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EDITORIAL.

FAR better for Pennypacker had he not been governor.

THE Clinton Democrat last week came out in a new dress—donned an Easter bonnet. The Democrat is always a favorite upon our desk.

THE Altoona Tribune entered, a new volume beginning of last week. The Tribune has always been an excellent sheet and has become one of the best inland dailies, ranking closely with the metropolitan press.

THE Chattanooga Times has been using its pencil to ascertain the rate of current contribution of the country to the net earnings of the Steel Trust, with the following result: \$4.94 a second; \$296.73 a minute; \$17,804.16 an hour; \$427,397.26 a day; \$156,000,000 a year.

THE investigation into the capitol steal on Tuesday brought out the fact that the plans for the new capitol were stolen from another architect, and for it the gang architect, Huston, got the fat take of half a million dollars, and the real author gets nothing. Every-day new graft is discovered.

THERE is a big war on in the republican party. The object is to fight Roosevelt and defeat his measures for curbing the railroad and other trusts. The leaders against the President are Penrose and Harriman. Penrose is the corrupt Pennsylvania boss who takes Quay's place, and the other is Harriman, the king of the great railroad corporation. Penrose and Harriman have planned to raise five million dollars to defeat Roosevelt's measure in congress. The railroad king has brazenly boasted he can buy legislatures, congress, and even the judiciary to defeat the President. In this fight, now brewing in the G. O. P., we suppose there will be some "able organ," as usual to get on both sides of the fence.

PLOT GIVEN AWAY.

The most interesting political occurrence last week was the public and pointed declaration by President Roosevelt that he had information which he fully credited, to the effect that "a rich man's conspiracy" had been formed for the purpose of controlling the next republican national convention in the interest of a "conservative" presidential candidate. The matter is still being discussed by the Washington correspondents, but no new light had been thrown upon it since the original publication. Senator Penrose, while filled with 100 much booze at a banquet is credited with giving the entire scheme away. The amount to be raised was \$5,000,000 to control the next nomination for President. Harriman and other big railroad men are said to be in the deal. Roosevelt has announced the plot from the White House so that the public may have ample warning.

This is the man who named the postmaster at Bellefonte so that he would have a newspaper to support him. Watch it defend Penrose.

Five Generations Represented.

On Easter Sunday the home of Doctor Philip S. Fisher was the scene of a most pleasant gathering, it was the celebrating of Mrs. Sarah Fryberger's 90 anniversary.

At the happy gathering five persons representing five different and distinct generations were present, they were Sarah Fryberger, Mrs. Philip S. Fisher, Mrs. Nelson E. Robb, Mrs. Fryberger Barclay and Richard Fryberger Barclay. Grandmother Fryberger was the recipient of over 150 Easter's greeting by mail last Saturday. She is in excellent health and spirits, and she is the proud possessor of five great grandchildren. This grand old lady is the mother of our esteemed friend Captain C. L. Fryberger of Phillipsburg Pa. This paper extends to Grandmother Fryberger its best wishes and hope she may live many more years and enjoy the peace and happiness that reigns supreme among her children.

Wednesday night of last week, Patrolman Peter Griffin, of Lock Haven, captured a burglar in the act of robbing Leinbach's jewelry store. The robber was Charles Winslow, a telephone line-man, who resides on West Main street. He filled his pockets with what was in sight including about \$100 worth of rings, also bracelets, toilet articles in sterling silver, etc. While looking about, Winslow opened a drawer behind the counter in which were two self-acting Smith & Wesson revolvers which were always kept in the store in case of emergency. He evidently was examining one of the weapons for it was discharged and the bullet crashed through the rear and front of the show case and lodged in the woodwork.

PRIMARY ELECTION.

At the spring election, which will be held under the new "Uniform Primary Act," the following party offices will be voted for:

REPUBLICAN:—Three delegates to the Republican state convention. One person for County Chairman.

DEMOCRAT:—Four delegates to the Democratic state convention.

PROHIBITION:—Five delegates to the Prohibition state convention.

This year we will have a small ticket to elect as there are only three public offices to be filled, and at the same time you will be asked to vote for nomination for the following public offices:

One person for the office of District Attorney.

One person for the office of Prothonotary.

One person for the office of County Surveyor.

The Uniform Primary Election will be held for the first time Saturday, June 1st. It is held by the regular election boards at the same time and place for all parties, and is conducted along similar lines.

