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The Centre Democrat.

When You Vote

Remember These Important Facts State Librarian Disgusted with

Machine Politics. Like a Practical, Sensible Business Man Let Your Vote be

Cast for the best Interests of Centre County--Be Honest and Fair. Therefore Consider the Following Statement---Be Sure and go and Vote.

The selection of County Commissioners | Rep-Jan. 18.8, is the most important duty of voters and taxpayers. We say this without detracting a particle from the need of good men in other departments. The reasons for this are easily given.

The duties of the Treasurer, Recorder, Register, Sheriff Auditors and Coroner are more or less clerical, and clearly defined by law. If they make an error, the legal profession usually detect it and see that it is corrected. If they, in any way, default there is ample protection from the bond they give. The taxpayer is not affected, but the legal profession are, from incompetent men in such places. If charges are excessive, there is a fixed Fee-Bill over which such officials dare not reach for any service.

How about the Commissioners? Here it is different. Nearly every expenditure for the numerous supplies, for improvements on public buildings, erection of bridges, pay for assessors, expenses in holding elections, mileage for jurors, court expenses, etc , aggregating over \$62 000 per year, is solely in their hat ds. In almost every item the amount to be paid is left to the judgment and discretion of the County Commissioners. They can give out contracts to political favorites, friends or relatives, at enormous prices, and receive a quiet rebate, if they are inclined to be dishonest-and such things are frequently heard of in other sections. They have a wide scope for exercising their discretion, and observing care and economy.

It is a lamentable fact that a large portion of the people, who rend r service for necessary to the county, charge the outside price, attempt to collect excessive fees. The mania to loot public funds is strong, and very contagious. So tempting is it that notorious crooks will pull political strings, scheme and plot day and night to get crooked men in this office, so that they can feast and grow fat, plundering the hard-earned taxes, largely paid by the farmers. A man who CAN and WILL fill this office acceptably has a trying ordeal to face. No sooner is he elected than certain of his political followers hound his footsteps for fat jobs, special contracts or want their assessments reduced or render excessive time for last Democratic Board of County Commaking assessments or holding elections and other duties. There the County Centre county financial condition is far Commissioner, if he be conscientious, must protect an invasion on the public districts. To accomplish this Philip H. treasury by being firm, and as a result Meyer, with Daniel Heckman who reoften offend friends who use that rela- tires, in the past three years devoted his tion to commit a wrong. That is why an best efforts. In all political organiza- the major sentiment of the adherents of honest County Commissioner frequently tions, the faithful and efficient discharge the party throughout the State. has enemies at election time. Of course of a public duty, is always rewarded by they are human and will err; and the a re-election, and so it should be. These, way to estimate their services is to take in addition to his experience, are reasons the sum total, the result of all their why Philip H. Meyer is entitled to your work. A man may be ever so faithful, strictly honest, and yet not an acceptable man, Shoe township, wiped out a debt of \$2000 if he is not vigilant, careful, economical and reduced the taxes one-half. He has and firm A man who is a failure in his private affairs -shiftless, careless, dissi- his election will mean the same service pated or indolent-is absolutely the as a County Commissioner. wrong man to manage public affairs. Yet men will vote for such candidates for County Commissioner whom they would not intrust with any responsibility.

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adminimistration is more economical : UNSETTLED DUPLICATES :

Jan. 1877-12 duplicates unsettled total \$2,635.61 (above left by Democratic Board)

Jan. 1900-52 duplicates unsettled total \$7,167.76 (above left by last Republican Board) Jan. 1902-19 duplicates unsettled total \$2,916.00

The last items show how two years of the present Democratic Board has cut down the unsettled tax duplicates from to 19 and total uppaid taxes from \$7.167 to \$2.916-almost one-third less. The Commissioners inform us that by Jan. 1903 hardly any will be left. That. is evidence of good housekeeping.

economy.

EXPENSIVE CLERICAL HIRE. for EXTRA clerical hire, work done outside of the office by two boards : From 1897 to 1900-Rep ... \$817.80

From 1900 to date-Dem. -\$10.80 The last Annual Statement, issued February 1952, shows the number of days each County Commissioner was employed out of the office at work required, such as delivering tax duplicates, assessment books, ballots, viewing bridges. With it is the following return from each

PERSONAL EXPENSES :

Daniel Heckman, 27 days expenses \$ 3.91 (average, \$1 24 per days) Philip H. Meyer, 31 daysexpenses 30,56 (average \$1.36 per day)

An Eminent Methodist Minister, Instructor and Educator will take the Stump for Better Government, Others will Follow.

