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 STATE.
 Auditor General.....R. E. Wright.
 Treasurer.....A. L. Tilden.
FREELAND, SEPTEMBER 10, 1891.

ALL VOTERS SHOULD SUPPORT THIS.
 We believe that the right of free, honest and secret ballot is the right preservative of all political rights. We approve the largest measure of ballot reform, and believe the whole advantage of the Australian ballot system should be secured to the electors of Pennsylvania. The ballot law enacted by the last General Assembly was a step in the right direction, but it needs to be supplemented by measures to protect the secrecy of the ballot and to secure reform in registration. To this end and for these purposes only we favor the assembling of a Constitutional Convention.—*Democratic State Platform.*

MONDAY WAS LABOR DAY, and its observance in the several States where it has been set apart as a legal holiday indicates its growing popularity with the masses. It comes at a most appropriate period of the year and in many cities and towns the celebrations were befitting those to whom it is dedicated. Each succeeding year brings it nearer to the front as a day of national festivities, and Monday last showed that laboring people have a proper appreciation of their holiday.

There seems now to be some hope for the Constitutional Convention, since the Democrats have declared in favor of the call. By making this a prominent question in the campaign the party can add to the strength of the ticket. There is a large portion of the rank and file in the Republican party which favors the convention, and if the opportunity to gather these voters in is embraced they will support the Democratic ticket all the way through. Wright, Tilden and the Constitutional Convention will be the winners.

The Philadelphia *Press* is doing the Democratic party inestimable benefit by its objections to the removal of the thieving mercantile appraisers in that city. City Treasurer Wright wants them dismissed at once, but Auditor General McCamant, their champion in crime, merely serves them with an order of suspension, and the *Press* comes to their aid with the lame plea that the voluminous evidence has not been read by McCamant, hence a summary dismissal would not be just. The *Press* has a habit of clinging to party thieves until the penitentiary doors open for them, then it denounces their crimes with a vigor that is amusing.

True to its fearless attitude upon public questions the Democracy has declared for a Constitutional Convention, one that will give to the voters of this State the advantage of the Australian ballot system. There is no half-way indorsement in the delegates' words. They favor it and they say so. They had no Matt Quay to hold them in check and dictate their actions. They assembled for a purpose which was fulfilled, and were unhampered by bosses whose political lives depend upon the continuation of the present methods of voting. The citizens demand a convention in order to remedy ballot reform defects, and the Democrats are the only ones who will give it to them.

McKinley, the author of the bill to legalize robbery, has commenced barnstorming Ohio, and would like to have the voters of the Buckeye State elect him as Governor. In a recent speech he pointed with pride to the fact that his bill removed fifty-five million dollars of taxes from the people by admitting sugar free. Everybody remembers that the price of sugar took a tumble when that clause of the tariff act went into effect last April, and this free trade section of the law is the only portion Republicans dare discuss. If McKinley had continued on the right road and used his influence in having the other hundreds of millions removed he could be not only Governor of Ohio, but the next President of the United States.

The platform of Pennsylvania Democrats this year is one upon which any citizen might feel proud to stand. It deals directly with the issues concerning the people of this State, and its demands do not play second fiddle to national questions like those of the G. O. P. The officials to be voted for are Auditor General and Treasurer. These have nothing to do with the tariff, the silver question, the fiscal policy of the government or such, but they have much to do with the economical administration of the people's taxes, and bringing to light the horde of plunderers who are looting the State. It is a grand declaration, worthy of a united and confident party, and bears a most remarkable contrast to the paper set forth by their opponents.

Ex-State Treasurer William Livsey is missing. He is wanted as a witness by the committee that is investigating the accounts of the Republican robbers in this State. A despatch from Milwaukee yesterday says that there is every reason to believe that he is in hiding in that city at the house of his daughter. He is the cashier of the State Treasury.

