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Democratic State Ticket.
 FOR AUDITOR GENERAL,
WALTER E. RITTER
 of Lycoming county.
 FOR STATE TREASURER,
M. E. BROWN
 of Indiana county.
Democratic County Ticket.
 FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGE,
A. B. HERRING
 of Orangeville.
 FOR SHERIFF,
W. W. BLACK
 of Rohrsburg.
 FOR JURY COMMISSIONER,
G. B. HUMMER
 of Sugarloaf.
 FOR CORDER,
W. A. GERRITY
 of Centralia.

TO THE PEOPLE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The paramount issue of the cam-
 paign of 1897 in this state is honest
 government. All else is extraneous
 and for the moment unimportant.
 The lines are rigidly drawn, the citi-
 zens deeply concerned for their mat-
 erial welfare as affected by tax im-
 positions and for the fair fame of their
 state, being on the one side, and
 machine domination in the Republi-
 can party on the other.

The prodigies and steals consum-
 mated under this rule, through obedi-
 ent legislators and subservient ex-
 ecutive officials, nominated and elected
 by machine domination, have for
 years been a shame and a disgrace to
 the state. During the last four years
 they have been more than disgraceful,
 and good citizens of all parties have
 joined in indignant outcry against the
 audacious and criminal spoliation.
 The legislature, which recently ad-
 journed, by its extravagant and unlaw-
 ful appropriations, and by its abject
 co-operation in every possible manner
 with machine officials in the several
 departments, carried the debauchery
 to an extent that nothing can explain
 unless it be that there is no limit to
 the tolerating spirit of our long-suffer-
 ing people. And, when men in high
 stations were found conniving with
 the state treasurer for the payment
 from the state treasury of many thou-
 sands of dollars of the public moneys
 to machine heelers appointed to sine-
 cure places created for them in plain
 defiance of the law, even the reput-
 able Republican journals joined in the
 protest, although this protest grows
 feeble as the election grows near, the
 advantages of a partisan triumph out-
 weighing the benefits of good govern-
 ment.

If all those who have expressed
 themselves as dissatisfied with this
 flagrant defiance of the law, this subor-
 dination of the powers of state govern-
 ment to the selfish and wicked aims
 of the machine leaders, this shameless
 and ruinous speculation and profligacy,
 mean what they say, they will unite
 in this fight to drive the machine from
 power.

Will they do it? An excellent op-
 portunity for the accomplishment of
 that desired end is now afforded. The
 Democratic candidates for state treas-
 urer and auditor general are good
 men and true, who have been much
 before the public for years past, have
 carried and honorably discharged the
 responsibilities of numerous official
 places and have emerged from that
 trial and experience without a smirch
 upon their records. They owe allegi-
 ance to no boss. They did not seek
 the positions they occupy. They were
 nominated solely because of their
 known ability and integrity and
 are in the field as candidates en-
 tirely from a sense of duty to their
 party and the people. By the party
 platform and in their own words they
 both stand solemnly pledged to labor
 unceasingly, if elected, to expose
 every fraud that can be unearthed,
 bring to justice every defaulter that
 can be cracked, and institute such re-
 forms in the management of the treas-
 ury as will insure fair dealing with
 the taxpayers. The voter who desires
 honest government will make no mis-
 take by casting his ballot for these
 gentlemen, but will seriously err by
 giving it in any other way.

The question has been asked:
 What could Messrs. Brown and
 Ritter do, even if they were elected?
 The inference is that they would be
 so much in a minority in the total
 force of officials on Capitol hill that
 they would be practically helpless.
 The question is perfectly legitimate
 and deserves a candid answer. The
 auditor general, under the law, ex-
 amines and settles all accounts be-
 tween the state and any officer, de-
 partment, association or corporation.
 He has authority to throw out claims
 that are either excessive or without
 plain warrant of law. He can compel
 the attendance of all persons having
 accounts to settle, and of such wit-
 nesses as he deems proper, examine
 them under oath and compel the pro-
 duction of all books, papers and docu-
 ments relating to any account before
 him; in order to do which he can
 exercise the power of attachment and
 imprisonment, through the sheriffs
 and coroners of the several counties.
 He can procure the testimony of all
 such persons before any judge or jus-
 tice of the peace, on a commission
 under his hand and seal. He can
 commit to prison any witness who re-
 fuses to testify or to produce any
 books, papers or documents when re-
 quired. He may, by himself, or in
 connection with the state treasurer,
 send an agent to examine the books,
 papers and accounts of any corpora-
 tion, institution or company having
 accounts to settle with the state and
 refusing or neglecting to make returns
 within the time specified by law. In
 settling the accounts with the legisla-
 ture and departments for incidental
 expenses he can disallow any ex-
 cess over fair prices. He can, with
 the state treasurer and attorney gen-
 eral, revise and resettle accounts that
 have been erroneously settled. Ac-
 counts found by him to be due the
 state are liens on all the real estate of
 the debtor. Certified copies of his
 accounts, books and documents on
 file are evidence in any court of law,
 and elsewhere, in the commonwealth.
 And finally, he is the escheator gen-
 eral of the state.

