

FARMING THE FUNDS IN STATE TREASURY

The Vast Surplus Used By Machine Politicians In Various Kinds of Private Enterprises and Personal Operations—State Deposits In Consideration of Hazardous Loans.

SOME STARTLING FACTS ARE UNEARTHED

Homer L. Castle, Esq., is a Pittsburg lawyer of considerable distinction. He is a partner, in professional practice, of former Governor William A. Stone, and the prohibition nominee for judge of the superior court.

During a speech delivered in the court house in Harrisburg on the evening of September 20, Mr. Castle stated that a bank near Pittsburg, of which he was at the time a director, and for which he was solicitor, received a state deposit of \$20,000, under an agreement that \$10,000 of the amount would be loaned to Senator Penrose.

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The bank, has explicitly corroborated Mr. Castle's statement of that affair. In another speech Mr. Castle said: "I see that there is much speculation as to whether the \$10,000,000 cash balance of the state of Pennsylvania is real money or 'cats and dogs.'"

"Let them make an investigation and they will find that the greater part of that \$10,000,000 is in securities of such a character that scarcely a bank in the commonwealth would touch them."

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not act with him in the Mortgage Banking company affair? I leave you to your own inferences in considering the whole affair; I am making no charges except those I am prepared to substantiate in detail.

Penrose is boss of the Republican machine. He controls this man Plummer, who runs for state treasurer, and if Plummer is elected Penrose will be the treasurer. That is an encouraging effect when we have here letters that the machine is sending money to the banks holding state money. They call loudly for campaign contributions and promise the big changes that there will be a great banker in the method of running the treasury if Berry is elected. You bet there will be, and I say that why I want the ring driven out. We want this farming out of our money stopped. We want a square deal in the treasury, so we want this change that the ringsters fear so badly."

IS THE SURPLUS REAL?

Significant Inquiry of a Newspaper Correspondent.

There is a Growing Impression That the Boasted Balance is Largely Made Up of I. O. U.'s and Other Evidences of Debt.

The Harrisburg correspondent of the Pittsburg Dispatch, an independent and conservative Republican newspaper, writes as follows: "The \$10,000,000 'cash balance' of the commonwealth is being 'lent' to real money, or 'cats and dogs.'"

"Has the state a vast surplus of actual money available for emergencies, as so glibly alleged in the 'literature' of the 'progressive' reform movement, or is this 'surplus' made up, in part at least, of the 'paper' of irresponsible 'dead politicians'?"

These startling questions are likely to figure very prominently in the campaign for state treasurer during the remaining six weeks before election. The managers of the anti-graft campaign profess to be convinced that if once an untrammelled state treasurer could get his hands on the innermost records of the finances of the commonwealth, he could uncover such a state of affairs as would lead directly to the people of Pennsylvania, accustomed as they are to revelations of mismanagement in public office."

Keeping Things Quiet. This phase of the anti-graft campaign has been held back apparently until the latest time for presentation to the people will permit of its being kept fresh in the public thought right up to the casting of the November ballots prior to this publication only the fact that it has been given. That is the address of Charles Heber, the distinguished Montgomery county author and authority on civic affairs, before the meeting at which the Lincoln party was organized several weeks ago."

When it is considered that the state treasury has been absolutely in the hands of the 'organization' for well on to half a century, it is not surprising that actual evidence for or against the substantiality of the '\$10,000,000 surplus,' or of anything else concerning the treasury, for that matter, is decidedly scarce."

From the elder Cameron's time, all down through the Cameron and Quay 'dynasties,' there has been greater care exercised by the bosses of the 'organization' to keep the treasury than for any other state office, the governorship not excepted."

As a result of this, and also by reason of a complete system of cross accounts between the treasurer and the auditor general, the record of the treasury has been virtually a sealed book to the people who pay the money. They know only the fact that the state treasury is short, or that it has a surplus of so many millions in the various favored banks. For the past three years the total given has not gone below \$10,000,000 except two or three times. But they haven't any other assurance than the bare published report that the 'millions' represent real dollars rather than political 'I. O. U.'s."