The "Ledger" Indorses the Platform.
 After the Republican State Convention had adjourned the *TRIBUNE* republished a lengthy editorial from the Philadelphia *Ledger*, in which the platform of its party was severely arraigned. The *Ledger* rejected with scorn that document, and bitterly criticised the presumption of those who adopted it. It called the attention of its readers to the questions of the day, and the rebuke produced a decided sensation, as the *Ledger* is justly considered the most conservative Republican paper in the United States. Its review of the Democratic platform is in keeping with the independent spirit so opportunely displayed a few weeks since, and presents it in full as an example of how Republican editors would speak if they were free from Quayism and Federal patronage.

At the Harrisburg Democratic State Convention the proceedings were much more to the point, much more business-like and direct to the all-important home subjects now engrossing public attention throughout the commonwealth, than were the proceedings of the Republican State Convention held a few weeks ago. The greatest prominence is given to the condition of our State Revenue and State Treasury laws, and to the discreditable practices under them in the Auditor General's and State Treasury Department which have scandalized our commonwealth everywhere, and have cost the State the probable loss of a million and a half of dollars. The Democratic resolutions on these points are leveled straight at the right targets. They are easy to understand as to what they actually say and what they really mean; and they are free (except in one general resolution and one personal to Mr. Quay), from the interfering and distracting influences of the national and personal politics which so greatly obscured and almost pushed out of sight—in the Republican platform—these all-important and immensely superior State issues.

The resolutions arraign and condemn the Auditor General and State Treasurer for the misconduct of their offices by which the State and people have suffered enormous loss and great scandal, and have been cast on the State—and pledge their nominees to correct these abuses—to reform these practices—and "to make such investigations and give such information to the law department of the commonwealth as will aid in bringing to punishment those guilty of malfeasance in office."

The nominees of the convention—Robert E. Wright, a distinguished lawyer of Allentown, for Auditor General, and A. L. Tilden, of Erie, a prominent farmer and business man for State Treasurer—are men of marked ability and perfectly clean character, and have been selected—just as General Gregg was selected for Auditor General by the Republican State Convention—not because either of them sought for or desired the nomination—but because the nomination sought them as belonging to the style and type of men that are in the strongest degree needed for the offices named—and which are at this time imperatively demanded by all opponents of the "spoils" system of State government.

The issue is now joined, upon which the voters of the State are to judge and decide in November. It is an important issue for them—whether the Revenue and Finance and Treasury laws and system of the State shall continue to exist, and to be administered as if they were contrived for the benefit and profit of individual pockets—or whether their rightful and sole purpose is the service, convenience and advantage of the people of the State.

The idea has come to prevail that the service and advantage of the commonwealth is a secondary matter. This is seen in the theory and practices connected with the administration of the Auditor General's and Treasury offices—and in the Mercantile Appraisers' offices. It is seen in the miscellaneous jumble of resolutions adopted by the Republican State Convention, in which our vitally important State affairs are subordinated to puffery personal resolutions and far-off matters that are altogether irrelevant to State exigencies, as revealed by the Bardisley and Mercantile Tax Appraiser exposures. It is seen in the cold and formal letter of Auditor General McCamant concerning the serious charges against his Mercantile License Appraiser appointees. And it is visible in all the half-hearted and halting expressions touching these Revenue and Treasury exposures—and in the absence of such clear, strong, direct and energetic denunciations of the individual offenders as would give some sort of earnest promise that the "spoils" system of Revenue and Treasury Government is to be put to death in Pennsylvania.

It is indispensably necessary that the "spoils" system shall be struck by a crushing defeat in Pennsylvania. It is for the voters of the State now to judge—now that the issue is joined as to the deliverances in the resolutions of both Conventions—which party and which nominees are most likely to strike the blow that will defeat and stamp out the system. Is it the organization that shows a disposition to confuse and belittle the vital issues in the State canvass—is it that opposing party which goes at the important work in the clearest, most direct, earnest and energetic way?

