

INK SLINGS.

For Sheriff, ARTHUR LEE.
A vote for FRANCIS SPEER will be a vote for a deserving, capable christian man.
Let us make the change complete next Tuesday by putting Democrats in every one of the county offices.
A vote for JOHN D. MILLER for County Treasurer is one you would never regret and probably you would regret giving one to his opponent.
LEE is the man you should vote for for Sheriff. He is the best fitted of the aspirants for the office and would prove the more satisfactory official.
Pennsylvania once called The Pennsylvania State College athletic teams "hay seeders" and "Yokels." On Saturday they discovered they were "some pumpkins" too.
Probably if State has more practice games than she needs for her foot ball schedule next fall the Bellefonte Academy team might be persuaded to give Penn a date.
If we get the new Pen we will never more hear the old expression, "He'll go over the mountain." In the other counties of the State it will be "Bellefonte for his."
Don't let anything keep you away from the polls on Tuesday and use your every effort to get others to go. It is important that the taxpayers of Centre county get together and put competent men in office.
Have you stopped to think that the amount of interest the Commissioners have lost on their sinking fund agreement would be enough, almost, to pay the salaries of the entire Board of Commissioners for three years.
While the Republican has had columns of space to devote to personal flings at the editor of the WATCHMAN it has not had a line to explain why Commissioners WOODRING and ZIMMERMAN have engaged to pay \$109,182.93 into a sinking fund and then get only \$100,000.00 back.
The county borrowed \$100,000, but it has to pay back \$255,000 before the debt is paid. Whose fault is it? The County Commissioners. They know so little of business that they ought never to have been put there. Vote so they won't have another chance to commit such a blunder.
If you want a new jail, another bond issue that will take \$255,000.00 of your money to pay a \$100,000.00 debt vote to put WOODRING and ZIMMERMAN back in the Commissioner's office. It is part of the plan, if they get back, to do to the jail what has been done to the court house.
The cost of everything has gone up under Republican legislation. Taxes in Centre county are up and going higher unless something is done to stop it next Tuesday. And we don't know that there is so awful much work for the laborer or business for the merchant. Honestly, do you think a change could hurt. Let us try it by beginning right at home on election day.
Don't let anyone fool you about the County Commissioners. It matters not how fine the court house is, nor who urged its remodeling the management of it was worse than school children could have done. As men Mr. WOODRING and Mr. ZIMMERMAN are all right, but the job is too big for their ability. Neither one of them ever had much experience and the taxpayers are already the victims. Don't give them another chance to get us in the hole.
Mr. Voter, don't be caught by this buncombe about PAUL FORTNEY's not being eligible to practice before the Supreme court, after he is elected District Attorney. In the first place any good lawyer who passes the perfunctory examination required can practice there. In the second, ask the fellow who undertakes to feed you such "dope" how many Commonwealth cases have been carried to the Supreme court in the last fifty years.
Why has no one even attempted to answer the WATCHMAN's frequent assertions that the financing of the remodeling of the court house has been the worst bungler that has ever occurred in the management of the county business? They can't be answered. Messrs. WOODRING and ZIMMERMAN have practically given away \$9,182.93 of the county's money. We are not charging that they did it dishonestly or wilfully, but it is very evident that they did it through ignorance of business methods. Can Centre county longer afford to pay for such inexperienced men.
In June the County Commissioners filed in the Prothonotary's office a statement setting forth the purpose of that \$100,000 bond issue. It was stated then that \$60,000 of it was for the remodeling of the court house and the balance to pay off floating indebtedness in the form of outstanding notes. What was done? A remodeling job that was then promised should not exceed \$60,000 was run up to over \$122,000 and the outstanding notes have permitted such a fast and loose game with your money want you to vote to continue them in office next Tuesday. Surely, as one of the men who have to settle for such extravagance, you are not going to do it.
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Entitled to Nothing from Democrats.

FELLOW DEMOCRATS, when Mr. GEORGE YARNELL, or any of his particular Republican friends come smirking round to ask you to cast a complimentary ballot for him, as the Republican bosses in Bellefonte have instructed them to do, ask them what Mr. YARNELL ever did for any Democrat that would entitle him to his support for one of the best offices in the county.
Ask him if he ever voted for a Democrat for any county office, and if so what one. He has had Democratic neighbors and friends candidates for office many times since he was old enough to vote, and if he is as honest as his friends allege he is, he will tell you frankly that he never voted for one; and if he wanted to be as frank as he has been on many other occasions, he would tell you that he had not only never voted for a Democrat, BUT NEVER WOULD. And possibly he might go farther and say to you, as he has to others that, "if it was a matter between a Democrat and the devil, he would vote for the devil."