The powers and duties of the state
 treasurer fittingly supplement those of
 the auditor general, and the two co-
 operating can defy any possible com-
 bination, either in or out of office, to
 cheat the law with reference to state
 payments, or mulct the treasury in
 any way. They are the official watch
 dogs of the people's strong box, who
 cannot be muzzled without their own
 consent, and have ample powers to
 protect their trust.

In addition to all this the auditor
 general and state treasurer are ex-
 officio commissioners of public
 grounds and buildings, and of the
 sinking fund, and members of the
 state military board, and the board
 of revenue commissioners, and of the
 special commission to construct a
 new capitol building. Of the first
 four of these bodies the auditor gen-
 eral and state treasurer constitute a
 majority, and in the new capitol com-
 mission they would balance the power
 of the two machine members of it,
 giving to Governor Hastings the cast-
 ing vote and placing upon him the
 responsibility for a lawful and honest
 performance of the commissioners' duties.

The Republican nominees for state
 treasurer and auditor general were
 selected by the machine in advance of
 the convention. They would never
 have been thought of for the prefer-
 ment but for the machine. Their
 natural obligation would be, if elected,
 to aid in the execution of all its
 aims, and both their departments and
 all these commissions would continue
 to be, as now, mere instrumentalities
 of machine power.

Hon. C. C. Kauffman, since 1894
 a Republican senator from the county
 of Lancaster, was solicited by friends
 and admirers to stand as a Republi-
 can candidate for state treasurer. He
 declined to do so, declaring that:
 "No man can accept the nomina-
 tion (Republican) for state treasurer
 who will not agree in advance to
 receive and count as cash assets all
 the doubtful due bills, notes and other
 evidences of indebtedness now in the
 treasury vaults."

As auditor general and state treas-
 urer and as commissioners of the sink-
 ing fund and of the board of revenue,
 Messrs. Brown and Ritter would have
 access to all these discredited papers
 and be clothed with power to dis-
 close their real character to the people
 and bring to public odium, and prob-
 ably to just punishment, every one
 responsible for imposing such papers
 on the state.

During, at least, the continuance
 of the factional fight in which the
 governor is at present engaged with
 the recognized boss of the machine,
 there seems to be guaranty that that
 official would act with Messrs. Brown
 and Ritter in the new capitol com-
 mission. And the good people of the
 state may rest assured that Messrs.
 Brown and Ritter would act with him
 in outwitting the Quay element and
 controlling the commission for honest
 purposes. Here would be promise to
 the people that the cost of the build-
 ing will be kept within the sum al-
 ready appropriated, that the work up-
 on it will be the best the money will

buy, and that it will be completed
 within the time specified by law. The
 governor's refusal to meet with the
 present auditor general and state
 treasurer, and president of the senate
 and speaker of the house, who, with
 the governor, now constitute the new
 capitol commission, is a message to
 the people, however reluctantly given,
 of his conviction that, if the building
 is to be constructed under the direc-
 tion of a Quay commission, it will be
 made the means of further remorse-
 less raids upon the treasury, for
 moneys to be divided between favor-
 ite contractors and machine politi-
 cians. Governor Hastings himself
 admits that he is powerless to stay
 the tide of corruption against the will
 of a machine-packed commission. A
 state treasurer already self convicted
 of fraud upon the treasury, and an au-
 ditor general who is a mere tool of
 the machine, and the president of the
 senate and the speaker of the house
 under whose direction the late legisla-
 ture indulged in such a saturnalia of
 crime and folly, made up a body that
 clearly should not be intrusted by the
 people with a work so important as
 that in hand. And nobody can for a
 moment suppose that the substitution
 in its membership of Messrs. Beacom
 and McCauley for Messrs. Haywood
 and Mylin would alter its machine
 character. The state capitol at Al-
 bany and the municipal building in
 Philadelphia, constructed under sim-
 ilar auspices should, in the enormity
 of their cost, the long delay in their
 completion and the incident disgrace-
 ful scandals, be accepted as a warning
 by the voters of our state. The au-
 thority may be taken from machine
 hands and safely reposed, by the
 election of Messrs. Brown and Ritter,
 but not otherwise. And their elec-
 tion would mean a definite beginning
 of the good work of retrenchment and
 reform, not only in connection with
 the new capitol, but in each and
 every department of the state govern-
 ment. What such a change would
 imply to the taxpayers is eloquently
 explained in the fact that the cost of
 the state government for four years
 1883-86 under Pattison was about
 \$30,000,000, while the cost of the
 four years that will end with the first
 Monday of January, 1897, as is
 shown by the amounts already ex-
 pended and the appropriations already
 made, cannot fall short of \$48,-
 000,000.

