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A Machine Infamy.

Exploiting the Schools, Prisons, Hospitals and Charities, Etc., for Base Partisan Purposes—Full Details as to the Methods of Achieving this Great Outrage—Senator Penrose's Attempt to Deceive the State as to the School and Charity Appropriations Fully Refuted from the Records.

At the late Republican convention that met in Harrisburg to express its contempt for honesty and economy in the state government the boss sent the junior senator to represent him and sing a siren song into the ears of the people which, if it did not deceive them, might still be used by the heeleders for such clamor as should confuse and drown the cries of the reformers. Mr. Penrose made a very valiant, but manifestly very laborious effort to fulfill his task. He, of course, ignored the detailed, specific and widely published evidences of the Republican machine's theft and waste of the public moneys, because it is impossible for him or anybody else to fairly meet and successfully refute them. But sweeping them aside, as with a wave of the hand, he undertook to account for the constantly increasing cost of machine rule by ascribing it to a greater liberality to the schools, the hospitals and eleemosynary institutions of the state, leaving it to be inferred that Mr. Quay and the machine were being criticized and abused, not for any real wrongdoing, but for their enlarged liberality in caring for the helpless wards of the state.

Even if it were true that the difference in the gross annual outlay of the state were accounted for solely by the larger appropriations to the schools, the hospitals, etc., these appropriations are themselves made to dishonestly and unlawfully contribute to the maintenance of the machine, whose astute chief and ever watchful lieutenants would consider themselves grossly benefited in permitting such large sums to pass through their hands without gathering on it some profit on the way. But the excess of the cost of maintaining the state government as between 1883 and 1897 was almost three and three-quarter millions of dollars greater, leaving wholly out of the consideration the cost of the schools, the penitentiaries, the insane and the charities, as the following figures will show:

Table with columns for 'Payments 1897, less interest', 'Payments 1883, less loans received, interest, premiums and U. S. bonds purchased', 'Excess of current payments for 1897', 'Cost of schools, charities, insane, penitentiaries, etc.', 'Same, 1883', 'Excess for 1897', 'Excess of total payments in 1897', 'Excess for schools, etc., in 1897', 'Excess for ordinary expenses in 1897', 'Total', 'Total 1897', 'Total 1883', 'Difference'.

The account, fully made up, therefore, stands about as follows: Excess payments of 1897 over 1883, exclusive of charities, schools, penitentiaries, insane, interest, loans, etc., \$3,700,023. Moneys that were appropriated to schools, charities, etc., and should have been paid in 1897, but remained unpaid at end of year, \$5,340,253. Total \$9,040,276. This is a long, long way from verifying Mr. Penrose's contention that the state than it used to be. It gives so much more to the cause of education and in beneficence to the helpless and suffering. Going to the official records for the facts completely upsets his slyly conceived declarations and insinuations, as it will be found to upset every plea made by the machine apologists in explanation and extenuation of its crimes. And the appropriations for the schools and the charities, the poor, prisoners and the insane, are all in numerous ways made to do duty for the machine. Of the \$5,340,253 due Nov. 30, 1897, on appropriations made that time, \$3,439,998 was, as will be noticed, owing to the schools and \$120,000 to the charities (see treasurer's report, page 14.) at the same time that a balance of \$5,138,700 was in the treasury. Here is confession over the official signature of a leading beneficiary of the machine that moneys are wrongfully withheld, and no sane man for a moment doubts that the purpose of the withholding is to accommodate the favorite banks and insure the machine liberal contributions for its campaign funds. There are comparatively few other moneys that could be withheld in the same way, so that, were needed in making the total amount of appropriations fall within the estimated revenues. Upon the last night that bills could be reported from the committee and be passed before adjournment orders came from Senator Quay that more than \$500,000 of bills for penitentiaries and rich institutions must be passed. These bills had all been considered by the committee on their merits and negatively. Upon orders from the 'old man' they were reconsidered and reported favorably within an hour. A prominent Philadelphia business man dared not contribute to the Business Men's League, because he was a di-

rector in the Philadelphia Museum, and he was notified that he must not oppose Quay or his institution would lose an appropriation that upon its merits alone it is entitled to receive." It is not generally understood, but should be, that the state does not support the penitentiaries and reformatories. The state provides the buildings and pays the salaries, but the counties pay for maintenance. Of the state appropriations to the penitentiaries for 1896, \$50,000 of the \$52,000 went for salaries in the Eastern and \$60,000 of the \$65,000 in the Western. These well paid officials are, of course, another contingent of the machine's active engineering forces.

