STATE'S MILLIONS IN POLITICAL BANKS

County Treasuries Suffer While Machine Uses Public Funds.

MEN WHO HOLD THE SURPLUS

Republican Managers' Advantage Invariably Consulted In the Geographical Selection of Depositories of Taxpayers' Money.

PARTISAN RULE'S MAINSTAY

Treasury Plum Tree Shaken For the Benefit of Men Who Lead Against All Movements For Honest Government.

Mearly fourteen million dollars of the taxpayers' money, not counting the three and three-fourths million in the state's sinking fund, were held by the Republican machine's favorite banks and trust companies, at the beginning of this month, for the mutual benefit of themselves and that machine. The exact amount was \$13,936,191.34, an increase of more than \$700,000 over the total amount in the 118 depositories a month before. And yet during September \$2,500,000 of the school appropriation was paid out. This vast diversion of the public funds as a matter of partisan favoritism and profit exceeds the record for any previous month in the history of the commonwealth and proves the timeliness of the Democratic state platform's condemnation of the financial system which "results in the accumulation of a large and unnecessary surplus in the state treasury for distribution among political or of favored banks and presents a constant temptation to extravagant appropriations and expenditures."

Apart from consideration of the taking of millions annually from the counties in license money, which the Democratic platform contends should be left with them to pay for local improvements and thereby reduce local taxation, this enormous surplus is used to maintain the machine which makes the public interest subsidiary to the purposes of a corrupt partisan leadership. Republican managers when accused of this have pleaded that the treasury must keep a great balance to meet such drafts as those made by the public schools. But the surplus grows stead-By from a cause to which they never refer-the constantly increasing reveaue which the state does not need. The manipulators of the fund trample upon the principle that the money the taxpayers pays to the tax gatherer should be as sacredly held in the keeping of the state for solely public uses as money put into the hands of a trustee for specific purposes and that any diversion of the public funds for personal or partisan advantage is a breach of

Treasurer Selects the Banks.

The depositories favored with this money are selected by the state treasurer, with the approval of the revenue missioners, one of whom is himself, the two others being the auditor general and secretary of the commonwealth. The maintenance of Republican control in the offices of the auditor general and state treasurer is a direct warrant from the voters of the state for the continued maintenance of these conditions. As the auditor general and state treasurer are to be elected next month the continued partisan control of the idle treasury surplus is directly involved in the result. Two trusted machine leaders have been named for these important offices. One of them earned his nomination by faithful support of obnoxious legislation. Both can be depended upon to maintain the present conditions. They will keep the state funds where they will do the most good for the machine.

After studying results of the law requiring 2 per cent, interest for the tate from all depositories except the ive "active" banks, which pay on their daily balances only one and oneaalf per cent., the late Governor Hastings publicly declared that it would be far better for the state to hoard its noney in vaults and receive no interest upon it than to suffer the sysem which he saw continuing. He declared that the public funds were 'used for political purposes by deposting them in favorite banks where such deposits are expected to yield returns in the shape of political influsace." He denounced the empowering of "the state treasurer or any man or men controlling him to say what banks shall handle the millions annu-

ally paid into the state treasury." Bribed to Be Blind to Misrule.

The names of the depositories of the sinking fund are never disclosed, as the authorities say there is no law ompelling such publication, and they tre evidently glad to have that excuse or maintaining secrecy. Publication of all the other deposits is enforced, however, and it shows that most of the favored financial institutions have ach one or more persons in the management who are either conspicuous machine workers or are in a position to command favors from the Republican leaders. The other depositories are practically bribed through the use of the state's money to be blind to machine misrule in Pennsylvania and to repel all efforts to win assistance from them in moves to make the government honest. These bribed depositories not only keep out of reform agitation themselves but also influence

Inces to do likewise "for the sake of

The machine, in addition to thus providing that appeals from advocates of good government shall fall upon deaf ears, exacts financial tribute from depositories unable to supply much active work to maintain the power which purchases with the people's tax money the open or passive support of bank directorates. Among proofs of this is the case of an officer of a bank in a city on the Susquehanna river, who not long ago showed that he considered his institution highly favored in having a state deposit of \$25,000 upon which he had to pay only 2 per cent, interest to the commonwealth. He contributed \$250 to the Republican campaign and covered it as an "expense" item of the bank. Men who know this fact observe that the "contribution" was exactly 1 per cent. of the deposit. They infer that the Quay machine, of which the state treasury and auditor general's office are the mainstay, considered 1 per cent. a fair offering from the class of depositories to which that bank belonged.

