

Ink Stings.

Vote for ROWE.
Vote for JACKSON.
Vote for SHAFFER.
BERRY is a daddy.
When you are making up your ticket on election day remember that JAMES SWAB should be elected an auditor.

Men who have made higher taxes for you inevitable are not deserving of your support, therefore you should not vote for MILLER or BAILEY.

Pennsylvania should pile up an enormous vote for SHAFFER and WEAVER. They are the only candidates on either ticket that claims Pennsylvania as home.

Few heard candidate BERRY on Wednesday night were not won to his support by his frank, open magnetic appeal for help in his effort to lift the politics of the State onto a higher level.

If those TAGGARTS get another trial of their divorce case it should be behind closed doors. The details are entirely too filthy to occupy the columns they have in the daily press of the country.

ELLIS SHAFFER, our candidate for Sheriff, is in town this week and if you haven't met him try to do so. You will be convinced that he is a better man for the office than HENRY KLINE.

The official ballot will be smaller than usual this year, but it will still be large enough for use as a blanket in which to wrap up the political corpses of PLUMMER, MILLER, BAILEY and a few other incompetents.

A New Jersey minister has requested the women of his congregation to keep their hats on in church. He probably thinks that the chance to display fine millinery will be an incentive to get more of them to the services.

President McCURDY, of the Mutual Life of New York, got very mad when he thought lawyer HUGHES was making a fool of him. How mad do you suppose the policy holders of Mr. McCURDY's company have a right to get at the way he has been making a fool of them.

The man who ran away with \$100,000 in cash from the Adams Express Co. in Pittsburgh is still beyond the ken of a corps of the shrewdest detectives. Of course he will be caught, but he can have an awful good time on his plunder, if he is only wise enough to do it, before the law selects his future domicile for him.

While Mr. LINCOLN SWARTZ is running around over the county telling people lies about Dr. WHITE'S imaginary wealth he is keeping very quiet about that bank stock that he owns himself. Ask him about it the next time he comes yammering to you about being 'a poor buck-wheat.'

This county should have Commissioners who will expend your money as carefully as they would their own. MILLER and BAILEY have squandered it as though all you have to do is to go out into the fields and dig it up. Money is not gotten that easily. You have trouble enough saving up to pay your taxes now and you can only imagine what will become of you if MILLER and BAILEY are left in office to go on throwing your money away.

If the fellows who are harping so much about giving the farmer a chance would only stop to consider a moment they would discover that ABE MILLER isn't giving the farmer much of a chance. He has been making a close corporation of public office for the last twenty years and seems to think that he is the only farmer who deserves a chance. Don't you think he has had about all the chances that are coming to him.

Every day some new case of corruption is starting the people of Pennsylvania. The failure of the Enterprise bank of Allegheny, on Wednesday, and the suicide of its cashier are the direct results of machine politics in Pennsylvania. The bank carried over \$600,000 of the State money on deposit, but in return had loaned 'Bull' ANDREWS and other machine leaders so much money on rotten securities that it was forced to the wall and its cashier killed himself.

HENRY KLINE is making an especial plea to the farmers for votes because he is a farmer. Come to think of it, that was one of his father's dodges when he was running for Treasurer nine years ago. He was elected and made about \$10,000 out of the office. Now his son wants a chance to make \$10,000 more. Of course the son's ambition is perfectly proper but don't you think the KLINE farms ought to wait a little while. It has had \$10,000 within the past ten years. Why not give the SHAFFER farms a chance.

Dr. WHITE is naturally a modest man and that probably accounts for his not making it known that he is a Granger. He joined the Phillipsburg Grange over a year ago and is one of its most active members. Having charge of a farm over there the promoters of the Phillipsburg Grange sought him to join their order because it was weak in numbers and they thought he could help it. So he did and has been a working member ever since. He has made no attempt to make political bluncheon out of it because he is conscientious enough to believe that it would be wrong, but since Mr. SWARTZ is making such a parade about his being a farmer we think the Grangers of the county should know what relation Dr. WHITE bears to them.

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No Limit to Graft and Greed.

There is nothing sacred to the mind of the grafter. The infirmities of the poor and the misfortunes of the rich are alike subjects of his insatiable rapacity. For example, it has been practically proved that in the building of a pest-house in Philadelphia the brother-in-law and the cousin of the boss in conspiracy with other favorites have systematically plundered the city treasury to the extent of something like \$50,000. The contract price of the structure was \$142,000 which was \$2,000 more than an honest contractor asked for a building according to plans and specifications. But the favored company which entered into conspiracy with the agents of the machine by substituting bad for good materials was able to construct an inferior building that was palmed off on the public and yielded graft to the amount of nearly one third of the total cost.

