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ARRESTS FOR CAPITOL JOB.

Arrests will be made in connection with the capitol scandal before another month has elapsed. Unofficially, and before its complete report on the expenditure of \$13,000,000 on this monument of extravagance is made to Governor Stuart, the investigation commission will recommend the beginning of criminal and civil actions against those shown to be responsible for the almost inconceivably reckless expenditure of the funds of the Commonwealth. Fraud in the falsification of measurements and constitutions and conspiracy to defraud, will likely form the basis of the criminal proceedings. Overcharges, disregard of specifications and duplication of payments are some of the points on which civil suits will be entered toward the recovery of some of the millions scattered so promiscuously.

Three instances of falsification of measurements by "Trimmer" Sanderson, measurements which were approved by Architect Huston and allowed by the board of public grounds and buildings, are set forth in the report of Fritz J. Lantz, the marble expert. Sanderson was using the famous "per foot" rule on which to collect and advanced the actual measurements in the three rooms from 130 to 600 feet. By this means he secured \$11,040 for material the market value of which was but \$987. The building experts' report gives the first absolute proof of the duplication of payments to Payne & Co. and Sanderson. Messrs. Shenk and Collins, who collaborated an examination of the building, point out that \$4,781 was paid the "trimmer" for laying parquetry flooring in three rooms which had been already provided for in the original Payne contract.

Members of the commission say they can see the end of their work. Three weeks and possibly four are predicted as the limit of the public hearings. All of the former State officials who were in any way connected with the capitol contractors will be called upon to testify and their evidence is expected to furnish the probers with much valuable material for the prosecution of legal proceedings. Beginning Wednesday four days will be devoted to the examination of witnesses and the hearing of reports. The Republican State convention on Thursday will not be allowed to interfere at all with the hearings, and the probers will be on exhibition during the gathering of the politicians.

This week portions of the auditors' report will be presented to the commission and the report of Charles Rich of Tiffany & Co., on the chandeliers and bronze standards will also be made public. Imperfections, slighted and poorly executed work, disregard of specifications and enormous overcharges will be shown in connection with these lighting fixtures, and the Rich report as a whole will be quite as startling and interesting as that on the marble.

The James V. Brown library at Williamsport will be dedicated on Monday, June 17th.

STUART SIGNED TROLLEY BILLS.

Saturday the governor approved the Homsher trolley eminent domain bill, which followed at some distance the trolley freight-carrying bill, two measures that were fought for through many legislative sessions. The Homsher bill gives a trolley company the right of eminent domain when fifty-one per cent of the owners of the property proposed to be occupied give their consent.

An echo of the inter-State commerce commission's exposure of the manner in which officers and agents of the Pennsylvania Railroad company held stock in coal companies which were favored by them, came when Governor Stuart approved the Reynolds bill forbidding those officers, employees or agents of any railroad company operating within this Commonwealth, who have charge, directly or indirectly, of the distribution of cars to shippers thereon, to own or have any interest, directly or indirectly, in any operated coal property or in the stock of any mining or manufacturing company along the line of such railroad, making the violation a misdemeanor and providing a punishment for the same. The penalty is from \$250 to \$1,000 and imprisonment from three months to a year, or both, at the Court's discretion. The Kiess bill to prevent steam railroads from gobbling up competing trolley lines was also approved by Governor Stuart. It provides that no railroad corporation of this State shall hereafter acquire, purchase or guarantee the stock, bonds or other securities of, or lease or purchase the franchise of, or in any way control, any street passenger railway corporation owning or having under its control a parallel or competing line. The penalty for the offending corporation or its officers, directors or agents is a fine of "not more than \$5,000."

TAX TROUBLES.

All the counties in the State have tax troubles, to a greater or less extent, and much talk has been heard about reform of an evil upon those who have to stand the tax burden. Taxpayers' Associations have been formed for that object. In Clinton county they have one that goes about this work in a practical way. This association, finding that gross abuses existed in the valuation of property, it demanded that the County Commissioners should rectify the irregularities. Upon the Commissioners neglecting to perform this duty the matter was taken into court and last week the association was granted an alternative mandamus to compel the derelict officials to make an assessment according to law. This is the right way to get at a difficulty of this kind and it is an example that might be followed with advantage in other counties.—Ex.

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RAILROAD BILLS SIGNED BY STUART.

Will Curb Railways and Also Enforce the Constitution of the State.

Common carrier corporations in this State will hereafter be under the supervision of a railroad commission. Governor Stuart has approved the Dunmore bill, providing for the appointment by the governor or of such a commission. While the bill does not give the commission power to go after the companies' rates, yet it has power to recommend that the attorney general take action, and it is hardly to be supposed that he would disregard its public recommendations. The commissioners will consist of three members, at \$8,000 a year each, and a secretary marshal and clerical force are provided for, and there can be no doubt of their constitutional authority to draw salaries.

Following up his approval of the railroad commission bill, the governor approved four bills providing legislation to enforce four provisions of the constitution which have practically been a dead letter since 1874, when the constitution was adopted, as follows:

Prohibiting common carriers from directly or indirectly engaging in mining or manufacturing articles for transportation over their lines, or holding or acquiring lands, "except such as are necessary." The bill does not affect railroads or canals not exceeding fifty miles in length. The penalty is \$1,000 fine for the corporation and \$500 to \$1,000 fine each for the president, vice president and directors.

