A SHAMEFUL RECORD

Plummer Earned Machine Favor By Abject Servility.

His Legislative Career Shows a Continuous Course of Iniquity and An Unbroken Record of Obedience to the Bosses-Voted For All the Vicious Legisla. tion of the Gang and Against All Measures For the People.

J. Lee Plummer's rapid progress into the affections of the Republican machine managers was in reward of his servility. His first service in the legislature was in the session of 1903, in which he was chairman of the house committee on elections. The sinister service required of him in that capacity was the unsenting of two Demoeratic representatives who were honeatly elected and giving their places to Republicans, prevent the passage of ballot reform and personal registration legislation and promote the iniquitous measures of the machine. The members were unseated the day be fore the close of the session, in order that the claimants might get the salary of \$1500 each and the perquisites of the office.

Base Use of Political Power.

Political iniquity was never invoked for a baser purpose. The testimony was overwhelmingly in favor of the sitting members, and during the inquiry offers were made to abandon the contest in consideration of support of certain legislation by the gendemen concerned. Even the most daring of the machine leaders hesitated about perpetrating so palpable an outrage. But when the offers of compronise were indignantly refused, Chairnan Plummer commanded the admiration of the banditti by boldly declaring in favor of the contestants and awarding the seat of Francis X. Blumle, of Cameron county, to H. H. Mullin, and that to which Bernard J. Ferry, of the Sourth district of Luzerne county, was sairly elected, to James G. Harvey. Plummer, who prepared the reports

by perversion of the evidence, was the only man who defended the inlsuity, though it was assailed with rreat emphasts and considerable vehemence by both Democrats and Resublicans on the floor. Frank B. Mc-Clain, of Lancaster, floor leader of the Republicans, was justly indignant at such a betrayal of honor and honesty. "If I felt that the sitting member from Cameron (Mr. Blumle) was not honsatly entitled to his seat," said Mr. McClain, "I would vote to unseat him. But after diligent and unprejudiced nouiry and examination of the evilence submitted, I can find no reason or thus dealing with him." Thomas 7. Cooper, the veteran and eloquent representative of Delaware county in louse of representatives, also spoke sarnestly against the adoption of the report, saying that he would cheerally vote for it if any member of the dections committee who had signed would give even a shadowy reason or it or produce a scintilla of evience that Mr. Blumle was not entitled o his seat. Neither the report nor the peech of the chairman of the comuittee does this, he continued. Plumser's record on this crowning outrage tay be found on pages 3729 to 3740 of he Legislative Record.

Further Proof of Turpitude.

Though Mr. Plummer's efforts in those ases would have entitled him to the veriasting gratitude of the machine irates they are not the sum and subtance of his infamous achievements. He was in full accord with all the

achine legislation and voted for the .usquehanna river grab, which involvd the repeal of the canal company's harter.

He supported the notorious Kingston am bill which was intended to bestow n machine favorites authority to seize he canal as well as all rivers and treams of the commonwealth.

The iniquitous filtration bill, which vas designed to enrich certain favortes of the state machine and would ave put the people of all parts of the tate under the mercy of the "gang." eceived his active and earnest sup-

Those bills were subsequently strickn from the calendar of the senate for he reason that Governor Pennypacker erved notice on those concerned that he would positively veto every one of them. Even to oblige Quay and serve the conspirators who had gone to danzerous lengths to help him to the gubernatorial nomination the service Penaypacker would not approve such montrous measures. But Plummer had no qualms of conscience. He was cordially or them and his record to that effect will be found on pages 1520 and 1521, 1689, 2431 to 2435 of the Legislative

Plummer's record on other machine legislation during the session of 1903 was equally maladorous, moreover. He voted for and made a speech in support of the Moore's judges' salary bill, which increased the salaries of all the judges in the state in violation of the constitution-Legislative Record, page

He voted for the bill authorizing the city commissioners instead of the courts of Philadelphia to appoint election officers in that city.-Legislative Record, page 209. The purpose of that bill was to give the Penrose-Durham-McNich? machine greater freedom and

immunity in stuffing ballot boxes and manipulating election returns.

