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EDITORIAL.

Grafter Shumaker, who was claimed too ill to attend the trial of the capitol looters this week—so the trial might be postponed—was found by a commission of physicians to be well enough to attend, and that blocks the postponement scheme.

IF KALBFUZ should succeed in getting his cat-killing proposition enacted into a law what a mee-owing—katzenjamer—there would be among the pussy tribe!

If Kalby kills all the kits and cats,
Who then would kill the mice an' rats?

What an era of laws we are having in this period of gangster rule, saying nothing of millions stolen!

NEW AND astounding evidences of fraud, by the Capitol grafters, has come to light, and the sums are enormous. The trial on the former charges will begin January 27, after which the new charges of robbing the state, will be taken up. The grafters have been served with summons on the new evidences of fraud discovered by the investigating committee.

MEASLES KILLED 1463 persons in Pennsylvania during 1906, according to the records by the bureau of vital statistics of the state health department. Of these, 1240 were under 5 years of age. During the month of December alone of last year there were reported to the department 2307 cases of this disease, which annually kills about two and one-half times more children than scarlet fever, and yet continues to be regarded by so many people with little concern.

THE soup houses in the large cities, under a republican administration, are being well patronized. The trouble is that the demand for these soup houses is becoming greater every day, and yet there is a so-called republican paper in this locality which has the brazeness to try to make the people believe that soup houses and riots do not exist. It is worse now than under the Harrison administration when the republicans tried to blame and shift the responsibility upon the Cleveland administration. The laboring man will not be fooled this trip, and thus every indication points to a charge in the national administration.

THE trial of the capitol grafters is booked for Monday, Jan. 27th. The illness of Schumaker, at his home in Johnstown, was decided by the courts as not sufficient to prevent him from testifying. The grafters intimate that they will make their defence that the prices charged were entirely too low and will have certain expert testimony on hand to give that kind of evidence. The entire country will have their attention fixed on this trial to see what kind of justice will be dealt out to these scamps. The greatest mistake in the whole affair has been that Gov. Pennypacker is not included in the list, as he contributed more to this scandal than anyone else.

THE ANTI-Penrose republicans are beginning to organize in the counties over the state. Nominees for assembly must show their colors, for or against Penrose. In Union county the republicans are organizing and the Lewisburg Chronicle, one of the oldest republican papers in the state, is making a strong fight to defeat Penrose. In Snyder county the feeling is the same, and the Middleburg Post, the old republican organ, is making a strong fight against the Philadelphia boss. In Northumberland and other counties, the opposition to Penrose is equally pronounced. In our own county of Centre neither the gift of a post-office nor the turning down of a deserving veteran will tend to make matters *love-ly* for gangster Penrose.

IT IS pleasing to all honest citizens to observe that in many counties republicans are making efforts to head off Penrose in his scheming to be again elected to the United States senate. All honor to such republicans and may their work bear good fruit. Penrose is a notorious gangster and his helpers and backers are that class of grafters that robbed the state in the new Capitol job. He deals out post offices and appointments where he hopes they "will do most good" for his election to the senate. The Bellefonte post office appointment is a sample of it here and there are other like appointments throughout the state. Honest republicans in counties throughout the state are earnestly at work to have no candidates nominated for state senator or assembly, unless pledged not to support Penrose.

POLITICAL COLLARS.

The importance of political organization cannot be underestimated. It is through association for the accomplishment of definite purpose that the American people have succeeded in evolving the magnificent institutions of this country. But association in which members act through devotion to purpose is entirely different from organization where members become merely puppets pulled by the strings of the bosses. This difference is gradually being appreciated; indeed, is so far understood to-day that in state and nation the independent voter is more numerous than ever before. This is one of the most hopeful signs of the times.

A great many things have led the American people to throw off political collars. The original purposes of the two great parties at present have been fulfilled, or irrevocably lost. New conditions have given birth to new ideas and new ideas to a large degree of individual opinion. Confidence in leadership has been skaken by the dishonesty and selfishness of the bosses. Men have come to understand at last that if they secure such disposition of matters as their own conception of public welfare dictates, they must return to that kind of association that existed before the political machines were made. Consequently they are side stepping political collars offered their necks by political bosses all over the country, and rendering the prospect for machine politics extremely doubtful.

