

SHEATZ'S FALSE PRETENSE IS A FATAL MISTAKE

Forced to Vote for Vicious Legislation by His Obligations to Machine.

Others Under Indictment as Well as Those Still in Office Working for His Election.—Interesting Summary of an Anti-Penrose Defection.

(Special Correspondence.) Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 23. Posting as morally better than his party John O. Sheatz, the machine Republican candidate for State Treasurer, stands to-day, convicted of falsifying his record in the Legislature, in order to support an absurd claim. Draggoned into voting for the Susquehanna canal bill he declared, over his own signature, and with manifest deliberation, the other day, that he had voted against that infamy. There could have been no misunderstanding in the premises. He knew how he had voted and why he voted as he did. His purpose in claiming to have voted the other way was obviously to deceive the public.

A bragging ranting from an imaginary danger is not an attractive figure. A professor of morality becomes despicable when he is caught in the perpetration of crime. Lying is not a characteristic of honesty. False pretense is not a habit of a man of integrity. John O. Sheatz protesting constantly that he is an honest man has convicted himself of falsification and is entitled only to popular contempt. Moreover his falsehood was malicious as well as deliberate. He assailed the reputation of others in order to create a false reputation for himself. Everybody despises a malicious liar.

The Penrose machine controls the Republican party in Pennsylvania. It nominated Sheatz because its managers believed that he will serve it in the event of his election. The Penrose machine wants the State Treasury in order to "farm" the revenue of the office. It was one of the most productive of the assets of the machine before Berry was elected. Bankers who are involved will pay anything for funds to tide them over. Frequently if they can't get funds they commit suicide. Penrose likes to hold a lot of bankers in that equivocal position. He can get "money to burn" under such conditions.

Sheatz Under Obligations to the Machine.

No man who is under obligations to such a political combination has strength to resist its importunities. A man with the courage and probity to maintain opposition will not put himself under obligations to that kind of a machine. Sheatz has always been under obligations to "the gang." When he was given the place honored by J. Claude Bedford he mortgaged his manhood. That lightning doesn't strike twice in the same spot, is proverbial. That a political machine doesn't make two mistakes in the same Legislative district, is equally certain. In selecting a man to humiliate Bedford the machine wouldn't take a man like Bedford. They make certain to get the opposite sort.

It was because of this obligation to the machine that Sheatz voted for the Susquehanna canal bill. He knew that was a vicious measure. He had even declared his intention to vote against it. "While in Philadelphia the day before the bill came up," says the editor of the North American, "he inquired of the North American when it was to be called. Upon learning that the vote would be taken the following day, he canceled an important business engagement and went to Harrisburg specially to do his duty and vote against the measure." Yet when he voted the next day he voted for the bill. The machine managers forced him to "throw conscience to the dogs" and serve, not his party, but the machine.

What absolute folly it is to talk of resisting the machine in a matter in which cupidly has stirred the managers to an acute stage by a man who couldn't withstand it in a trifling affair like the Susquehanna canal bill? An organization which drove Hopkins, Blake, Walters, Clark of the Enterprise bank and others to suicide, worried Norris, Hart and Haywood into premature graves and sent Livesy into exile as a fugitive, is not likely to abandon its most cherished hope because of fear of a man who hadn't the wit to keep his legislative record right or the wisdom to remain silent when his faults were revealed. It would be as safe to hand the treasury over to Huston or Sanderson.

Judged by the Company He Keeps. If Sheatz had the courage and conscience which is claimed for him, moreover, he wouldn't have the support of the element which is doing most for his success. Every one of the indicted conspirators is working to the full measure of his power to

elect Mr. Sheatz. Huston, Sanderson, Snyder, Payne, Cassell and all the capitol grafters are moving heaven and earth in his interest. If he is anxious to prosecute them why are they so urgent for his election? It is not likely that they would prefer to be sent to the penitentiary by Republicans rather than by Democrats. Their partisanship hardly takes that form.

Then the grafters in all the other departments are taxing their energies and taking chances of punishment in order to promote the election of Sheatz. Take the case of John S. Neal, chief clerk of the State Highway Department, for example. Neal is under suspicion and unless the machine is restored to power it will be impossible to retain him in the public service. He is one of those who organized "a bureau of information" in the Highway department three or four years ago, to sell advance information to contractors, to the prejudice of the State. If the Department hadn't been rotten he would have been turned out then.

