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SCANDALS

HANG FIRE

Little Progress Toward Clearing Up Any of Them

SESSION HAD FEW RESULTS

Panama Treaty—Cuban Bill and Appropriations Cover the Work of Congress—Smoot and Swayne to Go Over

With the adjournment of Congress just a week off the question that most agitates official circles is what is to be done with the various scandals that have been stirred up during the session. Few sessions have been so prolific of sensational charges and disclosures of malfeasance in office as the one now drawing to a close yet with the exception of the conviction of Senator Burton and the Machen crowd, there has been little progress toward the punishing of the guilty parties. There have been one or two convictions of persons in obscure positions, who have been offered as propitiatory sacrifices to the wrathful deity of public opinion. But the average citizen, even of the National Capital, cannot recall the names of the victims, so unimportant have they been. Machen and the Groffs were convicted on a single indictment in connection with the postal scandals, but they are still enjoying their liberties, being out on bail pending an appeal. A score of other indictments hang over Machen. His chief contemporary in the postal frauds, Beavers, has not been placed on trial yet. But even if these two had been sent to prison for long terms it would be a small circumstance as compared to the carnival of graft there was in the postoffice department. According to the official estimates, the Government has been cheated out of something like \$3,200,000 by the postal frauds. The same estimates attribute to Machen and Beavers' ill-gotten gains to the amount of about \$50,000. Putting Machen and Beavers in prison will leave a theft of \$3,150,000 to be avenged. Machen and Beavers are the small end of the graft machine after all.

BRISTOW A SCAPEGOAT.

The Bristow report which named certain members of Congress as having profited by the violations of the law in the postoffice department has been officially discredited. The McCall committee appointed to investigate the report, made a counter finding which declared that no member of the House of Representatives was guilty of wrong doing. The investigators were not content to exonerate the suspected congressmen, but they made Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow the scapegoat of the scandal. Mr. Bristow was in charge of the investigation of the postal frauds, and the special report to the House of Representatives was signed with his name. Yet he was sick in bed during the time it was prepared. Moreover, the first draft did not contain the names of any Representatives or Senators. Chairman Overstreet of the Committee on Postoffices sent the report back to the investigators, with instructions that the report be made specific in the matter of names. Mr. Bristow had a list of such which he kept for his own protection. These were attached to the report, and it was sent back to the House. It was this that created such a furor. A special committee was appointed. It did its work well. Every congressman is given a certificate of probity, and Bristow is declared to be the villain.

Outside the postoffice scandal which was the big sensation of the session, there are numerous smaller ones. There are the Indian land frauds and the Western land frauds. There is the Littauer glove scandal. There is Senator Deltrich's personal postoffice scandal, and there is Senator Burton, under sentence of six months in prison, yet holding his seat in the Senate, pending his appeal. The Smoot inquiry is in the nature of a scandal which is being smothered, and the Swayne impeachment is being held up for much the same reason that the Mormon polygamy case is not being pushed. In the meantime Congress is spending its time exclusively on appropriation bills. With the exception of the Cuban Reciprocity law, to consider which Congress was called in extra session, and the passing of the Panama treaty by the Senate, this Congress has done absolutely nothing to date but spend money.

Hints to Fishermen.

No game fish can be legally taken except by rod, hook and line. Size of trout that may legally be taken is six inches. But fifty brook trout can be legally taken in one day. It is illegal to buy, sell or offer for sale any brook trout. Trout caught in an illegal manner must be released alive.

PASTOR HOLDS PARSONAGE.

As security for a debt of \$160, which he says the Methodist Episcopal Church of Lewisburg, Pa., owes him on back salary, the Rev. R. H. Colburn, former pastor, is holding the parsonage, and says he will continue to occupy it until the account is liquidated.

So far all efforts to dislodge Pastor Colburn have been unsuccessful, and his successor has been compelled to take his family to temporary quarters at a hotel. Recently Mr. Colburn was relieved of his pastorate there and assigned to Mill Hall, Centre county. He has assumed his new duties, but is holding the old parsonage. The trustees of the church have notified him to vacate at once, but they themselves admit that he can hold the place three months if he chooses. The congregation is one of the wealthiest in Lewisburg, the church property alone being valued at \$125,000, being the famous Beaver Memorial church.

WEDDINGS.

JACKSON SHUEY.—Clyde W. Jackson and Miss Sarah Shuey, both of State College, were married Wednesday evening, April 14th, by Rev. Heckman.

A quiet but pretty wedding took place in Burnside twp., on Saturday evening, April 16th, when Frank Polinshz and Julia Kapish, both of Moshannon, were married by T. D. Weaver, Esq.

