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### EDITORIAL.

The \$13,000,000 Capitol steal will figure in the annals of architecture as Pennsylvania's Haul of Fame, remarks the Record.

Four columns of apologies for Penrose is the service rendered by the fawning sycophant to his master, last week. There may be "velvet" in it, but the sacrifice is greater.

The Carlisle Volunteer succinctly sums up Penrose's administration in the following language: "Penrose began his administration by making himself an object of ridicule for the entire country. He ended it by creating the greatest scandal the state has known."

EARTHQUAKES are still "doing business at the old stand." The quake down in Mexico the other day, ruined several towns and cost quite a number of lives and much suffering. Since the earthquake which destroyed San Francisco several months ago, there have followed a large number of earthquakes in different parts of the world and seem to have been in what may be termed an earthquake belt.

The ashburners are getting numerous. No less than four are already claiming they have a compound for burning coal ashes, and producing intense heat without smoke. The price of fuel is thereby to be reduced to near one-half. Blessed be the discoverers of how to burn ashes and refuse and make fuel cheap! But what will become of the coal barons? The next problem will be, whence will all the ashes come to furnish fuel for the world by the new invention? While coal may be forced down in price, logic would teach ashes will go up higher than coal, in price. Then we might be just where it would be jumping from the frying pan into the fire. Coal mines may soon be bought by the half dozen for the price of a chair in Sanderson's new capitol.

ALL PUBLIC officials, state and national, so far as practical, should be elected in the districts interested, and appointments only made for such positions which can not be filled by popular vote. That would put a stop to the baneful influence of the system of appointing officials, which is a great source of corruption with the appointing power as well as with the appointees. Promises of appointment are simply a bribe before elections, for influence and votes, by corrupt office seekers of high and low degree. Bosses would be shorn of nineteen-twentieths of their practice to corruptly carry elections and commit frauds by stuffing ballot boxes and bribes in the shape of appointments—violated pledges, and promises of the same thing to a dozen party heelers for their assistance in corrupt practices and bribery. Let there be more choice of officials by the people at the poles, and trim down the appointing power of those in high places. Let the choice be the direct work of the voters.

FROM every section of the country the leading papers, regardless of politics, are defending President Roosevelt, for boldly exposing the plot of Harriman and other railroad magnates, to defeat the President's efforts in compelling the railroads to give the public a "square deal." This is the plot which, as given out from the White House, to the papers, was discovered through Senator Penrose talking too freely after drinking too much booze at a banquet in Washington. Up to this time not one word has been retracted by Roosevelt or his secretary to vindicate Penrose, or the charge of disloyalty to the national administration, or public interests which he pretends to serve. Penrose is a typical pot-house politician, a true representative of the political corruption in Philadelphia; and his re-election to the United States Senate would be repudiated by the members of the republican party in this state, if left to a popular vote. Over the country decent people consider Penrose an offence to public morals and good government; and criticism by no means is confined to one or two Philadelphia papers, as a disgusting, cringing spit-lick in this community in deavours to represent, and whose paper has become a Penrose organ, with a Penrose collar about the editor's neck—all for the sake of an office.

It has been noticed that the people who have no ancestry to boast of make up for it by having a lot of children.

## LEADING EVENTS AT HARRISBURG

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So Pennsylvania stands pledged to Roosevelt and his policies and practices. This is interesting though more or less perplexing. In other words we are left in doubt as to whether it was his attempt to "electioneer" the Vatican in order to get an American Cardinal who would prostitute the Catholic church to the base uses of Rooseveltism, his effort to get trust funds for the purpose of political corruption of a White House employe for dragging a helpless woman through the mud and mire, or his creation of an Ananias Club that has been endorsed. But something in relation to Teddy has been endorsed unequivocally and until Penrose takes a few of the recreants by the nose, it will stay endorsed.

**DEFECT IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION LAW.**  
Chairman Charles P. Donnelly of the Democratic State Committee, was in Harrisburg on Tuesday of last week for the purpose of calling the attention of Senators and Representatives in the Legislature to some fatal defects in the Primary election law enacted at the special session last year which the Lydick bill now pending fails to correct. The existing law provides for holding State conventions to nominate State tickets but requires that they be held within a week from the date of the June primary election. The returns of those elections are to be made on Tuesday following and are to be canvassed on Wednesday. That leaves only Thursday and Friday to get ready for a State convention which it is physically impossible to do. The Lydick bill makes no change in this provision of the law and Chairman Donnelly tried to get that fault corrected.

