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The palpable purpose of the Republican machine is to make a campaign of false pretense and bluff Sheatz through as a reformer. The Philadelphia North American has undertaken to manage this mendacious enterprise and will probably spare neither pains nor price in compassing the result. Fortunately, however, the public is finding out the true character of that newspaper. Under the claim of striving for civic improvement it has prostituted its opportunities, perverted facts and mutilated communications. The news sent by correspondents is altered in the office to misrepresent the facts and deceive the public. A publication which thus outrages the ethics of journalism is unworthy of public confidence.

In pursuance of this plan of false representation the North American in a recent issue editorially declares that Mr. John O. Sheatz, the machine Republican candidate for State Treasurer, "did more real, intelligent work than any other man to make the pension bill effective." As a matter of fact when the pension bill came to the House Committee of which he was Chairman, he took a copy of it to Philadelphia and employed every possible expedient to crystallize public sentiment against its passage. He even induced machine Republicans to make absurdly large estimates of the amount of money that would be required to carry its provisions into effect and succeeded in getting statements as high as fifteen million dollars.

The claim that Mr. Sheatz was influenced to increase the amount of the appropriation from one to six million dollars by the fact that the lesser sum would be inadequate is preposterous in view of the record of the Appropriations committee. It made appropriations aggregating about \$92,000,000 when the revenues under the most favorable conditions would hardly reach \$52,000,000. In other words in the work of the Committee of which he was Chairman and in which he was the potent force, there was an entire absence of business intelligence and not even a symptom of business instinct. The committee was simply used as an electioneering agency to promote the nomination of John O. Sheatz for State Treasurer.

MR. SHEATZ AND THE PENSION BILL.

The history of the Soldiers' pension bill and the relations of Mr. Sheatz to that measure may be easily and briefly summarized. It was introduced into the Senate by J. Henry Cochran, who may have under-estimated the amount of the appropriation necessary. It passed the Senate without amendment or alteration and went to the House Committee on Appropriations of which Mr. Sheatz was chairman. Mr. Sheatz made no public protest against it. He probably thought that the amount named was too small for it was his policy to make all appropriations as big as possible. But privately he talked against it and proposed the increase, not to compel the Governor to veto it exactly, but in the expectation that the Senate would not concur and it would thus be defeated.

The bill was from the beginning a thorn in the Republican machine flesh. "It puts the party in a hole," those grafters lamented, "but we can't afford to defeat it." If it passes, they continued, additional revenues or cutting other appropriations will be necessary. The corporations didn't want additional taxes and nobody wanted to cut the other appropriations. The alternative was to "load down" the pension bill so as to force disagreement between the Houses or compel an executive veto. Mr. Sheatz managed the processes. He would have preferred the disagreement method of strangling the bill but was compelled to be content with the veto form of execution. Both processes were

GRAVEL CURED

(Philadelphia, Penn., Item)
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dishonest and disreputable. But they were characteristic.

After the adjournment of the Legislature Mr. Sheatz came here to confer with the Governor with respect to cutting or killing appropriation bills. The bungling committee had passed appropriation bills aggregating \$92,000,000 and the revenues would scarcely reach \$52,000,000. There was a difference of \$40,000,000 to be reconciled by one method or the other. What did Mr. Sheatz suggest? Did he propose to cut down the unconstitutional and consequently invalid appropriations to private institutions in Philadelphia? Not on your life. He promptly recommended the veto of the Soldiers' pension bill and that was done. Therefore every veteran of the Civil War and every friend of those veterans has a just grievance against John O. Sheatz.

HIS RELATION TO REVENUE BILLS.

The North American, in pursuance, further, of its scheme of false pretense, alleges that Mr. Sheatz laid the fact that the revenues were insufficient to meet the requirements of the pension bill "before the members of the House and the people at large in such a way as to create the sentiment which impelled the introduction in the House of measures to raise the money needed to pay the pensions." That is absolutely and unequivocally false. Nearly all the revenue bills were introduced by Mr. Cressy and other Democratic Representatives and were not even introduced by the pension bill. The purpose was to increase the revenues of the State in order that greater sums might be turned back for local uses.

