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For State Treasurer EDMUND A. BIGLER

Judiciary.

For Associate Judge. THOMAS F. RILEY.

County

For Prothonotary L. A. SCHAEFFER

For District Attorney J. CALVIN MEYER

For County Surveyor GEORGE D. JOHNSTON

> For Coroner JAMES W. NEFF

13 "" The Grand Jury beg leave to remind the Commissioners that the yard in front of the Court House is in a shabby condition, and is being used as a play ground, disfigured by pitching quoits; and we are also informed that the Court House has been granted for holding exhibitions, band meetings etc., which we discountenance, asthis is a MISUSE OF THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Editorial.

LEW SCHAEFFER reduced the fees in

COOKE'S OVER CHARGES AND

MUST REFUND.

ILLEGAL FEES.

Further Facts Which show how Sheriff Cooke fleeces the people .-- A Dishonest Official .-- Robbing the poor and Unfortanate .-- Must re und the Stolen Money .--Why he wants Fleming Elected.

When Robert Cooke was elected Sheriff of Centre county two years ago it the Sheriff taxed and received \$5.25 was the opinion of all fair and honest poundage. Iendex No. 30, Aug. T., people that a bad man was placed in a 1888, writ returned unexecuted, costs very important office and that the in- paid, etc., the writ shows that the Sherterests of the people would finally suffer for this miscarriage of the peoples suffrage. The papers pointed out very clearly that he was a dishonest man which is strongly stamped on the sneaking expression of his face. He was never held up in his community as a man of much word and honor, and his brief career as Sheriff of Centre county is the tale of moral polution, a political briber, a criminal and extortionist.

After his election, we are told, he which the Sheriff has taken illegal fees. openly stated that he spent \$1,500 to get In order that the public may fully unthe office and we have no doubt that it derstand the question of costs and is true. We are told that he still owes poundage, we again quote from a whiskey bill to a landlord of Bellefonte, of over a hundred dollars, which was used to obtain votes for him at that pays the money directly to the plaintiff, time. so that none passes through the Sheriff's

When he took charge of the office his hands, the latter is not entitled to course was, apparently, in the right, but poundage, nor is he entitled to it, as time went on the baser elements of where execution is stayed, for if pounhis nature began to crop out. He had dage could be collected in such cases the spent large sums of money and felt that plaintiff might have to pay it several he would have to make up for it by rob- times on the same debt. It will only be bing and extorting money from those in financial straits and distress. An investigation of the recovers reveals one of the boldest and most daring cases of official dishonesty known in the history of our county.

the whole debt endorsed on the writ, ed. During that campaign no man but the injunction of the law so boldly worked harder than Mr. Boal for the violated that two per cent. poundage success of the entire ticket and expectwas charged on the entire debt, interest ed that the other candidates and leaders and attorney's commission. All the had done the same thing. The day after poundage the Sheriff would have been the election Mr. Boal found that he had lawfully entitled to in this case was 74 received a most creditable vote over the cents. In Fi. Fa. No. 110, Aug. T., entire county except in Bellefonte where 1888, R. A. Beck vs. J. C. Mallory, he was betrayed and slaughtered by the Original debt \$1,000; paid before writ leaders of his party. Among those leadissued \$400" due on writ \$600. Writ ers and workers against Boal, was W. I. returned. Money made on this writ Fleming, the starchey candidate for \$18.41, which I have applied to costs on Prothonotary, on the Republican ticket, this writ and writ returned unexecuted this year. as to balance by order of plaintiff's at-They urged Boal to work and then torney. So answers Robert Cooke, Jr., secretly knifed him at the election in Sheriff" Poundage collected and re- which Fleming helped. Is he not A ican farmer enjoy in full proportion the tained by the Sheriff \$10.74, while he TRAITOR then in the full sense of was only entitled to 37 cents In Fi. the word ? Fa. 15 Aug. T., 1888, S. K. Emerick vs. ANOTHER CONSTRUCTION. Harry Gates and others the writ was As we said there are different ways of returned unexecuted by order of plainlooking at a matter of this kind, And tiff's attorney, yet the writ shows that

