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Democrati State Ticket.

For State , asurer, WILLIAM H. BERRY, of Delaware county. For Justice of the Supreme Court, JOHN STEWART, of Franklin county, For Judge of the Superior Court. JOHN B. HEAD, of Westmoreland county.

County Ticket. For Sheriff. ELLIS S. SHAFFER, of Miles Twp. For Treasurer DR. FRANK K. WHITE, of Philipsburg. HARRY J. JACKSON, of Bellefonte. For Recorder. JOHN C. ROWE, of Philipsburg. For Commissioners, JOHN L. DUNLAP, of Spring Twp. C. A. WEAVER, of Penn Twp. For Auditors. JAMES W. SWABB, of Harris Twp. S. H. HOY, of Benner Twp. For Coroner, DR. P. S. FISHER, of Walker Twp.

EDITORIAL.

ALWAYS take a receipt.

BERRY will be at the Court House next Wednesday evening.

ABRAHAM V. MILLER wants to live off the public, by holding office. There are

GEN. GRANT was probably the greatest soldier this country ever produced-yet he was refused a third-term.

THE county funds should be trusted to careful hands. Elect Dr. White treasurer and you vote for a safe man.

LINK SWARTZ informs people that he is a poor farmer. At the same time Mr. Swartz is a stockholder in one of Bellfonte's leading banking concerns.

THERE will be no chance for extra vagrant bridge contracts being let in this county if taxpayers will elect Weaver and Dunlap as commissioners.

CAL. WEAVER is a careful business man-his integrity can not be questioned. He would make an ideal County Commissioner. We want business methods applied in that office.

We have the first complaint to hear that Dr. White has said an unkind word, or misrepresentation against his competitor for Treasurer. Dr. White is a thorough gentleman in all things.

It is only a few years ago that the voters gave Henry Kline's father an office as County Treasurer, worth probably \$10,000. Now the son asks for another favor. That is asking a great deal.

Few men have better clerical ability than Harry Jackson, and such a man in the Register's office will be a great cona clever young man, equally as honest but trained in newspaper work, and we doubt if he could give the Registers office the attention or efficient service as it would receive under Mr. Jackson,

In Centre county there are hundreds of policy holders, democrats and republicans, in the three great life insurance Companies, the Equitable, the New York Life, and in the New York Mutual Life insurance company. These policy holders have several hundred thousand dollars thus placed in life insurance and their policies guarantee these policy holders fair and honest dividends of the profits. Investigations now going on prove clearly that each of these three companies has been robbing the policy holders of millions of dollars in enormous salaries, by speculating with the profits and putting hundreds of thousands of dollars into the campaign fund of the G. O. P. machine. The dividends of the policy holders have been dwindling down gradually, instead of growing as the profits warrant, and the officers and politicians have fattened into millionaires. How do the robbed policy holders of Centre county like this? Robbery in every avenue, even in the sacred trust of life insurance, is being practiced by the scoundrels who are, and for years have been, running public affairs, corporations and the trusts. How do you like it? and will you vote to keep these provedguilty robbers in power who have been

A VETERAN REPUBLICAN SPEAKS.

HANNAH, CENTRE Co., PA., Oct. 2nd, 1905.

Editor of the "DEMOCRATIC WATCHMAN," Bellefonte, Pa.

Dear Sir:-Not being able to own and control a "newspaper," I must ask the favor of some owner of one to publish my articles on the political situation in our county and State. As the paper that represents the "Republican organization," not the party, in our county objects to giving me a hearing, to be explicit the Keystone Gazette; I am a subscriber and a reader of the Gazette and have been ever since it was published. In the issue of the Gazette of Sept. 15th, 1905, there is an editorial headed, "The purpose of the Democracy" I wish to pay my compliments to that article for the benefit of the "Republican party" of our county. The Gazette and a few notables with their "Macheavllian heads" are not the "Republican party" of our county. I for one consider it an outrage to judge, in this manner, of the intelligence of our county people. Read the article and then judge for yourself. The writer calls the reform movement in Philadelphia false, denounces Mayor WEAVER and his subordinates as puppets and calls it bulldozing-then my dear author I hope and pray that JOHN WEAVER will be able to bring to justice every ballot box stuffer and election thief that stays in Philadelphia. No matter where found. Down with plunder and "Plum Tree" shaking.

