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EDITORIAL.

WAR AGAINST the Black Hand, the vast criminal organization which stretches its shadow over the civilized world, is on in earnest throughout both coal regions.

SOME of the friends of the men who are entangled in the State Capitol steal are boasting that the statute of limitation will bar criminal prosecution. This refuge was always popular with the Penrose crowd in Pennsylvania.

THE Williamsport Sun makes this pun: The dropping of Ed. Chambers from his soft-snap berth may not be a very pleasant sensation to that Bellefonte gentleman, especially when we stop to think how Young the fellow was who did it.

THE POSSIBILITY of Pennsylvania hunters being assessed a dollar gun tax is gone. The author of the bill in the state legislature has withdrawn it. Hearing from the country press and the people, he found he had made a fool of himself.

READ our Harrisburg letter in this issue and learn how criminally extravagant the Pennypacker administration was in all the departments—saying nothing of the capitol robbery right under his eye and with his endorsement. He turns out to have been a worse egg than was suspected.

TEN dollars conscience money has been paid to the Bellefonte Boro Treasury. Now let the capitol "trimmers" come forward, driven by a guilty conscience, and the state treasury will be swelled to the tune of some seven millions, amply enough to pay the State Soldiers Pension Bill, just passed, for two years.

FARMERS are heavy taxpayers, and if the people of Pennsylvania could see how appropriation bills are passed by their Legislature they would cease to wonder at the grafting that is so common. Millions of dollars are voted away without the least regard for the worthiness of the institutions receiving them, without the least discussion of the merits of the bills carrying the appropriations, and with big votes when few members are on the floor. The passing of appropriation bills is a farce.

HARD P. HARRIS is a candidate for delegate to the Republican State Convention. Hard represents the best and the most conservative element of his party. He is not a Stalwart Republican who sanctions the work of thieves, cutthroats and everything that is corrupt and tends to degeneracy, simply for an office or other monetary consideration. There is more of this better element in the republican party in Bellefonte and Centre county and they will exert their influence and manhood at the next election.

To the Public.

Permit me to give notice to my friends over the county that my term of office at Harrisburg, ended May 7, 1907, with the former Auditor General, and that Robt. K. Young, the new Auditor General, has appointed his brother to the position which I held. I have settled down in my law office in Bellefonte where I can be found every business day of the year, and will give my entire time to the practice of the law. All business left in my hands will receive prompt attention. Bell telephone connection with both house and office. E. R. CHAMBERS.

\$250,000 IN CELLAR.

For furnishing two small suites in the basement of the new capitol used for pasting and folding rooms for the senate and the house, the capitol "trimming" contractors collected from the state \$252,485.34. The six senate rooms cost \$126,291.37 and the six house rooms \$126,193.97. Ninety per cent of the cost of furnishing these suites went to the Pennsylvania Construction Company of which Congressman H. Burd Cassel is president.

The Cassel company equipped these rooms with metallic cases, tables and trolley ladders, roll top desks and telephone booths for which it was paid \$241,419.14. Six roll top desks cost \$1,000 each and for six telephone booths constructed around washstands, which cost \$30 each, the state paid \$1,000 apiece. The trolley ladders cost \$190 each and the metallic tables \$304 apiece. The metallic cases are used for ordinary storage purposes. Architect Huston received almost \$10,000 for "designing" these metallic furnishings. John Sanderson collected \$2,871.80 for 15 small chandeliers, 13 chairs and 12 thermostats. The parquet flooring in these suites, put down by Payne & Co., cost \$6,833.20, or at the rate of \$1.27 1/2 a square foot.

The little flowers now sleep in spring beds.

OVER THE COUNTY.

Perry Alters, formerly of Potter twp., recently accepted a position in an express office at Genoa, New York.

Mrs. Mary A. Boal, widow of John Boal, of Centrehall, was granted a pension of \$8.00 per month.

There is still some plowing to be done for spring crops, frequent rains having hindered that important part of farm work.

S. M. Bell, the Union Pacific teaman, of Boalsburg, fell from his wagon, last week and had an arm broken by the wheels passing over it.

