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The taxpayers are informed by
 Treasurer Beacom exactly where every
 penny of the money in the general fund
 is deposited, and under the act of as-
 sembly passed through the efforts of
 the men at the head of the present Re-
 publican organization of Pennsylvania,
 interest is collected regularly and paid
 promptly into the state treasury upon
 every dollar of this money. There is
 no chance for any profit to go to any
 one for the use of this money, as the
 law is full and explicit on the subject
 of the payment of interest to the state.
 This looks as though the people have
 reason to be proud of the present ad-
 ministration of the finances of the Key-
 stone State and that the members of
 the Republican party have special oc-
 casion to congratulate one another
 upon their party leadership.

**A HALF A MILLION DOLLAR COR-
 RUPTION FUND.**

That is to be the nucleus of a bitter
 canvass for the control of the Republi-
 can organization of the state so that
 the contributors to the fund shall be
 in a position to dictate the nominations
 for successors to Quay and Penrose in
 the United States senate, and Stone in
 the governorship.

With characteristic effrontery this
 contest is to be waged in the name of
 reform by men whose hypocrisy is a
 subject of scorn among those familiar
 with their real character. They have
 started out to malign and misrepresent
 nearly every man of prominence iden-
 tified with the management of the Re-
 publican organization who refuses to be
 persuaded, cajoled or intimidated into
 joining what is known as the insur-
 gent Republican outfit in Pennsylvania
 politics.

Though similar tactics have been re-
 sorted to on many occasions during
 the last two or three years never has
 there been such a flagrant and reck-
 less exhibition as given in this in-
 stance.

A HALF MILLION OF DOLLARS!!!

What does this mean?
 Taking it for granted that Martin
 will personally look after Philadelphia
 and that Flinn will see that the Alle-
 gheny machine lines up for "real re-
 form," without drawing upon the gen-
 eral funds, there would be the \$500,000
 to be divided among the 65 other coun-
 ties of the state. This would leave
 \$7,692.31 for each county, should the
 fund be equally divided among the
 counties. There were 297,961 votes
 polled for Colonel Barnett at the re-
 cent election, so that if this money is
 to be distributed among the counties
 upon the basis of this vote there would
 be just enough to give each man who
 cast his ballot for Colonel Barnett
 exactly \$1.66 to join the insurgents in
 their crusade against regularly nomi-
 nated Republican candidates.

It is not known what bargain coun-
 ter methods will be employed in the
 campaign—whether the money is to be
 paid direct or whether it is to be dis-
 tributed among agents designated for
 the different counties. The people will,
 no doubt, be curious to know the plans
 of the insurgents, so that they may
 make inquiry as to the identity of the
 insurgent fiduciary representatives in
 their respective counties.

REFORM AT CASH PRICES.

Some embarrassment may come to
 the sincere reformers throughout the
 state, owing to the fact that with the
 knowledge of the existence of this im-
 mense fund to secure the services of
 sham reformers who will work in the
 interest of the insurgent machine, the
 people will have difficulty in separa-
 ting the genuine reformers from the
 fakirs. There will be those who, with
 the insurgent treasury jingling in their
 breeches pockets, will rail against
 Colonel Quay, Governor Stone, Sena-
 tor Penrose and the other stalwart
 Republican leaders, at the cross roads
 grocery, the postoffice or other con-
 venient place to beguile the voters into
 the belief that the only real thing in
 the line of reform is to be had at the
 insurgents' bargain counter.

It is asserted, and not denied, that
 a large portion of this fund is to be
 used to continue the newspaper attacks
 upon Colonel Quay and other men in
 touch with the Republican organiza-
 tion. There is already a well equipped
 news bureau, which sends out to the
 insurgent newspapers a weekly ser-
 vice of political matter. This is em-
 ployed in denouncing stalwart Republi-
 can leaders and misrepresenting the
 sentiment of the people as to the bol-
 ders' combine. For the purpose of influ-
 encing the voters in the interior of the
 state stories manufactured for the bar-
 gain counter newspapers in Philadel-
 phia, which contain little else than
 syndicate political news in the inter-
 est of the insurgents, are sent out to
 these country newspapers. When the
 subscribers of these newspapers learn
 of the half million insurgent campaign
 fund it is more than likely that they
 will begin to figure out what propor-
 tion of this fund has probably gone to
 the editor of their paper, who has
 shown such a significant and steady in-
 terest in the movements of the insur-
 gent and seems to have forgotten that
 his paper was once looked upon as a
 Republican newspaper. It is now find-
 ing nothing but good in the Democratic
 nominees, such as Bryanites Jenks,
 Creasy, et al.

