

Ink Stings.

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Good Work of Dewalt and Ammerman.

The people of Pennsylvania are under everlasting obligations to Senator DEWALT and Representative AMMERMAN, the Democratic members of the capitol investigating commission for their courageous and consistent demand for a report which meant something other than a white-wash of the treasury looters.

Both wings of the Republican party were concerned in a suppression of the facts. The ELKIN followers are more numerous in the guilty crowd but there are enough of the PENROSE adherents involved in the criminal transactions to make them anxious for concealment.

It is not certain that the work of the investigating commission will result in the punishment of the grafters. It can hardly be predicted at this time that it will eventually result in an enduring improvement in the public life of the Commonwealth.

False Campaign Promise.

The Republican machine candidate for State Treasurer declared in a speech delivered in Berks county the other day, that, in the event of his election, he will strive for the reforms which the people demand.

That is an unwritten law of politics. It is an inevitable consequence of party custom and training.

No party which had fallen into abuses ever reformed itself, while it remained in power. So long as it continues to succeed at the polls, its leaders will pretend to believe that its methods and measures are approved by public opinion, and will pursue the policies and practices thus popularly endorsed.

QUAY was the most prolific promoter in the public life of the State during his leadership of the Republican machine. In the campaign of 1901 he personally took the stump and pledged his sacred honor to the enactment of legislation in the interest of ballot reform, which would be satisfactory to the Democrats.

There is now no doubt of the merger of the Bald Eagle Valley railroad with the Pennsylvania system, as the Philadelphia Record is authority for the statement that already more than two-thirds of the outstanding stock of the Bald Eagle has been deposited with the treasurer of the Pennsylvania under the conditions of the offer recently made.

The Centre county Christian Endeavor society convention will this year be held at Howard on Wednesday and Thursday, September 4th and 5th. Quite an exhaustive program has been prepared which provides for the presence of quite a number of prominent and well known speakers.

The Most Guilty of the Lot.

It is strange, indeed, if there is no law which will reach and punish former Governor PENNYPACKER for his share in the looting of the treasury in connection with the construction of the capitol. He encourages the idea that he was deceived by architect HUSTON and others and that if he hadn't been he would have vigilantly guarded the treasure of the people.

It is not a harsh statement to say that PENNYPACKER is the most guilty of all the looters concerned in that job. He didn't get money, probably, but he got what was to him far more precious. That is he got promises of judicial nomination and election and for that consideration he prostituted himself understandingly to the service of the machine.

After the induction of Mr. BERRY into the office of State Treasurer every meeting of the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings was turned into a debating society. Mr. BERRY contended with all the force and eloquence he could command that the bills were excessive but made no impression on the mind of the Governor. In at least one instance he produced proof of his assertion, but in that as in all other instances the bill was approved and paid.

Victory Certain With Proper Effort.

The Democrats of Pennsylvania have a splendid opportunity to achieve a great victory this year. A complete, or nearly complete poll of the Democratic vote last fall would have elected Mr. EMEY and his associates on the ticket by a majority of 100,000.

This year we have a candidate who is a Democrat both in principle and practice. Hon. JOHN G. HARMAN is not only an intelligent student of political principles but he is a devoted follower of the Jeffersonian school.

JOHN HARMAN can be defeated only through the delinquency of the Democrats of the State. If they are faithful to him and to themselves Mr. HARMAN will be elected by a greater majority than that of Mr. BERRY two years ago.

On Wednesday morning Edward Bashe, a brakeman on a freight train on the Bald Eagle Valley railroad, was sitting on the station platform at Howard, while the engineer was shifting cars and when he was looking another way a string of cars was shunted on the siding and running along the station knocked Bashe off and crushed his body between the platform and the cars.

On Tuesday the venerable Thomas Waddle, of Jersey Shore, celebrated his eighty-eighth birthday anniversary, and is still in vigorous health. Mr. Waddle is well known in Bellefonte, as he is a native of Centre county, having been born at what at that time was known as Rook Forge, up Spring creek.

A Bad Legislative Record.

There are fool friends of the Republican machine candidate for State Treasurer who continue to refer to his legislative record. As a matter of fact there are few members of the Legislature whose records are as bad as that of Mr. SHEATZ.

Mr. SHEATZ's service in the Legislature began with the opening of the session of 1903. He had been elected as a Republican and acted as such, swallowing everything that came along as freely as Dr. FAHEY or any of the other servile instruments of the boss.

