

Ink Stings.

Vote for SHAFER. Vote the rascals out. Don't lose sight of Dr. FISHER. He must be the next coroner of the county.

Are you willing to pay higher taxes merely that MILLER and BAILEY may be retained in office.

If you vote for MILLER and BAILEY you will be voting for higher taxes and endorsing extravagance.

Just about ten days more until the election and ELLIS SHAFER is growing more popular every day.

JOHN DUNLAP is as good as elected now and, mark our word, he is going to make a good Commissioner.

JOHN C. ROWE has made a good Recorder. What more do you want? He is entitled to a second term and you should help give it to him.

Honestly now, when you met LINK SWARTZ did he impress you as being the kind of a man we ought to have for County Treasurer.

President ROOSEVELT tells the Republicans of Pennsylvania that they will be better Republicans if they vote the Democratic ticket this fall.

CAL WEAVER has made a success of his own business, therefore it is reasonable to suppose that he will make a success of yours. Elect him Commissioner.

It is easy to get incompetent men into office but the taxpayer's experience with MILLER and BAILEY has been that they have to settle for the mistake.

The general opinion is that there will be a clean sweep in Centre county this fall. BERRY will have about 1000 majority and few of the other candidates on his ticket will have less.

With a weekly and daily newspaper and a fine job plant at his back Mr. EARLE TUTEN would scarcely have time to give any attention to the office of Register, even if he were elected.

Men who spend your money faster than you can make it are expensive men to keep and it will not be long until they force you into bankruptcy. That is exactly what MILLER and BAILEY are doing.

HENRY KLINE has nothing coming from a Democrat. He never helped a Democrat to get into office. In fact, if reports are true, he would rather see them starve than have anything to do.

It is merely a matter of whether it will be MILLER or BAILEY. One of them is sure to go down. Both of them are incompetent enough, but we leave it to the voters to decide which is the worst.

President ROOSEVELT, Secretary ROOT and Secretary TAFT all say that it is the duty of every honest Republican in Pennsylvania this fall to vote for BERRY. Are you with ROOSEVELT and his cabinet or are you with the gang.

Suppose you had a business and wanted a manager for it. Would you employ a man who kept continually running the expenses up without cause. That is what MILLER and BAILEY have been doing in the Commissioner's office and it is time to discharge them.

The Democrats of Ferguson township should remember how Mr. BAILEY fought them a few years ago. He is asking them for complimentary votes now. They should recall to his mind the way he treated them when they were asking the same favor at his hand.

Voters should remember that the men who are running for office are the ones to be measured up; not their friends or the men who are managing their campaigns, or their families or anybody else. We have certain offices and the best men should fill them, irrespective of any of their surroundings or affiliations.

There is no politics in the election this fall in Pennsylvania. Not an office to be filled has any bearing on political principles. President ROOSEVELT told you in his Atlanta speech what to do. He advised Republicans to smite the rascals with the sword of GIDEON and the LORD and that means that the Republicans of Pennsylvania who have any self-respect will vote for BERRY.

We are not scolding MILLER or BAILEY for getting a rake-off on the Race bridge in this place, but if you read the article on the first page of this issue you can't help being convinced that they are not competent to handle the county business. Paying \$6,800 for a bridge that should not have cost more than \$3,500 isn't a good recommendation for them, is it? Vote them out of office for throwing your money away.

The farmers are beginning to catch onto LINK SWARTZ'S little game to catch the farmer vote. They have discovered that Dr. WHITE is about as much of a farmer as LINK, for the Doctor does manage a farm and is a Granger, as well. It is true that LINK lives on a farm, but any of his neighbors will tell you that he won't do any more of the work than he has to and it is probably because of his predisposition to sit around and watch others work that he wants to get into the Treasurer's office.

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HOW THE TAXPAYERS MONEY GOES.

\$6,800 for a Bridge Costing Less Than \$2,000. Figures That Don't Lie and Facts That Cannot be Disputed.

If either Mr. MILLER or Mr. BAILEY, who are asking a continuance in office, as managers of the interest of the tax payers of the county, had any explanation to make as to why, during 1904, the county expenditures, under their management, jumped from the average yearly cost of \$61,000 to almost \$90,000, they have had ample time and opportunity to do so.

Their up town organ has attempted to enlighten the taxpayers upon this point by charging the excessive increase to the fact that \$11,000 was expended for bridges. But then this accounts for but about one-third of the increase, and as to the other two-thirds, no effort whatever has been made to enlighten those whose money was so freely expended.