this is the way these fellows looked at it and is there excuse for knifing Boal. Three years before, Gen. Beaver was defeated for Governor. In 1886 he was a candidate for the same office. The iff taxed and received \$13.45 poundage. Fi. Fa. No. 9, Aug. T., 1888, J. C. party leaders were anxious to see the Gen. elected and, above all, Hastings Mattern vs. John B. Mattern, debt and interest \$878, writ returned unexecuted wanted the boys to give Beaver a comby order of plaintiff's attorney; pound. plimentary vote from his own county. age charged \$11.90. The same thing To do this they knew they must have

was done in the case of J. P. Schartz Democratic support. To obtain it they decided to trade with the Democrats on the following plan For one Democratic vote for Reaver they offered two votes for the Democratic nominee for Prothonotary. They thought that it didn't matter much if they didn't support Boal as he came from a strong Democratic district in which the Republicans

had very little influence. Wadlinger on the law of costs: They had nothing against Geo. Boal "When upon execution issued, defendant at that time, but they cared more for Gen. Beaver, and thought they might as well drop Boal as any other candidate.

> That is their excuse. They did not care so much for Boal, and thought he would not make the office anyhow.

Boal was betrayed and took his defeat like a man and never howled all over the county about it. A fair and square thonotary's office show that where oue soon forgotten.

FARMERS OF PENNSYLVANIA would pay about \$17,000,000 per anore

Is a Vote for Treasury Reform, a Step Towards Equalization of Taxation, and His Election will be a Decisive Victory in Your War Against Monopoly and Ring Rule.

Extracts from address of Hon. Gerard HOW WILL THAT EFFECT THE STATE C. Brown, delivered at Inter-State Pienic Exhibition at Williams Grove, Pa., August 29, 1889.

"The pertinent question now comes national prosperity which he has so largely created? A certain class of au- opposition of many of the most power thorities hold that he does, and would ful interests and influences. make us believe that 'all is lovely.'

Farming, which should be, and naturally is, the most profitable of all legitimate vocations, and which we are so often informed by the aforesaid methorities, is the 'most honorable and independent,' in reality returns less profit on the investment, and pays less wages to its votaries, than any other business at the present time.

The census specifically informs us that it does not yield three per cent. net income.

The recent rapid increase in sheriff's sales in the very finest farming sections of the State shows its precarious condition.

The augmentation of tenant farmers and of mortgages on farm property throughout the whole country clearly demonstrates its dark and critical future.

We must ascertain the cause of this depression. We cannot afford to ignore it. It grows yearly and daily worse. It threatens the existence of farming as an independent, honorable business. For so great and marked a declension

as the past twenty years has shown in farming for profit, there must exist active and powerful causes.

and what shall the remedy be? The account of financial embarassment, the defeat from the enemy can always be most cursory view will induce the con- employees were not paid and over two accepted as a matter of fact ; but a be- elusion that the trouble is not of natural thousand dollars were due the men for In some cases the records in the Pro- trayal by your own party leaders is not growth and is not inherent to our call- work. To obtain this amount was a ing, but is rather the outcome of our difficult problem with them and a

or just one-half of what it does per

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Should corporate and income prote A VOTE FOR EDMUND A. BIGLER FOR ing personal property be required 2 pay its just proportion at the same rates it would pay \$22,000,000, or more than five times what it does now. Is they any sound reason why it should nega We claim it is an act of common justice-nothing more.

Allowing the situation to be as ber stated ; what can we do about it? Equi ization of taxation, which is not oni just and proper, but which we regard = a vital necessity, and absolute sine que non, is a great reform movement. 1 must advance in spite of the organized

THEY WILL FIGHT.

For three or more sessions of the Lagislature has the farmers' organization been leading in this effort, in fact. it initiated it. Our bill, defeated at one session by a trick, was so powerfully pushed at the late one, that is was only beaten by one vote, after the corporate and moneyed interests, thoroughly alarmed, had been obliged to strain their every nerve to down it. Even then they were forced to pass a resolution acknowledging the injustice of the present system, virtually conceding all that we have claimed, and ostensibly providing a method of relief and reform through a commission appointed to revise the revenue laws. We are assail. ing monopoly in its citadel, all classes of laborers are equally interested with those who till the soil that we shall win this fight, their battle as well as ours.