J. H. Hoffman moved his household goods from Shamokin to Millheim and now occupies the house on West Main street, vacated by W. H. Myers.

Rev. W. K. Harnish, pastor of the Presbyterian congregations at Lemont and Boalsburg, is in Columbus, Ohio, as a delegate to the general assembly.

Mrs. Amanda Fisher, with her son, Charles, were among those from Centre county who attended the burial of Mrs. Gen. Frank Fisher, in Philadelphia last week.

County Superintendent David O. Eiters, of State College, has been appointed a member of the board of examiners for the State Normal school, at Lock Haven.

Harry W. Frantz, who about two years ago bought the Wilson farm at Earllytown, had the misfortune to lose a fine two year old colt, worth one hundred dollars or more.

The ladies of the Evangelical church at Wingate, Pa., will hold a festival at that place on Saturday, May 18th. All choice delicacies will be served. You are cordially invited to attend.

Centre County Pomona Grange No. 13 will meet in hall of Walker Grange, at Hubersburg, Friday, May 24, at 10 a.m. All 4th degree members are cordially invited to come. D. M. Campbell, secy.

The members of the Millheim lodge, I. O. O. F., are at work building a concrete walk in front of their building on Penn street, which when finished, will be a decided improvement to the property.

The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. will be held at Reading during the week of May 20. Forest Emerick will represent Rebersburg lodge and C. H. Stover, of Aaronsburg, Millheim lodge.

J. F. Emerick, of Farmers Mills, gave our sanctum a call, his first trip to Bellefonte in three years. He reports wheat fields fine, apples, likely to be a good crop, other fruit not greatly harmed, peaches may be a failure.

Mrs. White, wife of County Treasurer F. K. White, of Philipsburg, accompanied by her two little daughters and Mrs. White's mother, returned Friday from Summerville, S. C., where they spent three months very pleasantly.

Governor Stuart has signed the fish bill which allows the taking of carp, suckers, mullets and eels in the waters of this commonwealth by means of a gill net less than one-half an inch between the prong. You can get your gigs out now.

Mrs. Eli Baney, of Bush Addition, had the misfortune of tripping on a loose board in a neglected pavement. In falling she seriously injured her hip. She is over seventy years of age, and it is feared the accident may disable her for a long time.

A telegram was received by Thomas Miller, clerk at the National Hotel, Millheim, that his brother, Irvin Miller, who was a former resident of that community had met with an accident by being thrown from his wagon and was now in a hospital at Denver Col., with small hopes of his recovery.

The Pennsylvania State College infirmary opened its doors recently to Clarence H. Pennell, a member of the Sophomore class. He was taken suddenly ill in his room in the fourth floor of the McAllister Hall with what proved to be symptoms of pneumonia and placed in charge of a trained nurse.

Mrs. J. S. Dale, of Dale's Summit, is meeting with success in growing chickens for broilers, she having made her first shipment a few days ago to New York. The broilers averaged about 2-4 pounds each. She has now about 600 chicks on hand, besides a number that were sold direct from the brooder.

Edwin Bell company, of Pittsburgh, which is operating a stove mill at Gatesburg, made and shipped five carloads of stoves during the past month. Levi Garner stocked. The company recently purchased 355 acres on Warriors ridge and will erect a new mill on the property. Harr Chaney will be its stocker and will be located on the job for four years.

Saturday morning's session of the Susquehanna Synod the examining committee reported favorably on F. W. Barry, C. M. Teufel, B. F. Eber and C. P. Swank for ordination. They were ordained on Sunday evening. Rev. Dr. Barb, of Hughesville, delivered the ordination sermon. The first named, F. W. Barry, is the recently elected pastor of the Bellefonte Lutheran church.

A bill of much importance to the parents of children residing in the rural districts has been signed by the governor. The law permits children who reside two miles or more by public roads from the nearest school in their own districts to attend any more convenient school in another district without the consent of the directors of either district, and making the district where they reside liable for the cost of tuition to the district where they attend.