Possibly the bridge matter referred to, and the other money used to meet their STARTLING INCREASE of county expenditures, went as did the taxpayers money that was used in creating the bridge over the race in this town the past summer. And the amount that went into that, every citizen in the county will be surprised to learn.

This bridge was completed about six weeks ago. At the time the effort to have it made a county bridge was started the total estimate for its erection was figured at \$4,000. This included the abutments, which the borough built, and the superstructure that the county put on. We are told that in that estimate the abutments were to cost \$1,000, and the superstructure \$3,000. Judge of the surprise of everybody when it became public that the Commissioners had agreed to, and most pay \$6,800 FOR THE COUNTY PART OF THAT BRIDGE, making its total cost almost, if not entirely, \$8,000, when the movers in securing its erection had every faith that it would not cost half that sum.

It is a bridge spanning a race 30 feet wide and covering a street, which, including sidewalks, is 80 feet across. The part of the work the county paid for is simply plain metal joists about 36 feet in length, without finish or work of any kind upon them, laid from abutment to abutment, arched in between with common red brick, upon which is about for inches of grouting, a couple of inches of sand and topped with a layer of ordinary paving brick. An estimate of the cost of material used in the superstructure of this bridge and of the labor to place it where it is, has been furnished us by one fully conversant with all the details of the work, and which he tells us is considerably above the actual prices paid by contractors for such material:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes 2 1/2 tons structural iron at \$5 per ton, 14,000 paving brick \$18 per thousand, 18,000 common red brick for base of grouting at \$10 per thousand, 100 barrels common cement, etc.

Total Cost of Bridge.....\$1,935 00

Add 100 per cent. to these figures for contractors profits and you still fall THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS BELOW THE AMOUNT THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE CONTRACTED TO PAY FOR THIS BRIDGE.

So that in this one little job, after allowing one hundred per cent. profit to the builders, the county is mulcted in the sum of TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND SIXTY DOLLARS.

And yet there are people who wonder why the county expenditures have increased about \$30,000 a year under the present management, and why valuations and millage and TAXES have to be increased.

And the men who are responsible for this kind of reckless extravagance in county affairs have the gall to ask the taxpayers, who are thus being robbed, to continue them in office.

If you favor the kind of jobbery shown above you should vote for Mr. BAILEY and Mr. MILLER. If not you should vote against them.

Climax in Looting Operations.

The tragedy in Allegheny City last week is a climax in the record of the systematic looting of the State Treasury. The suicide of T. LEE CLARK, cashier of the Enterprise National bank is another startling incident in the 'trail of blood and bootie' which has marked the gang control of the fiscal affairs of the Commonwealth for nearly a third of a century.

How long is this record of crime to continue? Since the suicide of BLAKE WALTERS twenty-five years ago half a dozen lives have been sacrificed in the rapacity of the machine and as many more, at least ruined. The reply to this record is, however, that the State has never lost a cent. The value of men's lives and honor is not measured in money and yet the death and destruction of so many men must be a pecuniary loss. But accepting the estimate of QUAY that 'when a politician dies he leaves only what is found on him,' and that the victims of his system were worth nothing to the world, it is not certain that the State has escaped loss. There is a strong suspicion that the present Treasury surplus is made up largely of worthless obligations.

Eight months ago a trust company in Lancaster failed with an obligation to the State of \$45,000 which has not been paid and it is certain that the more than a million in the bankrupt Allegheny City bank is a present loss. Possibly owing to the peculiar conditions now existing that money will be recovered speedily. Political exigencies are more important to machine politicians than personal honor and in the hope of escape from party disaster the money of the State may be made good. But the people will never know how much has been lost in that and other bank wrecks until the machine control of the Treasury is brought to an end and the coming election affords the opportunity to accomplish that result.

Berry's Election Certain.

The present aspect of the political campaign is most attractive to the Democrats of the State as it must be encouraging to the friends of good government in all parties. Almost within the shadow of the polling booths it may be confidently predicted that WILLIAM H. BERRY will be elected to the office of State Treasurer by a splendid majority. Recourse to ballot box stuffing and other fraudulent expedients will not save the machine this year. There will be no novel of repeaters to defeat the will of the people on this occasion. An aroused public conscience and awakened civic righteousness will guard the integrity of the coming election and the victory will be for the right.