This is the machine which depends upon the retention of the State Treasury through the election of J. LEE PLUMMER for restoration to full power. Out of the sufferings of small pox patients it has been coining money. Out of the miseries of a loathsome malady it has been extracting graft. Can greater iniquity be imagined? Men who would pervert so sacred a trust to the uses of a corrupt machine are destitute of every principle. There is no conceivable crime that they would not practice. It is the limit of infamy and has been practiced under the sanction of the Republican machine and for the benefit of those who are kin to the controlling masters of the organization. This is not a local affair. It puts a stain upon the entire State and the rebuke should come from every section of the broad Commonwealth.

The way to administer this rebuke is to defeat the candidate of the machine for State Treasurer. So far as the local offices in Philadelphia are concerned the defeat of the machine is admitted by those of the leaders themselves who are candid. But the rescue of the local offices is of comparatively little consequence. Entrenched in the State Treasury, with the surplus of ten to fifteen millions of dollars as an available asset, the power temporarily suspended will soon be recovered. The banks which use this vast sum of money for political purposes will soon assert themselves in their several committees and before another legislative election the machine will be as strong and as insolent as ever. But if the Treasury is taken away its defeat will be overwhelming and enduring and the scandals which make Pennsylvania a reproach will cease for all time.

'Bull' Andrews' Unexpected Visit.

'Bull' ANDREWS has again left his civilized interests in New Mexico for an eastern trip. This is an unusual incident. Only about four months ago he made the pilgrimage from his arid adopted home to the theatre of his early triumphs. But there was obvious reasons for that event. The machine of which he was so long an important factor had just sustained a severe shock and those in control had completely collapsed. In the emergency the 'Bull' was summoned home, he quickly reversed the craven policy of surrender, and ordered that a stubborn fight be organized and a vigorous effort be made to recover the lost ground. Having thus put things in order he quietly slipped back toward the setting sun.

Mr. ANDREWS' present visit has an entirely different purpose, however. The troubles of the machine have had nothing to do with his coming on this occasion. On the contrary this visit is a purely personal affair. That is it pertains exclusively to the 'Bull's' relations with the banks in this State which have been obliging to him in consideration of favors extended to them by the State Treasury. In other words, HOMER L. CASTLE'S exposure of the various deals between the 'Bull' and those banks have alarmed the bank managers and they have called upon him to strengthen his securities before the bank examiners get a chance to make an adverse report to the controller of the currency.

No doubt the 'Bull' would have much preferred to remain in New Mexico for the present. He is not too firmly entrenched in the confidence of the 'grasers' whom he represents in Congress as Delegate and whom he hopes to represent in the United States Senate in the future and if the territory should go Democratic, in the local election two weeks from next Tuesday, his fond ambition might go to the dogs. And that is just as likely as not to happen. New Mexico was never much attached to Republicanism and a slip over the line now might be a permanent change in politics. But the 'Bull' has no alternative when the banks call on him to produce. Failure to comply might involve penal servitude for himself as well as others.

Phillipsburg people don't want Mr. HALL elected Recorder. They say the 'Alleppopper' railroad could not run without him and it would be too bad to put the 'Alleppopper' out of business.

A New Version of the Old Potato Game.

Nine years are not too many for the memory of the voters of Centre county so we take it for granted that most of you will recall an incident in the campaign of 1896. You will remember that that year there was a most prolific crop of potatoes in the county; in fact there were so many that they couldn't be disposed of at any price. That fall Mr. HARRISON KLINE was running for the office of Treasurer. He was among the farmers who had more potatoes than he knew what to do with and the happy idea struck him that he could make them serve a political purpose. Accordingly, with a great parade of liberality and philanthropy he began telling the people that he would give potatoes for nothing to all who would go to his farm and haul them away. There was a great ado about it at the time, but many of Mr. KLINE'S tubers were carried away for the very sufficient reason that everybody had a plethora of them.

His son HENRY is running for Sheriff now and thinking that same little dodge might help him he has hit upon one that he expected to reap many votes from, but the other farmers have gotten onto it and are wondering why they should be made pay for the game. Up to this time the price of corn in the county has been 50 cents. But on Monday there was a slump in the price because it became known that a certain farmer was selling corn to certain people for 40 cents a bushel. Upon investigation this farmer was discovered to be HENRY KLINE, the candidate for Sheriff. According to reports he has been offering corn ten cents lower than the market price to persons whom he hopes to get support from.