In the facts and figures here given
 there is ample explanation of what
 Messrs. Brown and Ritter, if elected,
 could and would do for the advantage
 of the people and the good name of
 the state.

It is gratifying to reflect that the
 433,000 voters of 1896, can, if they
 will all come out to vote and stand
 true to their candidates, elect Messrs.
 Brown and Ritter beyond peradven-
 ture, and without the help of a single
 convert from the other side.

And the triumph of these gentle-
 men this year will present strong re-
 asons for hope, either of an ending of
 machine domination in Republican
 councils, or the nomination and elec-
 tion by the people next year of a re-
 form governor and legislature, in
 despite of the machine. Here cer-
 tainly is a prize worth fighting for.

Let us briefly recapitulate. The
 election of Messrs. Brown and Ritter
 would result in:

- First. The rescue of the state treas-
 ury and finances from machine con-
 trol.
- Second. A check to the extrava-
 gance of machine rule in so far as
 they depend upon the aid of the ac-
 counting and disbursing officers of the
 commonwealth.
- Third. A new capitol completed
 in time for the new legislature, con-
 structed of honest materials by honest
 workmanship, and at a minimum of
 cost.
- Fourth. Exposure, complete and in
 detail, of the gross frauds that are so
 widely and freely alleged to lie cov-
 ered up in the records of the state treas-
 ury and auditor general's depart-
 ments.
- Fifth. A prompt and effectual stop-
 page of illegal payments from the
 state treasury for services rendered by

Why
 Do people buy Hood's Sarsaparilla in
 preference to any other,—in fact almost
 to the exclusion of all others?
Because
 They know from actual use that Hood's
 is the best, i. e., it cures when others fail.
 Hood's Sarsaparilla is still made under
 the personal supervision of the educated
 pharmacist who originated it.
 The question of best is just as positively
 decided in favor of Hood's as the question
 of comparative sales.
 Another thing: Every advertisement
 of Hood's Sarsaparilla is true, is honest.
Hood's
Sarsaparilla
 Is the One True Blood Purifier. All druggists, \$1.
 Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.
 Hood's Pills are the only pills to take
 with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

READY FOR THE FALL OF 1897.
 We announce to the public that our stock for the coming season is now complete in every department.
 We are now showing a large and new line of Woolens purchased before the new Tariff Bill went into effect,
 which means a saving of 15 to 20 per cent. to the buyer. We are now offering Fall Suits at the old prices.
 Our line of Over Coatings, Suitings and Trouserings are more numerous than ever. We are putting up Fall
 Suits in City Style and at the lowest prices, consistent with good material and skilled workmanship.
 FOUR POINTS WE PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO:
Correct Style, Reliable Goods, Perfect Fit and Lowest Prices.
 Our long experience in the business enable us to give our customers full value for their money. Our Garments are
 made by skilled workmen, our work we guarantee in every respect. A fine display now on exhibition in the window of
JOHN R. TOWNSEND,
 Merchant Tailor, Hatter, and Gents Furnisher.

