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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.
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For Auditors, JAMES W. SWABB, of Harris Twp. S. H. HOY, of Benner Twp.
For Coroner, DR. P. S. FISHER, of Walker Twp.

EDITORIAL.

ABOVE all the fitness of men to fill certain offices, is the important thing. That is why Harry Jackson deserves to be elected Register.

THE father was County Treasurer, now the son wants to be sheriff—pushing the claim a little hard. Henry Kline now is tax collector of Spring township, worth about \$600 per year. On the other hand Ellis Shaffer and none of his family have been office holders. He is a poor man, and the good things should be passed around.

SINCE Link Swartz is making an especial appeal to every granger for support because he is a granger, it is in order to note that his opponent Dr. White is also a granger, but does not attempt to advance his political aspirations by it. Dr. White is a member of the Moshannon grange at Phillipsburg. He is not farming but oversees a farm, that is the situation; and was solicited over a year ago by grangers to join, as he was eligible.

DECENT republicans all over state—in every county, Centre included—are refusing to support the gang ticket, with Plummer at its head for State Treasurer, because it is a make-up from the hands of robbers, a score of whom have been found guilty and a large batch more under arrest awaiting trial, and upon hearing found guilty of thieving, stuffing ballot boxes and other crimes. The only man on the ticket who is worthy of support is John Stewart for Supreme Judge and the democrats have endorsed him because he is a good man and always fought and kicked against the machine and its robberies. Mr. Stewart was put on the machine ticket to hide its ugly sores and lend it an appearance of respectability. But he will be elected and not change one iota of his disgust of machine methods of rascalities in all exposed manifold ways.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP DEFINED.

A Distinguished Republican Clearly Determines the Duty of Good Citizens.

HANNAH, PA., Oct. 23rd, 1905.
Editor of the "DEMOCRATIC WATCHMAN,"

Bellefonte, Pa.,

Dear Sir:—I cannot let an article with the caption, "Highest duty of the Citizen" in the Gazette of Oct. 20th, 1905, pass me without saying a few words in reply. The highest duty of any man, no matter what country he is a citizen of, is to be VIRTUOUS. The breast of a good man is a little heaven commencing on earth. There are minds so habituated to intrigue that it is impossible for them to see the good, they must wear the mask of deception.

Republicans, do not be deceived by being told they are not doing your duty to your state by supporting Mr. Berry for State Treasurer. You are doing your duty to God, to your nation, to your state, and to yourself by helping to defeat the corrupt ring of politicians that now control the funds of our State. Yes, eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, so be on your guard, and do not let them steal the whole State. Theodore Roosevelt has no room for such despisers, ballot boxstuffers and bank wreckers. Why should the people be taxed to keep millions of money in the "Treasury" for the benefit of a gang of corruptionists? when bonds, the state negotiated for loans have been offered to our "State Treasurer," he has refused to purchase them and relieve the state of debt that much. He had the money though for the Enterprise Bank, at Allegheny City, Pa.—another dead man, chargeable to this desperate gang. The poor, having their hard-earned savings there, which may all be lost, are most always the greatest sufferers. You are asked to vote for a man for State Treasurer, "J. LEE PLUMMER," one of the members of our last legislature. He has not denied the charges brought against him by HON. HENRY C. NILES, of York, Pa.

Yes, the same convention that put J. LEE PLUMMER on the Republican Ticket also claims the honor of nominating GEN. JAMES A. BEAVER for Superior Court Judge. GEN. JAMES A. BEAVER's worth as an honest, upright, Christian gentleman, learned in the law, and a soldier patriot, put him on the ticket, not the gang. It is sacrilege to mention GEN. BEAVER's name in connection with any act that is not becoming; this I cannot say of J. LEE PLUMMER. Why did that convention put HON. JOHN STEWART on the ticket to lead the ticket? because they could not help it; like GEN. BEAVER, he put himself there. He is no gang man, that they found out some years ago. When GEN. BEAVER was defeated for Governor some years ago, it was the votes that the HON. JOHN STEWART received as an independent candidate that defeated GEN. BEAVER and elected HON. ROBT. E. PATTISON for Governor. Yes, GEN. BEAVER has been a good "party man" all his life and what is to his credit, most of the time he was much better morally than his party was in this State.

Don't say anything about Mongrels. Who made up the original "Republican" party? Mongrels, all shades and colors, the three distinct races of mankind—Black, White and Yellow, and Red. All that could be found was pitched in against our opponents.

Very Respectfully yours, JNO. T. FOWLER.

P. S.—Please insert these two clippings from the "Philadelphia Press" with this:

PARTY NAME WON'T SHIELD THEM.