But he wasn't even rebuked. It has been said that he was obliged to refund some of the money, not by the department, but by his victims. That that rumor has not been verified. He lost no standing among his associates, however. And why should he? The department was organized as a grafting bureau. It was intended to be a sort of asylum for party pensioners. Besides the vast force of employees in and about the office here, the considerable number of engineers and draughtsmen in the field, there are a number of contractors who employ great armies of men.

Chief Clerk Neal's Hold-Up.

That all of these employees are expected to contribute to the campaign corruption fund is made plain by a "hold-up" letter recently issued to the contractors, inspectors and other employees of the Highway Department by Chief Clerk Neal. "We are raising a fund to assist the Republican State committee in paying the expenses of its present State campaign," he writes to those who are largely dependent upon him for their tenure of office. "Should you desire to make a voluntary contribution for this purpose," he continues, "please forward me a check as promptly as possible."

The Highway Department grafters are alarmed at the prospect of Harman's election. They know that there will be no interruption of work in roadbuilding, for Mr. Harman, in the Legislature and out is and has been one of the most enthusiastic advocates of good roads. But if he is elected the grafters in the Highway Department will have "troubles of their own." He won't have power to remove inefficient or venal officials or agents of the Department. But he will have the right to compel the fulfillment of the law and the proper performance of the work and every man concerned understands that he will exercise that right.

The other departments are also more or less concerned on the subject. At least the "fat frying" has been extended to all the departments and men are held up for "voluntary" contributions on every part of the "palace of graft," except in the office of the State Treasurer. Chairman Andrews' collectors know that there is nothing to be got there for them and State Treasurer Berry will not indulge in that most contemptible of all forms of robbery. The election of Harman will go a long way toward a stop to that cancer in the official life of the Commonwealth.

Rumor of Anti-Penrose Defection.

There is an interesting rumor current in political circles now which has come out of the center of the anti-Penrose Republicans of the State. This force is an important element in the party's voting strength, and it reasons that the easiest and best way to eliminate Penrose from the political equation would be to forget to vote for Sheatz. Penrose nominated Sheatz not out of love for Sheatz but with the idea of promoting his own interests. If Sheatz is elected Penrose will be strengthened because all the patronage of the office, appointments as well as deposits, will be employed in his behalf. The defeat of Sheatz, on the other hand, will not only deprive Penrose of these potent influences, but it will imply condemnation of Penrose's policies and management. Naturally a good many of Penrose's enemies in the party look with favor upon a proposition to adopt this easy way of effecting Penrose.

There is no doubt that the election of Sheatz will make Penrose invincible. Ever since the death of Quay those who are opposed to Penrose have been complaining of his incapacity for leadership and his proneness to blundering. His success in rescuing the organization from desperate situations, however, is a constant refutation of such charges. It may be gravely doubted if Quay could have saved the party last year. It is known that he was irrevocably committed to the nomination of Colonel Watres of Scranton for Governor and Watres would "have been skinned a mile." Quay never encountered such a perilous situation as the capitol scandal put up to Penrose this year. He was equal to the emergency last year and if he succeeds again this year the anti-Penrose element of the party may as well "bag its head."

Penrose's Sufficient Reason.

That is why Penrose nominated Sheatz this year. The voters wouldn't stand for a machine man with "the courage of his convictions." On the other hand Penrose wouldn't stand for an anti-machine man who would not be amenable to orders in the event of his election. Sheatz was the compromise invented by Penrose. He is a machine man in mask. He serves the machine, and, as in the case of the Susquehanna canal bill vote, has the stupidity or Inveracity to deny the fact even though he must have known that the records would reveal his hypocrisy.

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Our Nine Days Wonder.

From the Philadelphia Record. Nine days have elapsed since Candidate John O. Sheatz calling "The Record" to account for the "extravagant writings, and in many cases absolutely false statements, of men employed for their ability in that line," denied that he had voted or any of the "infamous" water snake bills of the legislative session of 1903.

Nine days have elapsed since this newspaper called the attention of Candidate Sheatz to page 2435 of the Legislative Record, whereon it is officially certified that he did vote for the most infamous of all the water snake bills. As yet Candidate Sheatz has not condescended to explain why he set up a defense that was so easily demolished by reference to his official record. He promised in his letter of denial to "reply to the rest of the misstatements" at his first opportunity. Has he thought better of it? Have the gangsters who are managing his campaign called him off?

