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Democrat State Ticket.

For State Assessor,

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 Phillipsburg.

For Register,

HARRY J. JACKSON, of Bellefonte.

For Recorder,

JOHN C. ROWE, of Phillipsburg.

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.

THAT tur cap is a nice one.

ONLY a few people are offered a set of harness, a fine laprobe and a fur cap because they are influential.

THE prohibition party, with very few exceptions, will vote for Berry. That is a recommendation that he is a strong man.

LINK SWARTZ pleads the poor farmer racket, but never tells people that he is a stockholder in one of Bellefonte's big banking institutions. Poor fellow.

THE election is nigh—every taxpayer should give that important day some serious thought—it surely is high time, not only in our county affairs, but supremely so all over the state, to root out rottenness.

WHAT does Earl Tuten want with being elected Register when he has a daily and weekly newspaper? If elected, we doubt if he could give that office the attention it deserves. The public should think that over.

OUR friend Link Swartz boasts that he has no bad habits like drinking and the use of tobacco, yet he will step into a crowd and pass around the smokers to young men, encouraging what he considers a vice. That is not quite consistent.

ANOTHER batch of Philadelphia boodlers was arrested last week and put under bail for appearance at court. They stole thousands from the city and all are prominent politicians. Mayor Weaver assisted by James J. Gordon are bringing them one by one, to time. Let Berry get into the State Treasury and more such disclosures will follow.

AFTER a man has had a position as storekeeper at a distillery for years with a salary as high often as \$4 per day, and six years as county commissioner at \$3.50 per day, has he not had enough? The people in this county are opposed to third-termers, and when men show a disposition to continually hang at the public teat, the only way to get rid of them is to choke them off.

THE influences of the city and state bosses of the machine, are the power that governs the petty machine bosses in the counties, and educate and graduate them in the work of plundering the taxpayers in the counties, as the big bosses do in the city and the state. This is undeniable. An opportunity will be given at the polls next month to put a stop to this nefarious work by casting your votes against Plummer for state treasurer, who has been a ready tool of the machine in his record in the legislature, and voting for Berry who has a clean and unimpeachable record.

A vote for Ellis Shaffer goes for a clean, deserving man, a descendant of an old and respected pioneer family, and an industrious and useful citizen, who will make an excellent sheriff. He belongs to that class of poor men, about whom the Gazette blabbers so much in favor when such an one is its party's nominee, but won't have a kind word for that sort of democrat, but rather be inconsistent when a worthy, poor democrat is a candidate for office. Mr. Shaffer is competent for the place, is of kind and obliging disposition, and well fitted because he is equipped with a knowledge of German as well as English, a qualification so much required by a sheriff. Vote for Ellis Shaffer.

LOOTING THE TREASURY

Trail of Blood and Boodle Through History of Spoliation.

Life and Honor Freely Sacrificed to Feed the Rapacity of Republican Machine Managers, Who For a Quarter of a Century Have Been Preying Upon the Industry and Energy of the People.

The history of the Pennsylvania state treasury is an ever interesting though essentially pride-chastening study for the people. For years it has been a prolific source of graft and from the time that the late Senator Quay became secretary of the commonwealth and ex-officio commissioner of the sinking fund, a "trail of blood and boodle" has marked its records. Vast surpluses were unknown a quarter of a century ago, the fiscal officers of the commonwealth having been capable if not always conscientious, so that the receipts and expenditures about balanced. But Quay soon discovered that the sinking fund was an available fountain of funds and by conspiracy with a subordinate official of the treasury he abstracted large amounts for use in speculative operations. Since the keen scent of cupidly discovered the possibilities that are in big surpluses, taxes have been multiplied to create vast balances.