Banks' Political Connections. Collapses in recent years of institutions which the state treasury had specially favored uncovered proofs of cash returns to the Republican machine for deposits. Those disasters exposed also the details of Republican part leaders' methods of profiting personally from the influence that had shaken "the plum tree." Yet no change has been made in the corrupt system except to find means of swelling the surplus in order to satisfy demands from partisan henchmen for the favoring of additional depositories or the increasing of deposits in the old

In distributing the surplus there has been remarkable discrimination in favor of Pittsburg banks. No doubt this resulted from the Quay machine's anxiety to adjust factional troubles which had left Allegheny politics in a ferment ever since the enactment of the second class city "ripper." Last month Pittsburg alone had 32 banks, trust companies and savings institutions, more than one-fourth of all the depositories, holding more than five and a half million dollars of the commonwealth's money. That exceeds two-fifths of the entire surplus and shows one of the greatest obstacles in the way of Democratic efforts to improve governmental conditions in Allegheny and to ameliorate state affairs through the agency of that

Machine Leaders As Directors. Strikingly demonstrating how the machines of the principal cities are helped by the state treasury to thwart the "country's" move for honest government is the fact that all but a little less than two millions of the surplus was deposited in Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Allegheny City and Harrisburg, in 53 institutions. The two western cities had nearly one-half of the fourteen millions. There was \$600,000 in the Colonial Trust Company, an "active" depository, of which ex-Senator William Flinn, the ripped-out, but recently reinstated machine leader of Pittsburg, is the most influential director. Other directors of the Colonial Trust include Flinn's son, George H. Flinn, and the Flinn-Magee confidential agent in big transactions, M. K. McMullin.

Robert McAfee, who, last spring, succeeded General Reeder as commissioner of banking, was a director last year of the "active" Allegheny National, which holds \$785,369.32. The cashier of the bank, William Montgomery, Is Senator Quay's fiscal agent and handler of stocks. The president of the "active" Commonwealth Trust Company, of Harrisburg, in which the state has \$437,-757.14, is Major Lane S. Hart, formerly state printer, brother of the late Wm. B. Hart, who was the next state treasurer elected after Quay resigned from that office and left William Livsey to serve during the remainder of the term. The vice president of Major Hart's company is Judge John H. Weiss, of the Dauphin county court, a close personal friend of Quay, and the directors include Congressman M. E. Olmsted and another influential Quay worker, Charles H. Mullin, of Cumberland county. The law excludes judges from the directorates of banks, but not of trust companies.

Beneficiaries of Durham Rule. The largest of all the deposits in the state except that in the "active" Farmers' and Mechanics', of Philadelphia, is that in another "active" concern, the Quaker City National, of that city. It has \$864,500. Its president, Jacob E. Ridgeway, is in close personal and political relations with the principal managers of the Republican party, city and state. The chief leaders of the Philadelphia machine do their banking in the"Quaker City." Its directors included the late Alexander Balfour, whose conduct as an inspector of the Eastern Penitentiary brought him under fire, and also the late Congressman Foerderer, whose wealth financed the city machine at times.

Oll For the City Machine.

The foregoing facts throw some light upon the resources and methods of the city machine, which, according to the leading Republican newspapers of the state, has included 80,000 fraudulent votes in its returns of a single elec-

In Pittsburg the Freehold Bank, which was the late Chris. L. Magee's favorite institution, has a state deposit of over \$300,000. Its directors include Flinn and his son. Other state depositories there are the North American Savings Company, and has as vice president Francis J. Torrance, active in politics as one of Quay's principal friends; and the Anchor Savings Bank, of which Pittsburg's first chief magistrate under the "ripper," A. M. Brown. is president. H. C. Frick, coke and steel king, a proposed candidate for wide circles of friends and acquaint- Quay's seat in the senate, is a director | favorite banks.