This is a most gratifying prospect for it involves more than a partisan triumph. As a matter of fact it may be justly said that the partisan advantage to be obtained from the defeat of the atrocious political machine is the least important matter associated with it. No doubt the party which brought our admirable candidate for State Treasurer into the field will be benefited, for his election will mark the end of political immorality and official iniquity which has disgraced the State for years. But the great triumph will be to the people of the State in the rescue of official life from the control of the pirates who have been looting in every direction.

That Mayor BERRY will be triumphantly elected admits of no doubt. To question it is to cast a reflection on the integrity of the voters of the Commonwealth. Recent events have so clearly revealed the iniquity of the machine that its triumph would imply moral degeneracy of the electorate. The election of J. LEE PLUMMER would not only be a condemnation of the infamies of the past but an endorsement of similar outrages in the future. The people of Pennsylvania will not so stultify and asperse themselves. They can't afford it. It would not only be unjust to themselves but a crime against posterity. No man has a right to sacrifice the property of his children.

—ELLIS SHAFER is the man for Sheriff. He looks like a Sheriff.

Making the Tax-Payers Pay His Electioneering Expenses.

How Commissioner Bailey is Carrying on His Campaign at the Expense of the County. Charging the People \$3.50 per Day While He Hunts Votes.

In the face of all the reckless extravagance already exposed in the Commissioner's office it is scarcely less than brazen for Mr. BAILEY to face the voters of Centre county as he is doing now. We know you will be so amazed that you will scarcely credit what we are about to tell you, but it is a fact nevertheless that JOHN G. BAILEY, Commissioner of Centre county, is actually out electioneering and charging his time to the county.

THINK OF IT!

How does this man who has helped run the county expenses up to \$28,000 a year more than they have ever been dare have the impudence to ask you to vote for him under such circumstances. Read these quotations from the minute book of the Commissioners:

- Oct. 9—Mr. BAILEY out delivering assessor's supplies.
Oct. 10—Mr. BAILEY out delivering assessor's supplies.
Oct. 11—Mr. BAILEY out delivering assessor's supplies.
Oct. 16—Mr. BAILEY out delivering assessor's supplies.
Oct. 17—Mr. BAILEY out delivering assessor's supplies.
Oct. 18—Mr. BAILEY out delivering assessor's supplies.
Oct. 19—Mr. BAILEY out delivering assessor's supplies.
Oct. 20—Mr. BAILEY out delivering assessor's supplies.

Here you will see that he has charged up eight days at \$3.50 per day for delivering assessor's supplies in upper Pennsylvally. He had to see only eleven persons and any one else could have covered the entire territory in one day or two days at the outside.

What could he have been doing to spend eight days hunting up the assessors in the eleven precincts he visited?

We'll tell you. He was also hunting votes and making you pay for his time.

Not only this, but he was traveling in his own conveyance and charging the county livery hire for it at the rate of \$2.00 per day and expenses at the rate of \$1.25 per day.

What do the liverymen of Centre county think of this? A man who has not only made them help pay for his time while electioneering, but refuses to give them the little bit of business they are entitled to get out of his office.

Of all the expositions of nerve this business of Mr. BAILEY takes the bun.

From Mendicant to Magnate.

The failure of the Enterprise National bank of Allegheny City, has brought out some interesting facts. Among other things it has shown that the Santa Fe Central railroad, of New Mexico, was built entirely by money which belonged to the people of Pennsylvania. When it was announced some years ago that 'Bull' ANDREWS and his brother, the chairman of the Republican State committee, were building a trunk railroad curiosity expressed itself in the question 'Where did they get it.' It was tolerably well known that for some time the 'Bull' was without visible means of support. He had neither money nor credit and trunk railroads cost considerable even if the bed is laid on level ground. But the operation was begun and completed and the 'Bull' was transformed from something like a mendicant into a magnate.

Now the mystery is cleared up, however. It appears that the magnate simply used the money of the State to exploit his business enterprise and it transpires, moreover, that it isn't his first offense. Some years before he built a brewery in the same way and made a considerable stake. But he is an expensive man and the profits of building a brewery with the people's money didn't last long. That is probably why he undertook a more colossal enterprise. Every body knows that the bigger the undertaking the larger the profits and a man with the State Treasury behind him can tackle almost any kind of a scheme. Pennsylvania is big and rich as well as patient and long suffering, and the 'Bull' knows Pennsylvania like a book. He felt that he could use the Treasury as he liked and acted upon that impulse.