The committee of G. A. R., who has charge of the Memorial Day services at Aaronsburg and St. Paul and at Wolfs Chapel, has fixed the time for the services as follows: At St Paul at 9 a. m.; at Wolfs Chapel at 10 a. m. Rev. W. D. Donat will deliver the address at St. Paul. The post has also fixed the time for holding the services at Livonia at 8 a. m., at Madisonburg at 9 a. m. and at Rebersburg at 2 p. m. The decoration services at Millheim will be in the afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The graduation exercises of the class of 1907, State College high school, was held in the Methodist Episcopal church Friday evening. The program follows: Invocation, Rev. C. C. Snaveley; salutatory, "How to Succeed in Life," Bessie A. Fye; oration, "Napoleon Bonaparte. A man of Destiny," Harry L. Harvey; valedictory, "Nedra," oration, "American Ideals," Miles W. Beck; valedictory, "The Treason of Benedict Arnold," M. Gertrude Womer; commencement address Prof. F. L. Pattee; presentation of diplomas, M. S. McDowell; benediction. The music was furnished by the orchestra.

Ed. Wasson is lying seriously ill at his home at Fillmore.

The pension of Harry Miller, of Millheim, a veteran of the Civil War, has been increased to \$24 a month.

While descending the porch steps at her home, at Dale's Summit, Mrs. George Dale fell to the ground and dislocated her shoulder.

Dr. L. C. Thomas, of Pine Grove Mills, who had been seriously ill of Bright's disease, recently returned from Philadelphia much improved.

Another young farmer to have a loss in stock by death was James C. Goodhart, near Centre Hill. In his case it was a young colt that bid fare to make a fine horse.

The venerable Henry Heaton, of Boggs township, who was stricken with a stroke of paralysis last week, is slowly recovering which will be good news to his many friends.

Since retiring from the firm of Rearick Brothers, of Centrehall, J. Paul Rearick has been giving his time to painting and paper hanging. He is being assisted in the work by Clayton Homan.

A festival will be held in the town hall of Boalsburg on the evening of Decoration day. Sandwiches, coffee, ice cream and cake will be served. Music by the State College Cadet band; all are invited to attend.

S. M. Goodhart is now located in Johnstown, where he is employed as a salesman and ad. writer in Kothert's furniture store. He was formerly one of the clerks for the Pennsy in Altoona. He is a Centre county boy.

Cyrus Luse has been confined to his home in Tyrone for the past two weeks, suffering from nerve depression which has affected his heart. His condition is not improved and slight hope is entertained of his recovery. Mr. Luse is a native of Gregg township.

Mrs. Sarah Rankin, who spent the winter with her daughter, Mrs. E. P. McIntire, in Altoona, returned to her home in Boalsburg. Her sister, Mrs. Martha Everhart, accompanied her home. The latter enjoyed a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. Jane Irvin, at Oak-hall, as well as other relatives and former associates in that locality.

The girls of the Pennsylvania State College will give an entertainment in the old college chapel on Friday evening, May 27th, for the benefit of the Young Women's Christian Association. Two short plays, "The Minister's Wife" and "Ghost of an Idea," will be given. The price of admission will be but thirty-five cents and the public is invited to attend.

Michael Sennet, of Runville, is gradually losing his eyesight and must be led around by his dutiful little son. He has done everything to prevent this sad affliction, but he is beginning to realize that he must submit to the inevitable. Mr. Sennet is a pleasant gentleman and his many friends will be sorry to hear that his eyesight, instead of improving, is getting worse.

Frequent inquiry has been made of the Centre Democrat, as to whether any new evidence has been obtained to fasten guilt upon Jacob From for the shooting of Josiah Dale. There has nothing been given out by the detective or District Attorney Runkle, beyond what was brought out at the habeas corpus hearing upon which From was held for trial. It is not the practice of parties having the prosecution in hands, to make known what further evidence they have to prove the guilt of any prisoner until same is brought out at trial which in the From case will shortly take place.

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LARGE INCREASE OF EXPENSES.

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ment of Forest Rangers, two years, the sum of \$75,000." Webster's Dictionary defines a Ranger as "one of a body of mounted troops, formidably armed with short muskets, who range over the country and often fight on foot."

