

GREAT REFORM RALLY
COURT HOUSE, OCT. 10

EMERY, BLACK, CREASY, BERRY
AND BLANKENBURG WILL BE
AMONG THE SPEAKERS — RETURN TRAIN TO PENNS VALLEY.

A great reform rally in the interest of honest government for the state of Pennsylvania will be held in the Court House, Bellefonte, Wednesday evening, October 10th. The speakers on the occasion will be—

LEWIS EMERY, JR.
JEREMIAH S. BLACK
WILLIAM T. CREASY
WILLIAM H. BERRY
R. BLANKENBURG.

An opportunity, not again to be repeated, will be given those in Centre county who favor reform to see the candidates for state offices and hear them discuss the political questions of the day.

There will be a return train through Penns Valley. All in Penns Valley who desire to attend the rally can go to Bellefonte on any train and return, after the meeting, on a special train which will run as far east as Coburn.

LOCALS.

Brisk frost Monday morning, October 1st.

It will require a skillful hunter not to run up against a trespass notice. Milton Benner is here from Illinois, and for the present is staying with the family of J. W. Mitterling.

Messrs. Peter Smith and Dame Luse, of Centre Hill, and John A. Korman, east of Centre Hall, were callers, and went away from the office armed with trespass notices.

While leading a cow the other day, James Stahl fell and sprained his ankle so badly that he was unable to fill his post with D. A. Boozer, the saddler and liverman.

The marriage of Miles Barger and Miss Pearl Kreitzer, both formerly of Penns Valley, took place recently at Belleville. They will begin house-keeping at Yeagertown where Mr. Barger is employed.

Hugh and Mark Fry, of Pine Grove Mills, left Saturday for Philadelphia where they will enter a University at that place to take a scientific veterinary course. They were accompanied to Philadelphia by their father, Capt. W. H. Fry.

Montgomery & Co. advertise men's furnishings in this issue. They carry at all times a most complete and up-to-date line of clothing—clothing that's fit to wear. When in Bellefonte call to see them; look over their stock and you will be convinced that their clothing is the best for the money.

S. M. Campbell, the Millheim furniture dealer and undertaker, makes his autumn announcement in this issue. Mr. Campbell makes it an aim to handle none but first-class goods, and of course sells these as low as inferior goods are sold by others. Call at his place of business and make an inspection.

It was the hunting season as much as anything else that brought Wallace W. Weaver to his home at Colyer from Leesport, Berks county, and he expects to knock his quota of nimble greys from the tall timbers. Mr. Weaver is a telegraph operator at Leesport, on the Pennsylvania railroad. He learned the business at that point, and is infatuated with the place, his business and the good people of Berks. On his way to his home he spent a short time with a younger brother, Harry Weaver, at Millhall, who is freight clerk and assistant agent at that point on the Pennsy. Both young men are sons of J. A. Weaver of Colyer.

Not every boy can be a rich man or a great man, but every boy can be a gentleman. A boy with gentlemanly manners, who is trusty and honest and does his very best every day, will gain the attention and confidence of men and will be given paying and responsible positions as soon as he is old enough to fill them. Boys like to have fun and a good time. It is right they should. They will never be boys but once, but to have fun is not altogether what they are made for. Boys are of value chiefly to make men, good for something in the world. Character, like a house, must have the right kind of a foundation. The foundation stones of a good character are reverence for God, respect and obedience to parents, deference for old people.

Charles Musser and James Smith, of Yeagertown, were visitors in town on Sunday.

Ellwood Orndorf and Benj. Cohen were in Millheim, Sunday.

Charles Wolfe and wife, of Aaronburg, and Mrs. John Hartman, of Laurelton, spent a day last week at the home of C. D. Motz.

C. D. Motz and E. H. Musser were to Bellefonte last week.

Spring Mills.

T. M. Gramley, last week, attended the sessions of Lutheran Synod, held at Middleburg.

Chas. H. Small and wife, of Rebersburg, were guests at the home of C. E. Zeigler, last Wednesday.

Rev. W. H. Brown, of East Prospect, will preach in the United Evangelical church on Monday evening, October 8th.

