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THE FARMER PAYS THE BILL.

The Philadelphia gangsters and the puppy followers throughout the county want to close the voters' eyes by saying that the Capitol was built with money that did not come from the farmers, laborers, mechanics and widows. The assertion is an untruth. The auditor general's statement shows that more than one-third of all the state's revenues came from sources other than from taxes collected from corporations.

Again, Governor Pennypacker in cutting down the appropriation for the agricultural building did so on the pretext that cash was scarce in the state treasury. He cut down appropriations for a number of charitable institutions on the same score, and at the same time he and his commission were buying furniture by the cubic foot and chandeliers by the pound until \$9,000,000 of the people's money was squandered. And in those nine millions, it is charged, a large per cent. was graft.

The appropriations to the various school districts throughout the rural sections are dwindling away. Why? The eleven millions are appropriated every two years, but in order to have money by the millions to pay out to the gangsters and their friends, every item for educational purposes is charged up against the school appropriation, instead of being taken out of "moneys not otherwise appropriated" as was the custom.

But for the purchasing of chairs by the cubic foot and chandeliers by the pound all the boroughs and townships in Centre county might have received from one to three hundred dollars more for school purposes.

Now who pays for the capitol fringes for trimmings?

Answer: Treasurer Berry in his address in the court house last week truthfully asserted that Centre county's share of the Capitol deal was just \$85,000. Centre county loses that much, because had the money not been squandered for excessive furniture at an excessive price \$85,000 could have been returned to the county treasury.

Would not \$85,000 be a nice sum to add to the school appropriation? But for the Capitol deal it might have been done.

Mr. Farmer, you paid for the State Capitol.

Mr. Farmer, it is your cash that the gangsters steal every time they thrust their hands into the public treasury.

The Bellefonte hospital is well filled with patients at all times. The institution could well have used the appropriation cut off by Governor Pennypacker on the pretense that the state treasury was not in a condition to warrant the full amount. The truth was the governor wanted a large surplus in the treasury so that the \$9,000,000 Huston frills and fringes could be paid without detection. As a consequence of the governor's action the pockets of Huston were lined to the tune of six hundred thousand dollars and the contractors became rich on a single contract. Further the ladies auxiliary to the hospital were obliged to make an extra amount of jellies, preserves; hem more napkins and towels than heretofore.

Pennypacker has suggested that the railroads run cheap excursions to Harrisburg in order that the people may see the four million dollar capitol and its nine million dollar trimmings. That would be fine, but how many of those who would seize the opportunity to view the grandeur of the capitol would have even a proper conception of thirteen millions of dollars, let alone to judge the value of a million dollar chandelier.

Noll or Frybarger, which? If you are against Penrose and the gangsters you will vote for John Noll. If you want to hide the capitol deal you must vote for Frybarger. A Penrose legislature would not dare to expose the crookedness of its master and associates.

So long as the state is under the control of the rotten machines so long will the decent Republican vote for reform. They voted for Berry last fall, and they will vote for Emery in November. Of course they will repeat their actions of last fall once more and again if necessary.

"The Conflict," by Emma Wolf, which is the novelette opening the November number of The Smart Set, is a story remarkably new in plot and treatment. It concerns the two distinct personalities which the heroine, a young married woman, discovers that she possesses.

The frosts of last week were "freezers." Vegetation is very generally bowing its head to Jack, who was a bit late in coming but made himself very much felt when he did come.

EDITORS DECLINE.

Messrs. Ochs and Charles Emory Smith Spill Governor's Pet Plan.

Two of Governor Pennypacker's committee of Philadelphia editors to investigate the new Capitol scandal have declined to serve.

Joseph M. Huston, the favored Philadelphia architect of the Capitol Commission and the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings, who, Pennypacker planned, should attend the investigation to "enlighten" the editors, has also declined to have anything to do with the inquiry.

The committee was to have held its first sitting at Harrisburg Wednesday. The editors who the Governor and Auditor General Snyder invited to investigate the cost of the \$4,000,000 Capitol, with its \$9,000,000 worth of "trimmings," were Charles H. Heustis, of the Philadelphia Inquirer; Charles Emory Smith, Philadelphia Press, and George W. Ochs, Philadelphia Ledger. Heustis is Pennypacker's appointee as Health Officer of Philadelphia, at a salary of \$7100 a year.

