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Harrisburg, Pa., April 29, 1907. The Machine in control of legislation has thrown off the reform mask. Two measures promised in the party platform last year were enacted into laws and Representative Creasy is enjoying the satisfaction that, to that extent, work for which he has been contending for many years has been partially accomplished.

It is not likely that the policy of strangling reform legislation during the remainder of the session will be proclaimed from the house-tops. There will be no public announcement of the impending obsequies. But the burial permits have been issued and the fact that the funerals will be clandestine makes no difference in the results. The Senate committees will do the work with a celerity that is not even "contempered with cunctation."

Confusion breeds bad work. The sins of the Legislature in the immediate future will not be altogether sins of omission, either. In addition to killing reform legislation there are signs of a purpose to enact some vicious measures. Under existing conditions this will be an easy matter. By strenuous efforts an enormous number of bills have been put on the calendar of the House and are now at one stage or another in process of completion. The result is confusion during every session. Each member has a number of bills either in committee or on the calendar and he is so anxious to get them through that he will engage to do anything which will help along the result. The other evening I met a Senator on the street who was heading toward the capitol at a rate of speed that threatened heart disease even to casual observers.

Confusion is the handmaid of vice in legislation. Hardly a word uttered by the Speaker or anybody else is heard by anybody in the chamber and even the most vigilant members hardly know what bills are being considered. Visitors look on in amazement and when they ask members for information respecting the work in progress the only response they get is the confession of ignorance. Under such circumstances it is an easy matter to get bad bills through. In fact it is not known that they are through, as a rule, until the calendar of the next day is presented. It is too late then to enter protest so they go to the Governor with all their faults. His action too frequently depends upon the interest to be subserved by the legislation. Thus far Governor Stuart has used the veto with great courage and wisdom and I have no reason to apprehend a change in his policies. But it looks now as if he will have a strenuous time from this time on and a Governor is quite as likely to get confused as any one else.

HULINGS REBUKED MCNICHOL. The long session and continuous labor are getting on the nerves of Senators and Representatives, moreover. This was shown in the Senate the other day when General Hulings rebuked Senator McNichol, of Philadelphia, so sharply as to make him think that he was going through a filtration plant. The previous discussion had been more or less irritating. Senator Grim, of Bucks county, had asked for the discharge of the Committee on Elections from the further con-

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consideration of his bill to eliminate the party square from the ballot. Everybody knows that that is the principal source of electoral corruption and the Republican machine managers have determined to preserve it. Grim made their position so uncomfortable, however, that they were in anything but an amiable mood. Then Senator Kline, of Pittsburg, made a similar motion with respect to another bill and when Hulings came along with a proposition to discharge all committees from the consideration of all measures after a reasonable time had elapsed, the explosion followed.

There is no evil in legislation as prolific in bad results as that of smothering bills in committee. The constitution provides for the reference of all bills to committee but the framers of that instrument never intended that the committee rooms should become grave yards for all legislation inimical to the interests of the machine. But the evil has developed into that vast proportion. As Senator Grim showed three members of a committee, taking advantage of the absence of their colleagues, actually negatived a bill and so reported at a subsequent session of the body. That was literally a crime against popular government and when Senator McNichol attempted to turn Hulings' protest into ridicule the Senator for the Forty-eighth district promptly and properly rebuked him. It took the Senate off its feet for the moment but composure was soon restored and I have reason to think the incident will have a salutary effect. The exultation in the House on the passage of the bill increasing the salaries of legislators was a less hopeful sign.

A COUPLE OF FUNNY INCIDENTS. When the House, a couple of weeks ago, adopted a resolution without a dissenting vote, endorsing some of Roosevelt's policies, ostensibly, but his aspirations for a third term in reality, the incident was fitly characterized as hysterical. It fooled some of the members, however, and the other night one of the most emotional of the lot offered a resolution declaring the Legislature in favor of the third term unequivocally, but he ran up against the surprise of his life. Meantime Penrose must have taken a few of his most servile followers into the woodshed for a conference for the vote on the resolution was nearly as unanimous against, the second time, as it was in favor the first time. Roosevelt got little comfort from the second vote, though it is safe to say that there were more affirmative votes in the House on that occasion than there will be for his nomination in the Pennsylvania delegation in the next Republican National convention.

