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ANOTHER SCANDAL AT HARRISBURG

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State Insurance Department Proven a Rotten Hole

BIG POLITICIANS ARE CAUGHT

In the Act of Skinning Holders of Insurance--Hundreds of Thousands in Illegal Fees--Durham the Philadelphia Boss the Big Thief

Many of our readers may not have followed closely the train of events surrounding the latest public scandal in this state, by which the Insurance Department at Harrisburg managed to extort hundreds of thousands of dollars from the people and divide it up among a lot of leading state politicans. The actuary in the department, Robert E. Forster, made some startling statements to that effect and forthwith an investigation was ordered.

During the past week testimony has been taken, and the most astounding revelations have been made in consequence. It shows that several hundred thousand dollars in fees were looted by the insurance commissioners Israel Durham, James H. Lambert and George Luper, that actually belong to the state and criminal and civil suits are about to be instituted against them. Their method was to fix a fee of about 3 cents per thousand for all insurance issued in the state which was known as the actuary fee and was so excessive as to accumulate these vast sums. In this way every man who secured an insurance policy was robbed by these political scoundrels.

The investigation reveals grafting as follows:

Actuarial fee graft paid by Actuary Robert E. Forster follows: George B. Luper, Insurance Commis-

James H. Lambert, Insurance Commis-sioner Edward H. Eccles (Lambert's son-in-7.390 Israel W. Durham. Insurance Oommis-5,000 missioner, outright Israel W. Durham (or J. Clayton Erb, hishandy, man

\$141,2:3 Total . SI97 679 Names of persons loaded on Insurance De-

partment paycoll who gave no service to the State:

Richard M J. Reed (Salter juror) ... \$96) a year

SIXTH COUNT. In The School Teachers Book Award In Centre County Bellefonte, Pa., Feb. 7, 1906. The following is the total number of

votes cast in the Teachers' Book Award in the various Institute Districts in Centre county to this date :

First District:

1-Gregg, Haines, Miles, Millheim and Penn.

Wm. Limbert, Miles 222 N. A. Corman, Penn...... 138 Second District: 138

2-Centre Halt, College. Ferguson, Harris, Potter and State College.

J. H. Decker, Ferguson..... 1632 H. C. Rothrock, Boalsburg.... 1020 Cordelia Acker, St. Col. Boro. 616 Miriam Dreese, Lemont..... 417 Harry N. Walker, Ferguson ... 271 Geo. Mothersbaugh, Oak Hall.

Third District: 3-Bellefonte, Benner, Spring and Walker.

Walker Twp., High School 1821 Daisy Barnes, Bellefonte..... 1434 Mabelle Norris, Benner 642 S. S. Williams, Spring 625 Verne Allison, Walker..... 450 Sara J. Waite, Bellefonte..... 322 Eva Bathgate, Benner..... 237 Lillian Rearick, Spring 126 108 Wm. B. Kuhn, Benner... Cyrus Hoy, Walker..... 100 Luella Shook, Spring..... Anna McCaffrey, Bellefonte... Francis Prey, Bellefonte.... Bessie Dorworth, Bellefonte... 50 Earl M. Grove, Benner..... 41

Fourth District: 4-Bozzs, Curtin, Howard, Howard boro., Liberty, M arion and Milesburg.

W. F. Leathers, Howard 692 Fred Chambers, Boggs...... 666 Vivian Snyder, Liberty..... 635 ohn Rickert Boggs..... 514 Maud Deitz, Curtin twp..... 231 Curtin Grammar. Goldie Cain, Boggs. M. F. Pletcher, Liberty..... 84 67 Fifth District:

5-Half Moon, Huston, Patton, Taylor, Union, Unionville and Worth. Ernest Spotts, Port Matilda... 1174

Sixth District:

A FEW OBSERVATIONS PURELY LOCAL

Conduct Business.

BORO FINANCES ARE CRIPPLED

Free Light and Sewer Privileges Passed Needs Watching.

Very little business of special import- ter felt sure of the appointment and so ed until next meeting.

as to who authorized the placing of a that he is either just or wise. street light down near the American This turning down of Foster, who was visors. That section is as follows : council, which is necessary.

It also was revealed that a line of that party exists at present and will re- the township road funds. sewer pipe, for some reason, was laid main for some time. close to the McCafferty property near the Pa. R. R. station, and a tap was furnishhave this done.

diate explanation.

