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Harrisburg, Pa., May 27, 1907 It is no betrayal of confidence to predict that Speaker McChain will get "all that's coming to him," in the course of time. The Speaker defeated sixty or more Senate bills during the closing hours of the legislative session out of revenge for the defeat in the Senate of two or three measures in which his friends were vitally interested. In this drastic action he expected the support of the Elkin faction of his party. In fact he publicly declared that the bills which were christened his bills were really bills of the Elkin faction and that it was on account of that faction rather than on his own account that he resented what he regarded as unjust treatment.

In his expectation of support of the Elkin faction, however, the Speaker has been disappointed. Mr. Justice Elkin declines to tear up his snug judicial nest and go on the war path to save McClain with the result that the Speaker has been compelled to modify his original statement and apologize to the machine. But as things stand that will not get him much. The machine managers refuse to be milloified and are preparing to give the Speaker such a grilling as has rarely been inflicted on any man. The result is that the Speaker appears to be between the upper and nether millstones and stands to be ground to powder. The machine will have no mercy and his friends can afford little help.

Of course the machine cannot injure the Speaker in his local political estate. Boss Greist is not ungrateful and the revenue and it is up to him to make he can return McClain to the Legislature as often as he wants to. But by cutting the appropriations and the after having been in turn floor leader problem is as to the method of going of the unjority for a number of sessions and finally Speaker there could be little enticement in a seat on the floor without influence or activity. And that is percisely what will happen if McCinin comes back to the House He will be utterly and absolutely ignored in all the proceedings. Ordinarily a man of ability can command recognition in a parliamentary body under the inflexible rule of the "survival of the fittest." But that is not always the case.

MCCLAIN'S FAULT AND FUTURE.

This fact was exemplified in the Senate during the recent session. Judge Elliot Rogers, of Pittsburg, had some to the Senate at a considerable personal and professional sacrifice, to ead the Penrose majority through mooth paths to safety. He was easily he ablest lawyer on that side and the nost accomplished politician. But he McNichols and Keysers and other aces against his leadership and he be- disposed to do that. ame a nonentity. McClain will prooably have the same experience if he undertakes to force himself upon an inwilling faction in control and we can the benevolent plaus of philanthropy o a man like McClain than to be saubsed into silence. .hat district is open to him as it is to any other man favored by Griest. uture. His participation in the lootsenitentiary or out of the jurisdiction vould be unavailable as a candidate making appropriations and put upon or Congress. But what pleasure would the Governor the onerous burden of He would be literally lost in that rabble revenues. and though he might make a good peech now and then, if he could ever et the Speaker's eye, that would be neager recompense for the loss of his lominant place in the Pennsylvania egislature. The Speaker is entitled to little symsathy, however, in his dilemma. He orought the trouble upon his own aead. He took advantage of his powerful position to force iniquitous legisiation on to the statute books and there is something like poetic justice in the punishment which appears to be inevitable. When the Senate defeated his hills the members of that body understood the risk they ran. They knew that he was all-powerful in the House and could defeat any measure good or bad, to which he was opposed. But they preferred the loss of their bill to the passage of the atrocious McClain bills or else hoped that the Speaker would refrain from exercising his powerr

ment of a man in an adjoining room, for a moderate figure to the enormous amount which he received. This was the result of collusion between the contractor and an officer of the Senate. During the session of the Legislature

these facts were brought to the attention of the House committee on Printing. The chairman of that committee, who was pretending to make an investigation of the charge visited the person responsible for the gossip and got all the facts. But he never brought the matter before the committee or attempted to pursue the inquiry in any way. He knew the State was being robbed, in a small way, perhaps, but of a considerable amount in the aggregate, and made no effort to check the outrage. The contract was void if there was fraud and collusion in the the Printing Committee didn't try to name names. stop it,

The incident reveals the unregenerate character of the Republican machine. It is pressing the investigation of the capitol graft because State Treasurer Berry made that iniquity so plain that it couldn't be ignored and the investigation is "making a virtue of necessity." But this other fraud which, though representing a lesser aggregate is just as great in turpitude, was permitted to continue because only a few persons knew of it and there was a chance to suppress it. It makes no difference to the public, however, whether the amount is large or small or the fraud in printing or chandaliers. There would have been no investigation in either if it could have been avoided.

GOVERNOR STUART'S HARD TASK. Governor Stuart is busy on the six hundred or more bills left for his consideration by the Legislature and he has an Herculean task before him. The appropriations are far in excess of ends meet. This can only be achieved about it. The constitution authorizes the Governor to veto distinct items in an appropriation but not to alteramounts in an item. Former Governor Stone violated this provision of the fundamental law and Pennypacker followed his example. But Stone is a moral pervert and Pennypacker a mental imbeeile.