Another funny result was on a motion during the same session of the House to remove the heads of Quay and other political crooks from the bronze doors of the capitol. The motion was made by a Republican member who has become disgusted with the revelations of capitol graft. Strangely enough the only objection to the consideration of the resolution came from a Democrat, Mr. Young, of Clinton county, who protested against wast-

Must Use The Knife

Said the Surgeon, but Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy was taken and the Knife Avoided. The Union and Advertiser of Rochester, N. Y., recently published the following interesting account of how William W. Adams of 127 South Avenue, that city, was saved from a painful operation by the use of Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy. Mr. Adams said: "Three years ago I was taken with kidney disease very badly; at times I was completely prostrated; in fact, was so bad that the day was set for the doctors to perform an operation upon me. But I decided I would not submit. I had been put in hot water baths, and, in fact, nearly every means was tried to help me. Upon the day set for the operation I commenced the use of

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and from that moment began to gain, and it was not long before I was entirely cured and have had no return of the trouble since. My weight has increased and I never was so well as I am now. I have recommended Dr. Kennedy's Favorite Remedy to many people, for it saved my life." Write to Dr. David Kennedy's Sons, Rondout, N. Y., for a free sample bottle of Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy, the great Kidney, Liver and Blood medicine. Large bottles \$1.00. All druggists.

ing the time of the House with such trifles. But only a few outside of the Democrats voted on the question and though the vote was almost unanimously in the affirmative the Speaker declared the resolution was lost because less than a majority of a quorum had voted. That was technically a correct ruling but if the Speaker had been for instead of against the resolution the point would not have been raised and at least one of the disgraceful incidents of the new capitol would have been removed.

SMALL BUT SLENDID MINORITY. There is encouragement in the improved tone of the minority. Re-creancy is frowned upon so perceptibly that those delinquent have a hard time of it afterward. Take the Senators absent when the vote on the McCord bill was taken, for example. Everybody knew that Senator Hall was seriously ill and there was no criticism of his absence except in the columns of a particularly mendacious scandal-mongering newspaper. The caucus at which the Democrats agreed to vote as a unit for the bill was held in his room and the motion was made by himself. He was in complete sympathy with the purpose of the action and every just man in and out of Harrisburg, familiar with the subject, understood the fact. But Senators Miller, of Northampton, and Rowland, of Pike, have suffered in the estimation of their colleagues immensely. I have no doubt that their explanations are accurate and that they would have been glad to vote for the bill. No doubt their colleagues are of the same opinion. But their reputations suffered a good deal of wear and tear before the explanations were made and it is a safe guess that they will be more careful in the future.

Speaking of tone in such situations it is worthy of remark that Senator Hall's presence in the chamber appears to give courage and confidence to his colleagues. The little band of Democrats in that body is composed of splendid fellows. Grim, Herbst and DeWalt of the old guard and Dimeling, Blewitt and Klindinst of the new Senators are both capable and courageous. Senator Dimeling is a particularly virile and efficient legislator. Long ago somebody remarked in commenting upon the great force of the late Governor Bigler and the marvelous efficiency of the late Senator Wallace that there appears to be something in the air of that mountain region that makes men great. Dimeling is new in the service and as modest as a maiden but he achieves results. Such men don't need and wouldn't endure a boss but a competent and courageous leader vastly helps to maintain the esprit du corps and Senator Hall is just the man for that post. He wants none of the honors or compliments for himself but gives moral support, encouragement and opportunity to others to acquire distinction.

THE GRAFT INVESTIGATION.

The graft investigation has gone from bad to worse and it is only a question of which of the conspirators will go to the penitentiary and for how long a term. Every pretense of Pennypacker has been exposed and refuted and even his friends are beginning to speculate upon the result of his trial in the criminal courts. That he is culpable hardly admits of doubt but whether criminally liable or not is a question. But it is certain that the State was robbed of upwards of five millions of dollars for the benefit of his friends and in consequence of his delinquency, and justice requires a criminal prosecution to vindicate the law.

