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### STATE TICKET.

JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT,  
HON. HARMAN YERKES.

STATE TREASURER,  
ELISHA A. CORAY, JR.

### COUNTY TICKET.

ASSOCIATE JUDGE,  
JAMES T. FOX.

COUNTY SURVEYOR,  
BOYD FRESKOTT.

### THE COMING ELECTION.

The state election will be held on November 5th, only two weeks from next Tuesday. A. J. Palm, the nominee of the Democratic convention, has withdrawn his name, and the Democratic state executive committee has substituted Elisha A. Coray, of Lackawanna county, the nominee of the Independent Republicans, and we have a fusion ticket. This was a very proper thing to do, in fact the only thing to be done, for without fusion the Democrats could have no hope of success. Now the chances are more than even for the election of Hon. Harman Yerkes, an incorruptible Judge, to the Supreme Bench, where such material is sadly needed; and of Mr. Coray, a Republican who dares to defy the machine and to be his own master, as State Treasurer.

The election of these men would mean the overthrow of the Quay dynasty; it would open the way next year for a fusion ticket that will elect an anti-machine Governor, and that would mean honest government in Pennsylvania.

There is only one thing that can prevent the fusion ticket from winning this year, and that is the apathy of those who are opposed to machine rule. We have been complaining bitterly of the misuse in our state, of the machine methods, of legislative corruption, and all that, and now we have the opportunity to help overthrow it all. What are we going to do about it? Are we going to stay at home on election day because it is too much trouble to go to the polls, or because there is no brass band to arouse our enthusiasm, or because no one offers to pay us for our time? Are we going to throw away this golden opportunity, and let the misrule go on unchecked? Now is the time to show our patriotism, and to rush to the rescue of a state reeking with corruption. The fight is not merely for the success of the Democratic party. It is a fight between the united forces of all parties who want to rescue the state from the hands of men who have so long controlled its public affairs that they think they own it, and can do as they please with it for their own personal advancement. No bolder defiance of law and justice was ever seen than that shown by the recent Legislature. Ripper bills and franchise steals were passed without time to breathe, and the Governor signed the bills in indecent haste, and all this is endorsed by the Republican platform. Must we stand this forever, or will we stop it and put the seal of condemnation on it while we may? This is an off year, but no more important measure ever confronted the voters of Pennsylvania. Let every man do his duty.

### TURN ON THE LIGHT.

For many years the honest voters of Pennsylvania have been demanding that the light shall be turned on the transactions of the State Treasury. It has been charged times without number that a combination of public men have unjustly profited through the handling of the public funds. It has been clearly shown that a system prevailed whereby great influence was exerted in favor of certain political leaders, rendering their power almost absolute. Every effort has been made, but without success, to ascertain how much the State Treasury is "worth" to the ring which has so long controlled it. It has been noted that in every contest over candidates for this important office, those specially concerned have been extremely watchful and vigorous, evidently determined not to lose the election under any circumstances. Even when a Democrat was elected, twenty-five years ago, he was made the victim of a foul conspiracy by these public enemies. At no time since have any chances been taken and none will be taken now. The Quay managers are not making much noise in this campaign, but they are hard at work in every county, and in every election district, on November 5th, their friends will be active from morning 'till night.

What does this mean? The answer is self-evident. There is something to be concealed and a great power to be retained. Under no circumstances can the ring afford to let a man like E. A. Coray get into the Treasury. He could not be deceived, headed off nor corrupted. Therefore, orders are out for his defeat, cost what it may. What will the voters do about it? Surely every Democratic citizen will work and vote for the reform candidate and there ought to be enough virtue and independence in the Republican party to accomplish the overthrow of the Treasury combine this time. The issue is so plain that none need be deceived. There is no partisan interest at stake. It is simply a question of honest administration of the public finances, with the turning on of the light, showing all that may be recorded concerning past transactions. Let there be a union of forces at the polls which will rescue the Treasury of Pennsylvania from the iron grip of the long entrenched Quay ring.