ZIMMERMAN MARKLEY.—Wednesday evening, 13th at Scotia Lyman E. Zimmerman, of Milesburg, and Miss Sadie Markley, of Scotia, were married by Rev. Capp, of Benore. They were tendered a reception at the groom's home at Milesburg on Tuesday night.

MARRIED.—at the Baptist parsonage, Milesburg, on Wednesday, April 13th, Edward Flick and Miss Maggie Moore were united in marriage by pastor A. C. Lathrop. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Flick. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Moore.

BRIGGS LONGWELL.—James Briggs and Miss Rae Longwell, both of Bellefonte, were married Wednesday evening, 13th, in the Lutheran parsonage at Pine Grove Mills by the Rev. Aikens. The couple will go to housekeeping near Lemont where Mr. Briggs is employed by Geo. Mitchell.

ADJOINING COUNTIES.

The Bloomsburg river bridge is now the only bridge within ninety-six miles.

The Keller Business College, Lewisburg, is being reorganized by Prof. Thomas J. Martin.

James Scarlet, Esq., of Danville, is likely to be the Republican nominee for Congress, from that district.

Rev. Dr. Hasskari, the new pastor of the Lutheran church of Loganton, is certainly well supplied with books. His library consists of over three thousand volumes weighing over 8000 pounds.

Dale Patton, a desperado, who has terrified residences of Big Valley Millin county, for several years, was sentenced to four and one-half years in the Western Penitentiary. When sentence was pronounced by Judge Woods Patton broke down and cried like a child.

A lass in Clay township, Huntingdon county, named Ada Pearl Abbott, twelve years old, has just finished her seventh term of school without the absence of one day from her studies. The number of months is 49; days, 980, and the number of miles she traveled, one mile to school and one from school, is 1950.

A stranger attempted to hug two pretty young ladies on the street at Williamsport one evening. The frightened girls hurriedly notified the police and the hugger was arrested. He gave his name as William Arthur of the Erie soldier's home. He was intoxicated and said he meant no harm to the ladies.

A 12-year-old boy named Justin was killed near Towanda, on the Williamsport and North Branch railroad, the other day. A companion dared him to run across the track in front of an approaching passenger train, and in doing so he was caught and terribly mangled. He died shortly after reaching the Sayre hospital.

Charged with being the owner of a dog caught running deer on the mountains near Lewistown Dr. H. C. Miller was fined \$10 before Justice of the Peace Longwell, at Mitrov, Simon Keep, of Lock's Mills, was also fined \$25 and costs for taking wild turkeys out of season. The arrests were made by Fish and Game Warden Shoop.

The new Eagle brick works near Lock Haven were practically put in operation Monday. The grinding pans were started Monday and making of brick commenced Tuesday. The kilns have not yet all been erected, but when the plant is fully completed it will have a capacity of from 60,000 to 65,000 brick per day.

DEMOCRATS AT HARRISBURG

The State Convention in Session On Tuesday

A HARMONIOUS GATHERING

Samuel Gustine Thompson nominated for Supreme Court Judge—No Instructions for President—The Platform Adopted

Tuesday of this week the Democratic hosts of Pennsylvania flocked to the capital city, Harrisburg, where they held their annual state convention. As there were no contests on hand or proceedings to excite attention, the gathering was unusually large and significant in the fact that many old democratic leaders were present and took an active part in the proceedings. In the naming of the state ticket but one came before the Convention Justice Samuel Gustine Thompson, and the nomination was made by acclamation. That he is a good selection for the place is proven by the fact that he now is serving his second term in that body by appointment.

Pennsylvania will send 68 delegates to the St. Louis National Convention. The delegation goes there uninstruced, so that they may act for the best interests of the party in the state and the national ticket. An effort was made to pass a resolution endorsing Judge Parker, of New York, but received no support, although the delegation favors his nomination and likely will vote that way. No Hearst boom was seen or heard at Harrisburg. Without opposition, ex-Governor Robert E. Pattison, of Philadelphia; Robert E. Wright, Lehigh; Stats Chairman J. K. P. Hall, Elk; and Colonel Guffy were elected national delegates-at-large.

The platform adopted is strong, sound, thoroughly Democratic. For want of space we postpone its publication until next week, as it is quite lengthy. One significant feature is that it is silent on the Silver Question and the Kansas City Platform, believing that these issues have passed by and others of more moment deserve attention. President Roosevelt is criticised for his dangerous course, trusts are declared detrimental, reasonable revision of the tariff is demanded and fundamental principles are enunciated to which the Democracy pledges its undivided support. Chairman J. K. P. Hall and P. Gray Meek, secretary, are heartily endorsed at the end of the resolutions. The proceedings throughout were harmonious, and enthusiasm prevailed among the delegates and through. Col. Guffy was the controlling element and everybody seemed to be satisfied with his supervision of the party organization in this state.