The men who receive the farmers' votes should be men on whom they can rely."

OBTAINED THEIR WAGES!

J. C. Meyer Secures the Wages for the Employees of the Glass Works.

When the Glass Works were forced WHERE SHALL WE LOOK FOR THEM, to suspend operations this summer, on

the Prothonotary's office.

SHERIFF COOK exacts illegal fees-Schaeffer reduced the fees in his office.

and left a balance of \$38,000 on hand. Our purpose was to show the people of This surplus has been squandered by the county that we had, in the person of the Republicans and the valuation of the present Republican Sheriff, a corproperty has been raised.

THE Democrats left a surplus in the Treasury of about \$38,000 which consisted of cash and available securities. The Republicans have squandered that

est and faithful county officers.

is scarcely able to run a small tailor shop.

GOOD, honest Republicans who have no desire for public office and would take none if it were offered to them, and whose only desire is that the offices of time is largely given to sporting.

WE wonder if the good Republicans of the Sheriff. of Centre county, those who fought the battles of the party and gave their mon-

A FEW CASES ONLY.

THOMAS RILEY is an old veteran and stated we did not want it to be underserved in the late war. He is deserving stood as having cited all the cases in of every soldier's vote in Centre county. which illegal fees were taken. That to do so would cover almost every writ THE Democrats wiped out a debt of that came into the Sheriff's hands in \$38,000, repaired all county buildings the entire period he has been in office.

THE LAW ON FEES.

the Sheriff's fees on money collected by himself whole? Is Fleming so irre- bles the fee bill by quoting only sections no right to interfere. They have grown Mr. Meyer's ability as an attorney and amount and have raised the valuation of him are regulated, provided that for" re_ proachable that he would not at once to misslead. The fee bill allows but five audacious to the point of temerity and an indication of his faithfulness in the ceiving and paying money to plaintiff or join hands with the Sheriff in taking dollars on cases settled, but on further a insolent as imperial dictators. Confi- prosecution of a clients interests. It is his attorney, for every dollar, not ex- illegal fees? If Democrats think he is, clause says : drawing the indictment and dent in the brute force of the millions further an evidence that he does not IN looking over the two years in ceeding five hundred, two per cent., and it would be well to inquire about Mr. prosecuting the same \$7. Prosecuti which the Commissioners office has for every dollar above five hundred, one Fleming's honesty. When you get all the been in the hands of an ignorant and half per cent., this in addition to the facts he will not appear so irreproach- preparing the evidence for presentation buccaneering projects. incompetent majority, are you not satis- fee for executing the writ" Under this able as the Republicans would have the to court, and is the labor connected fied that it is a mistake to turn out hon- law it is very plain that if the Sheriff people believe. does not receive the money he is not entitled to poundage. It is equally the Sheriff has obtained, during his print this clause of the fee bill as his declared that the right to tax was the men appreciate this fact and will sup MR. SCHAEFFER is a native of the clear that he is only entitled to poundage brief official career, thousands of dollars readers would have seen through the power to destroy.' This was the cord port him accordingly. county, an honest, upright, reliable and on the amount of money received and unlawfully from the people against scheme. If any one doubts that Mr. on which the hearts of the Revolutionsafe official. Fleming would simply be not on the whole debt endorsed on the whom he has had executions. We have Meyer is wrong in his charge of \$7 let ary patriots struck fire and urged them an experiment. We know nothing of writ. If the debt is \$1,000 and the done this without malice and for the them inquire of Judge Furst who inter- to devote their lives to save the nation's his antecedents, nor of his ability to fill Sheriff only realizes \$100, he is only en- sole purpose of showing to all the good prets the fee bill the same as the District life. We have allowed ourselves to be so responsible an office. We do know titled to poundage on \$100 and no more. citizens of the county that through the Atterney. that with the little capacity he has, he If the writ is returned unexecuted and Republican officials of the county they

