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NO ESCAPE POSSIBLE.

The Republican Candidate for Treasurer Weighed With Both Capitol Scandal and Iniquity of His Sponsors.

What is already known of the extent of the State Capitol plundering has proved so astounding that further exactitude of detail is not likely to greatly increase popular disgust or indignation. It would be a fatuous proceeding on the part of Republican leaders to try to put off further immediate public discovery or the stupendous rascality pending the election of the next State Treasurer.

It has not been completely disclosed who all the rascals are that have profited by the loot of the Treasury, but the extent of the plundering has been closely ascertained and the direct responsibility must rest with the party in complete control of the State government. The Republican party is responsible for its rascals. They were only successful in getting away with their plunder because they were Republicans. Further investigation may uncover participants in the looting whose names are now unknown and unsuspected, but it will not alter or affect the issues of the coming campaign. The Republican party cannot afford to shield any of the State Capitol thieves. It must follow the lead of Governor Stuart and find them out, whoever they are and wherever they are, and punish them.

It is wholly unlikely that either party will fly in the face of public sentiment by putting in nomination for the State Treasuryship a man who does not measure up as nearly as possible to the Berry pattern. The man, this time, will stand for much. But no matter how reputable the Republican candidate may be, he will go before the people weighted not only with the Capitol scandal but with the iniquity of his sponsors, the desperate and disreputable political bosses in control of the Republican Organization, without whose maleficent control there would have been no Capitol plundering.

The Commissioners' Part.

The killing of three persons—Kachic, Auman and Dale, within a very short time during the fall of last year, has been the cause of considerable expense to the county, and the end is not yet.

These three murders, coming in close succession aroused the people, who demanded that an effort be made and no money spared in ferreting out the perpetrators of the crimes. Obedient to the will of the people, the County Commissioners proceeded to do all in their power to discover the criminals, and now that the money is spent and no one convicted is no fault of theirs, and it would be unjust to in any way criticize these county officials for having made the good, honest effort to do just what the taxpayers demanded.

The safety of one's life is worth infinitely more than the dollars spent in the effort to guard it, consequently it was the imperative duty of the commissioners to follow the course pursued, and they should not hesitate to continue until the murderers are discovered and sentence executed.

Smith's Concrete Tie.

Not satisfied with ordinary success in life, Mr. Luther Smith, of Johnstown, known to the readers in Penns Valley, associated himself with S. E. Kimmel, also of Johnstown, and purchased the patent for a concrete railroad tie that promises to solve the tie question. The tie is very simple and easily constructed, and no doubt will be extensively used at least by trolley companies. The base of the tie is concrete and has a top shell of steel with a novel contrivance to clamp the rail fast to it. Mr. Smith exhibited a blue print of the tie in the Reporter office one day last week, and to say the least, he is enthusiastic over being one of the two owners of the patent. This is a "concrete" age, and why should not concrete ties be substituted for wood shipped to the interior of Pennsylvania from the Pacific Coast or the borders of the gulf of Mexico.

Calf at Auction \$10,200.

T. S. Cooper's annual sale of imported Jerseys, held at Linden Grove farm, Cooperburg, this state, in season of prices obtained, was the most sensational sale ever held in the United States, if not in the world.

One hundred head of cattle, including calves, sold for \$93,950. Stockwell, an imported bull, was sold to A. B. Lewis, of Fredericksburg, Va., for \$11,500. This is the highest price ever paid for a bull in this country, if not in the world, at a public auction. A bull calf seven months old was sold to A. M. Bowman, of Salem, Va., for \$10,200. This is the largest sum ever paid for a calf in the world.

Governor Hughes, of New York, vetoed the bill providing equal pay for men and women teachers in New York City schools for the same work.

THAT DOLLAR ROAD TAX.

Can be Collected Only in the Township in Which the Owner Lives.

The road law of 1905 requires the road supervisors of each township to assess the sum of one dollar against each taxable in addition to the mill tax. There has been a great deal of doubt as to whether or not this tax can be levied against one who owns a property in a township, but who does not live there. Some townships have levied and collected this tax from non-residents and others have not.

Judge Walling, of Erie county, in a case held that the tax cannot be collected from non-residents. This decision is of great interest to persons who own farms in more than one township and if followed in this county will relieve them from the payment of the one dollar tax under this decision.

While this case was brought and a decision rendered on June 4, 1906, its publication in the advance sheets of the Districts Reports did not occur until May 7.