machine heelers, such as cost the late
 deputy attorney general and secretary
 of the commonwealth their official
 heads and awakened widespread in-
 dignation and alarm through the state.
 In addition to these direct results,
 the incidental gains to be reckoned
 upon may be thus stated:
 First. The final overthrow of Quay-
 ism.
 Second. A reform state government
 that, besides according honest admin-
 istration of the finances and impartial
 execution of all laws, will insure to
 the plain people as potent a voice in
 law-making as the machine, in return
 for campaign funds and individual
 bribes, has been in the habit of grant-
 ing to special interests only.
 And all these are in sight, and can
 be changed from possibilities into
 verities, if only all those who in their
 hearts desire reform will take advan-
 tage of the exceptional chance the can-
 didacy of Messrs. Brown and Ritter
 affords.
 Upon the Democrats the larger
 share of the responsibility rests. They
 include within themselves a consider-
 able majority of the reform forces of
 the state. They alone have regularly
 disciplined party, fully equipped for
 campaign work. To them I appeal
 especially for honest and earnest work
 at this time. If those of different
 partisan faiths, but equally solicitous
 for the overthrow of the machine and
 a return to something like honest
 government, will lend us their aid, I
 give them my solemn pledge that, as
 state treasurer and auditor general,
 Michael E. Brown, esq., and Hon.
 Walter E. Ritter will never betray, but
 in their every act will amply justify
 the confidence reposed in them.
 JOHN M. GARMAN,
 Chairman Democratic State Central
 Committee.

Labor and the Machine.

What Quay Government Has Done
 and Has Failed to do for the Work-
 ing Man—The Several Counts in a
 Telling Indictment of Boss Rule.
 The treatment of labor by the Re-
 publican interests in this state during
 the year now closing, which has wit-
 nessed a more complete domination of
 the state government by that party
 than ever before, is fairly summarized
 by the following incidents:
 Legislative slaughter, or destruction
 by amendment, of nearly all the mea-
 sures asked at its hands by the labor
 organizations.
 A useless and in fact utterly farical
 so-called investigation of the misera-
 ble condition to which Republican
 policies have reduced the miners of
 the state, in which no effort worthy
 the name was made to get at the real
 facts, and for which wretched work
 the legislators attempted to grab from
 the state treasury the sum of \$13,-
 157.20.

The veto of the company store bill
 by Governor Hastings, this bill being
 aimed at the overthrow of a system by
 which the miners are most mercilessly
 robbed, legitimate business driven
 from their towns and a condition of
 general poverty maintained which is
 scarcely removed from slavery.

The brutal shooting down of a score
 of miners at Lattimer and the wound-
 ing of many others, their only crime
 having been a demand for just a little
 share of the so-called McKinley pros-
 perity, and the shooting being done
 by 75 sheriff's deputies, fully sixty of
 whom were marshals and deputy mar-
 shals, in the McKinley demonstrations
 last fall.

The employment of a whole brigade
 of state troops, at a cost that, when
 the bills are all in, will be found to
 aggregate fully a quarter of a million
 of dollars, for no other purpose than
 of compelling the strikers to return to
 work at the operators terms.

Injunctions galore from Republi-
 can judges to prevent free speech, free
 assemblage and free use of the public
 highways in the interest of better con-
 ditions for the working people.

A demand from the Austrian gov-
 ernment upon the government of the
 United States for damages for the
 families of the men cruelly and unlaw-
 fully butchered at Lattimer.

This naked statement of the leading
 facts needs no comment. The facts
 themselves tell the humiliating story
 in all sufficient completeness and fully
 explain why the workmen who
 heped by their votes to give Republi-
 cans victory last fall have since been
 doing all they can for Democracy and
 propose contributing another instal-
 ment of the good work at the polls in
 this state on the 2d of next month.

Here They Come!
 For weeks our store has been in that condition so happily
 described by Chas. Lamb when riding in the stage. A fellow
 thrust his face in and inquired, "Are you all full inside."
 Lamb answered, "I don't know about the other fellows, but
 that last piece of pie did the business for me." Our now crowd-
 ed shelves seem to fairly hold out beseeching hands and the
 goods beg to go hence.

Dress Goods.

Here they are in all their
 radiant loveliness. Nothing
 that is new is missed. They are
 all the newest designs and ef-
 fects and the result of months
 of working on our part. Price,
 well the new tariff has not af-
 fected these as they were bought
 before it took effect. So come
 and secure the benefit.

Furs.

They are to be used largely
 this year for trimming, and so
 here they are in every kind and
 description, at all prices.
 Fur Collarettes at all prices.

Shawls.

You will pay more for them
 when these are gone. Don't
 wait and then blame us for it.
 We tell you now. As long as
 they last we sell them thus:
 Full size, all wool, Blanket
 Shawl at \$3.98.
 Best, all wool, Blanket Shawl
 full sized, \$6.00.

Underwear.