The Moonshiners Daughter.

"The Moonshiners Daughter" is the title of a melodrama which will appear at the Garman Opera House on next Thursday evening one night only, April 21st and it comes to us with the indorsement of such papers as the New York Sun, Telegraph, and Chicago Chronicle, etc.

Several very clever people have been engaged for the interpretation of this drama and from present indications, a large local reception is predicted. The prices will prevail at 50c for the entire lower floor, for the entire balcony and the gallery will be as usual.

BRIDES MUST GO TOO.

New Construction on the Marriage License Law.

Shy maidens, who have promised to wed, have an ordeal before them. Heretofore it has been possible for the groom to secure the license alone, the consent of the other party to the transaction being implied. Judge Hart of Lycoming county, Friday morning put an end to that custom, when he decided, after fully examining the law, that it clearly means that both parties must make application for the license.

Fatally Burned.

Mrs. Jane Harpster, while in the act of making her fire in the cook stove at the home of her son, William B. Harpster, at Spruce Creek, Tuesday afternoon, 12 was so badly burned that she died at 11:30 o'clock that night. During the temporary absence of her daughter-in-law she attempted to make the fire and her clothing evidently caught fire from burning paper on the hearth of the stove. The burns covered much of her body and the lower portion of her face.

Baltimore's Loss.

The total loss by the great fire in Baltimore on February 7 and 8 was between \$45,000,000 and \$50,000,000. The number of losers is 258. The insurance companies will pay a trifle over \$30,000,000 to the losers, of which amount over \$25,000,000 has been paid already.

RUBBING THE COURT.

Last Thursday Judge Love was down to Blanchard for the purpose of delivering an address to the graduating class of the High School. Burdine Butler, of Howard, although out of school for years, went down to hear the Honorable Court speak to the young people. Burdine says the Judge told the boys and girls to be honest, upright, moral and law abiding, and in that way they would become honored and useful citizens. These things impressed Butler deeply who hates hypocrisy and deceit and is ever ready to demolish it. On the way home Burdine and the Judge, strange to relate, occupied the same car, even adjoining seats. When the conductor came along Burdine claims that Judge Love did not present a ticket, like others must, nor did he offer to pay his fare. Very graciously Burdine announced, loud enough for all to hear, that if the Judge was "busted" he would pay his way back to Bellefonte, but he thought that an office holder, with \$5000 salary, should be able to pay like other men, and if he was riding on a pass from the Pa. R. R. Co. he was not fit to preside over cases in which the Railroad company was interested. The conductor tried to avoid Burdine, but that only raised him all the more. The occupants of the car saw the point, laughed and enjoyed Butler's charitable demonstration; the Judge was silent as a sphinx—he had nothing to say and turned his attention to the passing scenery. This is practically Butler's version of the event, and we would neither add to or detract therefrom, as both are honorable gentlemen.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Friday evening, at about 11 o'clock, Ed. Blanchard, who is a member of the firm of McCoy & Linn Iron Company went to their office, at the works near Milesburg. It was a very dark night and as he stepped up to the door of the office a voice hailed him, "Get out of this," to which he, in a rather startled tone replied, "What are you doing here?" The next instant a shot from a revolver flashed close to his breast. The report so surprised him that he was hardly able to realize what had happened, but he hastened from the building for help. He returned in about a half hour with some men and found that an entrance had been gained to the office. They evidently had been working at the safe as the combination lock had been left open, and the intruders turned it locking the safe. Nothing was disturbed about the office or missing, and evidently the burglars had been there but a short time before Mr. Blanchard arrived.

The next morning Mr. Blanchard found a .38 calibre bullet on the office porch, where he had been standing. He says the shot was in front of him and the ball struck the left inside folds of his overcoat which was hanging loosely and the ball failed to penetrate the cloth. No clew was discovered of the robbers. No valuables were ever kept in the office, and for that reason it is surmised that the intruders were strangers to the community.

IN SUPREME COURT.

