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\$85.000 IS CEN1 -COUNTY'S SHARE

Of the Money Spent on the \$13,000,-000 State Capitol, and

\$63,000 FOR THE TRIMMINGS

This Money Could have Been Used for lums---Or for Public Roads, School Funds--Would Reduce Local Taxes.

The Philadelphia Press, a leading Republican paper of this state, edited by Hon. Charles Emery Smith, on Monday contained a leading editorial on the new state Capitol from which the following extracts are made :

"While liberal expenditure would be permitted and forgiven to produce im-posing effects which have challenged ad-round numbers, by \$2,500,000. miration, it is quite another thing to tolerate profligate extravagance or braz-en graft. Unhappily it is impossible to escape the conclusion that both are written all over the Capitol. Two things are plain and a third is morally certain : First, that much of the furnishing is over-luxurious; second, that, costly as it excess is largely graft."

"Exactly the same work with all its richness could be reproduced for a far competent experts. In other words not Asylum by \$45,000; for the Norristown only is much of the furnishing over-luxurious and so over-costly even if hones but THERE IS A GRÉAT STEAL IN We believe these two things are so contested.

"The declaration of the State Treasurer that there are two millions of steal Scranton, by \$60,000. in the Capitol is probably within the bounds of truth.

is a great steal in it."

Few people comprehend what such

" under Gov. Pennypacker, spent in a stealthly manner over \$9-000,000 more for the trimmings, which the "Press" and others pronounce a great steal, all of which was exposed by the vigilance of State Treasurer Berry.

Or in the case of excepted or lessened items "I withhold my approval of the re-mainder of said item for the reason that the condition of the State revenue does not justify a larger appropriation

at this time. It was at this very time that \$9,000,boo was passing from the State Treasury into the hands of the Gang's favorite architect and contractors. Governor Pennypacker made reduc-

tions in no less than 130 charitable ap-Needed Hospitals, Overcrowded Asy- propriations. In vetoing the bill for the creation of two anti-tuberculosis institutions, he remarked :

> "Provisions for charitable work in this Commonwealth have already reached formidable proportions."

The proportions of the bills for decorating and furnishing the new State House, although obviously extravagant, to say the least, did not appear to him so formidable. The Governor reduced the charitable appropriations last year, in

CHARITY SUFFERS FOR LOOT.

The institutions for the treatment of mental diseases suffered most of all from the Governor's pen-hand. The appropriation for the establishment of a State institution for the feeble-minded and would e, even if honest, the payments epileptic was reduced by \$300,000; that are grossly excessive; third. that *the* for the establishment of a State homeopathic hospital for the insane by \$400,-000; for the State Insane Asylum at less figure. That is the testimony of Danville by \$60,000; for the Harrisburg the doors. Asylum by \$75,000; for the State Institution for the Feeble-Minded of Western plain that they cannot be successfully Warren Insane Asylum by \$52,000; for

The new Capitol was to cost \$4,000,000 legislative power. This man struck a Democrats, but in the main is the Rebut over \$9,000,000 additional, without decisive blow at State College, by which publican organization-" The Machine' any specific directions or appropriation, the agricultural building, now, remains or "The Gang." He told of the good rewas spent for "trimmings," which the uncompleted because he reduced their sulting from the defeat of these political Press says is "largely graft" and "there appropriation \$103,580. The Bellefonte pirates last fall, who put forth Lee Plum-

vast sums mean, or the extent of the \$1,000 so that the Gang could have more how he caught on to the \$9,000,000 ex-"steal" that is born by Centre county, or to squander on this \$13,000,000 loot. each individual taxpayer and voter. Let A prominent Gangster orator, at a had shouled from the housetops that the meeting last week, in one of the eastern capitol had been completed and cost but tol, in round figures, is over \$13,000, counties, offered the following apology \$4,000,000-an effort to deceive the peofor the astounding steal in the new Cap- ple. He told how an item in the origi- Dr. Swallow, one of Castle's most prom- sell coal leases and reserve oil, gas and propriated to pay for the completed itol job exposed by State Treasurer Ber. Dal contract called for wood floors at inent supporters. Resolutions were tions would cease.

