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EDITORIAL.

PRIVATE PROPERTY.

Over in Clearfield county the papers got to investigating the work of their Board of Commissioners, and the disclosures attracted wide attention of taxpayers. Things became very warm for the officials and as a last desperate stroke they refused the newspapermen the right to see the Minute Book so that they could not inform the taxpayers of that county what was being done in that office. The editors of the "Republican" carried the case before the courts and the ruling of the lower courts was to the effect that the editors could not demand the inspection of this book for publication, as there are times when the work of the Commissioners would be greatly hampered by such publication. That ruling does not prevent them from showing it, if they desire; it is discretionary with them. For some time afterwards in Clearfield county there was such a storm of indignation from the people that these officials had to yield. The people insisted that they should know, at that time, what was going on in that office. In the face of this protest they gave up the "Minute Book."

We know that a portion of the Board in this county has no objection to the public seeing this "Minute Book," as some have nothing to conceal. No public interest would be hampered if it were thrown open to Mr. Harter's inspection, except probably the election of Mr. Riddle. He does not want Harter to see his time record on the Minute Book. If Harter wanted to put his great searchlight on the facts why did he not add up Riddle's cash account on the Ledger, which is not private, and there he would have seen that up to Aug. 14th, 1899, he had drawn \$866 from the treasury. If he had put in every day of the year including Sunday up to that time he still would have an overdrawn account. The Ledger alone makes him guilty of appropriating public monies, to which he was not entitled.

The people know the situation and the "Republican" is honest enough to admit the facts, but the Gazette "wiggler" does not have the manly courage to face the truth; and tried, by an adroitly worded interview with Clerk Nelson Robb, to convey the impression to his readers that the Centre Democrat had not told the truth about the contents of these two books. Again this political poltroon has failed in his deceptive methods and we must compliment Mr. Robb, although a candidate, for his candor in this matter to correct the insinuations of this already-proven unreliable newspaper.

Are things not coming to a pretty pass in this county when officials deliberately refuse to allow the public to see what their conduct has been, and especially when they are asking for a re-election?

It is observed that the Republican platforms and organs, this year, are making no reference to "dollar wheat." If the Dingley tariff and McKinley administration brought about "dollar wheat" two years ago, as was claimed, then those same agencies are responsible for 60-cent wheat at the present time, and it seems to be pretty good logic, too.

TOM. FISHER'S R. R. PASS.

Last week the Gazette tried to answer and apologize for Tom. Fisher's railroad pass. As usual, when Harter gets cornered in an issue he drags in something foreign, dodges, hedges, intimates, insinuates, wriggles like a slimy eel and invariably makes his grand drive by winding up with a slice of meaningless poetry. Poetry and patriotism usually is the last defense of the poltroon. Come down to the issue, Bro. Harter. Go and see your Republican County Chairman Wm. E. Gray, Esq., about Fisher's railroad pass, and ask him all about the matter. He will tell you, as he has told others, that Fisher promised faithfully to vote for him for Commissioner's Attorney, but he changed his mind and the R. R. pass is the consideration for this favor, thrown to Wilbur Reeder, Esq. "Fisher sold out Gray for a R. R. pass" that is the common saying, and Gray and other prominent republicans openly make the charge.

The wrongdoings of other officials do not justify Mr. Fisher in accepting favors from a railroad company, when the assessment of the company's lands are regulated in his office. On this principle, it would be in line for everybody to come to the commissioner's office with all sorts of little presents, tokens of esteem, substantial marks of gratitude and such like, when they have business in that department to win these men's good favor, and especially about the time the tri-annual assessment is made. Tom. Fisher is well paid for the services rendered as an official and there is no occasion for him to be favoring anybody for railroad passes. In discussing this question last week, Harter played the part of the demagogue, political rogue, in the following paragraph:

"Does not the editor of the Centre Democrat enjoy the same privilege with the Pennsylvania railroad, and in what position does it place him to impute impure motives to others? A few years ago, when he was canvassing the county for the nomination of prothonotary, did he not travel on a railroad pass, and in the event of his election, would his conscience have forbidden him to use it for fear that it would induce him to unduly favor the road? He would hardly permit himself to make such a statement—unlimited as is his ability to draw on the truth, and yet he allows himself to pose as a fingerboard to righteousness by criticizing others for acts of which he himself is guilty."