IS A PROUD RECORD.

Splendid Showing of the Admin-
 istration of Finances of
 Pennsylvania.

**DEBT DECREASED;
 REVENUES INCREASED.**

Republicans Have Reason to Com-
 mend the Leadership of Their
 Party in the Keystone State, Whose
 Enemies Are Silenced.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, Dec. 5.—A favorite line
 of attack by the insurgents of Penn-
 sylvania in assailing the present Re-
 publican organization is to intimate
 that the management of the state
 treasury is not what it should be and
 that the state funds are juggled in
 favor of political interests. This
 issue was squarely met by State Treas-
 urer Beacom in the recent campaign,
 when he went upon the stump and told
 the people the exact condition of the
 state finances and announced his de-
 sire to have any citizen of the state
 interrogate him upon any matter
 whatever bearing upon the adminis-
 tration of the state treasury. He ef-
 fectually spiked the guns of the in-
 surgent batteries early in the canvass
 and while Creasy, the Democratic can-
 didate for state treasurer, went around
 rehearsing the old stories about the
 state funds, Beacom boldly challenged
 Creasy to visit the state treasurer's
 office and make a thorough examina-
 tion of every book and other record of
 the office. It is needless to say that
 Creasy never availed himself of this
 opportunity to get at the facts of the
 case.

REPUBLICANS CAN BE TRUSTED.

This whole matter was reopened last
 week, when State Treasurer Beacom
 gave out his official statement of the
 business of his department for the
 year just ended. He makes a very
 gratifying showing. This report clearly
 demonstrates that the Republican
 organization of Pennsylvania can be
 safely entrusted with the responsibility
 of selecting the candidates to be voted
 for by the Republicans of the state,
 who will safely and wisely administer
 the duties of state treasurer.

The fiscal year ended on the 30th of
 November, and it is to this date that
 the report of State Treasurer Beacom
 fully covers the transactions of the
 preceding year. Even the most rabid
 anti-administration papers have been
 compelled to admit that there has been
 a remarkably good showing.

The increase in the commonwealth's
 receipts for the year was over two
 millions over those of last year. To
 be exact, the total receipts last year
 amounted to \$13,325,120.97, and this
 year they were \$15,458,316.97, a gain
 of \$2,133,196.00. That is good house-
 keeping and prosperity combined.

CORPORATIONS PAYING UP.

The income of the commonwealth
 this year has been largely increased
 by the incorporation of many big man-
 ufacturing and industrial companies.
 The bonus receipts from charters and
 increases of capital stock approxi-
 mates \$700,000. The Monongahela Coal
 and Coke company paid as bonus \$95,-
 000 and the American Window Glass
 company \$47,000.

The debt of the state will soon be
 wiped out. Each year there is taken
 from the general fund and deposited
 in the sinking fund for the extinguish-
 ment of the debt \$100,000, so that
 the sinking fund will be sufficient when
 the bonds fall due to clear off the bal-
 ance of the debt. The gross debt is \$6,815,-
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 posited in many banks throughout the
 state, is \$1,954,255.20. There are also
 Allegheny Valley railroad bonds to the
 amount of \$1,000,000 and interest of
 \$22,916.66, and United States fours
 worth \$3,108,000 with interest amount-
 ing to \$27,750, due the first of January.
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 sinking fund every year and as the
 sinking fund increases each year so
 does the gain from interest charges.

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XMAS IS COMING!

If you don't know what to get for an
 Xmas gift, come in and get some idea
 of what you want.

We have an up-to-date line of
 Xmas Goods and
 House Furnishings.

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- 13 1/2 pounds of pure Lard for \$1.00
- Baking molasses, 25 to 50c.
- 8 pounds Rolled Oats for 25c.
- 7 pounds of Corn Starch for 25c.
- 7 pounds of Laundry Starch for 25c.
- 2 pounds of Rio Coffee for 25c.
- 8 bars of Lenox Soap for 25c.
- No. 1 mackerel per pound 8c.
- Best Sugar Coated Hams @ 11c per lb.
- Buckwheat Flour 25 pound sack \$1.50.
- Buckwheat Flour 100 pounds, \$1.80.
- Yellow Corn per 100 pounds 90c.
- Corn Meal or Cracked Corn 90c.
- Corn, Oats and Barley Chop 90c.
- Wheat Bran 200 pounds \$1.50.
- Flour middlings, 140 pound sack \$1.40.
- Fine middlings 200 pounds \$1.60.
- Flour per sack \$1.00.
- Winter Roller per sack \$1.00.
- Good Flour 90c.
- Rye Flour 25 pounds, 50c.
- Graham Flour 12 1/2 pounds 30c.
- Common Fine Salt per barrel \$1.20.

