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For Justice of the Supreme Court,
JOHN STEWART, of Franklin county.

County Ticket.

For Sheriff,
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For Treasurer,
DR. FRANK K. WHITE, of Phillipsburg.
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HARRY J. JACKSON, of Bellefonte.
For Recorder,
JOHN C. ROWE, of Phillipsburg.
For Commissioners,
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For Auditors,
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S. H. HOY, of Benner Twp.
For Coroner,
DR. P. S. FISHER, of Walker Twp.

EDITORIAL.

UPON "our sacred word and honor" the campaign is warming up.

A FUR cap, a set of fine harness, a lap robe—and then some other things.

FRED DUNHAM can have all kinds of county printing if he only keeps that "Hustler" quiet. Fred, "shut up" unless they "put up" good and proper.

We predict that no matter who is elected in November as commissioners of Centre county, there will be an indebtedness to face and the millage will have to be raised to meet it.

EARL TUTEN is a clever newspaper man, at the head of a good daily and weekly newspaper. What does he want with a county office? Could he successfully attend to all of them?

THE republicans have opened headquarters on the third floor of Temple Court. From the sign one can't tell whether it is the Lincoln Republicans or the followers of the Machine.

DURING the past week a number of prominent republicans have announced in our presence that they would not support Plummer. The visit of the corrupt Boss to the grange picnic last week simply provoked the average voter. Something will drop.

ALLUDING to the photograph of a page of the Princess Hotel register at Atlantic City, printed in the Centre Democrat in last week's issue, two republicans standing in front of one of our hotels a few days ago, the one asked his brother republican this question, "What do you think of that forty-graft printed about our Commissioners?" That was good, we mean the last syllable of "foty graft."

By the election of Messrs. Weaver and Dunlap as county Commissioners good house-keeping is assured, economy in county affairs like that of former democratic boards which led to the freeing of the county from a heavy indebtedness. Taxpayers should bear this in mind. With many democratic boards, as all are aware, an honest and economical administration of our county affairs has been aimed at and strictly carried out. This fact is undeniable. Weaver and Dunlap are pledged to work on the same lines, and a faithful discharge of duties can be relied upon in the election of these gentlemen.

CORRUPTION in the Equitable Life; corruption in the New York Life; corruption in the Mutual Life; corruption in the Government Printing Office; corruption in the Postal Department; corruption in the Agricultural Department; corruption in the Philadelphia Gas Works steal; corruption in the Philadelphia filtration contracts; corruption in the Philadelphia councils; corruption in the last state legislature; corruption in our State Treasury; corruption seems everywhere. It is time for honest men to be on the alert and wherever corruption is detected to apply the most drastic remedy to stamp it out, even if it invades our county. It is the growing evil of the day, a contagious disease that is liable to permeate not only public, commercial and social life, but is so demoralizing as to be the death to free institutions. It is the crying evil. Strike it down, tear it up, stamp it out, wherever found—no matter under what guise, faction or party it operates. All honest men will fight corruption.

STRONG WITH THE PEOPLE.

The Gazette will not answer our questions in regard to the County Commissioners, Miller and Bailey, taking expensive trips with bridge agents to whom large contracts were awarded. Nor will the Commissioners even face them. In turn, it asks the editor of this paper to answer several questions that have no connection with that issue.

To satisfy Mr. Harter we will say that three years ago many things happened that neither of us can recall. Three years ago the judgment of the writer (who does not claim to be all-wise or infallible) was that the nomination for county commissioner should go to the candidate from Snow Shoe. For taking that view, the writer got into a mighty hot encounter with some gentlemen, and it is quite possible that cuss words were exchanged and things said back and forth that were not complimentary to each other or the two candidates involved.

Three years ago John Dunlap showed his great strength with the people by coming to the county convention with the largest number of instructed delegates of all candidates, as well as receiving the largest popular vote. Three years ago he surprised the people. If elected at that time John Dunlap could not have controlled the county printing, even if hostile towards this paper; and there was no fear then, or is there now, that he will not, when elected, deal fairly or justly with the various publishers. We never asked Mr. Dunlap for any special favors, never will; we have confidence in him giving, not alone printers, but all, a "square deal," republicans included.

When Mr. Dunlap became a candidate again for the nomination this year, for a time his was the only name announced. Believing that the wish of the party or the strength of a candidate for a nomination can't be ascertained when there is no opposition, the writer encouraged other candidates to announce for the same office, so that the strongest candidate might be selected; and we frankly informed Mr. Dunlap of our action, and advised him to prove his strength with the people. What was the result? On first ballot Mr. Dunlap had more than enough delegates to nominate. That proved for the second time that he is strong with the voters of the county, who by their votes want him to fill the office of county commissioner.

And right here we bank our reputation as a prophet that after the vote is counted in November John Dunlap will have a greater vote than Messrs. Miller and Bailey, the tourists, by several hundred.

FARMER PENROSE.