OUR BOROUGH DEBT.

about exceeded its debt limit, owing to developments may be expected. Dili- supervisors of their compensation for the activity of the money spenders in gent search on the part of the parents services.

vive the famous "United Order of Bridge IMPORTANT TO Builders" to help their cause along. Tax payers of Bellefonte, is it not

time to get serious, when you come to How Some Bellefonte Councilmen re-elect councilmen? Is it purely a An Opinion Relative to Salary for political game; or is it for the welfare of your town? It is for you to decide.

STUART RE-APPOINTED.

he Centre Democrat.

BELLEFONTE, PA., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1906.

Phil F. Foster, ex-county treasurer and chairman of the republican county com-Around--About the Debt Limit--An- mittee, got a severe jolt on last Thursday other Bridge Building Scheme when the information reached here of the re-appointment of Col. John W. Stuart as postmaster at State College. Mr. Fos-

(the boodler) Dresser has been accused the Lycoming county commissioners. Dr. Kirk stirred up a few councilmen of double-dealing. Solomon dwells in a It was supposed by some that the

Solving Mystery.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs--Selected **ROAD SUPERVISORS**

These Officials.

ARE ENTITLED TO USUAL PAY

The New Act Does Not Refer to Their Wages--A New Construction on the Law--Of Interest to Township Officials -- Appears Reasonable.

Township road supervisors are entitled ance was transacted at council meeting expressed himself to friends some time to compensation same as heretofore,\$1.50 on Monday evening. An ordinance was ago. He claims that Mr. Dresser assur- per day, as provided for by the act of submitted by which the Burgess is to be ed him that much and that he had no May 4. 1889, which has not been repealed paid a yearly salary of \$10 for every idea of Dresser doing otherwise. This by the new act of 1905. This is the roso inhabitants. Action was postpon- is not the first instance wherein Solomon opinion, of J. F. Strieby, solicitor for

when he inquired, among other things. modera palace, but that is no indication seventh section of the new law impliedly took away the compensation to super-

Lime & Stone Co's operations, on the Love's county chairman, indicates that in outskirts of town. Mr. Fenlon, upon in- the distribution of patronage Quigley "The road supervisors shall meet for the transaction of business once each month at a time fixed by the board; and terrogation, admitted he ordered it; and and others are receiving recognition. month at a time need of the ordered for necessary it appears never obtained permission of This fact is significant, as it indicates expenses, including office rent and stawhere the prediminating influence in tionary, light and fuel, to be paid out of

It will be observed that this section does not even hint the question of compensation ; but merely confers upon ed which this property uses, and never SLock Haven Democrat, 3 inst : Coun. these supervisors the authority to bind was compelled to pay the usual \$10 as ty Detective J. H. Keller and Constable the township for the payment of certain required of others. Mr. Fenlon admit- Ellis Myers are in Sugar valley investi. expenses that heretofore the supervisors ted that he also ordered Sam Ryan to gating persistent reports coming to the had no authority to do. The additional officials in this city during the past few duties imposed on supervisors by the There is some assurance that council days, from the residents of that valley, new act made these expenses necessary ; will later approve of Mr. Fenlon's in- which if they prove correct, will be of a and this section merely gave the supercreasing the light bills whereby the lime most sensational nature. These rumors visors express authority to bind the company will have some assurance of are to the effect . two children - a girl township for their payment; and under more light to operate by night. Vari- and a boy-of / and Mrs. David Lud. the rule of the law "what is not included ous explanations and interpretations are wig, have no been seen since the de- is excluded" this section is authority for placed on this matter. Why the Mc- st uction of Harvey Schrack's house by ascertaining that the supervisors have no Cafferty propety need not pay same as fire nearly three weeks ago, while Mr. authority to bind the township for the one else does it. others, for sewerage privileges, there and Mrs. Schrack were at Loganton, payment of any other incidental expenshould be some assurance for an imme- two miles away. The children are said ses, connected with the discharge of about his life insurance the rest ought to to have been at the Schrack home, when their duties as supervisors. But no one be easy. last seen. The officers are close-mouth- will seriously contend, that this section In a recent issue this paper comment. ed, but if the surmises of the people is authority for maintainig that it shows ed on the fact that Bellefonte boro had about Sugar valley are correct, startling an intention by implication to deprive the Method of Securing Lightning Rods

vestigation was made, further than the down, who have disappeared as myster. statement of several councilmen, and the scallowed up by the earth. the knowledge that Dr. Kirk, council. The question is, had the burning of the scale of the old law; but are designated by the rod agents who are canvassing the runt

THE MODERN BELL. The daughter sits in the parlor.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

and Original.

3 SECTIONS

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And rocks in her easy chair ; She's clad in her silks and satins, And jewels in her hair.