The effort of Harter is to vindicate Fisher by drawing outsiders, who are not candidates, into the pass question, and deliberately and knowingly, endeavoring to put them in a wrong light before the public to lessen Fisher's shortcomings in the eyes of the people. The editor of the Gazette knows these facts, which he withholds from the public: Every editor receives a pass from the railroad company, over certain lines, and a certain amount of additional mileage. This pass does not come because we are good fellows; instead there is a string attached to it—they have a pull on us. We must first promise (sign a contract) to give their time-tables full space in our papers and publish a great many reading notices during the year. That is their string, and they pull it mighty hard, too, at times. The space we gave the Pa. R. R. Co. last year would have cost any business man no less than \$150, and in our case we have not traveled near that amount. We never had a free pass, and Tom. Harter is a political demagogue when he intimates that we are in the same light as Tom. Fisher, who in riding around on a free pass holds a public office and is paid by the people. This is the distinction: our pass is paid for in a legitimate way; Tom. Fisher's may have been paid for, but where the R. R. company pulled the string on this public official to get their return, he can best tell.

IMMATERIAL AND IRRELEVANT.

Many persons have approached the editor to find out from whom he received the information, or rather the intimation, that Mr. Riddle had overdrawn his account; one and all received the same information, that that matter did not concern the public. There is but one fact that is of interest to the people: Did the Centre Democrat tell the truth? and can you afford to endorse such conduct of public officials? That is the real point in the issue. This week we give the readers of this paper the defense made by the republican papers of Mr. Riddle's overdrawn account and we want one and all to read same over carefully and form their own conclusions. We do not propose to tell the public how to vote, or pretend to control more than one vote and that is our own. But we deem it our duty to keep the readers informed as nearly as possible how our public officials have been using their funds and for what purpose.

Therefore, it is immaterial and irrelevant, how or where the first intimation came to us. We do guarantee that we have told the truth as to what appeared on the public records, in the Ledger and the Minute Book.

EVERY farmer in the State, who has any pride in his calling, should do his utmost from now until election day to elect an honest member of his own craft to the Treasurership of Pennsylvania. The farmers are seldom honored with an important nomination, and they will stultify themselves if they fail to support a worthy fellow farmer when they have the opportunity. Mr. Creamy, if elected as now seems certain he shall be, will be a credit to every farmer in the State.

"Jolly Jake Herman is having a big time."—Gazette.

JENKS ON HIPPODROMES.

Ex-Solicitor General George A. Jenks is in Pittsburg this week attending the supreme court. In an interview he said: "The spectacle of Candidate Barnett and a squad of soldiers from the Tenth regiment hippodroming the State to secure votes for the corrupt Republican machine is a sorry one. Its aim is to push military glory to the front in an attempt to fool the voters as to the real issues of this campaign."

"The Republican party has in the past claimed to be the military party. These henchmen of Quay's hope to fool the people by this glorious military record exhibition. But the real issue will not be lost sight of by the people. I hope. The battle in November is to deal a death blow to one of the most corrupt State rings that ever existed, to redeem this fair State from the clutches of an unscrupulous boss. Of course M. S. Quay sanctions the hippodrome. He has not the least conscientious scruples about how he wins. Let it be right or wrong, it is all the same to the senior senator."

Mr. Jenks announced that he would take the stump in the present campaign as soon as he is through with his business in this city.

INJUSTICE TO MR. SHAFFER.

Last week the Bellefonte Republican contained an article that is an injustice to Ellis Shaffer, of Madisonburg, in which it represented that the Shaffer family had a great grievance against Cyrus Brumgart at the coming election. The whole statement is untrue. All of the Shaffers are loyal democrats, and especially this year, and intend to vote and work for Mr. Brumgart. They do not want it said that they as a family are democrats for office alone. They are more sensible than that. This report was intended to injure the democratic candidate for sheriff, Cyrus Brumgart, but on the other hand it is placing Ellis Shaffer in a wrong light before the party. We are authorized to say that Mr. Shaffer will support the entire ticket, and especially Mr. Brumgart, and does not want the democracy of Centre county to remember him as a political sore head, a disgruntled politician, a "kicker," because he did not get the nomination he was after. No, it is an injustice to Mr. Shaffer; he is not that kind of a man.