### Constitutional Amendments.

At the November election of 1901 there will be submitted to the voters of Pennsylvania a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The portion of the Constitution that it is proposed to strike out, reads at present as follows:

ART. VIII. SEC. 4. "All elections by the citizens shall be by ballot. Every ballot voted shall be numbered in the order in which it shall be received, and the number recorded by the election officers on the list of voters opposite the name of the elector who presents the ballot. Any elector may write his name upon the ticket, or cause the same to be written thereon, and attested by a citizen of the district. The Election Officers shall be sworn or affirmed not to disclose how any elector shall have voted, unless required to do so as witness in a judicial proceeding."

The new section which will take its place reads as follows:

Section 4. "All elections by the citizens shall be by ballot or by such other method as may be prescribed by law, provided that secrecy in voting be preserved."

This proposed amendment is intended primarily to open the way for revision of the election laws of Pennsylvania by its Legislature, and one of the features of this revision is a law that will permit the use of voting machines. The Constitution of Pennsylvania at present prevents

the Legislature from passing such a law, by requiring that each ballot shall bear the number of its voter, and, if desired, his name as well.

As the ballots cast on a voting machine can under no circumstances bear the voter's number, name, or any other distinguishing mark, its use is at present unconstitutional.

This amendment, if adopted, does not commit the State to the use of voting machines, but it does place it in the power of the Legislature to pass a law authorizing their use, permitting any community to adopt them.

Of all the Northern States, Pennsylvania protects its voters the least in the secrecy and freedom of the ballot. The Legislature desires to remedy this state of affairs. This is shown by the fact that it has twice passed this amendment. But the Legislature can go no further.

The voters must now do their part of the work by voting for this amendment.

The Constitution of Pennsylvania further provides as follows:

ARTICLE XVIII—SECTION 1.  
 "But no amendment shall be submitted oftener than once in five years."

Under this section if the proposed amendment fails in this election, the introduction of voting machines and other election reforms will be delayed five years or longer.

Reforms in elections, particularly such as will make possible the use of voting machines, are being made generally throughout the country.

### THE UNION THAT WILL WIN.

In the gubernatorial campaign of 1898 about 120,000 Republicans and Democrats, about equally divided, there is reason to suppose, voted for Swallow. This was inexcusable waste of reform forces. If these misguided citizens had united with a few thousand stay-at-homes and all had supported Jenks, as honest a man as ever lived, how differently would recent history have recorded itself! There would have been no disgraceful Stone administration, no re-election of Quay, for a reform Legislature would have been elected also, and no disreputable doings of any kind at Harrisburg. This year the independent voter will not be tempted to chase any political Jack-o'-lantern, but he has a fair chance to strike an effective blow in the cause of decent politics and good government. What use will he make of this opportunity? The Quay managers are up and doing in all parts of the State. They intend to drag to the poles a great number of unwilling Republicans, and they also propose to work their wiles on all Democrats whom they can in any way influence.

The scheme was openly given away by Governor Stone himself, in a speech in Philadelphia, the other night, when he boldly declared that Democrats should take their choice of Republican candidates. It is hoped in this way to break the fusion lines against Quayism and all that it stands for. This was the excuse under which corrupt Democrats in the last Legislature sustained the ring. No honest member of the minority party in Pennsylvania can afford to listen to such sophistry, the transparent refuge of traitors and corruptionists. A vote for the Republican candidate for State Treasurer means a vote to vindicate Quayism in its most odious form; a vote to continue management of the public finances for the support of a corrupt combination of bosses and their debauched creatures. The Democrat who is thus led astray is worse than the most degraded tool of the machine. He helps to block the pathway of reform and to keep the party powerless in Pennsylvania. Mr. Coray represents in this case all that Democrats have been contending for. He stands upon an absolutely non-partisan platform, and, if elected, will administer the duties of his office with unselfish fidelity. He will be faithful to the trust reposed and will not be at the service of a ring of conscienceless speculators in public funds. Every Democrat worthy of the name will work and vote for Yerkes and Coray, and with a hundred thousand or more independent Republicans doing the same thing, the people will win a great victory. Push the battle all along the line.

