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MONUMENT OF GRAFT

So Investigating Commission Finds New State Capitol of Pennsylvania.

ENRICHED AT STATE'S EXPENSE

Were Those Who Benefited by Apparent Collusion Between Architect Huston and Contractor Sanderson—Worst Is Yet to Come, Say Reports.

Harrisburg, Pa.—It has been ascertained that the strongest kind of pressure has been brought to bear upon the members of the capitol investigation commission by interested contractors and others who reaped a golden harvest from the erection and equipment of the new state house, to induce the investigators to drop the inquiry or at least make only a pretense of investigating.

It is also a satisfaction to know that the grafters made not the slightest impression upon the probers. The inquiry will go on, and there is nothing to prevent the stirring up of a scandal the like of which has never been known in this commonwealth. The investigators have gone far enough to realize that. It is believed that the worst phase of the situation is yet to be developed.

Experts in building, architecture, decorating and contracting of various kinds have been employed by the investigating commission and already five rooms in the capitol building are in use by these people and their assistants, and they are a busy lot of people.

Some of the experts was discovered that there was fraud of the worst character in many departments of the capitol that had not even been dreamed of before. This will be shown in due time, and it is altogether likely that the contractors who grew fat at the expense of the state in this way will be compelled to forfeit much of the plunder they have so delicately stolen.

Where the Graft Comes In.

One of these experts who was here the other day and who was an unsuccessful bidder on the furniture was asked by one of the investigators what his firm would be able to furnish a certain mahogany desk for by the quantity.

"About \$75 each for a good-sized order," was the reply.

"Well, would it surprise you if I were to tell you that desk cost the state \$435?"

The expert couldn't find breath to answer the question. But this is only one item. However, it indicates very well the general trend of things in connection with the capitol erection. As a rule the John R. Sanderson Co. of Philadelphia who furnished most of the so-called "trimmings" made about 400 per cent on their work.

The much discussed English interlocking parquet flooring which cost the state something like 90 cents per square foot, may not have been the genuine interlocking flooring at all, and the probability is that the government will have to relay the flooring for the entire building in course of time as the blocks already are becoming loosened and will warp and make a very rough floor in time. Even if it were the genuine English interlocking parquet flooring the state paid about twice as much for it as it should have done.

Proving the Charges.

Just why it was necessary for contractors for certain kinds of work to make their bids direct to Sanderson instead of to the board of public grounds and buildings is not known, but such was the case. It likely will be developed why such was the case.

Thus far the probers have found almost \$2,000,000 overcharges. If it can be proved that much of the furnishings which went into the capitol were sold to the state under false pretense it will be easy enough for the state to recover. With the specifications in hand and with the actual "goods" before them, it will not be difficult to prove the charges.

Before the building can be regarded as anything near adequate for the purpose for which it was erected it will be necessary to put in entirely new lighting, heating and ventilating systems. Architect Huston made a botch of the job. According to Bernard R. Green, the consulting engineer, Huston was more interested in the "artistic effect" than in the mechanical equipment of the building.

Fight on Coal Tax.

There is a bitter fight in progress on the bill to impose a tax of three cents a ton on all anthracite coal and one cent a ton on all bituminous coal mined within the state. This is the same bill that was introduced last session. Both miners and operators are making a fight against the measure. Some large consumers are likewise opposed to it, for after all it is the consumer who has to pay the fiddler. Even should such a bill become a law and the mine owners were compelled to pay the tax, which is regarded as quite a heavy one, they would simply charge that much more for coal. It is also argued that as they would be compelled to advance their prices it would give coal opera-

tors outside of the state an advantage in the market which they should not enjoy.

Farmers are very much interested in the pure meat bill that is now well advanced on the house calendar. The bill provides for the prevention of the sale of meat and meat food products which are unsound and unhealthful and otherwise unfit for human food. The bill provides for the appointment of agents and inspectors to assist in the enforcement of the law. The Grangers of the state are not altogether satisfied, according to "Farmer" William T. Creasy, the Democratic leader of the house, that such a bill would be helpful to Pennsylvania stock raisers. He is inclined to think there is a snake somewhere concealed in the bill, and is giving it close scrutiny to discover if this be true. Dr. Leonard Pearson, the state veterinarian, and his friends, are working hard for the passage of the bill.