RESIGNATION

DR. REED'S

Rev. Dr. George Edward Reed has resigned his position as State Librarian. He is president of Dickinson College, at Carlisle, a promisent Methodist institution of learning, and during the recent Methodist conference at this place was one of the most distinguished members. It is said that he has become disgusted with the political debauchery at Harris-This shows that for years democratic burg and intends to take the stump in behalf of Pattison.

Dr. Reed is vigorous at all times with voice and pen, and has the reputation of being strenuous in a political way. Monday evening he gave ont his reasons for resigning.

He stated that as a Republican he could not conscientiously support the candidacy of men, however worthy personally, whose nominations were secured by means abhorrent, in his estimation, to the principles if genuine Republicanism. "The time has come," continues the doctor, "when political power in Penn-Another pointer on extravagance and sylvania should be returned to the hands of the people. In a republican Commonwealth the will of the people must be The following shows the amounts paid regarded. Government of the people, by the people and for the people should

again become the aim and purpose of all political organizations." INTENTION TO VOTE FOR PATTISON

"My intention is to vote for Robert E. Pattison for Governor of Pennsylvanianot because I am a Democrat, but because I am a Republican, and a Republican who, in the present condition of Pennsylvania politics, believes that he can better serve his party of his life long association-the party of his love and devotion-by voting, this year, for Pattison and Guthrie, rather than by voting turn for relief. The response is coming Chairman Union Republican Committee, for Judge Pennypacker and ex Senate

Pattison and Heinle HE WILL SUPPORT PATTISON Independent Republicans in Centre and Clearfield Counties

Openly Declare Against Boss Rule --- An Appeal to Conscience of Every Voter-Patton a Boodler and one of Quay's Henchmen.

Endorses

what platform may be adopted, no matmay become, the average voter is a poor tool of a party who has a yoke on his neck and like oxen drags the heavy load. They know only party and become blind fanatics who simply do the bidding of those who control such organizations.

The Union Party

Selfish greed is an inherent trait in most men, and in the matter of popular government, when men securely intrench themselves in public office, as a legislation is for favored ones and corruption prevails. The blind tools of a party will not revolt, and public life becomes a story of loot and debauchery. The only safeguard to our institutions lies, then, in the hope of the "Independent Voter," who has the courage and manhood to strike the shackles that bind him down, and helps drive out the bood- party. lers, bribe-takers, the treasury looters and other public thieves.

All hail the "Independent Voters!" Were it not for their courage free government would be a failure, and society a wealthy aristocracy, and on the other he is honest and capable. only poverty-stricken serfs.

Twice in recent years the "Indepen-Pennsylvania. After the reign of debauchery the past four years at our State Capitol, the hope of free governagain at stake.

To the Independent voter again we

The "Independent Voter" is the only his personal interests the Legislature of hope of a free government, No matter 1901 has passed into political history as the most corrupt ever known to any state. ter what principles may be advocated, most open, notorious and unblushing no matter how corrupt the organization bribery the "Rapid Transit" and the Ripper," with other equally obnoxious measures, were forced upon the statute books of the state.

Under his manipulation the state treasary for years has been used to raise money to corrupt the ballot and buy the votes of those who do not appreciate the ight of suffrage.

By his orders the "Baker Ballot bill" was passed and enacted into law, by which the ring under his control dict ates the fraudulent vote in our large cities and overturns the will of the people or the state. And by his dictation and orresult the masses bear unjust burdens, ders all efforts to purify and simplify the ballot law have been defeated.

These are but few of the reasons which have impelled us to join hands with true and loyal republicans throughout the state, in the organization of a movement, having for its object the promotion of good government, the overthrow of the machine and bossism that have brought shame and disgrace upon our state and the welfare of our grand old republican

Recognizing as we do, that this can only be done by uniting with the good loaf. citizens of the state and acting independently of party lines we have determined the' in the coming election we will support for governor him who has been twice elected and by his administration would revert to two classes-on one hand of the duties of the office has shown that

We urge all those who believe in honesty in the administration of public afdent Voter" has come to the relief of ring rule in state and county, in the elecfairs, in the overthrow of bossism and tion of men whose character as well as their pledges are a guarantee that if elected they will conscientiously labor to overthrow corruption and bribery in ment and the rights of the people are public affairs to join with us in this movement.

