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Building Commissioner To Try Grafters.

Has for its Purpose the Re-election Roosevelt,-How Sheatz Won Machine Favor Revealed.

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Having vaguely promised that the capital grafters will be punished some time after the election the machine party managers appear to be highly delighted with themselves. We are great reformers, they say inferentially, and are willing to hire any number of brass bands with which to hunt for criminals and prosecute looters. But to the average mind their promises are to the ear "to be broken to the hope." That is to say they are simply "good enough Mor-gans until after the election," and after the election the prosecutions will be abandoned or botched.

by circumstantial evidence as to have assumed the form of fact. If there had been an intention to prosecute S. J. M. McCarrell never would have been appointed Judge of the Dauphin county court by the Governor or nominated for that office by the Dauphin county Republican machine. If a man wanted to break up a gang of burgiars he would hardly put the matter in charge of other burglars, if he was a wise man. There is a code of honor among thieves which makes

them help each other. When the fire of suspicious origin destroyed the capitol building in 1897 Mr. McCarrell was a State Senator. With the help of his own vote a law was enacted appropriating \$550,000 for the construction of a new capitol building. That law created a Commission of which Mr. McCarrell became a member which was bound "to complete and deliver" a capitol building, "ready for occupancy and furnishing not later than Nov. 15th 1898, "When the Legislature assembled for the session of 1899 it found an unfinished building resembling a tobacco warehouse.

Not a Fit Judge of Grafters.

specified amount but actually fortracting for the expenditure of any money in excess of that figure. Yet plete. It was so absurd a statement him to "clear the decks.," that everybody was astounded. The dropped Davis, Reed and Stone. rough brick walls on the outside and the burlap walls on the inside stood publicly made but the gossip of the corriders freely charged not only the contractors had located to division of the spoils.

Of course a man so closely associated with the construction of the capitol would not be safe in the position of determining the guilt of the grafters. Naturally he would prefer that the agitation of the question be discontinued as speedily as possible and the surest and safest way to stop the agitation of a question is to forget it. Four years ago Mr. McCarrell aspired to a seat on the bench and was defeated. Again a year ago he became a candidate and was forced out of the fight by repraiding and environment wasn't needed on the Dauphin county bench at those times. But no other kind will serve the purpose now and Mc-Carrell has been both nominated and

appointed. The plain inference is that there will be no trial of the grafters. They will be indicted, of course, and the pretense will be kept up that there is an intention to prosecute. But it is a false and fraudulent pretense.

McCarrell has too much interest in the suppression of the facts to permit a judicial investigation if he is Another two years without the treasable to prevent it and if he is a ury and they will despair. The bood-Judge on the bench in the court in lers won't work for nothing.

Which the cases are scheduled for These are the reason. trial he can prevent it. Governor Stuart must have known this when he appointed McCarrell to the bench and the suspicion is justified that he made the appointment for the purpose of preventing the trial.

Insurance Grafters Immune.

During the special session of the Legislature of 1906 the Insurance Department of the State was investi- years or so ago. gated. The first witness examined during that inquiry was Samuel W. McCulloch, Deputy Insurance Com-missioner. Mr. McCulloch testified positively that Clayton W. Erb. Edward J. Davis, R. J. Reed and Israel G. Stone were on the payroll of the Department, received checks regularly for many months though they were never at the Department and never performed any work for

them. other misfeasances in the Depart- tion. Davis, Reed and Stone and it way grafters serves the purpose of blind-

practically proved that one of these pensioners of the Department was receiving the salary as a reward for service to the machine as a member of the perjured jury which acquitted Sam Salter after his practical con-

fession of guilt.
Insurance Commissioner Durham who was responsible for and participated in these crimes against the State is getting ready to resume his PLAN OF ACQUITTAL position as "the most influential cittzen of Philadelphia." If Governor Stuart is going to purify the public life of the Commonwealth by purg-Governor Stuart in the Scheme Which ing it of grafters through the agency of the criminal courts, why doesn't he begin with those outlaws who of Penrose and the Rebuke of were exposed more than a year and a-half ago? Why are not those men sent to prison as an admonition to others who are tempted to loot and in order to vindicate the law which has been outraged? Simply because public sentiment seems to have forgot the Crimes of those men, though

Stuart Not a Reformer.