Under this new law there will be no more voting for delegates to the Republican or Democratic, etc., county conventions. Then there will be no more old fashioned county conventions in the court house on Tuesdays. Instead, the primary election officers will certify the vote of their precincts to the county commissioners who will tabulate the same and the one having the largest popular vote in the county will be declared by them to be the party nominee for any party position or public office.

At first this new method may seem a little strange and awkward, but it should be given a fair trial. It has a tendency to completely wipe out many of the notorious abuses in the old system. By this method the professional politician is deprived of numerous opportunities for skinning candidates and setting up crooked jobs. Another point is that a vote in one part of the county is as good as in another. It also does away with the "uninstructed delegate" abuse of former years. What new abuses will develop under the new system remains to be seen.

THE NEW PARISH HOUSE.

Benjamin Bradley, of Bellefonte, has been awarded the contract for the new Parish house to be erected by the Episcopal congregation. It will be built of concrete blocks, and will be the first house in town of that material. It will be but one story, containing one large room 30x40 feet. The ceiling will be seven feet high and it will be well lighted by a number of large windows. It will contain all the modern conveniences for a house of the kind. There will be a passage way from the rectory; and it will be used as a Sunday school room, and a place for holding fairs, festivals and all kinds of sociables. It was the intention of the congregation to erect a two-story building, but as the tailor has to cut his suit according to the cloth he has, so the congregation had to build according to the money they were able to raise. It will cost about \$3100 and will be an ornament to that section of the town. When the house is completed Rev. Edward Richardson, the rector, will move his study to the rectory so that he will be in close contact with his work. The building committee is composed of John M. Shugert, Col. W. F. Reynolds and Joseph L. Montgomery.

The annual meeting of the parish was held last week, the following gentlemen elected vestrymen of the church. Col. W. Fred Reynolds, Dr. George F. Harris, Edward F. Garman, Joseph L. Montgomery, Dr. J. L. Seibert, Edward H. Richards, W. W. Montgomery, Dan'l Garman and W. S. Zeller. The Rector appointed Col. W. F. Reynolds Senior Warden for one year. Col. Reynolds accepted the office. Dr. George F. Harris was elected Jr. Warden, W. W. Montgomery Secretary, Joseph Montgomery Acting Secretary, W. S. Zeller Treasurer, E. H. Richards and Dr. Geo. F. Harris were elected delegates to the Diocese convention which meets in Sunbury May 14th 1907. C. F. Montgomery and L. T. Munson were elected alternates to the convention.

Rev. Edward Richardson left Monday for different cities throughout the state in the interest of the Episcopal Churchman, a paper published at Harrisburg. He has been sent by Bishop Darlington on this mission and the Bishop will have charge of the church until the Rector returns which will be in about four weeks. On Sunday, April 14th, Rev. Alden L. Bennett, of Wilkesbarre, will preach in the Episcopal church. Rev. Bennett is said to be one of the most brilliant clergymen in the Diocese and no doubt will be received by a large audience when he comes to Bellefonte.

A VALUABLE DEPARTMENT.

Our "Penny-a-word column" is proving one of the most interesting features in the Centre Democrat. Last week we had two little advertisements in that column for the sale of two horses and as a result there was scarcely an hour in the day when the telephone was not ringing, or persons calling personally to answer the advertisements, while every other letter in our mail was an inquiry. No less than a hundred answers came in this way, and it convinces us more than ever of the wide circulation of this paper and the value of the "Penny-a-Word" column, where any subscriber may insert an advertisement of not more than 25 words one time FREE. We urge our patrons to make use of this department as often as they have anything to buy or sell. Every week there is something new in the column. Persons having horses, cattle or live stock to sell, or want to purchase, will find this department of service to them.

Don't hesitate, but send in your advertisement.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has put a stop to the having of bridal parties at its Wilmington station. It is a childish practice, whether by rice, old shoes, or other interference with a bridal party, devoid of sense, and frequently connected with indecency and insult.

HARRISBURG LETTER.

Special Correspondence: There are indications of a quarrel among the capital grafters and if that expectation is fulfilled, the rest will be easy. "When rogues fall out honest men come by their own," is proverbial, and the moment that Architect Huston undertook to shift the blame upon Governor Pennypacker, close observers began looking for the finish. There is some plausibility in Huston's observation; Pennypacker did have a lot to say in the Board of Public Buildings and Grounds and the alacrity and enthusiasm with which he served the machine on every occasion has prepared the public mind to accept such a solution of the problem. But Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds Shumaker is out with a statement that Huston is the real culprit. It was the architect, Mr. Shumaker declares, who "made a monkey of the old machine."