It is not very many years ago since this same GEORGE YARNELL was an underboss down at the mine banks between this place and Zion. Mr. AARON MALLORY, now a resident of Union Furnace, Huntingdon county, was at that time a citizen of Centre county, and a good honest day laborer. It was during the panic that President HARRISON'S administration brought upon the country. Mr. MALLORY like many another poor man was out of employment. He applied to this same GEORGE YARNELL for work in the mines. He had worked in other mines and was rated as an excellent day laborer. In place of getting work, he was told by Mr. YARNELL "TO GO TO THE FELLOWS HE VOTED WITH FOR HIS JOBS—THAT HE WASN'T FURNISHING WORK FOR DEMOCRATS, AND WOULD'NT GIVE ONE A JOB IF HIS TONGUE WAS HANGING OUT."
Mr. MALLORY is living to-day, and if asked will verify this statement. There are other Democrats living within reach whom he treated in the same manner: Ask Mr. J. W. HEPBURN, now a resident of Mt. Eagle, who was working about the mines, when YARNELL became boss there how he treated him because he was a Democrat.
No, fellow Democrats, you don't owe Mr. YARNELL even a good political wish. He has been your bitter, unrelenting political enemy since he knew enough to take sides against you, and he boasts that he never expects to be anything else.
Why then should you help give him one of the best paying offices in the county, and particularly the one that would enable him to harass other Democrats.
Give a few hours to the service of your party next Tuesday, no matter how busy you are or how far behind with your work you may be. The Democratic ticket this year is an honor to the county and every Democratic voter should perform his share of the labor of electing it.
The Man for Register.
Have you ever heard a man who had anything but a good word for Mr. J. FRANK SMITH the Democratic candidate for Register,—either as to his qualification, his morals, his disposition or any attribute that would go to make up a man's perfect fitness for the place to which he will be elected? No you have not. Loose tongued as some of the fellows who are trying to keep the county offices in the control of the Bellefonte ring, and as unprincipled as at least one of the Republican county papers has proven itself to be in other cases, no one has had the gall to challenge either his entire fitness, his moral worth or the fact that his obliging nature makes him pre-eminently the man for the place.
His competitor, Mr. WILLIAMS, while much of a gentleman, is nevertheless one of the crowd responsible to the people for the discreditable showing that the county commissioner's office now makes. He has been its clerk ever since Mr. WOODRING and Mr. ZIMMERMAN took charge of it, and possibly more to him than to any other man are their many mistakes, and errors attributable. He is the man they depended upon, for advice, and what he said went. You know what the result is.
Do you want another of your county offices run on these same lines. Do you want the mismanagement, the recklessness and carelessness that characterized it, carried over to the Register's office?
If you don't, you will allow Mr. WILLIAMS to go back home, and you will put that office in charge of honest, straightforward, obliging J. FRANK SMITH. He will be an honor to the place, and you'll be proud of him as a county official before he has been there a week.

The Influences that Made Your Debt.

Must Beat the Ring to Change the Management.

Mr. Tax-payer, have you ever reflected over the fact that after all it may not be so much the two men who have filled the place of County Commissioner for the past three years, who are to blame for the awful condition into which your county finances have gotten, as it is to their surroundings and the influences that have guided and directed them. Great as has been the wrong that Messrs. WOODRING and ZIMMERMAN have permitted to be perpetrated upon you and your children, it is only in keeping with conditions that have followed the management of county affairs every time you have placed the power to do so in the hands of the Republicans of the county. This allegation holds good as far back as most of you can remember.
In fifty years there has not been a single instance in which the Republican party elected its County Commissioners and took control of the county management, not at the end of the term for which they had charge your county affairs were not in worse condition, the general expenses largely increased and the indebtedness greatly enlarged, than when they were inducted into office.
We say that in not a single instance did this result fail to come as a consequence of Republican management.
From the close of the war up to 1884 it was a constant and bitter struggle with the tax-payers to meet the many obligations that relief funds, special war taxes, the building of a new jail and other extraordinary expenditures growing out of these things imposed upon them. Up to that time there had been negligence in the collection of taxes and thousands upon thousands of dollars had been permitted to remain in the hands of collectors while the county was compelled to pay large amounts of interest for money to meet its increasing obligations.