When a common criminal comes to trial nobody bothers to ask whether he is a Republican, Democrat or Populist. The only thing that is to give him a fair trial, and send him to jail if guilty. His imprisonment doesn't affect the party to which he belongs.

Nothing could be more stupid than the cry of the Machine bosses that to smash them now means defeat for the Republicans at the next national election. These grafters assume that they are the Republican party. The truth is they are only an obnoxious and deadly blister upon the party. Their effacement means greater triumphs for real Republicanism in the future.

To kill a flea on a dog is only bad for the flea. It doesn't hurt the dog.

THE BOSSES CAN'T RIDE.

There is a small tenant of the sea that has no backbone. It also lacks any weapon with which to fight or to defend itself. But providence endowed this despicable creature with one possible means of evading its foes. In its woful make-up it carries a little sack filled with dark fluid, and whenever attacked it discolors the water all around itself in order to elude its antagonist. Biologists says, however, it nearly always fails.

The Philadelphia Machine bosses have adopted a similar method of defense. Having no justice, reason or honesty on their side they are endeavoring to escape by befouling the issue. Like the brainless fish, they are simply trying to muddy the water.

But they themselves are the issue. On the one side are these thieving rascals who have governed only to grow rich on their plunder. On the other side are the honest people. No amount of tom-foolery about reform within the party can prevent every decent citizen from seeing what the real target is and from aiming a shot at it. The grafters cannot escape by muddying the water.

BERRY'S MEETING.

The address of Mayor Berry, in the Court House last week, was one of the finest speeches heard in Bellefonte for years. It made a lasting impression and as a result many republicans have decided to support him for State Treasurer. Should he come back here that building would not hold half the crowd. In this connection we submit extracts of two reports of that meeting by our republican papers—as an illustration of common honesty and prevarication:

Editor Tuten, in the Republican: BERRY IN BELLEFONTE. LARGE CROWD LISTENS TO DEMOCRAT-PROHIBITION NOMINEE.

The public rally held in the Court House Wednesday evening to listen to the Democratic candidate for State Treasurer, William H. Berry, of Chester, drew a large crowd to the Court House. A special train on the Bellefonte Central brought two car load of people from Buffalo Run. There were no other special trains but quite a number of people drove to town from the surrounding country. Mayor Berry is an eloquent speaker and he got off some very witty sayings.

Editor Harter in the Gazette: THE BERRY MEETING CONSPICUOUS FOR LACK OF ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE OF ENTHUSIASM.

The Berry meeting on Wednesday evening was not a success as everybody, regardless of politics, will admit if he is honest. But, notwithstanding the good music they produced and the vigorous ringing of the court bell, the people failed to become enthused and when the meeting was finally called to order by our Homeopathic colonel, Jack Spangler, the house was not half full.

"That the meeting was a failure in attendance and enthusiasm is conceded.

The people in town know which report is untrue. It is unnecessary to call the one a falsifier.

COMB. BAILEY is reported to be using the argument that he raised the assessment on town property and that for that reason the country people should vote for him. He likely uses other pleas to capture the votes of people living in town.

WHILE bossing about the ore banks Henry Kline is credited with refusing democrats work and saying: "Let them starve!" Now he is soliciting votes from the same people.

Fifteen headaches cured for 10c by using "Moyer's Headache Tablets." t.f.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

Many of our readers do not keep in close touch with the present campaign and frequently inquire how the election will be going. While no living soul can tell to a certainty what will happen, there are many unmistakable signs that point to the same conclusion—being reached by every one who notes the interesting series of political events.

Berry's election is predicted. That is a large claim, but in Philadelphia a civic eruption has taken place. The registration of 60,000 illegal phantom voters has been unearthed. The Mayor this year will have a competent police force at the polls to protect honest voters and watch for ballotbox stuffers. Never in its history has the good, moral, decent sentiment of Philadelphia, and this state, been so thoroughly aroused against the Gang of corrupt politicians who have regularly looted that city and this state, as has been illustrated this year. This feeling has spread throughout the state. J. Lee Plummer, the man who played "errand boy" for this Gang in the last session of the legislature, and was its willing tool, up to this time has held his tongue in mute silence as his corrupt public career has been exposed—never daring to deny, or even attempting to explain or defend, his crooked course at Harrisburg in working for the Gang.

Insurance frauds, legislative grafts, public building grafts, commissioners graft, bridge graft, school directors graft—graft—graft—but the worst of all seems to be the State Treasury graft by which banks are looted while suicide and death follow in the trace of this political Gang's operations.