In the last issue in May of 1906, the Reporter argued the per capita road tax question, the subject having been raised by Prothonotary W. F. Smith, of Penn township, who wrote to Commissioner of Roads Joseph B. Hunter. Mr. Hunter in his letter to Mr. Smith, and published at that time, stated: "A taxpayer who pays a road tax in more than one township is liable to the \$1.00 tax in each township."

The Reporter argued that the additional dollar was laid against the person and not the thing taxed, and contended further that if Mr. Hunter's opinion was correct, road supervisors could lay a tax against each tract of land held, as the word TAXABLE embraces either a person or a thing subject to tax.

The Erie county judge decided that the additional dollar was laid against the person and not the thing, and that tax could not be laid against the person in a township, borough or city in which he did not live.

The Erie county judge and the Reporter agree. With the Reporter it was a matter of argument based on facts, but the judge decided the point of law.

LOCALS.

The "pink label" this week.

The new school year—1907-1908—began Monday.

The second annual reunion of the Mensch families will be held near Millburg, Thursday, June 6.

Prof. C. D. Koch and John S. Hosterman Monday opened a summer normal school in Philipsburg.

After assisting her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, who had broken both her wrists, to conduct her house, in Millheim, during the past six or more weeks, Mrs. Peter Reierick returned to her home in Altoona.

The uprising of revolutionists in the section of China in which Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Keene are located gives cause for alarm for the welfare of the missionary workers. Mrs. Keene, it will be remembered, is the eldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Fischer, of Shamokin, and was born and reared in Centre Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Barner, of near Salona, attended the memorial services at Centre Hall. The Reporter regrets to state that their daughter, Miss Mary, has been in the Lock Haven hospital during the past few weeks, and at times has been in a very critical condition. She underwent an operation for some internal derangement about two weeks ago.

C. G. Furst, Esq., executor of the late Rev. Joseph Nesbit estate, sold the farm in Lamar township, Clinton county, known as the Fleming-McCormick homestead, containing 180 acres, to Samuel H. Shoemaker for \$6050. This farm is one of the finest mountain side farms in Nittany Valley. Mr. Shoemaker owns and occupies a farm adjoining.

The members of the United Evangelical church of Millheim are making preparations to repair their church on an extensive scale, according to the Journal. A new steel ceiling will be put in and a new heating plant installed. The ceiling of the auditorium as it now is, is too high to properly heat it and the new ceiling will be placed lower than the old one.

In order to give his porkers the best possible quarters, W. B. Mingle, Esq., laid a concrete floor in his pig pen and constructed a trough of the same material. Besides making a permanent pen, the use of concrete also brings the pig sty as nearly within sanitary regulations as is possible. Unlike many people, hogs will keep themselves clean if given an opportunity to do so, and Mr. Mingle has constructed a pen that will tempt the grunter to divide it by imaginary lines into parlor, sitting room, dining room, kitchen and the necessary outbuildings.

GIVE ANDY MOYER A SQUARE DEAL.

Intimations That He May Be Arrested for the Murder of Josiah C. Dale.

Give Andy Moyer a square deal. That is what the Reporter asks for a man of limited knowledge; a man who would rather be poor than gather wealth by the aid of a dark lantern, raiding of hen coops, corn cribs, etc.; a man who will not venture to intimidate witnesses by threats of violence and arson; a man in poverty—without means to fee attorneys or purchase his liberty, even if offered him at a bargain figure.

The murderer of Mr. Dale should be hunted down and punished. There is no intention here to shield any one, but, on the other hand, there should be no accusations made against Andy Moyer in advance of official action simply because he is incapable of defending himself. If he were a man of means or had the support of friends possessing means and influence, newspapers would not dare to print what has already appeared in cold type, when there is nothing to back up the assertions except speculative conclusions.

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Twp. School Board Meets.

The Potter township school board met in the Penns Valley Banking building, Monday, settled up its old business and reorganized. The officers are: M. F. Rossman, president; D. K. Keller, secretary; W. R. Neff, treasurer; the other members being John A. Heckman, A. J. Weaver and W. W. McCormick. The personnel of the board is the same as last year. The tax rate was not decided upon, but it was agreed that the rate would have to be raised materially over the heretofore four mills. There are \$273.40 in the treasury, against something over one thousand dollars on hand at the beginning of the last school year.

A question agitating both the school board and taxpayers is whether or not all the schools shall be reopened. A delegation from the Locust Grove School district, in which district the scholars last year attended school in other districts, were on hand to reopen the school.

