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**Democratic State Ticket.**  
 FOR SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE,  
 JOHN B. RAND,  
 of Westmoreland County.

FOR STATE TREASURER,  
 W. H. BERRY,  
 of Delaware County.

**Democratic County Ticket.**  
 FOR PROTHONOTARY AND CLERK  
 OF THE COURTS,  
 C. M. TERWILLIGER  
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FOR COUNTY AUDITOR,  
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**OUR FUNNY GOVERNOR.**

Governor Pennypacker is just bubbling over with humor. His practical jokes are especially amusing because they are so unexpected. His latest performance was the removal of Israel Durham as Insurance Commissioner and the appointment of Dave Martin in his place. The job is worth \$17,000 a year, and Durham earned it by staying in Philadelphia and running the republican machine that regularly turned out majorities at the city, state, and national elections that were composed partly of fraudulent votes ranging in number from 50,000 to 100,000. This has been going on for years but the Governor and the virtuous republicans of Philadelphia have just found it out. The joke of the thing is the appointment of Martin under whose former leadership the same kind of rottenness prevailed. However the Mayor and his backers are now doing a good work and there is some little hope that we may be able to have honest elections in Pennsylvania for a little while, until a new lot of grafters and ballot box stuffers get the wheels of the machine under control. It certainly must be humiliating to the respectable element of the Republican party to have this exposure come now, which shows beyond any question that the men who have controlled their party in the state, who dominate the Governor and drive the legislature like sheep, are a set of looters and ballot box stuffers.

The Philadelphia Press of Monday, the leading republican paper in Philadelphia, says that "it is ex-

pected that the official figures will show that there are about 50,000 fraudulent names on the voting lists prepared by the official assessors, most of whom were of the Organization." The "organization" referred to is the republican machine whose bosses have controlled the state for years. Just now they are having a general house-cleaning down there, but the outside world is looking on to see how long it is going to last.

From the Commoner of June 30, 1905.

The Democratic convention held at Bloomsburg, Pa., June 13, endorsed the primary pledge plan in the following resolution: "It is the conviction of the democrats of Columbia County in convention assembled June 13 1905, that the primary pledge plan of William J. Bryan to unite and strengthen the democratic party of the nation an excellent one, and the pledges sent out by him are worthy the endorsement of every democrat. We therefore, the democratic convention of Columbia County, endorse the same."

A. B. Black of Bloomsburg, who sent to the Commoner a report of this resolution, writes: "I am sending 103 signatures. I have several however, on other blanks and will send them in as soon as blanks sent are filled up. I could have got over 500 signatures if it would have been possible to have asked every man, but we are so busy and hadn't enough time.

The vote polled at our last primaries was 2700, at this 4600, which shows that we have 2600 more democrats in the county than Republicans, while Parker's majority over Roosevelt was only 359, but if the party sticks to your principles and those of Jefferson I believe that we will poll at least 2500 majority at the next presidential election. By sending blanks to the signers on those you will get no doubt many more signers and when I get a little more time than I have this morning I will send you a few more names from each polling district in the county of parties that I think would take an active interest in the matter."

The democrats in convention assembled at Bloomsburg have set a good example to their fellow democrats everywhere. It is to be hoped that a primary pledge resolution will be introduced in every democratic convention.

**Syndicate Buying Breweries**

A Baltimore syndicate is engaged in buying up brewery interests in the anthracite region. Fifteen plants in Schuylkill, Northumberland, Columbia and Luzerne counties will in all probability be secured. An offer of \$300,000 has been made for the plant of the Rettig estate at Pottsville, one of the oldest in this region.

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**Dark Hair**

**BOODLING IN PENNSYLVANIA.**

In sentencing five boodlers recently Judge William A. Marr, of Schuylkill county said: "The system of grafting and boodling has permeated the entire state and is bringing disgrace and contumely upon our Commonwealth and it must be broken up. I wish it distinctly understood 'now,' he continued, "that from the highest to the lowest official I will visit punishment on all who are found guilty before me of crimes of this character and the higher the official the greater will be his punishment." Thereupon he sentenced each of the five men who had confessed to extorting money from the friends of school teachers for appointments to the service, to one year in jail and a fine of \$100 and costs.

Judge Marr has simply given utterance to a fact which must be known to all intelligent and observing citizens of the state. Not long ago such things were rare in Pennsylvania and when a man was suspected of such practices he was shunned by all decent citizens. But it is not so now. In every community the boodlers hold up their heads among the influential citizens and scarcely take the trouble to conceal their operations. It is no longer a cause for ostracism for the most conspicuous business and professional men sell their influence for money, and official favor is almost invariably obtained by bribery and corruption. It is the rule rather than the exception now and the brazen boodlers who practice such crimes appear to be proud of their achievements.

