

The Centre Democrat

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For Assembly, J. CALVIN MEYER, of Bellefonte.

For Sheriff, FRED F. SMITH, of Rush township.

For Register, G. F. WEAVER, of Gregg township.

For Recorder, F. PIERCE MUSSEY, of Milheim.

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For County Commissioners, C. A. WEAVER, of Penn township.

J. L. DUNLAP, of Spring township.

For Auditor, J. W. BECK, of Marion township.

JOHN L. COLE, of Walker township.

For Coroner, DR. P. S. FISHER, of Zion.

EDITORIAL.

GET out the vote, next Tuesday.

ELECT Bryan and there certainly will be a panic among the postmasters—none will suffer more than the Emigrant.

The only "industries" that are likely to be interfered with if Bryan is elected, will be the soup houses called into being by the present republican panic.

EVERY Democrat make it a point to see that no democrat in his neighborhood fails to attend the election in times of dire necessity like these. Give this your especial attention, on November 3rd.

R. B. TAYLOR says democrats should vote for him for assembly as he claims to have voted for democrats. That should make republicans drop him—it cuts two ways. If he wished to be elected by democratic votes then he should be a democrat.

In the columns of some of our prosperity shrieking contemporaries will be noted the item that when a local mill needing about 175 men reopened the other day there were over 1,000 needy, eager men striving before the gates pleading to be taken on. No full dinner pail, yet.

SHARPLESS, the milk separator man, has written to Centre and other counties, trying to explain himself out of the notice posted for his hands, that Bryan's election would close his separator shops, and that the hands should join in the Taft parade. Sharpless has heard from all parts of the county since, and the bitter has found himself bit—farmers can purchase as good a separator as the Sharpless and that has put the intimidator to thinking down to his boots.

ONE of our readers complains that this paper has neglected to refer to the candidacy of Dr. P. S. Fisher, of Zion, for Coroner. In fact, there is some justice in the complaint, but we always felt it was unnecessary. Everybody in Centre county knows or has heard of Dr. Fisher, of Zion, as he is one of the best physicians about. Further, he is likely to get so many complimentary votes that his election was assured long ago. Doc. Fisher is alright.

VOTERS, don't you think it is time to shut down upon further enriching the millionaire trusts and corporations at your expense? All empty dinner pails, and men out of work, should have a chance. You will stand no chance to get above poverty and hunger, unless, by your votes, you turn the stream of prosperity from the bloated ones, and let it run in the channel that leads to the hungry millions of laboring men. Don't you, voters, believe that "Turn about is fair play." Vote for a change, then.

If you have a fellow feeling for one who has delved with only one arm, for many years, is poor but competent for the office of Register, then you will feel impelled to vote for George F. Weaver. He should, under the circumstances, have NO opposition. If he were, like his competitor, in possession of two arms and two occupations, it might be a matter political, but it appeals to the humane, christian spirit of every voter that George F. Weaver be chosen for Register. Voter, will you fail to be a Good Samaritan, pass by?

BE A GOOD CITIZEN.

Bert Taylor has notified us that "all hell can't prevent" his election; that he was not through with us, and the morning after the election "The Centre Democrat" would look as though it had gone through a wringer.

No, all the booze Bert Taylor can scatter over Centre county, and all the boodle he will put out to buy floating votes will not save his discreditable campaign, as he stands for everything that is corrupting and degenerating in political and public life, and by this time the public recognizes that fact. He is egotistical enough to think he can fool Democrats and Republicans whenever he likes. He has no qualifications for the office except that of a heeler, a gangster, a rooster; and if the opportunity were afforded, if elected, we believe he would be one of the very worst types of bootleggers and looters—would rejoice in his cunning and laugh at what fools the public are.

He represents everything in politics that is offensive to good citizenship. He is a man who could not be trusted at Harrisburg. By this time we believe every voter of both parties fully understands this man. For the sake of common decency we believe all good, honest, upright citizens, regardless of political affiliations, will wage a common warfare next Tuesday on Bert Taylor, on his followers, and on his degenerate political methods, so that in the future such men will not dare to seek an office in either the Democratic or Republican parties in Centre county. This is the time to strike. By voting that way, the overwhelming defeat of this man Taylor would never be considered in a political light, it could not be classed as a purely Democratic victory. It would not be a sacrifice of any party principles to vote against such a man—no, never. It could only be regarded as an awakening of the public conscience, an appeal to the good citizenship of Centre county, an effort to protect public office from pollution.