During the session of 1905 the machine candidate's record was little, if any, better. The symptoms of political revolution were already perceptible in Philadelphia and Mr. SHEATZ, who is a trimmer, began adjusting his sails to the conditions. He introduced a personal registration bill with an apology and gave it a timid support.

Roosevelt's Insincerity Exposed.

Senator FORAKER, of Ohio, has pertinently called public attention to the fact that the Standard Oil company was prosecuted to the immense penalty imposed by Judge LANDIS under the ELKIN anti-discrimination law, which President ROOSEVELT has persistently declared to be inadequate.

These facts confirm the growing belief that lust for power rather than concern for the public has influenced President ROOSEVELT to his efforts for control of railroads. The control of those corporations would afford an immense leverage in the manipulation of politics, and if the President's hopes had been fulfilled the road to the nomination for a third term would have been vastly improved.

The Standard Oil company has been brought to something like just punishment under a law which was on the statute books before the absurd ROOSEVELT agitation was predicated on the hypothesis that the State's Legislatures were incapable of dealing with corporation questions.

Probably the biggest crop of hay harvested in Centre county this year is that by the McCoy & Linn Iron company. Up to the beginning of this week they had either housed or put on stacks over one hundred four-horse loads of hay and at that time they had upwards of seventy-five loads yet to harvest, the most of which has been cut and stacked by this time.

The telegraph operator's strike has even affected Bellefonte. When the call was sent out to union operators on Tuesday to go out William Picken, manager of the Western Union office in this place, left his key and walked out. An operator was sent here from Tyrone at noon that day but he left the same evening, and Wednesday another man was sent here. Whether he will stay or not remains to be seen.

By the small margin of fifteen votes Miss Ella Alters won the silver set given away by the Rinehart Medicine company, at their free show last Saturday evening, in the "most popular girl in town" contest.

Will be the Restoration of the Machine.

Report of the Investigation Committee. Trying to Save the Friends of Both Sides. The Great Need of Minority Representation. Sheatz Election Means the Restoration of the Machine. Special Correspondence.

Harrisburg, Pa., August 1907.

It may be confidently predicted that the investigation of the capitol graft scandal will result in the trial and possibly the punishment of two or three of the looters. Architect Huston and former Superintendent of Public Grounds and Buildings, Senator Fisher will be sacrificed to the popular demand for reparation.

There are to be any prosecutions, however, is attributable to the minority representation on the probing commission. It is clear now that the majority of that body intended to make a white washing report. Senator Fisher had a double interest in that sort of a presentment.

DEMOCRATS DEMANDED JUST REPORT. But the Democratic members of the Commission wouldn't stand for that kind of a travesty on justice. Senator Dewalt and Representative Ammerman promptly and emphatically declared that the Commission should do its duty or else they would present a minority report.

When the late Senator Buckalew was urging the adoption of the principal of minority representation as a feature of the Constitution of the State, he didn't pretend to think that one Commissioner of the minority party would control the board or that the minority Auditor would have this kind of a way.

Suppose Berry had been defeated for State Treasurer two years ago and his machine antagonist, J. Lee Plummer, elected. Plummer is no better and no worse than Senator Fisher. Senator Fisher, Snyder or William E. Matthews. They had perpetrated the fraud upon the public of certifying to the completion of the State capitol within the appropriation and he would have continued the falsehood.

GOOD CHARACTER INADEQUATE.

No man will question the personal integrity of Senator Fisher. Senator Sisson enjoys the confidence of the community in which he lives and Representatives Fair and Shields are held by their neighbors as models of good citizenship. Yet for the purposes of political expediency, according to evidence which comes from the seat of the Commission, they were willing, and even anxious, to make such a report of their prolonged and arduous research, as would have made the investigation a farce.

Their purpose has been defeated, it may be said, though at this writing the text of the report has not been made public. But we have assurances that they have yielded to the importunities of the minority and consented to recommend the prosecution of the malefactors. That they haven't come to this conclusion cheerfully may easily be believed. Kind hearted men are reluctant to give their friends over to justice however palpable their guilt and a proper report involves such abnegation on their part. But they had no alternative.

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Spawls from the Keystone.

Sixty-one deaths and 102 births are the figures given out for Johnstown during July by its board of health.

A diamond ring worth \$50 was found in a can of Pacific coast salmon by James Brady, of McKeesport.

Harry Grob, of Monaca, Berks county, caught a carp twenty-seven inches long that weighed sixteen pounds.

The eightieth annual picnic of the "Dutch folks" of Snyder and Juniata counties was held near Sellingsgrove on Saturday, with about 5,000 persons in attendance.

