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EDITORIAL.

THE LUST FOR MONEY.

Occasionally a Gang-Machine organ will try to cover up the iniquitous Gang robbery committed in the erection of the State Capitol and keep its readers in the dark about it, by dishing up something about the South and the Rebellion at least a half century ago. No party, at any time was guilty of robbing the public treasury as was the case with the Gang contractors, part of whose steal went into the party campaign fund, as the evidence before the Investigating Commission now shows. No Democratic administration was guilty of so astounding a wrong. All the administrations from Jefferson to Cleveland were pure in the hands of Democratic executives—

we defy a contradiction, and when blabbering blather-kites of the Machine want to go back to old history, we remind them of the Galphin and Gardner frauds, the Thad Stevens-Gettysburg-tapeworm railroad, under Governor Ritner, the Wisconsin feeder fraud, the Bucksfoot war, and a score of other like sores, with which the Democrats had no part or blame.

Any organ that tries to keep its readers in ignorance of the present gigantic capitol fraud, is not only a coward of the lowest type but a corruptionist of the blackest hand—pleased to say that there are Republicans to whom this does not apply and who openly denounce the capitol robbery, as well as the Emigrant who runs a paper in Bellefonte which tries to defend the Gang and the \$13,000,000 steal.

This man, who defends these things, knows in his heart that it is dishonest; his conscience must prod him at the waking hours of morning and when he closes his eyes at night. He knows it is dishonest and that most people whom he meets judge him accordingly, but his pronounced lust for money and office has hopelessly overwhelmed every moral impulse, and that is why Editor Harter, (the Snyder, county Emigrant) is now a shameless apologist for the political machine that has robbed this State these many years.

A DESERVED FINE.

The entire country applauds the course of the Chicago judge who imposed a fine of over 20 million dollars on the Standard Oil Company. It is possible that the amount was excessive, but it is only justice that the scales tip the other way. One unfortunate feature about the affair is that in the end the consumer possibly will have to pay the bill by an increase in the price of oil, and the Oil Trust will continue the same practices as heretofore. There should have been imprisonment connected with the fine, and then the guilty parties would have suffered as they deserve.

The millions wrung from the American people by this octopus represents many a heart ache and groan. Prosperous business enterprises wrecked by its greed and homes made desolate. It has been an unjust drain upon the purse of millions of working men. It has bribed legislatures, courts and juries; congressmen and senators have been lured by the glittering inducements. Even presidents have been made and unmade by its liberal contributions to corruption funds. No matter how punishment is awarded, the public will applaud.

WONDERFUL "WANDERINGS."

Some persons may "wonder" why other persons frequently snicker and laugh; but the repeated publication of the following simple outbreak may be the cause:—
"The writer has traveled some—been in every state in the Union, but three—and in all our wanderings we have, etc"—From Gazette.

HARRISBURG LETTER.

Special Correspondence.

It would be hard work to whitewash the capital graft scandal even if there were an inclination in that direction, which is conjectural. The evidence is too positive and direct to admit of mis- construction. The collusion between Architect Huston and the favored contractors has been clearly established and the fact that Payne & Company made out fraudulent bills on the stationery of sub-contractors can't be explained. No reasoning person can be made believe that an ordinary push-cart is a royal Roman chariot and the claim that those frauds were clerical errors or accidents would be quite as absurd.

That a whitewashing report was contemplated by some members of the commission hardly admits of doubt. Immediately after the municipal elections in Philadelphia there occurred a perceptible change in the trend of the inquiry. There set in an abatement in zeal and a modification of energy. The fruitless and absurd attempt to conciliate the chief investigator, Mr. Scarlett, by inferential promises of promotion, and the too considerate manner in which some of the witnesses were treated plainly indicated the change. But futility of such a course is now apparent to even the most cursory observers.

Huston, Sanderson, Cassell, Mathews, Payne & Company, and Superintendent of Public Buildings and grounds Shumaker are clearly incriminated both in mind and conspiracy and Governor Pennypacker was criminally negligent, to say the least. According to his own statement he learned of the frauds in December following the election of Mr. Berry. The Auditor General called his attention to the overcharges and excessive payments. Did he stop them as any honest man and faithful public official would? I should say not, though in his statement to the commission he declared that he had ordered the discontinuance of any work not in process.

What do the records show? In December, 1905, Pennypacker was informed of the frauds. But between that time and May, 1906, the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings, with his assent, approved padded bills to an aggregate of over \$1,000,000, some of which covered articles not delivered for nearly a year afterward. Probably he didn't get any part of the loot. Maybe he didn't want any of the tainted money. But he got promises of a seat on the Supreme bench of the State, the thing which above all others his sordid soul coveted. Cash in hand is not the only form of recompense in this practical world.

