



# CENTRE HALL, PA., THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1907.

# BASIS FOUND FOR CAPITOL GRAFT SUIT.

Charge in Prosecution to Be Fraud in Failure to Furnish Thermostats-To Be Started By Todd-Whole List of Defendants Not to Be Revealed Until the Inquiry is Completed.

Civil and criminal suits will be written to the Commission offering to brought by Attorney General Todd testify whenever he may be wanted. against those responsible for the State

Children's Pennies.

Capitol scandal. A complete list of those who will be named as defendants It is the child's impulse to buy this, will not be known until the inquiry is that or the other thing if they happen completed. The Commission will to have the pennies for it, more behold no more public sessions until aft- cause they have the few pennies, and er the Legislature adjourns, on May 16. do not really know the value of the

As the Commission cannot finish its them, than because they really want work in time to report to the present what they see. This should be rem-Legislature, as provided in the resolu- edied, not by discouraging the investtion creating that body, the investigat- ment of the pennies, but by pointing ors will send a report to the General out the cheap worthlessness of the Assembly which will simply be an an- things of so little value as to be sold nouncement that the inquiry is in- for a few cents. Encourage them to complete and a request that its time save their pennies for a better article, be extended indefinitely and that it be and teach them to discriminate beauthorized to make its report to Gov- tween the good and the worthless; the ernor Stuart when ready.

The suits will be based on the testi- slot machine instead of into a saving mony showing that the contractor col- bank. A good way to teach this lesson lected from the State for 752 thermo- to a child is to let it, now and then, stats and installed only 363, and on the invest its savings as it pleases, and substitution of domestic for Baccarat point out the weak spots in what has glass and an inferior glass for Tiffany been bought, showing how much favrile. John H. Sanderson & Co., superior an article costing, perhaps, general contractors for the furnishings; but a few cents more would be in that Joseph M. Huston, architect for the one particular. Some children are Building Commission and also the born spendthrifts, and it seems im-Board of Grounds and Buildings, and possible to teach them to save any James H. Shumaker, former Superin- thing. tendent of Grounds and Buildings, are among those involved in the scandal. HARRIS' TESTIMONY GROUND FOR SUIT

The testimony also shows that while the more elaborate of the \$2,000,000 worth of lighting fixtures was to be mercurial gold, the bulk of those in earlier years of the war his terrible Dr. Neff dressed the injury. stalled were merely lacquered, the lat- hammering tactics in the wilderness

testimony to show the padding of bills disappointed, all builded. To none Jacobs. of sub-contractors to the principal con-was he or the country more indebted Monday evening the silver wedding visible.

### INCIDENTS OF 1879.

Local Items Taken from the Centre Reporter of Interest to 1907 Readers. [Note: The spelling of proper names is the same as found in the files of the Reporter.]

September 25-The members of the Cross church, Georges Valley, celebrated the hanging of a new bell in the tower of that church, Saturday, by holding a picnic at which there were five or six hundred people. The bell is a Meneeley pattern, weighs 613 pounds and cost \$176. The Farmers Mills band was in attendance, also the pastor, Rev. W. E. Fischer, and Revs. Whitney, Miller and Wolf.

The general store of Associate Judge Frank, at Rebersburg, was entered by thieves and a number of boots, hats, cloth, etc., were stolen.

October 2-Rebeisburg has a daily mail from Coburn.

Rev. Robinson has resigned as pastor of the Presbyterian charge to accept a call in Juniata county.

The new road from Aaronsburg to Coburn station is open to the public. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wolf celebrated error of dropping their pennies into a

their 25th marriage anniversary Friday of last week. A novel feature was the appearance of the bride and groom, bridesmaid and groomsman dressed in the same garments worn when the couple were joined in holy wedlock. September 25th the great Granger Picnic was held on Nittany Mountain. The attendance was very large, exceeding any gathering in the county. The chairman was George W. Campbell. The speakers were Deputy L. Rhone, Dr. James Caldar, Col. James F. Weaver.

