

ONCE ON A TIME.

When night gits round an' supper's aie,
Dad lights his pipe for smokin'
An' gits th' newspaper an' sez
To me, a kinder jokin'.

A SPOOL OF THREAD.

Stacey stepped lightly off the car at the
corner of M street that bright October
morning and headed straight way for the
department store across the street.

"And for laughing at me?" accusingly.
"Yes," contritely.
He was about to move away, but he tarried
a moment longer.

"Stand back, please! Only one of the girls
fainted. Let us pass, ladies, if you please."
And right at his feet in the broad open
aisle was laid his little, blue eyed clerk,

State's Millions in Political Banks.

County Treasuries Suffer While Machine Uses Public Funds.
—Men Who Hold the Surplus.—Republican Managers' Advantage Invariably Consulted in the Geographical Selection on Depositories of Taxpayers' Money.—Partisan Rules Mainstay.—Treasury Plum Tree Shaken for the Benefit of Men Who Lead Against All Movements for Honest Government.

Nearly fourteen million dollars of the
taxpayers' money, not counting the
three and three-fourths million in the
state's sinking fund, were held by the
Republican machine's favorite banks

in having a state deposit of \$25,000
upon which he had to pay only 2 per
cent interest to the commonwealth.

Machine Leaders As Directors.
Strikingly demonstrating how the
machines of the principal cities are
helped by the state treasury to thwart
the "county's" move for honest govern-

of the City Deposit Bank, which has a
snug deposit from the state treasurer.
Similarly favored is the Exchange National
Bank, of which one director, Calvin Wells,
controls the Philadelphia Press, which swallows Press-Muzzler Snyder
as a candidate for auditor general,
although it maintained vehement denunciation of Pennypacker's gag
even after the Republican state convention.

Leading Politicians Favored.
One of the old financiers of the Pittsburg
Republican organization, T. Hart Given,
is president of the Farmers' Deposit National Bank, in which is \$190,000.
C. A. Muehlbrunner, who introduced the
Pittsburg "ripper" in the senate, is a director of the favored German
National. Of another favorite, the Keystone Bank, W. C. Magee, a
relative of the late chief political ruler of Allegheny, is a director. Director
E. M. Bigelow, brother of the "ripper's" chief engineer, is a manager of the
Liberty National, a state depository. Stephen Stone, United States
marshal, and son of the ex-governor and the latter's political side partner,
ex-Congressman W. H. Graham, are directors of the Mercantile Trust, which
has a nice state deposit. Stephen Stone, as a director of the favored Prudential
Trust, appears again, and he and Graham are also connected with another
state depository, the Federal National. H. C. Frick is a director and Attorney
General P. C. Knox was until recently in the board of the Mellon National,
which has a slice of the surplus. Of another Pittsburg depository, the
Pennsylvania Trust, William B. Rodgers, city solicitor, who helped
with "Quay reform" bills and the "ripper" in its original shape, has been the
vice president. Ex-Speaker William T. Marshall is a director of the Public
Trust Company. Quay's friend, Torrance, and William McConway, whom
Flinn fattens, are directors of the Second National. In the Union Trust is a
repetition of familiar names, including Attorney General Knox and Frick. Ex-
Judge James H. Reed, who helps control the Columbia National, which has
\$245,000 state money, is president of the Philadelphia Company, a monopoly
of traction, gas and other public utilities of Pittsburgh. Fat Pickings For Serving Leaders.
Of Harrisburg state depositories Adjutant General Stewart is an investor
in the fortunes of the Commercial Bank. Lane S. Hart and Congressman
Olmsted are president and director respectively of the First National, which
holds \$233,667.45. Edward Bailey, member of the new capital commission,
is president of the Harrisburg National, with \$130,000. Bailey is president
also of the Harrisburg Trust, which holds \$350,000 and has ex-insurance
Commissioner J. M. Forster as vice president. Supreme Court Justice J. Hay Brown
is a director of the Lancaster Trust, which has state money. Of other favored
institutions fed and fattened on the use of the people's money, Ship-
builder John B. Roach, to whom State Senator Sprunt is related by marriage,
is a director of the Chester National. Congressman Acheson is in the board
of the Citizen's National of Washington. Ex-State Senator C. C. Kaufman,
formerly an insurgent, is a director of the Columbia (Lancaster county) Trust
Company. Senator Matson is a director of the Commercial National, of
Bradford. Elkin's chief lieutenant in the Republican gubernatorial canvass,
T. Larry Eyre, and ex-Auditor General McCauley are directors of the Farmers'
National, West Chester. Major General Charles Miller, of the National
Guard, is in the board of the Franklin (Venango county) Trust Company.
Representative A. A. Thompson, of Fayette, is an assistant in the Union-
town First National, which has \$100,000, and his father, J. V. Thompson,
Quay leader, is its president. And They're All Republicans.
The presence of Quay's personal and political friend, Samuel Moody, in the
board of the Beaver First National, explains its favor from State Treasurer
Harris. Other fortunate concerns are the Farmers' and Drovers' National, of
Waynesburg, with ex-Senator Daniel S. Walton as a director; the Honedale
National, which has in its board Homer Green, member of the committee that
prepared Quay's fake "ballot reform" bill; the Mercer County Trust, with
State Senator James D. Emery, sponsor for one of the infamous Emery-
Focht passenger railway franchise grabs, as president, and Lyle W. Orr,
formerly employed in the state treasury, and Common Pleas Judge S. H.
Miller as treasurer and director, respectively; the Grove City People's National,
having as a director Representative H. K. Daugherty, chairman of the last
house's judiciary local committee, who, at the close of the legislature, was
appointed attorney for the dairy and food commission and drew a salary until
Governor Pennypacker was reminded of the unconstitutionality of the appointment;
the Union Banking Trust, of Dubois, with State Senator A. E. Patton as director;
the Westmoreland Savings and Trust, in which one director is John B. Steele,
unsuccessful Republican candidate against Judge Doty, four years ago, and the
Warren Trust, in which State Senator H. H. Cummings is a director. And so the list of politicians, all Republicans,
connected with the financial institutions favored with the enormous, unnecessary
surplus, might be prolonged. This explains why the afflicted wards of the state in
hospitals for the insane are compelled to suffer from crowding and lack of
ordinary accommodation. Neither their health or comfort, nor the oppression of
the farmers and other taxpayers, whose counties are practically robbed of license
fees which would reduce their taxation, are to be considered by the machine
which it wants to profit from millions in its favorite banks.