

PACKING THE COURT

Lawyer Who Was Capitol Building Commissioner To Try Grifters.

PLAN OF ACQUITTAL

Governor Stuart in the Scheme Which Has for Its Purpose the Re-election of Penrose and the Rebutte of Roosevelt.—How Sheatz Won Money the Favor Revealed.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 2. Having vaguely promised that the capital grafters will be punished some time after the election the machine party managers appear to be highly delighted with themselves. We are great reformers, they say inferentially, and are willing to hire any number of brass bands with which to hunt for criminals and prosecute looters. But to the average mind their promises are to the ear "to be broken to the hope."

This is hardly a matter of conjecture. It is so completely supported by circumstantial evidence as to have assumed the form of fact. If there had been an intention to prosecute S. J. M. McCarrell never would have been appointed Judge of the Dauphin county court by the Governor or nominated for that office by the Dauphin county Republican machine. If a man wanted to break up a gang of burglars he would hardly put the matter in charge of other burglars, if he was a wise man. There is a code of honor among thieves which makes them help each other.

When the fire of suspicious origin destroyed the capitol building in 1897 Mr. McCarrell was a State Senator. With the help of his own vote a law was enacted appropriating \$50,000 for the construction of a new capitol building. That law created a Commission of which Mr. McCarrell became a member which was bound "to complete and deliver" a capitol building, "ready for occupancy and furnishing not later than Nov. 15th 1898."

Not a Fit Judge of Grifters. The law not only required the completion of a building within the specified amount but actually forced the Commissioners from concealing for the expenditure of any money in excess of that figure. Yet Senator, now Judge McCarrell, testified that the building was complete. It was so absurd a statement that everybody was astounded. The rough brick walls on the outside and the burlap walls on the inside stood as palpable protests against the fraud. No charge of grafting was publicly made but the gossip of the corridors freely charged not only that the contractors had looted the State but that the Building Commissioners had participated in the division of the spoils.

Of course a man so closely associated with the construction of the capitol would not be safe in the position of determining the guilt of the grafters. Naturally he would prefer that the agitation of the question be discontinued as speedily as possible and the surest and safest way to stop the agitation of a question is to forget it. Four years ago Mr. McCarrell aspired to a seat on the bench and was defeated. Again a year ago he became a candidate and was forced out of the fight by public sentiment. A man of his reputation and environment wasn't needed on the Dauphin county bench at those times. But no other kind will serve the purpose now and McCarrell has been both nominated and appointed.

The plain inference is that there will be no trial of the grafters. They will be indicted, of course, and the pretense will be kept up that there is an intention to prosecute. But it is a false and fraudulent pretense. McCarrell has too much interest in the suppression of the facts to permit a judicial investigation if he is able to prevent it and if he is a Judge on the bench in the court in which the cases are scheduled for trial he can prevent it. Governor Stuart must have known this when he appointed McCarrell to the bench and the suspicion is justified that he made the appointment for the purpose of preventing the trial.

Insurance Grifters Immune.

There are other grounds, moreover, for the belief that it is not the intention to prosecute these grafters. During the special session of the Legislature of 1906 the Insurance Department of the State was investigated. The first witness examined during that inquiry was Samuel W. McCulloch, Deputy Insurance Commissioner. Mr. McCulloch testified positively that Clayton W. Erb, Edward J. Davis, R. J. Reed and Israel G. Stone were on the payroll of the Department, received checks regularly for many months though they were never at the Department and never performed any work for the State and notwithstanding there was no authority of law for paying them.

Mr. McCulloch also testified to other misfeasances in the Department for which the Insurance Commissioner was responsible. Among other things he declared that his own salary was augmented frequently by adding expense accounts and inferentially stated that whenever Captain Erb needed money he would make requisition on the Department and get whatever sums he wanted. His testimony was corroborated by Davis, Reed and Stone and it was

practically proved that one of these pensioners of the Department was receiving the salary as a reward for service to the machine as a member of the perjured jury which acquitted Sam Salter after his practical confession of guilt.

Insurance Commissioner Durham who was responsible for and participated in these crimes against the State is going ready to resume his position as "the most influential citizen of Philadelphia." If Governor Stuart is going to purify the public life of the Commonwealth by purging it of grafters through the agency of the criminal courts, why doesn't he begin with those outlaws who were exposed more than a year and a-half ago? Why are not those men sent to prison as an admonition to others who are tempted to loot and in order to vindicate the law which has been outraged? Simply because public sentiment seems to have forgotten the Crimes of those men, though no recent.

