

Ink Stings.

Vote for KIMFORT. The best man for Prothonotary is ARTHUR KIMFORT. Remember that HENRY WETZEL is a candidate for county surveyor. If you want to inaugurate a term of persecution in Centre county choose E. R. CHAMBERS for your prosecuting attorney. Mr. CHAMBERS is too vindictive to be a fair and square District Attorney. Don't let any other engagement keep you away from the polls on Tuesday. In five days more the election will be here. Are you considering what your duty is toward reforming the government of Pennsylvania. Don't fail to vote. The course is plain for every honest person. The doings in Bellefonte at night lately have reminded one of frontier days. Monday night there was a mild attempt at shooting up the town, but aside from a few shattered street lights no serious harm was done. Elect CHAMBERS District attorney and the Philadelphia Inquirer will be out next Wednesday morning with great headlines telling of the PENROSE victory in Centre county so successfully managed by LOVE and HARTER. Everybody knows E. R. CHAMBERS well enough to know what he would do if put in the District Attorney's office. He is after the coin and the bills that would be piled up on the county would be enormous. Don't take any chances with such a man. Mr. CHAMBERS has been deputy revenue collector and an Auditor General's attorney for so many years that you have almost forgotten that he has been anything else than an office holder. Now he wants to be your District Attorney. Don't you think that the Colonel wants a good bit? There is not a man who voted for BERRY who has been sorry for it. In truth every honest person is proud of the part he played in putting that sterling character into the State Treasurer's office. Don't leave the work half done. Make the job complete by sending HARMAN to finish his work. Out in Omaha and Chicago the big packers have reduced the price of meat in bulk and promise a still further cut but so far as Bellefonte is concerned we have not yet heard the Bellefonte butchers crying themselves hoarse announcing that "sausage" is any cheaper now than it was before. Don't imagine that the election of KIMFORT is a foregone conclusion. He will need all the votes he can get to make his election a certainty. Remember that it will cost you only a little effort to go out to vote for him and if he should happen to be a few votes short and yours would be one of them you would feel very badly about it. It might be well for you to stop and think before voting for CHAMBERS for District Attorney. He has had so many years at the public crib that he would imagine he ought to make as much out of that office as he has out of his other public jobs. The watch dog of the treasury would have to sleep with both eyes open if CHAMBERS were District Attorney. Every citizen of Centre county owes it to the Commonwealth to go out and vote next Tuesday. It is a grave crisis that confronts the taxpayer. Shall the reform that Mr. BERRY has inaugurated continue or are you ready to take a chance on putting the machine back in a position to rob you again? There is no politics in it. It is a pure case of protecting your own pocket book and you should look after it personally. If you had a man looking after your financial affairs who would rob you to enrich his friends would you ever trust him again. That is what the machine did to you in managing your treasury at Harrisburg. This same machine is begging you for a chance to try it again. Are you going to give it the chance. If not go to the polls next Tuesday and vote for HARMAN. He is the one man who is running in whom the machine has no friend. Don't let anything keep you away from the election next Tuesday. It is "an off year" and so little enthusiasm that a short vote might result in the defeat of ARTHUR KIMFORT for Prothonotary. Don't let such a thing happen if you can help it. Go yourself and get your neighbor to go. It might not mean much to you personally, but it means a great deal to this young man who deserves your support and who has already suffered losses that are irparable. Look out for a last card to be sprung by Col. CHAMBERS. In all probability he will have a great story to tell you about a mysterious death up in Taylor township. The play will be to reflect discredit on District Attorney RUNKLE. Don't believe the story if it is told you as there is nothing to it. It is only a proof positive that the Colonel is entirely too "nosy" to be District Attorney of Centre county and those who know him best know how true this statement is.

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Stuart and Young not Reformers.

The only reason given why it is not necessary to continue minority representation on the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings and the several fiscal boards, is that Auditor General YOUNG and Governor STUART being reformers, there is no danger in the administration of public affairs, even if SHEATZ should prove recreant after the election. As a matter of fact, however, we have no evidence that either YOUNG or STUART is a reformer. STUART has continued all the crooks which were drawn together under the QUAY regime and YOUNG retains SPOTT, the notorious "fence" of the PENNYPACKER Board of Public Grounds and Buildings in his office, notwithstanding that public sentiment forced him out of the secretaryship which he disgraced.

