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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

Governor-ROBERT E. PATTERSON, of Philadelphia.
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EDITORIAL.

QUAY was out in Pittsburg last week to try and patch up the holes in the machine, but did not have great success.

Gov. Hastings will return from Europe in time to take part in the campaign to help Quay elect Pennypacker.

THE first time Beaver was a candidate for Governor, he was known as the "Christian Soldier Statesman" and such like.

SENATOR QUAY has gone to the pine-clad hills of Maine to spend his summer vacation. It should be remembered, by his detractors, that Maine is strictly a prohibition state.

PENNYPACKER was put in nomination for governor because the machine claimed it needed a clean man.

In mid-summer season it is folly to grow unduly warm over politics. As a rule politicians take a rest. This week, although a little late, we publish the Democratic State Platform, as adopted by the recent Erie convention.

Among the astounding steals committed by our officials in Cuba, the following are recent discoveries: Many of the expenditures shown in the reports transmitted to Congress need explanation.

ED. MCKINLEY, of Milesburg, is putting up a strong fight for the nomination of commissioner on the republican ticket this coming year.

AN OPEN LETTER

Addressed to Judge Pennypacker—Quay's Candidate for Governor.

Major George W. Merrick, of Wellsboro, Tioga county, recently addressed an open letter to Judge Samuel W. Pennypacker, candidate for Governor on the republican ticket.

Major Merrick is known throughout the state as a lawyer of exceptional ability, and a staunch advocate of genuine republicanism.

Judge Samuel W. Pennypacker: as a historian you are familiar with the saying that history sometimes repeats itself. This is not surprising, since human nature is much the same yesterday, to-day and to-morrow.

There are many who now think they see signs that that history will again be repeated in 1902. The seclusion of your historical studies has, I suppose, Judge, somewhat withdrawn you from the current of "practical politics."

My dear Judge, excuse me, but you will have to change your glasses and obtain a nearer view of your subject.

His recent threat to "hold up" the United States Senate if Statehood were not given to territories mostly composed of chapparal, sagebrush, shifting sands, red Indians, greasers and coyotes, one of which, rumor says, is to be a province for Asparagus Andrews, Sancho Panza wants a dukedom.

His admitted speculation in silver in the money marts, when its price was governed by his vote as a United States Senator trafficking in his own vote!

And if you are not familiar with the record of his last election to the United States Senate, it will pay you to look it up, with the legislative prosecutions growing out of it, and his celebrated plea of the statute of limitations, and the record of broken banks which speculated in State funds, and his use of the State Treasury as a Plum Tree, and the long list of fugitives and suicides from the State Treasury speculations.

But Elkin had the temerity to kick, the temerity to disobey orders, the temerity to act for himself, the temerity to appeal to the people. That settled his fate. He must be crushed; and he was crushed. Not by the people—his appeal to them was the unforgivable offense—but by the "great statesman" who took you up for the job.

Elkin says he had a clear majority of all the delegates, and lost them over night by "some mysterious force." Not at all mysterious; he knows as well how it was done as he does how he became Attorney General.

Everybody knows what Elkin means when he says he was defrauded of the nomination—nobody better than he, for he has been the machine's long and faithful servitor. But, Judge Pennypacker, whatever the fraud was, you are its beneficiary if you accept the nomination.

Elkin says the nomination was stolen from him. Can you afford to accept it? He says some mysterious force induced forty-one delegates instructed and pledged to him to violate their instructions and break their pledges and between two days desert him and go to you.

DEMOCRATIC STATE PLATFORM

Adopted at the Erie Convention—State Issues Only.

The Democratic party of Pennsylvania repeats and reaffirms all of the statements promises and declarations of purpose contained in the platform of its State convention in 1891.

We repeat that every department of our State government is honeycombed with profanity, dishonesty and a reckless disregard of constitutional and moral obligations; that the powers of government are prostituted to the purposes of public thieves; that constitutional restraints and commands, the sanctity of law, the obligations of official oaths and the demands of common honesty are thrust aside by the substitution of a higher law—the demands of a higher public insatiable greed of plunder for money, money, more money; that shamelessly and openly the votes of legislators are bought, and so persistently and constantly that market values for legislators have been established by settled custom.

We repeat that the apparent indifference of our people to these outrages emboldened the corruptionists to such an extent that the last session of our Legislature out Herod Herod in its infamies; that all men pronounce it the most corrupt legislative body that ever convened in any State of the Union; that its very organization was founded on the purchase of venal legislators with money and place, and that it closed its session with the crowning infamy of that most heinous franchise steal, shocking the moral sense of the entire country.

We repeat that the selection of a United States senator was accomplished in a carnival of corruption and bribery; that in the reckless determination to punish enemies and reward subservient tools, established municipal governments were ruthlessly overturned and the chosen servants of the people expelled from their offices to make place for the creatures of a corrupt machine.

Let me say to you, Judge, that there is a great ground swell gathering head in this State against this kind of unrighteousness in politics, and it is high time that the history of 1882 and 1890 repeated itself in this State.

A Birthday Celebration. A very delightful time was enjoyed at the beautiful home of ex-Sheriff Schaeffer at Nittany on 9th. It was the celebration of Mrs. Schaeffer's birthday.

For these crimes we again indict the Republican organization of Pennsylvania as it is now controlled. To the absolute extirpation of all of these evils we hereby pledge our party and its members.

We aim at the banishment from the precincts of the Legislature of the lobbyist, the vote broker, the bribe giver and taker, the franchise robber and the horde of party dependents looking to the public treasury for pay for corrupt party service.

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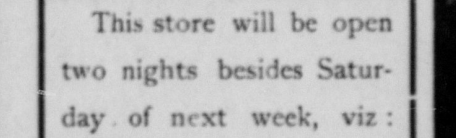
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BEST FOR THE BOWELS

IF you haven't a regular, healthy movement of the bowels every day, you're ill or will be. Keep your bowels open, and be well. For, in the stage of violent phlegm or pill poison, is dangerous. The smoothest, easiest, most perfect way of keeping the bowels clear and clean is to take



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