

SHREITZ HELPED MACHINE

His Legislative Labor in the Interest of Vicious Legislation.

Voted for Press Muzzler, Kingston Water Snake and Other Iniquities During the session of 1905.

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His Williams Grove speech last week the Machine Republican candidate for State Treasurer declared that he had endeavored to enact revenue measures, during the last session of the Legislature, so as to provide ample funds to pay the soldiers' pensions under the Cochran act, as amended in the House Committee on Appropriations. The records show that he never uttered a syllable in favor of any revenue bill during the session. During the sessions of 1903 and 1905 he voted against the revenue bills introduced by Mr. Creasy as well as most of the other reform measures, and his speech indicates that he proposes to make a campaign of false pretense.

The truth is that Mr. Sheatz has little foundation in his legislative record for the claim that he is a reformer. He represented a different constituency from that of his colleagues, Messrs. Ripp and Call, and was obliged to be more circumspect in some matters. But the difference was more imaginary than real. He dodged some votes which they had the courage to go on record and he voted with the minority on a few occasions when his support wasn't needed by the majority. But whenever the exigencies required it he was as certain for the machine as either of the others. "A little leaven leavens the lump," it is said, and Sheatz cut his reform leaven down to the minimum.

Press Muzzler the Worst.

His first service in the Legislature was in the session of 1903. The floodgates were not raised as high to facilitate the flow of corruption during that session as in the session of 1905, but it was bad enough and the Republican candidate for State Treasurer supported all the very vicious bills. In fact it was during that session that legal means were provided for the atrocious work of the later session. If the vicious legislation of the session of 1903 had been defeated the most iniquitous work of the session of 1905 could never have been undertaken. Iniquity feeds and fattens on vice and the legislation of 1903 made that of 1905 possible.

Probably the most far-reaching iniquity of the session of 1903 was the Salus-Grady "press-muzzler." The prosecution of the late Senator Quay in the criminal courts of Philadelphia, inspired that evil measure. He escaped conviction by pleading the statute of limitation. If he had been convicted a sentence to the penitentiary would have been inevitable and likely he would have died there. Small wonder that he was appalled by the peril that confronted him. He blamed the newspapers for his troubles and his dangers. If they had been less honest, less enterprising and more amenable to "those mysterious influences" through which Quay controlled conventions, there would have been no criminal prosecution of Quay for violating the laws and the constitution.

When Quay emerged from the criminal court, with the shadow of the penitentiary hanging over him, he declared war on the newspapers. He publicly boasted that he would "clip the journalistic wings," so to speak, at any expense in money and trouble. The Salus-Grady libel law was the spawn of this mad passion. He and Pennypacker together evolved it from their brains, and Grady and Salus, shameless machine servitors, introduced it into the chambers in which they respectively served. It was the crowning infamy of legislative history. It was so atrocious that nobody believed it would pass. Legislators regarded it as froth from the mouth of a victim of rabies. Dragging Legislators for Muzzler.

But it was no joke, so far as the machine managers were concerned. It wasn't forced to immediate consideration. Time was allowed to recover from the shock which its first appearance caused to the public conscience. Then the screws were put on. Charity appropriations were threatened. Private interests were menaced. Political hopes were blasted. Every conceivable agency was invoked to cajole and coerce Senators and Representatives to the support of the measure. Two Senators, themselves owners and editors of newspapers, made pitiable objects, as they cast their forced votes for the self-stultifying iniquity. Others blushed with shame as they obeyed the orders of the boss.

Nobody misunderstood the purpose and purport of the measure. The venerable Thomas V. Cooper, for years a trusted and safe leader of the party, in burning periods and impassioned eloquence implored the bosses to abandon their nefarious purpose. No more eloquent or impressive speech was ever delivered on the floor of the House than his protest against that iniquity. But the tide of mad passion was at flood and couldn't be stopped. Able lawyers argued with masterful logic against so wanton a violation of the constitution and the spirit of Amer-

icanism, all to no purpose. It was Quay's vengeance against evil violence. It was the penalty which immorality puts upon morality.

