

ARREST OF GRAFTERS A GREAT FARCE

The Sam Salter Case an Exact Parallel in Every Way.

Like that Infamous Ballot Box Stuffer They Remained in Concealment Until Arrangements for Their Acquittal Were Made.

Progress of the Democratic Campaign

The Surrender of Sanderson and Huston a False Pretense to Promote the Success of the Machine Candidate.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 25. That history repeats itself is proverbial. When Samuel Salter was "caught with the goods on him" a few years ago, he "took a header," so to speak. He went to Mexico, the story goes, and remained a fugitive until arrangements for his "vindication" had been completed. At vast expense in money and morals John Weaver was elected District Attorney, defeated a candidate who had proved incorruptible. Then Salter surrendered to the authorities and submitted himself to the ordeal of a trial in the criminal courts. Of course he was acquitted. The evidence of his culpability was overwhelming. He had practically confessed his guilt. But the safety of those "higher up" required his acquittal and the programme was made to suit the exigencies.

When the capital graft investigation assumed the appearance of earnestness, six months ago, Contractor Sanderson and Architect Huston left the jurisdiction of the courts and remained away until arrangements for their acquittal had been perfected. Then, following the example of Salter, they surrendered. Last week they turned up in Harrisburg and gave bail for appearance in the Dauphin county criminal court, when wanted. They will probably be indicted during the present session of the court, but that is not certain. The machine District Attorney of that court is already protesting that the calendar is crowded with petty cases which may occupy the whole time of the Grand Jury. Only those concerned know exactly the terms of the agreement.

The Arrest a Colossal Fraud.

One thing is absolutely certain, however. They won't be tried before the election and if the machine candidate for State Treasurer is successful, it is not likely that they will be tried at all. The issuing of the warrants, the surrender and entering of bonds are the various parts of a big bluff. The arrest of Auditor General Snyder and former Superintendent of Public Grounds and Buildings Shumaker, is merely an incident of the farce. It is the stage setting of the play which gives verisimilitude to the plot. Sanderson and Huston are insignificant factors in the conspiracy. The prosecution of them alone would "be laughed out of court." The inculpation of some of the politicians was necessary to make the comedy effective. You can't fool a considerable number of people with an obvious humbug.

The purpose of the thing is to fool the people into the belief that the Republican machine will purify itself if it gets the opportunity—that it will punish its own rascals. That would be a strong tax on popular credulity even if the plans had been better laid. The machine has never punished one of its criminals and never will. Even now the memory of Quay is revered above all other party leaders and he would have died in the penitentiary if he hadn't pleaded the statute of limitations. Every present manager of the organization hopes to see his monument erected in the State capitol to insult the conscience of the Commonwealth. There has been no reform and there is no contrition. In fact there is nothing but a false pretense to deceive the people in order that the looting may be resumed.

Pennypacker the Arch-Conspirator.

If the purpose had been to "cleanse the Augean stables," Pennypacker would have been the first man to be summoned to the bar of justice. The charges against all are that they conspired to loot the treasury through collusion and the misinterpretation of the law in disbursing the funds of the State. It was Pennypacker's interpretation of the law that was adopted. It was he who said that the act authorizing the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings to "furnish, alter, repair or improve," conveyed the authority to complete the building notwithstanding the specific inhibition contained in the General Appropriation bills of 1901, 1903 and 1905. But he finds ample shelter in his relationship to Quay and secures immunity from the humiliation of arrest.

There would be no cause of complaint in the arrest of Auditor General Snyder and State Treasurer Mathews if there was even the shadow of a hope that it is a genuine effort to punish manufacturers and enforce restitution of the golden treasure. But there is no such purpose. The machine candidate who helped to create the legislation under which the looting was made possible will not aid any movement to punish the criminals if successful. They are all active in supporting his candidacy. They are anxious for his election and he will favor them after the event if it occurs, notwithstanding his promises of improvement now. A leopard can't change his spots and a machine politician never betrays his friends. Quay taught the doctrine of honor among crooks.

Mr. Sheatz's Recklessness Revealed.