Stuart Not a Reformer.

And it is precisely for this reason that the machine managers including Governor Stuart, are anxious to prevent the trial of the grafters now under the lime light of popular execration. They know that such things are soon forgot. Durham was forced to resign at the time and McCarrell was compelled to declare that he would not again participate in municipal spoils. But they are both back at the old business and the old tricks, just as Sanderson and Huston and the other capital grafters will again come into favor of the machine and resume their predatory operations within a few months unless the machine is completely exterminated by the election of John G. Harman this fall.

In the light of these events it is absurd to say that Governor Stuart is a reformer. He is personally honest, no doubt just as Judge Pennypacker was personally beyond reproach when he became Governor. But he is just as servicable to the machine as Pennypacker. He won't openly boast of his iniquities as that abnormally vain old man did. But he will shield crimes perpetrated for the benefit of the party and protect criminals who have served the organization precisely as his predecessor did. His appointment of McCarrell to the Dauphin county bench at this time is the most convincing and conclusive evidence of this fact. Penrose knew his man.

Governor Stuart never interfered with graft when he was Mayor of Philadelphia and he will not be offensive to his party leaders as Governor. It was during his administration of the municipal government that the Contractors' combine was organized. It was Dave Martin rather than Durham who was the boss in those days. But the difference is without a distinction. A cancer is loathsome no matter what the doctor calls it and Durham is no worse than Martin. In fact when Martin succeeded Durham as Insurance Commissioner he continued the padded payroll until the shadow of the approaching investigation admonished him to "clear the decks." Then he dropped Davis, Reed and Stone.

Enmity to Roosevelt Secures Favor.

The Republican machine is striving to get complete control of the administration of the State government because it is necessary in order to secure the re-election of Penrose and control the Delegates to the next National convention against Roosevelt. The President has incensed the machine leaders in this State by his indifference to their wants. One of the most potent reasons for the nomination of Sheatz is that he shares this antipathy to Roosevelt. It was only when he voted against the Creasy resolution endorsing the President's policies and pledging the moral support of the Legislature to his railroad rate bill that Sheatz became a prime favorite of the machine and the nomination for State Treasurer is his recompense for that sinister service.

If Sheatz is defeated the machine will be destroyed absolutely. The control of the State deposits is essential to machine success. The political bankers must be fed and fattened or else they won't contribute to the corruption fund and without a corruption fund the machine is impotent. No self-respecting man will vote for its candidates and few of the other kind will do so unless they are paid. The money to pay them can't be got unless the machine has control of the Treasury. The last two years have been the hardest years of the life of the machine. Another two years without the treasury and they will disappear. The hoodlums won't work for nothing.

These are the reasons why the friends of good government should strive earnestly for the election of John G. Harman. He is a splendid specimen of American citizenship. He is honest, able and courageous. If he is elected the policies of Mr. Berry will be scrupulously followed. If he is elected the capitol grafters will be prosecuted and punished notwithstanding the effort to pack the court in their interest as McCarrell tried to pack the Philadelphia jury in the interest of Quay half a dozen years or so ago.

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Mark the Vast Difference.

From the Eastern Argus. The Republicans of the state of Pennsylvania on each occasion upon which they are offered an opportunity to express any sentiment in resolutions, spread themselves in condemnation of the capitol grafters. Loudly do they call for the bringing of the guilty to justice—on paper. Strenuously they urge that they be permitted to hand out the justice to the guilty. That is one side of the question. Witness how differently the effective work of the organization progresses. Note the delay in bringing the men accused of wrong doing into the courts. Consider the determination of the political machine to put off the trial in court until after the fall election. Any fair minded citizen can see the fallacy of the position of the Republicans of the state in the premises. Censure for the capitol grafters serves the purpose of blind-

ing easily duped voters into the support of the Republican nominee. With the election of the machine candidate to the office of state treasurer and that department of the state government again under the rule of the gang, the prosecution of the capitol grafters might easily be expected to develop into a farce. It would be folly in the extreme even to expect that the machine leaders would be active in handing out to members of their own gang the sort of punishment which the crime seems to merit.

Significance of a Vote for Sheatz.

From the Philadelphia Record.