Messrs. Ochs and Smith were the editors who declined to serve. Says Mr. Ochs, in his letter to the Governor:

"The questions involved in the Capitol expenditures are too intricate to be revealed by an inspection of the minute books, plans and papers by a committee not clothed with authority to summon and interrogate witnesses, not authorized to administer oaths, unaccompanied by experts and disinterested architects and builders, trained accountants and competent legal counselors.

"Our examination would be necessarily cursory and inexperienced, and to no degree as informing as could readily be made by the duly constituted accounting officers of the State."

Charles Emory Smith said: "Such an unofficial committee as is suggested would be entirely powerless. It would have no authority to summon witnesses; it could not employ experts; it could not test specifications, bids, prices, values or connections. Without this authority its examinations would be worthless.

"If I could render a service which would contribute to the real removal of the apparent stain which rests on the Capitol, I would esteem it a high privilege to do so; but, on the other hand, if the wrong is there, it ought to be probed, exposed and remedied as far as practicable."

With these declinations the governor's pet plan of "investigation" was spoiled. The Philadelphia editors are not easy marks.

LOCALS.

Hay buyers are bidding up choice Timothy hay. That grade is worth \$15 and up.

Potatoes have advanced a trifle, and are now selling for forty-five cents per bushel.

The agent of the Pennsylvania Match Co. of Bellefonte succeeded in buying quite a lot of match timber in the vicinity of Milroy.

Mrs. Mary M. Haines, a resident of Penn township, purchased the property near Aaronsburg formerly owned by A. O. Hosterman, the West Virginia lumberman. The consideration was \$325.

For real down, cold, rough, disagreeable weather a few days during last week was it. Thursday night mercury registered 26 degrees and Friday night twenty-four degrees. That's cold for early October.

Messrs. Seymour, James Winkleblech and Elmer Boob, of Feidler, purchased the hay baler formerly operated by George H. Emerick. Mr. Emerick went to Feidler the beginning of this week to assist the purchasers to operate the machine.

John Bricker, who for the last few years has been in St. Paul, Minnesota, has located at Tyrone where he will be employed in a candy factory. He is a son of Mrs. Laura Bricker who some time ago changed her residence from Boalsburg to Tyrone.

An operation performed at the Bellefonte hospital on Miss Julia Curtin greatly relieved her. She had been suffering from an abscess several weeks previous. Physicians had attempted to treat the abscess without resorting to surgery but failed.

Station Agent James Wagner, of Millinburg, accompanied by his family, came up to Tusseyville last week. Mr. Wagner returned Monday, but the family remained at the home of Mrs. Wagner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fleisher, near Tusseyville.

The district Sunday School Convention to be held at Spring Mills Friday afternoon and evening will undoubtedly be interesting to Sunday school workers. The convention is undenominational, and consequently will have representatives from all schools within the district which embraces Gregg and Potter townships and Centre Hall borough.

AMBROSE DOUTY KILLED.

Struck by a Lath on the Temple—Died in Fourteen Hours.

Wednesday of last week Ambrose Douty received an injury while working on his saw mill, at Grenobles Gap, near Madisonburg, that terminated in his death about fourteen hours later. Mr. Douty had gone to the mill to look after his interests, and while there he concluded to cut a few plastering lath. While making a cut the saw threw back a lath striking Mr. Douty on the temple. He was knocked insensible, and in that condition was taken to his home. Everything possible was done to revive the injured man, but death came the next morning at about seven o'clock.

Mr. Douty was a man of about forty years, and was one of several brothers who follow lumbering. He was married, and his wife and five children survive.

Interment was made Sunday morning at Madisonburg, the funeral services being conducted in the Evangelical church of which the deceased was a member. The funeral was largely attended, due to the manner in which death came, and on account of Mr. Douty being so well known in that locality.

It Was Local Talent.

Robert Hendershot, of Bellefonte, a young man twenty-two years of age, was arrested Friday afternoon, charged with breaking into and robbing Frank P. Blair's jewelry store, an account of which appeared in last week's issue of the Reporter. The arrest was made by Officer William Beizer and the clue which led to the arrest was a simple one. The thief lost a button from his coat while in the act of robbing the store. Hendershot, it seems, was under suspicion, and Officer Beizer noticed him at the fair, wearing a coat the buttons of which matched the button found in Blair's store. There was also a button missing from Hendershot's coat. Hendershot was charged with the crime and it is alleged made a partial confession.

This is not Hendershot's first offense, as he served a year in the first Bloomsburg jail for stealing a watch.

Keith's Theatre.