And it is precisely for this reason that the machine managers including Governor Stuart, are anxious to prevent the trial of the grafters now under the lime light of popular execration. They know that such things are soon forgot, Durham was forced to resign at the time and McNicholl was compelled to declare that he would not again participate in municipal spoils. But they are both back at the old business and the old tricks, just as Sanderson and Huston and This is hardly a matter of conject. the other capital grafters will again ure. It is so completely supported come into favor of the machine and recume their predatory operations within a few months unless the machine is completely exterminated by the election of John G. Harman this fall.

In the light of these events it is absurd to say that Governor Stuart is a reformer. He is personally honest, no doubt just as Judge Pen-nypacker was personally beyond re-proach when he became Governor. But he is just as serviceable to the machine as Pennypacker. He won't openly boast of his iniquities as that abnormally vain old man did. But he will shield crimes perpetrated for the benefit of the party and protect criminals who have served the or-ganiation precisely as his predecessor did. His appointment of McCarrel' to the Dauphin county bench at this time is the most convincing and conclusive evidence of this fact. Penrose knew his man.

Governor Stuart never interfered with graft when he was Mayor of Philadelphia and he will not be offensive to his party leaders as Governor. It was during his administration the municipal government that the Contractors' combine was organized. It was Dave Martin rather than Durham who was the boss in those days. But the difference is The law not only required the without a distinction. A cancer is completion of a building within the loathsome no matter what the doctor calls it and Durham is no worse than bade the Commissioners from con- Martin. In fact when Martin succeeded Durham as Insurance Commissioner he continued the padded Senator, now Judge McCarrell, cer-tified that the building was com-proaching investigation admonished

Enmity to Roosevelt Secures Favor-State but that the Building Commissioners had participated in the division of the spoils.

Tose and control the Delegates to the next National convention against Roosevelt. The President has incensed the machine leaders in this State by his indifference to their wants. One of the most potent reasons for the nomination of Sheatz is that he shares this antipathy to Roosevelt. It was only when he voted against the Creasy resolution endorsing the President's policies and pledging the moral support of the Legislature to his railroad rate bill that Sheatz became a prime favorite of the machine and the nomination for State Treasurer is his recompense for that sinster service.

If Sheatz is defeated the machine will be destroyed absolutely. The control of the State deposits is essential to machine success. The political bankers must be fed and fattened or else they won't contribute to the corruption fund and without a corruption fund the machine is impotent. No self-respecting man will vote for its candidates and few of the other kind will do so unless they are paid. The money to pay them can't be got unless the machine has control of the Treasury. The last two years have been the hardest years of the life of the machine.

friends of good government should strive earnestly for the election of John G. Harman. He is a splendid speciman of American citizenship. He is honest, able and courageous. If he is elected the policies of Mr. Berry will be scrupulously followed. There are other grounds, more-over, for the belief that it is not the intention to prosecute these grafters.

If he is elected the capitol grafters will be prosecuted and punished not-withstanding the effort to pack the court in their interest as McCarrell tried to pack the Philadelphia jury in the interest of Quay half a dozen

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Mark the Vast Difference.

From the Eastern Argus. The Republicans of the state of Pennsylvania on each occasion upon which they are offered an opportunity to express any sentiment in resolutions, spread themselves in condemnation of the capitol grafters. Loudly do they call for the bringing of the the State and notwithstanding there was no authority of law for paying ously they urge that they be permitted to hand out the justice to the Mr. McCulloch also testified to guilty. That is one side of the ques-Witness how differently the ment for which the Insurance Com- effective work of the organization missioner was responsible. Among progresses. Note the delay in bring other things he declared that his ing the men accused of wrong doing ing the men accused of wrong doing own salary was augmented frequent. into the courts. Consider the deterly by adding expense accounts and mination of the political machine to inferentially stated that whenever put off the trials in court until after Captain Erb needed money he would make requisition on the Department and get whatever sums he wanted. His testimony was corroborated by

ing easily duped voters into the sup-port of the Republican nominee. With the election of the machine candi-date to the office of state treasurer and that department of the state government again under the rule of the gang, the prosecution of the capi-tol grafters might easily be expected to develop into a farce. It would be folly in the extreme even to ex-pect that the machine leaders would be active in handing out to members of their own gang the sort of punishment which the crime seems to merit.

