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## HARRISBURG LETTER.

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THE DANDIES HAVE BEEN CHOSEN.

During the legislative recess the most momentous duty of the Governor has been performed. That is to say the Military staff has been announced. There are twenty-four of these bedecked and bebraided gold-laced gentlemen and there were something like 400 aspirants for the distinction. And it is a distinction at that for the staff goes wherever the Governor goes and is twice as gorgeously arrayed. A few of them draw salaries and perform real services. But most find ample compensation in the "pomp and circumstance" which attends their movements while on duty.

The State Board of Trade is properly working up an interest in the two cent a mile railway passenger rate bill. The measure passed the House finally just before the adjournment for the Spring election recess for the purpose of serving as a Morgan until after that event. But there is a deep seated suspicion that after having served that purpose it will be abandoned to a stalling process in the Senate. To avert that Secretary Williams, of the State Board of Trade has addressed a circular to all local boards of trade, chambers of commerce and merchants, manufacturers and commercial organizations throughout the State imploring them to get busy on the Senate.

The bill in its present form is hardly worth the labor which Secretary Williams invokes for it, but of course it could be improved. As Representative Blakeslee declared on the occasion of its final passage in the House, it puts upon the carrying corporations no obligation except that of carrying passengers at two cents a mile while it contains so many features of questionable constitutionality, that unless it is very materially bettered it might well be dropped. Still it may be worth while for the civic and commercial organizations appealed to to follow his suggestions. Even if they fail to achieve the purpose he has in mind they are making public sentiment that will ultimately compass the result.

## ONE OF THE GREAT EVILS.

The State Water supply commission is ready to make its first report to the Legislature and it is expected that this ponderous document will be presented early next week. The Water Supply commission is one of those tax eating bodies created by the Legislature of 1905 when some of the bosses were "sitting up nights" in the Boas mansion studying out schemes to create new offices. The State constabulary and a number of commissions besides the one in question were among the fruits of that nocturnal labor and hundreds of decayed politicians, moral and physical wrecks, were provided with places in that way. The forth coming report promises to be more or less interesting, however, not because of its intrinsic merit but for the reason that it shows how willingly "men in a brief authority" delve into other people's affairs and strive to compel obedience to their mandates.

The commission announces in ponderous periods that "it is making a thorough and comprehensive study of the water supply of Pennsylvania, especially with respect to its natural conditions; as affected by population and manufactures; as affected by appropriation for municipal and domestic purposes; as affected by appropriation for water power and for transportation; as affected by obstruction of water courses and affected by forest cover, rainfall, floods, geology and topography." But it doesn't take long to discover that after all these are only secondary features of the report. The main point is the request for greater authority for the commission. It wants the power to remedy as well as discover faults in art or nature and would like to be invested with power "to do effective work in the equal distribution of the water supply of the State."

It is surprising how the proclivities for "running things" develop in the average official mind. Take a man who might have been a ten dollar a week clerk in a store or the third assistant foreman of a blacksmith shop with one fire and transplant him into a public office of some sort and he immediately imagines that he has not only the qualities but the bearing of a king. About the second year of his service he complains to the Legislature that his powers are entirely too circumscribed and at the next session

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he is on the floor lobbying for legislation which will authorize him to regulate everything and everybody. As a matter of fact one of the greatest of present evils about the State house is the "official lobby," if it may be so designated. By that I mean the importuning of senators and Representatives in the Legislature by heads of Departments or bureaus of the State government for legislation in which they are interested.

## THINGS MOVING IN HARRISBURG.

There has been no legislation since my last letter but things have been moving in and about the "Palace of Graft," just the same. For example during the week that the legislators were absent a number of the "specially designed clocks" were installed in their respective places. One of the bills which were hurried through from the Board of Public Grounds and Building to the State Treasury between the date of the election of State Treasurer William H. Berry and his installation was for 200 specially designed clocks at \$115.50 apiece. The contract for the clocks had been awarded to Sanderson, of Philadelphia, the per pound contractor for chandeliers, and the bill amounting to \$23,100 was paid by State Treasurer Mathews on April 17, 1906. Mr. Berry was inaugurated on May 6, following, and the clocks were not delivered until last week. The early payment was probably made so as to avoid a possible inquiry into the relative value and cost of the clocks by Mr. Berry.

You can't measure the disposition of a dog by the tone of his voice and the number of bills introduced into a legislative body is no criterion as to the character of the work it is likely to perform. Thus far the present legislature has proved a record maker in the matter of introducing bills. The time actually spent in session wouldn't amount to ten days "on the farm" but in that time 1055 bills have been introduced of which 763 were read in the House and 292 in the Senate. One hundred and forty bills have been reported from the House committees, eleven of which originated in the Senate and had previously passed that body. The Senate committees have reported seventy-five bills, six of which had originated in the House. Only one measure has been signed by the Governor, however, though from this time on the mill will grind faster. In fact the indications are that there will be a great rush from Monday with the view of hastening the final adjournment. The result of the Philadelphia election has vastly increased the confidence of the machine managers and it will be a run under the spur from now on. Some of the reform measures promised in the Republican State platform may be enacted, for Governor Stuart is revealing some signs of a determination to "make good." But whatever reform work is done will have strings to it so as to make it as little inimical to machine interests as possible.

