

Quay Tries to Dodge the Law.

The public was not unprepared for the charges made in the pending QUAY trial, incriminating the Republican boss and Senator in the criminal use of state funds for which the law provides penitentiary punishment.

Two judges of the State's highest tribunal have been no misguided in their action as to aid QUAY'S evasive purpose through the agency of writs that may prevent his case from being brought before a jury.

They had no right to foist upon the taxpayers of the Commonwealth an incomplete structure, which will require an expenditure of at least a million of dollars to make it habitable under their present plan and millions more to add the wings as set out in their drawings.

Respectfully submit to your honorable bodies that it will be more economical and more business like to tear down everything above the foundation wall and erect a new one.

It was a well-known fact that the managers of the Republican machine were making improper use of the state funds by deposits in favored banks, but without such evidence as district attorney GRAHAM is prepared to produce it could scarcely have been believed that QUAY'S corrupt disposition, to misapply public money, would go so far as to use hundreds of thousands of the State's funds as if they were his own.

Will this arraigned culprit escape the punishment due him for what the law declares to be a criminal offense? Will there be such disregard for the law and miscarriage of justice that he will have the senatorial toga again fitted upon him instead of standing a trial for an offense which, upon conviction, would require him to be apparelled in the striped habiliments of the penitentiary?

The Passing of Our Historian.

In the death of Hon. JOHN BLAIR LINN this community has lost a man who has been of inestimable value to it. While his passing will be deplored by all who realize the importance of the sphere he filled so admirably, yet it was not as if he had carried all the treasures of his rare mind with him into eternity.

There are so few men gifted with the patience and persistent care that are the requisites of an historian that the passing of one is a matter of considerable moment. Even now, in the sincerest sorrow over Mr. LINN'S death, this community does not realize the enormity of the loss it has suffered.

GOVERNOR HASTINGS' MESSAGE.

Continued from page 1. The walls of the House of Representatives are finished with lurid stained garnet, and fastened to the rough brick walls, also made of tile and brick.

It is more than probable that it will require twice that sum to complete the building, and it has been so deliberately planned as to require continuing appropriations which, in my judgment, will last during the present generation.

The only part of the structure to be commended is the foundation, which is ample to support any building, even the Capital of the United States.

tension on the outside surface of about ten inches for the brick wall. It can hardly be supposed, however, that this elaboration of the foundation was made with the intention of inducing this or future Legislatures to hide the shameful appearance of the present brick walls by a veneering of marble or granite, because the commissioners have sworn to the court that the structure would be a complete building and within the limit of the present appropriation.

The commissioners will not relieve themselves from just criticism by alleging that the appropriation was too small. It was not for them to say what the appropriation should be. The judgment belonged to the legislative branch of the government.

BETTER TO TEAR IT DOWN. The further plan of the commissioners to erect wings at the ends of the present structure, so enlarging it as to provide quarters for other departments of the state government, under one roof, as part and parcel of the general scheme, viewed in the light of the act, savors of an usurpation of authority which is at once illegal, unjust and burdensome to the people of the Commonwealth.

APPORTIONMENT. The last senatorial apportionment was made in 1874, twenty-four years ago, and the last representative and congressional apportionments in 1887.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS. Lock Haven trolley cars are to be furnished with vestibules by the furniture factory in that place. James Gower, who was married to Miss Ann Reynolds, of Buffalo Run, Nov. 26th, 1850, died at his home in Pittsburg on Dec. 23rd.

THE BALLOT LAW. Experience with the present ballot law has disclosed a number of imperfections. It is incomplete, imperfect and incompetent in several particulars.

CONVENING OF THE LEGISLATURE. Snyder of the Senate and Farr of the House to provide over their respective bodies. A Straight Republican Organization in Both Departments. Nothing so far but the Ordinary Preliminary Business of completing the Organization.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 3.—The opening session of the Senate was brief. Organization was effected at 2 o'clock and Secretary of the Commonwealth Martin appeared and read the returns of the election for the new Senators.

William P. Snyder, of Chester, the choice of the Republicans was successful over H. W. Haines, Democrat, of York, by 34 to 12. Senator Snyder, upon assuming the chair made a brief speech counseling moderation and caution in the consideration of the measure that will come before the Senate for action.

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Thirty-one new born babes in Clearfield county have been given the name of Dewey within the past six months.

Beginning next Monday night the Wilson theatre company will open a week's engagement at Garman's at popular prices. A change of bill will be made nightly.