Mr. Donnelly discussed no other subject of legislation during his stay at the State capitol but some of the hysterical newspaper correspondents tortured the incident into an effort to help the Republican machine defeat an absurd bill in relation to voting for candidates for United States Senator at the primary elections. Section 3 of Article 1 of the constitution of United States declares "the Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State chosen by the Legislature thereof. Each Senator shall have the qualifications in Congress would be subversive of that constitution and invalid, and that being the case it is not likely that Chairman Donnelly or any other sane Democrat would bother with it. The Democrats in the Legislature voted for the bill simply as a matter of form it may be said that they had little if any interest in it.

**THE GRAFT INVESTIGATION.**  
The capitol probers spent most of last week in New York where they got little information beyond the fact that one sub-contractor testified that he agreed to pay Architect Huston ten per cent, of any money he received from the State for introducing him to Contractor Sanderson. During the only session held in Harrisburg last week it was discovered that the contract under which Congressman Cassell's company made the steel filing cases has been lost or stolen. Anyway it can't be found in any of the departments. It is believed that the document would have proved valuable evidence in the event of criminal proceedings after the pending inquiry is completed.

Business was rushed through both branches of the Legislature last week and if the same measure of industry is maintained to the end, it is safe to say that the calendars will be cleared by the time fixed by the House for final adjournment. In that event the only thing that would stand in the way of adjournment would be the capitol graft investigation. It is practically certain that more than the five weeks from this time until the 16th of May will be required to complete the investigation and everybody realizes that the report of the commission ought to be made public at once. For that reason the final adjournment may not occur until near the first of June. G. D. H.  
Harrisburg, Pa., April 15th.

### RECENT LEGISLATION.

Governor Stuart has signed these bills: Making the open season for woodcock pheasant and wild turkey from October 1 to December 1.

Making the open season for rabbits from October 1 to December 1.

Making the open season for killing deer from November 15 to December 1, and prohibiting the killing of doe deer.

**BILLS PASSED FINALLY.**  
The following bills passed finally that are of interest to our readers:

Providing for three borough assessors in boroughs having a population of more than 7,000.

Amending the act of 1875, relative to the change of venue, by providing that a change of venue shall only be made when it shall appear to the court that local prejudice exists and that a fair and impartial trial cannot be had.

Providing for appeals from the audits of the accounts of poor districts.

Fixing the term of borough treasurers at three years.

Conferring upon either party in a civil action raising before Justices of the Peace or aldermen the right to demand a jury trial of six.

House bill giving to trolley companies the right to carry freight.

The bill allowing appeals from judgments rendered by the Justices of Peace, aldermen and magistrates where the sum is less than \$5.33. Failed on final passage.

**HOSPITAL APPROPRIATIONS.**  
Some of the institutions which will receive appropriations are as follows:

Lock Haven hospital, \$26,000.  
Roaring Spring hospital, \$16,000.  
Johnstown hospital, \$65,000.  
Bellefonte hospital, \$17,000.  
Williamsport hospital, \$5,000.  
Lewistown hospital, \$4,000.  
Aged Colored Women's home, Williamsport, \$2,000.  
Florence Crittenden home, Williamsport, \$2,000.  
Williamsport Training school, \$6,000.  
Dubois hospital, \$7,000.

**RECORD BILL DEFEATED.**  
The state senate on Tuesday defeated the McCord bill intended to allow the voters of Pennsylvania to express their preferences for United States senator at the primaries. More senators voted for the bill than against it, but there were six absentees and the measure fell for lack of constitutional majority. This bill was opposed by boss Penrose, who fears an expression of the people, and being anxious for a reelection to the senate, he well knows he would fall far short of receiving a favorable expression from the people.

## OVER THE COUNTY.

Andrew Harter has been elected president and Jacob Sanders vice president of the Millheim Banking company.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Kunes arrived at home and are now occupying their cozy home on Main street in Blanchard.

The friends of Horace Hunter will be glad to hear of his recovery from an operation which he had undergone in a Pittsburg hospital.

Clay Hall, wife and baby, of Osceola, spent Sunday in Milesburg as the guest of his father, Malcolm Hall, of Bellwood, also was a visitor at this home over Sabbath.

Miss Ida J. Bumiller, after being employed in the journal office for the past seven years, at Millheim, has resigned her position and will study to become a trained nurse.

Miss Effie Snyder, who has been ill with typhoid fever has left her home at State College. Her many friends in Bellefonte will feel happy to know that she has so far recovered.

Mrs. Wm. Weber, of Howard, returned home from Berwick. She reports that Mrs. Dr. L. R. Hensly is improving, and before many weeks is expected to arrive at their old home.

