the duty of every political aspirant to abide by the decision of the convention in which he contests, except when that convention gives evidence of partiality and manipulation. If partiality was not shown in the Republican county convention then there is no such condition. Notwithstanding the fact that "the other side" polled 614 votes for Governor HASTINGS, when it came up with eight good men the convention turned them all down but one and said: Here you take the chance for Auditor, that is enough for your having polled one-seventh of the entire Republican vote in the county.

If the aspirants from "the other side" had not been good men, if it had not been the long adopted policy of the party to make up the ticket as fair as possible on geographical lines then there might be some excuse for its partiality. Under such circumstances there is none and we are at a loss to know from what quarter they expect their gains "on the other side."

The managers here must expect the men "on the other side" to act like the dog that licked the hand of the master who kicked it.

In the beautifully mellifluous language, that characterizes the writing and speech of the editor of the Gazette, that paper has charged the Democratic county ticket in order "to hog in all the county printing for the next three years." The WATCHMAN never finds it necessary to explain its position to Democrats. It is a Democratic paper and that is all that is necessary, but as to this "hog" charge we would like to refer all of our readers, those of the Gazette and the editor of that paper to the county statement for 1895. It will be seen there that the Gazette received \$232.10, as against \$195.50 paid the WATCHMAN, for printing during the year; this too, with a complete list of Democratic officials in the county.

Subscribe for the WATCHMAN.

Quay's Bluff.

It don't require people to have very long memories to understand how little reliance can be placed upon the predictions of Senator QUAY. Last week, in New York, he gave out the statement that MCKINLEY was certain to receive the votes of 270 electors. To men who believe in Mr. QUAY's political sagacity we say, don't bet on it. When he wants to tell what the Republican party of Pennsylvania will do, he can generally guess pretty close, but when he attempts to foretell the action of the people of the country, he generally proves a "false prophet."

A single instance, under almost the same circumstance that induced his prediction of last week, will show how he can be mistaken, or else how he intentionally would fool others. It is but four years ago that Mr. QUAY, as the spokesman for the chairman of the Republican national committee, sent out the word from New York that there was no doubt of the result—that victory was assured and that HARRISON was certain of re-election. Hundreds, depending upon his judgment, bet their money and lost. At that time QUAY and DAVE MARTIN were friends, and were both connected with the national Republican committee. On the strength of QUAY's assurance of success, MARTIN went from New York to Philadelphia to give the tip to the boys to take all the bets they could get and that it would be safe to give odds if even bets could not be had. His friends relied upon his judgment. They bet, they lost, and many of them, to this day, have a lurking suspicion that there was either some kind of a bunco game in it, or that QUAY knew nothing about the situation, that he was supposed to know all about.

Where is there a town in the State that does not have a victim of QUAY's presidential predictions of only four years ago. And yet there are men who talk about his prediction now as a guarantee of the MCKINLEY success.

Meyer and Heckman.

Within two weeks the tax payers of Centre county will be called upon to choose three men to make up a board of Commissioners for the ensuing three years. While the office of Commissioner is one of the smallest in the court house in point of emoluments it is by far the most important in point of direct interest to the tax payer. If the Commissioner's office is economically managed every other department of the county government is similarly affected. If there are practical business methods guiding the business there are lower taxes for the people.

The Democratic party has a record in this capacity of which it can well be proud, while the only Republican experiment within the last quarter of a century proved such a failure that the county finances have not recovered yet and the people are still suffering, to a certain extent, for the extravagance of the board of Commissioners of which HENDERSON and DECKER were the leaders.

In this contest we present the names of PHILIP MEYER and DANIEL HECKMAN, both of them farmers and both known as practical men. They are before the people with records as private citizens of which they can be proud. And it is certain that if they are elected to the offices to which they aspire both men will carry with them that same wholesome desire to struggle for the right that has characterized them in their every day life. Both Mr. MEYER and Mr. HECKMAN are farmers and are in entire sympathy with the farming classes, in fact so much so that we are willing to vouch for either one of them that they will permit nothing within their control that will have a tendency to raise the taxes on the already overburdened farmers. These gentlemen will not build the new court house that Republican grand juries have been trying to urge on the Commissioners for several years. They will not make any useless expenditures at all. Both of them are poor men and know, full well, the value of a dollar.

Will you vote for them or will you vote to repeat the dose the county had to take in 1887?

If the Sheriff of Centre county should die in office the Coroner would be called upon to serve as Sheriff during the unexpired term. Didn't you know this? While such a condition would be very greatly regretted the Democratic party has always thought it best to be prepared for any emergency and has been very careful in the nomination of Coroner. This year Dr. W. U. IRVIN, of Julian, in every sense qualified for the office to which he aspires, is the candidate. Dr. IRVIN will make an acceptable Coroner and should the more important duties of Sheriff devolve on him, by any unforeseen calamity, he would be thoroughly competent to assume them. The Republican convention seems to have overlooked this feature in its nomination. Vote for Dr. IRVIN.

Those who are telling the tale say that it is well founded that WANAMAKER will put money into this county to insure WOMELSDORF's election to the Legislature. JOHN wants his vote for United States Senator.

Everybody is on to Quay's before-the-election bluff. His claim of 270 votes for McKinley frightens nobody. Quay has always been a good political prophet—for the Democrats. About this time four years ago Quay claimed that Harrison's election was a certainty. But it wasn't. And six years ago, even after the polls closed he sent out a telegram from his Beaver home that Delamater was elected. But Pattison and the Democrats swept the State.