J. E. HARDER, Clearne d county JACOB BURGE T. W. BARRATT, C. F. STULL. P. L. SHOWERS, Executive Com. Bright Sparkling Paragraphs-Selected and Original.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

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My name is M. S. Quay I don't hesitate to say, That I'm always for reform. But when 'lection time comes round For plous deeds I'm found

Unusually warm. IN GOOD FORM.

Nancy, my wife, has grown quite rude She has left me in a lonesome mood ; She has left my board and taken my bed, She has given away my meat and bread ; She has left me in spite of friends and

church, She has carried away with her all my shirts Now, ye who read this paper, Since she has cut this luckiess caper, I will not pay one single fraction Of any debts of her contraction.

A fat job is what most men lean to. A square meal is one that will go around.

The blacksmith is a successful forger in his way.

It doesn't pay to grant favors to a man with a bad memory.

Kleptomania may not be a contagious disease, but it is taking.

It's funny how even cold cash can burn hole in a man's pocket.

It is folly to advertise reputations in he lost and found columns.

The man who can't pay his hatter plunges head first into bebt.

A man finds it necessary to blow in his money when he has a blow-out.

It may sound funny, but the most industrious baker only does his work for a

It takes more than a coat of paint to make an old woman look as good as new.

"ME-TOO" MALIN COMING.

We are requested to announce that W. L. Malin, of Bellefonte, formerly superintendent of the Bell Telephone system in this section, and for a time Dan Hastings' valet, and who has been employed by Alex E. Patton the past year, has been detailed to look after Patton's finances in Centre county the balance of the campaign.

It is said by parties who know that over a thousand dollars has been dis-

TIME FOR REFLECTION.

You, as a taxpayer, must elect a board of County Commissioners, by vote, next Tuesday. Considering what we have said above, you should reflect, and act for the best interests. For that reason we will republish some facts worthy of attention, relative to what the Democratic Commissioners have done for Centre county taxpayers, the data being taken from the Annual Statements and must be correct :

The following will show how much tax the average individual must pay for county purposes in the various counties :

COUNTY FINANCES COMPARED.

		COTAX	RATE C	O DEBT
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By comparison we will show the per capita tax paid since 1896 in this county:

PER TAXABLE FOR CO. PURPOSES :

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Next we will show the amount and the reduction of the county debt during the same years :

CENTRE COUNTY DEBT.

Dem-Jan. 1897, debt was \$12,812 26

Abraham V. Miller, 20 days (average OVER 2.00 PERDAY)

Here is a practical lesson in economy for taxpayers to think about seriously, and it explains how little things portray the true character of men.

If the voters of this county are not careful extravagance will prevail in the County Commissioners' office.

The above is absolute proof that the missioners have an exceptional record. above that of any of her neighboring favorable consideration on Tuesday.

Mr. Humpton, as tax collector in Snow a fine record; no doubt of his capacity;

A VETERAN PROTEST.

MR. EDITOR :- A circular headed the 'War Veterans Club of Western Pennsylvania," adorned with pictures of Pennypacker and "Oleo" Brown, urging all old soldiers to vote for these men has been received by many of the Veterans in this locality within a week.

Just what business the Veteran Club of Western Pennsylvania, or anywhere else, has to call upon old soldiers to support these men we cannot understand. But to show how Pennypacker treated the brave, heroic and noble veteran who eaded the republican ticket in 1882 it is only necessary to say he (Pennypacker) was so wrought up over the ills Pennsyl-vania suffered at that time, that he was made president of the first Pattison club organized in Philadelphia in 1882. The club was located in the 29th ward of that city and was an organization of republicans who banded together to ecure the election of Pattison, and good government.

The ills then complained of, at least the most grievious, was that the ring was using the office holders, State and National, and its power over them, to enforce continuance in office. The griev ance then was trifling to what it is now. Yet Pennypacker, an old soldier, was so disgusted with the ills that then afflicted our great state that he led in the fight against General Beaver, a veteran, maimed, bruised and scarred all over in the service of his country.