Why should there be any thought, in view of these facts, of allowing Pennypacker to escape "unwhipped of justice," in connection with these grave crimes? But for his complacency the frauds would have been impossible. But for his acquiescence the conspiracy would have fallen in the beginning. Yet there is talk of allowing him to escape even indictment. Members of the commission are anxious to exculpate Gov. Pennypacker, "one of the newspaper correspondents writes. "Of those involved," declares another of the ubiquitous historians, "the only one who will escape suit, it is understood, is ex-Governor Pennypacker."

If the principles of justice exact anything at the hands of the probers it is plainly that Samuel W. Pennypacker be put to the same test as the others. The greatest danger to the public life of the country comes from officials who mask their iniquities under the cloak of virtue. Pennypacker pretended the most scrupulous probity but he was constantly promoting corruption by aiding and abetting the venality of his subordinates. They wanted money and he had a thirst for honors. All contributed the same result, the looting of the public. But he supplemented all their vices with that of hypocrisy.

The report of the Expert Accountants, part of which has been withheld from the public, established the conspiracy between Huston, Sanderson, Payne & Co. and Shumaker. That of Charles D. Montague, an employee of the Art Metal Construction company, of Rochester, N. Y., has revealed the extortion of Congressman Cassell, of Lancaster county, who furnished the metallic filing cases and metallic furniture. Cassell got from the State \$2,072,000 for goods which at the trade price with the customary discount ought to have been furnished for \$412,500. In other words his graft amounted to \$1,659,500.

These facts have been brought out since the Commission resumed its sessions last week. It has also developed that Architect Huston drew \$80,000 for "specially designing" these cases and furniture, though Mr. Montague declares that they were not specially designed by Huston or anybody else; that they are of a stock design already antiquated and not of the most approved patterns. Therefore the aggregate of the steal on metallic furniture and filing cases reached a total of \$1,739,500. The hope is expressed that \$1,000,000 of this sum will be recovered by civil processes and possibly that expectation may be fulfilled.

Pennypacker with great exultation declared in his statement before the Commission that by prevailing on Huston to accept four per cent, as his fee, instead of five, the usual fee, \$30,000 had been saved to the state. As a matter of fact nothing was saved for in the single grab Huston got the \$30,000 and as a matter of fact he drew \$30,000 more for "specially designing" the chandeliers, which he didn't design. He was an expensive luxury as well as a corrupting agent and he and Pennypacker ought to be held alike responsible and punished similarly. Any other course will defeat justice.

Besides no party has ever gone into political conflict with issues so clearly defined and absolutely in its favor. There can be no misunderstanding the questions involved. The Democrats stand for honest administration. Minority representation on the governing boards in the State will guarantee not only integrity in the future but the exposure and punishment of the iniquities of the past. The election of Harman continues minority representation on those boards and the success of the Republican candidate defeats it. There is no evasion of these truths. They are self-evident.
With the fittest candidate that could be chosen and the most capable and efficient chairman which the abundant material of the party affords, there is nothing to be desired to inspire hope and confidence. The campaign will open with both present in abundance and substantial and enduring victory for good government is assured. It won't be a political victory exactly. But it will be a triumph of the people over corruption

OVER THE COUNTY.

E. B. McMullen and J. A. Shull, of Millheim, had Phillips creek water put into their residence which is a great convenience.

After being housed up with rheumatism for a year or more James H. Heberling was able to go on a visit to his brother, J. G. Heberling.

Sue Danley, of Pine Grove Mills, after a month's visit among relatives and friends at Medina and Wadsworth, Ohio, returned home last week.

Franklin Bowersox, of Pine Grove, recently fell from a load of hay he was building and has been laid up ever since with a badly sprained ankle.

The Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds at the state capitol, among his many appointments has Albert Emerick, of Centre county, as chief engineer.

While Michael Fravel, Bertha Rupert, Rosie Fravel and Ruth DeHass, were on the Nittany mountain they killed a rattlesnake 9 1/2 feet long and had 14 rattles.

Miss Bertha Wolf, who had been in Philadelphia during the past two years, arrived in Centre Hall recently. She has many friends here who were pleased to greet her.

Mrs. Wm. Scanlon, of Blanchard, who has been visiting her daughter in New Jersey for several months for her health, has returned to her home, but is still very feeble.

Geo. W. Grimes, who has been engaged in the lumbering business at Oak Hill for a number of years, returned from a three weeks' visit among relatives and friends in Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Long, of Washington, D. C., are spending their summer vacation at the home of the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. D. Geiss Wagner, west of Centre Hall.

G. C. Houseworth, of Selingsgrove, has been chosen teacher for the Ferguson township high school. He is a graduate of the Susquehanna University and came highly recommended.

That there are still dogs in the community of Millheim that kill sheep was shown one day recently, when Daniel Royer, of Miles twp., had four sheep killed outright and nine injured.