In 1884 Messrs. A. J. GRIEST and JOHN WOLF—one a practical and thorough business man, the other a progressive and intelligent farmer—(just as are the two Democratic nominees to-day, Mr. NOLL and Mr. GROVE) were elected as Democratic Commissioners. They set themselves at work to straighten up the county matters and at the end of their terms they turned over the office to their successors, with the county books squared up, back taxes all collected, every note and other obligation of the county paid up, and a considerable sum to the credit of the tax-payers in the county treasury.
These Democrats were followed by two Republican Commissioners—Mr. JOHN C. HENDERSON and Mr. JOHN D. DECKER. While these gentlemen made no improvements in the county buildings or other county property, their management was such that at the end of their term the county was again in debt over \$15,000.
Then the people put in to this office Mr. FRANK ADAMS and Mr. GEORGE L. GOODHART, two Democrats. They got down to work and, without either increasing valuations or raising the taxes, they paid off the indebtedness left by the Republican Commissioners and turned the office over to their successors clear of all debt.
They were followed in 1897 by Mr. THOMAS FISHER and Mr. MATTHEW RIDGLE, two Republicans and exactly the same result was experienced—a large increase in county expenditures and another debt for the tax-payers to settle up when they went out of office.
Then in 1900 the office was again turned over to the Democrats, and Mr. PHILIP MEYER and Mr. DANIEL HECKMAN attended to its affairs for a term of three years. During their administration the county expenditures were again reduced, and the debt that the Republican Commissioners had run up, practically wiped out.
From 1902 to 1905, the office was again in the hands of the Republicans, with Mr. A. V. MILLER and Mr. J. G. BAILEY acting for them. It was the same thing over—an extravagant county management and a good sized debt to close up with. Then Mr. DUNLAP and Mr. WEAVER were put in by the Democrats, and when Mr. WOODRING and Mr. ZIMMERMAN, the present board of Commissioners followed them in 1909, they found the county practically out of debt, its fixed expenditures pruned down to the lowest cent, its bridges and buildings in fair repair, and its taxes as low as they had been in twenty years.
They have been in that office now almost three years and you know how it is?
A debt of over \$150,000 saddled upon you.
A mortgage on your homes and farms of \$100,000 that you cannot get rid of for THIRTY YEARS.
The annual county expenditures increased over 35 per cent.
When from forty to sixty thousand dollars per year was all that it required to meet the ordinary county expenditures, under Democratic management, they have run it up until their estimate for the present year is \$105,000.
And these men may be honest—we do not charge that they are not. But they listen to bad advisors. They are influenced by men who don't care what the debt is that is put upon you, or how high your taxes may be made. They are creatures of a little crowd here in town who don't care for anything, so that they can reap emoluments from county offices and make political assessments against county officials.
It is these men who have loaded you down with debt and it is these men who will add additional mills to your taxes, if you help them place in power the candidates they want you to—men whom they can influence and control.
By voting for WOODRING and ZIMMERMAN you continue the county management in the hands of this same Bellefonte ring, that has put you in debt, and squandered the county money, every time it elected its ticket.
To get a square deal you must defeat its ticket and destroy its power to dictate and control.
By voting for NOLL and GROVE you vote for two men who will care for your interests, and be guided in their official duties only by their own good judgment. They will not be the tools of contractors, the creatures of speculators, or the political friends of those who are always trying to filch from the county treasury.
Promises that Wont Go with Tax-Payers.
And now Commissioners WOODRING and ZIMMERMAN are out in a card promising the tax-payers that if they will re-elect them, they wont either build a new jail or fix up the public grounds between the Court House and the jail.
Didn't these two gentlemen promise the public less than two years ago that the improvements they purposed putting on the Court House shouldn't cost over \$60,000.
A county debt of over 150,000, and a thirty year mortgage of a \$100,000 on the homes of Centre county, that can only be paid after \$255,000 (counting the interest) has been wrung from the tax-payers, shows how much their promises are worth.
Proof of Their Unfitness.
There is one thing the tax-payers of Centre county should know, and have a right to know and that is that the big bridge over Spring creek right here at the door of the WATCHMAN office is to be rebuilt without a letting. Two car loads of material that go into it, are already on the ground, and workmen are expected every day to begin the job. The price to be paid in addition to \$2,000 charged for the repairs started last spring and which were stopped by indignant citizens, is said to be \$8,500 of which the Borough rumor has it, is to be responsible for \$2,500.
Whether this price is too much, or not too much, the WATCHMAN does not know for we have no knowledge of the architecture of the bridge, how substantial it is to be, or how expensive material or work is to be used upon it.