The claim, of this club, that veterans hould vote for Pennypacker under such ircumstances, is rot of the worst kind. is a veteran, who has always been true to the veterans it is my purpose to vote for Robt. E. Pattison to uphold Truth, Justice and Right; every other veteran in my opinion should do likewise.

AN "OLD SOLDIER." Bellefonte, Pa., Oct. 29, 1902.

Brown.

the tyrannous oligarchy at present dominant in the leadership of the Republican party can Pennsylvania hope to remove the 'ills' under which she undoubtedly in Clearfield and Centre counties : suffers, some high authorities to the contrary notwithstanding.

"Party regularity is right and of value only when party leadership is regular of free government and place the weland right. No party leaders are justified fare of our state and county above party in claiming fealty when the men placed in nomination do not represent the desires of the majority of the members of the party. In my humble judgment, at the Republican State convention, held in Harrisburg last June, the nomination of John P. Elkin would have represented great republican party and its policies

ELKIN CANNOT BLIND HIM.

"That that gentleman was pleased to say in the convention, after he had seen the pride of his ambition rudely snatched from his hand, 'I propose to support the nominees of this convention,' as, indeed, he is doing, cannot change the fact that, at the dictation of a few leaders, practically at the dictation of one, the will of the majority of the Republicans of Pennsylvania was thwarted and trampled in the dust.

"For myself, I desire to say that no lash of party regularity shall compel me in this contest, or in any other, to support candidates in the determination of whose nomination I, as a citizen, can have no part, and this for the reason that subserviency to political bossism has come to be the recognized sign of party regularity."

AFTER BOODLERS.

The Howard, Pa., Hustler is a pro-

nounced republican paper. From its last issue we copy the following significant paragraph :

"A. E. Patton, Republican candidate for state senator, tarried in town for a few hours on Thursday while enroute to Lock Haven. Mr. Patton was handled while here by Cooke the boodler, and quently failed to visit this office, the effects of which will be seen later." Patton's campaign from beginning to end is one based entirely on boodle.

LOWRY says he is poor, but he has a fine farm and the best brick residence on Bishop street, Bellefonte. Hugh Taylor was poor all his life, has no property and never owned any.

A vore against any democratic candidate for County Commissioner means that all county patronage shall pass over to the republicans.

LOWRY tells around that Taylor is ich ; that is untrue.

Democrats, Get out the Vote.

from all parts of the state. We publish herewith the "Independent Voters" pro-"Oaly by doing what we can to defeat test in Clearfield and Centre counties :

CLEARFIELD PROTESTS.

To the voters of the Republican party

Having for years supported the policies and candidates of the republican party we deem it due to ourselves and to se who, like us, cherish the principles allegiance to define the purposes of those with whom, as Independent Republicans we are acting, and to set forth the causes which have compelled us in common with thousands of republicans throughout the state, to take the position we hold.

The opposition on our part is not to the as represented and declared by President Roosevelt, but to the corruption, bribery, fraud and false pretense of the 'machine" and "ring" that controls our party organization in Pennsylvania under the dictation of Mr. Quay.

By his orders Mr. Elkin was defrauded of the nomination of governor, and his delegates bought like cattle to support Mr. Pennypacker, his fulsome culo gist

Under his manipulation and to advance

HARTER'S \$20 BLUFF.

The ballot printing last year opened

up some discussion last week, caused by the vicious and untruthful allegations of the Gazette ; and it generally is conceded. that Tom Harter comes out of the fray like a singed cat, considerably humiliated by the exposures made, which adds another proof of the unreliable and desperate character that presides over that paper, for which the Gazette, under its different managements, in recent years, has been so notorious.

The whole controversy, when boiled down, resolves itself to the following : From the last republican Commission er's Board the Gazette swiped several

thousand dollars. For that reason it wants Philip Meyer defeated, so that with Abraham Miller in control who has no business capacity, is naturally extravagant, hardly competent-considered "easy"-he could work almost anything through.

Thus far the only attack he could make on Mr. Meyer was to avoid the entire carload of beer. We are told this splendid showing in the Commissioner's office-wiping out of the county debt, the low tax rate, the improved condition of the office-all of which he wants kept from republican farmers.