Solomon Beyers, an old battle-scarred veteran of the Civil war, is lying at death's door, at his home in Ferguson township, suffering with that much dreaded disease, tuberculosis. He was a member of Company H, 148th Pa. Vols.

The administratrix of Emanuel Cronmiller, deceased, sold the three squares belonging to said estate in Aaronsburg, to the following persons: Two squares to Geo. E. Stover for \$500, and one to Geo. J. Weaver for \$125. The house and lot was not sold.

Miss Anna L. Tressler, of Fillmore, daughter of Wm. Tressler who had been in the hospital at Philadelphia, some three weeks, will return home to-day, having recovered sufficiently from a successful operation for appendicitis in the hospital, which her many friends will be pleased to learn.

James Keller, president of the Pennsylvania Banking Company, is contemplating a trip to South Carolina and other points south in the near future. His objective points will be the Jamestown Exposition, and Mt. Pleasant, North Carolina. At the latter place his son, Rev. James H. Keller, is located.

Don't forget the musicale to be given in the Methodist church at Howard, on Saturday evening April 20th, for the benefit of the Bellefonte hospital. Instrumental music there will be a piano, violin, cornet and clarinet, while the vocal music will include quartets, solos, recitations and select reading. The admission will be 10 and 15 cents.

Grandmother Catharine Archy, after an all winter visit with her son, Dr. Harry Archy, at Plymouth, Pa., and with her daughter, Mrs. Baker, in Chester, has returned to her home at Pine Grove Mills, accompanied by her grand daughter, Madeline Baker, who will spend the summer with the old dame at her mountain home.

While Christ Alexander, of Millheim, was examining a sick horse belonging to Orlando Hackenberg, a horse in a neighboring stall kicked him on his back with such violence as to knock Mr. Alexander down. Dr. Hardenbergh was immediately summoned, who found, upon examination, that one of Mr. Alexander's ribs on the right side was broken.

Monday evening the house occupied by Mr. T. W. Butler and family, at Mt. Eagle, took fire and burned to the ground. The fire started on the roof and the entire upper story was on fire when discovered. Nothing from the upper story was saved, but the goods on the lower floor were taken out. The loss is estimated at about \$1000, partly covered by insurance.

Geo. F. Breos, who spent over a year working for Orwig & Krider, at their lumber operation at Arborvale, W. Va., returned to his home, at Spring Mills, on Monday. When he left there was twelve inches of snow in the mountains, at that place. He is tired of that section and is anxious to get back to Pennsylvania. He reports business booming down there—plenty of work at good wages.

Armstrong Bailey, of Galeton, Pa., who came to attend the funeral of his sister, at Pine Grove Mills, and a few days with county commissioner J. G. Bailey. He was enrolled as one of first students at the State College, then it was known as the Farmer's High-school. When the war of the rebellion came he enlisted in Company E, 46th Pa. Vol., as orderly sergeant and served through the war.

The Lutheran congregation at Centre Hall have decided to make extended repairs to their church. Ever since edifice was built the roof leaked at various places, an effort will be made to correct this. The whole of the interior of the structure will be decorated. The congregation voted to perform this work according to the suggestions to be made by an architect. The cost of the improvements will be in the neighborhood of \$1000.

J. H. Fishburn and wife, of near Bellefonte, have on an extended visit through the west and expect to be absent for several months, during which time they will visit their children and other relatives and friends in Illinois, Kansas, Missouri and other states. Mr. and Mrs. Fishburn have known little else than hard work all their lives, and this trip will be much enjoyed by them as well as by those whom they visit. Mr. Fishburn is 52 years of age.



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John Stamm, an Altoona merchant, is now a tenant on the Theodore Boal farm near Boalsburg.

Mrs. H. A. Elder, of the Branch, while hanging wall paper fell from the stepladder breaking her left arm.

April, thus far, has been more like March than otherwise. Squalliness, blizzards, rain and chilliness seemed to have the dancing floor.

Ex-Prothonotary W. F. Smith is going into the hog raising business. He will keep on hand registered stock of the finest variety. If you want to eat the best kind of ham, sausage and fitch during the next winter, consult Mr. Smith and he will put you on the right track.

Colonel G. Decker, of Spring Mills, one of the Decker Brothers engaged in the manufacture of lumber, recently purchased a new saw mill, the arrival of which they are anxiously awaiting. At present they are cutting timber on the Long farm, in Brush Valley, recently purchased by F. M. Fisher, of Penn Hall.