Governor STUART is not a reformer. He has made a false pretense of a desire to punish the capitol grafters but more than a year has elapsed since the exposure of their crimes and over 9 months have passed since the inauguration of Mr. STUART. But the grafters have not been brought to justice and we can discover no signs which indicate that they ever will be. They have been indicted for political effect but show no signs of a fear of conviction for they voluntarily relinquished every technical advantage which they might have secured. Besides Governor STUART has made no attempt to punish the insurance grafters whose crimes were exposed more than eighteen months ago. In fact most of those involved in that scandal are still in office.

The truth of the matter is, and every intelligent man in the Commonwealth understands it, that the election of SHEATZ will not only restore the machine to complete control of the state government but it will result in a complete resumption of the grafting operations. During the reconstruction period in the South there were herds of corrupt carpet baggers in control. At one time an eruption of public conscience frightened them so badly that some of them ran away from the danger. One, a trifle more courageous than the others, remained, and later wrote to one of the fugitives, "come back. There are two years of good stealing here yet." That is precisely the condition in Pennsylvania today. The machine managers believe that the opportunities for graft have not been exhausted and want to resume at the earliest opportunity.

Pennypacker's Foolish Talk.

The fool-killer being on vacation last week former Governor PENNYPACKER took advantage of the opportunity to give an account of his stewardship, as he expresses it. That is to say he told a club of which he has been president all about his nomination for and election to the office of Governor and the way in which he administered the duties. Of course it was funny. That absurd old idiot is always funny when he wants to be serious and the narrative to which we refer surpasses any of its predecessors in its exuberance of folly. But it is humiliating, too, that a man who has been so singularly honored by an intelligent people should make such a spectacle of himself.

Mr. PENNYPACKER's harangue, for there is no other name that fits it, is mainly an exhibition of a stupendous personal vanity and a panegyric on the late Senator QUAY. He expresses the belief that he was chosen as the Republican candidate for Governor, at a critical period of the history of his party, because the managers of the party were anxious to secure a man eminently fit for the office. After that he could say nothing that would surprise any one and when he adds that "the death of QUAY was like the fall of a dynasty," and "I do not believe in reforms," the intelligent observer will accept such expressions as the silly vapors of a diseased mind. There is only one alternative.

It is hardly fair, either, to assume that PENNYPACKER is the silly and simple idiot which such expressions imply. In some incidents of his public life there is revealed the lowest measure of cunning. For example the vanity which he admits influenced him to accept the nomination for Governor which QUAY had manifestly purchased for him had probably moved him to covet the honor and instead of going into open and honorable competition for it he wrote a fulsome eulogy on QUAY and accepted the office as a recompense for his time and trouble. There was no characteristic of the simple life in that any more than there was in his consent to the looting of the treasury by a gang from which he expected future favors.

Prothonotary Kimpfort Deserves Re-election.

During his term of office WILLIAM F. SMITH, of Millheim, was regarded one of the most popular prothonotaries who every filled that office and now the attorneys at the Centre county bar as well as the general public say that there could not be a more obliging, accommodating and painstaking official than just ARTHUR B. KIMFORT;

The Responsibility Fixed.

That Senator PENROSE received \$15,000 of the capitol graft is now admitted. "But," declares chairman ANDREWS, "it was used for campaign purposes. There were several doubtful Congressional districts in the State in 1904," continued the foxy chairman, "and the money was needed to carry them." It came from a contractor who was robbing the treasury of upwards of a million and amounted to only a small per centage of his graft. He gave the money because the organization had favored him with the opportunity to loot. In fact it may be assumed that the organization demanded it for the reason that Senator PENROSE believed that a division of spoils was just.

Sheatz Falsifies Again.

Mr. JOHN O. SHEATZ, the Republican machine candidate for State Treasurer, revealed his mendacity anew in a speech delivered at Uniontown the other night. He charged inferentially that State Treasurer BERRY paid for his bond by favors from the office. On the following day Mr. BERRY in a speech characterized the statement as a falsehood and demanded a retraction. No truthful man would have made such an accusation unless it was justified by the facts and any honorable man having made it in mistake or through misinformation, would have promptly corrected it the moment the truth was ascertained. But SHEATZ declared the falsehood and refuses to retract it.