Mrs. J. L. Underwood, family and sister Alma, of Pitscairns, are spending part of the summer with their father, P. B. Iddings, of Union Twp., on account of so much sickness in and around Pittsburg.

The number of trout caught legally in the Clearfield county streams this season has been quite small, as compared with other years, says Clearfield Republican. We can say, ditto in Centre, and ditto in every other county in the State.

Mrs. Cameron Burnside, of Philadelphia, has been in Howard on business. She has a large syndicate interested in the clay land on the Lauth farm, and if the deal is made the prospects are that Howard may have another brick plant.

The Brush valley base ball club held a festival in James Beck's grove, near Murray's school house, West Brush valley, Saturday evening, August 5. Refreshments, ice cream, cakes and drinks were served; it was a great success.

Mrs. L. E. Stover, Miss Grace Meyer, Miss Minnie Beaver, Miss Florence Buck Miss Jessie Kerstetter, Miss Mary Mauck and Mrs. C. H. Breon attended the Centre County Sabbath School convention at Bellefonte last week as delegates from the several Sunday schools of Millheim.

Among the western visitors to Penns Valley are Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hoffman, of Arcanum, Ohio, who have been guests of John Spicher, of Centre Hall, a cousin of Mr. Hoffman. In 1860 Henry Hoffman and family moved from the Stone Mill to Ohio, and John S. Hoffman was a son.

Penn Cave, in Penns Valley, has been a great money maker this summer, visitors from all over the county, have been flocking by the hundreds. J. Orrie McCormick, who has charge of the natural curiosity, is giving the public good service. He knows when he has a piddling.

Bids will be received up to Aug. 10th for the privilege of a refreshment stand at the Williams reunion Sept 7, also for furnishing of meals on the grounds the persons who furnish the same to find their own water, etc., the committee reserving the right to reject any or all bids. W. S. Williams, Chairman.

Miss Anna Fisher who has been a successful teacher in the schools of Lock Haven for many years has been elected to teach the intermediate grade of the Eagleville schools. Miss Fisher will accept, and the directors have secured the services of an efficient, painstaking teacher of experience who will give value for what she gets.

Philip Fryberger, of Philipsburg, is spending part of his vacation at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Philip Fisher at Zion.

Madisonburg and vicinity had a very destructive hail storm last Friday, doing much harm to growing plants in garden and fields, badly riddling mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Womeldorf and daughter, Miss Frances, of Philipsburg, returned Thursday evening from their trip on the Great Lakes and other places of interest.

The M. E. Sabbath school of Fillmore will hold a picnic, on Saturday evening, August 10, in the church yard. Ice-cream, cake, and other refreshments will be served. All invited.

The Kennedy M. E. Church will hold a festival Kennedy School house, on Sat. Aug. 10. Ice cream, candies, cakes and confections will be served. All are invited, music by the band.

Mrs. Alvin S. Meyer, of Altoona, is in Centre Hall, the guest of her mother, Mrs. Sarah Stover. She is accompanied by Miss Helen, who are enjoying fresh air at the foot of Nittany mountain.

There will be a festival held at Kennedy school house Aug 10th. The usual refreshments will be served. All are cordially invited. Proceeds are for the benefit of the Kennedy M. E. church.

Mrs. John F. Potter, of Milesburg, while visiting friends in Mifflin county recently had a stroke of paralysis. She was brought home and her condition is such that there is very little hope for recovery.

Rev. C. F. Hall, of Milesburg Baptist church, occupied the pulpits of the Bethany and Grace Baptist churches of Camden, N. Y., on July 28th. Preaching in the former in the morning, the latter in the evening.

Rev. Samuel Krider recently moved from Greenburg to Johnstown, where he will be found at 615 Grove Ave. Rev. Krider has many friends and relatives in Penns Valley who will please note his change of address.

Green Decker, formerly of Gregg township, farmer, who is now located at Fliesher, North Dakota, has been quite ill the past month. He spent several weeks here this summer on a visit to his former home and upon his return was taken seriously ill.

Charles L. Kinsloe, of Lock Haven has resigned his position as an instructor in electrical engineering in the Western University of Pennsylvania to accept a similar one in The Penna. State College. He will enter upon his duties at the latter institution at the beginning of the college year in September.

A benefit will be given for the Patrons of Husbandry, in their new hall, at Pine Hall, Saturday evening, Aug. 10, by the Keystone Concert Co., introducing the latest song hits, string music, bow-trompe, violin and vocal solos, duets, trios, etc., conversational duets, monologues and sketches. The concert will be new throughout, and one, which will please all.

