

Ink Stings.

The President shot a bear, now the government at Washington is safe.

So poor old PENNY didn't even get on the Valley Forge Park commission.

A vote for HARMAN will be a vote to endorse honest government in Pennsylvania.

Dollar wheat is sure to make high flour and high priced flour makes high priced bread.

Vote for RUNKLE for district attorney. He is the right man for the place and merits your support.

The frost these mornings will have a hard time finding any pumpkins in Centre county to lay its heavy fingers on.

And Bellefonte is to have the orphanage. Good luck to it. It can scarcely be said that it will fill a long felt want.

These are troublesome days for the corporations who have tried to make air take the place of money in their business.

Vote for KIMMERT and help a competent and faithful official in a career that commands the respect of every fair-minded citizen.

Vote for HARMAN. You have seen and heard him now. And seeing and hearing such a man is convincing proof that he will be an eminently proper successor for Mr. BERRY.

Wall St. must have what we need to call intermittent fever. One day everything is all right over there while the next there is—Well, you know what Gen. SHERMAN said about war.

Like homing pigeons all the foreign balloons that left St. Louis in the international race sailed right straight toward the Atlantic while the United States entrant struck north toward Canada.

If it wasn't KNOX who got that \$15,000 check from the Cassell Manufacturing company it must have been PENROSE as he is the only other Pennsylvania Senator who is now in a position to explain the transaction.

These fellows who are continually planning to fly to the north pole in a balloon would be far more practical in their ideas if they were to take the usual boat and sledge route up; then have the balloon to fly home in.

There is a difference between corporations as well as individuals. Here the Standard Oil Co. has to give twenty five reasons why it can't pay that \$29,000,000 fine whereas the old Bellefonte lock works would have had to give but two.

A nice political meeting was never held anywhere than the HARMAN meeting in this place Wednesday night. The three splendid talks of Mr. DEWALT, Mr. BERRY and Mr. HARMAN held the audience for almost three hours in the most intense interest. It was more like the argument of a grave case in court than a political meeting and the effect was noticeable in the absorbed attention of the audience.

The President may lay claim to turning on the lights on rotten corporations but the public hasn't forgotten that THOMAS W. LAWSON, IDA TARBELL, JOE FOLK and WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST had the light shining brightly even when the distinguished gentleman who now lays claim to the honor was having correspondence with some of the "undesirable citizen" class with a view to raising campaign funds to keep his party in power.

If Mr. SHEATZ hadn't been so anxious to make himself solid by passing on appropriations so indiscriminately perhaps there would have been enough left in the State's strong box to give the old soldiers a little bit. That is what Senator COCHRAN thought of when he introduced the bill. The old soldiers have been thinking of it ever since SHEATZ'S extravagance made the veto of the bill necessary and they will have to think very hard before they will be able to vote to put him in the office of State Treasurer.

The candor of the Philadelphia Press is admirable. In its Sunday issue it states that no matter how many votes HARMAN may get in the other counties of the State "in Philadelphia SHEATZ is going to get about all the vote there is." Of course every one expects them to steal a few thousand in Philadelphia but no one expected that they intended to steal them all, not less that the Philadelphia Press had joined hands with the thieves. If the Press prediction is true then we are forced to agree with HARRY RUMBERGER of Philadelphia when he says: "It's all off."

The President may praise all he pleases about his policies representing an effort to punish dishonesty but there is no doubt of their also crippling innocent share holders in the corporations affected. If he wants to punish dishonesty why doesn't he have his Attorney General bring criminal prosecution against some of the dishonest individuals in high places he so frequently alludes to. How is it going to help the poor depositors of the Knickerbocker Trust Co. who have lost their savings in its crash to have the President continually blather generalities about dishonesty thereby shaking public confidence and straining credit. If he were to quietly set the wheels of the law to moving after the individual culprits he could accomplish the end and avert distress. That is not the President's game, however. He is a grand stand player.

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Machine Methods are Restored.