If the Republican party of Centre county is to assist the thieves and plunderers of Philadelphia, uphold them, then the sooner it is no more the better and God speed the day that its carcass is under the ground so deep that no perfume will tell where it lay.

On Saturday, Sept. 30th, 1904, I received a batch of documents from Philadelhia and among them is the clipping from the Keystone Gazette headed "Can't fool the People." The thought struck me the "author," might have been in a dream or in a state of "hypnotism" and thought he was the peo-

No my dear "Author" your true personality will shine forth. The Philadelphia Press, The Scranton Truth, The New York Tribune, the paper of WHITE LAW REID-President ROOSEVELT'S Ambassador to Great Britain, all sustain the Mayor of Philadelphia in his fight against plundering robbers.

To overwhelm the "corrupt and criminal" Republican machine is the first step

Hear what the New York Tribune says:

Is the entire Republican press of the country wrong?

The duty of every honest citizen is to be on the side of honesty without any regard to party. On the moral side, the obligation is overwhelming.

Now I say, Turn the Light on the State Treasury Mr. PLUMMER may be a "Saint," and if he is, he won't he one after he gets to be "Treasurer," for some one must be there to shake the "Plum Tree." You must not go in bad company or be taught a by bad "preceptor." I will oppose Mr. PLUMMER and vote for Mr. BERRY.

"The citadel which dominates the political battlefield of Pennsylvania, is the State Treasury. From its vaults have issued again and again the funds that have corrupted Legislatures, debauched constituencies, nourished bankrupt politicians and financed colossal gambles for the enrichment of so called Statesmen." This is from Lawyer BONNIWELL'S speech at Pottstown, Pa., Sept. 23, 1905.

COME OUT MY REPUBLICAN FRIENDS and down the grafters and plum tree shakers - and the "Yellow Dog" account.

Very respectfully yours,

JNO. T. FOWLER.

P. S .- I send to you clipping from Philadelphia Press of Oct. 1st, 1905; please insert in with this. JNO. T. FOWLER.

ORGANIZATION VS PARTY.

Philadelphia Press, Oct. 1st, 1905.

There is great confusion of thought on the subject of "reform within the party." This phrase misleads many minds. It perplexes men on both sides.

Many party men say they are working for "reform within the party," when that is not what they are working for at all. Many reformers say they don't believe in "reloam within the party," when that is not what they don't believe in at

The whol trouble grows out of a failure to discriminate between "party"

"organization." The two things are entirely distinct. The "party" is the whole body of voters under the party banner. The "organization" is simply the machine of place holders. The Republican party in Philadelphia consists of nearly 200,000 Republican electors. The Republican organization in Philadelphia consists of the 42 City Committeemen and the various Ward Committeemen. These have a few dependents and heelers—perhaps 10.000 all told—and that is what makes up the or-Now the "organization" tries to fool men with the idea that it is the "party."

But in fact the "organization" is no more the "party" than the piston rod is the engine. It is simply an instrumentality for operating it. If it is defective you cast it out and put in another. When you break the "organization" you don't break the "party." You simply throw the first away and make another organization.

Emory Storrs once said there was a great difference between HAVING the smallpox and BEING the smallpox. The Republican party in Philadelphia HAS the smallpox; the "organization" IS the smallpox. The disease is inherently, viciously, virulently corrupt; you cannot reform it; but the victim afflicted with the disease can be saved by expelling and throwing off the disease. When this distinction is intelligently made it simplifies and clarifies the whole question. It reduces the proposition to plain and unmistakable terms. When the reform Republican says he doesn't believe in "reform within the party" he only means that he doesn't believe in reform within the organization—that the Durham-McNichol "organization" cannot be reformed but must be cleaned out. And when the misled party man who follows the organization says he is trying to bring about "reform within the party" he really means that he pretends to hope for reform within the organization.

