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Harrisburg, Pa., June 3, 1907 Within the shadow of the Republican State convention no one knows who Penrose has selected to carry the standard to defeat. There was a time when concealment in such things was unnecessary. The fiat of the boss was legal tender and the man who whimpered a protest was whipped. But candor is no longer a virtue in Republican machine politics. Secresy is essential to the success of the plans and Penrose takes no chances. He sprung Stuart on the convention last year without warning and won. Any other caudi-date who could have been named would have been defeated, and if Stuart had been brought forward a month before the event he would never have been nominated.

Several names have been canvassed as probable candidates for the nomination and though it may be only a coincidence, it is nevertheless a fact that all of them have been the most servile tools of the machine. Governor Stuart may be responsible for this also. It is expected that Mr. Stuart would be as bad as either Stone or Pennypacker, If his reputation had justified such an estimate he would have been overwhelmingly defeated. But as Mayor of Philadelphia fifteen or twenty years ago he was blind to the faults of his friends and that much was expected of him in his present position.

The first rude shock he gave Penrose was the inaugural declaration that his campaign pledges would be fulfilled. The machine had no more intention of making a searching and thorough investigation of the capitol graft than it had of building a trolley railroad to the moon. The intention was to appoint a partisan committee to make a perfunctory inquiry and a whitewashing report. But Stuart promptly gave notice that nothing of that sort would serve. He was assured during the campaign that the charges were false but he pledged himself to exposure and punishment if they were true. Before the inauguration he learned the truth and made up his mind as to his course.

PENBOSE'S MOST POTELT ASSET. That is why Penrose is so careful and secretive in the selection of a candidate for State Treasurer. He wants the Freasury under his control more than he wants anything else except his own re-election. That office was his most potential political asset. The partisan use of the funds of the State yields more in votes and influence than any other agency. Quay worked it for himself, mainly. When he shook the plum tree he or some member of his family gathered the fruit. He was as selfish as he was sordid, as covetuous as he is partisan rather than personal. Morrake-off goes but the selfish man is the more despicable. Penrose doesn't want to be disappointed in his candidate for State Freasurer, in the event of his election, is he was in his candidate for Governor. Except in the matter of dispensng patronage Stuart is no more use to Penrose than Emery would have been. Chat sort of a man in the Treasury vould be of as little service to him as serry is. A man carrying the mathine brand openly is equally useless. 'he people would flee from him as they vould run from a pestilence. What 'enrose wants, therefore, is a man of espectable antecedents and a reputation for probity, who will slit a windpipe or scuttle a ship if the exigencies :aquire such sinister service. It is hard to find such a candidate Penrose has a difficult problem to olve. Former Senator Cumins, of Narren, wouldn't do at all. His legisative record, replete with servility and niquity, would make his election abolutely impossible. There is one man in the State who might have done. It is City Treasurer Steel, of Pittsburg. In the whole broad common wealth there isn't a more subservient political tool. But his exclusion from political activities during his life of service to the late Chris. Magee, has kept him out of the time light and if he had been nomiunted he might have completely fooled the public. He was not only a pupil of Magee. He was a protege of the late Bob Mackey,

The graft system which has recently shocked the people of Pennsylvania wasn't a mushroom growth. It was the result of careful nurture and slow development. Quay had a good deal to do with it but wasn't the "whole cheese." Magee was the Blucher of the combination and Steel the calculator. When Quay and Magee came to

the "parting of the ways," Steel adhered to Magee because "blood is thicker than water." But he didn't hire a brass band to lead the march. On the contrary he moved in the quietest way to the head of the Magee bank and made sentiment for his principal, It is small wonder that Penrose thought of him in the present emergency. He is precisely the type of man that is needed. "He understands addition, division and silence."

Mr. Steel's declination may or may not have been final. You can't always tell whether an epossum is dead or conspiracy to loot the treasury. Evidonly pretending and unless Penrose is ence yet to be given will add to the able to find a candidate "equally as good," Steel may decide to take the chances. He loves the intrigue of politics and the manipulation of big affairs. Nothing would suit him better than dispensing the vast treasury surplus 'where it would do the most good." He enjoys helping his friends and knows how to "scrape the edges of the law" without incurring the penalty. If he were elected State Treasurer every dollar of the surplus would be appointed Penrose. Of course it wasn't | put to work making votes for Penrose's | chine wants delay. re-election.

AN OMINOUS RUMOR.

