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EDITORIAL.

PENNYPACKER was the leader in denouncing that there was no graft in the job erecting the new Capitol. He was there, saw all that was going on, was a member of the building commission, governor and under oath bound to see that the state was not robbed, but in spite of all, the most infamous robbery ever known, took place.

THE STORK MAY ADD ANOTHER TO UNCLE SAM'S FAMILY. Native Costa Ricans have started an agitation in favor of annexation to the United States as a relief from the wars of Central America, according to representative E. F. Acheson, of Pennsylvania. Mr. Acheson arrived at New Orleans on the steamer Ellis with a Congressional party which has been inspecting the Panama canal.

THE RECORD REMARKS: In the struggle which is sure to come in 1908 against the further maintenance of tariff-built monopolies, which annually take from the hands of farmers, laborers and all the great mass of persons engaged in the arts, professions or other gainful pursuits more than five hundred million dollars, the railroads will have a common grievance with the mass of consumers, and they should not be blamed if they use their influence in every legitimate way to promote their legitimate interest. The time has come to build up the country instead of building up millionaires. The railroads can help themselves by helping the public interest.

CAPITOL GRAFTING.

In an editorial on the capitol furnishing graft the New York "Independent" suggests that responsibility for the official action that permitted the exorbitant charges and excessive payments to Sanderson by means of unusual and remarkable specifications should be clearly fixed by the investigating committee. "If there was a conspiracy to rob the State," says the "Independent," "the people of Pennsylvania should insist on the exposure and punishment of the conspirators. The higher the station of the guilty, if guilt there be, the more important it is for the public welfare that they should not escape." It almost hints that Governor Pennypacker is not above suspicion because he was the author of the resolution that required that the bidder for furnishings, bid for all of them. Under that resolution Sanderson got the contract that gave him from three hundred to a thousand per cent profit on the work.

BERRY FOR GOVERNOR.

State Treasurer Berry should have the unanimous nomination of both parties for Governor to succeed Mr. Stuart, says the Schwenksville Item. Its editor, I. H. Brandman, a republican, is a personal friend and staunch supporter of Governor Pennypacker, whose home is near that town. Mr. Brandman, in the columns of his paper, was a staunch defender of Governor Pennypacker's administration, and declared that the State Capitol had been honestly built and furnished. In Friday's issue the Item says: "It begins to look now as if every capitol graft charge made by State Treasurer Berry during the campaign were true, though not believed by thousands at the time, as it was thought to be only a campaign canard. As Berry had courage to expose this rascality both parties should honor him by giving him the unanimous nomination for Governor the next time. If he had not been elected Treasurer it is believed that the graft would never have been discovered."

SANDERSON "LIVIN EASY."

John H. Sanderson, the favored contractor, whose unique methods of making up his bills for work on Pennsylvania's \$13,000,000 State capitol are being investigated by the Legislature, has been living at Sherry's in New York, since last October.

Many things have happened to Mr. Sanderson since he hurriedly left Philadelphia under fire nearly six months ago. Probably the most important in his eyes was his marriage early in the winter to a Philadelphia woman whose home was in Glenside. He brought his bride to Sherry's and there they have lived ever since.

With part of his \$4,000,000 or \$5,000,000 profit Mr. Sanderson has purchased a yacht, and expects to cruise during the summer months under the flag of the New York Yacht club.

HARRISBURG LETTER.

was on air. The same is true of the vast profits on chandeliers. Brother-in-law. Salom testified that not a cent of money had been paid by anybody for the stock of the Pennsylvania Bronze Co., which supplied the chandeliers for the pound and the shareholders got dividends amounting in the aggregate to 130 per cent, on an investment of absolutely nothing. But the startling feature of all this is that if William H. Berry had not been elected State Treasurer in 1905 the public would never have known of this colossal fraud. It was the intention of the conspirators to claim that the capitol building had been completed for less than the amount appropriated by law. In fact literature had been prepared for distribution asserting this claim and extolling the Republican party in general and the Pennypacker administration in particular for this splendid achievement. In this matter the culpability of Mr. Pennypacker is emphasized for he was the active leader in that scheme to deceive the people. He knew that the appropriation of \$4,000,000 had been exceeded more than twice over and yet he was preparing to assert the contrary. Such a man is not an injured innocent and if he ends his evil life in prison, as Quay ought to have done, it will be only a fit vindication of justice.

THE QUAY MONUMENT BILL.