Significance of a Vote for Sheatz. From the Philadelphia Record.

Both Governor Stuart and Senator Knox shrewdly avoided all mention to the Republican League of Clubs the issue of the re-election of Senator Penrose that is involved indirectly, but no less certainly, in this Pennsylvania contest. While they indulged in mutual admiration, they had not one word to say for Senator Penrose. This may be thought un-kind when it is considered that the influence of Senator Penrose was essential to the election of Senator Knox, and that his voice was equally potential in the nomination of Governor Stuart. But it was kindness in the Governor and Senator to attempt to keep the chieftain of the Machine in the background of this campaign, if such a thing were possible. Yet everybody knows that a vote for John O. Sheatz is a vote for Boles Penrose, and that the election of Sheatz would mean the triumph of the Machine, to be followed by the certain return of Penrose to the United States Senate.

O, Pennsylvania, How Long? From the Johnstown Democrat.

There is to be no prosecution of the capitol grafters until December, if then. This is information which comes from an official source. It means that the truth is to be kept from the voters until after the November election. If Sheatz is elected state treasurer it means that the truth will be kept from them for all time. If Sheatz is elected the grafters will be whitewashed. It is the talk that is in the air in Harrisburg. It is the talk in all political circles. The game of fooling the people is on. And they will be fooled if they fail to elect Harman to succeed Berry. The election of Harman will force the prosecution of the grafters. The election of Sheatz will mean immunity for them. Already in prospect of this the grafters are shaking hands with themselves.

An Ominous Coincidence.

From the Bedford Gazette. In the Legislature of 1905 J. Lee Plummer was the Machine Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, and from this post the Machine intended to promote him to the office of State Treasurer as a reward for his services. But a hitch was found in the arrangement when the votes were counted in November

In the Legislature of 1907 John O. Sheatz was the Machine Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, and, following the Plummer precedent, he is also made the Machine candidate for State Treasurer.

What's the Use of Gilding Gold. From the Doylestown Democrat.

Nearly every spellbinder who speaks for Candidate Sheatz states great length and with much emphasis that the candidate is an honest man. Why is it necessary to make this point so emphatic? Is it because Republican candidates in the past have been so dishenest that people's suspicions as to the honesty of the present candidate must be allayed? If Mr. Sheatz really is an honest man, why do the spellbinders find it necessary to make that fact so prominent?

Governor of the Machine. From the Harrisburg Patriot.

Thousands of his fellow-citizens who would rather believe Governor Edwin S. Stuart a patriot and a statesman than a partisan politician will, for the Governor's own sake, regret that he has seen fit only a few weeks before election to appoint Mr. McCarrell to the vacancy on the Dauphin county bench.

In this act Mr. Stuart has shown that he considers himself rather the Governor of a party than the Governor of the people.

Elements Against Sheatz. From the Blossburg Advertiser.

We do not believe that the Tioga county miners, farmers and old soldiers will support John O. Sheatz for State Treasurer after his gang legislative record has been exposed. Neither do we see how any newspaper publisher can support him because of his vote for the press muzzler. He is of the gang, and for the gang first and last.

A Strong Double Team. From the Williamsport Sun.

With both the old soldiers, and the sons of old soldiers, entering protest against the Machine bosses' defeat of the Cochran pension bill there will be a heavy verdict against Sheatz at the ballot box in Novem-

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FIFE WON'T BUILD

Refuses to Design Yacht Challenger Under Old Rules.

London, Sept. 28 .- Sir Thomas Lipton and William Fife, the yacht designer, were in conference here. The net result of the long conference was that Fife positively refuses, in any circumstances, to design a challenger under the old rules, but is willing to undertake to design a 90-footer under the "universal rule," if such a proposition shall be acceptable to the New York Yacht club.