It need take nothing from the luster October 9-James Spangler, of near Potters Mills, while assisting in re- tle was short but terrible, and in a reof General Grant's fame to show that circumstances contributed no small pairing the bridge at Red Mill, had share to the achievements of his doghis foot badly crushed by getting it ged, indomitable character. In the between a piece of timber and a stone.

October 16-On account of a bone ter process costing one-tenth the price campaign, which wore Lee out, would tumor having formed on the left arm of the former. All these fixtures were not have been tolerated by the coun- of Jacob Dinges, that member was supplied to the State at a cost of \$4.85 try. Nor was there an army fit to use amputated above the elbow. The sur- it over Houghten found that his

for so dreadful a campaign. For Grant's geons were Dr. P. Neff, Dr. C. S. Mus-The Commission has brought out success his predecessors, who failed or ser, Dr. Van Valzah and Dr. W. A.

tractor in fitting up the attic at a cost than to General McClellan, whose of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Murray was of \$303,000, which were rendered to the hands forged the weapon Grant at last celebrated. If cupid could always State by Payne and used as a basis of used so effectively. The dedication of make his matches so well, how many

SNAKE SAVES BENEFACTOR'S LIFF.

Remarkable Story of Ophidian Gratitude

Comes out of Mifflin County.

by its efforts to escape. Houghten

Upon looking up the prostrate man

saw the venomous ophidian's head

with horror, but before he could move

a muscle there was a swish through

a large black snake twined itself in the

In an instant the two serpents were

markably short space of time the rat-

tler straightened out and gave up the

ghost. The blacksnake made a feeble

effort to reach Mr. Houghten's side,

but was too weak, and in a few mo-

ments had succumbed to injuries sus-

ophidian preserver was the same snake

coils of the rattler.

be torn to pieces.

injuries.

FARMERS FOR DOG TAX BILL.

Reporter.

Will Urge in Senate Measure Which Gives Fees to Constables

The following snake story comes Representative Wood's bill to profrom Armaugh township, Mifflin vide for the registration and taxation county, and is good enough to retell. of dogs will provide a new source of When Edward Houghten, of that revenue for assessors and constables. place, was preparing late last fall to do The bill passed the House finally last some threshing he discovered a black week, and is now in the Senate. snake coiled about the cylinder of the While the bill excited derision when

machine, the reptile being exhausted it came before the House and was at first defeated, the rural members had found that one spike of the cylinder it reconsidered and passed, and they had passed entirely through the snake's purpose to see that the Senate concurs.

body and was holding it firmly to the The bill provides an annual tax of cylinder. The moment the machine \$2 on male dogs and \$4 on females. press office at Genoa, New York. would start the helpless serpent would Assessors are required to collect this tax, of which they are permitted to re-

Houghten was never in love with a tain 10 per cent. A numbered tag is snake and generally killed them issued by the Live Stock Sanitary whenever he came in contact with Board to be worn by the taxed animal. them, but the helpless condition of The constables must " capture and this one appealed to his sympathies, destroy in a humane manner " any ple are just like the rest of the worldand he liberated it, forgetting the in- dog not wearing a license tag, for which they want to know what's doing. cident and being none the wiser, service 50 cents is to be paid.

thought it had probably died from its The money collected, after payment to the assessors and constables, is to A few days ago he was working at be used to pay "claims for loss or some machinery, and just as a wrench damage to sheep caused by dogs," or slipped from a bolt he was trying to loss on horses, mules, cattle or swine, loosen and threw him to the ground, bitten by mad dogs. he heard the warning buzz of a rattler.

# Transfer of Real Estate.

Wm. T. Buck, et. ux., to Jas. Q. within a few inches of his face and Williams, Jan. 20, 1868; premises in coiled ready to strike. He turned cold Liberty twp. \$950.

T. C. Williams, et. al., to Jas. W. the air from an opposite direction and in Liberty twp. \$1.

John M. Shugart, et. ux., to Robt. twp. \$80.