Among the supporters of that atrocious piece of legislation was the present Republican candidate for State Treasurer, (Legislative Record, 1903, page 909.) When Mr. Cooper pleaded for obedience to that provision of the constitution that requires every bill to be read at length on three different days, and was declared out of order by the Speaker, Sheatz voted to sustain the Chair, though he knew, if he knew anything, that he was violating his oath of office, in so doing. But the machine required that sinister service from him, and he "threw conscience to the dogs." His vote put shame and disgrace upon the State. It pilloried Pennsylvania as an object of derision to the whole world. But it secured Sheatz a re-election.

Other Work for the Machine. But that wasn't the only service which the Republican candidate for State Treasurer performed for the machine during the legislative session of 1903. The reformers of Philadelphia in their up-hill fight against electoral frauds encountered many difficulties. One which was particularly perplexing was the fact that in certain election districts they couldn't get watchers who would be faithful. To remedy this evil they appointed watchers from other districts under the sanction of one of the judges. During the session of 1903 a bill was introduced to stop this source of trouble to the machine. It provided that "watchers must be residents of the districts or divisions in which they act." The reformers protested against it with vehemence. But the machine needed it and it was passed. Mr. Sheatz voting in the affirmative.—Legislative Record, 1903, page 1030.

Mr. Sheatz was always liberal with the State's money and voted for every measure during the session of 1903 which contemplated the multiplication of offices. He voted for the bill to increase the number of Factory Inspectors, Legislative Record, 1903, page 1689; for an additional Law Judge in Cambria county, though a vast majority of the people of that county protested against it, Legislative Record, 1903, page 1982; appropriating \$1,070 for badges for a legislative junket to Philadelphia, Legislative Record, 1903, page 2685. His bitter partisanship was revealed in his vote for the infamous Focht ballot bill, Legislative Record, 1903, page 3438; for unseating Representative Blumle which present Speaker of the House Frank B. McClain denounced as a "partisan outrage," Legislative Record, 1903 page 3735. He also voted to unseat B. J. Ferry, Democrat, of Luzerne county, Legislative Record, page 2940.

The Iniquitous Water Snakes. The session of 1903 was known as the "Water Snake" session of the Legislature. That is to say during that session a number of bills were introduced chartering water companies, giving corporations authority to dam rivers and streams, authorizing the incorporation of filtering companies and seizing water power, water privileges and water sheds in every direction. These measures became such a menace that Governor Pennypacker, servile as he was, couldn't stand for them and notified the machine managers that they must not be sent to him for approval.

Harry Kingston of Philadelphia was the author of probably the worst of this bunch of iniquities. He was a shrewd lawyer in Philadelphia, free from the burden of conscience or scruples, and had himself sent to the Legislature for the express purpose of exploiting legislation. His water bill was a "cookoo." It gave the corporation which it created power to dam any stream in the State, change the bed of any water-course and do anything else that cupidity and avarice might suggest. It was among those against which Pennypacker protested and it was supported at every stage by John O. Sheatz.—Legislative Record, 1903, page 2435.

As a matter of fact Mr. Sheatz didn't even pretend to be a reformer during his first session in the legislature. He didn't dare to be as open in political immorality as Stub, Ripp, Puhl and others. His constituents wouldn't stand for that. The Twenty-fourth ward is a pretty independent neighborhood and though the machine could nominate anybody it liked, there was no certainty of the election of a notoriously unfit man. But it can be confidently said that Sheatz went as far in the service of the machine during the session of 1903, as he dared and that he voted with the gang whenever his vote was necessary.

The System Rather than the Man. But after all it is less the individual than the system which is to be considered in estimating political conditions at present. If Mr. Sheatz were as worthy of public confidence as he imagines himself to be putting him into the office of State Treasurer would be a dangerous experiment. If Berry had not been in that office a year ago the public never would have known of the graft in the construction and furnishing of the capitol and the looting would be going on with increased vigor now. The plans contemplated an aggregate loot of \$25,000,000 and the full amount would have been taken. Minority representation on the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings prevented that result.

