

Ink Slings.

He was pious, was WILLIAM LIVSEY, To us he seemed good alway, But we did not know That some day he'd go To Canada, to stay.

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Creations of the Same Ring.

The only reason any one hears from a Republican why GREGG and MORRISON should be elected, is that they are men of good character. This is possible, at least as far as GREGG is concerned; but, even if it were not, no Democrat has attempted to take advantage of any personal short coming, either of them may have, nor is it necessary to do so. The people have learned that it is not always the men whose personal purity is paraded before the public with the greatest vehemence, who make the most honest or efficient officials.

ANT and controlled their actions, and that now seeks to make and will control the actions of GREGG and MORRISON, that the people are asked to vote. It is not against these men as individuals that any one is laboring, but against them as the selection, the representatives, the creatures of the Republican State ring.

If you think official precedents that rob you of over one and a half million dollars, in a single year, are good things, just continue voting for the republican precedents, that have done this. GREGG and MORRISON are the "precedent" candidates. They will keep matters moving along in the same old ruts.

No Honesty About It.

The reader of the daily papers of the State, will remember, how unanimous was the sentiment among republican organs, that Governor PATTERSON'S call for an extraordinary session of the Senate, was nothing but an effort to make political capital out of the condition of affairs existing between the State offices and the looted Philadelphia Treasury; they will remember also, how suddenly these same organs began to hedge, as soon as they discovered that the people were not to be hoodwinked with this kind of an explanation, and how vigorously they have since pretended, that they, and the party they represent, favored the most thorough, complete and exhaustive examination of all the circumstances connected with the disgraceful scandals.

How much honesty there is in this last position is shown by the efforts of their representatives in the Senate, on Thursday last, to block all proceedings by refusing to recognize authority in any one to pay out of the Treasury such money necessary would require to meet the legitimate expenses of the investigation, and the earnestness with which the republican press has backed them up in this position.

Without money, witnesses could not be subpoenaed, stenographers could not be secured, the testimony of those willing to be sworn could not be taken down, nor could minutes of the proceedings be kept, and without these, what would an investigation amount to? The simple fact, that a committee of their own choosing, had reported as its opinion that money for the purposes needed, could be drawn from the treasury without the formality of an appropriation, they still refused to go ahead, shows plainer than any words of ours can, the hypocritical position they occupy.

That the extraordinary session of the Senate, was not at that time brought to a sudden close, without any further effort, to uncover the crookedness which it was called to examine into, is due solely to the fact that the Attorney General wrote out and presented to the Senate an opinion, setting forth that the expenses contemplated could be met and that he would advise the State Treasurer to pay them when warrants were properly drawn for that purpose.

This single instance, without the aid of argument or words, shows the hollowness of the pretense made by the republican press and leaders, that they desired a complete showing up of the questionable transaction between their two accused officials and the confessed republican thief of Philadelphia. It is a pointer as to what the public may expect; and that is—a covering up as far as possible of republican official crimes against the State and the people, and the whitewashing of those who have been guilty of committing them.

When you have finished reading the message of Gov. Patterson, sent you last week in the shape of a supplement to the WATCHMAN, hand it to your republican neighbor and ask him to peruse it carefully. Just at this time a year, there is no more interesting or instructive matter, a tax-payer can get hold of.

Any Democrat who remains away from the polls at the coming election, gives a half a vote for a continuation of republican precedents which during the past year have robbed the State of over one million and a half of dollars.

"We Told You So."

For twenty years the Democratic press of the State has been laboring to convince the tax-payers that a corrupt Republican ring was in control of affairs at Harrisburg, and for twenty years it has been met with the same cry, from those in power, that the charge was a partisan lie gotten up to influence voters on the eve of election. The return of the vote at each election, showed that the people, who were interested, placed more reliance in the denial made by the friends of those in power, than they did in the charges preferred by Democratic newspapers and speakers.