Mr. Westwood, Sir Thomas Lipton's ecretary, will start for Ireland to consult with the authorities of the Royal Irish Yacht club and decide on a course

Sir Thomas Lipton is still strongly desirous of issuing a challenge, but finds designers of repute here averse to undertaking the task of designing

what they speak of as a freak. Sir Thomas is ready to build a 90footer under the new American rule. After the receipt of the cable dispatch from the Royal Irish Yacht club, it will be for the New York Yacht club to say whether there will be a race for the cup in 1908. Sir Thomas has received hundreds of dispatches, many of them from America, expressing re gret at the fact that his challenge has not been accepted.

SWEDEN AFTER CUP

Stockholm Yacht Club May Challenge For America's Trophy.

Stockholm, Oct. 1.-The Swedish Yacht club has addressed an inquiry to the New York Yacht club as to whether the latter would accept a Swedish challenge for the America's cup. The prospective challengers are William Olsson, a millionaire merchant, and M. Kyhlberger, a banker, whose yacht Santoy has won several races.

The Royal Swedish Yacht club is one of the largest in the world, and, having over 1000 members and about 600 boats, of which only 10 are steam yachts. The honorary president of the club is King Oscar, and among the membership are Prince William, who recently visited the United States; Crown Prince Gustav, and Admiral Prince Oscar Bernardotte.

POSSE PURSUES NEGRO

Fatally Shot Girl's Sweetheart and Then Assaulted Her.

Washington, Sept. 30.-A posse is scouring Alexandria county, Virginia, for a negro, who waylaid and perhaps fatally shot John William Mullen, 21 years old, near Rosslyn, opposite this city, and then assaulted Miss Amelia Weiss, aged 17, Mullen's flance, with whom he was out walking. Without a word of warning the negro opened fire on Mullen, shooting him through the mouth and splitting his tongue. The assailant dragged the girl into a thicket, holding her a captive for more than an hour. As he left her he said he was going back to her lover "and finish the job." Mullen, however, was able to make his way up the hill and tell of the crime, the girl in the meantime finding her way to her home, where she informed her parents of what had happened.

Great excitement prevails, and searching parties are looking for the

negro. The affair is regarded as one of the most atrocious that has occurred in this vicinity, and if the negro is found it is believed that the threats of lynching, freely indulged in, will be made good.

BATTLE HERO HONORED

Governor Hughes Attends Unveiling of Statue to General Greene.

Gettysburg, Pa., Sept. 28.—Governor Charles E. Hughes, of New York state. the distinguished veteran officers comprising the New York state monument commission, and committees representing the state legislature, participated in the dedication of a bronze statue erected on Culp's hill to commemorate the services of Brevet Major General George Sears Greene and the regiments under his command, who repulsed the confederate attack upon the hill in the famous "night fight" of July 2, 1863.

A feature of the ceremonies was the presence of survivors of the nine New York regiments which bore the brunt of this attack. The last legislature provided free transportation for a delegation of 50 men from each regiment, and these old soldiers, some of them for the first time since the bloody days of war, looked upon the field to which their bravery gave fame.

Boy Insane, Father Dies of Grief. Hartford, Conn., Sept. 28.-John M. Ney, Democratic nominee for lieutenant governor and a former state senator, is dead here of a broken heart. Four days ago his son surrendered to the police after having escaped from an insane asylum at Middleburg, N. Y. None of the friends of the family knew of the boy's condition until news of his escape became public, and Mr. Ney collapsed when he found that his efforts to shield his boy's condition had failed. Mr. Ney was found dead in his bed. He was a prominent manufacturer.

Killed Sweetheart and Himself. Johnstown, Pa., Oct. 1 .- John Miller, aged 24 years and single, shot and killed Mrs. Rose Pier, aged 24 years, then committed suicide at his mother's home in Walnut Grove, a suburb of this city. It is said the couple quarreled on their way home from this city, and on their arrival, when the THAT HIS STATE OR COUNTY TAX girl sat down at a table, Miller is alleged to have picked up a shotgun and practically blown her head off. He then turned the weapon on himsel? and shot off part of his own head

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