of the City Deposit Bank, which has a enug deposit from the state treasurer, Similarly favored is the Exchange National Bank, of which one director, Calvin Wells, controls the Phildelphia Press, which swallows Press-Muzzler Snyder as a candidate for auditor general, although it maintained vehement denunciation of Pennypacker's gag even after the Republican state con-

Leading Politicians Favored. One of the old financiers of the Pittsburg Republican organization, T. Hart Given, is president of the Farmers' Deposit National Bank, in which is \$190,-000. C. A. Muchlbronner, who introduced the Pittsburg "ripper" in the senate, is a director of the favored German National. Of another favorite, the Keystone Bank, W. C. Magee, a relative of the late chief political ruler of Allegheny, is a director. Director E. M. Bigelow, brother of the "ripper's" chief engineer, is a manager of the Liberty National, a state depository. Stephen Stone, United States marshal, and son of the ex-governor and the latter's political side partner, ex-Congressman W. H. Graham, are directors of the Mercantile Trust, which has a nice state deposit. Stephen Stone, as a director of the favored Prudential Trust, appears again, and he and Graham are slso connected with another state depository, the Federal National.

H. C. Frick is a director and Attorney General P. C. Knox was until recently in the board of the Mellon National, which has a slice of the surplus Of another Pittsburg depository, the Pennsylvania Trust, William B. Rodgers, city solicitor, who helped with "Quay reform" bills and the "ripper" in its original shape, has been the vice president. Ex-Speaker William T. Marshall is a director of the Public Trust Company. Quay's friend, Torrance, and William McConway, whom Flinn flatters, are directors of the Second National. In the Union Trust is a repetition of familiar names, including Attorney General Knox and Frick, Ex-Judge James H. Reed, who helps control the Columbia National, which has \$245,000 state money, is president of the Philadelphia Company, a monopoly of traction, gas and other public utilities of Pittsburg.

Fat Pickings For Serving Leaders. Of Harrisburg state depositories Adfutant General Stewart is an investor in the fortunes of the Commercial Bank. Lane S. Hart and Congressman Olmsted are president and director respectively of the First National, which holds \$293,667.45. Edward Bailey, member of the new capitol commission, is president of the Harrisburg National, with \$130,000. Bailey is president also of the Harrisburg Trust, which holds \$350,000 and has ex-Insurance Commissioner J. M. Forster as vice president.

Supreme Court Justice J. Hay Brown is a director of the Lancaster Trust. which has state money. Of other favored institutions fed and fattening on the use of the people's money, Shipbuilder John B. Roach, to whom State Senator Sproul is related by marriage, is a director of the Chester National. Congressman Acheson is in the board of the Citizen's National, of Washington. Ex-State Senator C. C. Kauffman formerly an insurgent, is a director of the Columbia (Lancaster county) Trust Company. Senator Matson is a director of the Commercial National, of Bradford. Elkin's chief lieutenant in the Republican gubernatorial canvass, T. Larry Eyre, and ex-Auditor General McCauley are directors of the Farmers' National, West Chester, Major General Charles Miller, of the National Guard, is in the board of the Franklin (Venango county) Trust Company, Representative A. A. Thompson, of Favette, is an assistant in the Uniontown First National, which has \$100,-000, and his father, J. V. Thompson, Quay leader, is its president.

And They're All Republicans. The presence of Quay's personal and political friend, Samuel Moody, in the board of the Beaver First National, explains its favor from State Treasurer Harris. Other fortunate concerns are the Farmers' and Drovers' National, of Waynesburg, with ex-Senator Daniel S. Walton as a director; the Honesdale National, which has in its board Homer Green, member of the committee that prepared Quay's fake "ballot reform" bill; the Mercer County Trust, with State Senator James D. Emery, sponsor for one of the infamous Emery-Focht passenger railway franchise grabs, as president, and Lyle W. Orr, formerly employed in the state treasury, and Common Pleas Judge S. H. Miller as treasurer and director, respectively; the Grove City People's National, having as a director Representative H. K. Daugherty, chairman of the last house's judiciary local committee, who, at the close of the legislature, was appointed attorney for the dairy and food commission and drew a salary until Governor Pennypacker was reminded of the unconstitutionality of the appointment; the Union Banking Trust, of Dubois, with State Senator A. E. Patton as director; the Westmoreland Savings and Trust, in which one director is John B. Steele, unsuccessful Republican candidate against Judge Doty, four years ago, and the Warren Trust, in which State Senator H. H. Cummings is a director.