C. E. Zeigler made a business trip to Rebersburg on Friday.

LEGISLATURE
WILL PROBE
CAPITOL GRAFT

People's Chance to Find Out Who Grabbed the Millions.

COMMITTEE TO DIG UP FACTS

Election of Honest Government Candidates Will Mean an Investigation by Legislators, Aided by Treasurer Berry and "Farmer" Creasy.

CONSPIRACY TO CHEAT STATE

Payment For Nothing But Bare Walls With the \$4,000,000, and Secret Abstraction of \$8,000,000 More For "Furnishings."

To find out the details and particulars of the enormous amount of graft in the \$12,000,000 or more spent upon the new capitol, which was to be completed for \$4,000,000, and to blazon to the world the names of the machine leaders and their satellites who bagged all of those millions of the taxpayers' money, will be one of the most important duties of the state legislature that is to be elected by the voters of Pennsylvania in November. Of course, the people are already able to have a good start made in this work by the vigilant faithful and industrious State Treasurer William H. Berry, and if the people elect "Farmer" William T. Creasy auditor general, he will take hold of the office next May, and then Mr. Berry will have an able and untiring colleague to co-operate with him in the herculean digging that will be necessary to fully expose the entire colossal steal and bring every guilty man to justice.

But there is no doubt that when the anticipated honest-government majority of the new general assembly shall get down to business, it will be found advisable to have an investigation committee composed of the ablest and most trustworthy men in both houses appointed to act in conjunction with the auditor general and state treasurer in probing to rock bottom of the whole nefarious business. Even at the very best possible showing that may be made for the men responsible for the building and furnishing of the capitol, it is already proved beyond shadow of doubt that if not a dollar too much had been paid for anything connected with the building or its contents the people have been fooled to the tune of about \$8,000,000 or more in the total of what the whole affair was to cost.

Parts of Building Called "Furniture."

The original law for the construction of the capitol specified that it was to be completed for \$4,000,000. Let it be assumed that the department of public grounds and buildings had the legal right, under the outrageous law of 1897 reorganizing it, to draw just as it pleased upon the general fund in the depositories, without any special appropriation, to pile furniture into the old capitol, and the new one, yet many immensely costly things have been put into the present building under the name of "furniture" or "furnishings," which should have been paid out of the \$4,000,000 appropriated to the capitol building commission. Although they are permanent fixtures and actual parts of the building, they have been provided by the permanent department with the millions taken out of the general fund without any other authority than the act of 1895 and the little blank appropriation paragraph regularly inserted in the general appropriation bill. This paragraph, without specifying the amount, simply stated in effect that the auditor general and state treasurer should honor all the requisitions made upon the department in question for furniture for the capitol.

Ever since 1895 the department has been putting in furniture in the manner described, but without attracting much attention, as to the amounts of cost, although sometimes pretty heavy, were, in comparison with what has been done this time, comparatively insignificant, except possibly when the "barracks" put up after the burning of the old capitol was furnished. But in the general appropriation bills of the last two regular sessions, appended to the department's paragraph, was the proviso, inserted by the vigilant Democrats and the few Independent Republicans, that the permission to buy real furniture without limit should not be so construed as to allow the department to help in "completing" the new capitol.

Great Graft Must Be Probed.

See the more than a million dollars' worth of metal filing cases in the numberless rooms of the departments and bureaus, supplied by the Lancaster county politicians constituting the "construction company," of Marietta! Even if those things be pronounced real furniture, how interesting and instructive it will be to have the ins and outs of that immense transaction heralded to the commonwealth by an investigating committee that will really investigate, as it surely will if the voters are not remiss in their duty at the coming election. Then the several millions paid or to be paid to the John H. Sanderson firm, of Philadelphia, for the royal carved mahogany furniture that makes the eyes of the visitors water as they ramble through the marble halls and mahogany-walled rooms, should be a fruitful subject of inquiry. Withal, the fees and commissions of Architect Joseph M. Huston, who entered poli-

tics as the protege of "Dave" Martin, and whose total compensation is estimated at \$50,000, will bear investigation by honest legislators and the financial departments of the state government.

