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The following comment of the Philadelphia Record, the recognized organ of Governor Pattison, clearly indicates what the Governor's views are on the subject of the proposed constitutional convention. The Record thus speaks of the Democratic platform adopted by the state convention :

"There was no presidential foolery. The only weak spot in the platform is the halting and hesitating allusion to the proposed constitutional convention No favor should have been extended to that tricky device of the opponents of ballot reform. But this blemish upon an otherwise admirable declaration is of small account. The people will take very good care in November that the excellent selection of delegates atlarge to this problematical body shall have no occasion to attend its sittings. We are confident it will never sit."

#### MR. WRIGHT'S SPEECH.

In accepting the Democratic nomination for Auditor General Robert E. Wright, made the following speech before the convention :

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN OF THE CONVENTION-I thank you for the evidence you have given of your belief that I am worthy to represent the people for whom you speak in the contest about to open. I appreciate the grave responsibility your nomination will involve and the important interests that are staked on the outcome of your debe your candidate, if so you wished, I was influenced only by a desire to do that which would most surely advance the interests committed to your care. I now accept it with all the responsi-

bilities an acceptance may imply. I know that it involves something more than a mere party nomination, honorable though that might be. For while in your assembled capacity as a convention you represent one of the great political organizations of the State and are convened to pledge the power of your party to the work so admirably outlined in your platform, yet the work itself extends far beyond the lines of ordinary political or party inspirations.

You have met under the presence of startling conditions in public affairs. It has come to pass that by reason of most deplorable circumstances, the people of Pennsvlvania are not permitted to contest this election on lines of national questions, nor yet upon those matters of State concern that should ordinarily engage the best attention of thoughtful citizens.

her great cities has passed under the control of a corrupt political combination that permits none to aspire to public place, except as they may consent to become participants in these wrongs, or to permit them without objection. What do they offer? The issue has now passed far beyond the question of the personal respectability of candidates presented and supported by the confederation of now reconciled bosses. More than once the people of Phil-

adelphia and Pennsylvania in their movements toward reform have been content to demand no more than respectable nominations from these men.

But again and again disappointment and dishonor have followed the conces-The harvest evolved from the sion. seed of respectable ring nominations has always been disastrous. In my judgment there can be no reform in Pennsylvania until the machine that creates and maintains this system of organized robbery is torn up root and branch and destroyed.

#### A VERY SIMPLE PLATFORM.

Therefore it has come to pass that your platform is a very simple one. It emphasizes the old truths of the ten commandments. The injunction "Thou shalt not steal" is its cardinal plank. On that plank the impending battle must be fought, and in conclusion we must permit no confusion of the issues when the honor of Pennsylvania is at stake. The discussion of the tariff duties ceased with us when the treasury of Philadelphia was looted. The silver question lost its interest as the waves from the flood tide of corruption reached the steps of your State capitol, and the only reciprocity the people of Pennsylvania should hear of now is that which was exemplified when the doors of the Eastern penitentiary closed upon the disappearing form of Bardsley.

#### Who They are.

## CAREER OF THE TWO CANDIDATES.

Robert E, Wright is a son of the late Robert E. Wright, who was twice postmaster of Allentown, and a lawyer f large practice and wide reputation. liberations and beg to assure you that if I hesitated in indicating that I would ty-five years old. When a young man Mr. Wright entered the office of a civil engineer, receiving a thorough training in that profession. He then went to Schuylkill county where he held for some time a responsible position in the service of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad company under Cnief Engineer Charles E. Byers. Subsequently he entered upon the study of the law, and was admitted to the bar in 1868. He was associated with his father in practice until his death. In 1886 he was chosen president of the Allentown national bank, of which he had previously been the attorney. In the state convention of 1886 Mr. Wright's name was presented for the gubernatorial nomination and he received seventeen votes. His name was again presented for the first place on the ticket at the state convention last year, but he received only eleven votes, Pattison being nominated on the first ballot. He was then urged for the second place on the ticket, and received 157 votes for lieutenant governor to 191 for Chauncy F. Black and three

#### of government in Pennsylvania and DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY OF PENNSYL-VANIA

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The last General Assembly of the Democratic Society of Pennsylvania, fixed upon Pittsburgh as the place of meeting for the next General Assembly and at a meeting of the Executive Committee, held at Harrisburg, Aug-ust 20th, the last Wednesday of September, being the 30th, was fixed as the time.

These annual assemblies grow in numbers with the passage of every year and their usefulness as plainly increases in proportion. The great meeting at Reading last year inaugurated the campaign which elected Governor Pattison. It is expected that garded in this and adjoining counties, the assembly of this year will be speaks well for his ability. equally important in its results.

The place of the Democratic Societies in the regular party organization of the state is determined and the value of this gigantic auxiliary force is becoming more and more apparent. While they are regularly incorporated with the organization, they perform a function and exercise an influence which have only recently been felt in American politics. The National Democratic Committee and the Democratic State Committee, and all the authorities of the party, advise us that the contests of the immediate future are to be mainly between the club organizations of the two great political parties. Chairman Brice and Chairman Kerr unite with the officials of the National Association of Democratic Clubs and the Democratic Society of this state in urging the formation of Democratic Societies in every political subdivision of the Commonwealth.

