BERRY AND NILES FOR CIVIC RIGHTEOUSNESS

Militant Reformers Address a Non-Partisan Meeting in Pottsville Friday Night.

SUMMON CONSCIENCE TO DUTY

Both Gentlemen Urge Opposition to Machine Men and Methods and Ask Support For the Admirable Democratic Candidates.

Pottsville last Friday night in the in- Buildings, arrange to get all voters to terest of the Democratic state ticket, | the polls and see that every Democrat C. LaRue Munson for justice of the supreme court, J. Wood Clark for auditor general and George W. Kipp for state treasurer, was a political event of or any citizen of any condition in life. great significance. It was conceived among the Republicans of that ma- H. Berry to the office of state treaschine-cursed county, Schuylkill, and or- urer in 1905 are united and active in ganized and conducted by the better element of that party in that county.

That it will have a marked influence on public sentiment throughout the state there can be no doubt. The example of such men cannot be lost to a conscientious people. Unfortunately than 160,000, who voted for Berry, F YOU WISH TO BECOME. the time between now and the election is too short to organize similar meetings in other sections, but the report of this meeting will be read in all sections of the state and the proceedings will be pondered over wherever conscience guides intelligence.

The principal speakers at the meeting were Hon. Henry C. Niles, chairman of the Lincoln party, and William H. Berry, the courageous and capable former state treasurer, who exposed the capitol grafting and saved the public mililons of dollars which would have been stolen if he had not revealed the facts. The entire speeches of ed this year the grafting will be rethese gentlemen ought to be read by sumed as soon as their antagonists every voter in the state, but we have are inducted into office. This is a only space for brief summaries of

Mr. Niles said in part:

The greatest improvement in the political condition of Pennsylvania has been the result of the defeat of bad Republican candidates by independent Republican votes.

More than 100,000 Republicans in the last four years have shown again and again their readiness to vote against the candidates of their party when

again their readiness to vote against the candidates of their party when the bosses have been emboldened to nominate men too outrageously unfit. or by methods too glaringly improper. These true Republicans are ready at any time when the candidates of their own party are unworthy, to vote for high-class Democrats for administrative or judicial state offices who are absolutely honest and competent, in order that thereby the usurpers of the power of their own party may be punished and the state's administration may be reformed.

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No political event has been more manifestly for the benefit of the commonwealth than the defeat four years ago of Plummer, the Republican candidate for state treasurer, by independent Republican votes, and the election of the Democratic candidate, William H. Berry.

The situation of four years ago is now paralleled.

The manipulators of the Republican organization have had enough of such men as Stuart, Young and Sheatz. They are tired of even the small appearance of being honest. They believe the people have again gone to sleep, and that it will be safe to renew their usual tactics and follow their natural instincts.

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In their nomination of Stober and Sisson they have returned to the old Plummer and Snyder type, and have turned from an experienced jurist like Judge Rice, to put upon the bench of the supreme court the selection of the contractor bosses of Philadelphia.

By a happy providence, the Democratic candidates, Munson, for the supreme court; Kipp, for state treasurer, and Clark, for auditor general, are of the highest type of public men, and are unhampered by any personal or party obligations inconsistent with their duties to the whole people.

They should be supported by the same independent Republican sentiment and vote that supported John Stewart for the supreme court and Berry for the treasury in 1905.

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It argues well for the future of Pennsylvania politics that representatives of opposing political parties are found upon the same platform urging the election of the same candidates for state offices. The "independent habit" seems to be growing upon our citizens. Party harness, however comfortable and well fitting it may ordinarily be, sits very lightly upon an increasing number of our citizens and may be instantly removed by a touch of the independent button.

The candidates on the Democratic

independent button.

The candidates on the Democratic ticket are men of exceptional character and fitness for the offices for which they have been named, and no possible question can arise as to their entire freedom from obligation to any coteries of bosses. When elected they will be free to serve the whole people who are alone their masters.

I have long believed that one of the greatest evils in Pennsylvania politics is the enormous preponderance of the Republican party strength over its strongest opponent. The practical certainty of Republican success has caused an unscupulous horde of office and spoils-seekers of every, but of no political faith whatever, to gravitate to it, and of this material the Republican organization or "Machine" is largely formed.

