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Against Every Kind of Robbery.

With regard to special bills also, as observed, Governor Pattison set his face firmly against all manner of unjust grants of the public money, private pensions, contested election cases, fraudulent claims, reckless committee extravagance, public printing wastefulness, etc. At the session of 1893 he broke up a petty scheme of public plunder, a proposition to place a useless copy of an expensive legislative handbook in all the public schools of the commonwealth. He halted the notorious bird book extravagance likewise. Many appropriations to public institutions, made without sufficient warrant of law, necessity or usefulness, were promptly turned down at every session. Worthwhile charities, having legitimate claim upon the bounty of the commonwealth, were not made to suffer, but judicious watchfulness was exercised over the distribution of the public funds in every direction. This care extended to ordinary departmental expenditures, and everyone concerned came to understand that public treasury guardianship was a sacred trust. No one ever thought of intimating anything to the contrary.

Pennypacker a Self-Condemed Critic.

This has been reserved alone for the present alleged Republican candidate for governor, who, in his speech at Erie, by indirection and implication, tried to create the impression that Governor Pattison had been remiss with regard to this important matter. This suggestion, on the part of Judge Pennypacker, is all the more unjustifiable from the fact that during Governor Pattison's first term his present would-be critic was largely engaged, as a member of the bar, in a line of legal reporting and book making which made it absolutely necessary for him to keep fully informed as to what was being done by the law making body and the executive branch of the state government as well. He knew he was betraying the record at Erie, seeking to unjustly injure his opponent and make capital for himself without any foundation whatever for the statements and insinuations put forth. Governor Pattison earned the relentless hostility of a class of men who have disgraced the legislature at every session for a generation past, everyone of whom will unite in applauding Judge Pennypacker's course, but it must be unqualifiedly condemned by every fair-minded and honest man in Pennsylvania.

Quay's Candidate and His Company.

It is significant of what is expected of him that his candidacy for the executive office is the sole work of the machine and its allies, in town and country, and that the very worst elements in the political life of the state are united in his support. His political associations for many years have been with the personal followers, adherents and confidants of Senator Quay. He has enjoyed their company, rejoiced in their successes, endorsed their methods, sympathized with their efforts and given the weight of his personal influence, while holding an honored place upon the bench, in their behalf. At the notorious banquet in Philadelphia where six hundred of his roistering friends celebrated Senator Penrose's election, Judge Pennypacker sat near the head of the table, beside a favored ring contractor, who was at that time one of the financial backers of the machine. He was in congenial company. He had no word of condemnation for the scenes which had taken place at Harrisburg, at the time of the senatorial election, or for those which were then passing under his eye, so sadly and impressively illustrating the demoralizing influences of degraded politics in Pennsylvania, and to which a host of once promising and ambitious young men have been indebted for their irremediable downfall. Even at Erie, when the chief speaker before an association of young men, Judge Pennypacker had no word of disapproval for the evils of our political system, no word of denunciation for the manifold sins of omission and commission of the machine; no word of inspiration for the friends of clean politics and good government; no word of encouragement for those who are self-sacrificingly striving to rescue the commonwealth from the polluted hands of its worst enemies.

Every movement of the Quay party is crooked.

Even the big ball rolling project is a scheme to use Roosevelt's face as a mask for the baffled Pennsylvania boss. But intelligent voters see through it all. Workingmen everywhere are realizing that their best weapon with which to maintain all their rights is an honest ballot. They are arraying themselves against the political crooks this year as never before. The railroaders' endorsement of Pattison is a sign of the times that means great things for the cause of clean politics and good government.

Judge Pennypacker's Fatal Folly.

Many times within recent years the political machine which is responsible for misgovernment in Pennsylvania has confessed the truth of the indictment against it and promised reformation. To this hour its pledges have been systematically violated, and the head of this organization, a little while ago, publicly stated that if it did not keep faith with the people in connection with ballot reform, it would sink into merited infamy. It has been reserved for the present candidate of this organization for the highest office in the gift of the people, to openly and falsely characterize a temperate statement of plain facts concerning misgovernment and self-confessed political degradation—these things being known of all men and deeply deplored by all good citizens—as an indefensible "wall, diatribe, denunciation of the state and its people." This amazing confession of weakness in answering Governor Pattison's speech of acceptance should prove fatal to Judge Pennypacker's misplaced ambition.