ESCAPED THE PENITENTIARY.

Governor Stone says that there are no State issues this fall. It is not strange that he wants nothing said of his veto of a million dollars of the public school fund, or of his veto of the proposition to allow the people of the State to say whether they want legislation to prevent election frauds which Governor Stone well knows are committed by the thousand every year in Philadelphia. It is also plain why the Governor is sensitive about having anything said about speculating in State funds by the man who escaped the penitentiary on a legal quibble only to be appointed United States Senator in less than three minutes afterward. Governor Stone will find that the people have something to say as to what are issues.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

Jolly Jake Herman is just now having a big time scudding through the county.—From Keystone Gazette. We know what Jolly means, in the ordinary use of the word. About a "big time" there are various opinions. Some people will have what they think is a "big time," that others would call slow and stupid. But we will agree with the Gazette that "Jolly Jake is having a big time," in his way and presume he is enjoying himself. As to "scudding"—new word to us—that according to the dictionary means "to run before a gale of wind (public sentiment possibly) with little or no sail." Guess that is correct too. The Gazette is telling the truth, and "Jolly Jake is having a big time."

THE DIFFERENCE.

Governor Stone in a recent interview with a Pittsburg "Dispatch" reporter, said: "In Pennsylvania the Democrats are talking about the money in the Treasury. The truth is, there is not enough there to quarrel about. I do not know how much is on deposit now, but there would not be a cent, but a deficit of \$5,000,000, if the State's debts were paid." When Governor Pattison left the chair five years ago there was a balance of \$6,000,000 in the Treasury. Now, according to Stone, that is all gone with a deficiency of \$3,000,000. No wonder that the machine doesn't want to hear anything of State issues. Ask Republicans what they think of such management.

THE BALLOT.

Eight columns will be printed on the official ballot to be voted at the next month's election as follows: Republican, Democratic, Prohibition, People's Socialist Labor Union Reform, Bryan Anti-Trust and a blank for the accommodation of persons who may want to vote for persons not on any of the party tickets. The Democratic and Bryan Anti-Trust tickets are identical, and the Socialist Labor will not be known until the Dauphin County court has decided whether the Philadelphia or Pittsburg faction shall have the place.

SCALES REMOVED.

No Flies on Gregg Township Democrats This Year. ED. DEMOCRAT—Two weeks ago the republican nominee for sheriff was in our township, approaching democrats very slyly by telling them that he was working a little republican trick by trying to convert them to vote for him, but soon realized the fact that there are no flies on the democrats of Gregg township, and that they are invariably loyal to their party. However, we do not want to be radical, but simply make the insinuation that Cyrus Brumgart, of Millheim, carries Gregg township in his inside pocket; which insinuation will be fully demonstrated at the polls in November. The democrats of Gregg township are on their heels for an old time democratic majority, and appeal to every township in the county to co-operate with them on Nov. 7th to elect the ticket by an overwhelming majority as they can congratulate themselves upon having a good ticket from top to bottom, and there is no excuse for not having an old time democratic majority.

Statistics in last week's "Democrat" removed the scales from the taxpayers eyes like "Paul of Old," and the taxpayers realize that they cannot afford to be kept under the screws of public oppression three years longer. We again appeal to every taxpayer to vote the straight democratic ticket, without any reserve. GREGG TWP. DEMOCRAT.

POSITIVE VIEWS.

The women of Pennsylvania have decided opinions on the Philippine war, and freely express them. At the convention in Philadelphia on Tuesday of the Pennsylvania Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the following resolution was adopted:

"Whereas, The Woman's Christian Temperance Union proclaims to the world by its chief motto, 'For God and Home and Humanity,' its belief in the unity of the human race, and our hearts ache at the injustice of the Government of the United States in usurping control over the people of the Philippine islands against their will, and in direct opposition to our Declaration of Independence; therefore, Resolved, That this convention proclaims its sentiment against such usurpation, tyranny and warfare, and asks for the Filipino justice and the recognition of those rights as a nation and a people."

PASS IT AROUND.