## LIBERAL CHARITY APPROPRIATIONS

It may be confidently predicted that the appropriations to insane

asylums and other State corrective and charitable institutions will be liberal. It can be said that nothing brought out during the recent campaign gave the machine managers as much worry as the incomparable wretchedness and neglect of the insane hospitals. Most of us thought that the exposures of graft in the new capitol construction would be a greater danger to them but as a matter of fact they didn't mind that at all. These practical politicians reason that the average man doesn't care a farthing for expense unless he feels, personally, the burden of it. An additional mill on the school or road tax counts because it requires cash to meet it. But the stolen millions were unimportant for the burden of payment was not felt. The beauty and magnificence of the building obscured the immorality involved in the graft.

G. D. H.

## Deeds Recorded.

The following deeds have been recorded by Recorder Miller since those last published:

M. I. Hennessy to Thomas F. Hennessy for tract of land in the Borough of Catawissa, consideration \$400.

Boyd Freas and wife to George W. Ash for undivided half interest in a piece of land in the borough of Berwick, consideration \$750.

Alexander K. Seigried to estate of C. P. Follmer for a piece of land in the Borough of Benton, consideration \$500.

H. F. Everett and wife to Sarah J. Thompson for lot of ground in the Borough of Benton, consideration \$100.

S. J. Johnson and wife to Ella Albertson for lot of ground in the Town of Bloomsburg, consideration \$190.

Charles W. Engle and wife, to Marx Levy for lot of ground in Berwick.

Boann M. Bower to Joseph L. Bower for lot of land in Briar Creek township, consideration \$75.

A. E. Johnson and wife to Harrison D. Miller for three tracts of land in Millin township, consideration \$4,000.

H. D. Miller and Mary A. Miller to A. E. Johnson for 106 acres of land in Millin township, consideration \$1,000 and 105 acres of land.

Isaiah Bower and wife to Sarah A. Trego for lot of ground in the Borough of Berwick, consideration \$900.

E. J. Brown and wife to Thomas A. Martz for lot of ground in Briar Creek township, consideration \$270.

Frank W. Heller and wife to Lizzie S. Cutter for lot of ground in the Borough of Millville, consideration \$256.

Mary Shutt et al, to A. C. Hagemyer for lot of ground in Town of Bloomsburg, consideration, \$1500.

Freas Thomas and wife to David W. Lanning for 65 acres of land in Fishing Creek township, consideration \$300.

David W. Lanning and wife to Freas Thomas for lot of ground in Briar Creek township, consideration \$200.

Michael Casey's executors to M. J. Casey for 3 lots of ground in the Town of Bloomsburg, consideration \$630.

Michael Casey, executor, to Ellen Hickey for lots in Town of Bloomsburg, consideration \$320.

Charles B. Ent Sheriff, to C. M. Creveling for 162 acres and 100 perches of land in Jackson township, consideration \$1415.

Charles B. Ent, Sheriff, to C. M. Creveling for land in Greenwood township, consideration \$70.

The following letters are advertised Feb'y. 26, 1907: Mr. Garner Artley, A. M. Longenecker, Miss Clara Ikler, Mr. John Nafus, Miss Bessie Whitmore, Cards. Rebecca Appleman, Mr. Horton Laubach. Will be sent to the dead letter office March 12, 1907.

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## THAW TRIAL.

The trial of Harry K. Thaw in New York city for the murder of Stanford White is still drawing its weary length along, and may occupy two weeks more. It is one of the slimmest exhibitions ever produced in a court of justice.

Evalyn N. Thaw, the chorus girl wife of Harry Thaw, is either one of the most devoted wives the world has ever seen, or else she is an actress utterly devoid of shame or modesty. She has laid bare her life to the public, showing her relations with White, admitted that she traveled over Europe with Thaw as man and wife before they were married, admitted that she knew little or nothing of the Bible, rarely if ever went to church, was not sure whether she had any religious belief.

And she is now only 22 years of age. It would seem as though the mother who has raised a daughter in such a way as that has something to answer for. A girl who has been reared in such an atmosphere as she says she was, if she is telling the truth, is more sinned against than sinning. Whether the total annihilation of whatever character she possessed, by her testimony on the witness stand shall avail to save the life of her husband, remains to be seen. If she should not succeed, she will at least have the consolation of knowing that that life up to this time has been of no value to the world. And yet it may be that this pampered son of millionaire parents, who was never taught to do anything but squander money, is more to be pitied than blamed. There are many lessons to be learned from the Thaw trial.

## Too True.

"If any class of business men ever had good reason for the formation of a trust with a view of advancing prices the press of the country presents that justification at this time," contends the Chicago Blade, and continues to argue logically as follows:

"The white paper alone on which many papers are printed, costs more than is paid by the purchaser for the printed edition. The cost of white paper has been advancing for years, printing ink never cost more than at the present time and wages were never higher, yet the price of the output has been retained. The newspapers of the country in their columns seem to point out everything in the news line pertaining to the information of trusts in oil, sugar, paper, steel and also every commodity in general use, but they could and should point with great interest to the fact that they are supplying the public with news of the world under a greater expense of production than ever before, while the comparative cost of advertising has not been greatly increased.

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## Maud Ballington Booth.

The Normal Auditorium was filled to its capacity last night by an audience that listened most attentively to Mrs. Maud Ballington Booth in her lecture on the good work that has been done among the inmates of prisons. For eleven years she has been engaged in this work, and that her whole heart is in it cannot be doubted for a moment by any one who heard her talk about it. She is a woman of charming personality, and a speaker of much power. "Lights and Shadows of Prison Life," was her subject, and no one is better equipped to discuss it than she, for she has given her life to the work among convicts.

## Another Bear.

William P. Faust saw a bear last Sunday. He lives on the farm of James Foster, between Danville and Bloom. The bear did not seem to be alarmed, and took its time to move away when Foster got quite near it with some dogs. The dogs were afraid and would not give chase, and the bear slowly disappeared.

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