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### Ink Sings.

—Vote for RUNKLE.  
—Vote for KIMFORT.  
—Vote for HARMAN.  
—If ever there was fair weather there has been fair weather for the fair.  
—Vote for HARMAN if you want to know how dishonest some of your state officials have been.  
—ARTHUR KIMFORT is the man for Prothonotary. He knows the people and he knows how to serve them.  
—The fair of 1907 is almost a thing of the past. Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here before you know it.  
—For once the Centre county fair has had everything in its favor. The crowd yesterday was a record breaker.  
—The capitol grafters are not to be tried until January 27th, meanwhile if SHEATZ is elected they never will be tried.  
—Now that the fair is about over let us settle down to thinking about electing HARMAN, KIMFORT and RUNKLE.  
—ARTHUR KIMFORT is our present Prothonotary. The county has never had a better one and he should be re-elected.  
—If you want a District Attorney vote for WILLIAM GIBB RUNKLE. If you want a policeman vote for CHAMBERS.  
—The repulsive HARTJE's are getting before the public again; a sure sign that there is to be a big THAW before spring.  
—There is only one thing for a man who really wants to see honest government in Pennsylvania to do and that is: Vote for HARMAN.  
—JOSE GUITERAS has just died at the age of 117 years. Excessive cigarette smoking is supposed to have precipitated his death.  
—It is quite evident that the burgess is one of those kind of men who, when his mind is once made up that he is right, sticks to it.  
—Don't forget that it is a District Attorney, not a county policeman we are to elect next month, therefore vote for Wm. GIBB RUNKLE.  
—And the crowd behaved itself. Drunks and fights were conspicuous by their absence. Centre county crowds are certainly improving in deportment.  
—The Gazette having abandoned Colonel CHAMBERS' war record as a means of making a county policeman out of him the Colonel will have to fight it out for himself.  
—It seems strange that TEDDY should go away off to Louisiana to hunt bears when there are so many in Wall St. But on Wall St. TEDDY has an itching to bag the bulls.  
—There are fourteen bankers at present under sentence in the Kansas penitentiary; a fact which we mention merely to make ourselves feel that newspaper work isn't so bad after all.  
—Herr CONRIED, the opera director, is to be pitted. CARUSO, his leading tenor, made a monkey of himself and the poor man worried so that he has a case of nerves now. Awful, isn't it?  
—The Pennsylvania and the Nittany Valley are having their own troubles over the Nittany Iron Company's yards. It seems to be one of those cases of the big one eating up the little one.  
—The estimate that the entire population of the earth could stand in an area of eighty square miles was probably based on men of the FAIRBANKS type rather than those of the TAPP rotundity.  
—The trains alone brought thirty-five hundred people into the town yesterday. You can imagine what that did for our merchants. It is a great business maker and should be made a greater.  
—Candidate SHEATZ will get the old soldier vote—ait. He is the fellow who squandered all the State's money and thereby made it necessary for the Governor to vote their pension bill.  
—The hottest region on earth being along the Persian gulf wouldn't that be a good place to banish the capitol trimmers to since we haven't any means of sending them to the real hottest place known of.  
—Detroit having won the pennant after the greatest base ball battle on record the fans of the National game will be pulling up their arse and sitting on the bleachers beside foot ball games until the snow falls.  
—The speed trials of the Lusitania the new great trans-Atlantic steamer will probably wind up like the eighteen hour trains between New York and Chicago. Too much speed increases the chances of accident and loss of lives.  
—There is hope, young man. A thousand marriageable girls were imported into the country last week. We fancy that if some Bellefonte ladies were in charge of the immigration bureau in New York the cargo would have been deported instanter.  
—Surely it is not such an awful thing to consider giving one of the many state offices to a Democrat; especially when that Democrat will serve honest Republicans who are as anxious as any one else to know that the State's affairs are being conducted without graft. Vote for HARMAN.