As Commissioner's Clerk for three years and afterwards County Commissioner for six long years, James B. Strohm had a pretty good pull at the public crib. In that time he drew about \$9000 in salary from the public treasury, which is doing quite well, we think. We have no fault with James getting all he can, but then "there are others," and if a few gobble up all the plums that is hardly a fair division of the spoils, when "there are others." Alec. Archer, the candidate for the same position, is a well-educated, intelligent man and never in his life held a county office. That is the reason why many people think it would only be fair to keep these good things passing around, and not let a few monopolize the whole business. Give Alec. Archer a chance.

WAS KICKED OUT.

It isn't strange that Republican meetings all over the State are as frosty as a night in Iceland. Reeder, who was kicked out of Hastings' cabinet for rascality, is at the head of the organization. Honest Republicans are disgusted and they show it. The Philadelphia "North American," a Republican paper, in speaking of Reeder, says: "He is a lawyer without practice, a citizen without standing, a politician without a follower, a characterless, penniless pensioner upon the machine in reward for past services, which a person only of Reeder's sort could have brought himself to render."

SECRETARY LONG discovered in his Western tour, where he met the people by tens of thousands, that the average American knows who are the heroes of the war without being instructed by the naval or military bureaus of Washington. When addressing an immense audience at Minneapolis on Thursday, and speaking of the achievements of the navy in the Spanish war, he used the expression: "Before Santiago fell under Sampson's guns," but before he could finish the sentence he was halted by a volume of voices from the audience shouting "Schley!" "Schley!" "Schley!" The Secretary very adroitly avoided further admonition by good-humoredly quoting from Schley: "There was glory enough at Santiago for all." It is always wholesome for a President and his Cabinet officers to leave the narrow circles of routine daily life in Washington, and get out among the people. They are the sovereigns of the Republic; they have free schools and universal newspapers, and they know precisely who fight their battles and who are entitled to be crowned as chieftains for the victories we achieve.—Times.

THE Business Men's League, of Philadelphia, a Republican organization, whose members know how the State Treasury has long been manipulated for private profit, commends Mr. Creamy to the voters of the State as an honest man, beyond the reach of the influence which must necessarily surround any machine-chosen candidate. What higher praise could be bestowed on a candidate?

The democratic party added a large amount of territory to the United States, but they never had to increase the standing army to gain or to hold it.

WHEAT AND STOVES.

The following, from the Omaha World-Herald, is of interest to the farmers: October in this latitude is the month in which people set about preparing for winter. Preparations for winter consist of getting coal into the bins and putting up the heating stoves. The stove trade is usually good in October because a stove is something that every Nebraska family must have. And when the Nebraska farmer comes to town to purchase a stove these days he is impressed with the magnitude of the trust evil and impelled to doubt the frenzied shrieks of the prosperity shouters. When he hauls in a load of wheat to trade for a heating stove he is astonished to learn that while the price of his wheat has fallen off 33 per cent. since October, 1897, the price of the stove he wants to buy has been increased from 33 to 50 per cent. In other words, a farmer could in October, 1897, load twenty bushels of wheat into his wagon, haul it to town and sell it for enough to buy a first-class heating stove. But if the farmer wants to trade wheat for the same size and pattern of stove today he finds that he will have to add sixteen bushels of wheat to the load. The boasted "prosperity" of the administration has sent the price of wheat down from 75 cents in 1897 to 55 cents in 1899, while that same "prosperity" has advanced the price of the \$15 "Oak" stove to \$20. How long will it take the average farmer to become a millionaire by the process which steadily lowers the price of what he has to sell and as steadily increases the price of what he must buy?

You Might Try It.

A correspondent sends directions for cleaning windows quickly and easily: Put a little kerosene in a dish of warm water; dip a sponge in it, squeeze nearly dry and clean one pane at a time, wiping it dry with one soft cloth and polishing with another. Knowing the cleansing value of kerosene I believe that this is a valuable suggestion to housekeepers.

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Labor Troubles. Centre Hall had its share of infant labor troubles on Monday of last week when a number of boys and girl went on a strike for higher wages at the evaporator plant. The boys asked for an increase from 50 to 75 cents and the girls wanted an increase of 10 cents to 50 cents for a day's work of ten hours. The strikers would not go to work and the management hired other hands to take their places.