In dismissing a faithful public official, the other day, Mayor REYBURN, of Philadelphia, declared that he was influenced by the Standard Oil company. The official in question was Captain FRANK G. EDWARDS, oil inspector for the port of Philadelphia. Captain EDWARDS was appointed by Mayor WEAVER, during the brief period that he was acting independently of the machine. His predecessor in the office was PETER LANE, a brother of DAVID A. LANE, present chairman of the Republican City committee. Mr. LANE made no pretense of inspecting at all or of securing the remuneration provided by law. He simply accepted a lump sum from the Standard Oil company, turned his stencils over to the agents of that predatory trust and permitted them to brand any kind of product with the brand of any standard.

Oil of a low proof is not only exceedingly dangerous but is vastly cheaper than that of the higher proof which is required by law for illuminating purposes. During the administration of PETER LANE the Standard invariably got the high-grade brand on the low-grade product making unearned profits of millions of dollars annually, besides largely increasing the death and loss rates. When Captain EDWARDS assumed the office, the agents of the company offered him large amounts of money if he would continue the old system, but he refused. Then the company refused to pay his fees in the hope of starving him into submission. But he paid his inspectors out of his own resources and went without compensation himself and continued to perform his duty. For that reason the Standard had him discharged and when it was accomplished Mayor REYBURN frankly admitted the reasons.

The people of Philadelphia were fooled into the election of Mayor REYBURN by the false pretense made by himself and the machine managers that he was honest and a gentleman of high character. They believed, moreover, that his election was essential to the success of ROOSEVELT'S policies, because it was said during the campaign that REYBURN favored ROOSEVELT. Soon after his election, however, REYBURN repudiated ROOSEVELT and since that has betrayed every reform pledge he had made. He has proved himself to be simply a machine follower in a reform mask and has already restored all the iniquities of the machine into the government of the city. JOHN O. SHEATZ, the machine candidate for State Treasurer, is exactly the same kind of a man and striving for precisely the same purpose. Will the people of Philadelphia be fooled again?

Sheatz and the Quay Monument.

If every other vote of SHEATZ during his service in the Legislature had been wise and worthy his vote for the QUAY monument should condemn him to the execration of every honest man in the Commonwealth. The QUAY monument enterprise was a particularly impudent defiance of public morals and opinion QUAY had been all his life a political pirate. He had not only perpetrated political crimes himself but encouraged others to all forms of political immorality. Just before the passage of the law providing for a monument to his memory he had escaped conviction on a grave charge by pleading the statute of limitations. His guilt was proved beyond the shadow of a doubt.

The QUAY monument project was conceived in iniquity. Its purpose was to show contempt for personal integrity and official decency. QUAY had twice robbed the treasury of large sums. He had testified to the use of knowledge, acquired as a member of a committee of the Senate, in stock speculations and he had left a trail of crime and suicide covering a period of thirty years of vicious public life. The machine managers had undertaken to defy that sort of man. They wanted to demonstrate that virtue is of no value and vice an object of admiration. They wanted to teach the children of the people of Pennsylvania the circumspet lives are worthless in popular esteem.

SHEATZ voted for the QUAY monument because he admired the QUAY type. Like PENNYPACKER he imagined that QUAY was great because he was successful in buying elections with tainted money furnished by predatory corporations. That vote was a crime against public morals, an insult to the public conscience. The monument has never been erected and never will be. Even PENNYPACKER and DAVE LANE are afraid to proceed further with it. But there was an intention to erect it and it was expressed in the vote of JOHN O. SHEATZ, and that vote should keep all honest men from supporting him now.

The Round Table conference of superintendents and principals of public schools of Central Pennsylvania will be held in Altoona this afternoon and tomorrow. As Bellefonte and Centre county belong to this conference it is likely that quite a number of teachers from this section will attend.

An Abused Political Story.