### Only Way to Achieve the Result.

For some time after DAVE MARTIN succeeded Iz. DURHAM as Insurance Commissioner ISRAEL STONE and three others not employed in the Department and rendering no service to the State, were carried on the pay roll. DAVE MARTIN is still Insurance Commissioner and enjoys the friendship and confidence of Governor STUART. SAMUEL W. McCULLOCH testified, during the investigation of the Insurance Department more than a year and a half ago, that he swelled his compensation whenever he "needed the money," by adding an expense account, without the warrant of law, and he is Deputy Insurance Commissioner yet and apparently in the confidence of the Governor. Dozens of other grafters continue to hold office, notwithstanding the exposure of their misfeasances.

What right has the administration to ask the public to accept its assurances that the capitol building grafters will be prosecuted after the election or any other time, in the face of such facts, if the party it represents is restored to complete control of the State government? It is true that the investigation, forced by State Treasurer BERRY, was only completed about three months ago and that it might have been difficult to prepare the cases, based on the report of that inquiry, before the election. But there was enough evidence to institute proceedings a year ago and the facts could have been developed in the criminal court as well, or better, than by the investigation. Besides the report incriminating the Insurance Department grafters was made more than a year and a half ago.

The truth of the matter is that if it is possible to discover a means of escape from it there will be no prosecution of the grafters at all. Governor STUART reluctantly agreed to the investigation because during the campaign last fall he declared that in the event of his election there would be an investigation and after his election he couldn't avoid it. But during the campaign he declared that there had been no grafting and his anxiety now is not to vindicate justice by punishing the criminals, but to justify his own statement that no crimes had been committed. If the people of the State want the grafters punished and grafting stopped they will elect JOHN G. HARMAN to the office of State Treasurer. There is no other way to achieve the result.

### Issues of the Campaign.

Colonel WESLEY R. ANDREWS, chairman of the Republican machine State Committee, has semi-officially announced that the issue in the pending campaign for State Treasurer is the tariff. "This is the last opportunity," he declared in a newspaper interview, the other day, "for the Republicans of Pennsylvania to declare themselves for or against a revision of the tariff before the Republican National convention. By no means is this issue alone political; it is vital to the commercial and industrial prosperity of Pennsylvania. It affects," he solemnly continued, "the wage-earner, the farmer, the business man, every unit of industry which in the aggregate has given to the people of the State unexampled prosperity."

It is a safe bet that chairman ANDREWS doesn't know the difference between an ad valorem tariff tax levy and a flying machine but he knows that a campaign for State Treasurer or any other office in this State on issues that are relevant will result in the overwhelming defeat of the machine ticket. He knows also, a knowledge acquired by experience, that it is necessary to raise the tariff issue in order to "fly the fat" out of the tariff pensioners, to employ a phrase coined by the late Senator QUAY, and that with the tariff issue raised the predatory barons will give up as freely as burglars for immunity to continue their reprisals. But issues in politics are made by conditions rather than by the choice of individuals and existing conditions don't admit of making an issue of the tariff.

The intelligent people of Pennsylvania understand the significance of the election of the Republican machine candidate for State Treasurer this year and a vast majority of them will vote to prevent such a result. The election of Mayor REYBURN, of Philadelphia, who ran as a reformer, restored the machine to power in that city, for in every form of evil REYBURN has the late ASHBURGH "skinned a mile," and the election of SHEATZ will have the same effect in the State. In other words the defeat of the machine candidate for State Treasurer will have no effect perceptible or imaginary on the tariff, but it will put the atrocious machine out of the public life of the Commonwealth forever. Chairman ANDREWS may as well understand this first as last.

—At the annual meeting of the Centre Baptist association held at Johnstown on Wednesday and Thursday of last week S. S. Miles, of Port Matilda, was elected treasurer of the association for the ensuing year.

### Penrose and Sheatz.

The Philadelphia correspondent of the esteemed Pittsburgh Dispatch gives the public the interesting information that Senator PENROSE is watching the fight for State Treasurer "with interest," and that he "will remain in Philadelphia until after the election." The correspondent "had a half-hour's talk with the Senator," he informs us, "during which the State fight was touched upon." That is putting it in mild form, to say the least, but the subsequent announcement is illuminating. "More attention," he guilelessly adds, "was given, (presumably by PENROSE,) to the approaching contest for United States Senator, in which PENROSE must defend his title against all comers."