There is a suspicion current that after all the capital probers are to be used to help the machine in its effort to recover the State Treasury. That is to say it is intimated that the most damaging evidence against the politicians is to be withheld from the public under the pretense that publication would impair the chances of punishment in the criminal courts. Before the legislature adjourned it authorized ginia, last week and the holding of two the investigating commission to report to the Governor who is under pledge to prosecute if the commission recom- at all this week is inexplicable except mends that course. But the commission is dilly-dallying, apparently, for thing desired. one reason or another, and the chances are that its work will not be completed until late in the fall.

In that event, of course, the report of the commission will be unavailable for use in the campaign. That is the result for which the machine is striving. A complete exposure of the looting operations would admonish the people treasury. There is no occasion for much of the importance of continuing the further delay, therefore. The report of treasury under the control of the min- the Accountants will no doubt reveal ority party. It not only serves as a many facts not thus far referred to by check upon the partisan impulses of witnesses and greatly strengthen the the other departments but creates minority representation in all the fis- tors. But if some of the most vital cal boards. If Berry had been elected two years sooner, the looting would have stopped that much earlier and the State would have saved at least three million dollars. The election of

the machine candidate for Treasurer will restore the old methods beyond question. There is very little political advan-

was brutal. Penrose, on the other hand, tage to the minority party in having the Treasurer. His patronage is limit- ferson Davis, the chosen leader of ally it makes no difference where the ed to a few clerks and Mr. Berry ap- "The Lost Cause," and the first pointed Republicans to some of those and only president of the Confedplaces. The depositories are chosen by erate States of America, was unthe Revenue Commissioners and the veiled at Richmond, Va. on Mon-Banking Commissioner a majority of day, as the crowning feature of the whom are Republicans. If the Treasur- reunion of the Confederate Veteer is of that political faith, no doubt rans. his recommendation would govern, as it did before Berry's election. Under casion for a grand military pageant present conditions, however, the State in which every veteran in gray Treasurer has little to do in the matter. who was physically able participat-But there is vast advantage to the cd with an energy which defied the public in having a restraint upon the years that have gone since he bore majority party. Majorities are always arms for the South. inclined to excesses.

General Debility

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The evidence already brought out proves every accusation made by Mr. Berry during the last campaign. It not only shows vast frauds but criminal strength and supplement the force of that already in. It is universally agreed that if the whole truth had been known before the last election the machine politicians responsible for the condition would have been completely eliminated from the political life of the State. If the whole truth is known before the next election the minority party candidate will be elected State Treasurer next fall and the reform work continued. That is why the ma-

It is unfortunate, therefore, that the work of the commission is being delayed. Probably the tardiness is unavoidable. The expert accountants have had an Herculean task to perform and perfect work requires time and care. But it is difficult to understand why there are so many recesses in the sessions. Nothing has been done since the week before the adjournment of the Legislature except the examination of one witness at Norfolk, Virsessions at Harrisburg on Friday and Saturday. The holding of no sessions upon the hypothesis that delay is the

ONE POINT SETTLED.

The Norfolk witness settled the question of collusion between Architect Huston and Contractor Sanderson, if there were any doubts on that p; int before. He testified positively to their working together not only in dispensing the patronage but in looting the case of the people against the conspiraevidence is to be reserved for the courts, that report might be used in soon. A few prison sentences would greatly clarify the political atmosphere. G. D. H.

Statue to Davis.

An everlasting memorial of Jef-

THE SULTAN OF MOROCCO.

Personality of the Ruler About Whom So Little is Known.

Moulal Abd-el Aziz XIV., present Sultan of Morocco, is probably the most misunderstood man of the present time. The whole army of newspaper correspondents, many of them residents of Tangler, seem to dolight in maligning his powers, precepts and ideals, and glory in writlog long articles depicting his impotence, his folbles and his weak, wavering nature. Little do they understand the real man, says J. H. Avery who has been in personal attendance upon His Majesty for two years.

Born in 1880, of a Circassian, the favorite slave of the late Mulai Hasan, Abd-el Aziz had the good fortune to be reared under the careful guardianship of a loving mother, an educated lady and a true woman. Brought up from childhood inside the palace walls, kept apart from the others, the boy reached early manhood without coming into contact with the many contaminating influences which so sap and wither the early life of the present day Moor. The result of this training is that instead of being enervated in body and mind he is bright, intelligent, active, fond of all branches of sport, and full of just those traits of character so beloved by the athletic Brit-

In person Moulai Abd-el Aziz possess all the qualities expected in a Moorish ruler. Over six feet in



Sultan of Morocco.

height, broad in proportion, his presence inspires confidence and at the same time retains the air of authority. His complexion is rather dark, with a peculiarly rich olive tint, which adds great attractiveness to what is a splendid if not a handsome face.