Pennypacker is a curious mixture of weakness and intriguing force. With the ambition of Caesar he has the vanity, if not the mental infirmities, of an imbecile. As Governor he imagined that he was above the law. When the constitution interfered with any of his purposes he simply brushed the constitution away. An act of assembly was of no consequence to him if it ran counter to his desires. Yet he maintained always an appearance of the greatest respect for the law and morals. He actually made intelligent people believe that he was the most lawabiding executive the State had ever had and that the least infraction of the principles of common honesty would shock him immensely. As a matter of fact, however, in practice he was little better than a pervert. If he knew the difference between right and wrong he paid no attention to it.

PICKING OUT THE SCAPE GOAT.

What influences Shumaker to shield Pennypacker at the expense of Huston is, of course, a matter of conjecture. That there will be a scape-goat is already apparent, however, and no doubt most of the machine managers would rather sacrifice the Architect than the veteran lawyer. But Shumaker is not himself immune and in his zeal to save Pennypacker he takes chances of being inculpated himself. No doubt it is true, as he alleges, that the Board of Public Buildings and Grounds relieved him of much responsibility by conferring his powers on Huston. But the duties of the office he occupied are fixed by act of assembly and a resolution of the Board of Public Buildings and Grounds will not revoke an act of the Legislature, and in resentment for his sigh of unfringed lines Huston may turn the attack upon Shumaker and make things exceedingly hot.

In fact there have been whispers incriminating Shumaker and by a little coiling the suspicions might be converted into facts. Shumaker admits the receipt of a very handsome Christmas present from Contractor Sanderson and it has been intimated that a good deal of the furniture in his palatial Johnstown residence looks like that which is or was in the capitol. With such a foundation to build on a talented architect like Huston could soon erect a vast structure of suspicion and scandal and it is not quite certain that he will not do so. Besides Pennypacker has notified the press that he is willing to tell all he knows about looting and nobody knows what that implies. He certainly knows a lot and as self-preservation is the first law of nature, he may make some sacrifice of friendships to guarantee his own safety.

STONE AND HARRIS TALKING WAR.

Former Governor Stone and former State Treasurer Harris are also "talking war talk" at each other. During the early stages of the capital construction work both those gentlemen were members of the Board of Public Buildings and Grounds and during their administration of the affairs of the Board the contract for the metal filing cases was given to Congressman Cassell's company at grossly exorbitant figures. Governor Stone declares with much emphasis and some profanity according to reports from Pittsburg, that he was not present in the session of the Board when the contract was awarded and intimates that if he had been there would have been no award. To this statement Treasurer Harris rejoins that Stone was present and participated in the award and declares he can prove the fact without much trouble. It is estimated that Cassell got more than a million dollars for those cases more than they were worth and this little difference of opinion between Stone and Harris may help to develop the facts.

Meantime the probing goes on with increasingly startling result. For the first time Huston and Sanderson were brought together during the session of last Wednesday. A Mr. Hamilton of Washington testified that after he had been dickered with Huston for some time they came to an agreement in the main but Huston added that "he had better go to see Sanderson" who told him that he "didn't want him to bid to any one else." Another interesting witness of the week was a man named DeKosenko, president of the Stirling Bronze company of Philadelphia. Some time ago he had published a statement in one of the Philadelphia newspapers which was damaging to the conspirators and the feature of his testimony was an attempt to contradict himself without being caught. In this he failed, of course, for the newspaper representative who obtained the interview, followed him in the witness stand, gave the substance of his conversation and proved that in the preliminary work "Sanderson, Huston and DeKosenko were altogether in the matter." Together these witnesses have proved collusion and conspiracy beyond the shadow of a doubt.

MACHINE NOT CONVERTED.

That the machine is neither contrite nor improved in morals has been revealed in the legislature of last week. The bill of Senator McIlhenny of Philadelphia, the purpose of which was to make the voters assistance clause of the present ballot law a helpful expedient rather than an agency for bribing voters, was defeated at the instance of Senator McNichol. Nobody would object to assistance to a man who is physically incapable of marking his ballot and the McIlhenny bill required that that condition be sworn to in order to obtain assistance. From the beginning, however, the plan has been employed by the bribers of voters and the machine made a desperate resistance to any change.