Senator PENROSE nominated SHEATZ not because he cared for SHEATZ a little bit but for the reason that he is vastly interested in PENROSE. He controlled the convention absolutely. He could have nominated TOM, DICK or HARRY or that mythical local hump, Mr. JOHN DOE. But he nominated SHEATZ because he thought the nomination of that foxy follower of the machine would fool the people and help PENROSE. For that reason the Senator is watching the fight anxiously, we might say prayerfully, because he knows that if SHEATZ is defeated he will be relegated to the furthest back seat in obscurity. It wouldn't impair the dominancy of the Republican party in the State in the least. But it would absolutely and inevitably extinguish the QUAY-PENROSE machine, and it is that atrocity rather than the principles of the Republican party that interest PENROSE.

SHEATZ is a pawn in the political chess game now in progress in Pennsylvania. Of itself a pawn is utterly inconsequential in the game of chess. But a pawn may be so disposed as to protect the head of a knight, the safety of a queen or the crown of a king. In the political game in progress the pawn, SHEATZ, is being used to guard the top of a Senator, PENROSE. If SHEATZ is defeated the machine will be overwhelmed and PENROSE finally obliterated from the political equation in Pennsylvania. It is small wonder, therefore, that "PENROSE is watching the fight with interest." Those who hope to rescue the State from the party brigands of whom PENROSE is the chief ought to be equally interested and alert.

### Roosevelt's Political Plans.

That President ROOSEVELT hopes to break up the political solidity of the South is obvious. For thirty years Republican Presidents have been striving for that result but their failures have had no deterrent influence on ROOSEVELT. More practical and less scrupulous than his predecessors he has appealed to their cupidity rather than their reason. The outcome of his effort, therefore, will be watched with unction interest. It will determine the moral fibre of the Southern people as well as measure their orduality. If they will sacrifice principle for self the strenuous Rough Rider will achieve his purpose.

ROOSEVELT's plan of attack in the South is the improvement of the Mississippi river and other Southern waterways. For half a century or more the people of the Mississippi valley have been asking for congressional appropriations to improve their rivers. There are many reasons to support their importunities and only one against them. The improvement of the Mississippi river, for example, would vastly increase the sanitary condition of the territory through which it flows and add to the material prosperity of the people of a much greater area. But the cost would be enormous. Nothing less than a billion dollars would perform the work which the President promises.

Of course the country will never consent to so vast an undertaking. The burdens of the insular policies of the government and the construction of the Isthmian canal will keep the public nose to the grindstone for a hundred years and ordinary business wisdom forbids additional expenses of that sort. But the President doesn't hesitate on that account to promise the enterprise and if the people of the South are credulous enough to believe in impossibilities the smashing operation may be inaugurated. We don't believe, however, that a considerable number of voters, North or South, will be fooled.

—With the big Centre county fair to attract the crowds during the day; the Theatrical in Petriken hall and the William C. Wild Stook company at Garman's there has surely been enough doing this week to furnish entertainment for all. And as to the latter, if you have not seen any of their shows go to the opera house tonight and tomorrow night and see the closing performances.

—Now that the big Centre County fair is about over the season for dissipation is at an end and the only things we have to look forward to is the approaching winter, and hunting season with its big hunting stories.

### A Plea in Confession and Avoidance.

The candidate of the machine for State Treasurer is smarting under the just criticism of his work in the Legislature. The review of his record as a Representative in the General Assembly, recently made public by the Democratic State Committee, accused him of voting for the iniquitous Kingston water bill during the session of 1903. Mr. SHEATZ writes to the Philadelphia Record that he voted against the Susquehanna Canal bill and the filtration bill. Nobody accused him of voting otherwise. Those were bad bills, unquestionably, but no worse than others for which Mr. SHEATZ voted. His letter to the Record is simply a plea in confession and avoidance.

What the committee charged is that Mr. SHEATZ voted for the Kingston bill and he is so recorded on page 2435 of the Legislative Record for the session of 1903. He also voted for the bill authorizing railroad corporations to acquire and control the watersheds of the State and other measures which were known at the time as the Watersnakes of the session. The Susquehanna canal bill was not in that class of legislation. The purpose of that bill was simply to abrogate the charter of a canal company and make it impossible in future for that corporation to compete with the Pennsylvania railroad as a common carrier. Mr. SHEATZ has corroborated rather than contradicted the statement of the Democratic State committee with respect to his attitude toward the watersnakes.