The silliest political fabrication ever offered to public credulity is that which purports to show a conspiracy among the friends of Senator PENROSE to defeat the election of JOHN O. SHEATZ. It is palpably a Philadelphia North American enterprise. The obvious purpose of it is to hold the anti-PENROSE voters in the Republican party to the PENROSE candidate. The PENROSE followers are sure to be in line on election day for the PENROSE leadership is involved. But there was grave danger of a diversion of the anti-PENROSE Republican vote, which is a vast and potent force, from the PENROSE candidate, and the result that both PENROSE and the candidate would have been buried in everlasting oblivion.

PENROSE had JOHN O. SHEATZ nominated for State Treasurer not because of any personal friendship for SHEATZ but for the reason that in the Senator's political judgment it would help PENROSE. If the defeat of SHEATZ, now that he is nominated, would in the least measure conserve the interests of PENROSE, that gentleman and his friends would out and slash and stab him mercilessly. But SHEATZ is the PENROSE candidate, the product of the PENROSE policies, and if he is defeated PENROSE'S political control and influence are inevitably destroyed. Nobody understands this better than PENROSE. No opponent of PENROSE, of reasonable intelligence, doubts this proposition. It is self-evident.

Mr. PENROSE is for SHEATZ because if SHEATZ is defeated PENROSE is absolutely eliminated from the political equation in Pennsylvania. Nothing will save PENROSE except "the cohesive power of public patronage," and the use of the State funds in the light is the principal essential to the achievement. If SHEATZ is defeated this essential will be absent and PENROSE'S candidate defeated and his policies discredited, he will be completely and irrevocably "down and out." No living man except the foolish fellow who imagined that the election of QUAY'S candidate for Speaker of the House in the session of 1899 would defeat QUAY'S election to the Senate could conceive a story that PENROSE is against SHEATZ.

A Surprising Criticism.

The Republican "spell-binders" are condemning State Treasurer BERRY in unmeasured terms because he paid some of the exorbitant bills contracted during the PENNYPACKER administration. This theme is being worked especially hard by Representative BRIDLEMAN, of Dauphin county. In a speech delivered at Bradford, Pa., the other day, he said that as high as \$400 had been paid for chairs in some of the rooms of the "Palace of Graft" since the present State Treasurer has been in office, and that such profligacy is outrageous. BERRY ought to have refused payment on all such bills, Mr. BRIDLEMAN declared.

BRIDLEMAN is a lawyer and during the recent session of the Legislature was chairman of the House Committee on Judiciary General. He ought to know, therefore, that the State Treasurer has no option in the matter of paying warrants unless he has reason to believe that the bills are fraudulent or the work performed defective. The fact that bills are exorbitant, if they are according to contract, is not sufficient reason to withhold payment. There is cause of complaint against contracts which permit of exorbitant bills but in the case in point the contracts were made before Mr. BERRY assumed office.

Treasurer BERRY did withhold payment of bills to the aggregate of about \$300,000, notwithstanding the late Attorney General, HAMPTON L. CARSON, warned him that he had no alternative but to pay. Mr. BERRY thought that architect HUNTER had no right to charge fees for designing work that he didn't design and that contractor SANDERSON was not entitled to payment for solid bronze when he had "loaded" the pieces with an inferior quality of iron, and he refused payment. If JOHN G. HARMAN is elected to succeed him that refusal will be made perpetual, moreover, and it is equally certain that if SHEATZ is elected the bills will be paid.

The appropriations for the township High schools are now available and warrants are being sent out this week to the districts entitled to them. In Centre county Walker township High school will receive \$450 and Benner, Boggs, College, Ferguson, Gregg, Haines, Harris, Liberty, Miles, Spring and Worth township High schools \$300 each, or a total to the county of \$3,750. This, of course, is in addition to the regular appropriation received.

County commissioner C. A. Weaver has been confined to his home at Coburn the past three or four weeks with an attack of typhoid fever. Though the disease was in an aggravated form it is at no time reached the critical stage and the crisis now having passed Mr. Weaver is on a fair way to an early recovery.

Still Palstrating His Record.