He voted for the bill creating a state department of labor.-Legislative Record, pages 1694-1700. This bill was opposed by the United Mine Workers for the reason that leaders in that organization believed that it would create a lot of useless offices. As a matter of fact that was the exact purpose of the measure. A place was needed for Captain James M. Clark, Republican machine boss in Lawrence county, who was to have been the head of the department, while the various other sinecures and soft snaps would have made excellent stock in trade for commerce

Hostility to Honest Elections Revealed

He voted for the bill appropriating to J. H. Shaw, one of the Philadelphia councilmen who voted for the gas lease and boasted that he would vote to over- and they took their places, whereride the mayor's veto, \$1971 for badges furnished the legislature of 1897 for a junket to Philadelphia to attend the dedication of the Washington monument-Legislative Record, page 2685.

He also voted for the bill abolishing the circle on the official ballot-Legislative Record, pages 3, 437-38. The bill was so manifestly dishonest that the late Malcolm L. McConnell, chairman of the House Republican steering committee, voted against it.

As a "dodger" Mr. Plummer proved himself quite artful, moreover, during the session of 1903. That is he "dodged" several very important measures upon which public interest had centered. For example he is recorded as "absent and not voting" on the bill providing that election officers must be residents of the districts or divisions within which they act. - Legislative Record, pages 1029-30. The bill was notoriously designed to protect election frauds. Its effect would have been to legalize the phantom election officers of which so much is now heard in connection with the padded registry lists,

He also "dodged" the vote on the bill providing that where a certificate of nomination is not sustained by the courts the petitioner shall be compelled to pay the costs.-Legislative Record, page 2, 2029. The obvious intent of that bill was to prevent attacks on machine made tickets. With such a law in force nominations by certificate would be hazardous and might be very

Plummer As An Artful Dodger.

Mr. Plummer likewise "dodged" the vote on the resolution of Frank W. Mohr, anti-machine Republican of Berks county, to refer to the committee for a public hearing the atrocious Snyder water works bill, which the "gang" was forced by public sentiment to abandon after orders for its passage had been issued. This bul was clandestinely introduced into the house and was intended to give the Penrose ·Durham McNichol machine power to dispose of the Philadelphia water works in the same manner that they tried to steal the gas works since. Plummer's record on the resolution will be found in the Legislative Record, page 2359.

The "culminating atrocity" of Mr. Plummer's record during the session of 1903 was his vote for the infamous but useless "Press Muzzler," the Salus-Grady libel law. He had been admonished against the outrage of the constitution and attempt to stifle civil and religious liberty. But Quay was smarting under the shame of his then recent trial for misusing the funds of the state and his associate gangsters probably felt that the storm which has since broken over them was then impending and hoped to avert it by muzzling the press. The expectation was disappointment, however, and the perfidious legislator rather than his intended victims is suffering the consequence of his folly.

Plummer's Crowning Outrage.

It was during the session of 1903, moreover, that Plummer made clear his servility to the machine and treachery to the people by openly opposing personal registration. Mr. Ikeler, of Columbia county, had introduced a resolution to discharge from the committee on elections, of which Plummer was chairman, the ballot bill prepared by the Democratic state committee and which Quay had promised to support. It provided for personal registration in the cities and in opposing the resolution to discharge the committee and place it on the calendar Mr. Plummer

said: "I does not seem to me to be right or just because there is a cry of fraud in Philadelphia that every city in the state should be put to the inconvenience and expense of a personal registration law to enable a few reformers to experiment with the cure of fraud in that city." Legislative Record, pages 192-22.

As the claim of patriotism is "the last refuge of a scoundrel so the bugaboo of the cost is the first and last resort of a corruptionist who sees reform approaching." Naturally Mr. Plummer invoked this expedient to delay personal registration, but the failure of it then has cost the people tenfold more in graft since than personal registration would have come to in a generation.

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THE MEDIUM AND HER **MESSAGE**

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CALMINIA MINISTRUMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND ASSESSED TO A SECONDARY ASSESSED. "You have noticed my young brunette?" inquired his hostess of Raoul Chenier. "You are to take her in to dinner, and, furthermore are honored by a desire on her part to meet you! Come, let me introduce

It was impossible to refuse, so he followed unhappily, vaguely suspiclous that the unknown was a widow, and that she was about to trouble his bachelor tranquility.

