THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1906

[ The following poem, by W. A. Krise, was spoken by Miss Lois Krise at the Arbor day exercises in Jas. B. Strohm's school ]

We used to read a pretty poem Called, "Woodman, spare that tree," Where oft beneath its ample shade

We played with childish glee. But now, alas! that tree is gone, Its stump no shade affords.

The lumberman has cut it down And sawed it into boards.

The lumbermen have spoiled our woods By cutting down our trees, And as the traveler passes by

The stumps are all he sees The whistle of the steam saw mill Still echoes through the vale, Each day its sounds reverberate Far over hill and dale.

The saw mill's days will soon be o'er, The trees will all be cut, And then we'll build with concrete blocks

From palace down to hut. Our state has bought large tracts of land, To save our mountain streams

From drying up in summer time Beneath the sun's hot beams. Now on this A rbor day we meet Each one to plant a tree, That for the future boys and girls

A shelter it will be. Our teacher who is very kind Will take the lead today, And give to every one a chance His little speech to say.

DEATHS

MRS. JOHN BANEY.

Mrs. Elizabeth Baney died at the age of seventy-three years and six days. Death occurred to Brush Valley at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arabella Houtz, who cared for her during the last few months of her life, as well as for her sadly afflicted husband, John Baney She is survived by her husband and four children: Albon, of Port Matilda; David, of Sinking Valley, Blair county; Mrs. Lucy Walters, of Altoona, and Mrs. Clarence Houtz, of near Madisonburg. Three brothers also survive her: Zachariah Hersbberger, of Milesburg; H. H. Hershberger, Esq., of Bellefonte, and Dr. Samuel Hershberger, of Port Matilda; also two sisters, Mrs. John Yearick, of Bellefonte, and Mrs. Mary Lohr, of Pasadena, Cal. Interment was in Zion cemetery. Services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. L. N. Fleck.

M. W. BENNER.

M. W. Benner died on the 22d ult., at Oak Hall, aged fifty-five years and twelve days. Deceased is survived by a wife and five children : Marian, Laura, Harry and Edwin, at home, and Ira Benner, of Houserville; one sister and two brothers : Mrs. W. H. Close, of Oak Hall; Philip, of Houserville, and Harvey, of Rock forge. Cause of death was cancer of the liver. Interment at Meyer's cemetery.

E. R. JONES.

E. R. Jones, a well known citizen of Port Matilda, died at his home aged seventy-two years. For some time he had been suffering from rheumatism, but about two weeks ago he was seized with an attack of hiceoughs which could not be stopped, and which resulted in his death.

MRS, JOHN SCHLAGEL.

Mrs. John Schlagel died at her home at Wolfs Store aged thirty-two years. She leaves to survive her husband and two children. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon, conducted by Rev. F. Wetzel. Interment was made at Aaronsburg.

WILLIAM L. WILSON.

Wm. L. Wilson, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of in Pennsylvania should know of the outrages that had been perpetrated at the state capitol while the freebooters of diseases incident to old age. He was born September 5, 1818, and had resided in Centre county the greater part of his life.

legislators. Yes, I know what you mean, now," replied Mr. Lee. Then followed a discussion about the open

MISS IDA K. YOUNG.

Miss Ida Klinger Young, daughter of Henry Young, of Spring township, died at the Bellefonte hospital Saturupon for appendicitis the Thursday previous. Her age was twenty-six

ELIAS SPANGLER.

At the age of eighty-nine years, nine months and thirteen days, Elias Spangler died at his home in Middleburg. Two brothers survive, one of whom is ex-Sheriff John Spangler, of Centre Hall.

JACOB COOK.

Jacob Cook, aged sixty-three years, brother of ex-Sheriff C. C. Cook, of Howard, died at Marlboro, Md., and was buried at that place.

LOCALS.

Election day : Tuesday, November 6. Sunday school convention at Spring Mills Friday of this week.

Two car loads of cattle and hogs were shipped from Coburn last week. Messrs. J. T. Potter and John Garver recently shipped a car load of potatoes to Pittsburg.

A census of Altoona, just taken, shows that the population is now 65,-000, a gain of 15,000 in two years.

In making up y ur ticket don't forget the jury commissioner. The name is the last on the ticket, but important. Mark on up for J. Adam Hazel.