BELLEFONTE, PA., THURSDAY, OCTOBER II. 1906.

The Centre Democrat.

dorf, Woodward; Geo. B. Haines, Rebersburg; F. P. Musser, Millheim; Solomon Peck, John J. McCauley, Walker Twp.; I. J. Dreese, Col-lege Twp.; R. M. Foster, State College; W. H. Noll, Pleasant Gap; I. H. Frain, Marion Twp.; Michael Shaffer, Potter Twp. TREASURER BERRY "LIFTS THE LID" BERRY GETS A FROST.

At a Rousing Reform Rally in the Court House.

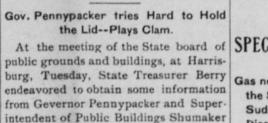
Produces Data to Show How the Taxpayers Were Robbed of Millions--Emery, Black and Creasy There--

spell-binders arrived in town on Wednesthe County Fair but made a short stay owing to the cold weather. They stopped at the Bush House where large delegations called on the party. State Treasurer Berry arrived at 4:20 and was greeted by a throng at the Brockerhoff House, that was significant for its enthusiar m; all the speakers billed were on hand-Emery, Berry, Black. Creasy, and Blankenburg, with a host of report-

Janitor John Trafford had the Court House most tastefully decorated with a courts. profusion of national colors-never looked handsomer. When the meeting was called to order the room was packed to

The principal speech of the evening was made by Treasurer Berry who went Pennsylvania by \$65,000, and for the into the details of the state capitol steal. He began by briefly reviewing the the Northern Anthracite Asylum, at corrupt condition of public affairs in this State by a band of venal politicians, ad-Centre county suffered largely by mitting that among this system there Gov. Pennypacker's assumption of such were some corruptionists who pose as hospital, a most worthy institution, also mer and the reform legislation that folsuffered at his hands to the amount of lowed. He told the "capitol story," of

penditure for trimmings, when the Gang



as to what they intended to do regarding the capitol scandal, but all his ques-Hon. Lewis Emery and his party of tions were met with frosty silence. The governor was as mute as a clam and re-Berry holds that the board either du-

that means finishing the capitol and a depth the project was abandoned. The Governor and the other officials, Berry says, are much worried. The State

12 SQUARES ON BALLOT.

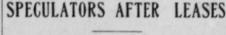
and other State officials at the November gas election. They are Republican, Democratic, Prohibition, Lincoln, Socialist, Labor, Referendum, Jefferson, Citizens' City, Union Labor and Commonwealth. Names of several candidates will appear official ballots will be certified from the covery to others about Pine Glenn. State Department, as there are so many contests on before the Dauphin County

Court that certifying them now is impossible. meeting last week, decided to ask the natural gas under high pressure. Prohibition national chairman to expel ed, at various times strangers have visit

have contributed \$50,000 to Castle's

NATURAL GAS FOUND

The Snow Shoe Coal Region May Become a Gas Field.



Gas now Flowing From a Test Well on the Stuart Lands--Drilled Last Fall--Suddenly Plugged and Abandoned --Discovered by a Hunter.

That some day some one would locate a gas or oil well in the Snow Shoe coal field, has been a general prediction; not many years ago a company was organ-ized by Hon. Harbison Holt, to put plicated things or extended them, and down a test well at Salt Lick, beyond Karthaus. After going to considerable

The latest operation was near Pine Glenn. Leases were obtained on a num ber of properties in that section, and last summer a test well was put down by a Treasurer intends to continue his inves-tigation and promises some more start-of 2450 feet the driller suddenly stoppling revelations. He has refused to pay ed operations, on the pretext that he did a lot of bills, over \$400,000 until compell-farther. The well had been cased and ed to do so, which means that he will at the top was eight inches in diameter. force the capitol scandal through the A stout wooden plug was driven in the opening and the place apparently abandoned. This happened about a year ago.