To be a Sultan in most people's idea is the be-all and end-all of happiness; such, however, in this instance is not the case. Hemmed in by the strictest etiquette, his life is far from being the glorious bed of roses it is supposed to be. Not able to go outside the palace walls except on state occasions, or when visiting the Mosque on Fridays his actions are greatly restricted, and when the court business of the day is over he has to amuse himself alone the best way he can. At the same time he is always at the call of his Ministers, should they require his advice. It was the continuation of this hum



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NO OCCASION FOR DELAY.

aspersions upon the commission en- the first gun of the presidential sagaged in the investigation of the capi- lute which immediately followed tal. Men have ambitions, however, was the signal for an outburst of and before the work was well under cheering which was swollen to way gossip attributed to the chairman thunderous applaus by the sons and of the body an ambition for party favor. It might not have influenced his action as president of the commission in the on every side and the thanks of the least. But it is absolutely certain that party favors in that party in this State orators of the occasion to the United are in the form of recompense and no Daughters of the Confederacy whose member of the commission will be fa-

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The drawing aside of the veil which draped the figure represent-I wouldn't be understood as casting ing the veterans beloved leader and daughters of the veterans.

Beautiful sentiment was heard entire South were offered by the work it was that made the Jefferson Davis Monument Association a success.

The addresses were made by Governor Swanson, of Virginia; Mayor McCarthy, of Richmond, and General Evans. The unveiling was done by Mrs. J. A. Hayes, of Colorado Springs, Colo., daughter of Mrs. Davis, assisted by her two young sons. The monument is the combined work of E. V. Valentine and William C. Nolan, of Richmond. The memorial typified the vindication of Mr. Davis and the cause of the Confederacy, the leading inscription being: "Deo Vindice" (God will vindicate.)

Around the moulding is traced this extract from Mr. Davis' farewell speech when he resigned from the United States Senate on the secession of Mississippi: "Not in hostility to others, not to injure any section of the country, not even for our own pecuniary benefit. but for the high and solemn motive of defending and protecting the rights we inherited, and which it is our duty to transmit unshorn to our children."

drum life that caused the Sultan to send for an Englishman to relieve the monotony and brighten his dull hours.

What could have shown to the world the sterling qualities the man possesses better than his action over the deplorable murder of Mr. Cooper? Here a Moor had shot one of the most popular missionaries in Fez and Moor-like had fled to the Mosque of Mulai Idress, sanctuary for all evil-doers. Without hesitation and against the wishes of nearly the whole Moorish Cabinet, he caused the murderer to be dragged into the public square and in the presence of the populace shot down. It was a life for a life, yes, but a bellever's life for an unbellever's did not seem correct in the eyes of the fanatical Fezzes, and it took some two or three weeks before they forgave their lord and master for what to them was an unlawful privilege and an unwarrantable sacrilege.

The Sultan's daily life is really a simple one. Usually rising with the sun, he, after his bath, would be dressed for the courts, arriving there at 7 A.M. From that time to 11 o'clock, or half past he would be busy with affairs of state, or receiving the many that crave audience with him on every conceivable pretext. Then he strolled through the grounds to his private rooms, where he patrook of breakfast. Afterward, in an undress costume he would perambulate the grounds in company with Omar Tazze, the Master of the Royal Household. Then followed the midday meal, and at 3.30 what was known as afternoon court would take place. That meant the attendance of the few Europeans to amuse him and the private audience of any people who had arrived in Fez that he wished to see. Court finished about 6 o'clock, when the Sultan would retire to his own quarters for the night.

Such is the life of the Sultan of Morocco, a life not to be envied by the free American. Cooped in his large but oftimes dreary palace, not knowing just what is going on in the outside world, he is unable to repudiate the many charges levied against him. Many of the acts attributed to the Sultan he knows nothing of. Access to him is often difficult for his subjects, although if seen personally the applicant can 225 Fourth Avenue rely on justice being meted out in each case.

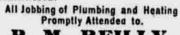
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