# EMERY REOPENS

McNichol, Who Won \$5000 on Mar- himself to be for the Auditor Generalshall's Election. Invited to Court.

Incidental to speculation on the outome of Contractor James P. McNichol's challenge for production of proof by Lewis Emery, Jr., that McNichol bought five votes at \$15,000 apiece to elect Marshall speaker of the house in 1901, is the recollection that Mc-Nichol's deep interest in that necessary preliminary to Quay's election as United States Senator, prompted him to bet \$5000 that Marshall would win. In the present woe of the Gangsters over the revelations of new capitol graft, the forcing upon the public of reminiscences of the notoriously large amount of big bribery done in what, up to that time, was "The Gang's" worst legislature, makes the capitol 'furnishers'" burden of worry unbear-

able.

ropos:

But the McNichol controversy naturally recalls that on the eve of the vote on Marshall and Koontz for the speakership, McNichol, while at dinher in the Commonwealth Hotel with and one or two others, offered to make the \$5000 bet with "Archie" Mackrell, of Pittsburg. Mackrell agreed, and went out to consult with "Bill" Flinn, Mackrell soon had the "wherewith," and he and McNichol put the \$10,000 into the hands of Broker Bell as stakeholder. That's all, and it is only interesting now as a reminder of the gating done by an anti-machine legis-"flush" days referred to by Emery in lature, backed up by "Farmer" Creasy his story of the allegation against Mc-Nichol. But the following extract from a published narrative is also ap-

Carnival of Bribery.

From the very hour the session opened, on January 1, 1901, down to the time the gavels fell at final adjournment on June 25, the carnival of fraud, bribery, corruption, debauchery and riotous disregard for the rights of the people was continuous. of the people was continuous

Among incidents to show the desperation of the Gang in efforts to organize both branches, one anti-Machine Republican member from a county ad-joining Philadelphia was offered \$60. 000 if he would go into the "regular" speakership caucus and take the two other anti-Machine members from his county with him. The same sum was paid for three of the Democratic votes recorded for Marshall, but the men who did the voting did not get all the

A member elected as an anti-machine Republican stayed away when the legislature was organized, but turned up to vote for Quay on January 15. He is said to be \$10,000 richer than when he

Lackawanna Republican, after seeming to be a loyal insurgent, and voting against Marshall, east his vote for Quay. He was quoted as a \$5006 onvert to "regularity and majority

A Pittsburg member elected as an insurgent and captured in time to save Marshall, is quoted on the list of bought and sold at \$11,000, and the ex-penses of a Philadelphia intermediary to the Paris Exposition.

A "regular" Republican member from an eastern county sold his vote on the Pittsburg Ripper to both sides, and because the Gang would not buy him wice, refused to vote at all. These few incidents were only among

the preliminaries to the wholesale buyand selling on through the session. "Open and Barefaced," Said Gobin.

The Republican Lieutenant Gover-nor, John P. S. Gobin, always an "or-ganization" man, who personally presided over almost every session of the machine-controlled senate, said in Pittsburg, on September 8, 1901, as quoted in the principal newspapers of the state:

"I am done with politics. That last legislature settled me. It was enough to drive any man out."
"How is that, Governor? I don't quite catch what you mean," asked for-mer Senator J. W. Lee, of Franklin, who was present.

"Why, you've heard about all the stories of bribery and corruption down at Harrisburg," replied the Lieutenant Governor, in a tone that indicated he believed every man, woman and child were in session.

'Oh, you mean the bribery of the

buying of votes of members of the assembly.
"Open," exclaimed General Gobin "I never heard of anything like it Never knew a time when it was so open and barefaced. Why, everybody seemed to know it. day evening. She had been operated talked about it, and pointed out this and that man who had received so much for his vote on this or that bill. The knowledge of it was not confined to the politicians, by any means. Everyone seemed to know and talk about the prices paid and who got them, and neither side seemed to be afraid of the other. Why, even the men who bought the votes talked and laughed about it, and the men who reseived the money talked about it amons themselves.'

Emery says he has nothing to retract, and is ready to give the ale scandal an airing in court. McNichol next to Penrose, is now the chief Philadelphia boss of the Gang Machine.

#### **GANG BEGS TO PROBE**

Wouldn't Trust It to "Farmer" Creasy and Anti-Machine Legislature.