In nearly every case where only a honest administration of public affairs and these three men then are guilty of of the State to be so shaped from time small portion of the debt on the writ is by continuing the offices in the hands official negligence. was made the sheriff has charged full of the Democratic party and returning poundage, and where writs have been to the Democratic party at the first op- support himself upon the carelessness wealth is not assessed. This is more the county shall be filled by good men, returned by order of the plaintiff or his who will faithfully serve the people, are attorney, poundage has just as certainly you ready to turn one of the most im- been added. To prove beyond dispute portant offices in the county over to an just what we have said, we cite a few irresponsible stranger, a man who has cases. The reader will see how clearly nothing in common with you, and whose they fall within the established rules why Fleming Worked for Beaver at Geo. for counting poundage and how unjust and unlawful have been the proceedings

THE AMOUNTS STOLEN.

In the case of E. A. Glenn & Co. vs. three years ago. That may be true but ey for its success for the last twenty- G. W. Bushman, of Centre Hall, Fi. it depends on how you view the querfive years, have considered how they Fa. No. 1; Aug. 3, 1885, debt on writ tion. Geo. Boal, of Potter township, have been set aside for a man who has \$1,000, attorneys commission \$50, inter- was the regular nominee on the Repubonly been in the county a few years. est \$31, total \$1,071.ce Writ returned, lican ticket, in 1886, for Prothonotary The Matterns, Boals, Riddles, Millers, money made on within writ \$37.07 and was entitled to that support. Mr. of material for him to work on. Vote ance, not exceeding \$4,000,000, is all Campbells and the McFarlanes all set which amounts have applied to costs on Boal was always a staunch Republican for Meyer next Tuesday ; it is to the in- that is demanded of all that vast corpoaside for a supposed aristocrat, from this writ, and writ returned unexecuted and an active worker. He never came terest of every taxpayer of this county. rate and personal property, in amount Lycoming county, who has not been in as to balance by order of plaintiff's at- before the people before for an office the county long enough to become ac- torney, so answers Robert Cooke, Jr., and was worthy of recognition. Furthquainted with any of our people outside Sheriff. Mileage on writ 96 cents; er Mr. Boal was one of the many men of Bellefonte and its immediate neigh- poundage \$22". In this case poundage who risked their lives in the late was poundage \$22". In this case poundage who risked their lives in the late war an even chance to carry the State. Re-

rit had been issued and returned unexecuted by order of plaintiff or his In our article of last weeks issue on attorney and poundage added, to prethe fees illegally and unjustly extorted vent the Sheriff from collecting pound- A Desperate Effort to Get an Issue,-False age twice, when the second writ was fall into the hands of Sheriff Cooke, we issued the Prothonotary struck out the most unfortunate class of people in the fees. This charge was trumped up to world. Does any one doubt that Flem- divert the public attention from the coring will enter into a combination with ruption of Sheriff Cook which is being the Sheriff to fleece the people? Would shown up by the Democratic papers of development. The beneficiaries of the rupt official; one who would just as soon the Sheriff be spending money, using the county. The charge against Meyer one are the open apologists of the other, hard and faithfully and this week is in whiskey and making men drunk if he is that he received \$7 fees for cases set- and do not hesitate to declare 'that a situation to announce that he has ob did not know that through a Republican tled and that the law entitles him to but trusts are mere private affairs with tained their claims in full to the amount The Act of April 2nd 1868, by which Prothonotary he could more than make \$5. To uphold this statement he gar- whom a President (or any one else) has of over \$1,500. This is an evidence of

use of vs. Wm. Mann.

THE LAW ON POUNDAGE.

we might add many other cases in

allowed on the amount actually received

and not on the amount of the debt on

the writ."

To this long list, if space permitted,

We have given the manner in which the costs paid, which is very often done. are being robbed and plundered without fees, they were carefully examined by tion and, what is even worse, to a most the Sheriff has no right to any pound- stint or limit; that the only way in and C. P. Hewes, commissioner's attorney, iniquitous distribution of its burdens. by which they can have a good, just and | and the two Republican commissioners |

portunity the offices now in the hands of others. His course as District At- outrageous, inasmuch as the property of the Republicans.

WAS HE A TRAITOR ?

Boat's Expense

in our last issue when we said that W. saved the county in this manner by Mr. sessed value. I. Fleming was a traitor to his party was not only charged and collected on and that should not have been overlook- member the day, November 5th.