The truth of the matter is that Mr. SHEATZ is conducting a campaign of false pretense. In other words, he is posing before the public as a Legislative reformer whereas he was one of the most servile legislative roosters who ever served in that body. He was nominated by the Philadelphia machine to humiliate Hon. J. CLAUDE BRIDGEMAN who refused to take the orders of the machine. If he had not been obedient and servicable to the machine he would not have been renominated after his first session and the fact that he was not only continued in the seat but constantly gained in the favor of the machine is abundant evidence that he was satisfactory to the bosses.

### Sheatz and Harman Contrasted.

The friends of the machine candidate for State Treasurer, JOHN O. SHEATZ ask the people to support him on the ground, as stated by an esteemed contemporary, that "he would prove a most vigilant and inflexible guardian of the public finances." It would be difficult to imagine anything more absurd than that. Even if he hadn't supported every profligate enterprise of the machine during his three terms in the House of Representatives, his record as chairman of the House committee on Appropriations during the last session would completely refute that claim.

During the session of 1907 appropriations were made to the aggregate of \$92,000,000 in round figures while it is known to every intelligent citizen who has given thought to the subject that the revenues for the period will amount to very little more than half that total. It is not unjust to say that Mr. SHEATZ was responsible for these excessive appropriations. As chairman of the Appropriations committee of the House he could have put an instant stop to that form of legalized looting. But he indulged every interest of the bosses as against the State and proved that he is not only not vigilant but that he is either careless or indifferent to the interests of the people.

Mr. SHEATZ's record in the Legislature stands in marked contrast with that of JOHN G. HARMAN, his opponent in the fight, who is the nominee of the people. Mr. HARMAN not only voted against all the iniquities which were passed during the session of 1905 but he was as vigilant and capable in debate as he was inflexible in purpose. He was always the champion of the right in debate and on roll-call, and never faltered in grasping the vicious measures and squelching them in so far as that was possible. On the contrary Mr. SHEATZ was always with the machine when he was needed and he has nearly always voted to strengthen the position of the machine. If the people do not desire the methods of the machine continued they will elect Mr. HARMAN.

—Up to this time hunters have been very much discouraged with the game crop. Squirrel are exceedingly scarce and it is yet a little too early to make pheasant hunting good. For this reason they are all naturally looking forward to the opening of the rabbit season next Tuesday when they anticipate better luck than heretofore.

—Bellefonte was in semi-darkness on Wednesday evening owing to the fact that the Bellefonte Electric company was putting in a new steam connection from their boilers to the engines and did not get the job completed until 6.30 o'clock in the evening, so that electric light users were in darkness until that time.

### Some Embarrassing Party Slogans.

From the Pittsburgh Sun.  
The last campaign in this State rang with agonized Republican party cries to stand by Roosevelt. This year the faithful are told instead to stand by the sacred tariff. Sheatz, the gang's candidate for Treasurer, slapped the President in the face when in obedience to Penrose's orders as a member of the Legislature of 1905 he voted to reconsider and expunge resolutions indorsing the President's course in working for rate regulation and other popular reforms. This is why the party keynote must be changed this year. Roosevelt is as popular as ever, but Sheatz didn't stand by him when he could and should. He obeyed Penrose instead. So the old reliable tariff bogey is dusted off and set up for the faithful.

Another Republican cry we won't hear much of this campaign is one that naturally accompanies the tariff yamp. "Let well enough alone" won't do in this State this year for those who are straining and striving to get the State treasury back into their clutches again. Not a breath of complaint can be uttered against William H. Berry's work while in office. He has faithfully discharged his responsibilities and duties of treasurer in a contrast most marked when compared with what his immediate predecessors, Republicans, permitted to be done. Berry is letter and spirit has been a servant of the people, a faithful, efficient guardian of their interests. He has served them only too well and hence became a stumbling block of Penroseism and graft. If well enough is ever to be let alone, the good work of this worthy son and exponent of Democracy would demand that he and it, rather than the interests they have detected and exposed, should have the say about his successor.