Possibly the machine is to be consoling for its disappointment in not getting the State Police force doubled by this expedition. Of course the clause of the appropriation bill quoted would not maintain a very large force. But \$75,000 judiciously expended will achieve important results in politics and it is economical for party managers to make the public pay the wages of their campaign work.

That has always been a favorite expedient of the machine of this State. As Dave Lane, of Philadelphia, once said in a speech instructing the officeholders of that city with respect to their duty on election day, each beneficiary of the machine must poll five voters besides his own. In the city that meant ballot box stuffing to that extent. In the country it simply means that each man shall prevail on Democratic friends or relatives to vote the ticket of the machine in order that he may continue on the pay roll.

AN EXPENSIVE LUXURY. The Forestry Department is an expensive luxury in other directions. There is an item of \$20,000 for Foresters and \$30,000 for laborers besides \$10,000 for snrvey, \$3,000 for draughtsmen, \$6,000 for special examinations "to promote the development of forestry," and \$3,500 for traveling expenses of the commissions. There are a lot of other items of various proportions from one to ten thousand sufficient to put the aggregate up to \$181,000. But it is possible that the department will produce good results. In fact the only complaint against it is that it is profigately conducted and that fault will endure until there is a complete change in the politics of the State administration.

I might go on with this subject to the full limit of my space but what's the use. Of course everything is expensive and during the last half dozen years of the unrestrained machine control the paramount purpose of legislation was to create new offices. Pennypacker took delight beyond measure in spending other people's money and being absolutely without moral sense or understanding he found pleasure in obeying the orders of Durham and Martin to supply offices for the boys who toiled not, neither did they spin but parade the streets in fine raiment. Every movement for new offices had his cordial support and encouragement. It pleased the bosses and they flattered him.

It is worth while, however, in dismissing this subject from consideration to refer to the comparative cost of the Board of Public Buildings and Grounds in 1893 and now. Then the appropriation was \$13,600 and it seemed ample for all purposes. This year it is nearly a million dollars and some of the items which were then paid by the board are now charged to other departments. This shows the evil effect of putting an incompetent man in a place which requires mature judgment. Pennypacker is either a fool or a knave. If he didn't know enough to prevent the profligacy he is a fool. If he knew and permitted the spoliation he is a knave. In either event he should be compelled to make restitution.

Providing for a reserve fund in each bank or saving institution authorized to execute trusts or to receive deposit money.

Making it a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of \$1,000 and two years' imprisonment for making false reports of any bank, trust company or building and loan association.

Requiring the superintendent of public instruction to use the return of the number of children between six and sixteen years of age in the several school districts as a basis for the distribution of one-third of the state appropriation to schools.

Providing that in all civil actions brought by the husband the wife shall be a competent witness in rebuttal when her character or conduct is attacked upon the trial thereof.

Empowering boroughs to enact building regulations.

Further amending the highway and bridges act of 1836 so as to provide that nothing in the act shall prevent any county from erecting a bridge wholly within the limits of said county without any view or other proceeding whatsoever in any adjoining county.

Authorizing the governor to appoint a commission to consist of seven members to revise the school laws and suggest new legislation for the public schools.

Authorizing the Pennsylvania State college to receive appropriations by congress.

THINK HE'LL VETO PENSIONS. Close friends of the Governor predict that his decision upon the Pension bill will be substantially this: The Legislature that put the Pension bill up to him without providing for any additional revenue to meet it forces him to the alternative of either cutting 50 per cent. out of all the charity appropriations or vetoing the Pension bill. He believes that the slashing of the charities would cause infinitely more suffering than the vetoing of the pensions. He will choose the lesser of two evils, and the Pension bill is doomed.

ROAD TRIMMINGS. Since the capitol "trimmings" became notorious, the same game is growing elsewhere. It has sprouted down in Lancaster: On a State built road in Lancaster county the contract price was less than eight thousand dollars, but the extras cost about \$14,000. It is this sort of extravagance, it probably deserves a stronger term, that is doing greatest harm to the efforts for real road improvement in Pennsylvania.