Bull Andrews, Bois Penrose and other Machine politicians are directly charged with the wrecking of the Enterprise Bank in Allegheny last week by taking state funds there and then using same personally without security. The cashier suicides, a widow and children mourn, while thousands of poor depositors lose their savings. All this happened last week, out in Allegheny. The Machine put over a million of the state's money on deposit in that bank—then stole the same and busted the bank. This same Gang nominated J. Lee Plummer; they need a willing tool in that department.

All these things have aroused public indignation. The recent speech of President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft denouncing political corruption, advising citizens to vote against all such party nominees, thereby confirming Elihu Root who called the Gang in this state a "criminal and corrupt combination" masquerading as republicans—all this has had a profound effect.

The campaign this year is not a democratic, republican or prohibition issue. Party organizations are simply the machinery employed to defeat and bring to justice this "criminal and corrupt combination" that has its grip on the republican party in the state.

The election of Berry means that Prohibitionists and republicans vote for him without changing their politics, but to defeat these treasury looters.

From all parts of the state comes the good tidings that Berry will be elected. Philadelphians declare this time the Gang will be slaughtered, and a political revolution is assured.

For the first time this paper makes the declaration that Berry is sure to be elected, and the situation is improving daily.

Every reader of this paper is urged to become an active worker from this on until the election in the cause of reform. It is a noble fight and the victory will be a glorious one.

Do your duty. Be sure and get to the polls, November 7th. Be a missionary in the cause of honest government and talk with your neighbor over this subject; induce him to go with you to the polls and do his duty as a good citizen.

Several hundred republicans and that many Prohibitionists in Centre county will vote for Berry for the above reasons. It is a winning fight; the call of the Minute Man—Mayor Weaver—has resounded from the Delaware, across the Alleghenies to the lakes; while the financial wrecks in Allegheny reverberate over the hills that vengeance is at hand, and the looters must repay. Not alone the farmer at the plow, the artisan at his bench, the merchant at his counter, but even then the Messengers of God in our pulpits, all are enlisted in this battle for civic reform. It is right—for Right.

"READ, THINK, ACT."

The "Hustler" published at Howard, Pa., is a republican paper. For that season carefully read the following which is from the last issue:

"Every citizen of Centre county should take an earnest interest in public affairs. The duties of each citizen are equal. The selection of county officials is quite as important to the people of this county as the choice of a president. Each man owes it to himself as a citizen to take an interest in the coming election. He owes it to his county to see to it that the offices are filled with competent and reliable men. If it appeals to you as your duty to become interested in the selection of county officers, go over the list of candidates make a fair and honest comparison from the right standpoint and we believe you will agree with us that all the republican nominees, except those for County Commissioner, are qualified in every particular to fill the offices they aspire for."

That hoarseness may mean croup before morning. Have a bottle of "Oil of Gladness" handy. Use it and go to sleep. t.f.

EXPENSIVE BUSINESS.

The following are some reasons why county expenses are increasing: Last year the commissioners gave a contract to J. I. Wagner, of Liberty, to paint the Marsh Creek Bridge. For some strange reason his contract was revoked, saying they wanted two coats of paint on instead of one. Mr. Leathers got the contract and the bridge got only one coat; Wagner was a democrat, Leathers a republican. Wagner kicked and they paid him about five dollars extra to smooth him over, and the amount was charged up in the last statement under the head of "Repairs."

They tried to revoke a contract with Conrad Miller for abutments, and give it to two politicians at a higher price. Miller threatened to haul them before the Court and they yielded.

When the interior of the county jail wall was to be plastered this summer Mitch Lieb, and the Haupt Bros., asked to put in a bid and were left to understand that they would have a chance. Figures around \$200 and \$240 were mentioned. The work was farmed out to politicians and the job cost the county \$397.50.

In awarding bridges, local bridge agents declare they never were given a chance to enter a bid, but contracts invariably were awarded to the favorite companies, without any competition, whose agents took them out on trips to Atlantic City, St. Louis, Washington, D. C., etc.

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

1900—Democratic Board...\$4,412.85

1901- " " " " 1,594.74

1902- " " " " 4,199.95

Total for 3 years...\$10,207.57

Average per year...\$3,402.52

1903—Republican Board...\$ 9,045.97

1904- " " " " 11,041.63

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.

THE GANG'S GRAFT.

In an interview J. B. Corey, a director of the Braddock National Bank, corroborated the statements of Homer L. Castle relative to deposits of State funds, and said:

A few years ago the Braddock National Bank was made one of the State depositories. The State Treasurer consented to deposit some money with us, and sent, I think, a draft for \$10,000. The deposit entry was hardly dry on our books until one of the ring politicians came to Braddock with a note for discount. We did not like the security he offered, and turned the note down. The State deposit was checked out immediately. That ended the Braddock National Bank's State depositoryship.