Of course it is Mr. KLINE'S right to sell his corn for whatever he pleases; even to give it away, but when he outs the price to a few it is certain that other consumers will pay no more. And where will this put the other farmers of the county? The question is simply answered by the fact that they will have to sell their corn at 40 cents a bushel. Think of it! Think of the thousands of dollars that will be lost to the farmers of Centre county through such a drop in the price.

Mr. KLINE is asking for the farmer's vote because he is a farmer. Are you a farmer? If you are do you think it is right for you to lose 10 cents per bushel on your corn in order that Mr. KLINE may make a few votes to boost him into the Sheriff's office? If you are a farmer it will only take you a few minutes to figure up how much you will lose by this little scheme that Mr. KLINE has concocted.

Why the Machine Fought Hard.

We may as well be candid in discussing the pending political campaign. As a matter of fact it is not political but the atrocious Republican machine having nominated a candidate and drawn about him the lines of the 'organization,' it is called political. There is no political question involved however. The State Treasurer has nothing to do with the tariff, the currency, the expansion of territory, the centralization of power or anything else that is political. He has much to do, however, with the honest administration of the fiscal affairs of the State and may have considerable to say about the equal distribution of the burdens of the government and the honest disbursement of the revenues of the State.

In fact those are the only questions to be considered by the voters in the present contest. The Republican machine has been manipulating the revenues in various ways. Everybody knows that the vast treasury surpluses have been farmed out among favored bankers and used freely to supply funds to speculative politicians. That is a criminal use of the public funds but nobody any longer denies that it is a common custom. There is another way of manipulating the revenues, moreover, that is not so commonly understood. That is, favored corporations are taxed lightly or not at all while the heavier burdens are put upon others to make up the difference. The consideration for the unjust discrimination is free passes on trains for the politicians and their friends.

It has been said that the Republican machine will exhaust all its resources rather than relinquish this agency of graft and that the corporations interested will support them to the limit. No doubt that is true. There is a common interest in the matter and 'one touch of nature makes the whole world kin.' But the machine has a graver reason for wanting to hold on to the Treasury. It is whispered that many millions of dollars which have been loaned to speculative politicians can never be recovered and those concerned in the sinister operations don't dare let the public have a peep into the treasury books. This is one and a potent reason why the machine fights hard to retain the treasury but it is also a reason why the people should strive on the other side of the question.

FACTS FOR THE TAX-PAYERS.

Figures that Show the Unexplainable Extravagance or the Extraordinary Incompetence of the Present Board of County Commissioners. An Increase of Expenditures over an Average for Fifteen Years of OVER \$28,000.

If there is a single tax-payer in Centre county who is not fully informed of the expenditures of the present Board of County Commissioners, it is full time he should be. If there is one who has doubts about what the result of that extravagance must be, it is high time that he seeks information, and makes up his mind for himself.

We have gone back to 1885, and in connection with this give the yearly cost of the county government, up to 1900—the time that the men connected with the present Board took charge of the county affairs. To these figures we call the earnest and unprejudiced attention of every citizen. They are taken from the county statements, as certified to by the different Boards of Commissioners, and attested by the Auditors, and are given correctly and fully, in order that those interested may compare the management of former Boards—a number of which were repudiated by the people—with that of the present Board, that is now asking a longer lease of power. These figures are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: YEARS and TOTAL EXPENDITURES. Data points from 1885 to 1899.

Average yearly expenditures \$61,321.02.

Mr. ABRAHAM V. MILLER, the senior member of the present Board, and who is now asking for a third term, took his place as County Commissioner upon the death of Mr. RIDGLE, early in 1900. Three years later Mr. BAILEY, who is also seeking re-election, took his place as one of the managers of the county's finances. And how have they performed their duty as the financial agents and business managers of the county's affairs? Not a single year since they assumed control of these matters, but shows an unexplainable and startling increase of expenditures over the years referred to in the above table.

The last year of their management that the public knows anything about—1904—shows the enormous increase over the averages given above, of \$28,193.67; ALMOST ONE THIRD GREATER THAN WAS FOUND NECESSARY DURING ANY OF THE 15 YEARS PRECEDING.

Their own statement as published in every newspaper in the county for 1904, shows that under their management it cost the tax-payers of the county \$89,514.69 to meet the county expenditures, as against \$61,321.02, the yearly cost for the fifteen years preceding their induction into office. This is an increase of almost 33 per cent., and means that valuations, millage and taxations must go up proportionately.