Such a warfare for decency will appeal to the sturdy manhood of every conscientious voter. Yet, well-thinking is of no avail, it must be accompanied by works. Next Tuesday see that you go to the polls early and vote—see that your neighbor goes there also and votes as he should. Do your duty next Tuesday and we have no fear as to the result. Above all, be a good citizen, next Tuesday.

BRYAN PANIC.

In case of the election of Bryan and Kern, next Tuesday, there will be a wide-spread panic that will extend from Washington to the remotest corners of the country and even to our farthestmost possessions. It will be a peculiar panic affecting certain classes only.

Yes, Bryan's election will cause an awful panic among the officials who infest the numerous departments at Washington, and for years have grown slick and fat on political pap.

Then there are thousands of other rats sticking in postoffices, etc., over the country who are already squealing over the prospects of having to earn an honest living.

Yes, Billy Bryan, when elected will cause such a panic, and its coming, too.

LITTLE attention is often paid to the office of county auditor, possibly for the reason that there is an insignificant salary connected with it. That is a mistake, as auditors have a most important work to perform: to examine carefully the expenditures in the various departments of the county and see that they are proper and correct. The democratic nominees are Messrs. J. W. Beck, of Marion township and John L. Cole, of Zion, both active, competent young men and worthy of your support. Vote for Beck and Cole—they won't farm the job, either.

NO ELECTION ever held was of such great importance to the common class of the people—the farmer, mechanics, laboring masses, as that on November 3rd. The plain issue is: Shall trusts and corporations continue to eat out the substance of the people? Go to the polls, Nov. 3rd, and give an emphatic NO, by voting for Bryan, the champion of the people.

MR. FARMER, do you know that your neighbor, over in Canada, gets the same price for his farm products? At the same time he does not have to pay double prices for what he needs on account of tariffs and trusts. That is why so many farmers are now leaving here for Canada.

DR. P. S. FISHER has conducted the office of County Coroner for a number of years in a manner to save the county unnecessary expense. We predict that he will, as he deserves, receive the highest vote in recognition of the highly creditable discharge of his duties as Coroner.

WHEN farmers are told that the republican party deserves credit for good products, ask them why the Canadian farmer, who has no such party, gets the same price.

If TEDDY Roosevelt could not prevent a panic, and men can not secure employment, how do you know that Taft could do any better?

ARRANGE your business on Tuesday so that you can go early to the polls. Then see that all your neighbors get there.

M. B. RICH, Pres.; REESE KINTZING, Sec'y; HARRY KELLER, Treas. PENNSYLVANIA DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, GENERAL OFFICE, BELLEFONTE, PENNSYLVANIA.

To whom it may concern: Injurious stories have been circulated for political effect during the closing days of the present campaign, seriously reflecting upon the integrity of Mr. J. C. Meyer, one of the candidates for Assembly, in connection with a business transaction between the Penna. Development Company and Mr. Wm. Decker, of Walker Township.

The stories have been circulated, as we have been informed, for political influence and effect, by persons personally interested in the defeat of Mr. Meyer for Assembly and not by the friends of Mr. Decker, and we regret to say that it not only injures Mr. Meyer politically but professionally, as well, which is unjust.

For the benefit of the general public, whom we believe want the truth, we desire to say that from our personal knowledge of Mr. Meyer's part of the management of the Penna. Development Co., in the said transaction with Mr. Decker, he dealt fairly and manfully, even to making himself personally responsible to the company for Mr. Decker's liability.

We do not belong to Mr. Meyer's political party and there is no politics in this statement, but it is only fair and just to Mr. Meyer that the public know the truth. This statement is made voluntarily and without any solicitation from Mr. Meyer.

F. W. CRIDER, Member Board Directors. F. H. THOMAS, Member Board Directors.

REMEMBER THIS.

The last Republican Board of County Commissioners spent about \$68,000 in three years above their income from a 3-mill tax.

The same Republican Board, when they went out of office, left an indebtedness of \$42,000 for their successors to pay.

The necessary increased 2-mill tax yielded the new board, the first two years, \$40,000, and they had that debt reduced to \$4,000 on the first of last January.

The income this year will enable them to wipe that entire debt out and have a nice surplus in the treasury at the end of this year, with which to do business and meet the large expense of state roads now building throughout the county.