In a speech delivered at Pottstown, September 23d, by Eugene C. Bonniwell, Esq., of Philadelphia, the shameful record of this pool of iniquity is fully revealed. Mr. Bonniwell said:

The supreme issue which concerns us today is honesty. Ought the common standards ordinarily applied in society and business to be flagitiously ignored in the conduct of public affairs, and the funds of the people of Pennsylvania placed at the disposal of corrupt politicians and stock gamblers? There can be no party lines upon this proposition.

No citizen professing to be reputable can support the so-called Republican ticket in this campaign simply because it is labeled Republican. John Jay, the first chief justice of the United States, aptly said that adherence to party has its limits, and they are marked and prescribed by that supreme wisdom which has united and associated true policy with honor, rectitude and self-respect.

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 constitutions, nourished bankrupt politicians and financed colossal gambles for the enrichment of so-called statesmen.

The citizen worthy of the name who proposes to vote for the Republican nominee for state treasurer must do so on one of two grounds—either the conduct of the state treasury in the past has been of so meritorious an order as to justify the continuance of Republican control, or the character of the Republican nominee is so signally inspiring as to make certain an honest conduct of the office despite his political affiliations. Tried by either of these tests the Republican organization hopelessly fails.

Record of Flagrant Dishonesty.

Let the frightful trail of dishonesty and blood of wrecked homes and broken hearts has become less than a memory, permit me to recapitulate the known history of the state treasury. Within our own time when Samuel Butler, an honest man, was elected treasurer of the state of Pennsylvania, in 1879, he refused to receipt for the assets of the treasury because of the fact that \$260,000 was represented by nothing more than promissory notes of certain politicians. It was never denied that this money was taken out by Matthew Stanley Quay and lost in stock speculations. When exposure became imminent, he made Walters, cashier of the state treasury, shot and killed himself.

Amos C. Noyes, the retiring treasurer, a man of such rugged honesty that he was known as "Square Timber Noyes," took to his bed and died within a few months of a broken heart, and nothing save the action of Don Cameron in contributing the \$260,000 in cash for political purposes, prevented a public scandal that should have driven the Republican administration from power. It was asserted that at that time Quay contemplated suicide.

Undeterred by the murder of these two men, in 1885 and thereafter, Quay having been elected state treasurer that year, renewed his raids on the state treasury. Following his brief term W. B. Hart was elected state treasurer and his friends have always believed that his untimely death was caused by the frightful knowledge of the condition of the state treasury.

Livesy succeeded Hart. In 1888 another colossal raid was made on the state treasury. With the assistance of A. Wilson Norris, then auditor general of Pennsylvania, Quay secured from Livesy \$400,000 with which to purchase stock in a Chicago traction deal. So deeply did his connection with this case bear upon Norris that before the end of the summer of 1888 he had drunk himself to death.

The colored messenger of the state department, named Warren, who had helped Norris carry the securities to Philadelphia, was found drowned in the Susquehanna canal, and William Livesy, in 1891, fled from the state of Pennsylvania and has never returned.

Forced to Divide the Loot.

Before he died Norris left a letter addressed to Senator Quay, requesting him to see that his widow received the \$10,000 which was his share of this gigantic steal. When Quay refused Mrs. Norris placed the matter in the hands of Riddle & Ward, a distinguished firm of lawyers. The response was instant and it is a curious commentary upon the condition of affairs in Philadelphia that the gentleman who then stepped in as representing Mr. Quay, and forestalled a public scandal of overwhelming proportions, was the same gentle-

man who within a few months has sought to erect himself into a bulwark between outraged citizens of Philadelphia and demoralized machine politicians. That eminently respectable member of the Union League of Philadelphia, who settled the Quay case with Mrs. Norris, was Silas W. Pettit, chairman of the so-called Committee of Twenty-one, "pure and undefiled reformers within the party lines." Through all these years had run the minor thievery. Favored banks, officered by corrupt business men, could always secure a share of the state deposits by promising to reloan a portion of them to the politicians who secured the deposits, and millions of the state's money has been for years in the absolute control of the political bankers of Pennsylvania without a return of a single cent of interest to the state treasury.