In the same sum of each of the score of department heads, and of each of the chiefs of bureaus into which those departments are divided, the walls are mahogany from floor to ceiling. The mahogany is carved and embellished. These wooden walls are just as irremovable as the bricks or granite, and yet they are not included in the things paid out of the original \$4,000,000. Look from those mahogany walls to the ceilings, frescoed to meet the taste of the sybarites, and all those decorations, like the house and senate gold and green and marble from Africa and other parts of the old world, paid for as "furniture" by the department that was prohibited in the general appropriation bills from helping to "complete" the capitol.

Conspiring to Cheat Commonwealth.

Treasurer Berry has told of the hundreds of thousands of dollars paid for parquetry and other "plank" flooring, not by the building commission that so unfortunately boasted of having kept within the original appropriation, but by the permanent department which denominated the acres of floors as "furniture." And the luxurious framing of the doors and windows. Lawyers say that an investigating committee should make out a case of criminal conspiracy among the men who caused the hundreds of thousands of dollars which those windows and door frames of mahogany, carved, pillared and entablatured, cost, to be paid for out of the general fund, without an appropriation, and under the absurd plea that such things are "furniture or furnishings." It might just as well be claimed that a farmer who had contracted with a builder to give him a "complete dwelling house," should be satisfied upon getting a structure through which the winds would howl for want of frames in which to set the doors and window sashes.

A city or town house is not complete without the gas fixtures. How are the persons moving into that house to see at night? If the capitol were without chandeliers, how could the legislators work at night? When there is no session of either house at night, the halls of the legislature are occupied by the members in performance of their duties. If they went in there and found no chandeliers, how could they work? Would they pronounce the capitol "completed?" Yet a princely fortune has been expended, not by the building commission but by the department of which Governor Pennypacker is, ex-officio, the head, out of the general fund, without any authority other than that for "furniture," to put in the countless imperial chandeliers of solid brass or bronze. The legislators thought that the price of those chandeliers would come out of the original \$4,000,000, but it hasn't.

To make the chandeliers bring the largest possible amount of money to the grafters, they have been bought by the pound, and made solid so as to threaten everything and everybody underneath with their unwonked weight. And look at the innumerable, glittering, cut-glass shades for the lights! They are large enough, many of them, to cover the purposes of a bath, and as these very costly things are to be seen in every corridor and room throughout the great building, the vast expense can be guessed at by anybody familiar with the cost of the finest cut glass. But maybe this is "furniture." Nevertheless the commonwealth has been fooled in it. The McNichol-Martin-Penrose organization had hoped to gain much for the Stuart state ticket by deceiving the people with the false assertion that the capitol was finished in accordance with the stipulation to keep the cost down to \$4,000,000.

Cherished and honorable men of the Republican organization are denouncing the bosses and their henchmen for having thus deceived the people by such deception. It is asked: "How could they have been so stupid as to imagine that they would never be found out in their colossal game, to call it by its mildest name?" When they laid the net to catch the capitol cost three times the \$4,000,000 why did they not begin at once to admit the truth that eventually it would be found that, furnished and all the total cost would be as "Treasurer Berry says, more than \$12,000,000?" If the grafters had taken the public into their confidence and proclaimed that the department of public grounds and buildings would exercise its alleged power to let the committee spend the \$4,000,000 on the bare walls and roof, while the department would spend over and above this about \$8,000,000 for "furnishings," then the people would have planned the repeal of the outrageous law. But by making false the deception until Berry exposed it the machine outfit thus has multiplied its troubles for itself.

Let Mine For the Diggers.

Another vast outlay by the permanent department for portions of the building, and taken from the general fund recently, was the expenditure for the mahogany fire-place furnishings, mantels, etc. These are massive and most elaborate, and are found in innumerable rooms. Where there are no fire-places the "furnishings" have put in the Grecian mahogany pillars, columns and entablatures anyhow. This work is just as much a part of the building as the flooring, the mahogany walls, the window and door frames, etc., but not a cent of the \$4,000,000 which the commissioner boasted of having spent so economically and faithfully went for any of these permanent attachments, fastened to and as much a part of the capitol as is the roof. The wonder is that Governor Pennypacker's department of grounds and buildings, while

so lavishly scooping the cash out of the banks without a special appropriation, forgot to pay for the roof also as "furniture."