Many and varied are the attractions at Keith's Chestnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, this week, but the H. Harndin Company easily leads them all. This is the first American engagement of the company, and they are presenting a spectacular electric ballet, "Starlight." "The Gems," five high-class artists, are giving their second and last week's performance. This is also the second and last week of Berzac's ponies and "Maude Heehaw." Others appearing at this high-class vaudeville are: Frank Bush, the "prince of story-tellers"; Delphino and Delmore, clown musical novelty; Lily Seville, English character comedienne; Emerson and Baldwin, comedy jugglers, and a host of others.

Horner Property Sold.

The Horner property, located west of Pine Stump school house in a settlement known as "Black-Hawk," was recently sold by Mrs. William Horner to J. W. Mowery, of Pittsburgh, who already occupies the same. Mr. Mowery is rather a young man, but through some accident became injured so that he is not able to perform much manual labor. The home contains forty-six acres, twenty of which are under cultivation. The price paid was \$1200.

Demented Man Returns.

For several months Samuel Ruhl, son of Jonathan Ruhl, of Tyersville, had been away from home and his whereabouts unknown to his parents. The young man was weak-minded and consequently added grief to grief. Last week he unceremoniously walked up to his brother who was on the streets in Lock Haven. The young man was taken home and when questioned he stated that he had been in southern New York working on a farm.

Who Pays the Bill?

When implicitly telling the people of Pennsylvania that they had no share in paying the cost of the Capitol, the organs of the Machine have attempted to doubly deceive them as to the sources of the State revenues. The Auditor General's report for 1904 (the latest) shows that the taxes other than the taxation of corporations amounted to nearly \$9,500,000 that year, or more than one-third of the total State revenues.

A Car Load of Deer.

Thirty-three live deer arrived in Clearfield Wednesday evening of last week, from Jackson Hole, Wyoming, consigned to William F. Mosser, the well known tanner, at Westover, Clearfield county, who will place them in his beautiful park he owns at the latter place.

The Road Question Argued.

The case of the supervisors of Haines township against the County Commissioners relative to maintaining the condemned turnpike through Penns Valley was argued before Judge Orvis.

W. D. Zerby, representing the firm of Gettig, Bower & Zerby, solicitors for the commissioners, appeared in behalf of the county, and ex-Judge John G. Love represented the petitioners.

The contentions made by the commissioners' attorneys were that the law of 1905 was unconstitutional in that the title was defective; was a special form of legislation, etc., and further that the law did not provide funds for its execution.

Attorney Love argued that the law was constitutional, regular and not special.

The decision now rests with Judge Orvis. The outcome is of great concern to the tax payers in Penns Valley, and more especially the tax payers in Potter, Gregg, Penn and Haines townships through which the condemned pike passes. If the decision is that the law is defective, a long stretch of road will need to be maintained by the tax payers in these townships; if the decision is that the law is regular, the burden will be lifted from the townships mentioned and placed on the county.

Argument is made in some quarters that the law is unjust. The same argument would not be advanced by the same people if the road passed through a different territory. The Centre Reporter was the first to call attention to this law, and it has this to add to what has already been said on the subject:

If the law is regular the people in Penns Valley are entitled to its benefits, and should push its claims regardless of the opinions ventured in other localities. If the law is faulty it rests with the county to show it.

State S. S. Convention.

The Pennsylvania State Sunday School Association met at Gettysburg last week. The meetings were to be held under a canvas tent, but after holding the first session there the College Lutheran and St. James Lutheran churches were resorted to.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Honorary president, John Wamaker; president, H. J. Heintz, Pittsburg; first vice president, Vance McCormick, Harrisburg; second vice president, M. I. Lowe, Columbia; third vice president, W. D. W. English, Pittsburg; recording secretary, D. F. Pomeroy, Troy; treasurer, S. E. Gill, Pittsburg. Uniontown was chosen as the place for holding the next convention.

Delegates to the convention from Centre county were Rev. G. W. McIlroy, T. M. Gramley, of Spring Mills; William Dale, of Pleasant Gap, and Miss McBride, of near Lemont.

LOCALS.

The Reformed church at Zion has been renovated and artistically frescoed.

The Pennsylvania Telephone Company is rebuilding its lines between Old Fort and Millheim.

Dentist W. A. Alexander and sister, Miss Rhoda Alexander, were callers at the Reporter office Monday.

At the real estate sale of John Stoner, at Madisonburg, the house and lot was bid up to \$1100, and the twenty acre tract west of town to \$80 an acre.