Criminal Episode of the People's Bank

In 1898 the People's Bank of Philadelphia, long known as a political institution, which served as a clearing house for machine politicians, closed its doors. Immense sums of state moneys had been placed there on deposit and loaned Republican politicians for speculation or otherwise. John S. Hopkins, the cashier, following in the footsteps of Walters, blew out his brains, and James McManes, president, stockholder and politician, made up a deficit of \$600,000 to quiet a scandal; but in the dead cashier's desk were found papers which prove conclusively that Quay and others had secured state deposits to the bank in order that they might be reloaned to themselves individually. One was the famous telegram, signed M. S. Quay, dated St. Louis, February 15, 1898: "John S. Hopkins, cashier: If you will buy and carry 1000 Met. for me, I will shake the plum tree." And a letter was found from Benjamin J. Haywood, state treasurer, showing that the plum tree had been shaken; that he had placed an additional \$100,000 of state funds in the bank, and requesting the loan of a similar amount to Richard Quay, the son of the senator. B. J. Haywood died suddenly a few weeks before the time set for his trial with Senator Quay upon the charge of criminal conspiracy. It is recent history to the people of Pennsylvania how the senior senator, in this great commonwealth, brought to the bar of justice, avoided punishment for his manifold iniquities by pleading the statute of limitations.

The Philadelphia Press in 1885, in opposing the nomination of Quay for state treasurer, asserted it would take the lid from off the treasury and expose secrets before which Republicans would stand dumb. The lid has never been lifted. How much corruption seethes within its walls only the facile tools of the Republican machine can tell, unless the spectres of Noyes, Walters, Hart, Norris, Warren, Hopkins and Haywood, driven to their graves by a burden of guilt too great to bear, lend circumstantial corroboration to the stories of plunder.

Treasury Balance May Be Fictitious.

The books of the state treasury have never been audited, although the paper statements show a balance of \$10,000,000 annually. No school appropriation in Pennsylvania has ever been paid until long overdue, and then only in heed of the clamoring of the district boards. Indeed, there is a grave doubt that the \$10,000,000 is in the state treasury, and it may be that the state of Pennsylvania carries as a portion of that asset the personal debts, the memorandums of indebtedness and the I. O. U.'s of politicians, many of them now outlawed beyond redemption.

If the state treasurer's accounts are straight, why deny inspection to the public? Why refuse that which every honest trustee demands, an auditing of his accounts? Why select the most pliant tool in the employ of the machine for this most responsible post? If any business man, contemplating the appointment of a treasurer to handle, uncontrolled, the receipts of a great business, what sane man would select J. Lee Plummer? Upon his public record his ability is so contemptible that he has never been admitted to the councils of the Republican organization, his disposition so pliant that he served that organization as a messenger boy without inquiry as to the rights or wrongs of the orders he delivered; his record, persistently adverse to every good measure, and consistently favoring every corrupt measure. This man has made himself impossible to the most narrow partisan who holds a remnant of self-respect.

Supported Infamous Legislation.

He was an active supporter of the infamous Puhl bill, designed to cripple law and order societies in their war upon the degrading forms of vice which menace our great cities; he was a supporter of the Ehrhardt bills which actually proposed to protect the bank-his white slave dealers in Philadelphia county. He supported the Susquehanna river grab; the Snyder water works grab; all three of the Philadelphia ripper bills; the Grady-Sains libel law; the bill authorizing the delivery of the commissions of the courts of Philadelphia to appoint election officers, to further debauch election conditions in Philadelphia. The chief bill to which he was recorded in opposition was the bill to increase allowances to the township high schools.