One of the interesting cases before the Supreme Court this week is that of G. J. Confer vs the Penna. R. R. On the 27th, of Oct. 1900, Mr. Confer was attempting to cross the railroad tracks at the Howard, Pa., station. Other cars were standing on the side tracks which he claimed obscured his view. He stopped a short distance from the crossing and stood up and looked, and seeing no danger started across. A freight train from the west came by and struck Mr. Confer, injuring him severely. Fourteen months later the trial for damages occurred and Confer was awarded \$4000 damages, the jury finding that the company was negligent in the matter of signals. Judge Love later set aside the verdict on reserved points of law, from which this appeal was taken. Ellis L. Orvis, Esq., is the attorney for Mr. Confer, and John Blanchard, of the firm of Blanchard & Blanchard appears for the Pa. R. R. Co. The case will likely be argued the early part of the week.

Saved a Wreck.

Orlando Bryan, of Roland, Wednesday afternoon of last week was walking up the track of the Pennsylvania railroad between Roland and Milesburg where he discovered a broken rail. Mr. Bryan ran a distance of two miles where he just reached Milesburg in time for the operator to stop the flyer and notify all other trains of the danger. Mr. Bryan got on the engine of the flyer and went with the trainmen to where he discovered the broken rail.

Farmer's Losing Ground.

Forty years ago the farmers owned 55 per cent. of the wealth of this country. Such has been the advance of manufacturing and railroad building that they now own but 21 per cent.

MONUMENT

SELECTED

The Committee Holds an Important Meeting

IMPOSING DESIGN ORDERED

An Archway Over Curtin's Figure, With Extended Side Walls—Will Cost \$35000—Some Difference of Choice—Design not Completed.

On Saturday, April 9th, an important meeting of the soldier's monument committee was held in Bellefonte. For several days prior there was an exhibit of competitive designs, in the Arbitration Room, at the Court House, that attracted much attention. The committee for this purpose consists of: Gov. Pennypacker for the state, Senator Patton and Gen. James A. Beaver; Messrs Philip H. Meyer, Abraham Miller, and J. H. Bailey, County Commissioners; and the soldiers by Gen. John I. Curtin, John A. Daley and C. T. Fryberger. Gov. Pennypacker, Senator Patton and Gen. Beaver were not at the meeting. Messrs Curtin, Daley, Fryberger and Miller approved the design of the Van-Amringe Granite Company, of Waverly, Mass. Com's Meyers and Bailey voted for the design of the Smith Granite Co., Westerly, Mass. The absent members of the committee assented to the above choice. The design calls for a large piece of work, in outline consisting of an archway with monument of Ex-Gov. Curtin in the centre and wings extending to the side. The archway would be erected in front of the court house about ten feet back of the fountain affording a passage under it to the building. We were unable to secure a picture of the monument for the reason that the artist will make a few alterations in the design before final acceptance.

The design submitted by the Smith Granite Company, of Westerly, Mass., was greatly admired by the public, but the committee were of a different mind. The monument, when completed, is not to cost over \$35,000 and for that money something creditable can be erected. We hear some criticism on the choice of design, others favoring the second choice. It is to be hoped that the committee acted fairly and wisely.

COUNCIL MEETING.

Council met Monday evening. The following business, outside the regular routine and worthy of note, was transacted:

Chairman Fenlon of the Water Committee, made a report containing a new water rate for the coming year. Collector S. D. Ray had a proposition to make looking to the settlement of the taxes of '90 to '94. Captain Taylor also reported that he would collect \$2000 on his duplicate during coming year. The borough note for \$4000 was ordered renewed for sixty days. The new bridge over the Buffalo Run was reported rebuilt.

Several years ago the owners of the water right below the water works raised the dam by placing strips thereon. Council decided to notify them to remove the strips as it reduced the fall at the spring. Council approved the new water rate as recommended by the Water committee. All consumers in the borough use water for mechanical purposes will pay by meter at the rate of 5 cents per thousand gallons. The water rent must be paid quarterly and none will be less than \$1.50 per quarter. Outside of the borough none will be charged less than \$2.00 per quarter and all in excess of \$10,000 gallons will be charged 20 cents per thousand gallons. For private consumers the rate is the same as last year.

"Ye Olden Time Singin' Skule."

Under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church an old time singing school will be held in Petrikin Hall, on Friday evening, April 22nd. The music will consist of solos, duets, quartets, character songs and full choruses, and the class being composed of the best musical talent of the town, the entertainment promises to be one of the best afforded our people in a long while. General admission 25cts. Reserved seats extra. Chart of Hall and tickets at Sheffer's grocery.

"ALONG THE MOSHANNON."