We have previously referred to his falsification of his record in the Legislature on the Susquehanna canal bill. In that matter he lied deliberately and maliciously and though his attention has been publicly called to the official records of the General Assembly, he remains silent, in the hope, probably, that the exposure of his infamy will not affect the public mind. But dashingly as that episode is it is not so bad as this later plunge into the dirty pool of mendacity. In this case he has borne false witness against a fellow citizen. He has maliciously traduced a man of the highest character who has performed distinguished service for the people of Pennsylvania.

Lying of that sort is probably the most despicable of all human vices. No honest or honorable man ever has or ever will be guilty of that contemptible offence. In courts of justice the evidence of a liar is not allowed to influence the result of litigation. From the foundation of human society the liar has been ostracized from association with honorable men. Yet this miserable falsifier asks the people of Pennsylvania to decorate him with a badge of confidence notwithstanding the fact that he has been proved a wretched liar. It is an insult to the intelligence of the people and an outrage upon the conscience of the State. Decent men condemn rather than reward liars.

Complete Rebuke of Hypocrisy.

Easily the most interesting incident of the campaign was the reply of Hon. W. T. CREASY, of Columbia county, last week, to an invitation of a few self-styled independent Republicans to join with them in an effort to induce the real independent Republicans to support JOHN O. SHEATZ for State Treasurer. It was interesting for two reasons. It revealed the absolute want of principle among certain men who had been mistakenly accepted as leaders by the LINCOLN Republicans of the two last campaigns, and it proved the entire absence of intelligence from the minds of those who so addressed Mr. CREASY. Apparently they didn't know that he is a Democrat, and one of the polarized variety.

The letter to Mr. CREASY was signed by MAILTON N. KLINE and a man named FOSS, both of Philadelphia. It recited that Mr. SHEATZ had been nominated by the reformers; that his record in the Legislature was substantial proof of his conscience and courage; that his election would be an endorsement of ROOSEVELT's policies and finally that it would promote the overthrow of PENROSE. There were a lot of other misrepresentations and absurdities embodied in this remarkable paper but it is hardly worth while to enumerate them. The purpose of those concerned to get back into fellowship if not partnership with the PENROSE machine is so obvious that it can hardly be misunderstood.

Mr. CREASY's reply was characteristic of the sturdy and courageous "farmer." He takes the statements in their order and riddles them from beginning to end. He shows that the only hope PENROSE has of continuing in office lies in the election of SHEATZ. He proves that SHEATZ was nominated by a convention absolutely dominated by PENROSE and, inferentially, that it was the result of an agreement between PENROSE and SHEATZ to promote PENROSE's re-election. Finally Mr. CREASY, who served in the Legislature with SHEATZ for four sessions, demonstrates that SHEATZ was one of the most servile followers of the machine in the Legislature during that time. It was a most complete rebuke of hypocrisy.

Get out every vote possible next Tuesday.

The Big Stick or the Big Store?

From the New York Evening Post.

Now, we have steadily expressed the view that a certain measure of blame attaches to Mr. Roosevelt. He, too, has been sensational in his methods of dealing with vast questions which require, above all things, dispassionate and sober treatment. He has been too excited, too sweeping, too ill-advised in the speeches he has delivered within the past few weeks. At a time when he should have displayed great reserve and self-control, he has been far too talkative and impetuous. Furthermore, as the head of a party which has guaranteed unflinching prosperity to the country, the President cannot but be involved. Washington dispatches this morning represent him as determined to do everything possible to afford relief to the situation, since he does not want his Administration to be "dimmed" by financial disturbance. All this is inevitable, and is admitted; but when men go further and assert that Mr. Roosevelt is accountable for what has occurred in this city during the past week the thing becomes a howling absurdity.

It was not Mr. Roosevelt who attempted to corner United Copper. It was not he who obtained control of a chain of banks, purely for speculative purposes. It was not his name that had long stood as the symbol of all that is suspect and abhorrent to sound and honest bankers. No; it was the Heinzes, the Morges, the Thomases and their breed, who by their gambling and piratical use of the machinery of credit, brought on his disorder. Imprudent as the President may have been in his public utterances, he might have talked till doomsday without causing a thousandth part of the trouble which these highwaymen of finance precipitated in a single day.