No statement that I have made regarding Mr. Plummer is taken from any other source than the legislative record of his acts. He stands convicted upon his own record of a moral feebleness and turpitude that can be equaled only by that of any free citizen who votes for him. John Fisk, the distinguished economist, shortly before his death denounced "the fallen state of Pennsylvania morals, sunk in bondage to petty tyrants as cheap and vile as ever cumbered the earth." What words could be used to depict the present leaders

of that once invincible organization? Opposed to this character the honest citizens of Pennsylvania have united upon a man the antithesis of J. Lee Plummer: a man who is the head of a large and successful manufacturing establishment; an employer of labor whose voice has never been raised, save in the interest of honest government; whose character among his neighbors is so transcendent that the town of Chester, which in November, 1904, gave that magnificent president of ours, Theodore Roosevelt, a majority of 1800, elected this man mayor of that town in February by a majority of 600. That man is William J. Berry.

SOME LOCAL HISTORY.

When D. H. Hastings was elected Governor, he promised E. R. Chambers to give him the position of Deputy Revenue Collector. Abraham V. Miller got after him later for the same job and when he learned that Chambers had the promise, he attempted to force Hastings to break his pledge to Mr. Chambers. A large delegation of his friends, (who did not understand the situation) in a body went to Hastings' home and made a demonstration to coerce Hastings to go back on his promise to Chambers, and appoint Mr. Miller. The Gov. stood firm to his pledges, and from that time on Abraham V. Miller bitterly fought Gov. Hastings, and openly boasted of voting against him.

For doing this, probably more than anything else, he was appointed County Commissioner by Judge Love, over Thomas Fisher, who certainly was entitled to the second term.

A man who took a second term from Thomas Fisher, certainly is not justified in asking for a THIRD TERM.

EXPLAINING.

The following is the Gazette's first answer to the commissioners traveling with bridge agents on big trips:

"A lie—pure and simple." "Our Commissioners would hardly be FOOLS enough to do such a thing now—even though they were dishonest—FOR NO HONEST MAN WOULD DO A THING LIKE THAT."

Last week they half-heartedly admitted it to be true and tried to justify their conduct.

It is all too true; and more of it.

Found Dead in Chicago Hotel.

Word was received in Tyrone, Tuesday that the dead body of Wm. H. Nearhoof had been found in his room at the Hotel Oxford, Chicago. He had been overcome by gas Mr. Nearhoof left Tyrone, Tuesday of last week, October 10, for a vacation trip to Chicago. There he was a guest at the Hotel Oxford. His friend, Charles Smith, was also in Chicago at the time, and when he went to Mr. Nearhoof's room Tuesday morning he found the latter dead.

Active at 111 Years.

Mrs. Besley Freeman has lived 111 years. She is still active, hearty and cheerful. She celebrated her one hundred and eleventh birthday at Red-bank Junction last Wednesday, and her friends and neighbors for miles around were present to do the old woman honor. The care of one of her children, a "lad" 82 years old, takes up no little of her time. Besides, she milks cows daily and drives them to and from pasture, a considerable distance.

On Monday the general council of the Lutheran church of North America, in session at Milwaukee, decided that ministers of the church should hereafter not officiate at the marriage of divorced persons except in cases where a separation has been decreed for infidelity or willful desertion lasting at least one year. The latter case leaves a large loophole, yet nevertheless the action of the church registers another advance upon the question. The churches generally are becoming aroused to the necessity of doing something to decrease the divorce evil, and to render more difficult the marriage of those who have been divorced. The evil can never be reduced to a minimum until legislators and churchmen do all in their power to limit it.

NOTICE!

Our Sugar Prices

FOR SATURDAY:

Gran. Sugar, . 8c per lb, reg. price 7c
A Sugar, . 5 1/2c per lb, reg. price 6 1/2c
C Sugar, . . 6c per lb, reg. price 6c

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Items include 11 cakes of Soap, Flour, Pepper, Good Corn Broom, Vanilla, Salt, Whole Rice, Baker's Chocolate, Gallon of Vinegar, Coarse Salt in 125 lbs. sks, 28 lbs. sk. Dairy Salt, Sweets, Green Tea, 3 cans corn.

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