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So bold and daring had this oliarchy grown that in 1905 the Independent Republican voters joined with
the Democrats and elected a Democrat to a state office. The mere presence of this officer at Harrisburg for
the brief term of two years resulted
in the exposure of a system of bare-

faced robbery unparalleled in history and specific instance, involving the theft of millions.

A spasm of simulated virtue fol-lowed this exposure. Candidates of the highest personal character and, in some instances, of independent ten-dencies, were named by the organiza-

tion and elected by narrow majorities Much superficial good resulted from their selection but, encouraged by a return of the usual majorities, the machine is again defiant and and comes into the field with candidates of the old regime.

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Nor is there the slightest evidence of repentance or reform among them. Senator Quay was the designer of their methods and the practical maker of the machine for their execution. Of all the men connected with it, this man and his record is most notoriously objectionable. Yet witness the fact that in spite of an almost universal opposition, expressed and implied, his statue in marble has been erected in the capitol at Harrisburg, a perpetual insult to all reform and a standing rebuke to all reformers.

Work For Victory. A week from next Tuesday is election day and every hour of the time intervening which Democrats can spare from their usual vocations ought to be given to preparing for that event. Discuss the relative merits of the candidates, urge upon others the importance of a change in the politics The non-partisan meeting held in of the Board of Public Grounds and entitled to vote performs that civic duty. It will be worth all it costs in time and trouble to any man of family

The forces which elected William the interest of C. LaRue Munson for justice of the supreme court; J. Wood Clark for auditor general, and George W. Kipp for state treasurer. The Lincoln Party men and other independent Republicans to the number of more will vote for them. If the Democrats do their duty this year as they did then, Munson, Clark and Kipp will be elected, as Berry was by a large majority. No man, of whatever political antecedents, regretted the election of Berry. No fair minded man will regret the election of Munson, Clark THE PENNSYLVANIA and Kipp.

If Berry had not been elected the grafting in the capitol furnishings would be going on yet and by this time \$25,000,000, or possibly more, would have been stolen from the treasury. If Clark and Kipp are not electmatter to ponder over. The revenues which ought to be used in equipping schobls, constructing highways and performing other needed public improvements will go to enriching political scoundrels as was the case before the election of Berry.

Pennsylvania to elect the entire Democratic ticket by a good majority and there is enough incentive in that re tion of the Democratic ticket in this state this year will guarantee improvement in political morals and methods, moreover, which will endure for twenty-five years, for even though have a good effect and it will have learned the lesson that decent nominations are essential to party success even in Pennsylvania.

Berry Predicts Big Democratic Victory. Former State Treasurer William H. Berry, of Chester, who was in Harrisburg this week, uttered a belief in the probability of a Democratic victory on

the state ticket next month.

"I have been all over the state," "I have been all over the state," said Mr. Berry, "and find a great deal of anti-organization sentiment. I do not find so much idolatry for the gang that used to be so manifest. The people are getting very tired of machine rule and they do not hesitate to speak out loud. Altogether, I should pronounce things in most excellent condition for a Democratic victory."

The Quay statue was brought into the capital at Harrisburg the other day with a hood of black burlap over its head and a heavy rope around its neck. As it thus stood on the platform erected to facilitate the work of placing it in the niche chosen for its use it made a gloomy spectacle. As hundreds of persons were passing through the rotunda one observer remarked that the presence of a sheriff to spring the trap would be appropri-

The Republican machine is putting new burdens on its unhappy victims. Public officials at the state capital and in the cities under Republican control are now compelled to join a Republi can club as well as contribute to the campaign fund. This is another form of taxation for the benefit of the bosses, for the profits of the clubs go to paying campaign expenses which otherwise it would be up to the bosses

a' the deal assumed the shape that Mr. Parsons outlines, it was a disgrace to all concerned, and it ought to end Speaker Cannon's career.-Springfield

"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." but the Democrats of Pennivania may achieve a great victory at the expense of vigilance for one day. See that no Democrat falls to vote on election day.

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THE TAX ON SALT.

One of the Things That Started the

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His hardships did not stop even there. On making his annual purchase he had to state the different purposes for which be intended to use the salt during the ensuing year, and in the event of his being discovered salting his soup instead of his pork according to his statement or his work instead of his soup on the day he had named he was also liable to a fine. His kitchen was never secure from the intrusion of the inspecting officer, and woe to the housewife who was detected in any petty infraction of this law.

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