The introduction accomplished, Mme. Deule did not try to hide her

"Monsleur, I am delighted to meet you. I have heard your work

so often mentioned! "You are a keeper of records,

monsteur, are you not?" "Good," thought M. Chenler, and his discomfort took another form. 'It is not I in whom she is injerested; it is the recorder. She will ask me a favor. Well, I like that

The butler carefully drew aside the portieres, announcing dinner, Mme. Deule Immediately noon opened the subject.

'How more than interesting to search through the old writings, the very old ones, M. Chenter," she "Have you ever seen the smiled. handwriting of Henri Quatre, and would you be able to recognize it?" Her companion countered quick-

"Do you happen to possess a letter from this gallant king?" Mme. Deule gave a slight smile and her eyes shone more brightly.



"You are a keeper of Records?" "One letter," she replied, calmly, pulling off her long gloves. "I have thousand of them!

Time passed, and found the studious and very learned M. Chenier bending one morning over his desk, thoroughly absorbed. Presently a card was handed to him, which elicited a quick order for admit-

"Am I disturbing you, monsieur?" "No, Mme. Deule; I shall be most happy to be of use."

Raoul Chenier smiled. Having guarded his own position so thoroughly, he was pleased to note that madame's eyes were increasingly charming and her smile entrancing.

"You have been good to allow me to upset your work and abuse your kindness, monsieur," she began. "The word abuse has no reason to

exist, madame, between you and She thanked him with a bow, and

Raoul surprised himself by murmuring: 'What beauty! She is really exquisite!" "Monsieur," said the charming

widow, after a slight pause. "I wish to be wholly frank with you today. I wonder if you will believe me foolish. I am a spiritualist." "Oh," responded M. Chenier,

sadly.

"It is nothing to be afraid of," she went on more boldly, "but rather it is a great consolation to be able to communicate with those who are no more."

"M. Deule, for instance?" queried Raoul.

"No," replied madame, sighing; "he has never responded to my call."

"That is only since his death, I am persuaded," said M. Chenier. I evoke none but the ancient dead," said the widow, hastily. have a young ward, otherwise entirely illiterate, who is-a marvellous medium. Before coming to me she was in the service of a spiritualist, and it is he who initiated me into the mysteries of the other world. Monsieur, it was almost with stupefaction that I discovered I could put my maid into a hypnotic

"Madame," Interrupted Raoul, "one does not need to be a medium to submit to the influence of your

Mme. Deule gave a slight shrug. "This is a very grave subject with me, sir," she said. "If you will help

'Pardon, one moment. May I ask how long you have had your

mediumistic maid?" 'For two years, M. Chenier, and during this time I have become more and more attracted by the immaterial and incomprehensible."

"What shame," sighed monsieur, softly, but the lady paid no beed.

"I have confided my great secret to you," continued Mme. Duele, "for I am sure that you will understand why I wish to place the letters of Henri Quartre (it is he who writes to me so often), and which are dietated to my maid, or else he writes them himself, using her hand, with those which you have here, written when he was alive."

Without a word M. Chenier rose and went in search of the letters. Feverishly and with great emotion Mme. Deule took the yellow parchment from his hand.

"How strange," she said, after a moment's pause, and in a somewhat puzzled voice. "This is not at all the same handwriting as that in which he writes to me.' Rapul turned away to hide a

smile. The soft voice of madame continued: 'I thank you again, monsteur,

and I place myself entirely in your confidence.

And with this she left him. Some hours later an envelope, tvory white and faintly perfumed was brought to the recorder. He opened it with trembling hands, and found that it contained two letters, one written in a fine flowing hand and the other III formed and awkward as if traced by a schoolgirk

Raoul read the first; Monsteur-You know the faith I place in the messages coming from the other world. This faith must be very strong, or I could not implicitly follow the leadings of the spirit. I send you the last letter dictated to my medium. Recently the style of the writing has changed, which reaffirms its authenticity, do you not agree? I only know one Raoul. What then? I obey the voice from the tomb

M. Chenier kissed the letter in a transport of happiness. Then he picked up the second sheet, and laughed as he read:

Noble, Sweet and Beautiful Friend: We are pleased to make known our wishes to you. The throes of love which you have awakened, which exist for you, should be by you assuaged. To do this, the question must be asked: Who is able to disclose such a love? A friend longs to know that you love, and this friend is named Raoul."