In other words, the American people of to-day, better education, more independent, more alive to their obligations to self and country, refuse to be lined up under this banner or that, until they have positive assurance that their demands will be made the issues of the campaign. In their determination they cannot be swerved from their recognized duty by the great achievements of one party or the glowing promises of another. Political graft, corporate greed, official dishonesty, mutualization of selfish interests opposed to public welfare, exposed during the last ten years, have duly impressed it on the American citizen.

THE fight against Penrose is already in full headway in a large number of counties in the state. The honest portion of republicans are "up in arms" against the boss of boodlers. There is a large element among Centre county republicans, who are in full sympathy with the movement all over the state to prevent the re-election of Penrose and only by organization can his defeat be accomplished. A squad of gangster adherents are quietly laying plans to set up the job for Penrose in this county, thinking to steal a march upon those republicans who desire a decent man in the senate.

UNDER the present Uniform Primary law which provides for the election of delegates to the National party conventions, the several Pennsylvania State conventions cannot adopt the unit rule or instruct the district delegates to vote for any candidate for President. Under the law district delegates can be instructed by the voters and district delegates can also declare their choice for President when they file their petitions and have that choice printed on the ticket voted at the Spring Primaries. The State conventions can instruct the delegates at large and endorse a candidate, but cannot instruct parties.

BAD blood is breeding in the g. o. p. ranks over the nomination of the next candidate for president. Roosevelt insists it shall be Taft and a large contingent is setting itself up against the President's dictation. The sky is getting more cloudy each day and an open rupture seems inevitable.

PROSPERITY is not so prosperous yet, by a longshot, as the gang organs would like to make believe. Thousands are out of employment and suffering for want of work in all industrial centres.

Hunting With Dogs.

Sportsmen throughout the state will learn with considerable apprehension and many of them with indignation that an effort is being made upon the part of the state game commission to prohibit hunting with dogs in Pennsylvania. It is the purpose of the commission to exert every influence to have the next legislature pass a law, making it illegal for a man to take a dog into the woods. The prime object of this law will be the protection of game, and if it is passed any dogs found in the woods at any time of the year, in season or out, will be shot by the wardens. There is no doubt that strenuous opposition will be shown the passage of such a measure by the thousand of hunters in the state. Many contend that there is no sport in hunting unless a dog accompanies the party, and they will fight the commission in this respect to the last ditch.

This law would be as popular as was the proposed hunters' license law. The truth is there is much obnoxious fooling with the game laws—agoing to extremes as in other respects by thirdrate statesmen.

Pensions Raised.

The following soldiers' pensions have been recently increased:

David Wance, Aaronsburg, to $15.
Jacob Collar, Moshannon, to $12.
Thomas Miller, Romola, to $15.
Isaac Thomas, Bellefonte, to $15.
John F. Morris, Philipsburg, to $12.
Jacob Harnish, Boalsburg, to $12.
Daniel B. Kimes, Blanchard, to $15.
Daniel Curley, Morrisdale, to $15.
Wm. R. Johnson, Milesburg, to $12.
Levi A. Fullmer, Rebersburg, to $15.
William Keeler, Bellefonte, to $24.

The M. E. church of Millhall will have a baked bean supper Saturday evening, 25, in the vacant room on Main st.

OVER THE COUNTY.

Alpha Breon, of Rebersburg, was admitted to the Lock Haven hospital recently for treatment.

Daniel Grove, of College township, left for Philadelphia where he will enter a hosipital for treatment.

Farmers know it is to their advantage to have their sale bills at this office, because they get the best work at reasonable prices.

Mrs. Mollie Baker, of Howard, departed for Snow Shoe, where she will spend the next three months at the home of Mrs. Malone.

There has been installed in the United Evangelical church in Millheim a new steam heating furnace that is giving perfect satisfaction.

Centre countians recently granted pensions are James Gallagher, of Bellefonte; David Williams, of Philipsburg; John Moore of Sandy Ridge, and Thomas Burns, of Julian.

Mollie Daughenbaugh, who has been ill for the past five weeks at the home of Mrs. Catharine Solt, at Howard, has so far recovered as to be able to go to her home in Howard twp.