COUNTY BRIDGE BILL KILLED. In the Senate Monday night the House bill directing County Commissioners to maintain and assume control of township and borough bridges thirty-five feet and upward in length and providing for the building of bridges which may be destroyed and the building of new bridges, failed on final passage.

STATE PENSIONS. The bill providing pensions of from \$5 to \$10 a month for Pennsylvania soldiers, sailors and marines, of the civil war, according to the length of service, was passed finally by the senate and house. Now the bill is up to Gov. Stuart. It is claimed that there are not sufficient available funds in the State Treasury to meet all the appropriations and the pensions. Result is the Gov. will have to veto the bill or pare down appropriations.

HIGH PRESSURE LEGISLATION.

The Legislature is working at high pressure speed to its end and will adjourn on Thursday of this week with most of the measures undisposed of. It began with splendid promise for reform and will end with little in that respect achieved. If Governor Stuart had not asserted himself at critical points not a single item of reform legislation would have been enacted. After watching the work closely during the four and a half months which have intervened since the beginning of the session, it is not unjust to say that so far as the heart of the majority is concerned there is no perceptible difference between this session and the last. The only difference is assumed.

In some respects, in fact, the present Legislature is inferior to its predecessors. That is to say, it has shown a spirit of narrow partisanship that has not existed in any previous legislature. For example in other legislatures it didn't matter much who introduced non-tax and this principle is particularly partisan legislation if it had merit. This year, however, there seems to have been adopted in the beginning an unwritten rule that no important legislation introduced by a Democrat should get through. For that reason the trolley freight and two-cent a mile rate bills introduced by Mr. Creasy were defeated and measures less meritorious presented by a Republican substituted.

That was baby business. The Dunmore railroad commission bill was so emasculated in the Senate committee that it is practically worthless and for that reason it may be permitted to pass. But Creasy's bill to make express companies bear a just share of the burdens of taxation has been defeated. The "Farmer" is probably disappointed by this result for one of his hobbies is equalization of taxes and this principle is particularly outraged by the immunity from taxes enjoyed by the express companies. They do about \$40,000,000 worth of business in the State and pay less than one-tenth of a mill in taxes on that amount. They have all kinds of property in the State upon which they pay no taxes.

WORK OF THE GRAFT PROBERS. S. W. Williams who confessed the other day that he had been paid \$10,000 for not telling what he knew about the capitol graft during the campaign last fall, has mysteriously disappeared and will probably not be available as a witness for further investigation. The probers will get along very well without him however. They have been authorized to continue the investigation after the adjournment of the legislature and will resume the public hearings immediately after that event. During last week some very important leaks have been discovered and the result of the inquiry is no longer problematical. Criminal prosecution is certain to follow and prison sentences are inevitable.

G. D. H. APPROVED BY GOVERNOR. Governor Stuart approved the following bill last week.

Making it a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of \$100 and one year's imprisonment to distribute packages of medicine or candy at houses or on a public highway.

Providing for better protection of song and insectivorous birds.

Hot waves blow their Summer-time Message



MORE than once during the past week, the heat of the day has carried your thoughts to welter-weight clothing. We suppose you have had a blue serge in mind. If so, you want to have THE blue serge in mind--ours. Blue serges that have made fame for our stores. Serges at every price step, from \$10 upwards, that meets with your most critical wishes. Each one is a very good blue color in a very true quality textile. They will wear without disappointment, without pulling and with a shape maintenance that will always impress smartness. We require but a try-on to convince you. Hot day fixings--Straw Hats, Neglige Shirts, Underwear.

SIM, TH CLOTHIER, Correct Dress for Men and Boys.

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Three Men's Money Affairs

For ten years the first spent an average of \$1 a week foolishly, absolutely without return. The second saved \$1 a week at home, where it would earn no interest. The third deposited his \$1 regularly each week in a bank paying 3 per cent interest. Here's the way they stood at the end of ten years:

- No. 1 .....Nothing
- No. 2 .....\$520.00
- No. 3 .....\$605.23

Which do you intend to copy? The difference between No. 2 and 3 represents the interest those little sav-



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The Bellefonte Trust Co., Bellefonte, Pa. Capital - - \$125,000. Surplus, - - \$20,000.

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