It would be all right, probably, to make such uses of the Treasury surplus if there was something like an equitable method of proceeding. That is to say, if all of us had equal chance to get at the funds there would be something like reason in making the redundant revenues do good. There are different ways in which this might be done. For example, the surplus might be put up at auction at regular intervals or those who want to build breweries or railroads might be invited to draw lots for a grab. But it's manifestly unfair to let one fellow have it all the time and keep others, equally anxious to get rich and quite as deserving of favor, from the enjoyment forever. Probably after the coming election things will be different, however.

Sustain a Non-Partisan Judiciary.

Those citizens of Berks county who profess to believe in a non partisan judiciary have an excellent opportunity to 'prove their faith by works,' at the coming election. That is they may enjoy the privilege of electing, by practical unanimity, to succeed himself on the bench, a jurist of profound ability, high character and wide experience. Judge ERMENTROUT has been nearly twenty years on the bench and for a large part of that time president of the courts. His service has been so acceptable, moreover, that no lawyer of the dominant

party in his district contested the nomination with him and the best element of the opposition party declared in favor of his unanimous re-election.

The atrocious State machine which is striving to prostitute the bench to its sinister service, however, finally interposed and induced a man who has professed to be a Democrat to take the Republican nomination in order that a partisan contest for the office might be made. The candidate thus introduced has neither judicial experience nor temperament, while Judge ERMENTROUT has both to an eminent degree. There is, therefore, no excuse for a partisan contest for the office other than the hope which such a contest shelters of partisan advantage in other directions. The cherished principle of a non-partisan judiciary is thus sacrificed to promote the interests of machine politics.

Judge ERMENTROUT is known to the bench and bar all over the State as a gentleman who has adorned the office. He has never been a partisan on the bench and his judicial record is a subject of just pride to his friends and an honor to the Commonwealth. He ought to have been re-elected without opposition but inasmuch as the State machine has, for an ulterior purpose, put an inexperienced and not too fit competitor in the field against him, the people of the county ought to resent the action and rebuke those responsible for it by giving the faithful and experienced jurist, JAMES N. ERMENTROUT, an overwhelming majority.

Why Our Bridge Cost So Much.

If you will ask any one of the present board of County Commissioners why they paid \$6,800 for the superstructure of the bridge across the race on High street in this town, when it should not have cost the county over \$2,500 at the highest figures, he will answer you 'we could not get it built for less.'

Ask him then what effort was made to have it built at a reasonable price and he will say there were only two bids made us and we accepted the lowest.

Ask him again if they advertised for bids or gave the public any notice that such work was to be done or would be let to the lowest responsible bidder, and he will tell you they DID NOT.

In fact there has not been a public letting or an advertisement for bids for either the repairs to or the erection of the bridges within the county since the present board of Commissioners undertook to manage our county affairs.

These jobs have been given out privately to two or three concerns that are members of the same bridge trust and which has shown special personal favors to the Commissioners, at such prices as the trust itself fixed with the result as shown elsewhere in the WATCHMAN where a county bridge that would have been well paid for at \$3,500 cost the taxpayers \$6,800.

If those of our people upon whose shoulders the burdens of taxation fall want a continuation of this kind of work they know how to have it.

A vote for MILLER and BAILEY continues this kind of jobbery.

spawns from the Keystone.

—William Roto caught 150 large eels in his fish basket in Fishing creek, last Friday night.

—While hunting in the east end of Nittany valley, last Friday, Wilbur Eisenhuth, of Lock Haven, shot a 20-pound wild turkey.

—James Brisbane, a farmer living near Madison, Pa., was found dead in bed at his home. He was 70 years old and leaves a family.

—Dr. W. P. Eveland will be inaugurated president of Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, to-day. Nearly 100 ministers will be present to attend the ceremonies.

—Three masked men robbed the residence of Mrs. Margaret Wheeler and her sister, Mrs. J. M. Donaldson, at Henderson, Mercer county, Pa., after beating the women. The robbers missed \$350.

—C. K. Sober, of Lewisburg, is now harvesting his crop of cultivated chestnuts. The nuts are three times as large as the ordinary chestnuts and of excellent flavor. His crop will turn out hundreds of bushels.