We have not refrained, and shall not refrain, from criticizing the President. But he, though mistaken, is at least honest. He is not trying to line his pockets with flooded money. He is not seeking to impose upon the public by glittering bubbles of financial schemes which are certain to collapse and bring ruin to all concerned. Nor was it the President who laid his hand upon one set of fiduciary institutions after another to pervert them to nefarious ends. We cannot charge everything to the Big Stick when there has all the while been at work the Big Grab. The President must accept his fair share of blame; the news papers must shoulder theirs; but the true and damning responsibility rests with the men whose greed and cunning and shameless plans to over-reach the public have created the fear lest more of our finance may prove to be as rotten as theirs.

Capitol Loot in the Campaign Fund.

From the Philadelphia Record.

It was to the interest of the Capitol grafters who looted the State Treasury with the connivance of the accredited agents of the Republican Organization to contribute liberally to the Republican campaign fund. They contributed. The sum total of the license fees they thus paid for the privilege of plundering the people of their heart's content will probably never be known; but circumstances have compelled State Chairman Andrews to admit that one of the favored Capitol contractors gave up \$15,000. It was little enough in proportion to the swag the donor made off with; yet it helped the Party of Ideas to arouse the necessary election-day enthusiasm for the dear old flag.

The perpetration of Organization rule is now a more vital matter than ever of the Capitol thieves. Upon it will depend the vigor or otherwise of their prosecution. It is hardly to be imagined under the circumstances that they have drawn tant their purse strings and refused to vote another dividend upon their booty in the interest of the Sheatz campaign. One and all they want to see Harman beaten and a member of the Organization firmly installed in the Treasuryship, and they believe that money will do it. They have the money. Is it thinkable that they would be niggardly when their personal liberty is at stake?

John Oscar Sheatz probably does not table himself with the sordid details of campaign finance. Otherwise he might satisfy public curiosity by informing us how much of the money stolen from the people of Pennsylvania during the construction of the State Capitol has been turned over to the Organization committee to defray the "legitimate expenses" of the Penrose candidate for State Treasurer.

Some Evidence Suppressed.

From the Pittsburg Post.

That the Stuart-Sheatz brand of holier-than-the-machine Republicans is in earnestly and collision with the gang element of the party is increasingly evident. The whole conduct of the graft prosecution indicates this, and the story in this issue of "The Post" of certain facts of the investigation being suppressed clinches the case. The majority of the people of this State firmly believe that much of this money taken from the treasury on these grossly fraudulent and extortionate contracts was used to help the machine out of the hole it had made in the State funds through relations with pet political banks and manipulation of the unwidely and unnecessary surplus.

Sheatz and Stuart are not in sympathy with the gang, if they do not count on the latter to help defeat Harman, this evidence would not have been suppressed as it has been. The decent element of the Republican party would be strengthened if such exposure were made. This party cannot believe that corrupt and half clean, as it is now trying to do. Stuart's tactics of suppression are calculated to help and save the worst elements of his party. In thus doing for the success of Sheatz he is helping to put a mortgage on him to this same rapacious gang. If these are able to wind the high-professing Stuart around their finger for the sake of party regularity, will Sheatz, a man of the same sort and same school and from the same city and political affiliations as Stuart, be any stronger than he to resist? And will not the machine be less moderate and well behaved as soon as the check of a vigilant Democratic treasurer has been taken off?

Spawls from the Keystone.

After being idle for more than a year, DuPont & Co.'s powder mills, near Tamques, resumed operations last week.

It is now stated that the Waynesburg Farmers' and Drivers, National bank, which failed last December, will not be reopened.

A. G. Morris has purchased the plant of the Tyrone Foundry and Machine company, located a short distance east of Tyrone, for \$23,500.

A large white goat, believed to be of the Rocky Mountain species, was shot in Bedford county the other day by Albert Kooitz, of Johnstown.

G. W. Beard & Co., of Reading, have been awarded the contract to build an addition to the state hospital at Hazleton at a cost of over \$60,000.

Mrs. Sarah Bider, of Unityville, Columbia county, aged 101 years and the mother of eighteen children, was painfully injured by a fall a few days ago.