Last week was a busy period in the Legislature, not that much was achieved, but that in one respect it was like the closing week of a session which is always run at high pressure speed. Wednesday was the last day for introducing legislation and nearly all the members wanted to get something in with the result that more bills were read in place on that day than on any other except the first day of the session for that order. Most of the bills introduced on that day will die in the committee to which they were referred and a good many of them deserve such a fate. But there are some among the number of the highest merit. In this group is one introduced by Representative Minehart, of Franklin county, to repeal the act of May 11, 1905, "providing for the erection of a statue of the Honorable M. S. Quay, on the capitol grounds at Harrisburg, and making an appropriation therefor." The presence of that measure in the statute books of the State is an outrage upon the conscience of the people of Pennsylvania.

It has been said by the apologists for Quay's iniquities that Minehart's bill would put a hardship on the Commissioners appointed under that act to put its provisions into execution. But that is not true. There never was a legally organized commission to execute that law. In the first place there is no provision in the title of the bill for the appointment of commissioners and even if there were and the law itself means up to the legal requirements, the commissioners were never legally authorized to act and whatever they have done is upon their own expense. Section 8, Article 4 of the constitution of Pennsylvania, empowers the Governor to "nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of two-thirds of all the members of the Senate," appoint such officers of the commonwealth "as he is or may be authorized by the constitution or by law to appoint." The Senate has never advised or consented to the appointment of commissioners to erect the Quay statue. One complete session has been held since the law providing for the Quay monument was enacted and three months of another are passed, yet the nomination of the Quay monument commissioners have not been confirmed. Therefore if they have purchased a monument or gone to any other expense in order to disgrace the State by the erection of an effigy of the most notorious corruptionist of his day and generation, let them pay for it themselves.

THE TWO-CENT-A-MILE RATE.

The two-cent-a-mile passenger rate bill passed the Senate on Tuesday and is now in the hands of the Governor. There were only three votes against it, those of Grim of Bucks, Roberts of Montgomery, and Sproul of Delaware, who were frightened at the shadow of a threat to cut out the commutation tickets for suburban residents. Of course there was no danger of such a thing, as future events will show, and State Senators ought to be less credulous. But in justice to the gentlemen it should be said that their constituents were overwhelmingly against the bill so far as expression to their sentiments was given. I saw Senator Grim's mail for a day or two before the vote, for example. He had advertised in the local papers for an expression of public opinion on the subject and out of a bushel basketful of letters, more or less, there was but one asking him to vote for the bill. Of course such situations are perplexing. The platform of his party pledged him to vote for the measure and I believe his own inclinations were in that direction. But he reasoned that he is the representative of the people of the district rather than of his own views and the information he had after diligent efforts to get the truth, compelled him to vote against the bill.

It is practically settled that the Legislature will adjourn finally on Thursday, May 19. At least Speaker McClain announced, after a conference with some of the Republican leaders, on Thursday evening, that such would be the case. A joint resolution will be passed, the Speaker states, and the Investigating Committee shall report to the Gov'r, on the completion of its work, and that he shall be authorized to take any steps in the direction of criminal proceeding he deems advisable.

Meantime the reform legislation is moving forward though it must be confessed that "celerity is tempered with caution." In other words the Cressy trust buster which passed the house finally is now in the Senate committee where it will probably die and the Railroad commission bill only passed the second reading stage in the House on Thursday. It will not likely get much further and for that matter it is hardly worth worrying about. Harrisburg, Pa 1907. G. D. H.

Public Spraying.

Spraying for San Jose scale, will be held at the home of Samuel T. Aikey, at Jacksonville, Tuesday, April 9th, at 1 p. m. sharp. This demonstration was held over from last season on account of rough weather. All persons are invited to attend and trust we may have a large crowd and shall strive to render you some encouragement. CHAS. C. HESS, Demonstrator.

RECENT DEATHS.

HERBERT L. KANE—better known to his Bellefonte friends as "Bert Kane," died Saturday morning at 8 o'clock after an illness of three weeks with typhoid fever. He was a very popular young man and his untimely death is very much lamented. He possessed a warm heart and thus was kind and generous, always willing to do a good turn for others. The deceased was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. James Kane and was about 26 years of age. He was industrious, and for a number of years had been a faithful employe of the Pennsylvania Match Factory, held in high esteem by both his employers and employes. Being a member of the Catholic church he was faithful to all its requirements. He leaves to mourn his death his father and mother and the following brothers and sisters, Lose T., John P., James, Joe, Burney, Vincent, Gertrude, Stella, Agnes, Julia, and Kathryn. The funeral took place Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock from the Catholic church. A sad feature about this death is that the father of the deceased and his sister, 18 years of age were both in the hospital in Philadelphia, undergoing treatment. They returned Sunday morning to Bellefonte for the purpose of attending the funeral. Mr. Kane says that the specialists are trying to reduce the large lump on his neck, after which they will perform an operation. It is thought after this has been done he will recover. His daughter is said to be getting better slowly but she will have to remain where she will have to remain for two or three months.