Both Governor Stuart and Senator Knox shrewdly avoided all mention to the issue of the re-election of Senator Penrose that is involved indirectly, but no less certainly, in this Pennsylvania contest. While they indulged in mutual admiration, they had not one word to say for Senator Penrose. This may be thought unkind when it is considered that the influence of Senator Penrose was essential to the election of Senator Knox, and that his voice was equally potential in the nomination of Governor Stuart. But it was kindness in the Governor and Senator to attempt to keep the chief aim of this campaign, if such a thing were possible. Yet everybody knows that a vote for John O. Sheatz is a vote for Boies Penrose, and that the election of Sheatz would mean the triumph of the Machine, to be followed by the certain return of Penrose to the United States Senate.

O, Pennsylvania, How Long?

From the Johnstown Democrat.

There is to be no prosecution of the capitol grafters until December, if then. This is information which comes from an official source. It means that the truth is to be kept from the voters until after the November election. If Sheatz is elected state treasurer it means that the truth will be kept from them for all time. If Sheatz is elected the grafters will be whitewashed. It is the talk that is in the air in Harrisburg. It is the talk in all political circles. The game of fooling the people is on. And they will be fooled if they fail to elect Harman to succeed Berry. The election of Sheatz will mean immunity for them. Already in respect of this the grafters are shaking hands with themselves.

An Ominous Coincidence.

From the Bedford Gazette.

In the Legislature of 1905 J. Lee Plummer was the Machine Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, and from this post the Machine intended to promote him to the office of State Treasurer as a reward for his services. But a hitch was found in the arrangement when the votes were counted in November 1905.

In the Legislature of 1907 John O. Sheatz was the Machine Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, and, following the Plummer precedent, he is also made the Machine candidate for State Treasurer.—Ominous!

What's the Use of Gilding Gold.

From the Doylestown Democrat.

Nearly every spellbinder who speaks for Candidate Sheatz states at great length and with much emphasis that the candidate is an honest man. Why is it necessary to make this point so emphatic? Is it because Republican candidates in the past have been so dishonest that people's suspicions as to the honesty of the present candidate must be allayed? If Mr. Sheatz really is an honest man, why do the spellbinders find it necessary to make that fact so prominent?

Governor of the Machine.

From the Harrisburg Patriot.

Thousands of his fellow-citizens who would rather believe Governor Edwin S. Stuart a patriot and a statesman than a partisan politician, regret that he has seen fit only a few weeks before election to appoint Mr. McCarrell to the vacancy on the Dauphin county bench. In this act Mr. Stuart has shown that he considers himself rather the Governor of a party than the Governor of the people.

Elements Against Sheatz.

From the Blossburg Advertiser.

We do not believe that the Tioga county miners, farmers and old soldiers will support John O. Sheatz for State Treasurer after his gang legislative record has been exposed. Neither do we see how any newspaper publisher can support him because of his vote for the press muzzler. He is of the gang, and for the gang first and last.

A Strong Double Team.

From the Williamsport Sun.

With both the old soldiers, and the sons of old soldiers, entering protest against the Machine bosses' defeat of the Cochran pension bill there will be a heavy verdict against Sheatz at the ballot box in November.

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NEW YORK MARKETS.

Wholesale Prices of Farm Produce Quoted for the Week.

Table with columns for Wheat, Corn, Oats, Milk, Butter, Creamery, Eggs, Dressed Poultry, Turkeys, etc.

BASEBALL LEAGUE SUMMARIES.

Table showing Standing of the Clubs, National and American leagues, listing teams like Chicago, Pittsburgh, New York, etc.

MUTINY IN CAZAR'S FLEET.

Many Officers Said to Have Been Slain; One a Captain. Sebastopol, Oct. 1.—A serious mutiny in the fleet here has broken out. Many officers have been killed or wounded. In an effort to bring about an uprising among the troops, three Terrorists got into the barracks here.

Ex-Mayor Beaten.

Trenton, Oct. 2.—The Morris Plains Asylum was taken up by the Hahn investigation committee. Dr. Alvan C. Van Syckle of Hackensack, ex-Mayor of that town, testified that ex-Mayor Joseph Beattie was committed to the Morris Plains Insane Asylum in January, 1906. The witness visited Beattie in the asylum two days after he was taken there. He swore that Beattie recognized him and said, "Doctor, that brute almost killed me." The witness examined him and found two ribs broken.

Rats Attack School Pupils.

Amagansett, L. I., Oct. 2.—Several children were badly bitten while returning from school by rats that attacked them in such large numbers that scores of persons turned out to battle with them. The village Postmaster drove to Amagansett, a distance of three miles, for medical attendance.

Hated Beyond Grave.