Very appropriately the "Republican" andidate for Auditor General, Robert K. Young, hurried down from Greensburg to the Bellevue-Stratford in Philadelphis, to collaborate with the badly
scared "advisers" of Penrose and Wesvided for in the specifications, have

This reinly packet s ocal d deen carring
for the grounds and building during
the last nine and one-half months with
the annual expenditure of only \$18,ley R. Andrews, upon an "address" begging the public not to defeat Young the unnecessarity huge size and and Stuart or their colleagues on the weight, not to speak of the amazing ticket on account of the State Capitol number, of the \$4-a-pound chandellers. disclosures made by the man whom Consequently it appears that the wires Governor Pennypacker, speaking 'te are not sufficient to carry the needed Auditor General Snyder, contemptuous- current without danger of melting and ly called "that babbler" (Berry). As setting fire to the building. In other

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Young was from first to last the solfcitor paid by the state to keep the Capitol Commission from going wrong, he that are too small and must be torn must have either known all about the out. BRIBERY CASES must have either known all about the unsophisticated "Solicitor" as to be as unfitted for that place as he has proved

But the Penrose-Andrews annex masquerading as the "State Advisory Committee" evidently considered that Young ought to know more than any of them about the plundering, and, therefore, they called him into the conference which drew up the "statement" to the public, asking that no credence be placed in that man, Berry.

Although every well informed citizen in the state knows that the capitol graft is second to nothing among the issues agitating the commonwealth, the 'advisory" statement alleges that "Emery and his colleagues, are turning away from the real issue of the state campaign." Roosevelt is declared to be the issue, although the President would have excused himself from attending the "dedication" of the capitol if he had received the invitation after Berry began to lift the lid. As it was, Roosevelt, in his speech, did not even mention the capitol or make the slightest reference to its existence. The President skipped everything in Pennsylvania affairs from the rise of Quay down Broker Frank F. Bell, of Philadelphia, to the present moment except the ex-

tra session of the legislature. The assinine "advisers" go on to say that the anti-machine men "cannot make the capitol an issue." The "advisers" admit however, that any public robbers found out must be punished, but they don't want to entrust the nunishing to Emery, or to have the investias Auditor General. The "statement," in view of the fact that it would be impossible to have a court's disposal of the graft cases in advance of the election, makes the perfectly safe challenge to Berry that he shall haul the offenders into either the civil or criminal courts, or both. The trouble with the 'advisors" is the fear that the cases may be precored for the courts by honest and fearless officials in Harrisburg after the legislature gets down to all the recipients of the loot.

#### NO INSURANCE IF CAPITOL BURNED

Grafters Strove to Hide Underwriters' Demand For Costly Tearing Out

> of "Extras" Before Adjusting Rate.

Every time the hysterical "Advisory Committee" which is backing Penrose and Andrews "challenges" State Treasurer Berry to take somebody into court, Berry just goes ahead and makes some new exposure of the capi tol graft. While Berry has been thus employed, other probers have dug up things of which he did not seem to be aware. For instance, it now appears that the board of fire underwriters of the middle department have declined to name a premium rate on the new \$13,000,000 palace until many costly changes shall be made in the electrical installation, which has been declared faulty by the insurance inspectors. It is startling enough to hear that at present, and that pending settlement of the existing trouble with the underwriters, if the building burned down the state would be at a dead loss of not only all the millions that may have been honestly put into the gorgeous pile, but also, probably, of most adelphia Senator John M. Scott's wonis hoped to have the grafters convict. had become a law. ed and compelled to disgorge by a

pointed by an honest legislature. voters that the \$2,000,000 chandeliers, lion dollars' worth of chairs, tables, sofas and carpets, etc., are without any conditions which have been condemn include Governor Pennypacker and now an open secret that the gang grafters hoped that at least this feature of the vast scheme of plunder would not be uncovered before November 6. Overwhelmed by the storm of protests which has been raging throughout the state since the disclosures of Berry were first made publie, caution has been counseled lest any steps that might be taken toward adjusting the defects should add to the fury of the tempest. It is strongly intimated in insurance circles that the requisite changes in the electrical system will be very costly-the estimate varying from a quarter of a million to a half million dollars.

Fear Wires Would Melt.