The falsification of his legislative record by JOHN O. SHEATZ, the machine Republican candidate for State Treasurer, on the question of his vote for the Susquehanna canal bill, is hardly more direct evidence of his false pretense of friendship for ROOSEVELT. In his Pittsburgh speech, a few nights ago Mr. SHEATZ declared that he is in favor of the renomination of the President by the Republican National convention next year. He knows that such is not the fact. The convention which nominated him put a candidate in the field who is not only opposed to ROOSEVELT and his policies but is against the President's choice for the succession.

It is safe to assume that Senator PENROSE has no desire for the nomination of his senatorial colleague for President. He had his convention declare for Senator KNOX, however, for the double reason that he thought it would help him and hurt ROOSEVELT. He understood that his candidacy for State Treasurer would need every element of strength, and imagined that holding out the promise, however vague, of a Pennsylvania candidate for President would arouse interest in the contest. Besides that he hoped that by getting the Pennsylvania delegation in the National convention "tied up" to a home candidate, the nomination of ROOSEVELT or his candidate on the first ballot would be prevented. When the nomination is not made on the first ballot there is chance for manipulation.

In any event, however, SHEATZ has no right to claim that he is either a friend or supporter of ROOSEVELT. On the evening of January 30, 1905, a resolution endorsing President ROOSEVELT'S most cherished policy was introduced into the Legislature. ROOSEVELT was in Philadelphia at the time addressing a meeting in the Academy of Music, called for the purpose of enlisting moral support for the measure referred to in the resolution. On the question of the adoption of the resolution, however, JOHN O. SHEATZ voted in the negative, thus joining the machine in a rebuke of the President and a condemnation of his policies. His vote will be found on page 204 of the Legislative Record of the session of 1905.

The State Highway Department.

The esteemed Philadelphia Record has taken notice that "the PENROSE State Highway Commissioner, JOSEPH W. HUNTER, has appointed and has now under pay a batch of so-called road inspectors without the slightest authority of law" and adds, "there are now 135 of the inspectors on 2167 miles of road. Is this the beginning," our Philadelphia contemporary continues, "of a new annex to the machine and of a new scheme of widespread corruption?" Not the beginning, esteemed contemporary, by a large majority. This patrid and stinking pool of corruption was begun when the State Department of Highways was organized. From somewhere and for some evil purpose PENROSE and PENNYPACKER dug up or discovered JOSEPH W. HUNTER and put him into the office in order to give force and effect to the corrupt purpose expressed in the language of the law creating the office. The Department was created for purposes of robbery and has fulfilled its mission to the overflowing measure.

The desire for good roads is practically universal among the people of Pennsylvania. The advantage of fine highways is as keenly appreciated among the farmers in the country as it is among the merchants in the cities and towns. Good roads are useful to the huckster as they are to the automobilist, and as enjoyable to the gentleman of leisure as to the driver of a cart. But there is no material difference between these classes. What is good for one must be acceptable to the other or else there is something the matter.

But the Highway Department was neither intended nor has been conducted in the interest of the people. It is essentially a department of graft. Mr. HUNTER must have been chosen by PENROSE and PENNYPACKER because of his facility to graft. In any event he was selected by men who have nothing in mind but graft and it may be assumed that he accepted with the idea of graft in his mind.

Democratic Meetings.

For the purpose of carrying the campaign against graft and corruption in Pennsylvania to the homes of the people most vitally interested public meetings have been arranged for the following places in Centre county. Able speakers will address each meeting and large audiences should greet them.

HUBLENSBURG, Oct. 29th.  
COBURN, Oct. 30th.  
MADISONBURG, Oct. 31st.  
COLYER, Nov. 1st.

Dollar wheat is here and the only way you can get around it is by putting more soda in the bread to make it lighter.

More Capital Graft.

From the Pittsburgh Post.  
It will be most interesting news to the taxpayers of Pennsylvania that John H. Sanderson, who is now under indictment upon the charge of having defrauded the State of several millions of dollars in the furnishing of the capitol, holds contracts for about \$10,000,000 more of work not yet done and which were awarded to him, or the firm of which he is a head, by the board of public grounds and buildings. The record of such awards is in evidence, but the State has no evidence to show that the contracts were ever canceled. These contracts provide for the building of a Legislature and for the construction of a kitchen and grill room, beside other things. It has been known that it was contemplated to spend many millions of dollars more upon the capitol and its grounds, had not State Treasurer BERRY spoiled the game. But it has not been until now ascertained that contracts were actually awarded for some of the intended work.