It is not the price that we are calling attention to but the fact that it is to be built without a letting.
People generally understand what this means and what may be expected from such kind of business.
There is another thing, however, that the tax-payers should know and remember on Tuesday next, and it is that when they elect Mr. W. H. NOLL and Mr. D. A. GROVE to be their County Commissioners, there will be no more of this kind of business done. There will be no bridges built without lettings. There will be no public improvements started or made, without knowing, before they are begun, exactly what they are to be and what they are to cost. There will be no going into debt without a distinct knowledge of what they are to have for that debt. Business with them will be done in a business way and on business principles, and every tax-payer's interest will be guarded by them as carefully as if the matter were their own individual concern.
The gross mismanagement that has characterized every movement connected with the replacing or re-building of this bridge should be amply sufficient to convince every thinking tax-payer of the county of the utter incompetence of the two men now acting as County Commissioners and who are asking the voters to keep them in their position for four years longer.
President TAFT has returned from his vast Western junket filled with forebodings as to the future of his party and is uttering admonitions of danger at every opportunity. The President's tour was simply an electioneering enterprise at public expense and the fact that it failed of its purpose is a tribute to the intelligence of the people.
The Right Man for That Office.
That Mr. JOHN D. MILLER, or as he is more familiarly known, "JOHNNY MILLER," is going to be the next Treasurer of Centre county, is almost as certain as that an election will be held on Tuesday next. From every portion of the county comes the word that every known Democrat is giving him the heartiest support, and that there is not a precinct in the county in which he will not receive more or less Republican support. Most of this strength comes from the fact that the people have learned to know him as the honest, manly, straight-forward man that he is. Some of it from the fact that the present Treasurer, Mr. FINK, is understood, and has announced confidentially to his friends, that he is to be continued in the Treasurer's office if PRITCHARD can be elected. This of itself drives scores of reputable Republicans to Mr. MILLER's support, and leaves him almost a clear track for an overwhelming victory. For if there is any one thing that the better class of Republicans in Centre county don't want, and won't have, it is a continuation of FINK in the Treasurer's office.
But FINK or no FINK, Mr. MILLER'S election is already practically assured, because of his own good qualities, and the manly, fair and honest manner in which he has made his campaign. The people want, and they know they will have, a reputable man in that position as soon as Mr. MILLER takes the oath of office; they know they will have their treasury in safe hands and that there will be no acts of his to cause them shame, during his administration of its affairs.
We congratulate Mr. MILLER on the assurances of the support he is receiving, and the people of the county on the fact that in choosing him they are selecting one of their most upright and best citizens for this important place.
The New York State authorities are disclosing the causes of the recent disaster at Austin while our own officials at Harrisburg are still wondering. New York State has a Democratic administration, however, and that makes a difference.

SPAULS FROM THE KEYSSTONE.

John Sabody, an employee of the Galetton tannery, is in the contagious ward of the Williamsport hospital, suffering from a bad case of anthrax.
The largest payment of State tax during the present month was made by the Pennsylvania lines west, which sent the State Treasurer a check for \$341,000.
An eastern Pennsylvania farmer is the owner of a sow which recently gave birth to nine pigs, eight of which have no eyes, while the other has but one.
Mrs. Susan Koonitz Meyers, wife of ex-Congressman Benjamin F. Meyers, editor of the Star Independent, died at her home in Harrisburg last Saturday night, aged 75 years.
Fish choked the pumps of the Pennsylvania railroad shops at Columbia, and among the aggregate forty pounds of fish removed from them was a carp weighing fourteen pounds and measuring thirty-three inches in length.
Frank Keener, one of Indiana's prominent attorneys, not feeling well, went to his room the other day after breakfast for a short rest. After a time his wife went to call him and found him dying, the end coming in a few minutes.
Another fine vein of coal has been discovered by the drillers of the W. E. Hoffman company's artesian well at Philipsburg. Only a few days ago they found one at a depth of sixty-one feet. This one was found 131 feet below the surface.
A wheel flew off a car on the Pennsylvania Fire Brick company's line down the mountain near Beech Creek. Several men who were on it were thrown, but only one injured. He was thrown fifteen feet and landed in a growth of underbrush.
The largest chestnut farm in eastern Pennsylvania is located in York county and is known as the Reist farm. Its 50 acres of woodland are mostly covered with chestnut trees which this year will yield a crop of not less than 700 bushels of chestnuts.
Four Hoover boys are under arrest at Home Camp, near DuBois, charged with stealing \$600 worth of ginseng. It is alleged that they had been offering ginseng at reduced rates to merchants, which gave the police a clue to the identity of the thieves.