Penrose was invited to the grange picnic at Centre Hall to "talk to the farmers." Penrose was there and gave the farmers a brief talk—all he really knows about farming is, nothing. He is a farmer, however, in one sense, having learned a species of farming under that wonderful farmer of state funds, M. S. Quay. Penrose now understands that method and practices it so as to get as much of the farmers' taxes out of the state treasury as possible, without interest and sometimes slow in refunding what he farmed to get hold of. Penrose, was invited to the picnic to "talk to the farmers" which was an insult to every self-respecting farmer in Centre county—the farmers, according to Mr. Rhone, pay burdensome taxes, and Penrose, the pupil of Quay, and associate of other state plunderers, "farms" industriously to get as much of the taxes paid by the farmers, as possible. He can do some farming in type-writings, postmaster-ships, and in many boodle lines, so of treasured to the people, that we need not repeat here; and give the size of the last crop he farmed, as exposed the day before he talked to grange farmers at Centre Hall, (Thursday last). Here it is from the Pittsburg Times, a leading republican organ:

"Homer L. Castle, the Prohibition candidate for judge of the Superior Court, who was one of the speakers at the Prohibition meeting here to-night, attended by Mayor William H. Berry, said the contest is against wickedness in high places, and he furiously denounced grafters. In closing Mr. Castle said he was counsel for a bank in Allegheny county, the name of which he withheld, which was offered a deposit of State funds provided it would loan half of it to Senator Boies Penrose and a man named Shaw. It took the deposit and loaned the money, but could not collect it for a long time, and then it was repaid by the Enterprise National bank, of Allegheny."

QUIGLEY the machine county chairman wined, dined, and extolled Penrose at the club-house at Hecla on Thursday evening. This shows that the republican organization of this county, so far as its chairman stands for anything, is an out-and-out machine boodle gang in favor of all the iniquity practiced by the boodlers in Philadelphia and other sections of the state, and Penrose is one of the greatest sinners in that plundering gang, his "its all a damn lie" to the contrary notwithstanding. The documents have been produced a few days ago to prove it. Will Quigley be able to muster even a corporal's guard in this county of Centre for the triumph of a gang of state robbers who should be in the penitentiary instead of being at large?

JOHN ROWE has made a careful and competent Recorder, and it is customary to reward such men with a second term. He deserves it.

TIRED OF THE BOSSES.

The following is an extract of a letter written by John T. Fowler, of Hannah, to the Watchman, last week. It voices the sentiment of hundreds of republicans who are a little more timid and hesitate about going into print. Mr. Fowler will not support the republican state ticket this fall for the following reasons:

"Everyone in the county knows I am no Democrat, but I am one of those human beings called 'Republican' that think and act for myself without any dictation from county or state Bosses. I carried a 'wide-awake' torch for JOHN C. FREMONT and WM. L. DAYTON and polled my first presidential vote for 'Honest Abe' and have voted for every candidate for President on the Republican ticket up to the present time. I have never voted against any 'Republican' that was a candidate for Governor of Penna.; I even voted for the 'Great PENNYPACKER of muzzler fame, so Mr. Editor, I am without doubt a full-fledged Republican. I clip a piece of an editorial from the Philadelphia Press of the 15th of Sept. 1905. Please print it with this letter. I will support Mr. Berry for State Treasurer and get all the votes I can for him. Let us count that money once in our lives that is ours at Harrisburg. We only want to know and see if it there. 'If you have got him,' as the Dutchman said, 'I no want him, but if you have not got him I must have him. My Money.' How many more 'Republicans' in Centre county, Pa., will help to get a chance to count this money by supporting Mr. BERRY? When 'PENROSE' comes to Centre county let him talk to the trees, he can't demoralize the trees. Stay away, I would not listen to him, we have better men in our county. I am, Dear Sir, Very respectfully yours, JOHN T. FOWLER, Hannah, Pa., Sept. 16, 1905.

The following is the clipping from the Press to which Mr. Fowler refers:

"When a political Machine is not content to be a helpful agent and instrument of a party, but seeks and contrives to be its absolute and tyrannical dictator, it is time that Machine was broken up, reconstructed and reorganized. The anti-Machine revolt, which is becoming so widespread, is not against organization, but against tyranny, greed, maladministration and wrongdoing. It is not against party, but against excesses which have fastened upon the party and require removal even if it must be done by surgery."

EVEN the life insurance companies, in which the general public is deeply interested, were not safe against the graft and plundering of the political gang that bosses the G. O. P. The high rates paid by the people for policies were used as a fund for these scoundrels to prey upon and amass millions for themselves. Study the revelations that were made within the last two months and astounding revelations still being made almost every day, of dishonesty with funds that rightfully belonged to policy holders as dividends, and say whether a party thus led deserves your adhesion longer.

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ant state positions, namely, Hon. John B. Linn, dec'd, in whose honor this Society has been named.

Closing with the above brief biographies, (and the list might be enlarged), every citizen of Centre county can say with pride, All served well and were a credit to Old Centre.

Our county has an equal array of prominent citizens, past and present, in business and of enterprise, to whom, no doubt, fitting recognition will be given, in future papers presented at meetings of this society.