The more the record and tactics of Sheatz and the party of Penrose behind him are considered the more preposterous their claim to recognition is. The tariff issue is being raised because Mr. Sheatz is not in sympathy with Roosevelt as against his own boss. Mr. Sheatz's record as the chairman of the committee on appropriations in the last Legislature shows him to be unfit for the Treasurer's responsibilities. To let well enough alone is just what the gang can't stand for when they are on the outside.

### The Only Tariff Issue.

From the Pittsburgh Post.  
That the machine leaders are worried over the outlook in this State is evidenced by the fact that Republican State Chairman Andrews is out with a sored to the effect that if John O. Sheatz should not be elected State treasurer, the tariff will be in danger. Every sane man in Pennsylvania knows that the industrial tariff is not an issue in this election in this State. The only tariff that is an issue in this campaign in this State is that which has been levied upon its people for the last forty years by the corrupt machine whose candidate Mr. Sheatz is. In the matter of the building and furnishing of the State capitol alone that machine levied a tariff of at least \$6,000,000.

As Mr. Berry recently showed, this same machine is to-day levying a heavy tariff annually in the shape of high salaries paid to the hands of its followers nominally holding State positions, but who have their work performed by substitutes for one-third or one-fourth the amount paid by the State. In many other ways the machine has been and still is levying a heavy tariff on the people of the State. The presence of Mr. Berry in the State Treasurer's office has saved the people a considerable amount of this tariff levied by the machine, but should the latter regain control of that office it will soon recon the money and impose further burdens on the people of the State.

The election of Mr. Berry two years ago, as is well known, had a great effect in reducing this machine tariff, but it had absolutely no effect upon the tariff levied by the national government, which are the same to-day as they were in 1905.

Mr. Sheatz's defeat and Mr. Harman's election would have exactly the same effect as did the defeat of Plummer and the election of Berry. The industrial tariff will in no way be affected by the results of the coming election, but the tariff levied by the corrupt State machine on the people of Pennsylvania will be either increased or lowered as the machine candidate wins or loses.

### Wants Fusion of all Democrats.

From the Newburg Register.  
There may be some who call themselves Democrats, who will bear watching, but a true Democrat is not a traitor. It is time that party quarrels ceased, and that all who profess to be Democrats should stand by their party. The day is not far distant, if it is not already here, when the plundered tariffridden people, robbed of their earnings by the trusts while the Republican party looks on approvingly and stretches forth its hand for a share of the spoils, will look to the Democratic party for relief. It is therefore, the duty of every Democrat, Jacksonian, Jeffersonian and otherwise, to remain steadfast and true and present a solid front to the enemy.

—It was hard luck for the eight hundred students who went from State College to Williamsport last Saturday to see the State-Carlisle Indian game, as well as the many Bellefonters who accompanied them that the State team was defeated by the score of 18 to 5, but the game of football is very much like politics, never decided until the game is played and then the best man generally wins.

—The Centre county medical society held its regular meeting on Tuesday in the court house. Dr. W. S. Tryon, of this place, and Peter Hoffer Dale, of Centre Hall, were taken in as members while Dr. R. J. G. Allison, of Centre Hall, was chosen presiding officer for the ensuing year.

### Spawls from the Keystone.

—The Castanea Brick and Tile company of Lock Haven has a complement of machinery capable of turning out 1,000,000 brick a month, but lack of kilns at present limits the output to 550,000.

—During the past three months the bounty paid in Huntingdon county for the scalps of wild animals amounted to \$1,245. The scalps produced were, wild cats 16, foxes 383, weasels 327 and minks 78.

—Eight carloads of apples averaging 600 bushels each have been shipped thus far from New Bloomfield, Perry county, to Pittsburgh. The prices paid the farmers ranged from forty-five to fifty cents per bushel.

—The twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Central Pennsylvania conference, Woman's Home missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church, will be held at Clearfield on October 15th, 16th and 17th.

—A block of stone from the famous quarries of Daradatha, near Jerusalem, in Palestine, arrived in Danville on Saturday. It will be dressed and used as the corner stone of the Masonic temple in course of erection at Sunbury.