It is a difficult matter for school boards to fix the tax rate this year, as the amount of appropriation, although increased by two millions for the year, is an unknown quantity.

Centre Counties Will Hold Basket Picnic.

The Centre County Association of Philadelphia will hold their fourth annual Basket Picnic at Belmont Mansion, Fairmont Park, Saturday afternoon, June 22nd, during the hours of 2:30 to 7 o'clock. Luncheon from five to six o'clock. The committee of arrangements are putting forth every effort to make this the largest and most enjoyable gathering of any previously held.

Rev. L. K. Evans, D. D., of Pottstown, a former Centre countyman, has kindly consented to make an address on "Centre County." Short addresses will also be made by the President, Dr. Roland O. Curtin, Rev. Harkinson and other prominent members of the Association. Persons having relatives or friends living in Philadelphia will greatly aid the committee by informing their friends of the picnic or by sending their names and addresses to the Secretary, Forrest N. Magee, Esq., 1329 Land Title Building, Philadelphia, who will mail invitations to all such whose names are not already recorded. It is desired that all be present as early in the afternoon as possible, as the addresses will be given before luncheon hour.

Missionary Conference at Hartleton.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Northern Conference of Central Pennsylvania Lutheran Synod convened in the Lutheran church at Hartleton Wednesday evening and closes this (Thursday) evening. There are twenty-six missionary societies in the Conference, which embraces the counties of Union, Clinton and Centre.

Off to the Pen.

John Ammerman Jr., George Walk, Hugh Carson and George Merriman were taken to the Western Penitentiary Friday morning to serve out the sentence imposed by Judge Orvis at the last term of court. They were escorted to Allegheny by Sheriff Henry Kline, William Royer and John Love.

Adjourned to Meet in Indiana.

The General Synod of the Lutheran church of America in session at Sunbury adjourned on the 30th ult. The Synod accepted the invitation of St. Paul's church, Richmond, Indiana, as the place for their next meeting.

Mission Band Supper.

The Mission Band connected with the United Evangelical church will give a chicken and waffle supper July 4th, in the Grange Arcadia.

MEMORIAL DAY.

How the Day was Observed in Centre Hall—Soldiers, Eagles and Children Participate.

As though cut out to fit the occasion, Memorial Day was the most pleasant day in the month of May. The exercises at Centre Hall were especially interesting. The veterans of the sixties, the Golden Eagles and the children formed a line of march at the Evangelical church and proceeded to the cemetery. When the mounds of the dead soldiers were reached, a number of selected flower girls, led by veterans, decorated them, after which a chorus of children, drilled by Prof. P. H. Meyer, sang several patriotic songs. Prayer was offered by Rev. Daniel Green.

The speaker of the occasion, Dr. James W. Boal, was introduced by ex-Sheriff Brungart. Dr. Boal's address was largely historical, and consequently was interesting and instructive.

The children, boys and girls, especially enjoyed the services this year, for it was the first time in the life of any of them that they participated in the exercises.

The exercises were brought to a close with prayer by Rev. J. R. Sechrist.

There was the usual good attendance on this occasion, and many commitments were paid the cemetery association and individuals for keeping the final resting place of the dead in such a tidy condition.

Appended is a brief extract of the address of Dr. Boal:

This is Memorial Day and as such constitutes a signal landmark in our national history. That was a wise, farseeing act that set apart the thirtieth day of May as a memorial to those who went forth to defend the principles of our government in the hour of its peril. This day is the fitting expression of a force that was working in the hearts and minds of the truest and most appreciative of those who live under our flag and enjoy the blessing secured when that banner was unfurled.

What means this gathering of children with their flowers and their songs? What mean these wreaths, these crosses, these crowns placed with loving hands on certain graves? It is the recognition of, and the expression of gratitude for the services of those who offered their lives that our Republic might live. This day lifts us up, enlarges our vision and enables us to discern more clearly the worth of the legacy bequeathed, as well as the grand possibilities that lie before us. Bear in mind that these men who went to the front went not only for the preservation of our union, but in defense of a principle of liberty which had been struggling for centuries for recognition, and to help solve a problem which had baffled the ages.