NOTE—General James Irvin, an iron master of Bellefonte, was elected to congress, and afterwards was nominated as the Whig candidate for Governor, 1847, but failed to be elected. Gen. Wm. F. Packer was born in Howard township, this county, was a state senator for this district, and elected as Governor, residing in Williamsport, but Centre county can also lay claim to him having been born in the county and was the owner of a fine farm near Howard, now occupied by his son-in-law, Hon. John A. Woodward.

Backs up His Charges.

The following is from Tuesday's Philadelphia Record:

"For some time Editor Charles R. Kurtz, of The Centre Democrat, Bellefonte, has been pressing charges of extravagance and improper actions against the Republican Commissioners of Centre county. In his last issue he backs up his charges with a reproduction of a page from an Atlantic City hotel register and other circumstantial evidence. The expose was worked up in a way worthy of the best metropolitan journals."

Bucktail Re-union.

The nineteenth annual re-union of the Regimental Association of the "Old Bucktails," First Rifle Regiment, P. R. V. Co., will be held at Curwensville, Clearfield Co., Pa., Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 3rd and 4th, 1905.

Bellefonte Central-Special Fair Trains

The Bellefonte Central R. R. will run special fair trains Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, at single fare for the round trip—no fare less than 25c. The evening train will leave Bellefonte for State College at 5:30 p. m.

THE republicans who object to depriving the negro of his vote in Virginia and North Carolina, may point proudly to the shining example of Philadelphia where the republican machine has not only deprived "no living man" of his ballot, but for years has allowed 50,000 dead people to keep on voting.

JOHN C. ROWE, the present county Recorder, was in Howard, Monday. John is a candidate for re-election, and although a staunch Democrat, has made a good official and is entitled to and deserves re-election.—Howard Hustler.

COUNTY FINANCES.

The following is a brief comparison of the total expense of conducting the affairs of Centre county under the present Commissioners and the former Board during a period of five years. The amounts are taken from the annual statements:

Table with columns: COUNTY EXPENSE, 1900-Democratic Board, 1901, 1902, Total for 3 years, Average yearly expenditure, 1903-Republican Board, 1904, Jumped to, Total for 2 years, Average yearly expenditure, At this time the estimated assets over all liabilities were, This is a loss over amount left them by Democratic Board of, In other words in two years the average expenses under Miller and Bailey increased, Add to this shrinkage in assets, Total, That means that under Republican Commissioners it costs the taxpayers of Centre county in two years over \$28,000 more than formerly for general expenses.

As Ellis Shaeffer gets out among the people he gains friends and his support for sheriff will land him in that office with a majority he can ever feel proud of. Ellis Shaeffer hails from one of the oldest and most respected families in Miles township, who were among the original settlers and were good citizens. Ellis is true as his ancestors, and a more clever and accommodating gentleman could not have been nominated. He has all the qualifications for the office of sheriff and will discharge the duties of the position to the entire satisfaction of all having business in the office during the coming term.

WHEN Henry Quigley entertained Boss Penrose at the Country Club last Thursday only his select friends were bidden to bask in the big Boss's smiles.

A FUR CAP.

NOTICE. The following articles—2 horses, 2 calves, 2 hogs, harness, lot of farm implements, interest in 7 acres corn etc., sold at constable's sale as the property of Chas. Wright, were purchased by the undersigned and all persons are hereby cautioned not to interfere with same. Mrs. MARY WRIGHT, Bellefonte, Pa.

Dixon Warns Teachers.

Circular letters are being sent out by State Health Commissioner Dixon to all local health and school authorities throughout Pennsylvania calling their attention to the compulsory vaccination law of 1895.

This act provides that persons in charge of public, private, parochial, Sunday and other schools to refuse admission to any child to the schools under their charge or supervision, except upon a certificate signed by a physician setting forth that said child has been successfully vaccinated or that it has previously had smallpox.

Dr. Dixon warns school teachers and principals that they are responsible, not to the school directors, but to the health authorities of the State for the enforcement of the law and that no action of the school directors can supersede the requirements of the law.

Harvest Home.

Washington Grange, 157, will hold a harvest home picnic and festival in Johnson's Grove, Pine Hall, Saturday, Sept. 30. Hon. A. L. Martin, deputy secretary of agriculture of Pennsylvania, and Hon. W. F. Hill, master of the Pennsylvania State Grange, will deliver addresses. Good music by a first class band.

Contentment may be better than riches, but give the average man the riches and he'll be content.

A good laprobe.

NOTICE!

This is the Store to do Your Buying and Trading at:

Table with columns: Our Price, Reg. Price, Hawkeye Oatflake, Flour, 17 lbs A Sugar, Pepper, Good Corn Broom, Salt, Candles Per Doz, Vanilla, Salt, Whole Rice, Baker's Chocolate, Gallon of Vinegar, 3 boxes Banner Lye, Green Tea, 3 cans corn, 3 cans Peas, Dunham's Coconut.

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