At the general offices of the underwriters, on Walnut street, Philadeltors declined to pass favorably upon on the building has been adjusted. Answers to queries made to men familfar with the electrical work in the capbeen put in the building, on account of

ever they have to disclose will be reserved for the anticipated legislative investigating committee. But they hint at the great loss that this tearing out may mean. As the wires run in conduits through the ceilings, the job of putting in larger wire, if that is what is required, will be enormous. In many places the walls, decorated at great expense, and the cellings, covered with expensive gold leaf, will have to be opened. The heavy chandeliers, many of them weighing tons. may have to be taken down, and the cost of the entire labor involved may therefore be estimated at a staggering figure. Not only would the electrical contractors be called upon to do extra work, but plasterers, decorators, paint-

in the pie which is still to be cut.

words, the cause of the hold-up ap-

pears to be the installation of wires

Men aware of the real facts are very

cautious in talking, and say that what-

While Berry is going on with the analysis of the "overcharges," which he estimates as amounting to half of the \$9,000,000 for "extras," ex-State Treasurer Mathues, as if panic-stricken like the rest of the Penrose outfit. makes an extremely lame effort to explain away the fact that between the time of Berry's election and his taking charge of the treasury, there was such an awful rush of payments of bills to the capitol grafters that settlements aggregating nearly three and a half millions were made with them during that period. Mathues, as treasurer, paid out all that money. The hustling indicated that the gang were afraid that after Berry got in, it would not take him long to find out the graft and call a halt on the payments. It has been shown by recent events that the foresight of the gang was excellent, and yet it is hard to reconcile it with the evident belief prevailing last summer and into September that the cat would not get out of the bag before the election. Perhaps that false sense of security was due in some measure to the fact that Berry, as he admits, was fooled by the "smooth fellows" on the first bill that reached him-the one for the \$90,000 balance on "parquetry," but after that Mr. Berry got "wise."

But Mathues makes a poor fist of it by saying that "Berry is liable to do anything. He lied about the treasury in saying that he found the books in chaos, and therefore nothing that he says now surprises me." Mathues may be half right if he means that the public has already learned so much that it would not be surprised to find out that Berry is too low in his estimate of the total graft.

### QUARTER MILLION TO CARE FOR CAPITOL

That's What the Gang Demanded in Scott Bill to "Employ" 166 Caretakers Under Pennypacker's Board.

President Pennypacker's board of public grounds and buildings appear to be able to take care of the new capitel the luxurious capitol cannot be insured and the grounds; to have the building floors scrubbed, the trees pruned and the squirrels fed all right without the army of employes that would have been, "employed" there (killing time in one another's way) as soon as Stone's commission "finished" its work if Philof the tangible evidence upon which it derful bill of the last regular session

That proposed law would have sadgenuine investigating committee ap died upon the taxpayers a biennial appropriation of \$251,520 for the care of Isn't it a comforting thought to the the capitol and grounds. The scheme was part of the general plot for capitol the \$1,500,000 filing cabinets, the mil- graft. In the light of recent revelations, the Scott bill is now evidence that, while the people were to be kept protection in case of fire? Instead of in the dark, the machine bosses and a taking immediate steps to rectify the few of their legislative servants were deep in the graft plot in the session of ed by the fire underwriters, the build- 1905. Both houses passed the bill, and ing and grounds commissioners, who Governor Pennypacker stated as his reason for vetoing it that it would be Auditor General Snyder, are evidently time enough to pay the squirrel keepwaiting until after the election. It is ers and other caretakers a quarter of a million dollars biennially from the date of the "completion" of the capitol, which, according to Stone, and even according to the \$520,000 architect, Huston, was done early this year.

Let the voter run his eye over the amazing list of all sorts of "chiefs" and "assistants," mechanics, assistant mechanics, cecretaries, electricians, laborers, charmen, charwomen, watchmen, messengers, assistant messengers and what not-a total of 166 persons. Even Pennypacker's veto seemed to admit that when the capitol would be "finished" all those people would be wanted to take care of it. If so, how has it been taken care of without them and without the proposed new law during all the time since the building was "completed?" The date fixed by the building law for "completion" was phia, it is admitted that their inspec- the first day of this year. Indeed, 21 of the new places were to be filled just the completed work, and that no rate after the 1905 session, and yet the superintendent got along without them

during last year. Has Pennypacker's board been caring 600 allowed by existing law? If so, where is the necessity of adding to that amount, as Scott's bill would have done, \$107,160 a year by increasing from 19 to 166 the number of employes under the board thus appointing 147 new employes? In the salaries of tue 19 persons authorized by existing law,

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the Scott bill would have made inbreases amounting to \$2000, Including a \$2000 addition to the superintendent's \$3000 salary

Following are the Scott bill's particlars of the salary increases and of the proposed 147 employes that were to be added to the old force at the beginning of this year:

Salary Increases At Once (1905). 