Mrs. John Auman presented the Millheim Reformed Sunday school with a handsome organ, for use in the school. The gift is appreciated very highly by the members of the Sunday school.

Engineer Daniel Lebkicher, of Snow Shoe, is again on his engine after an illness of several weeks. His run is between Bellefonte and the progressive little borough on the top of the mountains.

George Homan, of Ferguson, who resides on the Branch, is a doubly afflicted man. For some time he has been suffering from rheumatism and now, to make matters worse, is a victim of typhoid fever.

Luther Musser, of Penn Hall, makes this report of the gross returns from four cows, 100 chickens, also from turkeys, during 1907: Four cows, $337.12, calves, $72.00; 100 hens, $165.64; turkeys, $73.-07. Total $647.83.

J. N. Dinges, one of Boalsburg's worthy citizens, who had been suffering for several weeks from two strokes, the last one having been quite severe, is somewhat improved, which his many friends will be pleased to learn.

Russell Bechdol, of Blanchard, and Clarence Yearick, of Howard, have returned to Poughkeepsie after spending a pleasant vacation of two weeks at their homes. Harris Clark, who was called home by sickness some time ago, accompanied them.

Clyde P. Wieland, of Boalsburg, last week, attended the annual business meeting at the Ophanage under the supervision of the Odd Fellows, located near Sunbury. He carried with him a free will offering from the Boalsburg lodge. He also visited his sister, Mrs. Murray Leitzell.

T. B. Buddinger and family of Snow Shoe, contemplate spending three months in Florida this season, with Gainsville as their headquarters. It is their expectation to leave here the first week in February, and have already sent their Franklin touring car ahead of them, so they will be in shape to see much of that state.

Mrs. John Rishel, of Benner township, has been quite ill for the past three or four weeks. Her son, Dr. Geo. Rishel, a successful physician of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with her. Mrs. Rishel's illness is due to a general breaking down of the system. It is to be hoped that she will recover. The Doctor left for his home Monday afternoon.

At a butchering at George Shehan's, in Ferguson Valley, Mrs. Christ Miller stuffed a sausage which measured 63 feet, says the Belleville Times. Now if Mrs. Miller can equip her breakfast table in addition to that sausage, with a buckwheat cake as large as a Kishacoquillas barn door, her name will go down in history.

While A. J. Gephart, of Millheim, and his hireling were working in the barn a blind horse that was standing unhitched in the barn floor started to follow its mate that was being led to the stable. The front door of the barn floor stood open and the horse walked through the door and fell to the yard below, a fall of 9 ft. Beside a few bruises the horse was uninjured. But the wonder is that it did not break its neck.

C. N. Lowrie, of New York, who has been at work on the proposed development of the State College campus, has prepared a neat booklet which contains an outline of the plans, a typographical map, a colored perspective, several college building and sectional views of the campus as it is to be. The architect's plan calls for a large recitation hall, which will occupy the site of the present Botanical buildings and will be in keeping with the Schwab auditorium and Carnegie library.

Andrew M. Reeser, the present proprietor of the Musser House, of Millheim, will, on April 1st, take charge of a large hotel at Elkland, Tioga county. Mr. Reeser has made an acceptable and successful landlord while in charge of the Musser House. At the time Mr. Reeser vacates the hotel G. W. Clark, of Williamsport, will take possession. Mr. Clark is the owner of the premises and will make such repairs as will make the stand an up-to-date hostelry.

A number of the Masonic fraternity, of Bellefonte and throughout Centre county, are shaping their business so as to be able to attend the annual winter meeting of the Williamsport consistory A. A. S. R., which meets in Howard Memorial cathedral, Jan. 29-31. The gathering will be an important one, as a large class will receive the degree, from the fourth to the thirty-second inclusive. On Wednesday, Jan. 29, the Lodge of Perfection will confer degrees from the fourth to the fourteenth; Thursday, the council, Princes of Jerusalem, will hold its semi-annual meeting, when the fifteenth to the twentieth will be conferred, and on Friday the remainder will be conferred.