As yet, we have seen or heard of no one who has attempted an explanation of this profligacy. Nor do we believe that there is a citizen in the county who can explain the necessity for this enormous outlay, that will be satisfactory to the taxpayers generally.

An article in an up-town paper a few days ago attempted to excuse it, on the ground that during the past year \$11,000, or over, had been expended on the erection of bridges; and the cost to the county in the murder trial of DILLON and GREEN, amounting to less than \$2,000, all told, had been paid as extra expenses.

This might be considered as a partial excuse, were it not for the fact that during the years mentioned above, the same kind of extraordinary expenses were met and are included in the figures given, and that fewer bridges have been erected during the past six years, under the management of the present Board, than during that of any of the six years preceding. In fact nearly every large and important bridge within the county was completed and paid for before these men went into office. Those along the Bald Eagle, Moshannon, Spring creek, Penns creek and Elk creek were all erected before either Mr. MILLER or Mr. BAILEY knew anything about the Commissioners' affairs.

Nor does the fact of calling attention to the cost of the murder trial in the case of DILLON and GREEN help it any.

During the years we have referred to, we had the HOPKINS murder trial, the ANDREWS murder trial, the ETLINGER tragedy, and several homicide cases, all to occupy the attention of the courts, and pile up their bills of costs. To these were added the extraordinary expenses of a contested election, in which the present Commissioner, Mr. MILLER, sought to overturn the will of the people of the county, when they refused to make him Sheriff, and did not stop in his efforts until he had piled upon the county extraordinary expenses amounting to over \$2,000. Nor was this all of the extraordinary expenses that are included in the 15 years prior to Mr. MILLER and Mr. BAILEY'S beginning as Commissioners. During that period the court house was re-roofed, re-floored, re-plumbed, re-seated, re-furnished and almost entirely re-built, barring the outside walls. Toilet rooms and costly plumbing, steam heating and electric light were added, and in every way that building was finished up in the best of style, at a large expense. Expensive steel filing cases were procured for the county offices, new steel cells placed in the jail, and thousands upon thousands of dollars were expended to beautify and improve the public buildings and grounds.

And to none of these expenditures has the present Board been subjected, and yet they spend \$28,193.67 more per year than did any of their predecessors.

And for what reason?

Simply because of incompetency and extravagance.

And what must be the result. INCREASED VALUATION, INCREASED MILLAGE AND INCREASED TAXATION. You can't pay \$89,514.67 of county expenditures with \$60,000 of an income, and to have a greater income, higher taxes MUST be levied. Is this what you are after Mr. Taxpayer? If it is, ignore the above facts and keep MILLER and BAILEY in the office they have so badly managed, and you will have it.

As a versatile story maker we will have to take our hat off to Mr. SWARTZ. He has his imagination apparatus at work all the time concocting, getting up new ones about his opponent, Dr. WHITE. The latest one comes from Gregg township, where SWARTZ has been trying to poison the farmers against Dr. WHITE by calling him a dude. Of course it is not possible that any sensible person would be influenced by such a story and we repeat it merely to show how shallow Mr. SWARTZ is showing himself to be and how utterly silly he is to think that such trash will help him in his candidacy.

Our prophecy is coming true. There has been a great ado for weeks because SHAFFER had not appeared in Bellefonte. Alarmists have been spreading the story that KLINE is running away with everything but we insisted that there would be a change just as soon as Mr. SHAFFER got here and the people had an opportunity of meeting him. Mr. SHAFFER is here and the side is turned. Everyone who meets him is delighted with his manly, open manner and he gives the impression of being the ideal candidate for Sheriff.

—ROWE has made a good Recorder. What more do you want?

Sprawls from the Keystone.

Pennsylvania railroad company employees have donned their winter uniforms.
The Harbison-Walker Refractories company has restored the 2 1/2 per cent. quarterly dividend on the preferred stock.

It is again reported in railroad circles that the Hollidaysburg and Bedford railroad will be completed early next spring, and will be operated under the management of the Pennsylvania railroad company.

In accordance with a law of the church Bishop Eugene A. Garvey has issued orders that hereafter all public entertainments in the form of dances, which heretofore have been held in the parish halls of the Catholic churches of the Altoona diocese, will cease.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is richer by \$900 as a result of fines paid during the past few days by meat dealers in Mifflin and Clearfield counties, who were prosecuted by the agents of the dairy and food department, for selling meats which were preserved with drugs, in violation of the law.