We believe earnestly in true "reform within the party" and we believe it will

We believe earnestly in true "reform within the party" and we believe it will be accomplished by the great body of true Republicans who will vote against the mask and decoy city ticket whose election would reinstate the corrupt organization in power.

WAITING FOR AN ANSWER.

The following is all that A. V. Miller has been willing to qualify to in revenience to the public who have inport- gard to the various trips with the bridge agents;

ant business in that department. Mr.

Jackson is reliable, careful, accurate, a man of unusual good judgment, specially adapted for such a position. His rival is adapted for such a position. His rival is a the same time paid the full amount of his board bill amounting to \$1.275 and took a receipted bill at the Hotel Princess where they were stopping.

ABRAM V. MILLER.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 28th day of September 1906.

James C. Furst.

Notary Public

All in the above was explicitly admitted, by us, and is not at issue. But the following affidavit, which was sent to Mr. Miller, October 4th, covers every point, but he will not make such a statement:

An Affidavit to the Point.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA SS COUNTY OF CENTRE

Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, in and for said county, Abraham V. Miller. President of the Commissioners Board of Centre county, who upon his solemn oath, doth depose and say

First:—I never accepted any money, or its equivalent, directly, or indirectly, before, during, or after my trip to Atlantic City, last August, from Wm. Buchannan, agent for the Nelson & Buchannan Co., or any one else for them; that I was not invited to be his guest on said trip; never solicted the expenses of such a trip from him; that I paid all my necessary expenses myself, and I was not recompensed for any amount of said expenses, in any manner or form, at any time, by said bridge company or its agent or anyone else.

SECOND:—In same manner and form as above, I declare that on my trip to St. Louis, in September 1904. I paid all expenses with my own money and neither the Penn Bridge Co., or its agent Wm. Farris, or anyone for them in any way, at any time, directly or indirectly, recompensed me with anything to pay part or all of the expenses of said trip, or gave me any money or anything of value about that time as a present.

There :—Upon my trip to Washington, D. C., in March 1904, and again in 1905, in same manner, fully as above. I declare that I paid all my own expenses with my own money; and neither the York Bridge Company, or any of its agents, or anyone else, in any way at any time, directly or indirectly recompensed me with anything to pay part or all of the expenses of said trip, or gave me any money or valuable thing as a present about that time.

FOURTH: --While Commissioner of Centre county I never accepted or received as a present a set of harness, a fur cap, a laprobe, or anything of about equal value, directly or indirectly, knowingly, from any bridge company or its agents, or anyone else representing them.

Sworn and subscribed before me this ---- day of September 1905.

Notary Public.

shamefully robbing widows and orphans? We will publish same if he does. Why does he hesitate?

DISHONESTY AND GREED.

The more deeply the New York legis-

sum \$1,759,622 went to the president's \$60.197 to \$87.574? son, Robert H. McCurdy as commissions The editor of this paper is not running their time. the general agents of the Mutual Com- meet any and all seeking his hide. Mr. pany for the New York district, who Harter, answer our charges-answer were favored with special contracts by our charges! Answer our Charges! the insurance company.

It was also shown that the salary of President Richard A. McCurdy has been \$150,000 a year since 1901, when it was House next Wednesday evening. increased \$50,000 a year at a single

Of course no such sums could be hon- ceipts. estly earned by the officers of any corporation. These officers, like the officers of the Equitable and the New York Life. took advantage of their position to rob the policy-holders. The exposure of their dishonesty and greed has covered them with contempt.