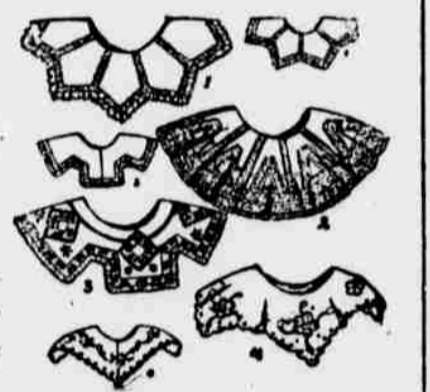
During the sitting of last week all sorts of surprising things were brought into view. It was shown conclusively, and subsequently admitted, that Payne & Co. had padded bills of sub-contractors and collected vast sums from the State in that way; that a contract for upward of \$500,000 was let without advertising as the law requires and that no requisitions were made by the heads of the departments for any of the metal furniture and filing cases for which Congressman Cas-

sell's company charged more than \$2,000,000. In the light of these facts all the money spent by the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings was unlawfully taken from the treasury and ought to be recovered from the delinquent, if not actually criminal, members of the Board guilty of the crimes. G. D. H.

Prosperity Outlook Continues to Be Good.

That the country is not suffering from a depression in business is evident from the dispatches in the big newspapers, from centers of production and distribution. It is stated that all the business is being done that can be performed with the existing plants and resources and that a little relapse would be distinctly helpful. The steel and iron industry, the coal, car and other industries which are the first to feel a check in business activity are all taxed to supply the demands which have accumulated in the last two years and have more than enough orders to occupy them well into 1908. Even if the railroads do cut down their expenditures for improvements, the loss in that direction will be met by delayed demands for material and other purchasers. As an official of the Carnegie Steel Company put it, "The railroads have crowded out the buying of nearly all other lines, and many of these have not expanded as rapidly as they wished." The railroads, in fact, may not be able to scale down to any material extent their plans for betterments. They are not able now to handle the traffic offered to them, and if general business continues to expand and the crops of 1907 equal those of 1905 and 1906 the transportation lines will be forced in their own interest to equip themselves for the greater carrying trade thrust on them. Agricultural prosperity is the real basis of our present national prosperity, and so long as the farmers can raise record crops and get remunerative prices for them other industries will flourish and the railroads will have all the traffic they can handle.

GIRLS' Bertha Collars. The bertha collar is becoming to every childish figure and in some form or other is an addition to very nearly every frock. Here are four sorts that provide both for the plainer dresses and the more fanciful ones and that are shaped and trimmed in a variety of ways. As illustrated No. 1 is made of white lawn trimmed with Valenciennes lace and



insertion. No. 2 is made of white batiste with lace put on in an altogether different and far more elaborate manner and No. 3 is of the same material with lace insertion, edging and banding but No. 4 is embroidered by hand. All the models are susceptible of variations, however, and embroidery can be substituted for lace and, indeed, any banding that is adapted to the material while No. 4 can be embroidered or braided in any design that may be selected.

What Lemons Are For.

Every toilet table should be supplied with lemons. They are so valuable one cannot do without them. A bad headache can be cured by a teaspoonful of juice in a cupful of black coffee. A slice of lemon rubbed on the temples and back of the neck may be used for headache. A little rubbed on the skin at night will soften and whiten its texture. A paste made of magnesia and lemon is excellent to whiten the hands. A good manicure acid is made from a teaspoonful of lemon juice in a cupful of warm water. It will cure discolored finger nails. Lemon juice in water will loosen the tartar that forms on the teeth. It makes the breath sweet. Lemon is excellent for cleaning tan shoes, also taking the black stains away by rubbing with soft cloth.

Hints For The Laundry.

Grass stains rubbed with molasses will come out in the washing without further care. If you wish to bleach a cotton dress white, that has become faded, boil in cream of tartar water. To remove tea, coffee or chocolate stains from table linen, sprinkle with borax and soak in cold water. Then stretch the linen over a bowl and pour boiling water directly upon stained places. CASTORIA. Bears the Signature of The Kind You Have Always Bought.

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