She winks, and giggles and simpers. And simpers, and giggles, and winks, And though she talks but a little. 'Tis vastly more than she thinks.

Her father goes clad in his russet, And ragged and seedy at that, His coats are all out at the elbow. And he wears a most shocking bad hat.

He's hoarding and saving his shillings, So carefully day by day,

While she, or her beaux and poodles, Is throwing them all away.

She lies abed in the morning. Till nearly the hour of noon : Then comes down snapping and snarling Because she was called so soon.

She dotes upon men unshaven, And men with 'flowing hair," She's eloquent over mustaches-"They give such a foreign air !"

She talks of Italian music, And falls in love with the moon. And though but a mouse should meet her. She sinks away in a swoon.

Her feet are so very little. Her hands are so very white; Her jewels are so very heavy, And her head so very light.

Her color is made of cosmetics. Though this she never will own ; Her body's made mostly of cotton, Her heart's made wholly of stone

She falls in love with a fellow, Who struts with a foreign air : He marries her for her money. She marries him for his hair.

One of the best matches-Both are well mated in life ; She's got a fool for a husband. And he's got a fool for a wife. -John G. Saxe.

Success is doing a thing before some

When a girl begins to ask a fellow

"ADVERTISING" SCHEME.

That Needs Watching.

A communication this week was reour council. At that time no careful in- and friends have failed to locate the chil- Under the new law the supervisors ceived from a prominent citizen in Penns-

Charles 5. Gray (doortender in Dur-ham's political headquarters in Betz Bulding Edward J Davis (political worker 1,200 a year Bdward J. Divis. in Phosnixville) Israel G. Stone, Tioga county Sums varying from \$30 to \$150

Absolute lack of checks by the Auditor General or State Treasurer upon the hundreds of thousands of dollars in fees received by the Insurance Commissioner. It is impossible to determine if he turned in all or one-half the money he received.

Absence of sworn payrolls from the Insurance Department. All other departments must file such payroll with lowing points in the county where the the State Treasurer before a warrant is teachers are invited to call and carefully issued.

Absence of any check-up or audit upon the fees claimed by and paid to the Insurance Commissioner by the State Treasurer. His claims are never challanged, nor has there ever been any dela, in their payment. Witnesses on the stand declared they earned every dollar they got, and solemnly vowed that their memory was so poor that they could not recall the nature of the service, or how it was rendered and invariably all records were either burned, "lost, strayed or tion on the following basis stolen." One witness, a relative of ex-Governor Stone, frankly testified that he simply "did nothin" for his salary.

On Tuesday the committee made its report which is that fraud and grafting existed as above shown. The report was passed by both houses, and it now held until the final count. is up to Governor Pennypacker, through his Attorney General, to punish these notorious thieves.

Yes, Reform is coming. Let it continue throughout the land.

Look at Your Label.

All subscriptions paid during the month of January have been duly credited this week by a change of date on labels. If you sent us any money look at your label now; in case of an error notify us at once.

THE fate of Anna Gould who married a titled Frenchman, Count Boni, is another example for American girls. She got a title, and a worthless, dissolute spendthrift from whom she now is endeavoring to secure a divorce.

The one thing which robs the ground hog of the credit of bringing on this cold spell is that the thermometer fell before his pigship thought of making his appearance.

The fellow who takes whiskey for a cold doesn't care whether he gets over the cold or not.

It is human nature to fight for our rights and when we get them to fight for more.

-Tuesday, February 20th is the date for the spring elections. sins.

6-Burnside, Rush. Philipsburg, Snow Shoe and south Philipsburg. Eliz. Glenn, Snow Shoe 820

H. E. Leathers, Snow Shoe 818 Earnest Ardery, Philipsburg ... 739 Eliza Fleming, Snow Shoe.... Ella M. Ward, Rush 646 614 Grace Vallimont, Snow Shoe ... 371 Iennie Graham, Snow Shoe ... 346 Geo. F. Daugherty, Burnside. 104 W. D. ZERBY, W. M. BOTTORF.

Sample sets of the 20th Century Encyclopaedia have been placed at the folinspect each of the six volumes :

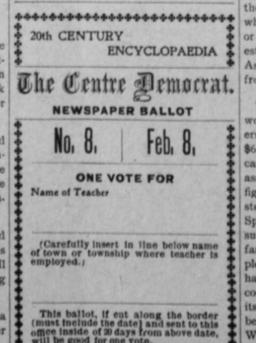
BELLEFONTE "Index" book store MILLHEIM.....T. F. Meyer's store SPRING MILLS....C A. Krape's store BOALSBURG. Ishler & Harrison CENTRE HALL ... Murray's Drug store BLANCHARDH. A. Snyder SNOW SHOE Sickles Drug Store PHILIPSBURG.....Crissman & Brown STATE COLLEGE. St. Col. Supply Co. UNIONVILLE.....A. J. Greist's store Howard.......Moore's Drug Store. Premium Ballots.