All Societies should endeavor to have the names of their deputies to the General Assembly at Pittsburg, in the hands of Secretary John D Worman, United States Hotel, Harrisburg, at least a week before the time of meeting, although the names will be received up to the day thereof.

The Societies should forward to the Secretary a full list of officers and members as soon as organized, and also of the deputies to the general Assembly.

Each Society is entitled to one member of General Committee and the deputies should be prepared to hand in the name of the member upon assembling at Pittsburgh.

Each Society is entitled to one deputy for every twenty-five members, in good standing, as certified by the Secretary.

The primary Democratic Society becomes a member of the Democratic, Society of Pennsylvania, entitled to GEORGE B. ZEIGLER, H. MORGAN ROOT. representation in the General Assembly and in Committees, by simply reporting its organization to the Secretary with officers and membership, and directing the name to be enrolled. No fees are exacted. Ex-Lieutenant Governor Chauncey F. Black is President of the Democratic Society of Pennsylvania.

It is a significant fact that the subject of a constitutional convention was not mentioned in the Democratic state convention by any of the speakers. All efforts made by a few persons to se cure an unqualified endorsement of the constitutional convention were futile. and the only allusion to it is in the last three lines of the last section of the platform, which gives it an endorsement only to a limited extent. The 19th section of the platform favors an amendment to the constitution that will secure a free and secret ballot.

### A Rich Harvest From the Holy Coat-

The sale of rosaries and other religious objects in Treves has been immense. One Cologne firm has sold more than \$50,000 worth of such articles, while the sales of the agency of a Paris firm amount to more than \$35.-000. It is estimated by the authorities of Treves that the citizens will make a total extra income of about \$500,000 out of the pilgrimage. Among the visitors to see the "Holy Coat" are a man of 86 years, and a widow of 83, who saw the relic in 1810 and in 1844. Forty-five thousand is the number of pilgrims admitted into the Cathedral daily.

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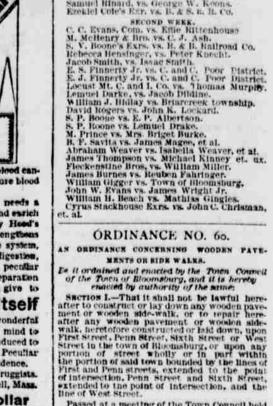


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THE ISSUES OF THE HOUR.

We are not at liberty with the people of other States to form our lines of discussion solely upon the economic and financial problems of the country, nor in calm judgment to legislate with-in the State for the welfare of the people, for the relief of the overburdened classes nor for the developement of Pennsylvania's interests. All these considerations for the time being must be laid aside because there are thrust upon us the overshadowing problems born of dishonest corrupt government. Never in the history of the country was there exhibited an administration of affairs so universally corrupt as that developed in Pennsylvania within the last six months.

The city of Philadelphia robbed of a million dollars, the State of a million more, the schools of half as much, the taxpayer robbed in his assessment, and exemptions, the State robbed of a large percentage of the small balance remaining. Through all the ramifications of the process of tax collection from the assessor to the final depository, the heavy hand of reckless theft is felt as the rising tide of corruption sweeps up toward the doors of your capitol Not isolated cases of single dishonest officials, not mere disconnected instances of theft make up the record of public dishonor, but well planned, systematic, continuous, daily robbery pervading entire departments, embracing almost every official who touches the public funds.

#### FAR-REACHING CORRUPTION.

Worse than all, not content with robbing individual citizens and aggregated society, even the newspapers of this boss-ridden party are compelled to pay tribute to organized plunder, and become the vehicle of the transfer of the people's money from the public treasury to the pockets of party heel-ers. Meeting, therefore, as the convention does, in the presence of this overshadowing dishonor, it is but right that for the time being it should turn aside from the discussion of current political topics to the more important and pressing questions of clean, honest government. We are confronted by the fact that one whole administration daily at Housel's.

for Senator Hannibal K. Sloan. Mr. Wright is Secretary of the World's fair commission. He is an eloquent and logical speaker and has frequently been heard on the stump in this state. A. L. Tilden, of Erie, was born in

Garretsville, Portage county, Ohio, August 21, 1834. He attended the public schools of his native town and the Nelson Academy. He started in business for himself at the early age of eighteen as a lumberman in the pine regions of Michigan. In 1853 Mr. Tilden removed to Erie county and engaged in the lumber business until 1857, when he lost all he had accumulated by the panic of that year. He then went into the oil trade, and from that into the employ of the Atlantic and Great Western railroad as general agent, in which position he contin-ued until 1866, when he purchased a farm on the flats of French creek, in Le Beouff township, Erie county, where he has made his home ever since. He has taken a prominent part in politics, being a frequent delegate to Democratic county and state conventions. He was elected county commissioner in 1878 and re-elected in 1881. Mr Tilden is a leader in the State Grange and Farmer's Alliance. Last year he was selected as the alliance's choice for congress and was endorsed by the Democratic conference of the Twentysixth district, embracing Erie and Crawford counties, but he was defeated by Matthew Griswold, the Republican candidate, by 888 plurality. Two years before the district had been carried by the Republican candidate by over 3,000 plurality. Mr. Tilden is at present deputy secretary of the commonwealth.

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