At the annual meeting of the Logan engine company, Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: John Knisely, president; Harry Jackson, recording secretary; Geo. Knisely, financial secretary; James Seibert, treasurer; Geo. Cunningham, chief; John T. Laurie, 1st assistant; Wm. Hogarth, 2nd assistant; R. A. Beck, 3rd assistant; Geo. Knisely, 4th assistant. Trustees—Thomas Shaughnessy, James Harris and George Eberhart.

Dr. George Thompson, a well known retired physician, died at his home at Mt. Union, at 4 o'clock Tuesday morning. He was a son of John and Lydia Blake Thompson, and was born in Half Moon township, Centre county, May 16th, 1826, and hence was aged 72 years, 7 months and 19 days.

MRS. TONNER.—Mrs. Lydia Kreamer Tonner, widow of John Tonner, who was register and recorder of this county from 1839 to '51 and widely known in Methodist circles, and mother of Mrs. H. P. Harris, died at her home in Canton, Ohio, at 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

F. H. COTA HAS RESIGNED.—The resignation of F. H. Cota, general secretary of the Bellefonte Y. M. C. A. for years, having been accepted at a recent meeting of the association, took effect on New Year's day.

While the severance of his relations with the local organization by no means implies that the work is to be discontinued, yet it is a serious loss to Bellefonte that such a man as Mr. Cota has proven himself to be must go out of the town and out of the field where such work as he is capable of doing is so sorely needed.

THE COUNCIL IN SESSION.—All of the members but two, Messers Keller and Triple, were present at Monday night's session of council. The business taken up was disposed of as follows: Upon inquiry of Wm. Runkle Esq., it was learned that no action has been taken on the claim for damages presented by Miss Maggie Miles, daughter of former county treasurer John Q. Miles.

As head of our Association Mr. Cota has probably accomplished more lasting, praise worthy results than had ever been done through those rooms before. We need not cite cases. You know them well enough.

Charley Case has been placed temporarily in charge of the rooms and will keep them in a hospitable condition until such a time as a permanent selection can be made.

NECROLOGY OF CENTRE COUNTY FOR 1898.—The record of the births and deaths that occurred in Centre county during the past year is a matter in which we are all more or less interested. From the returns of the assessors in the various precincts it will be seen that the population of the county is slowly increasing.

Some of the councilmen who voted for this motion had in mind the doing away with all the small lamps and using nothing but arcs. At present there are 27 arcs and 53 incandescent lights in use at an annual cost of \$3,895.

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Henry McCloskey, aged about 80 years, died at Potter's Mills last Friday and his remains were buried at Sprucetown on Monday.

Mrs. Richard Gonsallus died at her home at Mackeyville on Wednesday morning. She was 70 years old and is survived by a husband and five children.

Frank Wallace, of Milesburg, the member of Co. B, who was so seriously hurt by falling from the regimental train while coming home from camp at Lexington, was in this place yesterday for the first time since he was brought home. It was at first thought his injury would prove fatal.

K. G. E. OFFICERS ELECT.—The following officers have been elected to serve Bellefonte castle, No. 357, K. G. E. for the ensuing six months: Past chief, H. D. Gehret; noble chief, Jos. Garbrick Jr.; vice chief, B. D. Gates; high priest, William Ott; venerable hermit, Jas. Schofield; master of records, E. E. Ardeley; clerk of exchequer, W. H. Taylor; keeper of exchequer, L. H. Wian; sir herald, W. Harrison Walker; worthy bard, A. Lakenbach; worthy chamberlain, Wm. Fishburn; ensign, Geo. Hollobaugh; esquire, Roy Johnson; first guardsman, Ed. Gehret; second guardsman, A. V. Hamilton; trustee, John Noll; representative to the grand castle, James I. McClure.

A BEAUTIFUL SERVICE.—It is seldom that such a difficult undertaking is made by any of the Bellefonte church choirs as was that of the choir in St. John's Reformed church to render the beautiful cantata "The Coming of the King" for the Christmas service. And a more pronounced success has never before been made of such a musical effort.

The choir at St. John's had been trained by Mr. Charles M. Guthrie, organist at Franklin and Marshall college, Lancaster, and though handicapped by the illness of Mr. J. E. Lawrence, the leading tenor, the service was inspiring and delightful.

The service was repeated on New Year's night, when the church was crowded and the choir made a repetition of their Christmas day success.

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The committee reports were of comparatively no interest except one matter presented by the Street committee. It was an offer made by A. G. Morris, owner of the Pike quarries, to fill the pike from the borough line to Frank McCoy's residence on east Linn street to a given grade.