The proposition to allow the people to vote on the question of choice for United States Senator is being fought with great energy by the same element. It is universally agreed that the passage of such a measure would eliminate Penrose from the Senatorial equation at the next

election for that office and his friends are very anxious. The experiment has been tried in several Western States and with considerable satisfaction. But it is not popular with the Penrose machine though I can't understand why they oppose it. With the facilities for bribing voters unimpaired and the corporations including the Standard Oil company for the present Senator, he could certainly get a test vote in his favor if half the electors had to be paid for such a result.

The Nesbit bill provides for the election, next November, of delegates to a constitutional convention by a practically unanimous vote. It would be difficult to conceive a more dangerous measure. In the present frame of the corporate mind it is a safe guess that the majority of delegates chosen to a constitutional convention would be ready to do about anything that the corporations want and a constitution framed now would not only strengthen the seventeenth article of the present instrument but would probably eliminate it. If the Legislature wants constitutional reforms there is a better way to proceed than by calling a constitutional convention. The enactment of legislation to enforce the seventeenth article of the present constitution will afford ample restraints for railroads and trusts and Blakeslee's amendment to the Dunsmore railroad commission bill to prevent the watering of stocks is all that is needed in addition.

SPECIAL CALENDAR PROPOSED.

The trolley freight bill has passed finally, the two cent a mile passenger rate bill has been signed and some of the other reforms last year are likely to get through though the anxiety to fix a day for final adjournment is ominous. In fact Governor Stuart who appears to cherish the old fashioned notion that party pledges are binding insists on the passage of such measures as were promised in the Republican platform and suggested a special calendar for such bills to Speaker McClain the other day. If adjournment without delay on the 16th of May is decided upon something of that kind will be necessary and the present indications are that the resolution to that effect will be adopted.

DUNSMORE BILL.

Governor Stuart signed the Dunsmore two-cent fare bill Friday morning and immediately notified the House, the members applauding when the communication was read.

After September 1 next no railroad, except the short lines, will be entitled to charge more than two cents per passenger per mile for transportation on its lines. Under a rigid construction of the law no extra fare can be collected for the limited and other fine trains run through this State unless the extra fare can be tacked on as a Pullman fare. If the McCullough bill limiting the amount to be charged for accommodation in Pullmans is enacted, even this cannot be done.

BILLS PASSED.

The following bills were passed finally in the house at Harrisburg: Authorizing the economic zoologist to acquire and disseminate knowledge of all kinds of insects and their enemies and the means of suppressing injurious species and maintaining beneficial species.

Regulating the sale of wheat, rye, corn, buckwheat, bran and middlings.

Appropriating \$150,000 to State College to complete the agricultural building and to pay deficiencies in maintenance.

May 16 has been set as the date for final adjournment of the legislature.

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FISHING LAW AMENDED.

An Angler May Use as Many Rods and Lines as He Pleases. It is important for fishermen to know that several provisions of the act of May 29, 1901, have been amended, and they should govern themselves accordingly. The following instructions to the wardens in reference to the new law have been received from the commissioner of fisheries at Harrisburg:

To wardens: Your special attention is invited to the fact that section 2 of the Act of May 29, 1901, has been amended by an act approved March 15, 1907, to read as follows:

"Section 2.—That from and after the passage of this act it shall be unlawful to fish for game fish, in any of the waters of this commonwealth, in any manner except with a rod, hook and line, or with hand line having not more than three hooks, or for food fish, with any device not specifically permitted by this act, excepting for pickerel or yellow perch, which may be caught through the ice, by the use of tip ups the number of which may be used by one fisherman is hereby unlimited, but the total number of fish, either pickerel or yellow perch, or both together, which may be taken by

any one fisherman, in any one day, shall not exceed 20 pounds in weight per man. Any person violating any of the provisions in this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$25.00; provided, that "rod, hook and line," in this act shall mean the manner of fishing and not the number of rods used."

You will observe that the number of rods and tip ups that can be used is no longer limited, and that all violations of the provisions of this section are made misdemeanors. You will therefore guide yourself accordingly.