Tree Bill Likely to Pass.

The bill introduced by Representative Kleiss of Lycoming to provide for the planting and care of shade trees on highways of townships of the first class, boroughs and cities, was reported from the forestry committee with a favorable recommendation and is likely to pass the house finally.

The measure provides for the appointment of a shade tree commission to consist of three persons in each borough, first-class township and city in the state who shall serve without compensation. They are to be given absolute custody of and power to plant or remove shade trees on any of the public highways. In townships of the first class the appointment of shade tree commissioners is to be made by the township commissioners, in boroughs by the chief burgess and in cities by the mayor. It is provided that in cities where a commission exists for the care of public parks the term and appointment of such commission shall not be changed.

The cost of planting, transplanting or removing any trees in any highway and of suitable guards for their protection, and of removing or replacing of curbing or sidewalks when when necessarily disturbed by the doing of such work shall be borne by the owner of the real estate in front of which such trees are planted. The cost of caring for said trees after having been planted is to be met by a general tax not to exceed one-tenth of a mill.

To Encourage County Fairs.

Well advanced on the house calendar is the bill to authorize county commissioners, for the purpose of encouraging agriculture and the holding of county fairs annually, to pay annually \$2,000 to the incorporated Agriculture Fair association, paying premiums on agriculture exhibits, etc. If the country members want this bill to go through it will be passed.

Legislators are wondering what is to become of the bill introduced in the senate by John W. Crawford of Duquesne, Allegheny county, making it a misdemeanor for officers of corporations to conspire together to influence the votes of their employees at elections. This measure is the outgrowth of a prolonged political warfare in the borough of Duquesne between the Crawfords and the United States Steel corporation. The Crawfords formerly controlled things politically in Duquesne. They own a flourishing bank, among other things, and men employed in the mills used to deposit their wages with the Crawford bank.

When the superintendents and foremen of the steel corporation became prosperous they started a bank and many of the employees are now depositing their money with the new bank. But that is not the worst of it. These superintendents and foremen have been doing things politically to the Crawford faction, and the bill introduced by Senator Crawford is a result of this fight. The bill has been on the postponed third reading calendar of the senate for some time.

1,700 Bills Introduced.

Bills regulating everything from shaving to horseshoeing have been presented, and many of them are now on the calendar of the house and senate. Altogether there have been introduced in the house about 1,200 bills and about 500 in the senate. No more will be received except by unanimous consent. The committees are overloaded and there is enough legislation in its various stages of passage to keep the general assembly employed all summer.

Some over-anxious people are afraid that with the great quantity of bills to be disposed of and owing to the fact that so many of them are for local or special purposes the members will forget to pass the bills that were promised by the Republican state platform. It is true that these platform bills have not made great progress, but this may be explained by the fact that they are all of great importance, affecting as they do some large corporate interests of the state. Naturally these big corporations are putting all the obstacles in the way of these measures that they can.

There is one man at the capitol who is determined that platform pledges shall be kept and that man is Governor Edwin S. Stuart. He has served notice that all party promises must be redeemed. And he said it in such a way that no one could misunderstand him.

Although the local option bill was killed in the house its promoters say the fight will continue and that local option will hereafter be a leading political issue in state campaigns. BAN Q. BARTON.

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PARTITION NOTICE. Elizabeth S. Barrows, Mary W. Barrows, Nancy C. Barrows, Elsie R. Peate, Frank Dallett, Laura A. Dallett, George P. Dallett, James Dallett, heirs at law of Estelina A. Dallett, deceased, plaintiffs, vs. Martha Noyes, Elizabeth Noyes, Hannah V. Noyes, Daisy Noyes, Margaret Noyes, Mrs. J. W. Schnarrs, Edward Noyes and Harriet Noyes, heirs at law of Charles R. Noyes, deceased, Madeline E. Farr, Frank P. Noyes, Maroa H. Noyes, Mrs. Belle Southard, Mrs. George B. Noyes and Mrs. George B. Noyes, co-guardians of the estate of George B. Noyes, deceased, defendants.