The speaker then showed the wide chasm that existed between the ruling classes and the teeming masses in the vast empires of the east as well as those on the continent of Europe. He traced the closing of that chasm—the advance of liberty, from the Saxons in the forests of Germany, through the British Isles, where it reached its wonderful proportions. But it was for the American continent to realize the ideal. Our government was conceived in liberty, the equality of each before the law was inscribed on its cornerstone. The foundation being laid in freedom, the structure reared upon it must match the foundation, or our Declaration was not true. But the government was established, noble indeed, but with one supreme blunder: It was not all free.

He then traced rapidly and noted some signal events in our history, till the great crisis of "Sixty-one." Then was witnessed one of the most impressive scenes in all history. Men rushed to the front, offering their all; women their bravest and best. Then did patriotism appear in the glory of its power, in the depth of its pathos, in the vastness of its scope and in the sublimity of its aim. There was struggle then. Not courage against cowardice, strength against weakness, but force worthy of each others steel. Noble men we owe you much! Accept what we try to express in words, what we lay on the tomb, while we rejoice with you in unusual peace throughout our borders.

The Doctor concluded with a plea for the integrity of the ballot and for the support of competent and true men for our offices of trust, and quoted a stanza from the poem on the ballot box:

"A weapon that comes down as still
As snowflakes fall upon the sod;
But executes a freeman's will
As lightning does the will of God;
And from its force, nor doors, nor locks
Can shield you: 'Tis the ballot box."

To Build New Church.

The building committee of the State College Lutheran church has awarded the contract for woodwork of the new church to T. F. Kennedy.

Bullet Times Calf.

Farmer George H. Emerick had an experience with a six months' old calf last week that will do to relate. A short time ago he turned several calves from his barn to pasture, and after being in the woods a few weeks the animals broke into a neighbor's lot. They were discovered there by Mrs. Emerick and her daughter, Miss Verna, who hastened to turn them back into the woods, when one of the young critters got mad and rushed at the young girl, knocking her over. The two ladies went to the house and notified Mr. Emerick of what had happened. Angered at what had happened, he shouldered his rifle and went in pursuit of the animal. Upon reaching the battle ground he suggested to Neighbor Zellers that he could have the calf if he would capture it, but Mr. Zellers offered to assist the owner to recover his property. The calf, however, was in no mood to be subdued, and made a lunge at Mr. Zellers, and about that time Mr. Emerick drew a bead on the obstreperous beast, fired. When the smoke cleared away "calfy" was down and two-thirds out, the bullet having entered its cheek, but did not strike a vital spot.

The now meek animal was taken back to the barn, where with nursing it will no doubt recover, and become a wiser brute.

Transfer of Real Estate.

James G. Adams to Emma J. Stover, May 17, 1907; land in Miles twp. \$1.

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James G. Adams to Florence A. Stover May 17, 1907; land in Miles twp. \$1.

James G. Adams to Chas. Schreckengast, May 17, 1907; land in Miles twp. \$1.

Lydia Stover's heirs to James G. Adams, May 16, 1907; 4 tracts in Miles twp. \$1.

Sarah M. Walk, et. al., to Wm. H. Walk, March 20, 1907; 50a in Taylor twp. \$200.

John L. Heckman to Mary Vonada, May 23, 1907; ½ interest in Walker twp. \$1.

Mary R. Beck to American Lime & Stone Co., May 11, 1907; 87a 89p in Marion twp. \$2700.

Wm. P. Humes, et. al., to Bellefonte Electric Co., May 16, 1907; lot in Bellefonte. \$700.

Wm. M. Allison, trustee of J. R. Bible, to J. F. Royer, Nov. 20, 1906; 70a in Potter twp. \$1500.

Keith's Theatre.

This week at Keith's Chestnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, signals the return to vaudeville of America's favorite comedian, Henry E. Dixey, presenting a great sketch of 17th century life. Searl & Violet Allen Company are seen in their own original farce, "The Travelling Man," and the Thos. J. Ryan Richfield Company are giving Will Cressy's comedy, "Mag Haggarty's Reception." A sprightly and dainty girl-act in vaudeville is the Six English Rockers, saucy soubrettes in songs and dances with a topsy-turvy finish. The great Zingari troupe is presenting an operatic novelty "Gypsy Life." This is also the week of the return of the wit Jack Norworth. Especially pleasing and timely is Joseph Hart's Futurity Winner. A thrilling race of real thoroughbreds over a mimic course.

To Raise Teacher's Pay at Once.

The Snyder bill provides that \$40 a month shall be the minimum salary to be paid teachers holding provisional certificates, and \$50 the minimum where a teacher holds a normal school certificate and has had two years' experience. This bill requires that districts to share in the increase shall file a report with the Department of Public Instruction before October 1, 1907, and annually thereafter, so that the State can give the increased appropriation. The law became effective June 1st.