Has it come to this, that free speech is a crime? That the truth must no longer be told? That public protest must be stifled? That public wrongdoing must be passed by without notice? That faithless public servants and corrupt political leaders must not even be criticised, much less chastized, with the freeman's weapon, an honest ballot? The declaration of the Erie convention, which is a truthful summing up, in part, of glaring evils of the time in Pennsylvania, is flippantly referred to and its grave charges dismissed, as "a platform of mendacities." Is this the way in which the burning issues before the long-suffering citizens of this commonwealth are to be met?

The last session of the Pennsylvania legislature was without a parallel in defiant wrong-doing, the evidence of which was so conspicuous that there could be no denial that did not reflect upon the intelligence and sincerity of any apologist therefor. The second officer in the government of the state, thoroughly ashamed of the degradation he had witnessed from the presiding chair in the senate, publicly and indignantly declared that never in all his legislative career of many years was bribery and corruption so open and shameless. The most direct charges of venality were made in the public prints against men openly named, without even reply, much less denial. Defense or escape from public scorn and condemnation was impossible.

The widespread indignation of the people has been expressed in many ways, through leading newspapers, speaking shamefacedly for the party in power; through public assemblages; through a convention of self-respecting, intelligent and fair-minded citizens, representing more than 100,000 conscientious members of the Republican party, and in a union of forces, upon a non-partisan basis, with the avowed and determined object of re-deeming the state government from flagrant and demoralizing misrule. There has been an uprising of honest, courageous and patriotic men which cannot and will not be silenced and put down, at the bidding of any man. It will not accept apologies or disclaimers or pleas for forgetfulness. It will not give ear to the unwise and unpatriotic cry of party regularity, the purpose of which is to cover up heinous offenses; to blot out the memory thereof, and to prevent any guarantee for the future, any assurance of better things.

Judge Pennypacker answers, with strange unwisdom and lack of true civic ideas, a flood tide of public criticism of his apologetic defense of machine iniquities, by again repeating and emphasizing anew the self-condemnatory statement that there are no evils to be corrected; that he sees no sins of omission nor commission, having words of praise and ill-doers and unjustifiable charity for evil-doers, and bitter-minded criticism of those who denounce public evils and demand their correction. He has no sympathy with those who are striving for better things. He servilely imitates his leader in seeking to divert public attention from the misdoings of the most odious legislature in Pennsylvania's history.

He even goes further, and plays upon the chords of public ignorance, prejudice and passion. He gives grave offense to every instinct of patriotism, to every sense of justice, by comparing men who represent and who courageously avow and stand for the best impulses, the best thought and the best purposes of a virtuous and patriotic people, to the misguided and desperate enemies of government and the public peace. This is a blunder of partisan zeal that is worse than a deliberate crime.

In his blind devotion to those whom he seeks to serve, this misguided apologetic defender of Quayism does not see that the worst anarchists this country has produced; the most dangerous enemies of the state and of society, are the men who have so deeply corrupted the political arena, so terribly polluted the very sources of government. In his public utterances thus far, Judge Pennypacker has conclusively shown his unworthiness of public trust and confidence; his blind unwisdom and pitiable weakness; that his election to the governorship of this great state as the ready servant of a corrupt machine would be a public calamity.

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Keeping the Lid On.

Judge Pennypacker does not seem to be capable of fair-minded statement in political controversy. His reference to two former Democratic state administrations is characteristically misleading and unjust. Within that period, appropriations to public institutions were not held up or tampered with corruptly. With Robert E. Pattison on guard in the executive chair this villainous work would not have been attempted. This is an evil of recent growth, a development of the intensified crookedness of political adventurers and mercenaries.

The most positive proof of the charge made, in one notorious instance, has been publicly given, an officer of the educational institution concerned frankly admitting an alleged "expense account" of 10 per cent., or nearly three thousand dollars, in securing an appropriation to which his school was honestly entitled. Many members of the legislature have bitterly complained of the treatment to which they have been subjected by public pirates, as these conscienceless public servants have been justly, though severely, termed. Judge Pennypacker has a hard time getting the lid on. It seems to be his special desire to cover every species of public crookedness, to hide all the evil doings of the degraded representatives of Quayism.

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