—The next state conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be in Clearfield. The invitation from the Susquehanna Chapter was accepted upon motion of Mrs. D. H. Hastings, of Bellefonte.

—John Mathlaga, a farmer of Rochester township, Beaver county, Pa., was seriously gored by a bull. His life was saved by Howard Vanderclose, of Rochester, Pa., who drove the infuriated animal off with a penknife.

—While opening oysters in his cafe in Bellwood, this State, a few days ago, B. A. Morrison found two pearls, the larger about the size of a hazelnut. He has been offered prices ranging from \$100 up, but he refused to sell.

—Miss Mary Coogan, of Philadelphia, won a victory over her father, James Coogan, of Shenandoah, in the civil court at Sunbury on Tuesday night, when a jury decided that she has a clear title to a building in Mount Carmel, valued at \$5,000.

—After suffering for two years from what he thought was a bad case of dyspepsia, John Hopper, a well known resident of Sunbury, employed at the Pennsylvania shops, found relief Thursday at Lancaster after coughing up a live black lizard about three inches long.

—'My wife, my money, my money, and my wife,' gasped Herman J. Boves, of Steelton, Saturday morning, as he rushed from his grocery store after a fruitless hunt for both. In a few words he explained that his wife had disappeared during the night, and with her \$2,000 in gold.

—The posts of the Grand Army of the Republic at Lilly and at Patton have been disbanded, according to an order issued by Assistant Inspector at Large Captain A. N. Hart, of Johnstown. The Lilly post has only 15 members in good standing and the Patton post only has 13.

—The Jersey Shore Herald is authority for the statement that upwards of 1,200 men, who are residents of that place and vicinity, are employed by the New York Central Railroad company. Of this number 753 men are employed in the shops at Avis and at the Junction, while the road men number 331.

—Michael Cassidy, who was for some time a lumber jobber near Reno and who was in the hotel business at North Bend, was shot and killed at Lefloet, Tenn., recently. The particulars of the affair are hard to get. From what can be learned he was ordered to leave the country and failing to do so he was killed.

—As a result of an accident at the Franklin plate mill, at Johnstown, Monday night, operations there will be suspended for about two weeks and 300 skilled workmen thrown out of employment. The accident was caused by a break in the machinery. The mill was rushed with orders, many of which were for armor plate.

—The new brick works of the Hummelstown Brownstone company were destroyed by fire at 2 o'clock Friday morning. The loss is \$50,000, with insurance of \$40,000. The plant was situated at Waltonville, two miles from Hummelstown. The cause of the fire is unknown. The plant employed forty men and was put into operation Thursday.

—While out hunting, last Friday, Boyd Hackingman, of Mackeyville, slipped and fell on a hatchet he had strapped on his back, imbedding the instrument several inches in the muscles of his back near the kidneys. A companion hunter secured assistance and the young man was taken home and given surgical attention, but his injury is a very serious one.

—Isiah Richardson and Ellsworth Dell, of Altoona, have killed the big catamount that has terrorized farmers in the vicinity of Terrace mountain, Huntingdon county, for some time past. It measured four feet one inch from nose to tail tips. The cat has been nicely feeding upon chickens, sheep and shoats of farmers, who were afraid to venture out at night for fear of attack.

—Almeron Lyman, of Hebron, near Connersport, met with a bad accident several days ago while setting a bear trap. In some manner the arm of the bear was caught in the springs, just above the wrist, and before it was released it had been badly mangled. Considerable time was lost in securing help for the injured man and he lost much blood. It is now feared blood poison may set in, caused by the foreign matter upon the trap.

—A number of members of the Haleck club of Williamsport have leased 5,000 acres of land lying along Hoagland's and Wolf run in Lycoming county, and have taken the preliminary steps necessary to protect it as a game preserve, by posting it under the provisions of the new trespass law. It is said that game of all varieties will be propagated and protected on the land at least for the term of the lease, which is said to be five years with the probability of renewal.

—A party of State officials spent the past week on the State reservation in the Big Run region. In the party were State Forestry Commissioner Robert S. Conklin, of Harrisburg; former Commissioner Dr. John T. Rothrock, of Mount Alto, and S. B. Elliott, of Reynoldsville. The object of the visit was to inspect the new growth of black walnut trees planted a year ago, to look over several thousand acres of land which the commissioner contemplates buying, and to see the general condition of the Clinton county reservation between Beech Creek and the Susquehanna river.