And so the list of politicians, all Republicans, connected with the financial institutions favored with the enormous, unnecessary surplus, might be prolonged

This explains why the afflicted wards of the state in hospitals for the insane are compelled to suffer from crowding and lack of ordinary accommodation. Neither their health or comfort, nor the oppression of the farmers and other texpayers, whose counties are practically robbad of license fees which would reduce their taxation, are to be considered by the machine when it wants to profit from millions in its

OIL FROM ANGLEWORMS.

Said to Be a Sovereign Remedy for Strains and Sprains-How It Is Obtained.

A correspondent recently inquired as to where she could get "angleworm oil" and the editor of this department had to pass on the inquiry as a conundrum that he could not solve, says the Los Angeles Times. However, there are very few questions that some of the numerous readers of this department cannot answer. It is, therefore, not surprising to find that no less than seven answers have already been received to this correspondent's question. F. S. sends the following from Santa

"I noticed in the 'Care of the Body' department to-day that some one from Santa Monica asks about angleworm oil, and that you say that you do not know what it is. I will offer a short story of an incident which happened in my boyhood days in Ohio. My folks owned a valuable horse, which slipped on the ice and strained the tendons of one of its hind legs so that it could not put the heel on the ground, and had to walk on its toe for several months, when an old farmer told us to rub it with angleworms, putting them in bottles and hanging in the sun until all the oil was tried out of them. Then strain it and use as a liniment. We did this and it effected the desired results, and I will say that after that we never were without this oil as it is good for so many strains and sprains, and it no doubt will help the inquirer from Santa Monica."

THEIR WORK KILLS MUSIC.

Telegraph Operators Cannot Play Plano Well-Strained Muscles of the Forearm the Cause.

Did you ever hear of a telegrapher who could play the piano. If so, how many? Not how many pianos, of course, but how many telegraphers. Telegraph operators find that after they have worked at a key for several years their forearms and their fingers lost that flexibility that is essential to musicianally work on the piano. As many of the men are fond of music, and have planos of their own, they find it hard, says the New York Herald, to be cut off from the enjoyment of the music they could make for themselves if it were not for the strained conditions of their muscles.

There are few other lines of work that incapacitate a man for picking out the sharps and flats, but the telegraphers say that they know few men in their ranks who can use a plano with any ef-

When they sit down before one their first impulse is the old impulse that operating the key gives them. They want to use that finger that they use in sending messages, and they find it difficult even after they struggle for a long time to make themselves players of more than ordinary attainments.

HAD SLAIN MAN'S SPIRIT.

Six-Months-Old Child in India Believed to Be the Reincarnation of a Recent Governor.

Many of the people of India are firm believers in the doctrine of the transmigration of souls. Of late considerable excitement has been caused there the strange story of an incident which recently occurred in the district of Pegou. The natives there, says the Chicago Chronicle, suddenly became convinced that a 6-months-old child was the reincarnation of the late Mr. Tucker, superintendent of the district, who was killed by bandits in 1894, and that moment the unconscious infant became the most important personage in that part of the country.

It was taken to several places in which Mr. Tucker had lived, and, according to its attendants, its conduct showed clearly that it remembered all

the incidents of its former life. Finally it was taken to the place where Mr. Tucker was murdered, and the story goes that at sight of the fatal spot it trembled all over and almost went into convulsions. Indeed, its parents say that it would certainly have died there if they had not hurtied away with it.

OUR RETURN TO NATURE.

Mineteenth Century Renaissance of Natural History Marks Epoch -Interest in Animal Life.

The future historian of American life and manners for the closing decades of the nineteenth century and the beginning of the twentieth century, will find an interesting theme in the renaissance of natural history, or the return to nature, which marks a distinct epoch, says Francis H. Herrick, in the Century.