Since the furnisher saw fit to partition and furnish 37 rooms in the great "bottle" out of the extra \$8,000,000, it seems queer that they neglected to pay for the carving and other ornamentation of the granite columns out of the surplus in the banks, instead of the original appropriation. This would be just as reasonable and no more of a deliberate fraud upon the people than what has been done out of the general fund, to make the department and bureau rooms hospitable. While awaiting the figures promised by Attorney General Snyder on the millions spent over and above the \$4,000,000, only a rough estimate can be made of how much of the extra \$8,000,000 went for what may be honestly called furniture, and how much for the permanent fixtures or adornments that are absurdly and fraudulently called "furnishings." Something like an equal division of the \$8,000,000 between the two classes of "furnishings" is probably about the right guess.

"Bob" Young Permitted It.

The commission, whose legal adviser has been Robert K. Young, Republican nominee for auditor general, is charged with collusion with the permanent department in imposing this gigantic grafting fraud upon the people. Upon that commission's boast that after "completing" the capitol, it turned a few thousand dollars back into the treasury, the machine, until Berry began turning on the light, hoped to defeat "Farmer" Creasy for auditor general, and eject to that office the lawyer hired by the commission for the ostensible purpose of seeing that the people got their rights. During the years when this immense expenditure of the extra \$8,000,000 has been going on, Candidate Young has not once opened his mouth to let the people know how they were being bamboozled. If the Independent Republicans with whom "Bob" Young once professed to train, can stand for him as auditor general after his amazing delinquency as solicitor for the buncoers in the capitol commission they are clearly not desirous of having in the state's auditing department a fitting co-laborer with State Treasurer Berry.

It remains now to probe this great scandal to the bottom—to ascertain under what warrants of law the board of public grounds and buildings has expended enormous sums for completing the new capitol under cover of supplying "furniture," and one contracting company got all the jobs for the mahogany furniture, and another political concern the metallic filing case graft. This can be accomplished only by the election of an anti-machine legislature and an anti-machine auditor general for State Treasurer Berry, despite all that he has been able to do so far, will admit that he is heavily handicapped by his environment. Only through an appeal that will carry the honest-government tickets to success can there be the long-desired turning on of the light in every department at Harrisburg. The election of the honest, anti-machine legislative candidates is indispensable to the project of preventing the hands of Governor Emery from being tied by the remnant of the McNichol-Martin-Penrose machine, and of pushing the \$12,000,000 capitol probe to the extreme limit.

CRIMINALS HOPE
TO RULE STATE

Boss Mansion Gang Think Clouds Will Roll By and Find Them Restored to Complete Control in Harrisburg.

The boss, Penrose, and his co-leagues, Contractor McNichol and others, whose political future and the continuing of the graft schemes of their machine depend upon the fate of the Stuart state ticket, which they slated from top to bottom, are the same men who governed the last regular session of the state legislature from their throne room in the Boss mansion, on the Susquehanna. These are the men who held up the country legislators' hospital bills and other worthy measures until after it could be seen how the "countrymen" voted on the Philadelphia ripper, the gang's bills for the protection of vice dens and the suppression of the Law and Order Society and the other infamous schemes of the Penrose-McNichol-Durham machine.

If those bosses can pull through their Stuart ticket in the coming election they will stand a good chance of electing a majority of machine legislators also. Surely the voters of Pennsylvania will not expect grapes from thorns nor figs from thistles. They do not believe that those bosses are striving to hold on in politics for the purpose of making amends for the incalculable evils that they have done to the commonwealth. Proof is already seen in Philadelphia in the machine complaints against the workings of the personal registration law; that whenever they think that the clouds have rolled by they will undertake to club the legislature. If they can elect it, into repealing or emasculating the few partial reforms which they have been forced to grant to the people.

The roll-padders' audacious disregard of constitution, law and legislative rules in their criminal falsification of counts, by which at least one bill—the Ehrhardt vice protector—was known to have been fraudulently passed by the house, was further illustrated by a fresh specific case in point.

As Representative John R. Murphy, ex-recorder of Allegheny City, was re-

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