We have the Best and Big-
 gest stock of Underwear to be
 found in the County; any price
 you want; any kind you want.
 Cotton, Cotton and Wool, All
 Wool, All wool fleeced lined,
 and cotton fleeced lined for
 Ladies, Children, Misses, Boys
 and Men. Children's Ribbed
 Underwear from 12c up.
 Ladies' Vests and Pants, best
 ever offered, at 25c.
 Can't replace for less than 40c.
 Ladies' and Children's union
 suits, 60c to \$2.40.
 Men's Underwear, 65 per
 cent. wool, 50c.
 Men's Fleeced lined, 50c.

Wrappers.

We have them made of out-
 ing flannel at \$1.25.
 Were \$1.50 last year.

Pursel & Harman,
 BLOOMSBURG, PA.

The Quay machine could not live a
 minute were it not for public plunder.
 Put Brown and Ritter on guard over
 the treasury and such plunder will be-
 come a thing of the past.

Let no man doubt the power of the
 auditor general and state treasurer,
 acting honorably and in conjunction,
 to largely stay the robbery of the tax-
 payers. The law gives them full
 authority and Brown and Ritter can
 be safely depended upon to make the
 best use of it.

Prohibitionist Swallow and Banker
 Thompson profess well, and we have
 no reason to doubt the realness of
 their desire for purer government.
 But Democrats cannot well support
 either of them so long as their views
 as to monopolies, government by in-
 junction and kindred matters of equal-
 ly grave concern to the plain people
 are fairly presumed to be so distinctly
 at variance with Democratic doctrine.

Every district in the county should
 make an effort to secure the hand-
 some flag offered by county chairman
 John G. McHenry for the largest
 percentage of increase in the vote
 next Tuesday. Get out every vote.

Hosiery.

Our Hosiery Department is
 the most complete to be found
 anywhere, and comprises the
 best we can find in the market
 for the money.

- Boys' extra heavy hose, 15c.
- Always 25c elsewhere.
- Ladies' wool hose, fine qual-
 ity, ribbed or plain, 25c.
- Ladies' cashmere hose, 50c.
- Never offered for less than 75c.

Coats & Capes.

Why delay in buying your
 winter Coat or Cape? It sure-
 ly won't pay you. When we
 buy again we pay more. We
 can't replace them for near the
 money. Must pay what we are
 selling them for in most cases.
 Won't you take advantage of
 them while they last.

Dishes.

You know we are headquarters
 for dishes. Can't match our
 price anywhere for the quality
 of the dish. They will be high-
 er also, 33 1/3 per cent., so buy
 when you can save money.
 Want a fancy china dish for a
 present? Well, here you can
 get the best assortment in town.

Lamps.

We have them in a great va-
 riety, any style you may desire,
 extremely cheap and pretty, all
 the newest effects and patterns.
 Why not give us a call before
 you buy?

Groceries.

We sell Groceries as we do
 everything else; the best we can
 buy for the money. Our gro-
 cery department is always full
 of bargains. Canned goods
 bought before the rise in price,
 consequently Best Goods for
 Least Money.

With the dissensions existing in the
 Republican party, and with the
 corrupt record of the last legislature
 disgusting thousands of good men who
 have heretofore voted with that party,
 there is every incentive for Demo-
 crats to make a great effort this year
 to redeem the state from the hands of
 plunderers who have been robbing
 the treasury. This is no time for
 apathy. Let every Democrat do his
 duty on Tuesday next.

DIVORCE NOTICE.
 COUNTY OF COLUMBIA, SS.
 The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the
 Sheriff of said county of Columbia, greeting:
 We command you that by publication once a
 week for four full weeks successively in two
 newspapers, viz: "The Columbian" and "Central", pub-
 lished in your bailiwick, you notify James Zim-
 merman, late of your county, to be and appear
 in our Court of Common Pleas for the county
 of Columbia, on the first Monday of December
 next, then and there to show cause if any he
 has, why Lillie Zimmerman should not be di-
 vorced from the bonds of matrimony entered
 into with James Zimmerman, according to the
 prayer of petition or libel filed in said court,
 and have you then and there this order, and
 make your return how you have executed the
 same. Witness the Honorable E. R. Reel,
 President of our said court at Bloomsburg, the
 24th day of October 1897.
 E. R. REEL, Deputy.
 W. H. HENRIE,
 Prothonotary.

WANTED:—An energetic man to rep-
 resent a large Tea, Coffee &
 Spice Co. in Bloomsburg and vicinity. The
 most liberal terms will be made with the right
 kind of a man. Address P. O. box 1944, Phila. Pa.