If a desire for country life has followed the congestion of population in cities, the increase in wealth, and the wonderful improvements in transportation, there has also grown up in America a genuine sympathy for animals and an intelligent desire for knowledge in every department of outdoor nature. This awakening has been attended by renewed interest in the relation of living beings to one another, and to their surroundings, as well as by the interest in the habits, behavior, and intelligence of animals, on the part of both layman and specialist.

Nitrogen from the Air.

An old dream of the chemist is the artificial conversion into plant food of nitrogen from the air. In the latest development of the Bradley process, on which the inventor has been at work several years, a special electrical machine makes and breaks 414,000 ares a minute, the nitrous gas thus formed from atmospheric nitrogen and oxygen being collected in water or directly combined with potash or soda.

AT WALF MAST.

morning by flags at half-mast for some prominent official who yesterday was apparently in perfect health. When we inquire the ailment by which he was stricken it is not uncommon to be told "acute indigestion " or "stomach trouble," It is time people learned that in-

digestion or any form of "stomach trouble" is not a thing to trifle with. The result may not be fatal, condition of means stomach which does not carry with it physbut there can be no stomsch which does not carry with it phys-ical loss and weakness. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures indigestion and other forms of disease affecting the stomach and its allied organs of digestion and nutrition. It enables the perfect diges-tion and assimilation of food.

Thanks to Dr. Pierce's Golden "Thanks to Dr. Pierce's Golden
Medical Discovery," writes Mr.
Charles H, German, of Lehighton,
Pa. "It is the only medicine that
has done me any good. I tried everything I could think of to cure indigestion, and found I was only throwing
away money. Then I heard of Doctor
Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and tried a
bottle of it, and to my joy found it was doing
me good. I used six bottles of it, and am now
cured. It is the best medicane on earth."

This grand remedy does its work in a thorough manner; it gives the health that is all health; the strength that is solid, substantial and lasting; not flabby fat, not false stimulus, but genuine, complete, renewed vitality and life force.

Accept no substitute for "Golden Medical Discovery." There is nothing "just as good " for diseases of the stomach,

blood and lungs.
Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation and its consequences.

How do You Walk?

The girl who would be up-to-date must change her way of walking. The swagger, swinging gait, so popular last year and this, must be tamed down to a more feminine way of locomotion. Let us hope fashion will undo what she did in introducing the long stride, which marred all grace and attractiveness.

MANACER WANTED.

Trustworthy lady or gentleman to manage business in this County and adjoining territory for well and favorably known House of solid financial standing. \$20.00 straight cash salary and expenses, paid each Monday by check direct from headquarters. Expense money advanced; position permanent, Address Manager, 610 Monon Building Chicago, Ill. 9-10 181

Do Good-It Pays.

A Chicago man has observed that "Good deeds are better than real estate deeds-some of the latter are worthless. Act kindly and gently, show sympathy, and lend a helping hand. You cannot possibly lose by it." Most men appreciate a kind word and encouragement more than they do substantial help.

IT IS YOUR BUSINESS

to pay attention to your physical welfare. Your responsibility begins when you get up in the morning. Your body begins its day's work at breakfast. A dish of "It" will give you the right foundation for the day's busi ness, "It" has grain nutriment to satify the taste and add strength to the body and the brain. One dish makes you want ar-other. You can eat "It" at any time. Grocers sell "It".

At the Age of Twenty.

At twenty, when a man is young, he thinks he knows it all; he likes to wag his active tongue and exercise his "gall;" he struts around in "noble rags"-the earth is all his own; he laughs in scorn the world of age, and lists to self alone. He wears a window in his eye to see his mustache grow; he thinks the ladies pine and die because they love him so. At forty you may well suppose, he buckles down to "biz;" 'tis not till sixty that he knows how big a fool he is.

DECEMBER JURYMEN.