A FALSIFIER.

and Groundless Charge.

In his desperate effort to get a favor-

with the case.

in this little political dodge.

Meyer is calculated at over \$1,100, thus I will recall to your attention right

ATTENTION, DEMOCRATS.

Even our enemies admit that we have

own inattention and indifference. This covers the case exactly. As it happens, the chief factors in this depres- ficient money to pay their accounts and sion of farming as a paying business were left in a sad plight. In thisdilemhave sprang from our neglect and are ma many of them decided to place their remediable by our own action. No one accounts in the hands of an able and amount added to the first writ. the able issue for the Republican county case is so prolific a curse to us as unfair competent attorney. They selected J. Sheriff of course does not relish this- ticket this fall, the editor of the ring legislation; no weapon is so deadly as C. Meyer, Esq., to push their claims and organ, the Gazette, makes a false and unjust taxation; no means so potent to look after their interests as he always sympathy with him, who will aid and groundless charge against District At- win the one and wield the other as com- has shown himself a friend and advocate abet him in his scheme to plunder the torney Meyer, that of charging illegar bination and organization against our of these men and one in whom they right and well being.

MONOPOLY IS OUR BANE.

case consists in supceaning witnesses, ing people, they no longer disguise their vices to protect a Hungarian criminal

UNEQUAL TAXATION.

The Gazette falsifier did not dare to Fox who, from his seat in Parliament, to protect their interests. The laboringcajoled on one pretext and another to Even if Mr. Meyer did charge illegal submit to an excessive increase of taxa-

We have permitted the revenue laws to time, that, as at present, a good one-But it is not necessary for Meyer to half of all the property in the Commontorney has been so satisfactory to the thus exempted is the most profitable people that they will not take any stock | that exists in our borders. Its holders are millionaires and corporations. All Mr. Meyer has the reputation of set- other classes of property, except real tling many cases and in this way has estate, when taxed at all, pays not to is it that Boal was not good enough for saved for the county on an average of exceed the sixth part of that which is this youngster to support and why Some think that we were a little severe \$16 on each case. The entire amount levied upon farm property of equal as-to the old soldiers than he was three

avoiding expense of a trial, witnesses, here, that there are levied in Pennsyljury fee, all of which is a direct gain to vania, for all purposes, about \$40,000,000 | d every taxpayer of Centre county. Let yearly, of which real estate, mainly the Gazette falsifier clear up Sheriff farm property, pays \$34,000,000 licenses, Cook's corrupt methods. There is plenty etc., more than \$2,000,000, and the balrate and personal property, in amount actually exceeding in value and im. mensely overtopping in income all the real estate. Geo. M. Boal income and im.A. R. man. The G. A. R. domeddle in politics but when a mountout of his party to hit and knock

> Roughly estimated, should real estate pay its own share, and no more, it

feared that their labors would never the paid. Many of them did not have suf could confide. Mr. Meyer took their claims and by careful examination of Trusts are its ripest fruits and fullest the law found that they should receive and much less to bail Ikes and Huns for their good behavior. Mr. Meyer is a Here is the key-note. I think it was friend of American laborers and is ready

A WORD TO G. A. R. MEN.

EDITOR OF THE DEMOCRAT :

Allow me space to say a word to old soldiers about the Republican candidate for Prothonotary. It is an undisputed fact that three years ago Wilson I. Fleming the Republican candidate, not only voted for Schaeffer, but did what he could to get others to vote for him against George M. Boal, a battle scarred veteran. George M. Boal was then the Republican candidate for Prothenotary. Why was it that this stripling, who was not old enough to be a soldier, should trade off and vote against & Republican candidate who was an old soldier? How years ago ? If the old soldie good enough for this Mr. Fleming to support three years ago, do you think Fleming is good enough for the old soldier to support now ?. It is true that the Democratic candidate did not support Boal, he could not, being th didate against, but be did not de party or go back on any of its cand To treat this youngster a lesson the ok diers ought in all conscience to after him and help to knock h G. A. R. man the G. A. R. sh after him.

erv truly A R. A. R. Max.