The legislative work of Mr. Sheatz, already reviewed at some length in

this correspondence, is the best evidence of his servility to the machine. During the session of 1907 he had splendid opportunities to serve the people but invariably voted with the gamsters or dodged. One notable instance of his recreancy in this respect was revealed on the evening of Monday, April 29. On that occasion Representative Flynn of Elk county offered a resolution reciting the fact that Contractor Sanderson and Architect Huston had demanded additional payments amounting to \$200,000 which Mr. Berry had refused to allow notwithstanding the opinion of Attorney General Carson to the contrary, thanking the State Treasurer for his action and pledging him the moral support of the General Assembly "to the end that his righteous purpose may be consummated."

One would think that any just man would take pleasure in supporting such a resolution under such circumstances. But that expectation was disappointed. Representative Call led an attempt to overwhelm it with ridicule and other machine representatives tried to make it absurd by proposing to substitute the name of Governor Stuart for that of Mr. Berry though Governor Stuart had nothing to do with the matter. Finally Representative Milliron of Venango moved to refer it to the Graft Investigating commission. The party whip was lashed about with great vigor and enough votes secured for the motion to carry it. All the real reform Republicans on the floor voted against the motion but Sheatz lacked courage or character to vote on either side. He simply dodged.—Legislative Record, 1907, page 3591

Democratic Campaign Progressing.

The Democratic campaign is making gratifying progress and no intelligent observer, familiar with the facts, any longer doubts the election of John C. Harman to succeed Mr. Berry in the office of State Treasurer. The State committee has the most flattering reports from all sections of the State and outside of Philadelphia Mr. Harman's vote and majority will far exceed those of Mr. Berry two years ago. Then Allegheny county, with its fraudulent vote mill running overtime, rolled up an immense majority for the machine candidate. This year most of the machine leaders in that county are busy keeping out of jail, and the machine majority will only be nominal.

To-day the State Committee opens branch headquarters in rooms 101, 103 and 105, Hotel Walton, Philadelphia where county Chairmen and others having correspondence with the Committee are requested to address their letters. The committee occupied the same rooms during the closing period of the campaign for Mr. Berry two years ago and watched the maneuvers and manipulations of the machine managers from them. It is not expected that the city will give Harman a majority as it gave Berry, but it is absolutely certain that there will be no ballot box stuffing there this year even though the municipal administration is willing to encourage that form of crime.

Sheatz Won't Meet Harman.

Mr. Harman is still patiently waiting for Mr. Sheatz's answer to his challenge to discuss the vital issue of the campaign on the hustings, but has about given up hope of an acceptance. It is really a pity that this question of minority representation is not to be elucidated in joint debate. We all know that the looting of the treasury occurred when the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings was composed of men of one party and that almost as soon as minority representation was introduced exposure came and the end of the iniquity followed. Most people feel, moreover, that a restoration of the cause will work a resumption of the effect. In view of the facts the debate would have been illuminating and valuable.

But whatever his personal inclinations might be Mr. Sheatz will not be permitted to discuss the question in that way. Such a debate would be disastrous to Penrose's ambitions and after all they are the matters of chief concern to the managers of the machine. Sheatz is only a picket for the Penrose camp. As Contractor McNichol declared the other day, the reelection of Penrose is the paramount question in the campaign from a machine viewpoint and Sheatz won't be allowed to do anything that might impair Penrose's chances.

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Mr. Harman's Campaign.

From the Philadelphia Record. It is well that the Democratic leaders recognize that it is worth while to make an effort to elect Mr. Harman. Although the Lincoln Party and the City Party are not in the field, their voters are in existence and plenty of them have no notion of wearing the collar of the Machine. David Lane's appeal to the Organization voters to wake up and be registered indicates that the Organization is not any too well satisfied with the outlook, and we trust that his shouts will be heard by sleepers, who, when sufficiently disturbed, will vote for good government. There is still another day of registration; the second day's registration was larger than the first days, and due diligence on October 5 can make the total registration very full.

Democratic leaders are speaking within bounds when they say the prospect of Mr. Harman's election is better than the chances Mr. Berry seemed to have a couple of years ago. The collapse of the Enterprise National Bank probably threw a good many votes to Mr. Berry, but the capitol exposures and the arrest of fourteen men, many of them high chieftains in the Republican army, are more likely to affect the vote than the failure of one bank. The State lost nothing in the bank failure, and an Investigating Commission of Republicans has figured out that the State lost five or six million dollars in the capitol grafting.

