

tickets, although it will be impossible to fulfill the pledges of one party without betraying those of the other.

#### MANIPULATION WORSE

Bad as this is the manipulation of the Electoral ticket is worse.

If it had not actually occurred, no one would have believed it possible that any public man would refuse to permit the withdrawal of candidates for Elector who declare that if elected they will not vote for the candidate of the party unless an agreement was made and perfected that no ticket should be put up against that person's candidates for State offices.

Every fair-minded man must admit that this demand is, in its very essence, corrupt.

In the first place to refuse promptly to withdraw Electoral candidates who will not, if elected, vote for the candidate of the party, is a denial of the right of the people to a proper opportunity to have the issues fairly presented to them and to vote for the candidates of their choice.

In the second place, to demand a consideration for the withdrawal, particularly a consideration which impairs the freedom of the people to promote the selection of the candidates of their choice in the manner provided by law, constitutes in itself a corrupt bargain incompatible with political honesty.

#### ALIKE IN METHOD

That one should make this demand and that the other should concede it, shows that there is no difference between them in political standards and methods.

The one is willing to sacrifice the right and impair the power of the State to participate in the election of President, while the other consents to an equal sacrifice in the election of State officers.

Is there any difference?

So much for the contending bosses.

But what confidence can honest people put in candidates who, in order to secure their own election, will betray the head of their ticket, sell their own citizenship and agree not to discharge the duty which that citizenship imposes upon them?

Why will not Messrs. Young and Powell declare and support their choice for President? Is it not because their silence is the price they pay to prevent opposition?

Are they in favor of Mr. Taft, the head of their ticket? If not, how can they honorably continue on it and by their presence give an implied endorsement of his candidacy? Is it not in order that they may receive votes which they could not, otherwise, obtain?

#### UP TO ALL CANDIDATES

The same questions confront the candidates for Congress, State Senate and State House of Representative, who are candidates on both tickets.

Moreover it is evident that they cannot fulfill the pledges of both the platforms on which they stand.

They must be false to one, but they may be false to both.

"A house divided against itself cannot stand."

There was a time when public men would not have dared to act in this manner, and we believe that it has come again.

The public conscience has been aroused. It will not tolerate such conduct.

In considering these questions, which affect them only as citizens of Pennsylvania, the people should bear in mind how important to them the offices of Auditor General and State Treasurer are.

#### AUDITOR GENERAL KEY

The Auditor General is the key of the Machine control of Pennsylvania.

His political power and patronage is very great—almost if not quite as great as that of the Governor.

The character of the it makes it more important to the Machine for it can be administered in secret and the story is locked up in his own books.

He can make many lucrative appointments, of which the people never hear; he adjusts all accounts, makes assess-

ments against corporations and superintends the collection of the collateral inheritance tax.

Recent experience has shown how valuable the services of an honest, efficient and independent State Treasurer may be to the people.

Had there been such a one at Harrisburg during the building of the capital, the fraud which stains it never would have taken place.

The estimated disbursements for work on the State roads, now being made and those contemplated, are as far in excess of the actual cost of the capital as that was of its estimated cost.

#### MAN WITHOUT BOSS

Put a man there to look after it who has no boss but the people and no interest to serve but theirs.

In no other way can you be safe.

The candidates of the Democratic party stand on only one platform; for although the State candidates are also the candidates of the Keystone party, the policies and purposes of the two parties, so far as they concern State issues, are identical.

If elected they will have no masters save the whole people—they will be absolutely free from any dictation or control and bound only by their public pledges to the people.

The Democratic party in Pennsylvania has organized itself on a basis of absolute independence; it has made itself a firm instrument to be used by a free people in the administration of their affairs.

It has nominated candidates worthy of support and pledged them to measures and policies which deserve the approval of the people.

On this basis we confidently appeal to the people themselves.

The organization earned your respect at Harrisburg and showed at Baltimore that your confidence was deserved.



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