That Shell.

The shell found near the Dale barn, on Nittany Mountain, may or may not have been the one that contained the charge that killed Josiah C. Dale, November 12th. At least it was an innocent looking shell, and lay in the Reporter office from within a few days after it was found until a short time before the May term of court. When the authorities learn all there is known about the finding of the shell, some of the importance of the incident may disappear.

Sports! Sports! Sports!

If you are interested in sports, no matter of what nature, subscribe for the Philadelphia Press. It contains daily and Sunday all the latest news and gossip of the sporting world and is a recognized authority. Read the Press and be posted!

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The "pink label" appears this week. Take a good, long look at it.

The first uniform primary election was more than damp—it was wet.

The members of Trinity Lutheran congregation in Juniata are planning to dedicate their beautiful new church on June 15.

The state road to be built between Bellefonte and Milesburg will cost \$10,425. The contract was let to R. B. Taylor & Co., Bellefonte.

The residents of Millheim are highly pleased with the appearance of the new bridge erected in the borough. The structure is about completed.

On and after July first the name of the postoffice at Roland will be changed to Curtin, to correspond with the name of the railroad station at that place.

E. L. Brown will in the near future move his portable sawmill from Aaronsburg to the old Swartz sawmill site, south of Millheim. The William Kreamer timber, nearby, will be converted into lumber.

Owing to some misunderstanding Rev. B. F. Beiber, of Milton, failed to fill the appointments last Sunday at Georges Valley, Union and Spring Mills, much to the disappointment of the members of the various congregations.

William Hess, of Philipsburg, but who is well known throughout the entire western end of the county, as he is a native of Ferguson township, suffered a second stroke of paralysis, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ida Rothrock.

As Charles A. Fisher and George Stahl were driving a steam well-digger in the vicinity of Kratzerville, Snyder county, last Friday, both became thirsty. They alighted to get a drink from a spring, and had not gone forty feet when the boiler exploded. Both men escaped unharmed.

Mrs. Crittenden, of Bellefonte, while taking care of her sick daughter, Mrs. Burns Crider, fell from the top of a stairway to the floor below, receiving a severe laceration on the head and bruises on other parts of her body. Dr. Seibert quickly responded to the call and dressed her wounds.

Snyder county does not elect a single county officer this year, something that has not happened before in forty years, says The Selingsrove Tribune. Next year, however, there will be candidates galore, Congressman, Senator, Assemblyman, Commissioners, Sheriff, Treasurer, Auditors and County Surveyor.

Dr. G. W. Simpson, of Mill Creek, Huntingdon county, while excavating for a cellar underneath a part of his house, which occupies the site of an old fort of the Indian days, discovered a spring of pure water with a flow of 100 gallons per hour, which had been carefully covered up with heavy stones by the pioneer settlers.

Mrs. Eliza Stump, last week, went to the western part of the state to visit friends, and while there was most kindly entertained by Mrs. Susan Koch and son S. T. Koch, at Darragh; Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Condo, and many others formerly from this place. This was Mrs. Stump's first trip to that section, and it was a most enjoyable one.

"Better than ever," was the response of S. L. Condo, of Spring Mills, to the question, "how is the buggy business with you?" He had made a trip up this way to deliver a buggy to A. C. Ripka, at Centre Hill, and, of course, called at the Reporter office to make the pink label on his paper this week correspond to the prosperity he is enjoying.

Mrs. Esther Harris, the oldest woman in Fayette county, celebrated her one hundred and second birthday at her home in Uniontown one day last week. She enjoys good health and a remarkable memory, recalling scenes of the War of 1812, when soldiers marched past her father's house en route to Pittsburg. She has one son and eight grandchildren.

C. E. Zeigler and R. A. Coldren, of Spring Mills, were callers at the Reporter office Monday morning. The former was on his way to the western part of the county to deliver a piano, and the latter was on his regular route gathering up cream for the Spring Mills creamery. Both were in the best of spirits and all because business was good in their lines of trade.

When the pelt from the wolf killed in Blair county, a short time ago, was sent to the Carnegie Institute it was discovered that it bore the marks "W. L. M." on the inside of the right forearm. The conclusion is that the wolf was one of two male cubs that escaped at the time the Main circus was wrecked near Tyrone more than a dozen years ago. The other cub was previously killed near Houtdale,