No stream is purer than its source.

No man is stronger than his party. John O. Sheatz is neither mentally nor morally stronger than Pennypacker, Snyder and Malheur. They were not influenced either by cupidity or dishonesty to consent to the looting. They were told that the operation was a party necessity—that the agency was needed for campaign purposes and yielded. Sheatz would have done the same and as his election will restore the partisan unanimity of the board it will be a public calamity. Good or bad, personally, his membership in the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings will work harm for the public.

Moreover his election will strengthen the Penrose machine, which is an undesirable result. Sheatz is the Penrose candidate. He was promised the office at the organization of the Legislature as Plummer was similarly slated two years ago. A few years ago the Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations had immense pecuniary possibilities. The Chairman got a "rake-off" from every appropriation and it is said that one Chairman a few years ago took home "a roll as thick as his thigh." Now the Chairman foregoes all claim on the "rake-off," and gets the nomination for State Treasurer in lieu thereof.

Penrose Plays Foxy Politics. Penrose didn't dare announce Sheatz as his candidate, however. On the contrary to conceal his purpose he declared a preference for another, having first ascertained that the other wouldn't consent. Then he allowed the country delegates to put forward his city candidate and with apparent reluctance, yielded. But he controlled the convention absolutely. He named the presiding officer, prepared the platform and even selected the Chairman of the State Committee who will conduct the campaign and control the organization. If he had been opposed to Sheatz another candidate would have been chosen. But he favored Sheatz and he holds a mortgage on Sheatz's official action in the event of his election. G. D. H.

The President's proposed naval parade in the Pacific promises to be a costly enterprise, but the public pays the expense and the Roosevelt political estate will get the benefits. The coal bill alone will amount to a million dollars and other items will advance the aggregate to four or five times that sum. It will convince the world that the big stick is a potent instrument and satisfy the people of California that Teddy is the only man fit to wield it.

Speaker Cannon declares that there will be no legislation inimical to trusts during the next session of Congress. In other words he will not allow any tariff revision or "regulation foolishness," of any description. It is about time the Speaker should reassure his clients. Considering the fact that he is liberally paid by the trusts to take care of their interests in Congress, he was entirely too indulgent with Roosevelt during the last session.

Some of our esteemed contemporaries are taking the Knox Presidential boom too seriously. The Penrose machine never intended that the Knox boom should be regarded in any light other than that of a joke. Penrose simply wanted to divert the public eye from himself and sprang the Knox boom as the most available expedient. It has served the purpose, however, and it's hardly worth while talking about it.

It has been intimated that Representative Sheatz voted against the resolution introduced by Mr. Creasy of Columbia county, during the session of 1905, endorsing the policies on the rate question of President Roosevelt, but the indexing of the Legislative Record of that year is so bad that it is impossible to verify the statement. We are assured by a member of the House at that time, however, and who was present when the vote was taken, that only one Republican voted for the resolution and his name was not Sheatz.

Governor Stuart is not looting the State Treasury at present, for various reasons—notably that everybody is looking now. Probably he wouldn't loot the treasury, however, if nobody was looking. But he has kept in office most of the gang which was there while the looting was in progress and it's safe to bet that they are ready to resume if the opportunity presents itself.

As Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations Mr. Sheatz recommended the appropriation of funds to exactly double the aggregate of the revenues of the State. That indicates poor business judgment and the State Treasurer ought to be a man of good business intelligence.

The value of minority representation has been proved by the recent reforms in the administration of the State government. That being the case it would be wise for the people to continue the minority representation. If Sheatz is elected State Treasurer minority representation will end and political plundering will be resumed.

FOREMOST ACTOR DIES

Richard Mansfield Passes Away at his Country Estate in New London.

END WIDELY MOURNED

Cirrhosis of the Liver, With Complications, Fatal to Great Impersonator of Many Roles—Last Hours Spent in Coma—His Search for Health in England Vain.