Not a single specific charge of extravagance has thus far been made against Messrs. Dunlap and Weaver. Up to this time not the slightest suspicion has been raised upon their official duties. Their integrity at no time has been questioned. With the exception of some dissatisfaction over several appointments where a number of individuals sought the same position, we fail to find any complaint—only approval.

Further, the work of Messrs. Dunlap and Weaver, for the two years, was inspected thoroughly by Messrs. H. B. Pontius and R. D. Musser, the Republican Board of Auditors, and they approved of same, over their signatures in their Annual Reports—to the effect that they found no irregularities there, or had occasion for surcharges.

Messrs. Dunlap and Weaver have zealously guarded the interests of the taxpayers, in that they spent about \$200,000 per annum less than the former board, in addition to providing for a \$42,000 debt.

With a clean record like that, with not a single direct charge of misconduct against them, are they not, in all fairness, entitled to the usual courtesy—a re-election—which Centre county people are accustomed to award all faithful officials.

BEWARE OF "ROORBACKS."

The campaign is practically over. The time for presenting new issues has passed. For that reason the "Centre Democrat" goes to its readers this week without a "last card," or an "eleventh-hour" sensation regarding any of the candidates on the opposing tickets.

There were weeks for ample discussion, during which time any serious charge against a candidate should have been made, so that they would have had, in all fairness, the opportunity for a reply.

The meanest criminal in our courts is always afforded a hearing, an opportunity to defend himself; upon the same principle all fair-minded people will resent an attack made upon any candidate in the closing hours of a campaign; such methods are unfair, indicate the weakness of a charge and the cowardly motives of the accusers.

We maintain that there should be honor among men at all times. For these reasons we caution our readers to beware of any new attacks made in any of the local papers this week against any candidate of any party.

Such methods are unfair and should be repudiated by every good citizen.

NEVER, within the last fifty years, have we known such an enthusiasm to exist among the democratic masses of Centre county, as exists at the present time in favor of Bryan. The spirit exists even among women and children, as is pleasingly manifested by the hundreds that have called at the Centre Democrat sanctum within the past six weeks. And there are republicans too who have taken the feeling of needing and wanting a change—and freely tell us so. The country over, the same good, cheering manifestations have taken root.

A REPUTABLE citizen of Pleasant Gap informs us that Bert Taylor made the following boast: "I will be elected to the legislature and all hell can't keep me out of it." It is our opinion that "all hell" is enlisted in Bert's behalf. Voters, on which side will you vote, now?

WHEN everything has gone up in price and little or no work, people naturally want a change.

WHY HE CHANGED COLORS.

Frank S. Monnett, former Attorney General of Ohio, addressed a large meeting of Utah Democrats at the Salt Lake theatre last week. Mr. Monnett, after discussing the principal issues of the campaign, said:

"The reason I left the Republican party and advocate the election of Mr. Bryan is due to the fact that while I was prosecuting the Standard Oil Trust in Ohio and with every reason to expect a successful issue, the Republican campaign fund of Ohio was swelled by contributions from the Standard Oil Company and in return the personnel of the Supreme Court of Ohio, whereupon all of the Standard Oil cases were promptly dismissed. Then I became a Democrat."

While in Chicago, Mr. Monnett scored Judge Taft for his failure to proceed against criminal trusts. He based this conclusion on the public record of the republican candidate for the presidency, Mr. Monnett said:

"What we want in the White House is a prosecutor and not a judge. Mr. Taft is honest and has judicial temperaments, but no initiative. He let the trust weeds grow in his own front yard while he was judge in Cincinnati. In my opinion he would do nothing to destroy the trusts if elected president. For fifteen years he has been socially intimate with the men that ran trusts; has wine and dined with them.

"In this respect he has not been different from other federal judges, whom they overwhelm with social attentions—private cars, yacht trips, hunting trips, dinners, etc. Some like judges, Grosscup, have to ask for them; others get them without. While Mr. Taft was at the club, the trust weeds grew up in his front yard. He did nothing to cut them down, and his record gives me good ground for predicting that he would do nothing as president."

Mr. Monnett then declared there was law enough in the land but the trouble was nobody was enforcing it. Taking the present Standard Oil case as an example, he said that a federal injunction could be secured in sixty days against the operation of the trust, and that federal indictments of its owners could be secured any day by presenting the evidence before a grand jury.