Williamsport has an Italian bakery which turns out 700 loaves of bread a day. It is supplied to the Italians in the city and also those engaged on various jobs outside the city.

Frank R. Jones, of Slatting, who had his hand crushed two weeks ago in the South Bethlehem Steel works, died of lockjaw on Thursday, aged 23 years.

A Pottsville syndicate of capitalists who leased the old iron ore mines in Warwick township, Chester county, are taking out 100 tons of ore daily and will increase the output to 1,000 tons.

The rolling mill of the American Car and Foundry company, at Berwick, which has been idle for a number of weeks, will resume work next Tuesday. Eight hundred men will be employed.

Miss Alice Meyer, of Reading, who had sued David W. Brunner for \$5,000 damages for alleged breach of promise of marriage, was on Thursday awarded \$50 by the arbitrators who heard the case.

Farmer William T. Cressy was relieved of his pocketbook containing \$15 in cash and some papers of value by a pick-pocket, while attending the Granger's picnic at Bloomsburg on Thursday.

In a raid on an alleged den of counterfeiters, near Smith, Fayette county, on Saturday, five men were arrested and a large number of spurious coins and a number of moulds and other equipments were found.

Orders have been issued by the coke companies throughout the Connellsville and Masonville regions forbidding all labor on Sundays, except what is absolutely necessary. The order affects about 5,000 persons.

John Hoar, a night cabman, of York, fell out of a doorway at his home on Thursday morning and fractured a rib. Within the last five years Hoar has had twenty-seven accidents, several of which nearly cost him his life.

The Pennsylvania Railroad company has decided to open a school of telegraphy in Bedford and will charge a small tuition, which will be refunded when the pupil becomes proficient in the work and accepts a position with the company.

Phenomenal catches of bass are reported from Monroe county. The biggest caught weighed five pounds and measured nineteen inches in length. Another party of three men caught seventeen, several of which weighed three pounds each.

A new contract for lighting the streets has been made between the borough of Gallitzin and the electric light company of that place. The contract is in force on October 1. It is for twenty-five lights at \$90 per annum. The old contract was for seventeen lights at \$80.

The first step towards ending the silk weavers' strike in the Lackawanna region was made on Saturday, when a proposition to work about nine and one-half hours per day with a half holiday Saturday afternoon, made by the Harvey Silk company, was accepted by the strikers.

On Wednesday Louis A. Wells, a stalwart colored man, fell fifty feet from a smoke stack at the Warwick furnaces, near Pottstown, landing head first on a pile of iron ore. Fellow workmen expected to find him dead, but were amazed to see him conscious with only a few cuts and bruises.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ketcher, of Mt. Union, are the parents of a little baby, perfect in form, with this addition, that it has two thumbs on one hand. Each has a nail and they are shaped so that they can clinch at the ends and will enable the child to hold an article in its two thumbs instead of its thumb and finger.

The Berwind-White Coal company is preparing to open up another mine in the vicinity of Windber, which will start the development of a 500-acre tract of coal land. It is expected the plant will be in operation within a year, greatly increasing the output of that corporation and giving employment to a vast army of men.

A freeman's convention at Kittanning last week caused all the saloon keepers to lay in an extra stock of liquors expecting to do a big business. But the freemen held their business sessions and had their parade, but drank very little, leaving a big lot of the stuff in the hands of the saloon keepers, to their great disappointment.

Mrs. Thomas H. Murray, of Clearfield, died suddenly Wednesday afternoon at her home in that place. Mrs. Murray had just returned from a visit to the church, where she was taken ill, and hurrying home, expired soon after. She was aged about 60 years, was a woman of rare attainments and was quite well known in Bellefonte.

A special election was recently held in Indiana for the purpose of deciding whether the school board should have authority to issue bonds to the amount of \$100,000 for the purpose of erecting a new school building and making some extensive repairs to the others. The people decided that they were in favor of education by a majority of 203.

Harry M. Ulrich, aged 15 years, son of Mrs. Mary C. Ulrich, of Nesbit, Lycoming county, is dead, the result of an accident which occurred Sunday afternoon. He was in a lumber camp near the town and was inspecting a gun, which was in the hands of Clark McWilliams. The weapon was accidentally discharged, the load entering Ulrich's left side, tearing a ghastly hole in the chest and abdomen. A physician was summoned but the wound was of a fatal character, and all that could be done was to relieve the boy's sufferings as much as possible. Death relieved him about four hours after the accident happened. The lad had been the victim of a similar accident about two years ago.