Last week a gentleman who resides in Pine Glenn was passing by this "aband-Voters of Pennsylvania will, if the oned" well and was attracted by a peculcourts do not rule otherwise, have 12 iar hissing noise, After a bit of investigation he discovered that it came from party squares on the official ballot from the wooden plug in the top of this well which to make their choice for Governor and there was a strong odor of escaping

This aroused his curiosity for further investigation. Naturally he applied a match and to his astonishment a brilliant blaze two feet high spurted up from a little leak at the side of the plug which burned freely until extinguished. The hurry to say "good-by." form of the jet indicated that it was eson the ballot under more than one party caping from a minature opening under title. It will be some time before the high pressure. He soon reported his dis-

To confirm this story the writer interviewed a prominent citizen of Pine Glenn who repeated the same story and added that the report aroused his curiosity so that he visited the same well a few days be ago, and lit the escaping gas, and that it Schuylkill County Prohibitionists, at a made a brilliant light-was a flow of

Since this well was drilled and pluggfrom the ranks Homer Castle, the party's ed that section to secure leases or purother minerals, invariably the negotia-

briated to pay for the completed to pay for the completed ry a short time ago. Said he: Grounds," under Gov. Pennypacker, "The citizens of the State have no

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FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

AT PINE GLENN Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs--Selected and Original.

NURSERY RHYMES.

By-o. Bubbell, shlofe. Der dawdy heet de shofe. De mommy heet de roda kee Und coomt net hame bis morya free.

By-o, Bubbeli, Wos robbelt im shtroh ? Es ketzel is gastarva Un's miceli is froh.

Reida, reida geile, Olle shtund en melle, Olle mile en wart's-haus, Bring en glessel wei rous.

Tross, tross, trill, Der bower hut en fill, Der fill will net lawfa, Der bower will's farkawfa.

Shlofe Bubbeli shlofe Der dawdy heet de shofe, Der mommy heet de lemmer Now Bubbeli shlofe so feel lenger.

PATTY-CAKE Patty, patty kucha. Vole si moul fersucha. Und wun se recht gude shmocka, Mus de mommy nuch mae bocka:

MOCK SERMON Doh shtane Ich uf der Konzel Und breddich we en umshel. Mi huhn mi hahn, Und breddich we en u Mi huhn mi bahn, Mi breddich iss aun, Mi ku mi kalb. Mi breddich iss holb, Mi kotz mi mouse, Mi breddich iss ous.

COUNTING-OUT RHYME. Ains, tswae, drei, Hicky, hocky, hei, Mawd hole wei, Mawu hale wei, Ghecht shenk ei, Hehr?, sowf aus, Ware mus nos, Ich. udder du Udder's Berkeolde kee-kaw-ku, Und eu! bicht de Und sell bisht du

Sometimes a man's warmest friend is his cold cash.

Virtue becomes a vice as soon as you

Women seldom have much faith in a doctor unless he has whiskers.

A woman doesn't necessarily see the point of a joke because she laughs at

It isn't a girl's fault if she isn't pretty Every girl is just as pretty as she can

When the married man doesn't dress up his wife is apt to give him a dressing down.

It would take more than brass knuckles to make an impression on some men's cheek

gagement all the other girls say "Poor fellow."

PROVES GRAFT IN CAPITOL Monster Meeting.

day noon. Later in the day they visited ferred him to the attorney general.

violation of the law.

Treasurer intends to continue his inves- Mr. Strong.

WHAT IT COST CENTRE COUNTY.

The money in the State Treasury belongs to the citizens of this state. According to the last census, 1900, the population of Pennsylvania then was means that over \$2 was spent for every ed. man, woman or child in this state on this building.

In 1900 the population of Centre county was 42,824. at \$2 dollars each it means that it cost the citizens of this county over \$85,648.00.

Since there is one voter to every five inhabitants, \$10 is the cost to every vot-Centre county pays over \$63,000 as its the people paid all the advance. share for the trimmings which the Press This nine million steal could have been spent for trimmings.