During the religious services the other Sunday in the auditorium at State College, a six-foot section of moulding around a ceiling light became loosened, and, without a moment's warning, fell with a loud crash into the gallery. A section of the fragment struck Winfred Braman, of the experiment station, on the head, cutting a severe gash. A piece also struck Mrs. Robert Foster. The crash came in the midst of Dr. Gill's discourse and created considerable excitement at the time. A thorough investigation was made by representatives of the constructing firm and no flaw could be discovered in the workmanship or materials used.

Ephraim Bartholomew, of Millheim, had a severe stroke of paralysis.

Mrs. Asthur Rothrock, of Pleasant Gap, is visiting her parents at Niagara Falls.

An Easter entertainment will be held in the M. E. church of Millheim, by the Sunday school on the evening on Easter Sunday.

Frank McFarlane, of Boalsburg, and his committee are getting a hustle on arranging for the farmers institute February 19th and 20th.

The farmers institute billed for Rock Springs has been called off and will be held at the Quaker church in Halfmoon valley February 21st and 22nd.

Mrs. S. M. Campbell, of Millheim, entertained the members of her Sunday school class at her home on Main street the other evening. There were also a number of close friends present.

Miss Blanche Marin, of Philisburg was bridesmaid the other day at a pretty church wedding, Karthaus, the contracting parties being Henry Gormont and Miss Mary Schagnot, well known people of that place.

B. F. Kister, of Millheim, left for Mifflinburg, where he has taken charge of the Mifflinburg Times, formerly edited by the late George W. Foote. Mr. Kister has had considerable experience in newspaper work

John McCormick and daughter, Mrs. Milfred Corl, of State College, left Monday morning for Shira, Butler county, where on Tuesday they attended the funeral of David Crotzer, who was a brother-in-law of Mr. McCormick's.

The members of Salem Reformed church, about three miles west of Millheim, presented their pastor, Rev. W. D. Donat, with a beautiful new sleigh. Rev. Donat is highly delighted with this expression of benevolence by his members.

Ira Grossman, who for the past nine years has been living on the Mingle-Arney peach orchard farm, on Blue Ball, Brush mountain, next spring will move to Potters Mills where he owns a property known as the David Evans home.

Since his return from Philadelphia James C. Gilliland, of Oak Hall Station, has been confined to bed. He went to Philadelphia at the solicitation of his son, Samuel Gilliland, who is superintendent of an antitoxin plant at Marietta, to undergo an examination by specialists.

William Moyer, of near Colyer, does quite an extensive business in buying pork, making it into sausage, pudding, etc., and selling it out at retail in the Burnham district. The demand has reduced some since the steel works have been partially shut down, but he is yet able to dispose of from a half ton to a ton of meat each week.

Ex-Treasurer James J. Gramley writes from Rebersburg: "I have sold all my property at Rebersburg to Geo. Miller for $1500, and bought Charles Sheats' house and two lots at Madisonburg, and 12 acres of farm land adjoining the town. This property was built by Jared Hazel, who was buried on Monday. Paid $1850 for it. Will move on it next spring and farm part of my farm with it." This shows that he keeps hustling harder the older he gets.

George G. Fink, one of the prosperous farmers of Huston township, Centre county, has had a serious time for the last year or more. First his son, Droze, became ill with something like white swelling on the leg. After repeated operations in the Bellefonte hospital he was taken home with the belief that the wound would heal and the boy would permanently recover. About three weeks or more ago the wound began to give the boy trouble and he was brought to Bellefonte and put under the care of the physician again. In the meantime Mr. Fink, himself, became ill from a felon on his hand which gave him much pain and anxiety.

Announcements:

We are authorized to announce the name of JOHN L. DUNLAP, of Spring township, as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the office of County Commissioner.

We are authorized to announce the name of CALVIN A. WEAVER, of Penn township, as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the office of County Commissioner.

We are authorized to announce the name of THOMAS HOWLEY, of Bellefonte, as a candidate for the nomination for Recorder of Centre county.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of W. C. BURRELL, late of Gregg Twp. 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

ELLEN S. BURRELL,
ALLOMAN BURRELL,
Administrators,
Spring Mills, Pa.

W. G. RUNKLE,
Att'y.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE FARMERS' MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF CENTRE CO., PA.

In compliance with the provisions of their charter, the Fiftieth Annual Statement of the transactions of the Company is hereby presented:

ASSETS.