New York, Oct. 3.—Carrying her hatred beyond the grave Mrs. Mary Anna Reading Gazzam of Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, in the will by which she made her daughter heiress of \$1,250,000, also directed that the young woman be prevented from meeting her father, Joseph M. Gazzam, a prominent lawyer in Philadelphia. The enmity of the woman grew from the time, about twelve years ago when she obtained a divorce.

Killed in Football Game.

Hanover, N. H., Oct. 2.—Leonard J. Clarkson, manager of the Norwich University football team, died at the Mary Hitchcock Hospital here as a result of an injury received in the football game between Norwich and Dartmouth. Clarkson had been weakened by an attack of appendicitis last summer. His home was at Portland, Conn.

Denounce the Paper Trust.

Pittsburg, Oct. 2.—Thirty-five publishers of newspapers, most of them Republican in politics, and all of them published in the hot-bed of protectionism, this afternoon denounced the Paper Trust and passed resolutions demanding the free admission to this country of wood pulp and all other ingredients entering the manufacture of white paper.

Advertisement for Castoria, featuring 'Ooo Drops' and 'Vegetable Preparation for Assimilating the Food and Regulating the Stomachs and Bowels of Infants and Children'.

Advertisement for Castoria, 'The Kind You Have Always Bought', 'Bears the Signature of Dr. J.C. Hitchcock', 'In Use For Over Thirty Years'.

Etiquette in London Clubbed.

In some of our ultra exclusive clubs it is a serious breach of etiquette for one member to speak to another without obtaining a previous introduction. Introduction here means the London Chronicle.

A painful case has just occurred in a certain old established and extremely respectable Pall Mall Pharmacy. It appears that a newly joined member, in caustic defiance of custom, ventured the other afternoon to make a remark about the weather to a gentleman with whom he was not personally acquainted. The recipient of this outrage glared stonily at its perpetrator.

"Did you presume to address me, sir?" he demanded, with an awful frown.

"Yes, I did," was the defiant reply. "I said it was a fine day." The other digested the observation thoughtfully.

Then, after an impressive pause, he turned to his bold exponent. "Well, pray don't let it occur again," he remarked, as he buried himself once more in his paper.

Franking in Britain.

Parliamentarians might have been enjoying the privilege of franking their letters to-day had the system not been so much abused years ago. By an act of 1764 a member of the House of Commons was entitled to send free ten letters every day, each not exceeding an ounce in weight, to any place in the United Kingdom. All that was necessary was that he should write his name or title in the corner of the letter. The consequence was that many thousands of franks were forged, and it is said that one member of parliament received £300 a year from a great mercantile house for franking their correspondence. Not only letters, however, but parcels, live stock, and even human beings passed free, a frank being used on one occasion to cover postage of "two maid servants going as laundresses to my Lord Ambassador Methuen."—Exchange.

The Irish Language is Now Being Taught in 3,500 Schools in Ireland.

Rats Drunk on Beer.

Finding it impossible to draw beer from a barrel a barman in a Birmingham, England, restaurant went into the cellar and discovered that a hole had been eaten in the pipe by rodents. The floor was covered with beer, in which twenty rats were either lying insensible or crawling dazedly about.

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Cost of Papers.

An exchange says: "The periodicals devoted to information about the printing trade—and they are many—bring constantly recurring reports of an increase in price in printing material, and the mails bring envelopes marked "important" bearing news from the manufacturer that the increase forecasted by the trade paper is correct—the price has gone up. There are many reasons for this but the main one is the greatly increased price of labor. In the paper trade the hours have, in the last five years, been reduced from twelve to eight, and the pay for eight hours is higher than it used to be for twelve. Add to this that pulp wood is constantly growing scarcer, and the reason for the increased cost of white paper can be seen. In every other line it is the same. In the meantime newspapers continue to be issued at the same price. It is simply a losing battle for the cheaper papers, and the time when they must quit business or increase their price is only a question of arithmetic."

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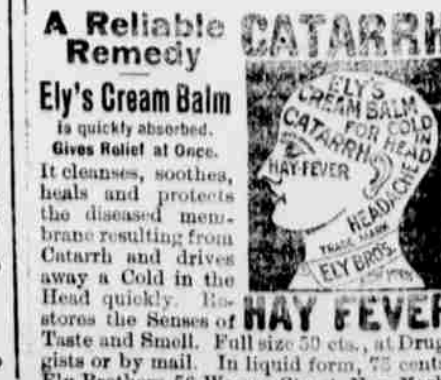
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