Total increase at once..... \$2,800

New Places At Once (1905). Assistant superintendent..... \$1,800 Assistant gardener..... Assistant messenger..... Conservatory watchman
Foreman of grounds.
Six caretakers, \$720 each ers, gilders, etc., will also have a finger One carpenter.
Six additional park policemen, 1,250 \$900 each....

Total new places at once.... \$18,800 To Have Been Appointed When New Capitol Was Finished.

For the mechanical plant: Night engineer ... wo assistant engineers, \$1000 each Six firemen, \$900 each..... Electrician Assistant electrician
Two wiremen, \$200 each.... 1,020 1,800 Machinist Machinist's helpers, \$720 each. 1,440 For care and maintenance: Cabinetmaker ..... pholsterer ... Opholsterer
Six mechanics, \$900 each...
Thirty-six guards, \$720 each..
Twelve elevator men, \$900 5,406 10,800 each ... Mistress of charwomen.... Thirty charwomen, \$240 each. Bight charmen, \$720 each. 5,660 female attendants, \$360 each wo male attendants, \$720 each 1,440 Three male telephone operators, \$360 each..... Additional for new capitol .. \$85,560

Total annual addition ...... 107,160. Total annual addition 18,600 \$125,760 Thus to make the biennial appropriation for taking care of the capitol and grounds....\$251,528

Of course, a Pennypacker board that secretly abstracted \$9,000,000 for "extras" on the capitol, may have had its own surreptitious way of spending without warrant of law the quarter of a million called for by the Scott bill. Who knows? Such a transaction would be no more astounding than what has been done.

Now, the thought for the voters is that as Pennypacker would have approved this \$251,520 grab if the capitol had been finished, what better could be expected from another Penrose Goverpor and Gang-owned legislature? The plot of what the Gang has done and of what more it aimed to do, through the Scott bill, is now laid bare. If the people indoree the Gang en November 6, will not the successful candidates consider that they have popular warrant from the polls to go ahead and consummate the stupendous graft?

#### YOUNG EXPOSED AS "FAKE" INDEPENDENT

Buncoed the Insurgente For the Benefit of Old Gang Bosses and Always False to His Professions.

The hitherto unwritten record of Robert K. Young, "Republican" candidate for Auditor General, proves him to have been from the very outset just as much of a "false" Independent as he has been while Solicitor of the Capitol Commission and, later, as one of the four Penrose-Andrews nominees on the state ticket.

In 1895 he was state delegate from Tioga county, uninstructed, having been elected prior to the beginning of the fight to defeat Quay for state chairman. Having posed for several years as a reformer, the anti-Quay people expected his vote. Many of them say that he gave them every reason to believe that he would be with them. When he arrived at Harrisburg he was taken in hand by William A. Stone and carried to a private house where he could not be found. He was vouched for at the Quay caucus that night and the next day voted for "Jack" Robinson, the Quay candidate for chairman of the convention.

The next year, 1896, he was taken up by the Quay managers as a candidate for the legislature and was put through against an avowed anti-Quay candidate. When he turned up in the count of the "76" the Quay people

In 1898 Charles Tubbs was put in the field by the Tioga "insurgents" as a candidate for United States senator against Quay. Stone, then a camildate for Governor, had placed a ticket of state delegates. The "insurgents" brought out an opposition ticket and John Wanamaker went into the country to make speeches.

One dark night Mr. Young induced the anti-Quay state delegates to sign a statement saying that because Stone was a native of Tioga they would vote for him if they were elected, and that they believed Stone could not be controlled by Quay. The "insurgents" were so enraged over this that they refused to vote for the state delegates, and while Quay lost the county by 1000, Stone's slated delegates of the Quay brand were elected.

While Young as a representative was playing as an "insurgent" leader. a plan was formed on Capitol Hill to

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