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TRUTH MAY COME OUT.

It is now said that James M. Shumaker, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds at Harrisburg under the Pennypacker administration, has broken his long silence, and is now ready to tell what he knows about the graft in the new capitol. He is reported as saying that he will go on the stand and tell everything. He says the graft was to cover up a treasury shortage and save the name of Matt Quay. He also intimates that Governor Pennypacker knew all about what was going on.

When the screws are turned down and hard on some of the fellows that were doing the grafting, they will no doubt all tell what they know about the matter, rather than suffer alone for the sins of others. Scarlet will open up the flood gates wide before he gets through with the gang.

Victory Certain With Proper Effort.

The Democrats of Pennsylvania have a splendid opportunity to achieve a great victory this year. A complete, or nearly complete, poll of the Democratic vote last fall would have elected Mr. Emery and his associates on the ticket by a majority of 100,000. One of the excuses given for the failure of a complete poll last fall is that the candidate at the head of the ticket was not a Democrat. It was a poor excuse for the candidate stood for decent government honestly administered and that is the essence of Democracy. Besides all the other candidates on the ticket were Democrats of the best type.

This year we have a candidate who is a Democrat both in principle and practice. Hon. John G. Harman is not only an intelligent student of political principles but he is a devoted follower of the Jeffersonian school. Probably there is little party advantage to be obtained by the election of a Democrat to that office. But there is a vast opportunity to benefit the public interests by the election of Mr. Harman. It will continue the reform work begun by Mr. Berry and make the restoration of the machine to complete control in Pennsylvania an impossibility for many years.

John Harman can be defeated only through the delinquency of the Democrats of the State. If they are faithful to him and to themselves Mr. Harman will be elected by a greater majority than that of Mr. Berry two years ago. There are some interests which were for Mr. Berry two years ago and which are not for Mr. Harman this year. They have been converted by that "mysterious agency" which changed a majority of the Republican State convention into a minority "over night." But there are potent forces with us now which had not been aroused then and it is safe to predict a splendid victory for Harman.—Ex.

If the plans of the State fish commissioner are carried out Monroe county will be made one of the greatest fish preserves in the country. Half a million trout and 20,000,000 pickerel and a thousand catfish will be placed in the streams and lakes of the county within a year.

HARRISBURG LETTER.

Special Correspondence.

Harrisburg, Pa., Aug. 19, 1907.

State Treasurer Berry had a couple of busy days in this town last week. On Tuesday and Wednesday he attended sessions and participated in the proceedings of the Boards of Public Grounds and Buildings, Revenue Commissioners, Sinking Fund Commissioners, Military and Accounts. The proceedings at these sessions were not of the perfunctory sort either. They were deliberative and thorough. They were conducted as business men conduct important affairs. Moreover they resulted in vast advantage to the State.

For example one of the features of the session of the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings was making contracts for furniture for the State Library. The Board wisely determined to furnish that building with the same style and character of furniture as had been put into the capitol building. But the presence of Mr. Berry in the Board made a vast difference in the cost of furniture. He had the "per foot" and "per pound" rule cut out and desks which cost \$400 a year ago were obtained on this occasion for \$114 each. Proportionate savings were effected on all other articles of furniture.

The furniture bill for the State Library as agreed upon between the furnishers and the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings last week amounts to \$9,000. For an exactly equal amount of furniture of precisely the same character, the old Board paid Sanderson and Cassell \$40,000. The difference is the consequence of minority representation on the Board. If Mr. Berry had not been elected State Treasurer two years ago there would have been no exposure and no improvement in methods. If minority representation is eliminated the old conditions will be resumed.

MARVELOUS CHANGE IN METHODS.

After the meeting of the Board last Wednesday Mr. Berry commented upon the change which has occurred since he was installed. Then Governor Pennypacker and Auditor General Snyder laughed at his insistence on business methods. Now Governor Stuart and Auditor General Young are eager to adopt his suggestions with respect to making contracts and purchasing materials. But in the matter of selecting agents or appointing officials there is no change. It required nearly three months time for him to get John E. Stott out of the office of Secretary of the Board, and when he finally succeeded Stuart and Young put another servile machine politician in his place. The obvious purpose is to be ready to resume business on the old methods the moment the machine recovers complete control of the Boards.

This reveals the insincerity of the Republican professions of reform. There is not only a willingness but an eagerness to profess reform now because the machine managers understand that such pretenses promote the chances of machine victory. But they intend to be in shape to take advantage of that victory the moment it is achieved.

"When the Devil was sick, the Devil a Monk would be, When the Devil got well, the Devil a Monk was he."

The election of a Democrat to the office of Secretary of the Board would not have impaired the Republican control of the body. As the salary is only about \$500 a year, the office is of little consequence from a pecuniary standpoint. But it is of the greatest significance if a machine Board wants to restore machine methods and for that reason the majority wouldn't allow the minority member to name the Secretary.

ANOTHER BERRY BENEFICENCE.

The beneficent effect of Mr. Berry's membership of the Board of Revenue Commissioners, was also revealed last week. At the meeting of the Board the other day the four mills tax prescribed by law was levied on a round billion dollars worth of personal property which will yield additional revenue to an aggregate of \$3,000,000, three-fourths of which will be returned to the counties. Heretofore the personal tax received little consideration. The State Board of Revenue Commissioners accepted any old figure which the local authorities turned in. But this year things are different all around and returns which failed to come up to expectation were sent back for correction.

