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DEMOCRATIC TICKET. STATE. Governor, Robert E. Pattison of Philadelphia. Lieutenant Governor, Chauncey F. Black of York.

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THE BEST WE EVER HAD. Governor Pattison retires from office to-day. He leaves behind him no covered-up tracks of doings that will not bear the light of day.

The Public Ledger of Philadelphia is a conservative Republican journal which enjoys the reputation of never giving credit to whom credit is not due.

The voter who sells his vote should not only be disfranchised but imprisoned as a rascal unsafe to be let run loose. The law-maker who elected as a servant of the people sells out his constituents to monopoly ought to be made a horrible example of in some shape.

The Knights of Labor in Western Pennsylvania are up in arms against Delamater, and before election day is over the traitors in that organization, who have been trying to throw it to the Republican party, will find that they cannot deliver the goods.

Pattison's Suit For Libel. The prompt response of Robert E. Pattison to the charges made against him while Governor of Pennsylvania is in marked contrast with the cowardly actions of Quay and Delamater.

In the minds of intelligent men Pattison's action is bringing his defamers before the bars of justice was unnecessary, but honorable men will not submit to unjust statements concerning their characters and he, therefore, is justified in resenting the outrage.

SLANDERERS UNDER BONDS.

Pattison is Charged With Bribery and Promptly Sues for Libel.

On Saturday morning last the Harrisburg Call, the Philadelphia Inquirer and several other papers published a long statement to the effect that Robert E. Pattison, while Governor, after engaging Judge J. Black to write a veto of the South Penn Railroad bill, afterward accepted a bribe from the Vanderbilts and withdrew the veto.

The article also charges that \$50,000 in stock had been paid to Messrs. Pattison and Cassidy for the signing of a bill chartering a Pittsburg natural gas corporation.

Monday morning ex-Governor Pattison appeared before Magistrate O'Brien and had warrants issued for the arrest of James Elverson, President, and Charles H. Heustis, editor of the Philadelphia Inquirer.

The true story will be recalled by all those who are familiar with the history of the enterprise known as the South Pennsylvania Railroad. From the Philadelphia Evening Herald, the following account of this famous bill is taken:

In 1888 the Vanderbilts undertook to retaliate upon the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for paralyzing the New York Central with the West Shore line. So they proposed to build a railroad through the Southern tier of Pennsylvania counties and to connect at Harrisburg with the Reading system.

At every stage of the progress of these bills through the Legislature the Pennsylvania Railroad Company interposed delays and obstructions, and when the bills finally reached the Governor's hands Judge Black presented in writing his reasons why the bill should be vetoed.

JUDGE BLACK'S CORRECTION. The bills in question were known on the Legislative calendar as Senate bills 112, 311, 301 and 307.

On the evening before the last day allowed by law, on May 21, 1888, Judge Black called at the Executive Chamber and discussed the subject before the Governor and one of his constitutional advisers, the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

On the same night Judge Black tendered a paper reciting the objections to the bill. After a careful examination of the Judge's objections it was decided by the Governor, with the concurrence of his Cabinet, to sign Senate bill No. 112, "extending the time for the completion of railroads in this State," and Senate bill No. 311, "relating to terminal points to which railroads may be constructed."

State and after they had gathered up every thread of gossip that could be obtained, it is a flattering testimonial to Governor Pattison that his public and private life have been so pure that these agents could not find a single point upon which the railroad and Treasury thieves might base an attack.

A Republican Lie Nailed.

The Republican managers in this section of the country have not used the McKinley bill racket to any great extent in their campaign. The reason is no doubt that the workmen here have been studying the tariff question long and eagerly in order to get down to the facts of the so-called benefits they are said to derive from the protection.

The various workmen's societies have been declaring tariff matters for the last couple of years, and many mechanics and workmen are better posted on the subject than the majority of Congressmen.

So far, the only effect of the passage of the McKinley bill that has been apparent to workmen here is that the prices of necessities have been increased, but there has so far not been any increase in wages.

This is not so in other States, however, where the old chestnut arguments are being dished out for the benefit of the ignorant farmers and workmen who have not studied the question in its true bearings.

A favorite argument of the Republican managers in Ohio is to show the benefits the McKinley bill has already had in increasing the wages of the workmen in various parts of the country.

The truth is that the ink on the McKinley bill had hardly had time to dry before this firm made a reduction in the wages of their hands at the Bordentown factory.

The reduction led to a strike in the factory of the McKinley bill on October 10, which has not yet been settled. An account of the strike appeared in the Bordentown Register the week following the strike.

The Way It Works.

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The New Tariff Law and Wages.

The following article taken from the Philadelphia Evening Telegraph, a strong Republican paper, shows how the McKinley tariff bill will affect the wages of the working classes:

A New York journal publishes the report of an interview which its representative had with the head of the great carpet manufacturing firm of Higgins & Co., one of the largest concerns in the country.

"Then if people have an idea that wages will go up a cent in consequence of the McKinley bill, they are mistaken. If there is any change in wages it must have a downward tendency."

"The McKinley law will have these effects in logical order: The manufacturer puts up prices because he has to pay more for his carpet wools."

This is testimony irrefutable, for it is out of the mouth of the manufacturer himself; and if it needed confirmation in its most essential particular it might be found in the announcement of the official organ of the carpet trade that three-fourths of the carpet manufacturers of the United States had made an agreement to restrict their production for a whole year 40 per cent.

The whole country would approve it; but the McKinley act is not a protective tariff; it never was intended to be; it is a betrayal of the wholesome and judicious policy of real protection; it is, as it was intended to be, repayment of a political debt due to the manufacturers, and a bid for the incurrence of another similar debt in the future.

It increases no man's wages; it increases every man's living expenses.

Elect John B. Reynolds, who will vote to repeal this bill.

Tariff Castles in the Air.

Recognizing that among the masses there is great dissatisfaction over the rapid increase of the cost of the necessities of life, the Republican organs are now building tariff castles in the air.

Among the latest reports is that a French syndicate is about to build a \$2,000,000 woolen mill in Philadelphia.

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