Nine pigs, twenty thoroughbred white Wyandotte chickens and about twenty-five pigeons lost their lives in a fire which consumed the barn of the St. Cloud hotel, Lock Haven. A large quantity of cabbage, endive, straw and other things also went up in smoke.
There is an apple orchard in Cranberry township, Venango county, consisting of twelve acres on which the trees are generally old. From these trees this year the owner will finally gather from 2,200 to 2,500 bushels of apples. One tree alone will yield fifty bushels.
Christ Muth, a prominent farmer residing near Big Run, Clearfield county, is in a critical condition as a result of being gored by a young bull in his barnyard a few evenings ago. Only the fact that he was tossed over a stone wall saved him from instant death.
Mrs. Mary Smith, a resident of Philadelphia, held a burglar at bay in her home, early Sunday morning, until the arrival of a policeman, who took the intruder into custody. The prisoner, who answers to the name of William J. Dacy, is said to be a much wanted individual.
Three prizes in gold are offered by the Huntingdon camp of the Patriotic Order Sons of America to the public school pupils who come out first in an oratorical contest to be held next spring. They will also buy a banner to be given to the school having the best attendance record.
The bank of Austin opened Saturday morning at nine o'clock. Contrary to the expectations of many, a run on the bank did not materialize. The bank took its usual Saturday half holiday, and at twelve o'clock the cashier reported having received a larger number of deposits than there were withdrawals.
The plant of the Lewisburg Chair company at Lewisburg, was destroyed by fire Monday night. Loss \$100,000. An automatic extinguisher had the fire practically under control when the fire department attached hose to the main, which proved insufficient to supply both and by drawing the water away from the sprinkler caused the building to burn.
Samuel Heverly, Joseph Engelt, Harry Yost and John Greth, who are employed in the clay mines in the Scotas region, killed two raccoons in the mines last week, one on Monday and another on Friday. It is thought there is a nest of these animals in an old drift and the miners expect to get more of them. Both the coons were young and in prime condition.
Frank Wasser, aged fifty-five years, and his young son, of Hellertown, were drowned in the Delaware canal, a mile above Easton on Saturday night, when their automobile went over an embankment. Mr. Wasser turned to the side of the road to pass a wagon, when the wheel slipped over the turf, crashed through a guard rail and went down a ten-foot bank into the water.
Justice W. F. Leopold, of Tamaqua, has been arrested by order of Judge Bechtel, of the Schuylkill county court, on the charge of misdemeanor in office. Leopold attested, under his official seal, to the genuineness of certain signatures on the nomination papers of a would-be independent candidate for Prothonotary, but the citizens themselves declare that they were not sworn.
Recently the auditors of Erie county refused to allow the bill of the county commissioners for expenses incurred in attending the annual State Convention of Commissioners of Pennsylvania. The Commissioners refused to settle the bill, whereupon the matter was taken into court and Judge Walling ordered them to pay the money into the county treasury or executions would be issued.
A. B. Farquhar, J. Horace McFarland and M. L. McCright, president, vice president and treasurer, respectively, of the State Conservation Association, have just returned from the inspection of a tract of land in the counties of Jefferson, Clarion and Clearfield, which they have unanimously agreed is ideal in all its aspects for use as a State park. The tract consists of over 20,000 acres, much of which is virgin white pine forest, reported to be the largest remaining area of its kind on the American continent.
The last link in the double-tracking of the Erie division and Northern Central Railway all the way from Harrisburg north to Renovo is the building of the new bridge over the Susquehanna river at Montgomery. The bridge is now a single girdle structure. Contracts will be let for a double-track bridge, although the work on the piers and foundation has already been started. The new Montgomery bridge is to be of the half-through girder type, with a reinforced concrete floor and the ballast and ties on that slab of concrete that rests on the simple steel frame of the bridge.
J. F. Bachman, aged seventy years, a Civil war veteran residing at Yeagertown, attended the "bean soup" at McClure on October 14th, and has not been seen since. His home folks were not alarmed at his absence, because he had intended to visit friends at Beaver Springs. When he did not return at the appointed time, inquiry developed the fact that he had not been there. He is five feet, five inches tall, has sandy mustache and wears glasses, weighs about 160 pounds and had on a black suit and black derby. His sons, U. T. Bachman, of Lewistown, and W. R. Bachman, of Yeagertown, are prosecuting a vigorous search for him. When he left home he had \$60 in his pocket.