Prohibiting discrimination in the carrying of freights between transportation companies and individuals, or in favor of either, by abatement, drawback or otherwise, and forbidding any preferences in furnishing cars or motive power. The penalty is \$1,000 fine for the corporation and from \$500 to \$1,000 fine each for officers or employees offending.

Giving to all individuals, associations and corporations equal rights to have persons and property transported by common carriers, and prohibiting undue and unreasonable discrimination in charges, or in facilities for transportation of freight and passengers, within the State or coming from or going to any other State. However, excursion and commutation tickets may be issued at special rates. The penalty is \$1,000 fine for the corporation and \$1,000 fine each for officials and directors.

A Matter for Thought.

General James A. Beaver in his Memorial day address at Beech Creek, among other things said: "Don't give all the bouquets to the dead. The dead deserve greatest honor, but it cheers the old heart and gladdens a life whose shadows are lengthening out fast, to hand him a bouquet—a bouquet not only of fairest flowers, but of respect, of honor, of kindness and of consideration, a token and a recognition of service well performed and a sacrifice well made."

Nothing truer, prettier and more fitting could be framed and said by any veteran who left one of his legs on the battlefield, served as Governor of Pennsylvania and is today serving his second term as Superior Court Judge.

The General believes that those to whom bouquets are to be given will appreciate the gift far more while on the top than underneath the sod. In this belief our honorable judge and ex-Governor is not alone. Were the public awakened to the thought that all the bouquets on the casket are as naught compared with what the same evidence of appreciation would be to the recipient while he or she is among the strugglers in life's arena.

This is a matter for thought which it will harm no one to consider.—Ex.

The Wilkes-Barre Record declares there is great need for an amendment of the Uniform Primary law providing for the posting of the result of the voting outside of the polling place immediately after the vote is counted. The opportunity afforded for juggling the returns, between the time the polls close on Saturday and Tuesday noon following, is too great a temptation, especially for old practitioners in the art of ballot-box stuffing and false counting. In cities and counties where the primary choice, owing to heavy majorities for one party or the other, is practically determined of the final result fraud can only be prevented by enforcing the most complete publicity.

President Baer's Bad Blunder.

Mr. George F. Baer, president of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, is a profound scholar, a distinguished lawyer and an excellent citizen. But he underestimates the intelligence and misconceives the spirit of the public when he raises rates for the service of his railroad in resentment of legislative action. The Legislature has been lenient to the faults of the corporation of which Mr. Baer is the head. It has been generous in favors and forbearance. The exercise of a constitutional right should not, therefore, be interpreted as an offense which justifies reprisals on the public. In taking that step Mr. Baer has made a mistake.

The seventeenth article of the constitution of the Commonwealth forbids a lot of things which the Reading railroad has been doing. Section 5 of that article which reads "No incorporated company doing the business of a common carrier shall, directly or indirectly, prosecute or engage in mining and manufacturing articles for transportation over its works; nor shall such company, directly or indirectly, engage in any other business than that of common carriers, or hold or acquire lands, freehold or leasehold, directly, or indirectly, except such as shall be necessary for carrying on its business; but mining or manufacturing company may carry the products of mines and manufactories on its railroad or canal not exceeding fifty miles in length," if enforced would put the Reading railroad out of business in a week. The obvious fiction that the Temple Iron company is a separate corporation wouldn't stand a minute.

If the provisions of the constitution were enforced, therefore, Mr. Baer would be divested of the power to raise, lower or make rates for the Reading railroad. In pursuing the course he has adopted, under such conditions, he is inviting the resentment of the public and pent up wrath is likely to explode at any time. Mr. Baer is one of the cherished friends of the editor of this paper. His splendid achievement in constructing and maintaining success in railroad management has been a perennial source of satisfaction and pleasure to us. That being true we can claim the privilege of friendship to say to Mr. Baer that he is making a blunder which will probably cost more than it will come to.—Belleville Watchman.

Aerial Navigation.

We invariably accord an attentive ear to a man who has accomplished something of benefit to human kind. Professor Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone named after him, and the actual founder of the whole telephone system, now asserts that it is a question of only a comparatively short time until a large majority of our traveling will be done almost exclusively by air navigation. He says by this means it will be possible to cross the Atlantic ocean in less than twenty hours, because the coming air-ship will easily rush along with a speed of 200 miles an hour. At this rate New York and London will be only sixteen hours apart.

There are people living today who called Professor Bell a dreamer when he first promulgated his telephone system, but they have found the famous inventor's dreams come true. So that even if he was dreaming when he told the people they could converse over a wire through a properly constructed instrument, he may be dreaming again when he says that it is only a question of a brief period when there will be a perfected type of airship, by which it will be possible to cross the Atlantic in less than twenty hours.

Stranger things than this have been accomplished.—Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin.
The Philadelphia Record remarks: At last the persons instrumental in the looting of the Enterprise Bank have some of them been brought within the pitch of the law. The cashier dealt out his own punishment by killing himself. The teller and a bookkeeper now stand convicted of falsifying the books and will suffer the penalty. Other lesser officials will be prosecuted. Meantime the major generals who got the money escape. It is only the corporals and sutlers for whom the penitentiary looms.

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