Chas. W. Hoover to William Stine, April 9, 1907; lot in Philipsburg. \$100, one hundred dollars or more. Mike Deipatka, et. ux., to Mary Wiedrick, April 20, 1907; land in Rush twp. \$350.

land in Taylor twp. \$500.

Chas. F. Cook, exr., to Roy Brandman, March 28, 1907; premises in Bellefonte. \$4000.

John W. Harter, et. ux., to Jas. T. remodeling will be extensive, and will he had befriended six months before. Corman, Dec. 9, 1905 ; 1 acre, 38 perch- include a large manure shed. the marks of the injury being plainly es in Miles twp. \$236.46.

The rattler was three feet six inches John C. Jones, et. ux., to Mrs. Beslong and had twelve rattles and a butsie Heverly, April 10, 1907 ; house and

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

NO. 19.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Good results are being obtained from the curfew law in Bellefonte.

The concrete abutments for the bridge in Millheim are about completed.

Sale of household goods, etc., at the Lutheran parsonage, Centre Hall, Saturday afternoon.

Perry Alters, formerly of this place, recently accepted a position in an ex-

The heirs of Mrs. Mary E. Snook, deceased, have sold the house and lot on Penn street, Millheim, to George B. Stover.

Bellefonte was well represented in Centre Hall Sunday. Bellefonte peo-

If you are in possession of a bit of local news, please impart it to the Reporter. The reader will thank you for it. Give the news to the Reporter.

The mechanics employed in the Crider planing mill, Bellefonte, went out on a strike Wednesday of last week. They made a demand for higher wages.

George H. Stewart, of Shippensburg, has been appointed by the governor to be a manager of the State Industrial Williams, et. al., Sept. 27, 1894 ; # acre Reformatory, at Huntingdon, vice Alexander Port, deceased.

Harry W. Frantz, who about two A. Beck, Feb. 26, 1907 ; lot in Spring years ago bought the Wilson farm at Earlystown, had the misfortune to lose a fine two year old colt, worth

Wm. S. Sellers, of Buffalo Run, is at the Domison Sanitarium, Williamsport, to have the x-ray applied to a Henry Yingling, et. ux., to Chas. A. sore under his nose which his attend-Yingling, Feb. 9, 1907; two tracts of ing physician has diagnosed as cancer. Contractor Aaron Thomas and his force of men began remodeling the Odenkirk farm barn at the Old Fort, owned by W. Frank Bradford. The

> Harry E. Bible, of Altoona, who holds a good position in a large gen-

payment.

former State Treasurer, who was a member of the Board of Grounds and Buildings by virtue of his office, will ings. Harris admitted on the witness nition, but it is coming to him now. stand that the board has wilfully violated the law in not specifying the quantities needed, and also in not complying with the provision which requires that no goods shall be purchased for more than the actual market price.

The reports of the experts, which will be made to the Commission before the public hearings are resumed, will show that the measurements of the parquetry flooring, painting and decorating and other fittings were falsified and that the contractor's profit on the \$2,000,000 metallic furniture contract was 500 per cent.

#### SANDERSON'S PROFIT \$3,500,000.

profits on the \$5,556,785 paid to him hand, from week to week. by the State for the furnishings were Their accuracy was established last John S. Baumgardner, of Cenfre Hill, as can be expected. \$3,500,000

furnishings. Architect Huston was paid a fee of \$180,000 by the Building Commission for designing the \$9,000,-000 furnishings.

tion in his possession.

the Board ; that the building could and patriotic selections. not be duplicated for \$13,000,000 ; that no bill was finally settled until the fore paid.

the Nation's citizen soldiery is a fit- celebrating the silver wedding. ting recognition of that truth that be used as a basis for the civil proceed- Clellan has had to wait for his recog- ed to go to Emporium, Kansas.

Late Recognition,

Tristate Averages in North American. of the game, you want a chance to find ing, the analysis that explains the of a committee and disbanded. victories and defeats.