ANOTHER ILLUSTRATION.

notes, etc.,) were heaped together on a history of our state. pile it would not equal the amount they spent alone for chandeliers and globes. Think of it.

with the approval of a simple-minded, old man who was made Governor, by this Gang. His elevation has so flattered his fancy that he became their subservient and grateful servant ever since. He re-cently denied and refused the asylums and hospitals needed appropriations, on following words :

"I withhold my approval from this bill for the reason that the condition of the State revenues does not justify the appropriation at this time."

cause for complaint, because they pay no state taxes, and all the money taken for trimmings, came from taxes assessed upon corporations and there is quite a handsome sum still left in the treasury.

According to this logic of the apolo-6,302,115 which divided into \$13,000,000 a thousand dollars in your safe untouch- charges," under the head of chandeliers.

going into office. Just what they did. WAS THE PEOPLE'S MONEY.

But, this tax upon the corporations er. As the "trimmings" cost over did come out of the pockets of the people \$9,000,000, by the same calculation, it since freight and other rates were adwould be found that out of the \$35,648 vanced to more than make up for it, and

declares "there is a great steal in it,"- appropriated to local road and school you can't get away from it. \$63,000 is purposes, and thus relieved our Centre more than the average annual income county farmers and others of burdenof Centre county from all sources, and some taxes, to the amount of \$85,000. this is our share of the money the Gang This is the light in which the Centre many worthy charities and necessary Democrat presents the Gang's apology for the nine million "trimmings" steal.

The assessed valuation of all real es. In conclusion, we dont want the readtate in Centre county, (which means all ers to overlook the important point: Had the fine farms, all the timber and coal. Lee Plummer been elected State Treasthe towns of Philipsburg, Bellefonte, and urer last fall this \$9,000,000 for trim- over-crowded asylums of the State, ap smaller towns, all factories and indus- mings might have been much greater, propriations for which have been denied tries and fine homes which required the and would have been concealed. Plumlabor of many thousand people for gen- mer was a notorious Gang tool and they and the farming out of the surplus could erations to acquire) is \$13,078,983, and wanted him badly. Berry's election, ac- continue. is less than the cost of the State Capitol, cording to the Gang, was a great mis-If \$2,583,432, (the amount of all money take, for in less than four months (since in our county at interest, including last June) he has pried off the lid and the men whose political interest lies in bonds, stocks, judgments, mortgages, revealed the most gigantic steal in the exonerating the politicians who have made it possible?

State Treasurer Berry estimates that people, and this is the result. This year him, while tumultuous cheers prevailed there is not less than \$2,000,000 graft, the same Gang have selected another at his closing remarks. Mr. Berry was and may reach over \$4,000,000. That timid, mild-mannered old man from he principal speaker on this occasion, vast sum belonged to the people ab- Philadelphia for the same office-a man tas the others yielded most of their time solutely. It came from them indirectly, who never had a positive opinion on any for him as he pried under the gang and but surely. It was spent by the Gang, public measure; and when reform move- "litted the lid." He most certainly

these matters over and determine wheth-er the interests of the state and county can best be served by the election of Stuart (Penrose's nominee for Governor) or Emery who is opposed to this ma-chine and will, if elected, investigate this capitol steal and imprison every guilty thief, as well as protect your interests in the future and hospitals needed appropriations, on er the interests of the state and county the ground that the condition of the can best be served by the election of treasury would not permit it, using the Stuart (Penrose's nominee for Governor) the future.

manner, aggregating the enormous sum campaign and that all Castle's efforts are prefers not to have his name mentioned list of items were set out, in the of the law."