Most of the revenue bills which passed the House during the recent session had been introduced during the sessions of 1903 and 1905 and so far from Mr. Sheatz helping them along he voted against them. During the session of 1907 he didn't introduce a single revenue bill, didn't open his mouth to speak in favor of any revenue bill and didn't even vote for the more im-

portant of those measures. The machine to which he had bargained away his body and soul was opposed to all the revenue bills and while he maintained an attitude of "masterful inactivity," it is safe to say that he was against the increase of revenue and would have voted against all the bills if his vote had been necessary to compass their defeat.

The truth of the matter is that the machine which compelled the Finance Committee of the Senate to stifle the revenue bills permitted Mr. Sheatz to support them for party expediency. There was no use in putting the onus of defeating such legislation on the popular branch of the General Assembly which contained a two-thirds Republican majority, when it could be accomplished secretly, expeditiously and effectively in the Finance Committee of the Senate. Penrose may not be gifted with the cunning of Quay, or the craftiness of some others, but he isn't a born idiot. He has some knowledge of the art of pulling the wool over the eyes of the public and the way he managed that little matter would indicate some of the qualities of an expert.

UNFITNESS FOR TREASURER REVEALED

As Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations Mr. Sheatz revealed his absolute moral and mental unfitness for the office of State Treasurer. He used the office in part to serve the machine and in part to serve himself. Both purposes were contrary to public policy and inimical to popular interests. He supported absurdly exorbitant appropriations because it made him popular with those who were asking the favors. His predecessor in the office, J. Lee Plummer, adopted the opposite course. He tried to cut down the appropriations to the minimum with the result that his associates in the Legislature hated him and the machine managers were subsequently compelled to force his nomination for State Treasurer. On the other hand Sheatz was generous to the measure of profligacy and his colleagues in the House demanded his nomination. It was a waste of energy, of course, for the machine was for him. But the condition served to fool a good many people and there are some even yet who imagine that Penrose was coerced into supporting Sheatz.

There has never been anything more absurd. Penrose controlled the convention which nominated Sheatz as completely as he dominated those which nominated Plummer and Stuart. In fact he had a more complete mastery of the convention this year, for he

selected the presiding officer, made the platform and named the Chairman of the State Committee without even a whimper of dissent or protest. If he had been opposed to Sheatz that gentleman would have had no more chance for the nomination than the principal officer of the A. P. A. has to succeed to the throne of the Pope of Rome. Sheatz was Penrose's candidate and he is Penrose's man. If he is elected the office will be used to promote Penrose's return to the Senate as certainly as it was used during the administration of Haywood, Beacom and Barnett in the interest of Quay. G. D. H.

Up to the present the auditor general's report for 1905 has not been published from the State printing office, and it is said that work is now being done on the index, and it will be some time before the volume is issued. The report for 1906, which was sent to the state printer last May, is not yet in type, and may not see the light before next fall. Both reports have been awaited with a great deal of interest for the reason that they contain the items of money paid the contractors who "trimmed" the capitol and the exact dates when the money was paid.

Seven bushels of wheat in a pile looks rather large for the average person to eat, yet the per capita consumption of wheat for the year 1907 is estimated by the statisticians of the United States Department of Commerce and Labor at that figure for this year. In 1901 we were satisfied with about four bushels apiece in the United States.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

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The undersigned, Auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia county, to pass upon exceptions filed to the supplemental account of H. G. Supplee, surviving executor of the estate of George W. Supplee, deceased, to ascertain the fund in the hands of said Executor for distribution, and to make distribution thereof to and among those legally entitled thereto, will attend to the duties of his appointment at his office in the Ent Building in the Town of Bloomsburg, aforesaid, on Friday, the 10th day of July, 1907, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, when and where all parties interested may appear and present their claims or be forever after debarred from coming in upon said fund.

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