Except for the metallic furniture, fical compilation paralleled the official tre Hali . . October 6, Charles Year- Houck will be the orator at the comwhich was supplied by the Pennsylva- figures issued by President Carpenter, ick, of Madisonburg, and Miss Jestie mencement exercises of the Bellefonte nia Construction Company, of Mari- one month after The North American C. Lohr, of Gregg township . . . Oc- High School, Wednesday evening,

#### Keith's Theatre.

The great German protean player, and Miss Barbara Albright, both of

All the bills were paid between the first time in Philadelphia, at Keith's Working and Miss Rebecca J. Strong, time of the election of William H. Chestnut Street Theatre. The vehicle both of Centre Hill . . . October 21, Berry as State Treasurer, in November, is a melodrama entitled "A Case of Henry K. Harshberger and Lydia 1905, and his taking office the follow- Arson." In this thrilling play Henri Confer, both of near Centre Hall. ing May, except one of Sanderson's DeVries takes seven distinct parts. for \$108,000 and another of Huston's " Lit le Hip," the trained baby elefor \$104,000 for professional services, phant from the New York Hippo- The Democratic Watchmap of last Berry "held up" these bills, which drome, is a delight for the children. week made this reference to the From were presentes after he uncovered the This is siso the first time in that city case : Two weeks from next Monday, scandal in the last campaign, and will for the Americus Comedy four, who or on May 20th, will be the opening of not pay them unless compelled by the have a surprise in store for the au- the regular term of May court and Courts. Berry is entirely satisfied dience. The Four Londons give a more or less interest centres therein nois was greatly evjoyed by B. D. with the work of the Investigating great casting act; Bailey and Austin because at that term will be heard the Brisbin, who returned the latter part Commission and has placed at its dis- delight with their comedy acrobatic trial of Jacob From for the alleged of last week. While in Chicago, Freeposal his services and all the informa- wonders. Milton's dogs, the Bell-boy marder of Josiah Dale.

trio, the Parisian whirlwind dancers, Former Governor Pennypacker, who Latelle Brothers are all on the bill, given Mr. From in March there have countians, all of whom are apparently was president of the Board until he Here also are to be seen the first mov- been no new developments which prospering. went out of office last January, and ing pictures of the Jamestown expo- have been made public, but because of tracts issued a public statement last tian Gondolier band comes direct from the authorities have been idle or re-

#### Services on Spring Mills Circuit.

article had been measured or weighed, Rev. C. D. Drehr, of Reading, preand Shumaker as to its accuracy be-, the Evangelical Association at these or against any person or persone, but

public is eagerly waiting Pennypack- May 10, 3 p. m. ; Tusseyville, May 11, have made public, some of which will er's explanation of the action of the 8 p. m., and May 13, 10 a. m. ; Linden undoubtedly go a long way toward bills. The Commission has decided May 12, 7:30 p. m. ; Mountain, May of the murder of Mr. Dale. that everybody who has any connec- 13, 8 p. m., German. The quarterly

a statue at Washington to this man more happy homes there would be, almost every bone in its body was The testimony of Frank G. Harris, who made the first great army out of and how golden it would prove in Rev. J. H. Shoemaker, pastor of the

there is honor enough for all. Mc- Aaronsburg Reformed charge, resign-Jerome Moyer, of Miles township,

had the middle finger of one of his hands badly lacerated by being caught You are interested in the Tristate in a cider mill. The finger was am-League. Next to knowing the scores putated to avoid further complications. The Centre Hall band gave their inu' how the men are bitting and field. struments and property into the hands