New London Conn., Sept. 4.—Richard Mansfield America's foremost actor died at his summer home on Ocean avenue just a week after he had come here from Saranac after a fruitless attempt to regain his health there. Death was due to cirrhosis of the liver, complicated by other ailments.

During the actor's last moments he was in a condition of coma and did not recognize the loved ones at his bedside.

Mr. Mansfield was taken ill seriously on March 24 last, at Scranton, Pa.

It was Mr. Mansfield's idea that a sea voyage and a summer in England which he had been planning would benefit him. He and his family sailed early in June and took a place in Sussex, but neither the sea voyage nor the sojourn in Great Britain improved his condition. He longed to return to America and in the latter part of July he came back to the United States. While his country place at New London, Conn., was being prepared for him, he and his family took a cottage at Saranac Lake.

Richard Mansfield died one of the wealthiest actors on the American stage. He left a fortune that will reach in round figures more than \$900,000.

The death of Richard Mansfield is almost the sole topic in the theatrical world of this country and London. Prominent actors and managers unite in paying tributes to his genius, which, they assert, has not been equalled since Booth and Irving were at the height of their careers. All the papers follow the announcement of his death with long and appreciative sketches of his struggles and triumphs in both England and America. He is invariably described as "America's foremost actor," and for his skill as a producer and stage manager he is called the "Beerbohm Tree of America." The sad termination of his brilliant stage life is deeply deplored.

FISH AND HARAHAN FIGHT.

Rival Railway Men Came to Blows in Directors' Meeting.

New York, Sept. 5.—After a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois Central Railroad had broken up in confusion, Stuyvesant Fish, former president of the company, and J. T. Harahan, his successor, engaged in a heated altercation, which terminated in a violent personal encounter between them.



STUYVESANT FISH.

Wall street reports circulated, were to the effect that Mr. Fish struck Mr. Harahan with his fist and that the two men clutched each other, stumbled over a chair and fell to the floor together before they could be separated by their colleagues of the Board, who were horrified at the sensational conclusion of the meeting.

Elephant Saves Man.

Richmond, Va., Sept. 5.—Baell, the mother of Jumbo an elephant more than one hundred years of age, has saved the life of a man at Wheeling, W. Va. The animal had been on a Baltimore & Ohio train that had been wrecked, and the engineer was pinned under the ruins of the engine. Baell lifted the wreck from the body of the engine driver with the aid of her trunk.

Kaiser to Act as Godfather.

Essen, Germany, Sept. 5.—Emperor William will act as godfather to the heir of Frau Bertha Krupp von Bohlen and Halbach, wife of Lieutenant Dr. Gustav Krupp von Bohlen and Halbach, who was born August 13 last, which event was celebrated as a holiday by the employes of the Krupp works.

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When all the yolks have been removed mash fine with a fork and season with salt, pepper, Mayonnaise or, in place of the mayonnaise, a little melted butter and a tiny bit of made mustard or chopped pickle. The yolk mixture should be moist enough to pack nicely. Now return some of the seasoned yolk to each half of egg, press the halves together without letting the white of the egg get "mussy" and skewer together with the little wooden toothpicks. Two for each one is sufficient. Variations in the seasoning of the yolks may be made by using a little whipped cream with them, a seasoning of cheese or a few spoonfuls of ground or chopped nuts.

Train the Girl.

- To be self-reliant. To handle money and keep accounts. To value independence without losing loveliness. To take care of herself without losing faith in her fellows. To understand social conventions and use them for her own protection. Never to let friendship infringe upon self-respect. Never to sign papers without knowing what they are about. Not to cling with her eyes shut. Always to stand erect and look things squarely in the face.

The Chamols Gloves.

Chamols gloves, so popular this season, should be washed on the hands. After making a good lather, squeeze and rub as though washing the hands and then rinse in cold water. Wipe with a soft linen cloth, but not with enough friction to wear. When dry, push into shape with the glove stretcher.

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