Clarence Musser and Miss Viola Tressler, of Penns Cave, were in Centre Hall Saturday, and called at the Reporter office. Mr. Musser is one of the Gregg township school teachers.

Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Hosterman went to Phillipsburg last week returning Tuesday. They were there to visit their son, Prof. John S. Hosterman, principal of the Phillipsburg schools.

Resigning as pastor of the Presbyterian congregation at Somerset, Rev. Ralph Hingsworth, well known in Penns Valley, accepted the pastorate of a Presbyterian congregation in Baltimore.

Tiring of being employed by others, George W. Condo opened a meat market at Jeannette in his own name, and is doing a splendid business. Besides handling fresh meats, he also sells all kinds of canned and prepared meats.

It was with a view of exercising and seeing the grandest valley in Central Pennsylvania that J. Dorsey Hunter, of the Index Book Store, Bellefonte, walked to Centre Hall and back Sunday. "I just feel fine," is the way Mr. Hunter put it on coming from the dining hall of the Centre Hall hotel.

A Bellefonte resident in his eighty-second year—Mr. Wetzel—was noticed, by one of the Reporter's correspondents, picking apples in the orchard on his farm near Bellefonte. By his side was his son, Rev. Frank Wetzel, pastor of the Reformed church at Rebersburg, and it is said the father picked all 'round his son.

THE REFORM RALLY.

Was the Greatest Political Meeting Ever Held in Bellefonte.

Those who attended the Reform Rally in the court house last week will attest that it was the greatest political meeting ever held in Bellefonte. It was great from many points of view. It was the assembling of voters of all political beliefs to lend their influence to wrest Pennsylvania from a set of gangsters and give the second greatest state in the union decent and honest government.

The court house was packed to the four walls, and not at any political gathering in that building since the Hancock campaign in which the Democrats took a part, was anything like the same interest manifested by the audience. The speaking was continued until 10:40, and the last words of Mr. Blankenburg were listened to as attentively and by as many people as the brief address of Col. J. L. Spangler, the chairman, at the opening of the meeting.

The voters went to the Reform Rally to hear the truth; they heard it and received it.

The Reform Rally organized as follows:

Chairman—Col. J. L. Spangler. Vice-Presidents—Maj. James Harris, R. S. Brouse, W. A. Lyon, Hammond Sechler, Dr. Joseph M. Brockerhoff, L. T. Munson, Bellefonte; Geo. McGaffey, John Hoffman, Ed. Jones, Phillipsburg; William Hipple, Burnside twp.; Toner Lucas, Moshannon; Robt. Gilliland, Snow Shoe; P. J. McDonnell, Unionville; Abraham Weber, Howard; Richard Rimer, Eagleville; W. H. Fry, Ferguson twp.; Wm. B. Mingle, Centre Hall; James Runkle, Tusseyville; Emanuel Smith, Potters Mills; John Wieland, Boalsburg; Wm. Pesler, Penn Hall; W. F. Smith, Penn twp.; John J. Orndorf, Woodward; Geo. B. Haines, Rebersburg; F. P. Musser, Millheim; Solomon Peck, John J. McCauley, Walker twp.; I. J. Drees, College twp.; R. M. Foster, State College; W. H. Noll, Pleasant Gap; I. H. Frain, Marion twp.; Michael Shaffer, Potter twp.

Rudolph Blankenburg, the Philadelphiaian, a reformer and life-long Republican, in his address advised his hearers to support George M. Dimeling for State Senator. He stated, in effect, that Mr. Quigley was the representative of the gang and Penrose; that a desperate effort would be made to elect senators of his stripe in order to thwart an honest probe into the capitol deal. If elected, Mr. Quigley would be obliged to serve his masters—Penrose and the gang. On the other hand, Mr. Dimeling is pledged, and of course naturally inclined, to support honest legislation of any kind, and support any measure that will aid in giving the fullest exposure of the rotten methods of the builders and trimmers of the State Capitol.

The speaker also referred to Hon. John Noll as a safe man to return to the lower house of legislature. He had looked into Mr. Noll's record and saw the representative had voted for every measure that was for the people's good, and against every law that had the gang imprint upon it.

Possibly the highest tribute paid to any individual by Mr. Blankenburg was when reference was made to the record of Senator W. C. Heinle while a member in the senate.

Pension for School Teachers.