It has leaked out, beyond peradventure, that Taft in cahoot with a bunch of favorites in the Roosevelt administration made a grab at the railroad franchises in the great Luzon island in the Philippines, and they hold a monopoly of the whole thing in spite of others who were bidders for privileges but whose bids were sunk in deep waters with a big stone tied to them. And Taft, the master spirit in it, with the knowledge of the Roosevelt administration! These franchises are worth millions.

The record of congressman Barclay, as given in the Centre Democrat, from the Congressional Register, stands unrefuted and is unrefutable. It was refuted in about all the democratic papers in the half dozen counties composing this district, and no Barclay organ could challenge it. Barclay was on no account in congress—the North American says so and the only thing he is noted for are his pretty side whiskers. That's all.

INFORMATION reaches us that out through Rush township during the past few months considerable booze has been circulated among the political heelers and rounders, and it is reported by them that the booze is for the benefit of Hurley. Who is sending out this booze for Hurley's benefit?

JOHN MILLER the candidate for Treasurer deserves the office for himself. If elected he informs us that he will move to Bellefonte and assume the duties of the office himself—he has the ability to fill it too.

REMEMBER that it is over twenty years since Centre county has had a representative in Congress. In that time our interests have been neglected. This time vote for W. Harrison Walker—we need a change.

Be sure and go to the election next Tuesday.

DOMINO'S CLERKSHIP.

EDITOR CENTRE DEMOCRAT:—Please allow me to straighten out one of the kinks in last week's Gazette. It is kinky all over, but this one concerns our candidate for Treasurer, and it is in justice to him that I desire to make the correction. It charges me with electioneering with the Republicans, for Mr. John D. Miller, on the plea that I was to be his deputy if he is elected, and as proof refers to John C. Stere, B. W. Shipley and others.

Now, I most emphatically deny that John D. Miller and I have ever made any arrangements as to the clerkship, more than this: He said to me one day that if he was elected he expected to move to Bellefonte and take charge of the office himself, and also said he would like to have me stay with him in the office, for a time only, until he would get the run of the office work; and Mr. George G. Fink told me the same thing, practically in the same words.

Now let me tell you what gave rise to the report as published in last week's Gazette. One morning while waiting at the station in Billy Parson's office, Squire Shipley and a dozen others were there, Johnnie Stere came in and asked me to bring his bank book to the 1st National Bank, as I had done many times before, remarking as he handed it to me, "We'll miss you when you go out of office." "Oh well," said I, joking of course, "don't you know how to remedy that." "No," said he, "Why, vote for John D. Miller for Treasurer and maybe I can stay a while longer, at least." Then said B. W. Shipley, "It makes no difference who will be elected, I expect you'll likely stay a while longer, at any rate." That was the sum and substance of my electioneering, on the plea I am charged with.

The same day the story was carried to Thomas, who at once conceived the idea of making a mountain out of a molehill—a drowning man will catch at a straw. I hardly suspected that the party who carried the news to Tom would be guilty of such base ingratitude.

I do not deny that I am a warm supporter of Mr. Miller, for in doing so I am sure I am voting for a man of high character, a man well fitted for the office, of excellent repute, a clean, honest, christian gentleman, for whom, no one need be ashamed to cast his ballot.

Why, Thomas, I am not hankering after the clerkship. Bryan has offered me the choice of any postoffice in Centre county, when he is elected. So, sit up and take notice.

I will fly my beautiful nickel-plated air ship between Bellefonte and the head waters of Salt River on the morning after the election, for the purpose of transporting passengers to their new home for a four years' leave in the briny country—and I have your name on the list for the first trip.

GEORGE WASHINGTON RUMBERGER, Unionville, Pa., Oct. 27, 1908.

CAN'T SCARE THEM.

E. H. Harriman, the greatest railroad magnate of the country, on Tuesday at the conclusion of an interview said:

"We'll go right along building railroads and improving them, and it doesn't matter whether Taft or Bryan becomes President of the United States."

The fact is that Harriman controls more lines of railroad, has more millions invested in transportation than any other living individual. He also is a Republican.

E. P. Ripley, president of the Santa Fe, has no idea that the railroad system of the country is going to smash if Bryan shall be President. He says:

"From a railroad standpoint, there is but little preference in the national election this fall. No matter which way the election goes it will take business conditions just so long to adjust themselves."

"No one now fears that Mr. Bryan's election would provoke an industrial, commercial and financial cataclysm"—from the New York Herald, August, 1908.

