

THINGS ALL NIGHT FOR THE MACHINE

Legislation Session of 1903 an Orgy of Corruption.

SISSON AND STOBBER TOOLS

Republican Nominations Supported All the Iniquitous Legislation Introduced in the Interest of the Party Bosses.

The session of the legislature of 1903 opened auspiciously for the machine managers. The insurgent force which prevented the election of Quay in 1890 and a remnant of which caused some annoyance during the session of 1901 had been entirely obliterated in the election of 1902.

Probably no measure considered during the session attracted as much public notice as the Saline-Grady libel bill, commonly known as the "press muzzler," read in place in the senate by Mr. Grady, of Philadelphia on April 7.

The session of 1903 was conspicuous for its raids on the treasury in the shape of multiplying offices and increasing the salaries of public officials. Among the incursions along those lines were the bill to increase the salaries of judges.

The bill appropriating \$25,000 to erect a monument on the capitol grounds to perpetuate the memory of the late Simon Cameron excited more contempt than indignation.

The act of 1901 having served its purpose of permitting the machine politicians to acquire such electric railway franchises as they desired or could handle, for the time being, a bill was introduced during the session of 1903, modifying that measure.

During the session of 1903 two or three expedients were invoked. One was an act to authorize corporations to sell and transfer franchises and property to other corporations.

One of the pet iniquities of the session of 1903 was Senator Grady's refrigerator bill. The purpose of that measure was to enable a syndicate of machine politicians to acquire a monopoly of the refrigerating business in the cities.

The result was achieved subsequently in another bill, entitled "A further supplement to an act to authorize the formation and regulation of railroads."

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The judicial salary bill, which increased the expenses of the courts more than half a million dollars a year was enacted during the session of 1903.

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During the session of 1903 there were introduced into the senate a number of labor bills or measures in the interest of organized labor.

There was no trick too trifling for the machine during the session of 1903. Any expedient which worked to the advantage of the gang and made trouble for the opposition was adopted.

Accordingly a bill was introduced into the senate during the session of 1903 putting the costs of all such objections upon the petitioner.

The bill to increase the salary of the state treasurer, enacted during the session of 1903, was another party necessity.

But Mathews was a high-priced man and he wouldn't take the office unless the salary was increased from \$5000 to \$8000 a year.

Citizens of Pennsylvania should be proud to vote for such men as have been nominated by the Democratic party for the several offices to be filled this year.

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SISSON AND STOBBER ARE SERVILE SLAVES

Voted Under Boss Orders on Every Question of Legislation.

NOT AN EXCEPTION IN RECORDS

Throughout the Entire Session of 1901 There Is Not a Single Sign of Independence of Thought or Action.

The legislative record of A. E. Sisson and J. A. Stober might be briefly expressed in the statement that they voted for every vicious measure which was considered during the periods of their service and against every bill which made for civic improvement and political morality.

Stober came to the senate with the beginning of the session of 1899, having previously served one term in the legislature covering the sessions of 1875-6. Sisson's service in the senate began with the session of 1901.

There were times when Sisson may have suffered from remorse of conscience because of his servility to the machine and recency to his public obligations.

Among the first machine bills which were presented for the consideration of the legislature of 1901 was that known as the Pittsburgh ripper.

Both Sisson and Stober voted for the bill known as the Philadelphia tax "ripper" Senate Journal, 1901, page 813.

There were three insurance bills considered during the session of 1901. That was the period during which "the House of Mirth" flourished in Albany and Insurance Commissioner Durham and his associates in the machine were overlooking no opportunities to get a share of the "yellow dog" funds maintained by the big insurance companies of New York.

The session of 1901 was made infamous by the many attempts to raid the state treasury by increasing the number of judges.

One of the most colossal jobs of the recent legislation was what is known as the Presque Isle bill.

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MR. MUNSON ENDORSED

Williamsport Board of Trade Recommends Democratic Candidate For Election.

The character of a man is invariably expressed by his reputation at home. One who enjoys the confidence of his neighbors to the full measure is certain to be a man in whom others may confide.

At a meeting of the board of trade of Williamsport the other evening the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Williamsport board of trade, acting solely in a non-partisan way, and irrespective of politics, recommend the election of C. La Rue Munson as a justice of the supreme court, knowing him to have every qualification for that position, and particularly calling the attention of the business men of Pennsylvania to his long and active connection with a number of important manufacturing concerns and his practical knowledge and wide experience in commercial affairs.

The Quay Monument.

The board of public grounds and buildings at Harrisburg has declined to take action in the matter of the Quay statue, and by resolution adopted at its recent meeting referred the subject to and shifted responsibility upon the Quay monument commission.

The constitution requires that all such appointments by the governor shall be confirmed by the state senate, and in the absence of such ratification there can be no valid appointment.

Senator Quay never performed any valuable service for the people of Pennsylvania. He looted the treasury, debauched the politics and corrupted the public life of the commonwealth.

A Call Upon Frick and Carnegie.

The statue of Matthew Stanley Quay remains unplaced by the ungrateful Pennsylvanians. Will not Mr. Frick and Mr. Carnegie combine to buy a site for it in some pleasant corner of Pittsburgh?

Study the proposed constitutional amendments. The proposition to give the Pennsylvania legislature the right to fix the manner of "appointing election officers" is a measure which provides for their election by the people.

The people of Philadelphia can easily elect Clarence Giblyon to the office of district attorney if they only indicate an inclination to favor the same sort of men for other offices.

Speaker Cannon represents his party, and if he is lax in morals it is because his party prefers people of that sort.

The settlement of the Pressed Steel Car strike didn't last even until the election. The tariff-pampered hogs who control that enterprise couldn't be fair labor even for political purposes.

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Travelling Libraries. There are now 600 traveling libraries at the State's disposal for use through Pennsylvania. A traveling library comprises 50 books, and at present the demand is for fiction, in proportion ten to one of history or biography.

"In time", says the Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin "the citizens of Pennsylvania will recognize the propriety of the Quay statue." Not unless their memory goes to the bad, and posterity neglects ancient history.