—One death and seven lying seriously ill in a family of eight is the terrible record of typhoid in the home of Charles Miller, of Paxinos. The father is the only one who has escaped the dread disease, and he is almost crazed with grief.

—Albert Kulp, a clerk and driver for Pardee & Co., at Lattimer, Luzerne county, was arrested on Thursday for the theft of merchandise. He has confessed that his robberies were conducted for a year and a half and that he took about \$15,000 worth of goods and cash. He sold the goods to farmers and others in the surrounding section.

—After having rounded out 50 years in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, Thomas I. Wallace, of Harrisburg, was placed on the retired list Wednesday, having reached the age limit of 70 years. Mr. Wallace is a brother of the late Senator William A. Wallace, and was at the head of the freight department of the middle division for many years.

—Thos. Bertram, aged 30 years, of Altoona, Pa., received injuries during a football game Sunday that caused his death. Bertram, who is a member of the Altoona Athletic team, was playing against the Portage team when he was kicked in the head during a scrimmage. His death it is said will result in prosecutions against those who played Sunday football.

—Eight hundred tons of limestone were loomed at one shot in the first blast that opened up the new lime and sandstone quarry of the Colonial Iron company, on the lands of Charles G. Brown Esq., of Huntingdon and Broad Top railroad, on Thursday. The new opening will employ a number of workmen and will enrich the state old town.

—W. O. Knapp, formerly of Salona, and J. H. Hively, of Williamsport, have secured the contract to deliver to a mill at Desmer, Miss., for the Desmer Manufacturing company, 500,000,000 feet of logs. It is expected that it will take 15 years to complete the job. Mr. Knapp for several years has been employed by the New York and Pennsylvania company on wood operations and is an experienced woodsman.

—While riding on a load of logs near Germania station, the other day Adelbert E. Hayes, well known in Potter county, met with a horrible accident, which cost him his life. The load upon which he was riding tipped over, and he fell under the logs. For two hours he was buried underneath the great heavy timber and only one man was with him to remove them. The unfortunate victim lived until the last log was taken off his body and then gave up the struggle.

—H. Schiewind, of New York city, and Heinrich Kierx, of Sunbury, spent Wednesday in Lewisport to look over the town to ascertain conditions favorable to the establishment of a large silk mill there. They were shown about the town and also about Burnham, Yeagerstown and Reedsville and various available sites were examined. The gentlemen departed favorably impressed with the outlook. The plant proposed will start with about 600 employees and a donation of five to ten acres of ground is one of the conditions to secure it. Both the gentlemen are interested in the silk mill in Sunbury.

—The town of Patton has secured a new industry. The Levy brothers, who have silk mills in New York, Connecticut and Pennsylvania, will build one at Patton 300 by 400 feet. At the start 100 hands will be employed, 75 per cent. of them to be girls. The first investment will represent an outlay of \$50,000 and plans and specifications for the building have already been prepared by a New York architect. The mill will require about one hundred horse power. The contract for the erection of all the buildings will be let at once and it is expected that ground will be broken for the same within ten days.

—A passenger coach with the roof afire and running at full speed was an unusual spectacle on the Middle division Thursday afternoon. The coach was attached to train No. 43. The train was passing west through the tunnel at Spruce Creek when it is supposed that a spark from the engine alighted on the coach, setting it afire. The flaming coach was not noticed until the train had run some distance, when a passenger directed the attention of trainmen to the flames. The train was not stopped until Tyrone was reached, when the fire was extinguished without much difficulty. The damage to the car was little.

—On September 21st a man giving his name as Harry Brown, hired a team of grey horses from A. C. Gates, of Galeton, Potter county. A few days later Mr. Gates started in pursuit of the team, tracking them to Lock Haven and from there to Tyrone. Mr. Gates received news of the team at Tyrone from J. R. Condo, superintendent of the Tyrone division of the Altoona and Logan Valley electric railway company, who had seen the team from a trolley car passing Blair Furnace. Mr. Gates proceeded to Cumberland, Md., and from there to Gorman, W. Va., where he overtook the man and the team.