Since two years ago the people of this State have had a working demonstration of the value of an opposition State Treasurer to guard the public funds from depredators whom Repub-

lican officials will not antagonize because they are of the same party. The danger of having the State government "too ununanimous" has been abundantly proved. The importance of having a man in the Treasury who is under no obligations to the Machine has been proved so completely that the meanest comprehension, if not hypnotized by partisanship, cannot fail to see it. Voters in this city who went back to the Organization in February have waked up to find themselves under the same old gang. The humbug of reform within the party has been exposed. The chances of electing Mr. Harman are good.

Sheatz and Reyburn.

From the Bellefonte Dem. Watchman. Mayor Reyburn, of Philadelphia, announces that "all the martyrs of 1905" are to be restored to office. By the "martyrs of 1905" he means those who were thrown out of office after the political convulsion of that year in that city. An extraordinary bold attempt had been made to steal the gas plant there and bestow it upon some friends of the machine and the public conscience revolted at the atrocity. As a result of the incident some of the machine officials were summarily discharged from office. The meaning of Mr. Reyburn's announcement may be easily conjectured in view of that fact.

The election of the eminently respectable machine Mayor in Philadelphia has already restored most of the machine emissaries to office and the Mayor assures the others that their time is coming, law or no law. In other words, notwithstanding the civil service regulations which protect fit men in office and prevent unfit men from getting place, Mayor Reyburn will get rid of one and secure the appointment of the other sort. Loyalty to the organization is the standard by which Mayor Reyburn measures public service and the organization, according to his notion, is the machine.

The policy which Mayor Reyburn announces is precisely what is to be expected in the State in the event that Sheatz, the machine candidate, is elected to the office of State Treasurer. He was nominated by the machine to serve the machine. Primarily the machine cares nothing for Sheatz. Any other man of the same characteristics would do as well. But Sheatz was the available man at the time and was chosen because his false pretense of reform would help Penrose and hurt no machine Republican interest. If elected he will help the machine and in either event he will help Penrose.

Doesn't Believe in a Bogie.

Correspondent in Phila. Ledger.

The writer does not believe the election of a Democratic Treasurer will imperil the business interests of this country or endanger Republican national success, and a number of voters interviewed, who have always voted the Republican ticket, are in entire accord with this view.

Owen Wister is so widely and favorably known as a writer that no one will be surprised that he touched the very heart of the capitol graft scandal in an article which is published in Everybody's Magazine for October. It can hardly be said that he is either a muck-raker or a sensation monger. But it is within the limit of conservatism to say that no other writer on the subject has criticized it so severely or denounced it more vehemently. He probably overestimates the merits of the City Party of Philadelphia and certainly undervalues the part which Mr. Berry took in the exposure and checking of the looting operations. But he is neither too lenient nor too severe when he declares that the "people of Pennsylvania are not self-respecting," and that Philadelphia is "the dirtiest smear on the map of the United States." If the people of Pennsylvania were self-respecting they would scourge the political pirates who have been preying on the industry and commerce of the people for years and if Philadelphia were not "the dirtiest smear on the map of the United States," the rotten machine wouldn't have been restored to power and plunder so soon after its overthrow two years ago. Mr. Wister's story of "The Keystone Crime," and of "Pennsylvania's Graft-cankered Capital," ought to be read and pondered by every citizen of the Commonwealth.

If the enemies of Senator Penrose had controlled the convention which nominated John O. Sheatz for State Treasurer, Harry Walton wouldn't have been presiding officer and Wesley R. Andrews, Mr. Penrose Secretary would not have been chosen Chairman of the State Committee. It may safely be added that if Penrose hadn't been for Sheatz for State Treasurer, he wouldn't have been nominated. The Senator isn't as wise as Solomon, probably, or as cunning as the late Mr. Quay, but he knows when he controls a convention and just what to do with it when he has it in hand.

The friends of President Roosevelt in Pennsylvania are not promoting his policies or helping his political estate by supporting John O. Sheatz, the machine candidate, for State Treasurer. Mr. Sheatz is the candidate of a gang which would crucify rather than honor Roosevelt and his vote against the Cressy resolution endorsing the President railroad rate bill during the session of 1905 proves that he is in full accord with his political masters on that subject.

HER "PLATONIC SALUTE."

Mrs. May Pepper-Vanderbilt and Her "Little Bright Eyes."