The other day the children and grandchildren of Mr. George S. Gray gathered at his comfortable home near Stormstown and helped him celebrate the seventy-eighth anniversary of his birth. His brother, Mr. Samuel Gray, with his wife, of Martinsburg, with a number of friends and neighbors were also present and the day was passed most pleasantly by all. Mr. Gray was the recipient of many useful presents.

The indications now are that the Elks of Bellefonte and vicinity will receive a charter about Oct. 1st, and thus the next is to secure a home or a club house. The original intention was to purchase the Larimer property opposite the court house and repair it to suit their purpose. Since the death of Daniel Garman, those having charge of the new organization have been looking at the Garman residence. Should a deal be consummated the building would be remodeled so as to meet the conveniences of the organization.

Masonic Camp Monday the Masonic fraternity, of Bellefonte, opened their camp, near Curtis, and the next two weeks they will do nothing but eat and boat. The cosy cottage is located along the Bald Eagle in one of the most beautiful spots in the county.

Walter Karstetter, of State College, is the cook which insures appetizing meals. Special dinners will be served on Tuesday, Thursdays and Sundays of each week at 6 p. m.

School Teachers Elected. BENNER TWP.—Rock View High Sch.—H. M. Hosterman Hays Primary—Anna Riskey Church—Estella Brungart Erasmus—Grace Vallmont Valley View—Estella Garbriek Rock Forge—Bertha Henderson Knox—Ledia A. Shook Peru—Bertha Messer Roopsburg—Bernice Taylor

In the account of the death of a man published a few days ago, it was said that he was worth a million. Yes, he was! He was worth just six feet of earth and no more. His millions, which he was "worth," did not go with him, since there is no pocket in a shroud like there used to be. What he was really "worth" was the memory of the love he may have borne somebody and the good he may have done. Yet nobody hears much about such things when a millionaire dies. I would rather have somebody drop one tear of love on my grave than write a page in a newspaper on what I was "worth" in cold cash—Exchange.

Benefit Base Ball.

The merchants and professional men, of Bellefonte, will play a game of base ball at Meadow Brook Park tomorrow w. Friday afternoon, for the benefit of the hospital. Several ambulances, with a couple of salve, five barrels of arnica, and a couple tons of bandages, will be on the ground, together with about twenty nurses from the Red Cross Society. This is thought to be sufficient, but if any more are needed R. A. Beck, the popular tonsorial artist, will go after them in his airship, which is a minute faster than "Bob" Hunter's automobile.

A hipotist has also been engaged so that in case the merchants fall behind he can hoodo them into a little faster speed thus insuring no lack of interest in the game from start to finish. The umpires will be Dr. George Harris and Judge Ellis Orvis, who have written to Andrew Carnegie for suits of Armor plate which are expected to arrive on the fast freight, five minutes before the call of game. As further protection to these gentlemen, officers Beezer and Jordan are authorized to arrest anybody carrying toy pistols. The manager for the merchants is Sidney Krumrine, and professionals are managed by Dr. Feidt, both of whom have put up a lot of stuff in a sand bag, near State College. Remember the admission to the game is 25 cents.

Business Men's Picnic Privileges. Bids will be received by the Passenger Department of the Central R. R. of Pa., Bellefonte, Pa., until August 10th, for the various stand privileges, etc., at

Hecla Park, Tuesday, August 20th, at Centre-Clinton County Annual Business Men's Picnic.

Those desiring any of the following privileges, and such others as may be proper, should get their bids in before August 10th. Sale will be made to the highest responsible bidder, reserving however the right to reject any and all bids: Restaurant, ice cream, fruit, soft drinks, peanuts, candy, cigars and tobacco, photography, novelties, shooting gallery, etc.

Fire at Centre Hall. On Saturday night about 12 o'clock, the stable of Harry Shirk, on the corner of the road leading to the John Conly farm, and known as the Deiningger property, near the station, was destroyed by fire. A valuable horse, a good cow, two buggies, a sleigh, two tons of hay, a dog and other articles were burned. No certainty as to the origin of the fire. Loss about \$600. There is some insurance in the Lykens Valley Co.

There seem to be lots of rich fools in spite of the old proverb about the fool and his money.

CHARTER NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of Pennsylvania at Harrisburg, on Tuesday, the 2nd day of September, 1907, for a charter to a proposed corporation having the name of the "Centre Brick and Clay Company," the purpose of the said Company being to mine clays and other mineral matter, prepare the same for market, and to manufacture brick and other products therefrom, and for these purposes to acquire, lease, own and hold lands. H. S. TAYLOR, 234 S. Locust, S. Director.

SPECIAL SALE, FRIDAY AUGUST 9th. 10c Lancaster Gingham, at 8c per yard. The big reduction on Ladies' Waists is still going on. Workmen's Bargain Store, CORNER ALLEGHENY & BISHOP STS. Bellefonte, Pa.

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