A desperate effort is being made to secure the passage of a pension bill for school teachers. The bill is in the course of formulation, and soon a campaign in its interest will open. The legislative candidate will hesitate to commit himself on this subject, especially since the pension dollars will be taken from the school appropriation and consequently the school tax will need to be raised just that much. Just on what ground the pedagogue will make his plea for pension is not plain to the average tax payer. Why this class should be preferred over all others can not easily be stated.

The Reporter's columns are open to any one who favors or opposes pensioning school teachers. The only condition is that the name will be printed with the communication.

High School Tuition Paid.

According to an act passed March 16, 1905, school children in a district where no high school is maintained have the privilege of attending any convenient high school outside of the district in which the pupils may live. The only condition imposed upon the pupils is that before entering such high school they submit to and successfully pass an examination held for that purpose.

This law has been taken little or no advantage of by school children, yet it affords all pupils qualified to take high school work an opportunity to gain admission to any convenient high school at the expense of the district of which they are residents.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Pheasants and wild turkeys are being "hunted" since Monday.

Milroy has eight schools now, one being opened since the beginning of the term.

Mrs. C. J. Finkle and daughter, of Spring Mills, were in Centre Hall Monday.

A drive through the country will reveal some fine flocks of turkeys—but may! they'll be high in price.

The mother of Rev. B. R. M. Sheeder, of Aaronsburg, died at Gettysburg, Rev. Sheeder attended the funeral last week.

Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Miller and daughter Margaret, of Bellefonte, are in Missouri and will be absent until the first of next month.

On going to his stable to do his feeding, one morning last week, Edward Zimmerman, of Millheim, found one of his horses dead in the stall.

Rev. J. F. Shultz, pastor of the United Evangelical church at Howard, Sunday evening preached a special sermon to the young people of his congregation.

Engineers have been looking over the proposed electric railroad transverse the southern portion of Centre county. Last week the corps was located in the vicinity of Pine Grove Mills.

In giving an account of the institution of the Mt. Vernon Commandery, Knights Templar, at Sunbury, The Philadelphia Press published a half-tone cut of Rev. Robert O'Boyle, the recorder.

Apples are said to be so plentiful in Sugar Valley that they are going to waste by the hundreds of bushels. One man, Wesley Snyder, of Green Bur, is quoted as having a thousand bushels of the fruit.

A black bear was seen in the narrows north of Millheim, one day last week. Hunters were out on a scout for Mr. Bruin, but the bear shambled away from the creek where it had been seen and all trace of it was lost.

Samuel Harter, one of the substantial citizens of Gregg township, was in town early Monday morning and called at the Reporter office. Mr. Harter must have access to some elixir of life, for surely years are not telling on him.

After staying in Altoona for the greater part of the time during the past two years, Miss Emily Boal left that place to make Philadelphia or Wilmington her home. She left Centre Hall Saturday morning for Philadelphia.

The stork is unusually busy making deliveries at Millheim. The latest presentations were made thus: Two daughters, one each to Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Musser and Mr. and Mrs. Tobias Wetzel, and a son to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Weaver. This the ciconian bird did within a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris B. Hafer, of Chambersburg, are visiting friends in Penns Valley. Mrs. Hafer is a niece of Jonas Royer, of Centre Hill. Part of their time was spent with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Royer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grerer, of near Centre Hall and Mr. and Mrs. John Snively, at Spring Mills.

The money drawer of the Lamar railroad station was rifled the other night, but the only things secured were valueless papers and a counterfeit dollar bill. Entrance to the station was gained by the use of a key. The drawer was carried some distance before broken open. The agent at that place is Jere Altner who made the discovery in the morning.

Centre Hall is in need of a number of dwelling houses. There is not a vacant house or part of a house in town, yet several would be rented right now if they could be had. Lots are cheap, and a modest dwelling could be built without a great outlay of money and rented to return an interest on investment. Who will build dwelling houses?

Are your children attending school regularly? Perhaps it will require some persuasion on the part of the parents to obtain regular attendance, but the parent who neglects this duty will be cursed by his children when they grow older for his neglect. Send the boys and girls to school and encourage them to do their best. An education is the best inheritance.

Among the improvements being made to farm houses near Centre Hall is the placing of a new roof and gable on the dwelling of George H. Emerick. It was intimated that Mr. Emerick contemplated getting off the farm, but from present indications farm life, in a comfortable home, is good enough for him. The carpenters doing the work for Mr. Emerick are Aaron Thomas, Samuel Shoop and Clayton Wagner.