The official ballot for the November election will be larger than usual in off years for reason of the movement against the Quay organization. The uniform size throughout the State will be ten columns except in Lackawanna, Union and Snyder counties, each of which are entitled to an additional column.

There are thirteen cases of typhoid fever at the Danville Insane Asylum. The sickness is attributed to the pollution of the water supply caused by the offal of the slaughter house and other refuse being drained into it.

### Aching Joints

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### THE BATTLE FOR REFORM.

The Dawn of a New Era—The Reorganized Democracy of Philadelphia Effectively at Work. A Heavy Vote Promised.

PHILADELPHIA, October 15.—The center of the fight in Pennsylvania this year is Philadelphia, with the odds this time in favor of the friends of honest politics. It has been a long time since there was a reasonably fair election in this ring-cursed city. For many years it has been the insolent boast of the followers of Senator Quay that they were safe from serious harm in Pittsburg and other cities and towns, large and small, throughout the State; that in more than half the counties their organization was invincible; that they could prevent a union of their opponents at vital points and that in Philadelphia their power was absolute. Under such discouraging circumstances it seemed almost useless for Democrats even to go to the polls. In a great many election districts they were without official representation, and in many others corrupt men systematically betrayed the party to which they pretend to belong. In more than two hundred divisions in this city the minority party has not had a single election officer. It is no wonder Democrats ceased to vote. The revelations brought out through Governor Pattison's personal tour have never been paralleled, even in New York. The tremendous power exercised by the Republican machine has been greatly increased by the subservency and corruption of the present local administration. In the contests of the past three years reformers have been able to make no substantial headway. The exposure of these evil doings, it might have been supposed, would have fully aroused the public. Yet the average citizen is so much engrossed in his own affairs that he has been slow to give heed to his bounden civic duty.

There is an end to all such things, however, and this year there has been an awakening of the public conscience, and a practical union against the combined enemies of the people that is full of encouragement. Every day adds to the strength of the reform movement. It is to reorganized and reinvigorated Democracy that the people must look, and this fact is now recognized by all classes in the community. A broken down political party cannot be rebuilt in a day. An immense amount of work must be done of which ordinary persons can know nothing. A rallying place and centre of active and efficient work was imperative and faithful Democratic workers, eager for another chance to meet the enemy, on fair grounds, have quickly shown their appreciation of the wise action of the re-organization committee, in providing the most complete and commodious headquarters the party has ever had. The rooms are large, well lighted and heated, comfortably furnished and in every way suited for the purpose desired. The State Committee has here a working branch, and day and night the building is visited by great numbers of enthusiastic workers. The break-up of the old discredited organization is rapidly taking place. Ward after ward is coming into line and soon the Pattison Committee will have a perfected organization that will render great service, even in the pending campaign, while it will be in shape to further the interests of true Democracy next year and in all future contests.

In the nightly gatherings at the new headquarters, 1222 Walnut Street, may be seen the merchant and lawyer touching elbows with the mill worker and clerk. Genuine Democratic ideas possess the minds of all and there is earnest union for the work at hand. There will be a great Democratic vote for the reform candidates, local and State, though, for obvious reasons, it will be impossible to ascertain just how many Democrats mark the Union party column. It is a non-partisan contest and party lines are forgotten for the time being. But, under the inspiration of this movement, which after all is only in line with what honest Democrats have always valiantly upheld, the

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party will be revived here and in other parts of the State. The developments of each day fully meet the most sanguine expectations of close observers of every phase of the contest. Democrats from the country districts and all parts of the State are cordially welcomed at headquarters. Beginning this week a series of meetings are being held throughout the city. These will be addressed exclusively by well-known Democrats, and there is

every indication that they will be largely attended. The campaign will be short but vigorous. The leaders of the machine forces are showing grave apprehensions and straining every nerve to meet the overwhelming public assault of the honest voters of Philadelphia.

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