The second count in his indictment gist for the great robbery. if a burglar against the Gang was, "that \$4,562,252 robs your safe of five thousand dollars he have been spent for furnishings in accan justify, the crime by saying "you cordance with the letter of the law, in have no cause for complaint since I left which at least TWO MILLIONS is overbrackets, panels, cases, furniture and The Weather Unfavorable, but Big Again, the above apology is an admis- bronze decorations, and gave the enor-

sion that the Gang taxed the corpora- mous items for each, alleging that a protions so as to have a pile of millions to portionate over-charge is possible in the steal from while the state treasury was other four millions. He also showed how under their control, previous to Berry's the contracts were drawn in a deceptive manner. He declared that the chandeliers which cost the state \$1,600,000 could have been secured for \$270,000-an over-for the last three months to make this charge of over one million dollars. He year's fair the best ever held in the coundeclared, every item in this schedule is

> His closing indictment against Pennypacker and the Gang was "gross extravagance," as follows :

open to the same criticism.

"I hold that the erection of such a palatial building for the use of a few men, and the gratification of the pride of a larger number is without excuse, while public works are denied the support they need. My sense of comfort in the sump uous quarters we occupy is marred by the thought that the helpless wards of the State are suffering for common neces. sities, and the indigent insane are sleepd vetoed to keep the money in the Treasury, so that this building scheme

"This whole matter needs to be investigated. We are about to choose the men who are to do it." Shall we choose

WHAT IS YOUR DUTY. When Berry was introduced he re-The Gang picked old Pennypacker up ceived a splendid greeting. During his score was 11 to 2 in favor of Baileyville. in Philadelphia and forced him on the speech constant applause interrupted

of \$3,236,121-spent by this Gang "as I directed toward aiding the cause of that The well mentioned is on lands of the believe in defiance of the plain mandate gigantic octopus, the most merciless and Dr. Stuart estate near Pine Glenn. If the earth. The resolutions are signed by David

Wetzel, chairman of the convention, and by Rev. D. Allan Williams, secretary.

THE CENTRE COUNTY FAIR.

Crowds Present.

annual Centre county fair opened in Bellefonte on Tuesday. The weather was not as favorable as the weather-man could have made it, but, nevertheless the people from all over the county and adjoining counties came to see the great exhibition. The managers of the enterprise have been working night and day ty. Their purpose was accomplished, but as stated the weather, with it rain and cool, chilly breezes, had the effect of

keeping some of the people away. The exhibition of farm produce, stock. implements and the miscellaneous ex hibits in the buildings is larger and far

more attractive than in former years. The outdoor amusements are the kind that please the people in general and alone are well worth the price of admission. The managers are to be complimented in barring all crooks and gamblers from the ground, whose only purpose is to separate money from innocent people, who, when they leave home, never think that they will return pennyless, being fleeced by a lot of cut-throats. One of the main features of the fair is the racing and this year a large string of fast horses are here and are making things interesting. The Bellefonte track

is considered by expert horsemen one of the speedlest in the State and this is one of the great drawing cards for the fast The best of these races will orses. take place this afternoon and tomorrow, (Friday) afternoon and no lover of the race course should miss them. Go and

take your family with you. A game of ball was played between the Pine Grove Mills team and Bailey-

Big Forest Reserves.

Register and Recorder Snyder of Clinton county, received for record an agreement of sale whereby the state comes into possession of 9,545 acres of land in Noyes and Beech Creek town-ships. A similar instrument was filed with the register and recorder of Centre

in connection with this announcement. unscrupulous corporation on the face of you don't believe the above story slip around and hear the natural gas escap-ing from the plug, or apply a match and see it burn.

We believe the above is correct, and it is quite possible that some large corporation is trying to lease all the land in that section before the truth is made known. It is up to the citizens of Burn-side and Snow Shoe townships to investigate this find, and if they have natural gas, the sooner they know it the better; and if anyone is to profit they should not sacrifice their properties to some large corporation.

Rev. Dr. Colfelt Resigns.

The resignation of Rev. Lawrence M. Colfelt, pastor of the Oxford Presbyterian church, at Broad and Oxford streets, Philadelphia, was read to the congregaion at the morning and evening services Sunday, which comes as a surprise to numerous members of the church and to Prebyterians generally, Dr. Colfelt being one of the leading clergymen of that denomination in that city.