That same evening Raoul Chenier threw himself at the feet of his adored lady, declared his love, and - obeying the voice from the other world-Mme. Deale did not refuse

With a delicacy delightful to madame, M. Chenler proposed that the engagement should be kept secret for some weeks.

owe all my happiness to the spirit before publishing it to the world," he sald. "Forgive me, but I cannot truly rejoice. I long to hear you say 'I love you' of your own will, and during this time it would make me very happy if you would leave the spirit of the good Henri Quatre in peace.'

"Ungrateful man!" cried the lady. "I think that I should refuse the last clause if my maid had not asked for a month's vacation this morning. It is very hard on me.'

Each day made M. Chenler more essential to the happiness of the charming widow, and it was easy to see that soon he would become more beloved than the name of the king. ies are preparing by unusual stor-One evening as they were sitting age.

among the flowers of the little salon where they spent long hours together, Mme. Deule dared to speak the magic phrase.

"You love me at last," cried "But one proof alone can convince me of this love, which I doubt even now."

"Why, what further do you ask? Is not the proof given already? What more can I say?" Madame lifted her eyebrows.

"Oh," she cried, "It is written in the handwriting of Henri Quartre!" "Perhaps, but read it, he replied. It ran as follows:

"Monsteur — I beg have pity on me. I have my old mother and two sisters to take care of. I did no: begin with the idea of trading on the credulity of madame. I did not mean anything bad, but only to get better wages-and, besides, madame, paid me extra for each seance. You have made me afraid by speaking of the police, and I must try and save myself; but, monsieur, I have confidence in you, and you have promised not to give me up if I obey you. I will make Henri Quatre say anything you like to madame. Madame will surely believe it, as she has always done, and then monsieur will give me the money he has promised.'

"What does it mean?" murmured

the poor spiritualist. "It means, dearest, that you have been taken in by a fake. I called this woman to me, threatened her, and then kept her in my pay. I used your dear foolishness to serve my purposes, to make you love me. Can you forgive?"

The lady hid her face in her hands, and for some moments Mme. Deule remained in horrfied silence. M. Chenier argued his case earn-

estly; he begged, he pleaded. drop, and Raoul immediately took them prisoners, covering them with kisses.

"It is monstrous," sighed the lady. "What have you done with my false medium?"

"That pretended vacation was her flight. Had you not guessed?" "Indeed!" replied Mme. Deule. Ther she continued, resolutely: "If you know where she is write for her to return. We will double her wages!"-Boston Herald.

A SUDDEN TWINGE

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Threatened Car Famine

All the Eig Railroad Companies Need Cars for Carrying Coal

The greatest car famine in history threatens the coal carrying roads of the country So serious has the situation become that the New York Central, Pensylvania, Baltimore & the use of cars except for the transportation of coal on their own lines police it amounted to about 900,00 or for the shipment of consignments originating on their roads and intended for immediate delivery on some connecting line. The shortage on the Pennsylvania road is so great that bituminous operators in Central Pennsylvania have "I wish to be certain that I do not been compelled to restrict their production. Transportation offices of the Reading and Pennsylvania have been besieged by mine operators begging more cars. They are placing their car orders for weeks ahead, but are given no assurance except that all shall share alike in the supply of cars as they accumuoperator is doing his best to increase his share of available cars. It is

Bloomsburg Fair-

The Columbia County Agricultural Society will hold its 51st annual exhibition on October 10-11-12 and 13. From all indications the when the thread-like vegetation of the coming Fair will eclipse all former fungus had run all through the manure, ones. An attractive speed program has been arranged as follows: Wednesday October 11, 2:18 Pacing, 2:27 Trotting and 2:40 class for County horses. Thursday Oct 12, 2:15 Pacing, 2:17 Tretting, 2:21 Pacing and free for all county horses. Friday Oct. 13, 2:10 Class, 2:22 Trotting and 2:25 Pacing.