YOU are hereby commanded to appear before our Judges at our Court of Common Pleas for the county of Cameron, to be held in Emporium on the 6th day of May next to show cause why you do not hold together with the said plaintiffs and undivided, all those two certain pieces, parcels and tracts of land, lying and being in the Township of Lumber, County of Cameron and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

No. 1.—All of warrant number five thousand four hundred and forty (5440) containing eleven hundred (1100) acres, with the usual allowances, bounded on the north by the Recorder's office Emporium on the 6th day of May next to show cause why you do not hold together with the said plaintiffs and undivided, all those two certain pieces, parcels and tracts of land, lying and being in the Township of Lumber, County of Cameron and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

No. 2.—All of warrant No. five thousand four hundred and forty (5441) bounded on the north by warrant No. 5440; on the east by warrant 5442; on the south by warrant 5461 and on the west by warrant No. 4932. Excepting therefrom and thereout the following piece and parcel of land, described as follows: Beginning at a stump, corner of land of T. Britton and on the north west corner of the tract, thence north eighteen hundred and twenty-five (1825) perches to a post on the warrant line; thence east eleven (11) rods to a hemlock corner; thence south seventy-nine degrees east seventy-eight (78) perches to a post; thence west along line of tract of T. Britton one hundred and sixty (160) rods to the place of beginning, containing one hundred and thirty (130) acres and being a part of warrant No. 5441, and conveyed by F. M. Bingham to John Brooks by deed dated October 30th, 1888, and recorded in the Recorder's office of Cameron county, aforesaid, in Deed Book "C" page 28. ALSO EXCEPTING and reserving therefrom and thereout all that certain piece or parcel of land, situated, lying and being in the Township of Lumber, county of Cameron and state of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, viz: Beginning at a hemlock corner in warrant number five thousand four hundred and forty (5440); thence south twenty (20) degrees east one hundred and thirty (130) rods to the south line of warrant number five thousand four hundred and forty (5440); thence north twenty (20) degrees east two hundred rods to a post corner; thence north twenty (20) degrees west one hundred and sixty (160) rods to a hemlock corner; thence south seventy (70) degrees west two hundred rods to the place of beginning. Containing two hundred acres of land, more or less. Being about one hundred (100) acres in warrant No. 5440 and about one hundred (100) acres in warrant No. 5441. Being the same property which was conveyed by Estelina Dallett and others to John Jacob Schwab by deed dated April 14th, 1889, and recorded September 20th, 1892, in the Recorder's office of Cameron county, aforesaid, in Deed Book "E" page 21; the said John Jacob Schwab, his heirs and assigns having the right and privilege of ingress and egress to and from said land across the lands of the grantees named in said deed from Benjamin Dallett and others over the road as used on the 4th day of April 1889, to the village of Cameron and to the public road at the dwelling house of C. H. Sage, provided that where sales are made of land along the road leading to the house of said Sage, if it shall be found convenient and necessary by the purchaser to make the change in the location of said road, said change shall be made. And being the two tracts of land which were sold by T. B. Lloyd, Trustee appointed by said Court to sell the real estate in partition proceedings wherein James C. Noyes and others were plaintiffs and Helen G. Huntley and others were defendants to No. 14 September Term, 1886, in the said Court, and sold to Estelina Dallett, an undivided one-third interest; W. W. Barrows, an undivided one-third interest, and to Charles E. Noyes, plaintiff G. Noyes, Hannah M. Noyes, Jennie C. Blandin, Mary E. Farr and Frank P. Noyes together an undivided one-third interest, reference being hereunto had will more fully and at large appear.

And to show cause why partition of said lands should not be made between you and said plaintiffs according to the laws and customs of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. And to abide the further order of the Court in the premises. JOHN D. SWOPE, Sheriff. Emporium, Pa., March 18th, 1907. 4-6t

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