The question of borough lighting was again taken up and a very argumentative session was the result. It appeared that those in favor of a borough plant had been fortifying themselves for a controversy and produced a list of 28 towns in Pennsylvania, using about the same light as Bellefonte, that pay from \$35 to \$75 a light.

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Madisonburg. J. E. Smith spent last week in our neighborhood.

Harry Miller and wife spent Monday with her parents.

K. A. Miller has returned home from his visiting tour to Lewisburg and other places. Warden and Thomas Ruhl, of Mill Hall, spent the last few weeks in and about town.

An oyster supper was held in the hall by the United Evangelical church recently with success.

While returning from an entertainment at Rebersburg on Christmas night the axle on Herbert Swartz's buggy broke, emptying the occupants, consisting of two ladies besides himself, onto the walk. The gentleman and the horse were not injured but the ladies received several deep cuts in the faces and bruises which required medical attention.

Some of the committees for the Farmer's Institute to be held at this place are holding meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. Mader have the sympathy of the people of this community in the loss by death of their little daughter, aged about one year. Death claimed the little one on Monday last. Interment took place Thursday at Millifield.

C. H. Meyer, wife and little daughter Meriam, have been the guests of D. J. Meyer and G. M. Boal. Mr. Meyer has been engaged in the livery business at Millertown since last fall, and this is the family's first visit to the old folks at home.

Mrs. Cordelia Benner died on Monday morning and was buried Thursday in Lock Haven, her old home. An infant son a few days old and several sisters, who came on to the funeral from Baltimore and Saloma, survive her. Her maiden name was Chatham.

A fire department was organized last week with J. C. Shaffer as chief and D. A. Booser assistant. Some twenty-eight others have volunteered their services—fourteen at the north and fourteen at the south end of town. Each have a hose cart and hose, and in a short time the town will, no doubt, have an efficient department to battle with the flames when their services are needed.

Monday night the south division experimented with the hose and the pressure the new plant furnished. Two of the volunteers tightly gripped the nozzle end of the hose and the plug was opened half way, which was sufficient to upset the boys and caused the hose, with its one and one-quarter nozzle, to do the snake dance until the force was turned off.

Later, a test was made of the force on the Diamond, and the exhibition of the pressure was far beyond expectations, and this without the use of the reservoir, the water merely flowing from the springs directly into the main.

Rebersburg. Sleighing is excellent at present. The thermometer registered twenty degrees below zero on Monday morning.

Miss Belle Webber, of this place, left Monday morning, for Birmingham, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. James Markle, of Wall, Pa., who were here attending the funeral of their brother, Emanuel, have returned home.

J. H. McAuley and wife are off on a visiting tour. They are at present at Danville, Pa., taking in the sights, and expect to return home this week.

Ellis Gramley, son of James J. Gramley, is in from the West visiting his relatives and friends. The West seems to agree with him with the exception of the cyclones. He says they have blown nearly all the hair off his head.

The members of song service in the Reformed church elected their officers for the ensuing term, on Sunday evening as follows: Rev. J. M. Runkle, president; J. A. Miller, vice president; Harry Clevenstein, secretary; Miss Sophia McEwen, treasurer; Miss Regina Hubler, organist; and Miss Ida Fisher, assistant organist. The subject for their next meeting is "The personal call of Christ." J. F. Best will lead the meeting, Mrs. J. W. Lee is speaker. Everybody should take an interest in these meetings.

The entertainment on Christmas evening in the Reformed church was a grand success. The church was filled to overflowing. The attendance has been estimated at about five hundred people. The children and others who participated under the instruction of Mrs. J. M. Runkle performed their parts in a most excellent manner.

Cyrus Woods, one of Greensburg's legal lights, is visiting his brother Dr. Woods. Wm. H. Sausserman, one of Altoona's tall men, visited his aged mother this week.

Newt. Hess and his little son Samuel spent the holiday season in Altoona sight seeing. Boalsburg has a new butcher as Peter Ishler has decided to take that little son into partnership.

Brakeman Frank Kaup is laid up with a broken arm and an incomplete fracture which is causing him much trouble. Edward Rider, who was taken to Danville some time ago, is not improving and his friends will bring him home soon.

Mrs. Catharine Woods, mother of Dr. Woods is seriously ill from a partial stroke of paralysis which affected her entire left side. J. B. Ard has been confined to his room for several weeks with a sprained foot from which he has suffered greatly and at this writing it is not much improved.

Prof. Rothrock, of Millheim, and J. C. Williams were in town last Saturday interviewing our school directors as to the former's chance for the county superintendency next June. The genial superintendent of public instruction of Clearfield county, G. W. Weaver, was here during the holidays. His friends are always glad to see his smiling face here.