J. W. Buck opens a new lot of
 lumbermen's gum shoes this week,
 also a line of men and women's over
 shoes.
 New buckwheat flour at J. W.
 Bucks.

Register's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the following ac-
 counts have been filed in my office, viz:
 First and final account of A. C. Bower, Ad-
 ministrator of Elizabeth Bower, deceased.
 First and final account of Christian E. Helzoe,
 Executor of Frederick Helzoe, deceased.
 First and final account of Philip Tabach Sr.,
 Administrator of Mrs. Balbina Belian Tabach,
 deceased.
 Third and partial account of James Thomas,
 sole surviving Executor of Josiah Jackson, deced-
 ent.
 Also the following widows' appraisements have
 been filed:
 Widows' appraisement in the estate of William
 Sherman deceased.
 And the same will be presented to the Orphans'
 Court of Sullivan county on Monday, Dec. 11,
 1899, at 3 o'clock p. m. for confirmation and
 allowance.

WM. J. LAWRENCE, Register.

Register's office, Laporte Pa., Nov. 18, 1899.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.—The undersigned Auditor appointed by the Court of Common Pleas to distribute the fund arising from the sheriff's sale of the real estate of D. W. Person at the suit of J. S. Hoffa will hear all persons interested at his office in Laporte on Wednesday, December 6, 1899 at 9 o'clock a. m. All persons who have claims upon said fund are required to make their claims before said Auditor at that time or be barred from any share in said fund.

THOS. J. INGHAM, Auditor.

Trial List, December Term, 1899.
 Return day, Monday, Sept. 11, 1899, at 2 p. m.
 1. Eugenia D. Weimer vs Laporte township Plea, not guilty. Thompson, Mullin.
 2. Ralph Magargel (use) vs The Township of Laporte, No. 107, Sept. term 1898. Plea, appeal. Plea, "not assumed" payment, judgment with leave to give special matters in evidence. Downs, Cronin & Inghams.
 3. The Dushore Water Co. vs The Boro of Dushore, No. 1, December term, 1898. Assumpsit. Plea non assumpsit, and set off, with leave to give special matter in evidence. Downs, Cronin & Inghams.
 4. Union Tanning Co. vs Frank P. Tehug and Jerome Laird and George Edwards, No. 38, Sept. term, 1899. Trespass. Inghams, Bradley, Proth.

COURT PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, HON. E. M. DUNHAM, President Judge, Honorable John S. Line and Conrad Kraus, Associate Judges of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Orphans' Court and Common Pleas for the County of Sullivan, have issued their precept, bearing date the 30 day of Sept. 1899, to me directed, for holding the several courts in the Borough of Laporte, on Monday the 11th day of December 1899, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Therefore, notice is hereby given to the Coroner, Justices of the Peace and Constables within the county, that they be then and there in their proper person at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, with their rolls, records, inquisitions examinations and other remembrances to those things to which their offices appertain to be done. And to those who are bound by their recognizance to prosecute against prisoners who are or shall be in the jail of the said county of Sullivan, are hereby notified to be then and there to prosecute against them as will be just.

H. W. OSLER, Sheriff.
 Sheriff's Office, Laporte, Pa., Oct. 28, 1899.

Thursday Bargain Day!

AT HOFFMAN'S
Muncy Valley.

The last Thursday Bargain Day was everything that could be expected. The day was perfect and a goodly number of strange faces were seen in our Store taking advantage of the low prices, on the following bargains that will be offered each Thursday:

- POTTERS OIL CLOTH, 12c
- SUGAR, 5c.
- COFFEE, 10c.
- FLOUR, 85c.
- COTTON, 8c.
- WASHING GAS, 5c.
- BAKING POWDER, 15c.
- with tumblers or water
 pitchers.
- 10 CAKES SOAP, 25c.

These are only a few of the many bargains offered each Thursday. Everybody welcomed; our store is cool in warm weather, and warm in cold weather; you will always be made comfortable at

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We keep in stock at our mills a complete line of dressed lumber in hemlock and hardwood.
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 Hemlock Lath both 3 and 4 feet long,
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is the woman who must entertain unexpected company—unless she is well supplied with canned and bottled groceries. If her pantry shelves are nicely lined with our famous brands of pickles, soups, vegetables, canned meats and fish and crackers she is completely

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