The revelations made this week by Homer L. Castle, of Pittsburg, apparently are designed as paying the way in the public mind for the still gliber statements that are expected to follow concerning the management of the public funds. Mr. Castle has shattered the long-established theory of the gentlemen who deal in state deposits, that there need be no fear of publicity where only the parties directly involved in the deals are in a position to give any information concerning it."

MINE OWNERS' RELIANCE

Count On Courts to Uphold Refusal to Recognize Unions. Pottsville, Oct. 23.—That the anthracite coal operators will fall back on the decision of the coal strike commission, which has been upheld by recent decision of the courts, as a reason for refusing the demands of the United Mine Workers for recognition of the union, is indicated by a pamphlet written by David Wilcox, president of the Delaware & Hudson company, which has been circulated here.

In this pamphlet Mr. Wilcox calls attention to the decision of the commission as follows: "The mines shall be open to all seeking employment, regardless of membership in the labor organization, and irrespective of the action of any such body. 'A labor organization whose purpose can only be accomplished by the violation of law and order of society has no right to exist.'"

"The right to remain at work where others have ceased to work, or to engage anew in work which others have abandoned, is part of the personal liberty of a citizen that can never be surrendered, and every infringement thereof merits and should receive the stern denunciation of the law."

Mr. Wilcox, after reciting these general principles, says the commission also made the following award: "No person shall be refused employment or in any way discriminated against on account of membership or non-membership in any labor organization; and there shall be no discrimination or interference with any person who is not a member of any labor organization by members of such organization."

CUNLIFFE NOT ILL-TREATED

Denies He Was Tortured by Officers to Secure Confession. Pittsburg, Oct. 24.—A second information, charging larceny of \$750 on or before October 9, the day he disappeared with \$100,000, was lodged against E. G. Cunliffe by C. H. Hine, general local agent of the Adams Express company. Cunliffe waived a hearing on this second charge, which will be presented to the grand jury. Cunliffe voluntarily handed to W. W. Bearce, of Philadelphia, general superintendent of the Pinkerton agency, a letter denying published reports of ill-treatment and stating that his treatment had been kind beyond his expectations.

JERRY SIMPSON DEAD

The Populist Congressman Succumbs After Long Illness. Wichita, Kan., Oct. 24.—Former Congressman Jerry Simpson died at his home here after a long illness. Sunday he had another severe hemorrhage of the lungs, and his vitality was so low that he was unable to recuperate after the attack. Ex-Congressman Simpson was born in New Brunswick on March 31, 1842. At 14 he began life as a sailor, and during 23 years followed that pursuit, commanding many large vessels on the Great Lakes. In the Civil War he served in the 12th Illinois infantry. He came to Kansas in 1878. Originally he was a Republican, but later became a Greenbacker and Populist. He was a member of congress from 1891 to 1897 and from 1897 to 1899, being nominated the last time by both the Democrats and Populists. After he left congress he moved to Roswell, N. M., where he engaged up to the time of his death in stock farming. He returned to Kansas a month ago and entered a hospital for treatment.

886 KILLED ON RAILROADS

According to Interstate Commission 13,783 Were Also Injured. Washington, Oct. 24.—During the 12 months ended June 30, 1905, 886 persons were killed and 13,783 injured as the result of accidents on railroad trains, according to a report of the interstate commerce commission. Comparison with 1904 shows an increase of 11 killed and 4123 injured among passengers and employees, the increase in killed being wholly among passengers, while the number of employees killed showed a decrease of 106. There were 1231 collisions and 1535 derailments. The damage to cars, engines and roadway by these accidents amounted to \$2,410,671.

ABYSSINIAN ENVOY HERE

New York, Oct. 23.—El-Hagg-Abdullah Ali Sadik Pasha, prince of the Mohammedan church, general of the Abyssinian army, minister of commerce and envoy of Emperor Menelik to President Roosevelt, arrived here on the steamer Cedric. He comes ostensibly in regard to the new treaty of commerce between this country and Abyssinia, but actually his mission is to study the possibilities of closer relations with Europe and America. Menelik is especially interested in the United States and has already given a home for a legation at Adis Ababa, the capital, in case this country cares to establish one.