Bills receivable, being premium notes due and payable by members for insurance the past year		$57,002.13
Cash premiums		2,214.24
Cash in treasury		3,504.84
EXPENSES.		
Directors' pay	$ 216.88	
Salary of Secretary	150.00	
Salary of Treasurer	25.00	
Mileage, Secretary	3.70	
Printing, office rent, postage and stationery	60.02	
Telephone rent	18.00	
Election board	3.00	
Justice's fees	1.25	
Insurance report	5.00	
Express on policies and drayage on books	1.45	
Geo. Mitchell, adjusting losses	3.00	
F. Eckenroth, taking down lightning rod	20.00	
Miss Sophia Hunter, on furniture	18.00	
Mrs. John Hamilton, on b'rn and contents	1,227.80	
I. J. Dreese, small loss	2.00	
H. A. Detweiler furniture	8.80	
Mrs. Conrad Miller, house	1,600.00	
Expenses the past year		3365.90
Premium notes in force this day		211,185.65
Insurance taken, the past year	519,020.34	
To which add risks of 1903, '04, '05, '06, and we have		2,487,842.66
Amount outstanding		693.49
Of this amount over $500.00 were paid in this day.		

At the meeting held the same day the following directors were unanimously chosen for the ensuing year: J. G. Gobeen, Frank McFarlane, J. B. Strohm, F. M. Fisher, Robt. Reed, W. Fred Reynolds, H. E. Duck, G. B. Haines, Geo. Mitchell, Fred Kurtz, Z. D. Thomas, J. R. Brungart.

The board thereupon organized by electing the following officers:

President, Frederick Kurtz.
Vice President, H. E. Duck.
Secretary, D. F. Luse.
Treasurer, J. G. Bailey.

Attest: FREDERICK KURTZ, President.
D. F. LUSE, Secy.

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WEDDINGS.

NEWCOMER-WAYS.

Bellefonters will be interested in the announcement of the marriage of Charles Newcomer, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Newcomer, of Bellefonte, and Miss Bertha Ways, of Scranton. The wedding took place on Saturday, January 4th. Rev. Elias Kreamer performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Newcomer will make their home in Scranton.

MCFEATERS—LEBKECKER.

Miss Nellie J. Lebkecker, formerly of Bellefonte, but who the past year has lived with her mother in Johnstown, was married on Wednesday morning of last week, to Mahlon V. McFeaters. The ceremony took place at 10 o'clock in the morning at the parsonage of the Laurel avenue Presbyterian church and was performed by Rev. J. O. McCracken. There were no attendants only the requisite number of witnesses being present. Mr. and Mrs. McFeaters went to housekeeping at once in Dale borough

One of the best remedies for a cold is the walking cure. It is said that Dr. Evans, health commissioner of Chicago, declares that walking is almost a specific against tuberculosis and pneumonia. It is a remedy that may be tried at small cost.

2-CENT LAW YET STANDS.

It may with safety be said that the following points were decided by the Supreme Court:

1. The state has a right to regulate railroad rates.

2. The Pennsylvania has won exemption from the law by presenting evidence which satisfied the lower court that enforcement would cause a money loss on passenger traffic, and therefore would inflict injustice upon the corporators.

3. The 2-cent-fare law remains upon the statute books, and is in effect as against every railroad in the state except the Pennsylvania. Its constitutionality was not considered.

4. The other railroads must obey the law unless and until they can prove to the satisfaction of the courts that its operation would inflict a money loss in passenger traffic.

Friday, in Lock Haven, was the 54th anniversary of Peter Meitzler's long career as a hotel landlord, and according to his annual custom, the veteran hotel man entertained a large company of his friends, numbering about 50, around the festive board in the Riverside hotel. The invited guests included some of the city's prominent business and profesional men and county officials.

Get to Know the Old Firm in the New Name

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We supply sand, lime, window glass, Portland cement on any specifications, and do it quickly. The office makes intelligent suggestions and estimates willingly and promptly. Your bill is filled without a hitch.

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Officers

Mr. E. M. Huyett is President, Mr. Edward L. Hoy, Secy and Treas., and Mr. J. C. Smith (Fleming) Acting Supt. The directors are these same men, and Mr. James Harris and Daniel Buck (Fleming.

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