Last year when he made a cut-throat, spite bid for printing ballots, he tried to brow-beat Philip Meyer into allowing him \$20 more, because he (Harter) lost money on the job. Meyer stood firm, held him to the price. Now Harter, by appreciate that fact. distortion and deception, is trying to use this against Meyer. Philip Meyer kept Tom Harter from looting the county on Tuesday.

Clearfield, Pa., Oct. 22, 1902.

CENTRE COUNTY AROUSED.

"As Chairman of the Union Republican Party of Centre county, I unqualifiedly endorse the above and earnestly request all Independent Republicans of Centre county to show their independence and vote against Quay methods and Quayisms until the power of Quay in the state is completely broken.

Having knowledge that A. E. Patton, republican candidate for State Senator of this district, is definitely indentified and hand-inhand with the Quay ring, and knowing the honesty and integrity of our present State Senator, Hon. William C. Heinle, the democratic candidate for reelection, and has fine four years' record at Harrisburg, we earnestly advise all Union Party Republicans to vote and work for Senator Heinle for re-election as State Senator from, this the Thirty-fourth Senatorial District."

(Signed,)

an official who simply did his duty.

A CARLOAD OF BEER.

and a great deal of drunkenness.

date nominated for County Commis

the tax payers.

H. H. HARSHBERGER, Chairman Union Republican Party of Centre county.

treasury of \$20. That is why Harter, in J. B. STROHM, one of the nominees for his Gazette, is heaping all the personal abuse on an honest county official. Coms. Daniel Heckman, Coms. Philip Meyer and Deputy Co. Treasurer James convention, who wasn't considered as a Corl were present in the office when candidate by them, but was named at Harter tried to loot \$20 more than his contract, and was turned down with government by the people, or even govern-Jacksonian emphasis and Jeffersonian simplicity that astonished him. He left Judge Pennypacker defeated one of his the office with a threat, that "Philip kind, while Strohm was a tool to defeat Meyer would suffer for this." Ask any of these gentlemen if Harter is telling the county ever had-does either of them

any risks.

If Tom Harter and Abe Miller run the WHAT reason could there be for any Coms. office the next three years, we pity one wishing for a change in the management of the affairs of this county ? Democratic house-keeping has freed the county from debt, introduced economy, reduced the taxes, and allowed no suckers Last week candidates Patton and at the crib as was in vogue when the Dresser, the millionaire candidates in this district for State Senate and Condemocrats were not in power. Why a change ? A change would mean for the gress, held a meeting at Peale, in Clearworse-voters, you can't sfford to take field county, where they distributed an

on reliable authority. This represented Just think, the Centre county grangers at least an expenditure of about \$500 being asked to vote the Pennypacker "no ills" ticket, with "Oleo Bill" Brown What do decent, well-thinking people and "Landgrab Ike" Brown on it, the think of this? Are such men worthy of one for lieutenant governor and the other your vote? It remains for you to decide. for secretary of internal affairs ! Such PHILIP H. MEYER is the only candigrangers dare not fight John Hamilton if they support these chaps. Perhaps a er who can speak "Penna. Dutch," and typewritership is on the shovel to cure a great many people in Pennsvalley will all "ills," and may account for "Bird book" Warren being up this way.

See that your neighbor gets to the polls TAKE next Tuesday off and h get out the vote.

tributed already in the vicinity of Philipsburg. Monday "Me-Too" Malin was down in Penn township trying to find demo-

cratic sore heads and corrupt them with Patton's boodie. Persons who feel they should have a portion of millionaure Patton's political boodle should make direct application to Mr. Malin. He will be traveling day and night on this mission. and for fear that he may overlook some, all are requested to call on him soon as possible. Make him "cough up," it is for distribution ; and time being short, there is danger that he may not be able to get it all distributed, and there is much apprehension on this point.

Malin thinks Patton should go to Harrisburg. Yes, all the corporations and coal operators want special legislation next time in behalf of operators. Miners and strikers will get little sympathy from his influence if he (Patton) is elected.

The coal barons have no use for Heinle.

Watch for Malin, the boodler; he is coming.

the legislature on the republican ticket, is like their candidate for governor, who made no appeal to the people before the the dictation of another man. This isn't ment by the party. The only difference, one of the purest and best representatives the truth. That accounts for three years deserve the support of honest voters of of persistent, bitter personal abuse of their party?