The Veterans and the Grafters.

From the Butler Herald.

John O. Sheatz, the Republican machine candidate for State treasurer, offers as an excuse for the vetoing of the soldiers pension bill the statement that he would have cost the State over \$4,000,000 a year to pay the pensions to the veterans. Had it not been for the election of William H. Berry it is safe to say the bunch of capitol grafters would have robbed the State of \$4,000,000 more in addition to that already stolen and the machine campaigners would now be pointing with pride to the magnificent capitol which WE built and furnished. It costs too much to give the old veterans \$10 a month, but an expenditure of millions of dollars for "fake" trappings is a legitimate expense.

Spell the Name Correctly.

From the Philadelphia Record.

Some of our esteemed county and city contemporaries are in the habit of misspelling the name of the Democratic candidate for State Treasurer, Hon. John G. Harman, of Columbia county. It is well enough to be correct. The misspelling of names has sometimes led to grave after-election disputes. Luckily, there is no mistaking of Sheatz for Harman nor of Harman for Sheatz, but it is not well to alter the spelling of either candidate's surname.

Todd Tarries.

From the Harrisburg Patriot.

The Attorney General of the State, who is in charge of the prosecution [of the Capitol thieves], is away on his vacation. It was stated at his office yesterday that the date of his return has not yet been fixed. If the administration is using all energy and diligence to bring the criminals to justice and to recover the stolen money the place for the Attorney General just now is Harrisburg, not the woods of Maine.

Responsibility for the Graft.

From the Reading Telegram.

Can you touch a man who had anything to do with this monumental conspiracy of plunder and betrayal without touching a minion of the Republican state machine, to which Sheatz is indebted for his present nomination?

Must be Plucked Out.

From the Sunbury Democrat.

The long continued system of loot practiced by the Republican leaders in the State must be completely eradicated, or else the fruits of industry will be absorbed in the payment of unearned and unlawful bounties to the corruptionists.

Precisely What They Know.

From the Pittsburg Dispatch.

It is to be hoped the alleged Capitol grafters will not delude themselves with the fancy that there is "politics" in their arrest, and that after election they will be on Easy street.

Pennypacker Needed in the Group.

From the Phila. North American.

The old pirate chorus used to be "Fifteen men on the dead man's chest." Might be sung in close harmony at Harrisburg if Pennypacker had been added to the defendant fourteen.

Can't Break the Habit.

From the Pittsburg Dispatch.

Former Governor Pennypacker has been taking the hero killers to task in a speech at Phoenixville. Poor old man can't get over it!

LIQUERS OVER A CENTURY OLD.

Most Ancient is Benedictine Which Dates from Sixth Century.

The sweet, perfumed alcoholic beverages called cordials, which are so generally used, are almost entirely of Continental origin. Some of them have a history extending over centuries, and yet the secret of their manufacture has been so well concealed that the monastic communities in which they were first produced still continue in absolute possession of the recipe and enjoy the proceeds of their monopoly.

The most ancient of liquors is Benedictine, which is said to date from 665 A.D. But it was not till 1500 that Dom Bernardo Vincelli, a monk resident in the Abbey of Fecamp, who had a profound knowledge of the plants and herbs used in the preparation of medicinal cordials succeeded in making a cordial which preserves the name and fame of the order. It is said that the monks, when weary from their studies, restored their strength by taking the simple cordial. The new distillery at Fecamp is a palatial building, which is a memorial of past success and present progress. In the laboratory there are gigantic tun-shaped vats, containing 110,000 gallons of the liquor, and in underground cellars is stored the produce of the distillation of the plants.

Chartreuse is named after the original Carthusian monastery founded in the eleventh century in a wild, romantic valley forming a portion of the French department of Isere. This liquor has a large sale, both the green and yellow being popular. It is distilled from various herbs which are supposed to possess peculiar stimulating and aromatic properties. Its repute has been maintained by monks despite the enormous difficulties which they have encountered from time to time. The order is supposed to have been considerably enriched by the revenue from this country. The monastery which contains the distillery has long been a famous resort for visitors.

Perhaps the next in popularity is Curacao, which received its name from one of the West Indies (Dutch) where are grown the oranges from the dried peel of which the liquor is made. Most of the liquor is imported from Holland, the center of its manufacture. The orange peel, after being carefully dried, is macerated with water, and afterward distilled with spirits and water. When taken from the still it is sweetened with sugar, and to make it a little more palatable a little Jamaica rum is added. Those who have experimented say that a very good imitation can be made with the fresh peel of bitter oranges and whisky.