There can be no doubt that if John O. Sheatz should be elected, the chances for the conviction and punishment of the capitol grafters would be greatly lessened. In the event of their escaping punishment they would be emboldened to insist upon the keeping of these contracts, and well they might, for they would naturally assume that the majority of the people of the State had no resentment because of being robbed, and desired the process to continue. There has been talk of the State some time or other endeavoring to recover some of the millions of dollars of lost money by the capitol grafters. Should such an attempt be made no doubt Sanderson would threaten to proceed with his new contracts unless the suits were abandoned. In all probability the present State authorities would be willing to compromise by agreeing to drop the civil suits in return for the canceling of the as yet unexecuted contracts. If the majority of the voters of Pennsylvania decide to elect John O. Sheatz as State treasurer they will undoubtedly play dirty into the hands of the capitol grafters and invite further depredations on their treasury. Only by defeating him can they be assured of justice being done to these grafters, and that they will not have to pay out further large sums for the capitol and its furnishings.

They Say Nothing.

From the Lancaster Intelligencer.  
The one sordid character of the political campaign now being waged in Pennsylvania is beginning to attract attention to our borders. A New York newspaper observes that it appears to be all attack and no defense, and that is about what it has amounted to thus far. Readers of the local machine newspapers vainly scan their columns for political news or editorial comment, and are moved to wrath by the unwonted wisdom of journalists which having nothing to say, say nothing.

And, in truth, there is practically nothing worth saying to be said upon the Republican side in this campaign. They have said it all when they say that their candidate also is an honest man; and that is hardly worth saying for surely no man with the least shadow of dishonesty upon him would be placed conspicuously before the people as a candidate for the office of state treasurer.

Things worth saying, if they could be said, would be in reply to the Democratic contention that, in view of the exposures of graft and stealing made under the present administration, for surely no man with the least shadow of dishonesty upon him would be placed conspicuously before the people as a candidate for the office of state treasurer.

What the People Would Do to Grafters.

From the Easton Argus.  
If the people of the state had a voice in the matter the courts would be attached before the date of the fall election. This is the contingency the Republican machine is fighting hard to prevent. Its reasons in reality ought to react as an incentive to the officers in whose hands the matter rests to speed the action in order that the voters of the state may be made acquainted with all the features of the capitol steal that they might apply the information when they go to the polls in November to make their selection of a state treasurer to succeed W. H. BERRY—the man who started the ball rolling.

Not Asking Too Much.

From the Norristown Register.  
Surely the five hundred thousand Democrats in Pennsylvania are really not asking for very much when they seek to have only one representative in the state's government at Harrisburg. Give HARMAN a lift.

On Monday Samuel Rine with a force of men resumed work on the digging of the ditch on Howard street for that new sewer. He also has two or three teams at work hauling the dirt and stone off of Allegheny street and in course of time that thoroughfare will be in good shape again.

Spawls from the Keystone.

By order of the court, the pay of the court tipstaves in Cambria county was on Saturday raised from \$2 to \$2.50 per day, the same that jurors get.

The Danville rolling mill which had been running day turn only for the last six months went on double turn on Saturday, giving employment to an increased number of men.

While going to church in Altoona Sunday morning with his daughter, Peter Taylor, aged 75 years, of Aaronville, Adams county, dropped dead in the street. He was stricken with heart disease.

The people of Carrolltown, Cambria county, are now enjoying the advantages of natural gas for light and fuel and are taking advantage of the fuel as fast as the fittings can be put in. The gas costs \$1 per 5,000 feet.

The miners of the Panther Creek valley in the anthracite region were notified on Wednesday that the \$11,000 back money awarded them through the conciliation board over a timber dispute, will be paid this month.