There is a cause for this deterioration in the moral tone of public sentiment and it is not difficult to discern. It is the natural fruit and logical result of the late Senator Quay's vicious dominance in the public life of the state. For years he had been teaching both by example and precept the gospel of graft until he had finally before his death so completely permeated the atmosphere with venality that we are no longer surprised when a crime is exposed and a hitherto unexpected public official is caught "with the goods on him." This graft is simply Quayism. The late Senator was responsible for the most of it and was himself the most daring and successful criminal of the lot. Yet a corrupt Legislature has provided for a monument to his virtues—Belleville Watchman.

**THE CZAR'S UNHAPPY LOT.**

While there is a prospect that peace may be arranged between Russia and Japan, the Russian empire is tottering, and is threatened with destruction by internal dissensions. There is mutiny in the Black Sea fleet, and riot and blood shed everywhere. With defeat or humiliating terms of peace at the hands of the Japanese staring him in the face on the one hand, and with revolution everywhere in his empire, no matter what the outcome of the war may be, truly the lot of the Czar is a pitiable one. "Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown" is a true saying in his case. The long-hoped for son that was born to Emperor Nicholas a few months ago is the heir to millions of dollars, but he is the most unfortunate infant on the face of the earth because he is also heir to the Russian throne. There is likely to be something doing over there before he comes into possession of his inheritance.

**Law Suit Over Twenty Cents**

That a dispute as to change in a business transaction even when the amount is small can be carried to a great length is well illustrated by a little affair between Steven Raver, a conductor on the Danville and Bloomsburg trolley line, and Thomas McBryan of Danville, who on Sunday June 25, was a passenger on Raver's car.

McBryan, who in paying fare gave half a dollar, alleges he was twenty cents short in change, and Raver is just as positive that he gave him the right change. The matter has been before Justice of the Peace Dalton of Danville, and Raver has entered bail in \$200 for his appearance at court.

**A Correction.**

In our editorial last week on Senator Cochran we inserted Northumberland county in the table of votes, instead of Sullivan, as being in this senatorial district. It should have read as follows:

Columbia	4194	3635
Lycoving	6414	8928
Sullivan	1185	1429
Montour	1352	1518
Republican majority		13145 15510 2365

**SENTIMENT FOR FUSION.**

Democratic State Committee Met at Harrisburg Last Week.

The Democratic state committee at a meeting at Harrisburg unanimously decided to reconvene the recent state convention in that city on August 16 for the nomination of a candidate for justice of the supreme court.

The resolution authorizing State Chairman Hall to reconvene the convention at the time indicated also authorizes the convention to "transact such other business as may be properly brought before it."

No action was taken on the proposition which has been advocated by prominent Democrats to have the convention endorse Judge John Stewart of Chambersburg, the Republican candidate for supreme court judge, or effect fusion with the independent or reform element for state treasurer.

William H. Berry of Chester, Democratic candidate for state treasurer, was present at the meeting.

The discussion on the resolution fixing the time for holding the convention, which was participated in by David F. Magee of Lancaster; William J. Brennan of Allegheny, and Charles P. Donnelly of Philadelphia, indicated a strong sentiment in the committee in favor of the endorsement of Judge Stewart by the convention if the independent Republicans and reform elements endorse the candidacy of Mr. Berry.

Bernard J. Clark of Blair, offered a motion that it be the sense of the committee that the convention endorse Judge Stewart. The motion was not seconded and the subject was dropped.

Mr. Berry made a brief speech, in which he concurred fully in the action taken by the committee. He said the business of the Democratic party at the next election is to see that the vote is honestly counted and returned and that every effort should be made to effect a thorough Democratic organization in every county in the state.

**What Pennsylvania Republicans Have Been Supporting.**

The 254 members of the Pennsylvania Legislature, for a period almost beyond the memory of this generation, have been practically the abject tools of a self constituted little coterie of bosses. They have not been free agents. They have been largely mere puppets, and the puppets of an organization devoid often of conscience, honor and honesty. What a picture this is! Honest, patriotic, self respecting citizens all over the state go to the polls and elect men to the Legislature who go to Harrisburg and vote just as they are "told to vote." They are puppets pulled by strings held in the hands of a few so-called leaders.

What has been the result? Misgovernment, corruption, fraud, extravagance, graft and scandal. The paid employes of the bosses walk along the aisles and order—not request, but order—the representatives of the people how to vote. There is no pretext of consideration of public questions. It is merely a question of orders. Sad as it is to say it, there is no longer even a semblance of popular government in Pennsylvania.

The presiding officers of both houses are selected, not by the members, but by the bosses. The committees are named by the bosses. No bill, no matter how comparatively unimportant, can be passed unless countersigned by the bosses. If there are differences between the two houses over the provisions of a measure, the bosses name the conference committees. The appropriations, paid by the taxes of the whole people, are doled out, not as a manifestation of public benevolence, but at the direction of the bosses. They, indeed, have power "to kill or make alive." No one can trust the result of a roll call. Mere clerks, paid hirelings of the Legislature, pass or defeat bills as told to do by the bosses.

How long will Pennsylvania and Pennsylvanians stand this? How long is popular government to be thus made a farce in the Keystone State?—Pittsburg Times, (Rep.)

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