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WHERE ARE WE AT?

It is more than a year since the plundering of the Capitol thieves was brought to the public attention. Then the Governor of the State and the Auditor General explained and expostulated and declared that the State was getting the worth of its money. Afterward the Attorney General set up a mild inquisition only to find that there was nothing to find out. But the plundering was of too great a bulk and grossness to be readily concealed. As the public indignation grew the Auditor General found it was necessary to discontinue his inquiry. They put up a decent man for Governor. Mr. Stuart went about the State pledging himself if there was any grafting he would find it out and punish the thieves. As Governor, he kept his pledge by forcing the appointment of investigators who could be depended upon to investigate. Their reports not only justified accusation, but showed the looting to have been more daring and more extensive than the public had been led to believe.

Now that the facts are matters of record and common bruit; now that the parties inculpated are known and within reach of the hand of the State, there seems to have come a sudden halt in putting the law in force. The Attorney General is out of the State. There is other work to do in the Courts. No steps have been taken to arrest the chief offenders or to keep them within the jurisdiction. There is even talk of putting off the date of trial until next year!

What is the occasion of this sudden halt after a crime has been uncovered, the enormity of which amazes and astounds the whole country from end to end and from coast to coast? Is it because there is an election in November? Is there a desire to keep something back and hold in check the public wrath until a Gang nominee can again be installed in the control of the State Treasury? There would be no such hesitation and dilatoriness if any common thief had been caught cheating his employer or breaking into a bank or stealing a ham. Why does not the State Administration put into the vigor of its pursuit, now that the quarry is in sight, some of the vigor of promise with which it set out on the quest? Meantime, while the hand of justice is stayed, the statute of limitations keeps on the run.

—Phila. Record.

Probably a Major General.

After September the Twelfth will be the senior regiment in the division and will lead in the review, which is the feature of every division encampment. General C. B. Dougherty, of Wilkes-Barre, commander of the Third Brigade, will become Major General in command of the division on September 1, 1909. Unless some unexpected circumstances arise Col. C. M. Clement, of the Twelfth Regiment, will become Brigadier General in command of the Third Brigade, and with fair prospects of becoming a Major General in command of the Pennsylvania division.

DREAD OF BERRY AND HARMAN

Andrews Not in Hurry to Open at Full Blast.

Republican State Chairman Andrews, at his headquarters, on Locust street, Philadelphia, Tuesday said he was not yet sure that upon his return there next Monday he would carry out his original intention of opening the establishment then at full blast. He might defer the opening for about a week. It is supposed that he wants to wait until he shall see how the people will receive the news of the formal notification of Democratic State Treasurer Candidate John G. Harman, at Bloomsburg, next Wednesday. There seems to be great dread of the notification speech that State Treasurer Berry will make, as well as of the Harman opening gun.

Chairman Andrews said that he had received requests from nearly every county that Republican Candidate John O. Sheatz should be sent there to speak. Mr. Sheatz said that if he shall get the opportunity he will be heard in every county. He is to attend the Republican clambake in Allegheny City this week, and may make an address in Pittsburg before returning home from that function.

Ex-Senator Lewis Emery, Jr., was in the city Tuesday, and said that he did not expect to take an active part in the present campaign for State Treasurer.

BANKS ASK CHEAP MILLIONS.

Many New Applicants for State Deposits.

Because of the widespread demand for money the State Treasury balance of \$15,000,000, on which only 2 per cent. interest is required, is most attractive just now to banking houses. As a result there are applicants on file with the State Board of Revenue Commissioners from 75 banks and trust companies desiring to become State depositories. The State deposits are now carried in about 300 institutions.

None of the requests will be granted for awhile. At present the payments from the State Treasury are exceeding the revenues, and as a consequence the State funds are being withdrawn from a number of banks and trust companies. One week's notice is given in advance of such withdrawals.

Reduction of State revenue is only temporary. The personal property tax will be coming in soon, and then the surplus will begin to grow again.

Game and Fish Laws.

State Superintendent of Public Printing and Binding, Pomeroy expects the 100,000 copies of the game and fish laws to be issued from the printers in a short time, and they will be distributed from the proper departments in an effort to educate people to the requirements of the law.

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BETTER BUSINESS ASSURED.

Reports from all sections of the country as to the sentiments of men who are prominent in all branches of business indicate that there are no good grounds for taking pessimistic views as to the business outlook. These reports also clearly show that the overwhelming sentiment of the people is in favor of the rigid enforcement of the laws against corporations and men of wealth engaged in their persistent violation. The efforts of these men to cause panicky conditions because they are being required to obey the laws have been fully discounted by the people generally. The latter thoroughly understand the situation, and they decline to sympathize with the law-breakers or to be frightened by them into committing indiscretions which are not warranted by the actual business conditions.

Financiers of the greatest experience and highest reputation declare that the present scarcity of money is world-wide and not confined to the United States, and that therefore the enactment and enforcement of laws in this country preventing dishonesty by corporations and men of wealth cannot be held responsible for this scarcity. They also assert that the present situation in the money market is a good thing, as it will serve to check speculative enterprise and to place business generally on a sounder basis.

