#### WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCT. 20, 1874.

#### REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET. For Governor,

JOHN F. HARTRANFT. For State Treasurer, HENRY W. RAWLE.

#### REPUBLICAN COUNTY TICKET.

For State Senator, WM. P. FINLEY. For Associate Judge, EDWARD KERR.

For Prothonotary, Register, Recorder and Clerk of Courts,

T. J. VAN GIESEN. For Sheriff, JUSTIS SHAWKEY, For Commissioners,

JOHN RECK.

GILBERT JAMIESON. For Auditors, N. THOMPSON,

J. R. NEILL. For Jury Commissioner, H. Z. TOWNER.

For County Surveyor, T. D. COLLINS.

#### What is the Issue in Pennsylvania?

On all sides men are asking, "What is the i sue in Pennsylvania? - what are we to vote for in the pending canvass?" So far as the Republican party is concerned, these questions can be rapidly answered. For fifteen years the Republican party has either ruled on both sides of the Legislature, or it has had a majority on joint ballot, with the exception of the Legislature of this year; but including the fifteen years since 1860 the party has had this control with the management of the executive business of the commonwealth. In all that time of trouble-during all that period of embarrassment to business and peril to life and property the Republican party never failed to meet the popular expectation-never fell short of the emergen cy, and was invariably successful in maintaining the public credit, harvest-ing and faithfully applying the public revenues, and so reducing taxation over the State as to enable it to repeal the tax on real estate, a condition not attained in any State in the Union. The first indebtedness which it was necessary to meet at the beginning of the war was successfully liqui-dated, and the enormous demands made upon the State for supplies, men and money were so managed as actually to be no burden on the taxpayers, aud the liabilities thus incourred wiped out-scarcely a man in the State knowing at the time that such transactions were entered into and discharged by the tax which he was called upon to pay. The rate of State taxation even when it was levied by the State, was less after 1860, and until it was repealed, than it had been previous to that date, as it was the aim and policy of the Republican party from the day it reached power to succeeded in natio is good reason to believe that it would have paid the debts of all the States in which it ruled, and by this time bave actually liquidated the national indebtedness; but the war of the slaveholder, prompted by the disappointments of the Democratic leaders, frustrated this magnificent scheme and loaded the nation with an indebted ness which will remain on its neck for

generations to come. What is the issue in Pennsylvania? Simply that of maintaining good government. The Republican party throws open its record. We need only go back to 1866, when the public debt at the end of the war was \$35,-622,652.10. In 1875 it was \$24,568, 638.37. These are plain figures, and they show that in the space of nine years there was a reduction of State indebtedness to the enormous amount of \$11,054,014. In that period some of the largest improvements were made in State property, consisting of additions to the Capitol, to the Executive Mansion, the Executive Department, the erection of a vast and new State Arsenal, the purchase of additional public ground, &c., &c. To this can be added, also, the erection of several State lunatic asylums, normal school houses, and the support of the soldiers' orphans' schools, with improvements and advances in the publie school system, such as were not made before from the time of the establishment of those schools, during which they were in the hands of the Democracy, up to 1860, when the Re publican party assumed their control. It must not be forgotten that the payment of the State debt from 1860 to 1866, during all the period of the war was in proportion to that made after the latter period, and when the expense of the war was the heaviest the finances were so ably manged as to maintain this steady reduction withuot a single year's interruption Indeed,

was never more ably managed than it has been during Republican rule, while the repeal of the State tax on real estate was first suggested by a Republican State Treasurer and carried into a law by a Republican Legislature and Governor. Is it reasonable to suppose that the people will vote such a party out of power and reinstate a combination of political tricksters who were the originators of the trouble which piled a large debt on the nation, which has taxed labor to its utmost enpacity, and produced pacies which have prestrated every in-dustry in the land? The administration of the State government for fif teen years has been of the fairest and most equitable on record, and of those fifteen years the three which John F Hartranit has conducted will compare in soundness of judgment, rectitude and purpose, and impartiality of ac-tion with the brightest and most successful of all his predecessors.

What are we to vote for in the pending canvass? To maintain this good government. To maintain in all its force, unimpaired in any of its functions, the good government which the Republican party has insured to the State and Nation for the last fifteen years. The secret of the loss of confidence in trade and finance within cratic party secured in several of the great States of the north and west. The secret of the failure to stand equal with other nations in the money markets of Europe has been due, from first to last, to the aspirations of the Government made by the leaders of the Democratic party. Had it not been for this our securities would have sold at par in Europe, because we have a better security for our national debt than any nation in the world. And to the same influence is due the panic in credit which has lately swept the whole country, because keen business men have come to the conclusion that who never the prospect promised the restoration of the Democratic party to power we were on the eve of repudiation; and to all this suspicion is Jue the panic in business from which the country is now suffering. What we lack is confidence, and what has impaired that is the fear on the part of moneyed men and great industrial enterprises that the Democratic party will be restored to power-the party of rebellion and repudiation. These ure plain statements, sustained by the facts of the past and the every day ex-perience of the business men of the present.

There is but one way to maintain good government, but one course to insure reduction of official debts and relief from taxation. The party that las made a record of all these must be continued in power. The faithful competent and honest, who have administered the government, must be continued in its control, if we desire to continue its blessings. To reinstate the Democratic party would be suicithe Democratic party would be equal to repudiation of the national debt, to tarnishing the national honor, and to disgracing the name of the Keystone State. It would postpone a revival of business for a decade. Distress and universal bankruptcy would follow a Democratic victory. It would prompt the withdrawal of at least \$20,000,000 from important industrial pursuits in reduce the burdens of the people; and this State, and vagabondize three had not the South been prompted to tourths of the skilled mechanics of the rebel because the Republican party State. We leave this fearful crisis with the people.—Phila. Press.

> -While the Democratic press in this State are straining to assume an apparently aggressive attitude, is it not a little strange that they do not repel the statements relative to Pershing and Piollet? Or do they think that silence will cause the influences of the evidence presented to speedily die? If so they are greatly mistaken. The conduct of Pers ing and Piollet during the war, so full of sympathy with rank treason, has no word of ex-cuse or palliation. The low and gross evil of turning under the influence of \$500 fees, or \$400 bribes, is not interpreted as a lofty and noble form of consecration to the will of the people. The hostility to the interests of the farmers, and particularly of the wellbeing of laboring men, cannot be palliated. The strange part of the affair is, that the Democratic press do not attempt to do this. They ignore the entire question, and hope it may die a natural death. This should prompt the people all the more to remember and punish treason to the country and themselves.

of the Democratic State Committee, Pilgrim's Progress, declares that the character of Governor Hartranft, for honesty, integrity and patriotism, "cannot be successful-ly impeached." The public character ly impeached." The public character of Pershing has been successfully impeached, in this: that he opposed the Government and favored the rebels during the war; that he changed in one night his attitude toward railroads, under a fee of \$500, as a retainer as sulicitor for a railroad surface. Complete in ONE VOLUME of over 1,000 pages, beautifully illustrated with 24 inilpage Engravings.

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