But all things have an end, and with the end of ring rule in Pennsylvania, comes the plainest and most convincing proofs, of the truth of the charges made by Democrats, of the neglect and carelessness and corruption in vogue at Harrisburg during all this long period. And the evidence of the truth of these charges is not from any Democratic heresy, it is not from any individual investigation; it is not the work of any partisan effort, but the sworn confession of republican office holders themselves.

Every reader of a newspaper, since an investigation of matters connecting the Auditor General's and State Treasurer's offices with the BARDSELY steals has been going on, are familiar with the excuses of the Republican Auditor General and State Treasurer, for their neglect of duty and arrangements with BARDSELY, whereby the State has lost over one and a half million dollars, that they were following precedents set by those who had filled these offices before them.

It is the only excuse the two accused officials, who are now before the bar of the Senate, charged with neglect of duty; with carelessness in the transaction of public business; with open and wilful violation of laws regulating their departments, and with such complicity with JOHN BARDSELY, in his efforts to rob, that he was enabled to get away with a million and a half of State money and almost that much more belonging to the people of Philadelphia, have. They plead "precedent," as a reason for neglect and rascality, and ask to be exonerated of blame, because they have followed the same methods practiced by their predecessors.

Is there anything that could open the eyes of tax-payers to the truth of the charges, made for years past by the Democratic press, like the plea of "precedent" entered as an excuse for the unlawful acts of McCAMANT and BOYER. They admit that they have not fulfilled the requirements of the law; they admit that they allowed the State's money to remain in the hands of speculating officials after it should have been paid into the treasury; they admit that they paid commission for collections before those collections were made; they admit that millions upon millions of dollars of the State's money were transferred, and juggled with, between banks and bankers for the purpose of private gain; they admit that they knowingly and wilfully refused to carry out the provisions of the law passed for the protection of the State funds; they admit that they gave to BARDSELY \$450,000 of school funds, six months before it was due and while the city of Philadelphia was indebted to the State over one million of dollars. These things they admit and BARDSELY'S check stubs show that he was not unmindful of their kindness, and as an excuse for all this wrong, this neglect, this violation of official oaths, indirect robbing of the people, the public is enlightened with the fact that these are not new methods, but the usual, recognized manner of conducting the affairs of these two important offices—that the same thing has been going on for years, and because it has been going on in this way, there was no wrong in continuing it.

Tax-payers, we ask you to consider these matters calmly and dispassionately and to answer yourselves if the charges of the Democratic papers have not been proven. How much longer do you intend to be robbed? A vote to justify the precedent of the past is a vote to continue them in the future. If you want a continuance of this kind of rule, vote for GREGG and MORRISON. They represent the precedent behind which McCAMANT and BOYER seek to excuse the wrongs they have committed and permitted.

What Three Great Papers Have Said in Favor of a Constitutional Convention.

From the Philadelphia Times: "Ex-Governor PATTERSON yesterday sounded the keynote of Reform in Pennsylvania when he declared that Ballot Reform must be promptly obtained by a Constitutional Convention. With the open, insolent demand of the machine bosses upon the Reading Railroad corporation, to deliver its thousands of voters to the boss candidate for governor as the price of a municipal franchise that the bosses claim the right to auction, the call for a Constitutional Convention will sweep the state like a hurricane. Mr. Patterson sounded the keynote of Ballot Reform in the following pointed declaration:

"We have a painful and impressive object lesson on the mockery of the freedom and integrity of the ballot, in the demand of the desperate political bosses of the state upon a great corporation to deliver its thousands of voters to the candidates of the bosses, as the price of obtaining a franchise from the city that every legitimate business interest has long asked for in vain. Even the municipal grants of our metropolises are held as the property of political masters to barter the votes of workingmen, to be delivered by orders from employers.

"There is but one sure remedy for this great wrong to industrial voters, and this is by an immediate convention to revise our fundamental law, and absolutely protect the integrity and secrecy of every ballot; and every candidate for the legislature should be at once interrogated, and required to answer categorically whether he will vote for such a convention to assure the next important election."