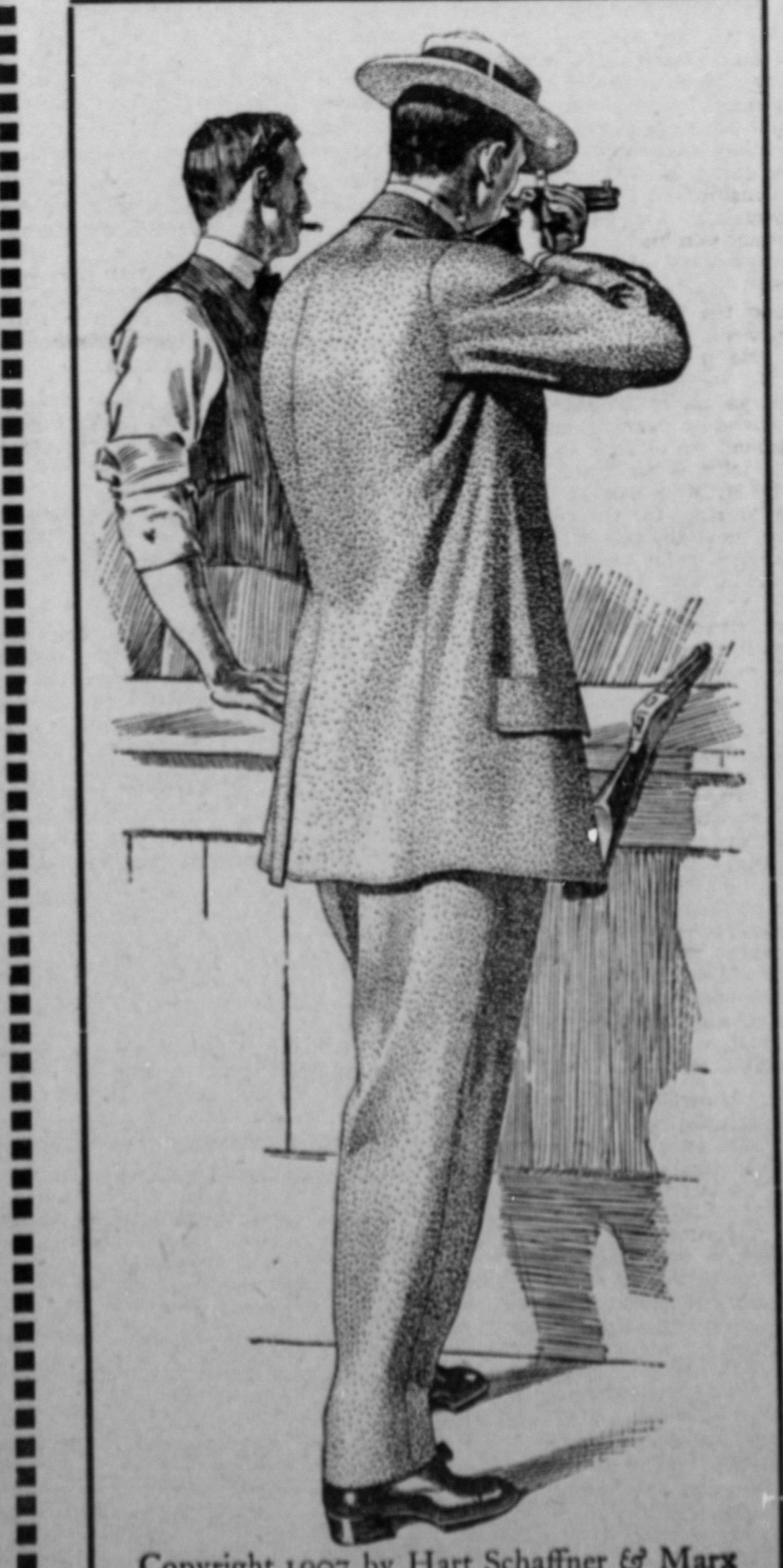
A small comb could hardly be called a toothsome morsel.

Summer Normal.

Will open at Pleasant Gap, Monday April 29th, under the supervision of Prof. S. S. Williams. It will continue for eight weeks, when a special course will be offered to teachers and those preparing to teach. There will also be an academic course. Terms \$2.50 and \$3.00. 14-15

School Opening.

I will open a school in Rebersburg, on Monday, April 15th, for a term of 8 weeks, for pupils of the intermediate and grammar grades. Terms moderate. J. A. WETZEL.



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