The following is from last week's Clearfield Republican: "Judge Love, of Centre, did not strengthen himself before the people of his county by granting over half a dozen wholesale liquor licenses along the Moshannon. They will all come back to haunt him in November. The fellows who have those licenses will not be worth much to him, when it comes to getting votes." This seems to be in accord with the views expressed in this county on license matters. The colored cook sometimes has black ants in her kitchen.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

There was a young girl in the choir,
Whose voice rose high and hoar,
Till it reached such a height
It was clear out of sight,
And they found it next day in the spoor.

Love in a cottage has no janitor to contend with.
A river isn't necessarily angry because it froths at the mouth.
The average man never knows when he is well off until he isn't.
The married man invariably believes that economy begins at home.

HOWARD AGAIN.

MISTER EDITOR:
The other day, when I wuz hevvin mi hirsute appendix removed, (an I mite sa gitten shaved) I overheard a lady remark, that she liked the Centre Democrat much better now, then she did before the fello wuz risen letters from hear. That maid me think I bed better rite a nuther wan an if y wud send a subskriptioner doum hear, he mite git quite a lot to subskribe for yure paper. (That is ef yu hev them tu spair.)

Abe Weber went tu Harrisburg tu attend the stait convension. His good wife packed his grip, but his gud friens finished packing it before he tuk the train, unnowins tu him; ef Abe wuz a swarin man, wen he puts on his nite gown, he wud at leest sa—"Gut im himel was iss deess."

Ther wuz a man got marride doum hear not long ago, an the utter mornin he got up be 4 his better haf wuz awaik, an tu pla a joak on hir he tide a not in each ur ber stockings; she didn't sea the joak, an he sed wen she cum doum staires—the give me rats. Jest yate about a yere Mr. S—, an meby yu won't hev tu ty nots, tu git rats.

About this time yer ther is a grate munny people who go after trailing Ourbuties. An jest now ther is a grate munny fello's go traileing after Our buties an espeshly the fello from Williamsport: an ef Selly sez the wurd, will surely git his kix. Wait! will he sa then?

Dave, the allaround Grammarion, Mathamatician, wood-be polytishen, formerly a mushishun, couldn't give a proper rendition, or defanishion, tu the wurd skrimmage: he sed thet durin his hole 30 dais karer in the sivel wor, tha never heard ur a skrimmage. Dave, Webster's Dicksionary beets yure war reckard, oil tu blazes.

Mr. Gabetsy-ovitch-tha Rashin, from Jaxonvilloski, hex bin selen shad ur hear for a cuple ur weeks: thare all rite tu, both rose an bar; but sa—"a rose bin enny uther name, would smel ez sweet."

Say! a man got a sute this weak doum hear, an thar wuz moar fuss maid about it, then sum ur them coran-teen breakers who got too sutes in kort. (I ment tu sa tha man got a sute av close.)

Thet Huslerman must be maiken munny, tha wurkmen ar putten up an out kitchen fur his press rume: but I se by his paper wan ur his "kidds" is lost, straid ur stolen. I'm sorry fur him, but I think he musta bin lost.

AUF WIDERSEHEN.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Both houses of Congress have fixed their eyes on April 30th as the approximate day of adjournment. Yet business, especially in the Senate, moves with laggard step. After several days debate the House has passed the Philippine bill. It provides for a system of railroads in the archipelago and benevolently donates them to the Filipinos providing they will furnish money to build them and guarantee five per cent dividend on the investment. The Filipinos must pay for their railroads, telegraphs, lighthouses, wharves and customhouses as they pay out of their own pockets for their schools, with double salaries for all teachers and officials, and we claim the credit of enlightening and civilizing them at our own expense! When the bill passed there were a dozen republicans who said "Aye!" and a great chorus of democratic "Noes" causing the glass ceiling to ring. Speaker Cannon immediately exclaimed "The Ayes have it—but the Nesses make the most noise!"

The friends of General Miles in and out of war department are somewhat solicitous for his official safety. Contrary to their expectation he made a speech at the Iroquois banquet at Chicago on Wednesday night in celebration of Jefferson's birthday. On account of the President's command of silence it was expected to be rather colorless and commonplace, but it was a demand for the freedom of the Filipinos and a ringing protest against the current imperialism of which the President is the head. It is hinted that he has been lying in wait to catch the Lieutenant-General in some utterance so patriotic and humane that it could be called an indiscretion, furnishing an excuse for arraigning him before a court-martial. The excuse would seem to have arrived, for the speech was one of a soldier, orator and patriot according to his light.

It is rumored that the republicans in Congress may concede to the democrat some sort of investigation of postoffice scandals. If so, it will be of a kind of investigation that does not reveal a sham inquiry conducted by the republicans themselves, and signifying nothing.