"It needs," says the Times commenting upon the above, "only such a startling illustration of the assumption of the machine bosses, that the votes of workingmen are regarded merely as a trading commodity, and the voters as only helpless chattels, to arouse the whole industrial people of the state to an overwhelming demand for a Constitutional Convention."

When the Philadelphia Press (Rep.) was contending honestly last fall for a Constitutional Convention, it used the following strong language in its edition of Wednesday, Nov. 19, 1890:

The extent to which ballot reform has been vitalized in this state within the past year is a striking evidence of the popular feeling on the subject. It was thoroughly alive in the minds of the people in the late campaign, but it could not be made an issue between the parties, since both declared for it in their platforms. If there was any difference it was one of mere assumption. When the people understood undoubtedly was that both parties were pledged to a system which shall provide an absolutely secret ballot and a method by which the voter can cast his ballot without divulging to any one what it may be. If that is true, and we believe it to be, it is ridiculous for the Democrats to claim that the election of PATTERSON is a distinct triumph for ballot reform. If the people had supposed the reform was only to be accomplished by Democratic success they would have chosen a Democratic legislature, also, for the accomplishment of the reform will depend more upon the legislature than upon the executive.

Undoubtedly the most direct and effective way to get at this matter is by means of a Constitutional Convention, and we are prepared to see both parties unite for this when the legislature meets. The marked ballot feature needs to be removed and the constitution so changed that among other things an effective registration law can be passed, one under which, in the city districts at least, the voter shall personally appear to have his name enrolled. There are some other constitutional changes not related to ballot reform which it is also desirable to make, so that in general a Constitutional convention commends itself.

The Journal of the Knights of Labor in one of the articles demanding a Constitutional Convention says:

"There is now no controversy as to the great need for the proposed reform, for it is conceded on all sides that it is a matter of absolute necessity and we say and insist a matter of first importance. It is undeniably true that there is no real secrecy in the present system of elections obtaining in the Keystone State. The numbering of the ballots, as at present demanded by the Constitution, makes it easy for election officers at the numerous polling places to know just how any and every man votes, and it is well understood that all systems of balloting were designed to secure to the voter freedom and secrecy in his choice of ticket and preference for candidates. \* \* \* It is proposed on the one hand to amend by legislative enactment the same to be submitted to popular ratification. Without wishing to go into a lengthy argument, it may as well be understood at once that, though we possessed every assurance of the good intentions of those who argue this mode of procedure, the fact remains that this is not the straight and speedy method. \* \* \* We merely cannot afford to delay so important a reform."

Spawls from the Keystone.