In addition, we issue Premium Ballots at this office to all who pay for subscrip-

50 votes for 1 year on arrears.

100 votes for 1 year in advance. 100 Votes for every \$1 worth of job

In any case where a transfer of sub. High street and the many car loads of ing company. scription is made in the same family or lime dust put on to make mud later. household, during this contest, no cou- along with the Ryan-waterworks-compons will be allowed.



CHAS. R. KUNTZ, Pub. ****************

In the pursuit of wealth the weather generally manages to get its second wind.

Prosperity covereth a multitude of

man of the west ward, during the past year, has persistently refused to sign disappearance? any boro orders for this very reason, as he realizes his personal liability, and the legal penalty. If he is branded by some as "either liars or asses" he never need apologize or explain for his official conduct. which never was tainted by even the breath of suspicion.

A FEW FACTS.

tion as follows :

assessed value of all property in the and confidence of the people. Boro, taxable for county purposes is \$1,621,364. No set of councilmen, who Miss Nellie Eva Gruver of Howard.

from personal loss on that account.

ers deliberately planned to sell out a Curtin street, Bellefonte, Pa. \$60,000 orphanage for \$10,000 ready cash for their disposal. We re further Lost \$10,000 in Sunbury Joints. costing probably \$8,000 or \$10,000, put in residents. its place, while the old structure might be sold by the Street Committee, or the Water Superintendent, to Louis Rosen-

Rev. Dr. Brown Accepts'Call.

Married.

Homes for Children.

bination you can figure out how much of The branch of the Childrens' Aid Sothe \$3,080 remains unexpended, and ciety in Centre county has a number of whether councilman Kirk is either a "liar children under twelve years, both boys or ass," as intimated, for trying to hon- and girls, whom it would like to place in got so close that Ruhl was obliged to use ness of Mrs. Chadwick. They say that, estly obey the mandates of the Act of good homes throughout the county. Assembly, as well as protect himself The majority of these children are boys, some as young as six months. Any persons desiring to take any of these chil-

Under such circumstances, it is no dren will please notify, either : Miss J. wonder that these modern money spend- E. Natt, or Mrs. J. Thomas Mitchell,

steel bridge on High street, across the crusade against gaubling houses Democrat. Spring Creek, torn away, as the exposed when one witness testified that he had surface trusses are offensive to their lost \$10,000 in three local joints and of. fastidious tastes and it would especially fered to furnish the names of 300 local please the property owners nearby to patrons of a place conducted by John her \$7,500,000, was married last week to

Suidide at Petersburg.

Marshall Metz, a brick maker, of thal, Peter Mendis or some other clever Petersburg, committed suicide at the junk dealer at scrap prices. But they home of his brother, where he boarded, didn't get their \$10,000. To accomplish Sunday by sending a 38-calibre bullet this purpose, it is pointed out that the crashing into his brain. No reason for four-story brick and steel shop building, this state the right to carry freight. It Street Committee will not replank this having committed the rash act is known. at Altoona, to cost \$300,000. It will be is said that the rates on these roads bridge, now, as should be done. It The suicide was aged about 42 years and occupied by the frame, casting, tin and would be from a third to a half less than looks as though it were necessary to re- unmarried.

of the Episcopal church at Bellefonte, that under the new law the three men asked to sign a contract. The men are has accepted the call extended him last to be elected will still be supervisors ; strangers in the county, and it is alleged week to become rector of St. Paul's Epis- and that if any one questions their that when the job is finished the bill that copal church, Sixth and Forster streets, right to compensation, the supervisors will have to be paid for extra measure Harrisburg. He was given the unanimous can point their finger to the very act of will be a surprise. call of the vestry of St. Paul's church assembly that states that they are entitled The biggest fakirs that catch dupes on The Auditors Statement for Bellefonte and will enter upon his duties as rec- to compensation; and no one can contro- our streets always allege that they are Borough, issued March 6th. 1905, in de- tor on Ash Wednesday. The announce- vert this position except by maintaining merely "advertising" the goods. These tail sets out this Boro's financial condi- ment proved a surprise to the congrega- that the act of 1889 has been repealed. days men doing a legitimate business tion in Bellefonte which he has success- Any law may be repealed either by ex- don't come around giving you some-Net Indebtedness \$110.415.77 fully served for a number of years. In press words of a subsequent act or by thing for nothing. For that reason, This is attested to by the three Audi. fact the community regrets the depart- implication. The new act does not men- when you are dealing with strange lighttors, and we presume is correct. The ure of Rev. Brown, as he had the esteem tion compensation; and hence it can not ning rod men, be mighty careful what

press terms.