W. D. Crosby, Esq., of Philipsburg, is about to construct a neat little cottage at Echo Glen, his beautiful summer resort south of that town. The foundation for the same has been completed, lumber is being placed on the ground and in a few days the carpenters will begin the work of construction. For the past couple of years the family has been occupying a tent during their summer's sojourn at Echo Glen, and pleasant as this has been, the cottage will in many respects prove more comfortable.

One of the best known families in Ferguson and College townships is that of the Neidigs, consequently the eighty-seventh anniversary of the birth of Mrs. John Henry Neidig was one celebrated recently with more than ordinary interest. The family now lives at State College. There were present on this occasion one person for every year of her life, the company embracing four generations—the last being a ten-months old child. The affair was greatly enjoyed by every one present.

During services in the Presbyterian church at Boalsburg, Sunday evening, March 31st, when the bacalalaureate sermon to the High school was being preached, thieves were at work outside. Rev. W. K. Harnish had a whip and a valuable robe, the gift of a brother now deceased, stolen; a robe and whip belonging to G. Mothersbaugh and a whip of Frank McFarlane were also taken. Rev. Harnish made every effort to recover the missing articles, and during the latter part of the week they were returned to him. Saturday evening Mr. Mothersbaugh also found his robe at the same place—a livery stable at State College.

The "Woman's Club," of State College, is becoming quite dainty and have started in to revolutionize things up there along the lines of municipal cleanliness. To this end they have placed cans all along the main thoroughfares and requested the citizens and the students to get in the habit of throwing newspaper wrappers, ends of envelopes, banana peelings and other refuse into these cans instead of scattering them along the streets. The intention of these ladies are good but to strictly enforce a falling of this character up there would mean an increased police force, and five or six loaded cannons. It is to be hoped, however, that the efforts and the purposes of the ladies will be so appreciated that the streets will be kept as clean as a new pin.

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John Ruble, who last week moved his family to Centre Hall, went to Ashtabula O., where he will be employed by a steel structural company.

Mrs. M. F. Rossman, of Tusseyville, is in Juniata, to which place she went to be present at the tin wedding anniversary of her brother, Samuel J. Wagner.

John Rishel, of near Bellefonte, has recovered sufficiently from his severe illness as to be able to walk around the room by using something to support him.

William Lingle, of Georges Valley, moved into the tenement house on the farm of John Q. A. Kennedy in Potter twp. and will do the farming for Mr. Kennedy.

While standing on a scaffolding making repairs at his stable, Friday of last week, Samuel J. Rowe, of Centre Hall, fell and sustained several fractured ribs. The accident was caused by a piece of timber slipping.

James T. Ailman, Secretary of the Pennsylvania State Grange, was elected to the Legislature, at a special election held to fill the vacancy caused by the death of W. C. Pomeroy. His majority was 47 votes. That will please Centre county Grangers.

The pastoral relationship between Rev. L. F. Brown and the Nittany and Bald Eagle charge of the Presbyterian church at Mill Hall and Beech Creek, was dissolved by presbytery at Newberry. Mr. Brown will go to Montoursville and become pastor of the Presbyterian church.

District Deputy Grand Master J. H. Eberhart, of Bellefonte, installed the following officers for the ensuing term in Lemont Lodge No. 717, I. O. O. F.: F. G., John D. Wertz; N. G., John Grove; V. G., Harry E. Grove; R. S. S., N. G., Wm. E. Grove; L. S. S., N. G., Jesse Klinger; warden, James Briggs;

secretary, J. E. Eters; cor., George Glenn; chaplain, Clayton Eters; R. S. S., G. W. R. Williams; L. S. S., Orin L. Grove; R. S. S. V. G., Thomas W. Houtz; L. S. S. V. G., L. F. Mayes; I. G., Willis Houtz; O. G., Charles Zeigler; trustee, J. W. Klinger.

After considerable delay the Spicher house at Centre Hall was finally moved to its location on the Neff farm, and will be the rear portion of a large brick dwelling to be erected by Prof. C. R. Neff. For part of the distance the building was hauled by a traction engine, but later a windlass was used.

### REJECT TAINTED CASH.

William J. Bryan addressed nearly 2000 persons at the New National Theater, Washington, on Sunday, and took for his subject, "The Prince of Peace."

Mr. Bryan concluded with praise for the colleges and churches that have declined to accept money from wealthy men, "who have gained their riches by dishonest methods," and thus share odium with them.

"One of our rich men," he said, "has reached a point where he sometimes finds difficulty to find people to take his money. And that I regard as the best evidence of the growth of a moral sentiment in this country. I believe the time will come when churches and colleges will refuse to go into partnership in the spending of money immorally made."

If Bryan were absolutely correct in this opinion mighty few institutions would refuse "tainted money"—because they can't.

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