It is plain also to sensible persons that if the big corporations are compelled to do business in strict accordance with law and our multimillionaires can no longer do as they please and hold themselves above the law, the result must soon be to inspire the people generally with greater confidence in the leading business enterprises of the country. Consequently when the Wall street crowd have been compelled to bow to the inevitable and the affairs of our big corporations generally have come to be adjusted to the new condition of things, we may look for a greater and more surely founded prosperity than ever before.—Pittsburg Post.

Delaying the Prosecution.

There are no signs of a movement to begin criminal proceedings in the courts of Dauphin county against those inculpated in the grafting operations at the State capitol, at the September session. The report of the commission was made to the Governor three weeks ago and declared unequivocally that conspiracy and fraud had been revealed. The supplemental report signed by Senator Dewalt and Representative Ammerman recommended criminal proceedings at the earliest possible moment. The Dauphin county criminal court sits on Monday, September 23rd, for the fall term. Unless the cases are tried at that term they cannot be heard until after the election. They may not be tried at all.

While the Legislature was in session the minority members insisted that in the event of adjournment before the completion of the work of the investigating commission, provision be made for the publication of the report. In fulfillment of an implied agreement to that effect a resolution was adopted that the report be made to the Governor with an understanding that it be immediately made public. The regular report signed by all the members of the commission and the supplement signed by Messrs. Dewalt and Ammerman were presented to the Governor, but only parts of them have been given to the public. It is said that the salient features of the supplemental report have been concealed.

The obvious purpose of thus juggling the subject is to pervert the work of the commission to the service of the machine. The real facts are concealed in the reports, and the measure of culpability as well as the persons implicated, left to conjecture. Meantime the machine managers will claim that it is the intention to prosecute and punish the perpetrators of the crimes. But they don't prosecute and they can't punish until after the election, and if the result is favorable to the machine candidate there will be neither prosecution nor punishment. The experience in Philadelphia is substantial evidence of this fact. The machine is completely restored to power and plunder there.

—Bellefonte Watchman.

"Married men," says the Cynical Bachelor, "are divided into two classes—those who admit they are sorry and those who are afraid to."

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SEPTEMBER WEATHER.

Hicks Forecast. Violently Stormy Weather.

Prof. Hicks' predictions for the month of September are for a decidedly stormy one. *Words and Works* says:

A regular storm period covers the first week in September, being central on the 4th. A very threatening barometer, with high temperature will appear in Western extremes by the 3rd and 4th, and storms of much energy will sweep progressively over the country from the 4th to 7th. The culmination will come on and touching the 7th. Seismic shakes will be probable in many parts of the globe within forty-eight hours of noon on the 7th.

A reactionary storm period comes close after the crisis of the first period. It is central on the 9th, 10th and 11th. Remember, this is at an annual crisis of magnetic unrest, added to all the disturbing factors shown in the storm diagram. Heed all warnings and indications of growing storms, inland, on the coasts and on the seas, in the South especially. Heavy storms of rain, hail, wind and thunder will move out of the Northwest, also, and be followed by great change to cooler, with probable frosts.

A regular storm period the 14th to 19th, is one of great and almost certain severity. It is at the crisis of the autumnal equinox. The equinoxes of Jupiter and Saturn are in full force. Vulcan, Venus and Mercury are all central in disturbing energy, with Moon passing from first quarter to full at South declination and in peige. The period, and this whole central part of the month, is full of perturbing causes and phenomenal possibilities. Hurricanes and cyclonic storms should be anticipated about the southern coasts, with sympathetic, equinoctial, tornadic storms over the interior. The chances are that general storms and atmospheric unrest will continue until after a reactionary storm period which is central on the 20th, 21st and 22nd. Many volcanic and seismic convulsions will also be reported within forty-eight hours of sunset on the 21st. At the windup of this prolonged time of general and violent disturbances, look for a phenomenally high barometer, fierce northwesterly gales, and a dash of almost early winter out of the Northwest. The boreal change will be approximately between the 21st and 25th. All the lake regions especially should beware of these storms and the change following. Make notes and watch!

A regular storm period covers the closing week of September. It is central on the 27th and its culminating days fall on Friday the 27th to Sunday the 29th. This period will bring its change to warmer, falling barometer and return of marked storm conditions. The chances are that September will be disturbed, if not phenomenally stormy and out of joint, to the last.

Bloomsburg Souvenir Books, 48 half tone pictures, 25 cents, at the COLUMBIAN office.

Assessors Now Get \$2.50 Per Day.

With the fall assessments which will be started on Monday, September 9, 1907, the assessors of the county will get the first advantage of the new law which provides for the increase in their salaries. Heretofore the salary was \$2 per day, but under a law passed by the last legislature, the legal rate is now \$2.50 per day. This will go into effect with the fall assessment.

The registry assessors are very happy over the increase in the amount of their wages per day. They have all along contended that the price per day was too small, and that a just increase should be allowed. The result of this agitation was that the law was framed, presented in the legislature and became a law.

The clause in the law relative to this increase in salary is as follows: "It shall be the duty of each assessor and assistant assessor to keep an account of the several days by him actually employed in the performance of his duties, and to make return of the same to the commissioners of the county, verified by his oath or affirmation, and for each day necessarily so employed he shall receive the sum of two dollars and fifty cents." Approved the 25th day of May, A. D., 1907.

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