Thrilling Experience With a Bear. 1 of that valuation. \$113,954, which is the beautiful home of the bride's parents and dogs and started out for a hunt, it debt limit. Therefore if we are assured near Howard, Tuesday January 30, at having been reported that a bear had that all liabilities were honestly includ-in that all liabilities were honestly includ-to o'clock. The engagement of the been seen in that vicinity. They went ed in that estimate, last year, we then young couple was announced last sum-to a hollow called "Little Kettle." Here gaged in rodding buildings before signwere only \$3,080 below the legal debt mer and the date of the wedding was fix- they separated. Ruhl after proceeding ed for October 12, but several days prior some distance heard the dogs bark and merely "advertising." When you recall the enormous expen- to that time the bride became seriously following the sound, came upon them printing, secured during the contest, ditures the past year, among which were ill with appendicitis. The happy couple and found that they had treed Mr. Bear. 200 votes for each new cash sub. over \$3,000 on an unnecessary new pipe left for their home in Johnstown where He sent a shot into him which brought his gvn as a club.

hunter realized that he would have to They regard the reports that she has dispatch his enemy or go down himself. heart trouble as groundless, and she He watched his opportunity and placing will be put to washing and other heavy the muzzle of his gun in the bear's mouth, work. fired the shot which laid bruin out dead, The animal was a fairly good sized one and dressed 250 pounds. Ruhl says he for liquor license in the prothonotary's assured that these money spenders were A sensation was spruzy in court at will not soon forget his experience and office. Among them the following do

Twenty Years Her Junior.

Mrs. Charles T. Yerkes, widow of the financier, who died a month ago leaving have a clear bridge with concrete floors, Jones, many of them being prominent Wilson Mizner, of San Francisco. Mrs. Mizner is about 50 years of age. Her new husband is nearly 30. There was nothing in the will which forbade her marrying again. 👘 🛢

New \$300,000 Pennsy Shop.

electrical departments.

rod agents who are canvassing the fural Schrack house anything to do with their same name. It will thereforre be ob- districts. They call upon farmers and served that there is now in existence a pretend that they want to "advertise" law on the statute books of this com- their goods, and agree to put so many monwealth, which provides compensa- feet on a building free, the balance to Rev. Dr. George Israel Brown, rector tion for the services of supervisors ; and cost 47% cents per foot. Farmers are

be said to repeal the act of 1889 by ex- you sign, and don't enter into such a contract until you know what the entire job will cost, everything included. Don't barcomply with their oaths and the law, will Pa., was united in marriage with Wil- A few days ago Clyde Ruhl and young whom you are dealing with and what make any expenditures above 7 per cent liam P. Grafe of Johnstown, Pa., at the Tressler, of Tylersville, took their guns you are getting. These general observations will apply to almost any business

ing contracts with strangers who are

A Square Deal.

Bending over the washtub in the peni-These votes have no time limit-can be line to the reservoir, the long lines of Mr. Grafe is a well known employe of him to the ground and flowed this up tentiary at Columbus, Ohio, and shamnew sewer pipes laid, the tearing up of the P. A. Barnhart Plumbing and Heat- with another one. But h aim had not ming an illness in which nobody bebeen true and the wounded bear raised lieves, Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick now on his hind feet and went for him. The identified as Madame Devere, will have dogs would come up and bite the bear the spacious period of ten years in which which gave Ruhl time to retreat, but to ponder upon how it happened. The bruin would again renew the fight and prison officials are skeptical as to the illin spite of her shamming, she will be After some time thus spent the young treated as any other female prisoner.

Liquor Licenses.

There are thirty three applications filed dicated :

Chas. F. Beachdel, Liberty, tavern. Frank W. Hess, Rush, tavern. Gander Gilfand, Philipsburg 2nd w.,

Tempest Slinger, Philipsburg and w.,

tavern. Chas. Moerschbacher, Bellefonte, w. w., wholesale beer.

Rates Would be Less.

Farmers, as well as persons of other occupations, look with favor upon the The Pennsylvania Railroad will erect a movement to give electric railways in the steam roads.