The jurymen for the December term of court were drawn by jury commis-sioners Shuitz and Hagenbuch and Sheriff Knorr on Monday, Following is the list:

GRAND JURORS

C. E. Ad ims, Briar Creek. Henry Bardo; Greenwood. John Chamberlin, Madison. L. J. Clewell, Berwick. B. F. Fritz, Jackson. R. G. Greenly, Madison. Philip Gaughan, Conyugham, B. A. Gidding, Bloom, Edward M. Holmes, Bloom, Henry Jones, Berwick. Henry Jones, Berwick.
James Kerrigan, Conyngham.
Henry D. Keller, Fishing Creek.
Emanuel Lazarus, Bloomsburg.
George L. Mumey, Catawissa Twp.
Theodore Mericle, Bloomsburg.
Daniel O'Neil, Bloom.
J. B. Patterson, Bloom.
Lesiak E. Roberts, Catawissa Boro. Josiah E. Roberts, Catawissa Boro, M. F. D. Scanlin, Bloom. Sylvester Sittler, Centre. E. E. Straub, Conyugham. James Trump, Orange Twp. John Vance, Mt. Pleasant. George D. Yost, Benton Boro. TRAVERSE JURORS-First Week.

E. W. Alexander, Benton Boro. Miles H. Betz, Bloom. Charles Burt, Briar Creek. Lewis Beishline, Fishing Creek. Asa Deily, Hemlock, G. B. Dennis, Centre. John Donahue, Centralia Boro. A. C. DeSheppard, Bloom. H. D. Edgar, Bloom. Seely Edwards, Benton Twp. Elias Ernest, Cleveland, Charles Eyer, Orange, W. S. Fisher, Main. Jacob Fought, Pine. George Fenstermacher, Berwick. Ransloe Fister, Orange Boro. Albert Gibsons, Berwick. S. J. Harrison, Fishing Creek. John Hampton, Catawissa Twp. S. M. Hess, Bloom. Eli Krum, Montour, R. G. F. Kshinka, Briar Creek. Charles Lee, Scott.
Thomas J. McGuire, Conyngham.
John G. McHenry, Stillwater.
Frank Marteena, Berwick. W. D. Moyer, Bloom. C. W. Miller, Centre. Theodore Mendenhall, Pine. John K. Mordau, Mt. Pleasant. Emanuel Mauser, Main. John Mensch, Montour. C. B. Meyers, Benton Twp. J. D. Potter, Pine. W. F. Rhodes, Conyngham. Frederick Rice, Roaring Creek. Jacob Rider, Pine. A. J. Robqins, Centre. Frens Ringrose, Soott. B. F. Rice, Scott. George Ruckle, Centre. Clinton Sterling, Bloom. W. A. Snyder, Scott. G. A. Tubbs, Benton Boro. P. D. Wenner, Fishing Creek. Hiram W. Williams, Berwick. Geo W. Yetter, Catawissa Boro, Ira Zeisloft, Madison. TRAVERSE JURORS-Second Week. W. A. Butt, Benton Boro. C. D. Bowers, Catawissa Boro. J. S. Blue, Bloom. Joseph Crawford, Orange. David Coffman, Bloom. B. C. Deittrick, Berwick. William Dildine, Madison. Eugene Doty, Berwick. J. Harry Dean, Berwick. Henry H. Deighmiller, Hemlock. Peter O. Eddinger, Main. P. D. Ervin, Catawissa Boro. Allison Essick, Madison. I. B. Geiger, Bloom. Samuel S. Horlacher, Beaver. Fred Hartman, Bloom. Dillman Hess, Briar Creek. A. R. Henrie, Mifflin. illiam Johnston, Millville. H. Keim, Scott. Harry E. Kearn, Sugarloaf. Marvin Kline, Greenwood, Clarence Lenhart, Berwick. Thomas B. Moore, Bloom. Franklin Meyers, Sugarloaf. P. W. Miller, Catawissa Boro.

Prayed for Rain,

J. W. Perry, Sugarloaf, Barton T. Pursel, Bloom.

Baltis Sterling, Madison.

Gilbert Shuman, Main.

C. Z. Schlicher, B ver. I. W. Smith, Mifflin.

L. G. Shultz, Pine. Harry Townsend, Bloom. James Williams, Centre.

T. C. Smith, Jackson.

It is said that the Allentown ministers, not approving of some arrangements for the entertainment of visiting firemen, prayed for rain. If this be true the efficacy of prayer has had ample demonstration.