Dr. Colfelt has long entertained a conviction that a minister should retire from his work while he is still at his best, and before the decline of old age unfits him for the active duties of his pastorate. He is still in his fifties and is a vigorous speaker. He is not depend. ent upon his ministerial work for his living, but has independent means. He owns a newspaper at Bedford Springs, the Pennsylvania Hawkeye, and will deperiodical

The Wanderer Returned."

Samuel Ruhl, son of Jonathan Ruhl, of Tylersville, who several months ago wandered away from his parents' home and for whom diligent search was made, also a liberal reward had been offered for

any information concerning him, is now at his parents home having returned last week

The young man is slightly demented, and this fact, in connection with his disappearance caused his parents a great deal of anxiety. He stated to the family that after leaving home he wandered up into Southern New York where he hired out to do farm work and had been there up to the time of his departure for home

Trouble Never Comes Single.

Last spring Mrs. Bitner, wife of Chas. W. Bitner, who is night operator at the Bald Eagle railroad station at Lock Haven, took a cold which developed into tuberculosis. About one month ago her

Many a man who has a reputation for talking too much doesn't talk enough at the right time.

The prodigal son gets the fatted veal, but the prodigal daughter is lucky to get a plate of col 1 hash.

State Federation of Women.

The eleventh annual meeting of the State Federation of Pennsylvania Women will be held at State College, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 16. 17 and 18, by invitation of the Women's Club of State College.

The opening session will be Tuesday, 16th, at 10:30 a.m. All meetings are to be held in the Schwab Auditorium, by courtesy of The Pennsylvania State Col-

ege. "Domestic Science, Its Educational Value and Its Influence in the American Home," will be emphasized. "Forestry and Civics" will have their share of attention, and the "Reform Movement in State and Philanthropic Institutions" will be dwelt upon.

Miss Agnes Repplier, Mrs. Sarah Ty-son Rorer and Mrs. Rudolph Blankenberg will be among the speakers at this

All of these meetings will be open and a cordial invitation to attend them is extended to all.

Hospital Notes.

Mrs. Richard Hall, of Johnstown, who was burned at the Granger picnic, was discharged from the hospital last Saturday and left for her home

Fred Fisher, of Snow Shoe Intersection, who was suffering from a fracture vote more time hereafter to editing this of the left thigh, was discharged this week.

Frank Downing, of Coleville, who had his hand crushed, left the hospital Monday, his hand being almost healed.

Chas. Fullerton, of the Bellefonte Academy, was admitted Monday for fever.

Kling Reish, who underwent an operation recently for appendicitis, is improv-ing and will be around in a few days.

Mrs. Susan Foore and daughter Amanda were admitted last week for typhoid fever.

Miss Julia Curtin, who has been suffering from an abscess in the head, is getting along nicely,

A Large Wedding.

Quite a large wedding took place Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wigton, near Graysville. Over two hundred invited guests witnessed the marriage of their oldest daughter. Miss Mary E. Wigton, to Alexander Nulan, of Pittsburg. The bride's sister, Miss Lose, will be maid of honor. After the wedding feast the party took the first train east and will be at home to their friends after Dec. 1st in Pittsburg, where the groom has a good position with the Carnegie people.

A Desirable Home.

Al. McCormick of Lock Haven are guests at the home of Mrs. Lousia Bush. When a barber is talkative the man in the chair can't blame the razor for losing its temper. President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers it is said, will take the stump for Lewis Emery, Jr., fusion can-didate for Governor. He is booked to make a speech or two in Schuylkill coun-ly in favor of the fusion ticket and may be heard in this part of the state. Special attention is called to the adver-tisement in the public sale columns of the Joseph Florey home, at Pleasant Gap. This is a most desirable home, in first-class condition with a nice plot of ground connected with it on which there is an abundance of choice fruit. Sale takes place next Thursday afternoon on the premises. Special attention is called to the adver-