CAN'T DECEIVE FARMERS.

Here is another sample of argument: "If the farmer wants his present prosperity to continue, he should be active and see that he votes and that his neighbor votes the republican ticket on the 3rd of November."

That sounds good, but then the sunshine and rain which produce abundant crops are supplied by the Creator and prices are regulated by the foreign market—not from voting Republican tickets. In Canada the farmers can't vote Republican tickets—don't have it—and they get the same prices, and can purchase supplies for less money and are even more prosperous. For that reason many thousand American farmers emigrated to Canada last year. That shows how prosperity prevails where there is no Republican party.

For Galamity Howlers. "No one now fears that Mr. Bryan's election would provoke an industrial, commercial and financial cataclysm"—from the New York Herald, August, 1908.



GEORGE F. WEAVER, Democratic Candidate for Register.

BRYAN CONTRIBUTION.

The following parties have sent us contributions to be forwarded to the National Democratic Committee for the defrayment of legitimate expenses incurred in this campaign.

- Wm. C. Heine, J. C. Rowe, A. B. Kimpfort, Geo. W. Rumberger, James H. Cori, D. P. Portney, W. D. Zerby, W. G. Rankle, J. K. Johnston, F. E. Nagrney, Wm. R. Kurtz, S. Krumrine, J. D. Hunter, H. S. Taylor, E. Stuebe, J. M. Reichline, E. A. Beck, James Schofield, Hammon Seehler, L. H. Gettitz, E. C. Taylor, J. A. B. Miller, M. A. Kirk, S. A. McQuistan, P. T. Kern, A. C. Mingie, J. A. Noonan, Ellis L. Orris, W. J. Caslin, Geo. B. Haines, L. B. Frank, Henry Meyer, W. J. Caslin, Hon. W. Kepler, C. M. Parrish, J. Will Conroy, John Dunlap, Dr. J. L. Seibert, P. J. McDonnell, D. W. Geiss, Wm. Pealer, John Smith, J. T. Lucas.

Last remittance will be made Friday, tomorrow; all who desire to contribute should respond at once.

CENTRE COUNTY is now out of debt—two years ago the former board left \$42,000 liabilities. Dunlap and Weaver have paid that off.

Willard's Store,

on HIGH STREET, the place where you get your money's worth.

- Men's Boston Garters, 19c; Suit Cases, 85c; Guaranteed Watches Stem Wind, 69c; Canvas Gloves, 25c; Blue Chambray Work Shirt, 25c; Ladies Hose, 10c; Ladies Elastic Belts, 15c; Men's 50c Underwear, 35c; Men's White Foot Socks, 10c; Men's Linen Collars, 10c; Men's Kaki Shirts, 50c; Alarm Clocks, 50c; Men's Linen Hem St'ch Handkerchiefs, 10c; Men's Linen Finished Handkerchiefs, 2c; Men's Fine Soft Shirts, 40c; Men's Muleskin Gloves, 25c; Shawl Straps, 10c; Hem Huck Towels 14x28, 50c; Mixed Cotton Socks, 5c; Boys' Mix Cotton 3 for 25c, 9c pair; Common Pins Paper, 1c; Pearl Buttons Dozen, 7c; Ladies 15c Value Hose, 10c; Turkish Bath Soap, 5c; Men's Coat Sweaters, \$1.00; Wire Hair Pins, 10c; Men's Heavy Farmers Suspender, 15c; Small Boys' Suspenders, 5c; Boys' Overalls to 15 yrs., 25c; Boys' Caps, 15c; Men's Caps, 25c; 8x10 Bound Slate & 4 Slate Pencils, 10c; Good Ink Tablets, 5c; Mens Black & Tan Socks, 10c; Aunt Lydia Thread Spool, 5c; Prices the lowest.

Remember the place, Harris' old stand, next to Sourbeck's Fruit Store, on High St., Bellefonte, Pa.—Willard's Store—see sign on window.

Special Sale! SATURDAY, OCT. 31. Ladies' Fine Coats BLACK AND MIXED COLORS. \$7.50 Coats, at special price, \$4.98; \$10.00 Coats, at special price, \$7.98; \$12.00 Coats, at special price, \$9.48; \$18.00 Coats, at special price, \$12.73. BARGAINS ALL OVER THE STORE. Workmen's Bargain Store BELLEFONTE, PA.