A special election must be held in West Hazleton to authorize the school board to increase the bonded indebtedness of the borough, for the erection of another school building to relieve the overcrowding in the lower grades.

Vernon Westcott, alleged to be the leader of a gang of horse thieves operating in Crawford and upper Mercer counties has been placed under arrest by members of the state constabulary. This is the first move toward breaking up the gang.

Mrs. James Graff, of Daffield, Franklin county, was shot on Sunday evening at her home and died instantly. Her young son has a new rifle and while he was showing it to his mother he accidentally pulled the trigger. The bullet entered the mother's heart.

Rev. B. C. Conner, the presiding elder of the Altoona district, has been elected a ministerial representative of the board of managers of the Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist church and will be a member of the general committee which meets Nov. 9th in Seattle.

Phillip Raymer, of Lewistown, who carries the mail between the postoffice and the railroad and trolley station, recently celebrated his 87th birthday anniversary. He continues regularly and annually, at his work and steps along as usually as a man in the prime of life.

Twenty-five \$1,000 notes were found in the bed in which Thomas McDermott, of Newville, Cumberland county, died suddenly. He was 73 years of age and a traveling man, and although he was a stockholder in the Newville National bank, he appears not to have had very strong faith in banks.

Sheriff Con Allen, of Clearfield county, is making a hard fight to influence the county commissioners to pay him a bigger price than 25 cents a day for feeding the prisoners in the county jail, on account of the increased cost of provisions, but the commissioners seem determined not to allow any increase.

While the trainer Esser was driving a horse on the Altoona race track on Saturday he was shot through the nose by a stray bullet from some careless hunter's rifle it is supposed. Esser fell forward from his seat on the sulky between the sulky and the horse and was dragged some distance and badly injured.

Three weeks ago a pocketbook containing \$44 was rifled in the home of J. A. Craig, of Butler. Sunday the money was returned while the family was away and was placed in the same pocketbook in an upper window where it had first been found. The thief entered through a back window to return the money.

Fire early on Saturday morning at Elsia, a suburb of Pittsburgh, for a time threatened to destroy the borough, but was got under control after destroying six houses. The fire started in a vacant house and is believed to have been started by a tramp. Property lost, \$20,000. A 50,000 gallon tank of oil was in great danger but did not ignite.

The Huntingdon county courts have granted the petition for a resurvey of the Huntingdon Bedford county line from the top of Tussey mountain to the Fulton county line. The Bedford courts will probably approve the survey. For a number of years a controversy has arisen about lands near Saxton as to what county they were in, and some lands have thus escaped taxation and their title made doubtful.

While some young men were hunting for a disguised cloak man who had been frightening women and children for about a week in Shamokin, they attacked Mrs. Mary Baker, aged 77 years, on Sunday night as she was resting under an awning in a sparsely settled section and kicked and clubbed her severely, mistaking her for the man they were looking for. She is in a critical condition.

Dr. Damm, of Mackeyville, who had a large peach orchard, is busy having the trees pulled up. The doctor, like some others, finds that peach trees are no go in this climate. Another owner of a peach orchard in the same section is also removing the trees, finding it an unprofitable investment. Ex-Sheriff Benjamin Schaffer, of Nitany, who had 1,600 peach trees planted some five years ago, is having all of them removed for reasons similar to the above.

The first ground excavated for the roadbed of the extension of the Chambersburg, Gettysburg and Waynesboro trolley line from Greencastle to Chambersburg, was thrown out on Tuesday afternoon. J. J. Oiler, one of the directors and a commanding figure in the financial direction of the company, sent the first pick into the earth and general manager M. Wolff picked out the first shovelful of loose ground. The road will be pushed north to Chambersburg as fast as possible.

The eleventh annual State conference of the D. A. B. will be held in Williamsport on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 29th and 30th. Among the leading members of the organization who will be present are Mrs. Donald McLean, the national president, who will be the guest of Mrs. Allen P. Parley, state recent. A reception in her honor will be given at Greystone on Wednesday evening. The sessions of the conference will be held at the Park hotel, beginning Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.