The Superior court decided that the law passed by the Legislature providing for the destruction of wild cats, foxes and minks in Pennsylvania, and offering bounties for the same is ineffective. The court holds that the title of the bill is defective and that there is nothing in the act to show who would pay the bounties.

S. S. Wertz, of Altoona, has come into possession of a most valuable and historic heirloom. It is a watch that was once owned by Lafayette. He came by the watch through the death of a relative, John Van Felt, at Germantown. The watch, a rather unique timepiece, was made by Gregson, Paris, France, for Lafayette.

In the spring of 1903 Frank Lieb, of Carrolltown, Cambria county, bought 698 acres of coal land from farmers in White and Armstrong townships, paying them about \$15,000 for it. In June, 1903, Lieb sold this coal to John Curry, of Connelville, for \$26,700. Curry kept it until last week when he sold it to the Jefferson & Clearfield Coal & Iron company, for \$37,300.

On Saturday, October 28th, will occur the anniversary of the muster-out of the Twelfth regiment, P. V. I., and it will be appropriately celebrated by a reunion of the regiment at Sunbury. General J. P. S. Gobin, who commanded the brigade, to which the Twelfth was assigned, and Colonel James B. Corvill, who commanded the regiment, will be present and are to speak.

The largest amount of pay ever distributed to the employees of the Pittsburg division of the Pennsylvania railroad was given them this week. Exclusive of the office forces there are about 14,000 names on the September payroll of the division. The amount of money being distributed approximates \$725,000. The employees include conductors, shomen and section hands.

October 16th, 1755, all the inhabitants in Buffalo valley were massacred by the Indians and the valley was not again occupied by white people until 1768, and a movement is on foot in Union county to have the anniversary recognized in a fitting manner. It is proposed to hold a grand rally at Le Roy Spring, near Lewisburg, where a family named Le Roy was wiped out by the red men.

Mrs. James D. McGregor, of Flemington, Pa., desires to know the whereabouts of her son, John E. McGregor, (or MacGregor) who has not been heard from for many months. The mother fears that it may be he who was found near Clermont, taken to the McKean county home where he died and the commissioners sent his body to Philadelphia for dissection. Mr. McGregor was about 25 years of age and had his name tattooed on his arm.

Lumbermen on the west branch of the Susquehanna are hoping for more rain, so that the 6,000,000 feet of logs back can be driven into the Williamsport boom before the winter closes in. The remaining logs, with the 4,000,000 feet still in the boom, will make a total of about 50,000,000 feet handled by the boom company this year. It is interesting to know that about 50,000,000 feet are expected next year, and probably the same amount the year following.

A meeting of the directors of the Newton Hamilton Camp association was held on the grounds Tuesday for the annual election of officers and other routine business. The following officers were elected: T. J. Armstrong, Altoona, president; John D. Gill, Phillipsburg, secretary; Rev. James Hartman, Bellefonte, treasurer. A committee was appointed to erect new cottages on the grounds. The date for campmeeting for next year was fixed for August 2-21.

Hanging to a chandelier 35 feet from the floor of his church, the presence of mind of Rev. F. T. Cady, pastor of the church of the Redeemer of Towanda, saved him from serious injury and perhaps death. While adjusting the chandelier, the high steeple upon which he was working slipped from under him, and he hung to the chandelier. No one was near the building, and his cries for help went unheeded. Mr. Cady finally discovered a rope hanging from the upper arch of the church, and reaching it with difficulty tied it with his teeth and one hand. Exhausted, he slid to the floor on the rope.

The venerable Mrs. Elizabeth Stalker, of Williamsburg, who was born December 10th, 1800, was an interested observer of Saturday's parade, on the occasion of celebrating the formal opening of the new paper mill at that place. She also received visits from many of those who were in town for the day and had a hand grasp and a word of welcome for all who came. Bright and cheerful in mind she is certainly a wonder. Born a year after the death of Washington, she has lived under the administration of every one of the American Presidents except that illustrious statesman. She saw the last year of the eighteenth century, the whole of the remarkable nineteenth and is going along with the twentieth with as much vitality as many persons who are two score years younger. One sometimes hears of undoubted centenarians and of others who are believed to have attained a great age, but Mrs. Stalker has lived all her life-time, we believe, in Pennsylvania, and there is not the slightest doubt but that she is the oldest resident of the State and probably of the country. She is now approaching the close of her 107th year.