Married-August 28, Samuel H. The Philadelphia North American Weaver, of Oak Hall, and Miss Liggie carries the complete batting and field- Campbell, of Linden Hall . . , Seping averages on its Tristate page every tember 8, Frederick W. Krumrine and Sunday. These averages are prepared Miss Annie M. Garner, both of near especially for The North American, State College . . . September 10, and it is the only paper which has this Charles A. Sturgis, formerly of Lewis- A sprinkling is said to last for a long festure. You can keep track of your burg, and Miss Bell Musser, of Mill- time. favorities, and settle many an argu- heim . . . August 28, Michael Zeigler, It is estimated that Sanderson's ment by having these figures close at of Walker, and Miss Rebecca C. Gram- gave birth to a still-born child. Her ley, of Rebersburg . . . (No date) condition since has been as favorable

year by the closeness with which the and Miss Francis H. Willow, of Cenetta, Sanderson was contractor for all printed its flual figures for the season. tober 12, J. W. Ferer, of Boalsburg, May 29th. and Mrs. Sarah Weber, of Haines township . . October 5, John Keesigle

Henri DeVries, is appearing for the Potters Mills . . . October 9, Wm. H.

-----The Approaching From Case,

Since the habeas corpus hearing forth every effort to unravel the "community of interest" idea. Your furnished. mystery and bring the murderer to dooryard is visible to your neighbor ; justice, whoever he may be.

as the schedule required, and that siding elder, will hold communion print anything that might predjudice versa; if everybodys is clean, every-Board in approving and paying these Hall, May 12, 2 30 p. m. ; Spring Mills, solving the hitherto puzzling question On his return to Reading he will take

ton. Upon skinning it, he found that lot in Rush twp. \$625. Eliza G. Irvin to Katharine A. Tur-

broken. Mr. Houghten will preserve the \$600. body of the blacksnake in alcohol as a Sarah E. Garis to Homer Decker,

memento of his kindness to the reptile March 7, 1907; premises in Spring and the latter's gratitude in which life twp. \$1500. was the price paid.

LOCALS. The loafer about Centre Hall is a scarce article these days. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bible, of Bellef nte, made a trip to Mt. Carmel and other points along the route. A monument was erected over the grave of George Weaver in the Rebersbu: g cemetery by H. G. Strohmeier. Sunbury will try oil to lay the dust.

It is used successfully in many towns. Mrs. F. P. Geary Sunday morning

John H. Keller is connected, will be held May 18-21.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcellus Sankey, of Potters Mills, were callers at the Reporter office Monday. Mr. Sankey was somewhat vexed because of the backwardness of the weather, but had reason to think he was not the farthest back with his farm work.

port, Orangeville and other points in Illinois he saw many former Centre

his to you. If yours is clean, he likes At this time it would be unfair to it and you like it; if his is clean, vice guest of his sister, Mrs. E. M. Hugett.

with him his mother who for some

J. S. Condo, et. al., to Jennie Yarnell, et. al., July 9, 1907; land in Marion twp. \$1. O. D. Eberts, et. ux., to Jacob Moyer, Nov. 30, 1906; 223 acres in

Worth twp. \$1. Wm. A. Hoy, et. al., to Jeremiah N. containing in all 197 acres, 114 perches Runkle writes that he and Mr. Boyer in Ferguson twp. \$6000.

William T. Vallance, et. ux., to Overseer of the Poor of Spring twp., April 8, 1907 ; premises in Spring twp. fine catch. \$250.

#### Charters Validated.

Governor Stuart signed the bill valiact of 1875 which do not contain the

also striking out the provision as to day. the holding of real estate by aliens. Most of the local churches were

chartered under this act, and measures had been taken to have their charters amended, which will now be unnecessaly.

## Not Deaf Tom.

The description of the men arrested for the tobbery of the Falls Creek post office does not tally with any of the tramps or umbrella menders seen in this neighborhood previous to the cracking of the safe in the Centre Hall post office. The men at Falls Creek were all less than thirty-five years old,

and clean shaven. " Deaf Tom " was not in that gang.

