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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1874.
Republican State Ticket.
FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,
ARTHUR G. OLMSTEAD, of Potter Co.
FOR AUDITOR GENERAL,
HARRISON ALLEN, of Warren County.
FOR SECRETARY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS,
ROBERT B. BEATH, of Schuykill Co.
FOR JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT,
EDWARD M. PAXSON, of Philadelphia.

FOR CONGRESS,
HON. JOHN B. PACKER, of Sunbury.

Republican County Ticket.
FOR ASSEMBLY,
JOHN L. PARKER, of McAdamsville.
DR. JESSE J. JOHN, of Shannokin.
FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY,
GEN. JNO. C. CLEMENT, of Sunbury.
FOR COMMISSIONER,
AMOS VASTINE, of Shannokin Twp.
FOR ATTORNEY,
R. C. BRICKMAN, of Lewis.
FOR COUNTY SHERIFF,
DAVID ROCKEFELLER, of Sunbury.

REPUBLICANS ABROUSE.—We have reliable information that the Ring Democrats of the county are holding secret meetings to effect a complete organization in every district. They expect to get out a full vote while they anticipate apathy among the Republicans, and hope to get votes for some of their candidates, by asking Republicans just to give them a complimentary vote, so as to get a new vote in their district. These complimentary votes are sought with deceptive intent, to get enough of them to insure their success. Let all the Republicans of every district imitate the Democrats in the resolution to get out a full vote, and to vote the whole ticket. It is the same old Ring party who have been keeping up taxes and mismanaging generally. It is the same party the Republicans have met for years past. From Latta down, nearly all the candidates for election were in sympathy with the Ring, when they were drenching the land with blood to destroy the Union. The true Republican can never forget the northern Democrats that sympathized with rebellion, and uncles can give such men their votes.

VOTERS remember that every vote cast for the Democratic candidates is a step to the inauguration of another county debt. Every tax payer knows that his taxes have been reduced under Republican officials of this county, and that such a decrease never occurred while Democrats controlled our county finances.

THE editor of the Democrat last week attempted to fill the programme of the Ring, as we have already stated, to sow discord in our ranks by circulating that Dr. John's friends would vote for Wilmington in the coal region. It is one who dares to secure a Democratic meeting. There is no truth whatever in the report, and it was done for the purpose of drawing Republicans for Sherwood or Wilmington. The editor will know that both the Republican candidates will be elected, if Republicans do to draw them away by circulating false reports.

FARMERS whose taxes have been reduced from \$5 to \$49, by the Republican Commissioner, who stay at home on election day or vote for Mr. Henry, cannot complain if Henry is elected, and their taxes are again raised to the same rate as when Democrats controlled our county affairs.

W. P. WRIGHTSON Esq., the Democratic candidate for the coal region for Assembly, has been at the lower end of the county the past week, and told the people that the only thing he could promise, if elected, that he would not do. This looks like an acknowledgement that some Democratic members were accused of stealing, and the people only have his promise that he will follow in their footsteps.

COUNTY SHERIFF.—It would be impossible for any public officer to discharge his duties more conscientiously or faithfully than our candidate for County Surveyor, David Rockefeller Esq. He is long and favorable known as one of the most competent Surveyors in the State, and has no equal in his knowledge of the boundaries, and dividing lines of the majority of the farms in the county. As the County Surveyor's office has to be located at the county seat, to better selection can be made, and we venture to say that his majority will be overwhelming.

No recommendation has been given by the Democrat to Mr. Sherwood, except that he came from Toga county to this county for an office. As he is a carpet bagger, probably it is a delicate question for our neighbor, as he has been hounding about carpet baggers so long he may think himself that Sherwood is not the man to support. As there have been complimentary notices published in the papers at his home in Toga, it looks as though they cared but little about his leaving there.

If there is a Republican in Northumberland county who thinks of giving his vote for a Democratic candidate for the Legislature, let him remember that by such a vote he would practically give his political influence for the election of Wilson (Democrat) to the House and the United States Senate. We cannot think that any true Republican, on reflection will aid in the political election of these allies of the old Buchanan rebel Democratic times.

JURYMEN remember that the orders issued by members of the Ring (to per cent discount, would pay a good day's wages, or best vote for Henry) your may want to be compelled to sell your orders. A preventive is as good as a cure.

Why don't our neighbor of the Democrat account for the proceeds of the sales of tax titles in 1867? Give us a statement of what amount of money was realized, and who got the money. The tax payer gives no such information. The same James was twice in a jail for voting for Harrison Henry.

The Republicans of West Virginia concede the election of Wilson (Democrat) to Congress by about 1000 majority. This could make the West Virginia delegation in the next Congress stand three Democrats instead of one Republican, one Democrat and one Independent, as in the present Congress.

A new way to stop a rolling mill. The Danville Iron Works was compelled to cease operations, recently, in consequence of so many of the employees being suborned as witnesses in certain liquor

SOME LEAKS OF THE COUNTY TREASURY UNDER DEMOCRATIC RULE.—That the county of Northumberland has annually lost for many of the latter years of the Democratic administration of the county officers—especially of the County Commissioners' office—very large sums of money, there can be no doubt. But little reflection is required to form some estimate of the incalculable magnitude of this loss. One duty, indeed, was always faithfully and most rigorously performed by the Democratic officers, and that was the levying and collection of large taxes, so far as the tax-payer was concerned, though they were not always so exacting in turning into the treasury of the people the moneys which fell into the hands of the favorite legislators. When in the hands of the latter their zeal and vigor were frequently abated. For evidence of this, we refer to the large number of delinquent tax-collectors of the county, and to the private pecuniary mode to hold in their private pockets moneys they had collected from the hard-working and brow-beaten masses of the tax-payers. Rich or poor, the latter must pay. But for what? Only that the tax-payers may be benefited. The latter was signal, and we might say, corruptly benefited in at least two known ways: one, by that he was permitted to collect large sums for which he was not to account in any manner whatever—because he was armed with all the severe authority of the law to collect on the duplicate much more than he should have been; and another, by the fact that when he was required by the Democratic Commissioners to account only for his short charges or account, and the other way for that, in many instances, some special favors were suffered to retain in their possession large proportions of their whole duplicates until it suited their convenience to pay over; and to such an extent was this carried, that when the Republicans came into power, less than two years ago, they found that many hundreds of dollars had been thus left in such hands instead of finding all this—the short counts and delinquencies of tax-collectors alike—in the people's treasury, where alone it is justly and lawfully belonged.

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THE COUNTY DUPLICATES.—Last week we referred to the circumstances that the tax duplicates of the county for the year 1872 were so made out and footed up that the various collectors were charged with sums varying from \$20 00 to \$290 00 short of the true amounts whereof they severally should have been charged. In other words, they were added up short, and in every instance, counted against the county and in favor of the tax-collector to the extent mentioned. For instance, the duplicate placed in the hands of Harrison Henrie, the present Democratic candidate for County Commissioner, for the collection of the county taxes in and for the borough of Shannokin for a single year, was so footed up and charged on the Treasurer's books by the Democratic Commissioners, that this charge was short of its true actual amount to the very large extent of \$245 40, thus compelling him to pay into the county treasury only the amount of that sum, and to put the large sum of \$200 00 specified in his pocket in addition to his regular and lawful per centage. Such is the honesty and efficiency in office which some Democratic leaders would have the honest voters and tax-payers endorse and commend by electing Harrison Henry to the important and responsible trust of County Commissioner.

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