During the last two or three sessions of the Legislature Representative Creasy, of Columbia county, has been striving to get all the per-

sonal taxes returned to the local authorities for use in defraying the expenses of county and township institutions. He estimated that the \$600,000 which the State received from this source would be a great help in maintaining roads, schools and other local necessities. But the machine defeated his purpose for the reason that the amount was wanted to increase the treasury surplus to farm out among the favored banks. Minority representation on the Board of Revenue Commissioners has accomplished his purpose, however, and if John G. Harman is elected to succeed Mr. Berry as State Treasurer the improvement will be perpetual.

THE CAPITOL PROBERS REPORT.

Before this letter reaches its destination the capitol probing commission will have submitted its report to the Governor. There are all sorts of conjectures with respect to this report, but it may be safely predicted that it will be comparatively satisfactory. In view of that fact it doesn't matter much whether Senator Dewalt files a minority report or not. The people will understand that whatever there is of merit in the report has been forced into it by Senator Dewalt and his Democratic colleague on the commission, Representative Ammerman. The majority had no intention of making a report which might by any means be used in prosecuting the looters. But Dewalt and Ammerman insisted so vigorously and continuously that the majority was compelled to yield. The minority could hardly do more.

Assuming therefore that the report will contain the principal points for which the Democrats on the Commission contended, a prediction that any of the politicians concerned in the grafting operations will be pushed is precarious. The signs are multiplying that the machine politicians intend to use the report as a campaign document. In other words the drastic recommendations forced into the report by Senator Dewalt and Representative Ammerman will be cited as evidence that the Republicans are anxious to correct their own evils. After the election of Berry the extra session of the Legislature was called for the same purpose. After the exposure of the capitol graft last fall the penny-a-mile excursions served the same end.

G. D. H.

Must Administer Oath Without Fee.

New Act Enables Local Registrars to Administer Oath or Affirmation to Undertakers.

The law enacted by the last general assembly causes some important changes in the legislation relating to the registration of births and deaths.

Previously undertakers in obtaining and filing the certificate of death were obliged to visit a justice of the peace or other officer to take the necessary oath, which not only occupied a good deal of time but entailed some expense. Act 135 authorizes local registrars and their deputies to administer the oath or affirmation to undertakers "without fee." Section 1 reads as follows: "Be it enacted, &c., That local registrars of vital statistics and their deputies be and are hereby authorized to administer, when the same may be required, the oath or affirmation of undertakers relating to the method of preparation of bodies intended for shipment by common carrier or those dead of certain communicable diseases, the same to be administered without the payment of any fee.

Section 3 amending section 15 provides that parents shall be held responsible for supplying the given name of children when birth certificates are received from attending physician upon which the given name must be supplied.

WILLIAMS GROVE PICNIC.

Reduced Rates Via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the Grangers' Picnic at Williams Grove, Pa., August 26 to 31, the Pennsylvania Railroad will sell excursion tickets to Williams Grove from all stations in Pennsylvania, and from Baltimore, Elmira, Frederick and intermediate stations on the Northern Central Railway, August 22 to 31, inclusive, good to return until September 3, inclusive, at reduced rates.

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Good Work of Dewalt and Ammerman.

The people of Pennsylvania are under everlasting obligations to Senator Dewalt and Representative Ammerman, the Democratic members of the capitol investigating commission for their courageous and consistent demand for a report which meant something other than a white-wash of the treasury looters. Representative Deardon was expected to co-operate with them. For several years he has been a valiant fighter for honest government and improved political morals. In 1905 he allied himself as a member of the City Party with the forces in Philadelphia which stood for integrity in public life. But to the Democratic members of the commission belong the credit for the initiative in what proved to be a better contention.

Both wings of the Republican party were concerned in a suppression of the facts. The Elkin followers are more numerous in the guilty crowd but there are enough of the Penrose adherents involved in the criminal transactions to make them anxious for concealment. The Democratic members of the body had neither personal nor sinister interest in such a miscarriage of justice. If there are any Democrats involved, they reasoned, they have forfeited all claim to consideration. They have divorced themselves from the party by their evil associations and must take the consequences. Besides the first duty of a Democratic Representative is to the people rather than to individuals.

It is not certain that the work of the investigating commission will result in the punishment of the grafters. It can hardly be predicted at this time that it will eventuate in an enduring improvement in the public life of the Commonwealth. If the machine candidate for State Treasurer should be elected in November the prosecutions would probably be dropped and the old methods of administration resumed. It is hardly probable that the people of Pennsylvania will vote for such a result. It is not likely that there is such a lack of intelligence among the voters. But the machine will try hard to compass such a result and the people ought to be vigilant and steadfast in opposing it.—Watchman.

During the month of July the United States government paid off twenty-four million dollars of the public debt, and the surplus in the treasury is constantly growing bigger. This should not be. A big surplus in the treasury invites all kinds of reckless expenditures, and whenever that condition arises taxes should be reduced. A government has no business to take more money from the people than it can spend in an economical administration of affairs.

A Hair Dressing

Nearly every one likes a fine hair dressing. Something to make the hair more manageable; to keep it from being too rough, or from splitting at the ends. Something, too, that will feed the hair at the same time, a regular hair-food. Well-fed hair will be strong, and will remain where it belongs—on the head, not on the comb!

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