More than half of the cost of maintaining the indigent insane patient is paid by the counties, and from a third to a half of the total income of the insane hospitals from all sources goes for salaries. Here, again, the machine finds profit and support in the furnishing of supplies it is the same thing, and it is notorious that the cost of feeding the patients is much in excess of what it should and would be under honest management. In his Philadelphia speech on the 27, Dr. Swallow said: "Though the average charity inmate of our asylums gets service, clothing and food that costs less than 50 cents a day, the expense to the state is greater than though they were boarded at a first-class hotel." This, like nearly all of the reverend doctor's allegations, is a haphazard statement, demonstrating the impracticable character of the man and the unwisdom of depending upon his "statistics," and yet it is approximately true.

The weekly per capita cost for maintenance of patients in the five state hospitals for insane for 1896 is set down in the official report of the committee on lunacy of the board of charities (see report 1896, page 24) as follows: Harrisburg \$3.75, Danville 3.60, Norristown 3.15-3.5, Warren 3.61, Dikmont 3.89. Average \$3.60-9.5.

It has already been stated that the cost of the insane to the state of Wisconsin, where they are cared for in the counties, etc., is \$1.75, and "the quality of care is excellent," says our board of public charities, and the board further says (See report 1893, page 51) "In Pennsylvania there now is some excellent county and municipal care of the insane, at far less per capita cost than that charged in the state hospitals." A board of charities, whose officials would give less of their time to moving about the state doing the work of the machine and the party which it controls, would see to it that naked maintenance of the insane as good a quality as is now furnished, and provided wherever money is specifically appropriated by the state for maintenance, at considerably less cost.

The educational, penal, correctional and charitable institutions of the state, all supported in whole or only in part by the state, are as will fully appear from the foregoing revelations, actually all industriously exploited for the support of the Republican machine. Every dollar of money voted to them in one way or another, directly or indirectly, pays tribute to it. A great liberality is indelicately and defiantly utilized to assist the basest of political aspirations. The mere money voted is not nearly so large as Senator Penrose tried to make the people believe, and is far from covering the difference between the cost of honest government and the cost of Republican machine government, but it is a great sum nevertheless, fully sufficient to inspire successful revolution against the machine and the men who are responsible for its cruel and wicked maladministration.

The enormous increase in the cost of running the executive departments of the state government has been the subject of much comment in the newspapers and otherwise. The extent of the increase is, yet, however, unappreciated. It is not generally comprehended how unceasing has been the upward trend of the figures. It is not realized that each legislature under the sway of Republican Bosses has not only "seen" its predecessor, to use the language of the card playing fraternity, but managed to "go" considerably "better." The protest of the people and such of the newspapers as were not under the control of the machine have gone unheeded. Governor Pattison's vetoes in 1891-93 fell in for no greater consideration. And even the warnings of Governor Hastings, their own man, that the time had come to go slow, were ignored. The appetite of the cormorants grew with what it fed upon like all other appetites, and may be regarded today as in a state of utter unappeasability. All this, be it borne in mind, is in addition to the steals in the way of legislative junkets, contested election charges, fraudulent investigations, etc. What is here considered fell in for no executive vetoes or injunctions either in 1895 or in 1897, during which years, as will further appear, the greatest enormities were perpetrated. As probably presenting the case most comprehensively and so as to enable the seeker after the facts to gather them in at a glance, so to speak, the following table is presented. The figures in the first column, headed 1883, represent the outlay for the first year of Governor Pattison's administration, when there was a Democratic house and a strong reform element in the senate; the figures in the second column, headed 1889, 1893 and 1897, respectively, represent the appropriations for the last year, that is the last legislative year of the Beaver, Pattison (second) and Hastings administrations. The figures are taken from the appropriation bills, as finally passed and signed, are exclusive of the vetoes and are in each case for two years:

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Department Expenses. How they have Swelled in Fifteen Years and Since the Democrats Were Lost in Last Year's Partial Contest—A Steady and Constant Increase in Every Item—Extraneous and Spoilistic Republican Machine Dictation, as Gathered from the Official Records.

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UNITED STATES SOLDIER. TELLS HOW HE WAS WOUNDED IN THE ARM IN THE BATTLE OF SAN JUAN—RAPID RECOVERY DUE TO HOOD'S SARSAPARILLA. Private George P. Cooper, Company G, 25th U. S. Infantry, Washington Barracks, Washington, D. C., writes as follows: "In the charge up San Juan Hill I was wounded in the arm by a Spanish bullet. Owing to the crowded condition of the hospital at Siboney I did not receive the necessary treatment until we embarked for America. At Ft. McPherson, Ga., when the physician removed the pieces of brass shell he said: 'It was not my good luck, but good and robust health, blood poisoning. No other man looked upon as I did. I had taken Hood's SARSAPARILLA which I had taken to keep my blood pure. Owing to the crowded condition of the hospital at Siboney I did not receive the necessary treatment until we embarked for America. At Ft. 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