It is not likely that Governor Stuart will adopt that course. He has shown in various ways a respect for the law and a disposition to obey his oath of office. Fixing the amount of an appropriation is a prerogative of the legislature---it is legislating. The consti- the minority in the Legislature has intution declares that "the legislative spired hope everywhere and the party power of this common wealth shall be vested in a General Assembly which shall consist of a Senate and a House of Representatives." If the Governor would undertake to legislate, therefore, he would be usurping authority and infringing upon the legislature. It decided that that would constitute a would be violating his oath of office, curvy parliamentary sharps set their moreover, and Governor Stuart is not ment of the right of the masses. Under the circumstances it may be fense of the Chairman of the House Sheatz, of Philadelphia. Mr. Sheatz has been provided with a carefully Cassell is out of the question for the drawn estimate of the revenues of the State, He knew within a few thousng of the State in the capitol construc- and dollars of the amount of money ion will probably land him in the which will be collected for use of the State Treasury during the ensuing two f the State and in either event he years. Yet he went headlong into McClain find in a seat in Congress? holding the disbursements within the WORK OF THE CAPITOL PROBERS. There will be plenty doing in the capitol investigation next week and before long the conscience of the State will be shocked as it has never been before by the revelations of iniquity. The expert accountants are bringing their work to a close and it is confidently asserted that their report will show where every dollar of the loot went. A check for \$25,000 which was

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paid to a prominent politician has been mentioned and there is a good deal of speculation as to the identity of the recipient of the favor. But that is only a trifle, compared with other exposures which will be made soon, the letting, But Chairman Hapgood of probers say, while they decline to tal and physical rest after meals.

One result of the inquiry is noticeable in all directions, however. It is universal and enthusiastic popular approval of State Treasurer William H. Berry for his part in the exposures, Last fall all the Republican prints and speakers declared that there was no fraud and denounced Mr. Berry as a villifyer Lieutenant Governor Murphy was particularly vehement in anathematizing Mr. Berry. Now nine men out of every ten you meet regret that he is ineligible for re-election and say if it were otherwise he would be elected with practicel unanimity. As he can't run again, however, there is an increasing public sentiment in favor of keeping a democrat in the office

There is reason in this sentiment. too. The vast fiscal affairs of the commonwealth are in the hands of the Governor, the Auditor General and the State Treasurer. They constitute the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings, a majority of the Revenue Commissioners, the Sinking Fund Commission and the Board of Public Accounts. It is eminently fit, therefore, that the minority should be represented on those boards. It is no reflection on the integrity of the present Governor and Auditor General to say that minority representation is conducive of prudence and probity in the administration of the duties and the impression is spreading that Mr. Berry's successor should be a Democrat.

HOPEFUL DEMOCRATS READY FOR THE FRAY.

The Democratic State Executive committee met here on Wednesday of last week and I never saw the representatives of the party in so confident a spirit. The excellent record made by leaders are as unselfish as they are energetic. With the view of saving expense to the party workers it was suggested that the executive committee recommend a date for the State convention, but it was unanimously usurpation of power and an infringe-

It was finally decided to call the State Central Committee to me

WHY WOMEN AGE QUICKLY.

Fail to rest Systematically-Sheep the Best Medicine.

Lack of repose is a prime factor in the causation of "nervos," says Elizabeth S. Chesser, M. B., in the London Express; the constant rush in the social and business world, the frantic pursuit of pleasure and amusement are frequent precursors of nervous ill-health. The working woman ages quickly

and loses her looks ten years be fore her domesticated sister, simply because she refuses to rest enough She comes to her meals in a fagged condition, and is surprised that she has no appetite. A short bodily rest before meals would make all the difference. Then, hard working men and women alike should always have at least half an hour's complete men-Systematic resting at meal times is better than desultory, though longer continued rests, at other times.

A half day in bed occasionally is excellent medicine for the business woman. Novel reading in moderation is not to be despised as a rest remedy while sound refreshing slumber at night is nature's method of nerve repair.

The placid easy going people can afford to curtail their rest; they seldom do; but those of a nervous, energetic disposition require all the sheep they can get. Their wear and tear is excessive, and when the sympioms of irritability and worry appear they should serve as a warning that the brake is required. Unfortunately most people at this stage resort to drugs and strong tea, modicine and alcohol. They feel the need of stimulants or sedatives.

Sleep is the best and cheapest medicine, and it is within the reach of everybody. We require as much sleep as we can procure. We may work at high pressure if we sleep enough, but if we overwork and under sleep irritability, insomnia and neurasthenia are almost certainly in store. One of the prime causes of ill health among men and women who have to work with their brains is neglect of sleep. The woman who curtails her sleep begins to worry.

Pretty Afternoon Gown.

The liberty foulards are always pretty for afternoon and evening wear, and are shown in a great variety of beautiful colors and design, This one has the lustrous satin sur face and shows figures of white on a





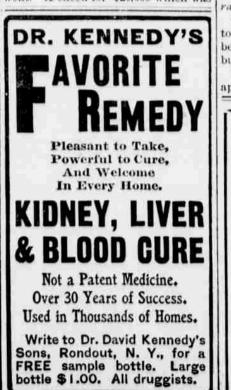
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HENRY F. MILLER,

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SMALL BUT SMELLING GRAFT. The Legislative Record for the ses sion of 1907 will soon have run its course and the payment for it at the rate of twelve dollars a page be completed. This is comparatively a small matter but in turpitude there was no fraud committed in the construction of the State capitol which was greater. Two years ago the same contractors did the work for less than three dollars a page When the present contract was let the contractor discovered that he was the only bidder and changed his bid, according to the state-



expected that some of the chrrity ap- Harrisburg at 1 o'clock, P. M., on propriations will be vetoed and some of Thursday, June 13th, to fix the time and place for the State Convention. magine nothing more unsatisfactory disappointed. But that is the fault of It developed that the Executive Comthe Legislature and particularly an of- mittee was almost unanimously in favor of holding the convention in June Of course the Congressional seat for Committee on Appropriation, John O. but it was decided to give no expression to that preference, in an official way, to the end that the Central Committee may be free to express the views of the public. The party workers are [eager to begin, however, and it may be predicted that the campaign will be on as soon as the ticket is made.

G. D. H.

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