## Blair County Fair.

Blair County Pomona Grange has completed an organization for the purpose of holding a county fair this coming fall. It is the aim of the association to hold a first class fair at Have you resolved to do your part Hollidaysburg, where control of the was a party to all the furnishing con- sition. Gennaro's wonderful Vene- this fact it must not be supposed that by cleaning up a bit around your own fair grounds has been secured and an premises? This is a work in which ample bond guaranteeing the payment Centre Hall post office were under surfall that not a dollar was misspent by Europe and they give grand classic laxing in vigilance. They are putting there is no compensation. It is a of premiums and expenses has been veillance in this city this morning.

# Baller-Kreitzer,

Joseph Bailer and Miss May Kreitevery bill was certified to by Huston services on the Spring Mills circuit of the public mind one way or another, body is happy. Worth trying, isn't it? last week, and expect to go to house zer, both of Reedsville, were married John Knorr, the senior member of keeping at Reedsville. The bride is places : Shrader, May 8, 8 p. m. ; New it can be said that the authorities are the firm of Knorr & Ruth, the Read- formerly from Potter township. The were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. In view of the recent disclosures the Lancaster, May 9, 8 p. m; Hayirg, in possession of more facts than they ing shoe men, was in town Monday groom is employed at the Standard Shutt, in Centre Hall. Mrs. Shreffler and Tuesday, and while here was the Steel Works and makes good money. is the wife of John C. Shreffler, who

Teachers May Get More Pay.

A bill passed the house increasing that everybody who has any connec-tion with the contracts, or knows any-thing about them and is willing to tell, shall be called. Pennypacker has vices. E. E. HANEY. The pension of Henry Miller, of the clivil war, has been increased to \$34 a month. Here is the subtract of the clivil war, has been increased to \$34 a month. Here is the subtract of the subtract

eral store as chief clerk, was home to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas ner, April 24, 1907 ; Stam Bld., Julian, He thinks Altoona is all right. Bible, at Centre Hill, for a few days.

Rev. Theodore S. Faus, who was a former pastor of the Penns Valley M. E. charge, while on his way from Lumber City, Clearfield county, to his new appointment at Elysburg, spent a short time with friends in Centre Hall.

A tale of the good luck of two fishermen comes from Hyner, Clinton county, where Hugh Runkle is en-Hoy, June 5, 1905 ; two tracts of land gaged at the Boyer lumber camp. Mr. captured 132 trout in one day, the same measuring from seven to eighteen inches in length. Surely, that's a

Sunday was a beautiful day, although the air was brisk. There was much pleasure driving and general hubbub, quite contrary to the usual dating the charters of religious and quietness of Sundays in Centre Hall. charitable institutions issued under the There was reason for all this, but the blame can't be placed on the weather Secretary of Internal Affairs Henry provision relative to lay members, and man for having cut out a lovely May

> There must certainly have been growing weather in Oklahoma some time since the break of winter to develop the over two-foot-long alfalfa, a sample of which is displayed in the Reporter window, and sent here by S. J. Krader, of Mountainview Oklahoma. Alfalfa is a a very important crop in the west, and is gradually extending eastward.

> When horse dealers get frightened at the high prices asked for horse flesh in the horse markets, there is no wonder farmers get long-faced or losing a good filly or work horse. D. A. Grove, the Lemont horse buyer, was in Buffalo recently, having gone there to buy a car load of the faithful animals. but on finding the market ruling exceptionally high, he turned his attention to cattle.

> The Lock Haven Daily Democrat of Thursday contained the following : Three suspicious looking characters, who tallied somewhat with the description of the men who robbed the They were followed by several officers to the lumber yard at Hipple's planing mill, where about 8:30 o'clock they boarded a west-bound freight train.

> Mrs. Shreffler, accompanied by her two daughters, and Miss Grace Runkle, of Williamsport, last week will be remembered as having spent his boyhood days in Centre Hall. He is now employed in a silk mill, and is getting along very nicely. He was always an industrious young man, and had the knack of tackling work in a workmanship manner.

The ten days' trip to Northern Illi-

The forty-eighth annual commencement exercises of the Mont Amoena Seminary, Mt. Pleasant, North Carolina, with which institution Rev.