A highly flavored liquor is maraschino, made from bruised cherries, both the wild and cultivated varieties being used. Kirschwasser is rapidly becoming popular as a choice liquor. It is distilled from the bruised cherries, and the stoned kernels taken from the cherries are gathered when they are quite ripe and, having been stemmed, are then pounded in a wooden vessel, but so carefully that the stones are not broken. In this condition they are left to ferment. As soon as fermentation begins they are stirred two or three times a day. Later the stones are broken and the kernels thrown in with the fruit. Kumel, another sweetened spirit imported from Germany and Russia, gets its name from the German word for the herb cummin, with which it is flavored, though caraway seeds are used for the same purpose.

Anise seed cordial, which is often taken as a stomachic, is not a distilled spirit but is made by flavoring a weak spirit with anise seed, coriander and sweet fennel seed. Coriander has an agreeable aromatic smell and a sweetish aromatic taste. It is the essential ingredient of the cordial, which is sweetened with clarified syrup or refined sugar. Clove cordial is more useful in the household than an ordinary liquor. Color is imparted by the addition of burnt sugar, Peppermint, or creme de menthe, is a popular liquor made of the ordinary sweetened gin, flavored with the essential oil of peppermint, which is previously rubbed up with refined sugar.

Strange Moorish Pastime.

"There are few pastimes known to the people of Morocco that are not connected with religion," writes a traveler. "Children play football of a kind and leapfrog and practice wrestling and fencing. They also pursue rabbits with curved sticks and throw these with extraordinary skill. Some few experts claim to be able to kill partridges with the same simple weapon. The great game of the adult Moor is the lab-el barood, or powder-play. This exercise is taken on horseback, and to see a body of Moorish horsemen come down at the charge with guns high above their heads to a given spot, where they fire their weapons and then pull their horses up on their haunches, is a sight that will never be forgotten even by those who have seen cavalry maneuvers in Europe. Moors are very proud of their horsemanship, and with reason."

Consoling.

"An' how's yer wife, Pat?" "Sure, she do be awful sick." "Is it dangerous she is?" "No; she's too weak t' be dangerous anny more."—Exchange.

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During a recitation in history in a Baltimore public school, the teacher once put the question:

"Who was Nero?" "I don't know exactly, Ma'am," said the pupil addressed, a girl of ten. "But I think he's the one they sing about in Sunday school." "In Sunday school!" repeated the teacher, unable to recall any religious music having Nero as its theme. "What do you mean?" "Don't you know the hymn, Ma'am?" asked the girl, surprised. "It's Nero, My God, to Thee."

The Age of the Incubator.

A well-known professor has a bright boy, who one day at the age of four appeared in his father's study clasping in his hands a forlorn-looking little chicken, which had strayed from a neighboring incubator. "Willie," said his father, "take that chicken back to its mother." "Ain't dot any mudder," answered Willie.

"Well, then, take it back to its father," said the professor, determined to maintain his authority. "Ain't dot anythin' but an old lamp."

One Visit Enough.

"Did you say you were going to the dentist's at 3 o'clock?" "Yes, but I've changed my mind. I'm not going." "Why not?" "I got my fill of him the last time I was there."—Cleveland Press.

A Hint.

A widow in half-mourning Doth by that sign confess That she is half a mind to—Nay, It's up to you to guess. —Puck.

Feminine Intuition.

"I'm sure Emily thinks her new dressmaker is no good." "Why do you say that?" "I asked for her address and she gave it to me without a moment's hesitation."—Brooklyn Life.

Milan has decided that at every street crossing eight signs made of brass letters shall be inserted in the pavement.

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Rev. George Easterday, who until recently was pastor of the Lutheran church at Millville, Columbia county, and who appears to have been a wolf in sheep's clothing, has been deposed from the ministry and his name stricken from the roll of the Synod by the action of the East Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran church, no one rising to defend him. He was accused several months ago of conduct unbecoming a minister and in connection with this accusation his name was associated with that of a young woman in his congregation. The affair became generally public and the minister left his charge. He declined to appear at Synod in his own defense and he is now engaged as a conductor on a trolley car in New York City, where he is in a fitter place than in a pulpit.

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