- Swarthmore College has 200 students.
-Webster's school savings fund amounts to \$10,987.
-State Board of Agriculture at Clarion on October 21.
-Jamestown's new Baptist church will be dedicated to-day.
-The American Public Health Association is in session at Kansas City, Mo.
-The Shamokin Times advocates a free reading room for that prosperous town.
-Chartered: Bedford Creamery Company of Bedford county; capital stock, \$6,000.
-"Better advertising rates" were discussed by Lehigh Valley editors at Allentown.
-Lancaster county farmers' tobacco crops are selling like hot cakes on a cold day.
-Street railway magnates from all parts of America convened at Pittsburg this week.
-A Lehigh Valley train ran down James Conway at Coplay, Lehigh county, Monday.
-Since October 1, 1885, just 1,870 marriage licenses have been issued in Indiana county.
-Hulmeville has a new barber who attracts customers by playing on musical instruments.
-Gas in a coal chute slowly smothered John Curry Monday, at East Colliery, Ashland.
-Walter Alexander Jones, colored, was nearly killed by walking off a fast train near Allentown.
-Senate Sergeant-at-Arms Hutchinson has sought in vain for Livsey or any trace of him at Pittsburg.
-Shenandoah police captured twelve poker-players and confiscated the \$100 in cash they had up on the game.
-Chicago cabinetmakers have abandoned a strike and gone to work at the old terms—ten hours and piece work.
-The Nebraska Governorship case will be heard in the United States Supreme Court on the first Monday in September.
-Adams Express Agent Claude Fritz, of New York, was knocked down and robbed of all the cash in his pockets at Allentown.
-R. A. Riggs said such ungentlemanly things to Reading girls that the girl's father tried to drown him after the fellow was arrested.
-Carlisle butchers indignantly threaten to sue the Board of Health if it shall insist upon the removal of their slaughter houses.
-Parties from Scranton are looking over the grounds at Nicholson with the intention, it is said, of locating a system of water works.
-While out gunning on Sunday, Heister Kleckner, aged 19, of New Ringgold, Schuylkill county, accidentally shot and killed himself.
-W. J. Askell, of New York, purchased the Mount McGregor Railroad for \$28,500, subject to a \$160,000 mortgage, Monday, at a referee's sale.
-The new water works at Towanda will cost \$110,000 and the water is brought from the Ellenberger springs, a distance of twelve miles.
-A snake with two fully developed heads and ten feet long was killed by Julius Bow, man and Henry Bhein, of Fullerton, Lehigh county, on Sunday.
-Matilda Galvin has begun suit at Findlay, O., against the parents of her husband for \$15,000 damage for their alienating the affections of her husband.
-A break for liberty was made by William Burkhardt, a prisoner at Lebanon, when he learned that he was to answer a charge of burglary at Columbia.
-The Gazette says Dunbar merchants are handling an immense amount of butter this fall, and that there is a growing demand for Sullivan county butter.
-The Erie has decided to abandon the project of building a tunnel through the Meadco mountains to shorten the main line, the cost being estimated at \$4,000,000.
-An inquest over the body of Hannah A. Warren, of near Stroudsburg, who was found dead at her father's house, reveals that she was the victim of malpractice.
-At the morning session of the Presbyterian Synod in Scranton, an animated discussion was indulged in, regarding the propriety of Congress appropriating money to Roman Catholic schools.
-Two hundred and fifty seven criminal cases are set down for trial in the Lackawanna October courts, and at the recent session of the Naturalization Court, at six hundred and ten persons were made citizens in two days.
-The regular session of the Bucks county teachers was held in Doylestown, at which over 300 members were present. Papers on subjects pertaining to school matters were read, and an entertainment held in the evening.
-By the explosion of an engine on the Frankville Branch about seven miles from Potsville, Henry Wagner, the engineer, and Mahlon Keith and Charles Hornicker, brakemen, were instantly killed, and Charles Bowers was fatally injured.
-Frank C. Hutchinson, of the Allegheny National Bank, of Pittsburg, was fatally injured while driving with his family in Colorado Springs. His wife and daughter were slightly cut and bruised. The accident was caused by the upsetting of his carriage.
-H. C. Wintermoyer was arrested, Monday at Middletown, Dauphin county, and given a hearing before United States Commissioner Wolfe, on a charge of passing counterfeit money, some of which was found on his person. He was held for a further hearing.
-In the United States Court, at Pittsburg, Porter Wolf, a young school teacher, of Westmoreland county, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$300 and undergo an imprisonment of six months for having impersonated an internal revenue officer and collecting money legally due the State.
-Insurance Commissioner Luper made a report to the Attorney General on mutual fire companies in the state. It appears that several are illegally carrying on business, some have little or no assets, and others apparently have no directors. It is expected, that legislation will be taken by Mr. House.
-Suit was entered by the Anti-Fee Grabbing Association of Lancaster, against Register of Wills George S. Geary and his Deputy, Israel Carpenter. The officials are charged with taking illegal fees for letters testamentary in a recent estate. Similar charges have also been instituted against the Prothonotary and Recorder.
-Justice Mitchell, of the Supreme Court, rendered an opinion refusing to interfere with the decision of Court of Oyer and Terminer in the case of John McManus of Philadelphia, convicted of murder in the first degree. The power of juries in criminal cases was clearly defined, and three conclusions given for the Supreme Court's verdict.