The Nailing of a Goldite Lie.

The goldites in this county have been particularly persistent in their attempt to win people away from BRYAN-SWALL and the people's cause and every successful attempt is heralded abroad. The work has not stopped here, however, for in many cases they announce this or that man as having gone over to MCKINLEY and then try to make capital out of it on which to persuade some one else to drop his allegiance to the poor and play lickspittle for the rich.

One of the most brazen attempts of this sort is the story being circulated that "Mr. O. P. KREAMER, of Milesburg, an old line Democrat, cannot stand BRYAN and has joined the MCKINLEY forces." Now read what Mr. KREAMER has to say of this himself, then judge of the cause that must fight its battles by such lying calumnies.

Milesburg, Pa. Oct. 21st, 1896.

MR. P. GRAY MEEK, Dear Sir:—I have always been a Democrat and if I live to see November 3rd I will vote the Democratic ticket. I am for BRYAN and the whole ticket and am not a flopper to MCKINLEY's or any other party. Will you please state in your paper that it is a goldite lie of the blackest hue. O. P. KREAMER.

It is not altogether likely that the silverites will give up the contest because Governor Hastings has said that there is no hope for them.

Col. Spangler and Labor.

His Record Against the Iniquitous Pluck-Me Store.—Miners Always Paid in Cash. Every Two Weeks, Check Weighmen at all His Tipples. Has Always Been the Friend of the Miners. Proven by Correspondence.

JAMES McCANN, President. EDWARD MULHREN, Vice President. SAMUEL J. MITCHELL, Secretary and Treasurer. INDEPENDENT ORDER OF KNIGHTS OF LABOR.

OFFICE OF Sec'y and TREASURER, DISTRICT No. 2. Gearhartville, Clearfield Co., Pa. Oct., 2, '96.

DISTRICT OFFICERS ASK FOR INFORMATION:

Mr. Robert McGowan, Esq., Dear Sir: Please let me know Col. J. L. Spangler's position in regards to the company store question. And whether he is in now or at any previous time had a store of his own or allowed one of his bosses to have one. If you have had any dealings with Spangler or know nothing about it, please write in detail as there is some talk up here about him running a pluck-me in Barnesboro or Spangler. Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain fraternally yours, SAMUEL J. MITCHELL, Sec'y and Treas.

LOCAL OFFICER'S REPLY.

SPANGLER, PA., OCT. 8, 1896.

MR. S. J. MITCHELL, Sec'y and Treas.

Dear Sir and Bro.—In reply to your inquiry of the 6th inst., would say that Col. J. L. Spangler has never had at any time any connection with company stores at Hastings, Spangler or Barnesboro. At one time a store was started by one of his bosses, but as soon as the miners notified him, he immediately ordered it closed. He has been away from the mines for about two years. About eight months ago we asked him to define his position in regard to the pluck-me question, as there was some talk of compelling the miners to deal in any store located at Spangler. I enclose you a copy of his reply. This letter was read at a meeting of the miners, and pleased the men very much. There are check weighmen on all his tipples, and his men are paid in cash every two weeks. I do not think that any of the miners in this section has any ill feeling towards Mr. Spangler, as he always treated them as an equal and they got anything they asked for. Very truly yours, ROBERT MCGOWAN.

FRIENDLY OFFICES OF COL. SPANGLER TO CORRECT ATTEMPTED INFRINGEMENT OF COMPANY'S POLICY.

SPANGLER, PA., APRIL 4, 1896.

J. L. SPANGLER, Esq., Bellefonte, Pa.

Dear Sir:—We have been instructed by L. A. 1505, I. O. K. of L., in regard to the company store evil, which certain persons are trying to fasten on the miners of this place by going around the Sterling mines No. 11 and others, and getting men to promise to deal with them, and sign an Iron Clad so that they can stop what money the men will have due them through the Sterling Co., and believe you to be a friend of the miners, and Sterling company always having a good name of dealing justly and honestly with their men, we hope you will use your influence to get this evil stopped. You will confer a great favor on the miners of this place, and at any time they can return the compliment I assure you they will do so. Hoping we will hear from you soon, with a favorable reply, we remain respectfully, JAMES O'FARRELL, M. W., ROBERT MCGOWAN, W. G., JAMES GLANCY, Recording Sec'y, Committee.

REPLY OF COL. SPANGLER GIVEN EIGHT MONTHS AGO.

PHILADELPHIA, April 14, 1896.

MESSRS. JAMES O'FARRELL, ROBERT MCGOWAN AND JAMES GLANCY, Committee, Spangler, Pa. Gentlemen:—I have your letter of recent date in reference to certain efforts that are being made to secure the store trade from the employes of the Sterling coal company.

I wish to say that I have delayed answer to your letter until I could have a personal interview with Mr. William P. Duncan who has absolute charge of the mines in Cambria county. I have had no connection with the active management of these mines for over a year, but in talking with Mr. Duncan to-day, I can say to you that no employe of Duncan & Spangler is required to deal at any particular store. This is a matter for the miner himself. The firm has no store of its own nor any connection with store business. It is your privilege to elect to deal wherever it suits you best. For further information I trust you will call on Mr. William P. Duncan when next he visits the mines. I will use my influence to correct any violation of the general policy of the firm.

Very truly yours, (Signed) J. L. SPANGLER.