About two years ago a friend of our bank approached J. G. Kelly, our president, with a proposition to get as a \$20,000 State deposit if we would discount a ringster's note.

Mr. Kelly said to him: "Why not make it \$100,000?" A few days afterward he came back, saying we could have \$100,000 deposit if we would discount a \$20,000 note for one of the ring politicians. I don't remember the man's name.

We turned the note down, and got no State deposit. I have been told by men who know that there are few banks that have State money on deposit that don't have to make loans to ring politicians. So notorious is this fact I would not consent to have the Braddock National Bank become a State depository on any condition. That is why it is time to have the State Treasury out of the Gangs control.

Moving Pictures.

Edwin J. Hadleys moving pictures will be at Garman's opera house Saturday evening October 28th, for the benefit of Gregg Post's Monument fund. This is the finest combination of the kind that travels.

Your child may have croup to-night. Have a bottle of "Oil of Gladness" in the house. It will cure it. t.f.

Letter to Robt. Cole, Bellefonte, Pa. Dear Sir: Devoce is worth \$4 to \$5 a gallon, put-on; how much is another paint worth? Depends on how many gallons you've got to put-on; to be equal to one of Devoce.

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Last summer bought 40 gallons Devoce for same houses; had 10 gallons left. Mr. N. Avery, Delhi, N. Y., owns two houses exactly alike; painted one with Devoce; took 6 gallons. The other with some other; took 12 gallons.

What'd you give for those off paints? Bear in mind, you've got to pay for the painting. Yours truly, F. W. DEVOCE & CO. New York

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

Our Reg. Price. Price.

11 cakes of Soap..... .25

Flour..... 1.10 1.25

Pepper..... .25 .40

Good Corn Broom..... .20 .25

Vanilla..... .8 .10

Salt..... .03 .05

Whole Rice..... .06 .10

Baker's Chocolate..... .15 .25

Gallon of Vinegar..... .15 .20

Coarse Salt in 125 lbs. sks .70 .85

28 lbs. sk. Dairy Salt..... .20 .25

Sweets..... .19 .25

Green Tea..... .30 .40

3 cans corn..... .25

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Allegheny St. Bellefonte, Pa.

APPEAL FOR HONESTY.

Rev. Spangler Administered Some Timely Rebukes.

At the Lewistown Lutheran church Sunday evening 15, on the text, "Thou shalt not steal," the pastor spoke of the assaults that have been made upon the church of Jesus Christ by the hosts of infidelity but that in his mind they had proved invulnerable. There was one charge made, however, that has stood unanswered, and that is the inconsistency, ect., of church members. That many who participate at the sacrament, are in their worldly business, etc., the merest Shylocks.

He then referred to the government of municipalities, and the care and keeping of money as a public trust. Much is heard of these days which is termed "graft" or a "rake-off" so called. It needs no established discussion—it is plain enough to all. He then illustrated this in a forcible and trenchant manner. Two instances in particular, one in his own home township where a supervisor was offered six hundred dollars as a "rake off" on the construction of two bridges in the Juniata Valley that originally cost \$17,000 and being swept away was rebuilt at a cost of \$147,000. He spoke of the set "grafts and rake offs" as the money collected from the people—the tax payers and in numerous instances from poor widows and others who had worked and saved to gather the money to save their humble homes.

That many an old homestead that was built by the money earned by the sweat and toil of an ancestor had been sold for cash by those holding moneys in trust, much of which was invested in faulty and doubtful securities. All these are not mere questions of politics but of duty, and moral responsibility. Reference was then made to candidates for public office, who are no sooner nominated when all the efforts possible were made to draw money from their pockets. Societies, Sunday schools and churches have not been free from this, and I hope, said the speaker, that no members of my church will be guilty of such a thing.

The Philadelphia gang has got down to a low degree. At the rally it had advertised for several weeks to be held one day last week, no decent republicans participated. Of the prominent public men, only one, Governor Pennypacker, lacked self-respect and attended to speak in favor of the dollar-packers, the gang that has robbed the city and state out of millions of dollars. Not a single member of Roosevelt's cabinet would accept an invitation to speak, and Senator Foraker, of Ohio, who had accepted an invitation and intended to speak, when he learned that the gang rally was simply a blow-out by the machine that had been robbing the city and state of millions of dollars, promptly withdrew his acceptance. The gang of thieves was thus left without a single man of prominence, save Pennypacker, to address the disreputables. What will self-respecting republicans of Centre county do when it comes to voting at the polls in November, will they vote the state and county ticket of the robber gang, or like true citizens, cast their ballots for decent men running on the joint ticket of democrats and independent republicans? Even Roosevelt denounces the gang and gang methods.

A VOTE for A. V. Miller endorses a 3rd-term.

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