Free attractions will consist of Parkers Trained Dogs, White and Lamart Acrobats, and Tessier on Wire and Trapeze, making six acts, daily in front of grand stand. The poultry department will be a

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The flour made from it in its dried state is equal in nutritive value to rice, and how invigorating and sustaining rice is has been demonstrated in the revent achievements of the Japanese. Dried and sprinkled with sugar, a form in which it has been recently introduced in this country, the upstart banana is, weight for weight, as nutritious as the venerable fig.

But it is in the fresh state that the banana chiefly oppeals to us. Its creamy succulence and delicate odor are inviting, and its plear ant mapor is a prelude to good digestion. Dependent as that sapor is in ethereal body, while the coal tar investigators have not be been able to imitate by chemical sence, it is a subtle stimulus to all a ; sequent elementary processes. And thus it is that the banana is an eminently digestible food. No sense of oppress. or drowelness follows a meal of the and a meal of it may be bulky enough-Pall Mall Cazette.

Queer Case of Craft.

The Russian press has been fell of accounts of a mysterious discovery of geld on one of the trains arriving a Samara. Three large cases, support to contain Red Cross medical supplie were found to be stuffed with gold at a paper money to the amount of 1. .. 000 roubles, which had apparently been shipped from the front. The gendariaerie took the matter in hand. An investigation was ordered promptly and as promptly suppressed, apparently by high authority.

The Nowesti, commenting on the incident, remarks: "That robbery of state property goes on in the far east we knew long ago. That it also exists in the west, south and north as well as in the center, we also had reason to be lieve; but the case under notice is in teresting, because upon the first count Ohio have issued orders prohibiting the money amounted to a million reables, but upon being counted by the

"Being then placed under 'control,' it had, of course, to be counted again, when it was found to be 'about' 640,000 roubles. The arithmetic of the various departments the money passed through varied so considerably that the sum presently dwindled to 500,000 roubles. The higher authorities, having now stepped in, it is to be presumed that further countings will take place, and by the time the wealth reaches the consignee it is hardly likely to amount to double figures." Such is graft in the

Mushrooms in Bricks.

The work of the plant bureau is in character almost infinitely varied. Take late each day. The apportionment for example the successful experiments is made in proportion to the prc. recently made in the growing of imduction of each company and each proved varieties of mushrooms. If you will visit the town of Columbia, Mo., you will find there a great establishbelieved that this unusual transpor- a brickyard in full operation. It is, in ment with surroundings which suggest tation of coal is in anticipation of a fact, a brick factory, but the bricks strike, for which the coal compan- which are stacked in huge piles out of doors, are not of clay, but of mushroom spawn-spawn, that is to say, of a superior quality, guaranteed to produce much finer mushrooms than those hitherto purchasable in the markets.

This industry is the outcome of a discovery, made by one of the plant bureau's experts, that it was practicable to introduce small bits of mushrooms into bottles of sterilized manure, and, to use the latter for the seeding of mushroom beds. Inasmuch as only the largest and finest mushrooms are chosen for the purpose, the spawn obtained is of a superior variety and yields mushrooms of corresponding quality. By mixing it with heaps of compost the latter is soon converted into spawn of like high grade, wnich, made into bricks, finds a ready market at a very remunerative price.-Outing Magazine.

Blasting with Acetylene.

A new process for using calcium carbide in blasting is described by Guedras in the Comptes Rendus. A sheet iron cylinder is use as a cartridge. It has three separate compartments-one containing calcium carbide, another water, and the third only air and an electric fuse. The cartridge is placed in the drill hole, the latter closed by a wooden plug, and the water in the cartridge then allowed, by a special device, to flow into the carbide compartment. After about five minutes, during which time the cartridge has become filled with a mixture of acetylene and air under high pressure, the electric fuse is ignited by a current, and a violent explosion results.

A Japanese Lighting Plant. The Osaka Electric Light Co. of Osaka, Japan, a city of 800,000 people, is equipped entirely with American electrical apparatus, including six turbines. also made in Schenectady, N. Y. This company has a paid up capital of \$1,-200,000 and is so progressive that it is on a par with some of the best American electric lighting companies.

Wood for Pencils.

The amount of wood which is used every year for the manufacture of pencils is almost incredible. Nearly 4,000 acres of cedar trees are cut down annually for this purpose alone, and of these 2,000 acres are in Florida. In Bavaria alone there are some forty pencil factories.