The much talked of artist, Ferdinand Pinney Earle, made an important contribution to the phraseology of the day when he told the public of his poetic relations with his "soul's affinity," and now another contribution to the collection has been made in Mrs. May Pepper-Vanderbilt's description of the kisses she gave certain of her male friends as "platonic salutes." Mrs. Pepper-Vanderbilt used to be head of the recently disbanded society in Brooklyn borough, New York, known as the "First Spiritualistic church." She came into special prominence not long ago through her marriage to a wealthy New Yorker, Edward Vanderbilt, and the subsequent application of his daughter for a committee to take charge of his estate on the ground that he was incompetent to have control of it. In the course of the testimony Mr. Vanderbilt said he had been directed



MRS. MAY PEPPER-VANDEBILT.

to marry the spiritualistic leader by her spirit "control," known as "Little Bright Eyes," who said this was his first wife's wish. It was by advice of the same mysterious entity that he had given the medium certain property in Brooklyn. In her seances at the First Spiritualistic church Mrs. Pepper-Vanderbilt had claimed to be able to read unopened letters through the help of "Bright Eyes," but when in the proceedings in court the attorney for the petitioner handed her a note sealed in a plain envelope and asked her to read it "Bright Eyes" did not come to her aid, and she was unable

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to do so. A witness for the petitioner had said that the medium was accustomed to kiss certain male friends, among them J. Edward Allen, and in reply to this she testified in court, "It is true that I kissed J. Edward Allen, as I had hundreds of times before, but it was purely a platonic salute."

Mr. Vanderbilt was found by the jury incompetent to manage his estate. Mr. Allen was seized with an apoplectic stroke on learning the verdict and died.

THE ROYAL BOX.

The King of Benin wears a cap made of coral beads, with a tassel of large beads at one side.

The announcement that the empress of Japan is to enter the competition for the Nobel prize in literature makes known one more woman sovereign who leads in some activity.

Zolotin, not Hohenzollern, is the patronymic of Emperor William and of the king of Roumania. The founder of their family was Burchardus of Zolotin, who died in 1061, whose descendants later corrupted their name to Zollern and at a still later date Hohenzollern.

The King of Greece's real name is William, and he was serving as Prince William of Denmark in the English navy at the time of his election to the throne of Greece. As William has a foreign sound to Hellenic ears, it was decided that he should assume the name of George.

Aconite.

The dangerous character of aconite or monkshood leaves is well known to most grown persons, but children need instruction to avoid those large palm shaped leaves which are dark green on the upper surface. This most deadly of vegetable poisons causes great depression, often blindness, tingling all over the body, parching and burning of the throat and stomach, and finally death ensues.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE—TRANSFER OF TAVERN LICENSE. Notice is hereby given that the Petition of Edwin M. Davis and Thomas Barnes was this day filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions, for transfer of Tavern License of Thomas Barnes, in the Second Ward of the Borough of Philadelphia, Pa., to Edgell M. Davis, A. B. KIMPOFF, Clerk. Bellefonte, Pa., Sept. 18, 1907.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. Estate of CALVIN W. LOBE, late of Marion Township, deceased. Letters testamentary in the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same without delay, to JOHN CLARK, Executor, Bellefonte, Pa.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. Estate of ZACHARIAH TRUCKENMILLER, late of Walker Twp., deceased. Letters testamentary in the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same without delay, to H. L. TRUCKENMILLER, Executor, Zion, Pa.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Estate of SOPHIA HOFFMAN, late of Walker township, deceased. Letters of administration in the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same without delay, to HENRY J. GARRBRICK, Administrator, Zion, Pa. W. HARRISON WALKER, Atty., 241

EXECUTOR'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE. The undersigned executor of the estate of Jacob Shultz, late of Miles Township, Centre County, Pa., dec'd, will expose to public sale, on the premises, situated about 1/2 of a mile north-east of Rebersburg, Pa., on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1907, at 12:00 o'clock p. m. A valuable FARM AND WOODLAND

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8:02	8:11	Dunkles		10:36	10:36
8:16	8:25	Hullersburg		10:50	10:50
8:30	8:39	Spdyertown		11:04	11:04
8:44	8:53	Nittany		11:18	11:18
8:58	9:07	Huston		11:32	11:32
9:12	9:21	Lamar		11:46	11:46
9:26	9:35	Clintondale		12:00	12:00
9:40	9:49	Krider's Sidg		12:14	12:14
9:54	10:03	Mackeyville		12:28	12:28
10:08	10:17	Oedar Springs		12:42	12:42
10:22	10:31	Salona		12:56	12:56
10:36	10:45	MILL HALL		1:10	1:10
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