A. W. Cowder, of Bradford township, Clearfield county, put out nine and one fourth acres of buckwheat and has threshed from it a total of 369 bushels.

Fifteen persons have announced themselves as candidates for county treasurer in Jefferson county, and there will be about as many for county commissioner.

Harold Wilson, a 15 year-old son of Andrew Wilson, of Hyser, Clinton county, is the champion bear-hunter in that section, having shot six bears within ten days.

The girl workers of the New Century Silk mill at Lansdale, Montgomery county, after a strike of twenty weeks, have won concessions and resumed work yesterday.

A syndicate of Cleveland, Ohio, which has purchased from Independence-Avella Coal company, 1,050 acres of coal lands in Independence township, Washington county, at \$600 an acre.

John K. Grots celebrated his 97th birthday anniversary quietly on Wednesday at his home in Bloomsburg, where he had spent all of his ninety-seven years. He is in full possession of all his faculties and walks out daily.

Malignant typhoid fever broke out in the family of John Boyle, at Worthington, ten days ago and two children died within two days, while a third is seriously ill. The father, who went away to hunt work several days before, cannot be located.

From a list of fifty applicants, eight of whom preached trial sermons the congregation of the First Presbyterian church of Jersey Shore on Thursday evening voted to extend a call to the Rev. P. H. Hershey, of Galeton, Pa., to fill the pastorate of that church.

The village of Falls Creek, near DuBois, is having a scourge of the measles at this time and it is reported by the physicians and school teachers of the village that there are 150 cases in the town. The public schools have been greatly interfered with on account of the disease.

Eight car loads of apples were shipped from Millin station, Juniata county, on Wednesday of last week while on Tuesday five more were shipped, all bound west. The fruit growers received about 50 cents per bushel delivered in the cars. About 800 bushels are loaded in a car.

Six residences in DuBois were entered by burglars last Wednesday night. The most valuable articles taken were a shot gun, four silver spoons and about \$5 in money from a child's bank at the home of Everett Prothro, and a fine violin, valued at \$150, from the home of C. W. Rodgers.

Miss Roberts Lugel, a servant girl of Braddock, was arrested on Thursday for having made ugly faces and stuck out her tongue at members of the police force. At the hearing before the acting burgess she was fined at the rate of a cent a face and three cents for her tongue motions, which, with costs, amounted to \$7.35.

Farmers throughout northern Cambria county who optioned their hay to an Altoona dealer at \$12 a ton are "kicking them selves" now that an agent of the Pennsylvania, Beech Creek and Eastern Coal and Coke company has been around offering them \$14. The hay crop throughout that section this year was large and of good quality.

Mrs. Annie Thomas, who killed her two little daughters by strangling them at the Cambria county insane house recently, was examined by a commission appointed to investigate her condition of mind last week, and was pronounced insane. During the investigation she stated that she also tried to kill her two boys, but they wouldn't go with her.

George Deeter, aged 14 years, dressed in a blue serge suit, was induced by some evil influence to leave the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Deeter, of Curwensville, Clearfield county, on Tuesday evening, October 22, and run away. His parents are almost distracted at his leaving home and they ask the public to report his whereabouts or return the boy to them.

A riot was started in front of the Adams Express office at Butler on Saturday night, while \$5,000 worth of liquor was being dispensed to C. O. D. customers, and four men were seriously slashed with knives. The participants were all foreigners, who had given large orders for liquors as it was the last time that the express company would carry any such C. O. D. packages.

The borough council of DuBois on Tuesday evening awarded a five years contract to John E. DuBois for lighting the streets with 100 arc lights of 1200-candle power each, at the rate of \$45 per light per year, and at above 100 to cost \$40 each. The borough has now eighty-three arc lights and fifteen gas lights costing in the whole \$6,195 a year. So that by the new lease over \$1,600 per year will be saved.

From orders issued by the Pennsylvania railroad officials, the Altoona shops will be busy all winter and between 400 and 500 additional men will be employed for work in the machine shops. At a meeting of the foremen of the various departments of machine shops, Master Mechanic I. B. Thomas announced that the output of the shops must be largely increased in the immediate future. The foremen were instructed to hire many new men, both laborers and skilled mechanics, and in all about 400 to 500 new men are wanted at once for work in the machine shops.