ELIZA THOMPSON MITCHELL—whose body was brought from Minneapolis and buried on Monday afternoon of last week in the Branch cemetery, from the home of John Thompson, at Lemont, died at the home of her brother Edward on Thursday, March 21st, after a long illness. Lida had lived at State College where she was born, until fourteen years ago when, upon the death of her father, Joseph Mitchell, she went west with her brother Ed, and has since then made her home with him in Minneapolis. There are only two brothers surviving, William, of Hermonie, Penna., and Ed. of Minneapolis.

NOAH F. STOVER—one of the prominent and well known citizens of Millheim, died on Monday morning after a two month's illness with general debility. He was born in Haines township and was 72 years, 2 months and 26 days old. His wife, who before she was married was Miss Rebecca Reed, died a number of years ago, but surviving him are the following children: Wm. A. and Thomas, of Penn township; Milford, of Green Bay, Wis; Mrs. G. W. Sechrist and Mrs. E. I. Musser, of Millheim. The funeral was held on Thursday morning, interment being made in the Union cemetery.

JOSEPH WILLIAMS—a veteran of the Civil war, passed away at his home in Loganton, on 21, death being due to old age. Deceased was 82 years old and is survived by his wife, one son and one daughter. Interment took place on Sunday in the Lutheran cemetery.

GOTLIEB DICK ARMERUSTER—died at his home at Farmers Mills, Saturday evening March 23, aged 67 years. Funeral services were held Wednesday forenoon, conducted by the Masonic fraternity and interment was made in the Union cemetery at Farmers Mills.

FREDERICK KERCHOFF—of Romola, a veteran of the Civil war, died at his home at the above named place last Friday morning, March 22, aged 82 years, after a short illness. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Lydia Confer. Interment in the Marsh Creek cemetery.

MRS. MINNIE HERSHEY—died at the Williamsport hospital Tuesday, March 18th, of last week and buried on the following Friday Mrs. Hershey, whose maiden name was Minnie Adams, was born in Millheim 29 years ago.

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MRS. NANNIE WILLARD—died Wednesday morning at 6:30 o'clock, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Morris Hazel, in Altoona. Mrs. Willard had been a sufferer for several years with cancer and during all this time was patient, cheerful and faithful. She was a staunch Temperance Advocate and whenever an opportunity presented itself, Mrs. Willard would do all in her power to help the cause. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a great worker in the cause of missions. She was born in Virginia in 1850, and was fifty six years old last August. She leaves to mourn her death two children, Wardner, and Mrs. Morris Hazel, both of Altoona, and the following brothers and sister: Edward R., William and George Chambers, and Mrs. William Larimer, of Bellefonte; and James, of DuBois. Funeral services will be held at her late home in Altoona and the body will be brought to Bellefonte and interment made from the train on Friday morning.

MRS. MARY WAGNER—wife of Geo. Wagner, died at her home at Rosecrans the 21 after a brief illness of pneumonia. Deceased was 66 years old and is survived by her husband, one son, John Wagner, and three daughters, Mrs. Howard Barber, of Loganton, Mrs. John Cooper, of Rosecrans and Miss Tillie at home.

Mrs. Harvey Rossman, Spring Mills; Mrs. Clement Luse and Mrs. George E. Heckman, Centre Hall; William, and Kingston, Illinois; Grace and Mattie, Altoona; one brother, Christian Armbruster, of Mingoville; and one sister, Mrs. Aaron Long, also survive.

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Hampton L. Carson, just before he retired from the office of Attorney General in the Pennypacker administration, went out of his way in his final report on his alleged investigation of the capitol scandal to sneer at State Treasurer Berry for having declared that there were gross over-charges in the finishing and furnishing of the capitol and probably graft to at least half the amount expended by the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings. The facts already disclosed in the of-

ficial investigation made by a commission of the Legislature, dominated by members of Mr. Carson's political associates, shows that Mr. Berry's charges were far within the truth.

Which do the people of Pennsylvania think is most deserving of their derision and contempt, the State Treasurer who brought about the exposure of these appalling iniquities or the former Attorney General who sneered at him for doing so.

The capitol graft now means prison. Probers are getting solid ground to base action for fraud and collusion. The painting contractor says work that cost the state \$79,473.13 was done for \$174,762.

The four women who were arrested by the officers at Lock Haven, charged with keeping a disorderly home, were given a hearing before Alderman J. C. Smith. In default of \$300 bail each, they were re-committed to the county jail for the next term of court. How swiftly the law fastens its grip on these "ladies." Why can't action be brought as swift to the capitol looters, the life insurance looters and plunderers of the city of Philadelphia, etc., etc.?

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