

of the father. In the great American game of draw poker, as expounded by a standard authority, no less a personage than a former representative of the United States accredited to Great Britain-ex-Minister Schenck-it is given as a first principle never to "bluff" after it is apparent that your opponent knows, or thinks, he has the better of the game. For the benefit of the uninitiated we may explain that "bluff" in the general sense is to boast or make claims without substantial reason. In the noble American game of poker it is to attempt to frighten and out play an opponent by assuming a confident air and wagering more money than it is thought he is willing to risk, thus securing the "pot," as the stakes are termed, without a "showdown." It is good advice whether in poker, in the ordinary business affairs of lits, or in office seeking, especially after the election is over, never to "bluff" when the player has the least suspicion that his op ponent knows the weakness of the

"BLUFF."

SATURDAY.

"hand" or cause of the "bluffer." This observation should be heeded by one of the proprietors of the Register whose father was a candidate for county commissioner and article: who, according to the official returns, was elected by one vote. It is proposed to contest the right of contest being based upon a reasonthe 3741 votes cast for that office mistakes occured that, if rectified, might change the result and give the office of county commissioner to Howard Baughman the Union candidate. To forestall and if possible prevent this contest, that might unseat the elder Edwards, the son, through the Register, makes a great play, and what poker players would denominate a "rank bluff." Rank because the object of the "bluff" is so apparent it will taking of any step that might be

The Register's Rank Play in Benall

rightfully belongs. The Register SBYS:

"The GUARD, the organ of the fusionists, which is published down the street, says that it can "reliably' state to its readers that W H Baughman will contest the right of H D Edwards to the seat of county commissioner. The GUARD is not in the habit of making "reliable" statements, hence the necessity of the special emphasis.

"Mr Edwards was elected by a majority of one vote, but if the office is contested he will stand a good show of gaining several more. The Register is informed that it the fusionists contest the office of commissioner, the contest will be carried by the republicans to the office of sheriff. It is believed by the republicans that in at least one precinct, which gave Baughman and Withers good majorities, there was investigation, this belief should prove true, the ontire vote of the precinct might be thrown out, which alone would give Scott, the republican candidate for sheriff, enough votes to elect him and would greatly increase the majority of Edwards.

"If the contest takes place some interesting results may follow."

A pitiful plea for the possession of a petty office without submission of the rights thereof to a just and fair tribunal for determination.

MONEY AND WAR.

"Sound Money," Gold, Retires From Circulation When War Happens.

There can be no doubt that a war of considerable magnitude and lasting, say a year or two, would demonstrate the utter insufficiency of the gold standard to meet an emergency; and this is one of the principal reasons why the morey power is so fearful of war.

It is a most singular circumstance that the "best money in the world," in use the inflated rhetorie of the gold men, always breaks down under the strain of war. The best money is that which can hold its own and efficiently perform its functions under the most disad vantageous conditions. Almost anything in the shape of money will meet the requirements of business when the skies are clear and the sea is calm. But when the storm breaks and the waters are