KILLED HIMSELF DURING SON'S FUNERAL

New York, Oct. 23.—Crazed with grief over the death of his son, who committed suicide with illuminating gas, Herman Schultz shot himself through the head while the funeral service was being read over the body of his son and fell prostrate across the coffin. Mrs. Schultz and her three daughters fainted and the funeral of the son was postponed that both father and son might be buried together.

MURDERED BEFORE HIS HOME

Luciano Torreno, Supposed Leader of Black Hand, Shot. Wilkes-Barre, Oct. 24.—Luciano Torreno, an Italian known as a bad man and suspected of being a leader of the Black Hand society, was murdered in front of his home at Brownstown, being shot five times. He tried to shoot back, but a bullet had smashed his right hand and the trigger of his revolver at the same time. He was heavily armed. His wife heard the five shots and rushed out of the house to find him dead, but did not see the murderer.

Torreno was arrested in New York a few years ago in connection with the famous Mafia barrel mystery. A few months ago federal officers captured him after a stubborn fight, and he was held on a charge of counterfeiting. The police believe that an enemy in the Black Hand or some victim lay in wait for him and killed him.

STEVENS WON'T RESIGN

Chief Engineer of Panama Canal Denies Rumor. Panama, Oct. 24.—It being persistently rumored in the canal zone that Chief Engineer John F. Stevens intended resigning Mr. Stevens in an interview said: "You can deny the report. There is absolutely no truth in it. I am satisfied with my work in every way and God willing I will remain here until the canal is finished." Mr. Stevens went to Colon to examine the preliminary work on the system which is to furnish the water supply of Colon, which will be completed next December.

Medical. NEVER TIRED OF IT. BELLEFONTE PEOPLE ARE PLEASED TO SHOW THE GRATEFULTY THEY FEEL. People cured of lame, weak and aching back, kidney weakness and urinary troubles, never tired of letting others know of the remedy which did it; Doan's Kidney Pills. The cures are permanent, as people who were cured years ago now testify. Here is a case of the thorough working of Doan's Kidney Pills here in Bellefonte.

PILES A cure guaranteed if you use RUDY'S PILE SUPPOSITORY. D. Matt. Thompson, Supt. Graded Schools, Stateville, N. C., writes: "I can say they do me all claim for them."

TRAVELERS GUIDE. CENTRAL RAILROAD OF PENNA. Condensed Time Table effective Nov. 28, 1904.

Table with columns for Stations, Read Down, and Read Up. Includes routes like Philadelphia & Reading R.R., and stations like Pottsville, Harrisburg, and York.

BELLEFONTE CENTRAL RAILROAD. Schedule to take effect Monday, May 29, 1905. Table with columns for Stations, Westward, and Eastward. Includes stations like Harrisburg, York, and Pottsville.

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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD AND BRANCHES

Table showing train schedules for Pennsylvania Railroad and branches, including destinations like Harrisburg, York, and Pottsville.

TYRONE AND CLEARFIELD, R. R.

Table showing train schedules for Tyrone and Clearfield, R.R., including destinations like Tyrone and Clearfield.

BALD EAGLE VALLEY BRANCH.

Table showing train schedules for Bald Eagle Valley Branch, including destinations like Tyrone and Clearfield.

LEWISBURG & TYRONE RAILROAD.

Table showing train schedules for Lewisburg & Tyrone Railroad, including destinations like Lewisburg and Tyrone.

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BELLEFONTE & SNOW SHOES RAILROAD.

Table showing train schedules for Bellefonte & Snow Shoes Railroad, including destinations like Bellefonte and Snow Shoes.

Money to Loan.

Money to Loan on good security and houses for rent. J. M. KEENE, 65-14-177, Atty at Law.