There ought to be a way to compel them to make restitution and to bring them to the bar of justice as criminals.

In any event, the exposure of these rascally transactions will prove a warning to the officials of all insurance companies and all great corporations who handle the money of other persons .-

BRIDGE EXPENSES.

The following is a comparison of the Bridge Expenses in Centre County for the past five years :

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Total for 2 years.....\$20.803.26 Average per year....\$10,401.63

The above shows that the present Board has been averaging over THREE TIMES more money spent for county bridges annually than formerly; and this year, from what can be learned, it will be still higher.

GOOD POINT. 4

"A darkey who swore he didn't steal a single ham from his master's meat house, convinced himself that he was telling the truth, because, instead of stealing a single ham, he stole two hams.

and hotel bill (at Atlantic City). Did he say that the Nelson and Buchannan Bridge Company refunded the money, in any shape or form? He omits that part—and that is the important part."— From Centre Reporter.

"The Centre Democrat has proven conclusively that the County Commissioners of Centre have been junketing all over the country with the bridge builders during the past three years, in-cluding trips to Atlantic City, the St. Louis Exposition and other places where a good time was assured."—From last issue Clearfield Republican.

Henry Kline is as fine a man as we have in the county, and so is his father, Harrison Kline, who was our county treasurer some years ago.-Gazette.

That was worth about \$10,000 to him just a few years ago. Now another of the family wants another slice. Has not the Kline family had enough? Henry now is tax-collector of Spring

THE old case of the lawyer who told a young practitioner that "when your side is weak and you have no case turn in and give the lawyers on the other side h—l" is called to mind by the frantic efforts of the Gazette to make a defense for its candidates this fall,-Watchman.

A set of harness, A fur cap. A fine laprobe.

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17 lbs A Sugar	1,00.	
Pepper		.40
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Vanilla	8.	.10
Salt	.03.	.05
Whole Rice	.06.	.10
Baker's Chocolate	.18.	.25
Gallon of Vinegar		.20
Coarse Salt in 125 lbs. sks	.70.	.85
28 lbs. sk. Dairy Salt	.20.	.25
Sweets		.25
Green Tea	.30.	.40
3 cans corn	.25.	5005200
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FACTS, NOT EPITHETS.

It would be more consistent for Brothshameful appears the betrayal of their agents to Atlantic City, St. Louis, trust by high officials.

It was brought out last week that Richard A. McCurdy, President of the Mutual Life Insurance Company and Mutual Life Insurance Company and payers would prefer to know what these his son and son-in-law had drawn out of excursions mean, and why three times don't want em to. All we want is to that company for salaries and commis- more money is spent on bridges than paint what they have to paint, whenever sions in the last twenty-one years the formerly and why last year's expenses they paint it; the longer the time, the enormous sum of \$4.534.120; that of this were increased about 45 per cent from enormous sum of \$4.534,120; that of this were increased about 45 per cent.-from

and salary, and that \$932.831 went to for office, is not an issue; nevertheless is the president's son-in-law, Louis A. not seeking any sympathy-there are shoes to last half a lifetime, and shoe the Thebaud, as his share of the profits of enough red corpuscles in his blood to YES, ANSWER OUR CHARGES!

HEAR candidate Berry at the Court

Letter to A. C. Mingle, Bellefonte.

Dear Sir: Would you rather have lative committee delves into the methods of the insurance companies, the more ty Commissioners took with bridge the help as turning water, and taking a spine of their commissioners. shine; or wag their heads and say noth-

in human nature to paint very often; we don't expect them to come very often; business enough in the world; there are houses enough to paint; let 'em take

If we were a shoemaker, we'd make whole town. Yours truly

F W DEVOE & Co

THROUGH the economy and good housekeeping of former democratic commissioners the big county debt was paid off. Not a dollar wrongfully spent can be shown up against them. Elect Dunlap It is becoming fashionable to take re- and Weaver and you will have same kind of good housekeeping.

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