From the Democratic State Platform.
 We arraign and condemn the Republican Legislature for having refused to enforce the constitution by appropriate legislation; for having failed to pass honest and equitable apportionment bills, as required by the constitution; for having ignored the demands of labor for relief by law; for having denied the righteous popular demand for such laws as would distribute the burdens of public taxation equally upon all classes of property; and for having refused to reform long-existing abuses in the mercantile appraisement laws, as recommended by the Democratic Executive in 1885.
 We arraign and condemn the Republican Auditor General for having permitted John Bardisley, the Republican Treasurer of Philadelphia city and county, to embezzle \$500,000 of State tax collected by him, which he was permitted to retain for a long period after the same was due and payable.
 We arraign and condemn the Republican Auditor General for having permitted John Bardisley, the Republican Treasurer of Philadelphia city and county, to appoint and retain corrupt Mercantile Appraisers, who abused their position, and by means of their private pecuniary advantage, robbed the State of its just revenues, and imposed upon the Commonwealth hundreds of thousands of dollars of needless costs, and we demand the dismissal of the Mercantile Appraisers of Philadelphia.

We arraign and condemn the Republican Auditor General for having conspired with John Bardisley, the Republican Treasurer of Philadelphia city and county, to speculate in public advertising and for having received from the pub-

lishers of the same bribes to influence their official conduct in placing such advertisements.
 We arraign and condemn the Republican State Treasurer for willfully and knowingly permitting John Bardisley to retain in his possession over \$1,000,000 of money collected for and owing to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by reason of which the same portion of the money has been lost to the people.
 We arraign and condemn the Republican State Treasurer for having conspired with John Bardisley, the Republican Treasurer of Philadelphia, to secure to him the payment of \$25,000 of the public school fund, long in advance of the usual time, and when Bardisley was already known to the State Treasurer to be a defaulter for over \$500,000, which sum thus improprietly paid to Bardisley was by him embezzled, to the loss of Philadelphia city and the shame and scandal of the State.

We arraign and condemn the Republican Auditor General for having conspired to pay to John Bardisley, the Republican Treasurer of Philadelphia city and county, on December 30, 1890, \$150,000 of the State Treasury, ostensibly on account of Philadelphia county's share of the personal property tax; but actually before that tax had been paid into the State Treasury, and when John Bardisley was already a defaulter and embezzler to the amount of \$622,013.11.

Sweep Out the Thieves.
 If there was ever a State that needed to be released from the grasp of a party that State is Pennsylvania. The most gigantic robbery of modern times is being disclosed by the Bardisley Investigating Committee, of Philadelphia, and every witness examined sheds additional and more convincing evidence of the conspiracy from the constables' conspiracy after conspiracy has been unearthed, and the end is yet far from being reached. Neither can this end be attained while Republicans occupy the offices of Treasurer and Auditor General. The party will not allow any further prying into the doings of its men than can be avoided. It is its interest to smother every attempt made to fathom the steal.

Committees make feeble attempts at probing, but nothing like what should be given to the public.
 Enough, however, has leaked out to let the citizens of Pennsylvania know that they have been systematically robbed of millions, yet it is impossible to ever discover the whole amount of the Democratic candidates for Treasurer and Auditor General are voted into office. Then the people can rely upon seeing the misdeeds of their present officials laid bare and without any attempt at concealment. The powers of the Governor and his Attorney General to push these criminals are limited. Their opponents hold the key to the situation while the offices to be voted for in November are in the hands of the Republicans.

Elet Wright and Tilden! It is a question of business, not politics. It means dollars saved to every taxpayer. If adherence to party is more important than the proper expenditure of your money, then vote for Green and Morrison, who are figure-heads for an organization led and controlled by robbers like Quay, McCamant, Kennedy, Marsh, Drew, Roney and others who should be keeping company with "Honest John" Bardisley.

IN OTHER TOWNS.
 —Mrs. Elizabeth B. Airey dropped dead on Sunday while attending services at the Stockton Methodist Church.
 —Wm. S. McLean, of Wilkes-Barre, was selected by the Democrats as a delegate-at-large to the Constitutional Convention.
 —Jackson's Circus tried to show at Hazleton without a license. The manager was arrested and paid the license and costs.
 —The twenty-first annual convention of the Select Castle Knights of the Mystic Chain of Pennsylvania is in session at Allentown.

—Philip Williams and Ida Whitner, notorious characters in Pottsville, got into a dispute and Williams struck Ida with a stone. She died.
 —Pennsylvania State Firemen will meet in convention at Lock Haven on September 15. Hazleton will try to secure the meeting for next year.
 —Mrs. Mary Gallagher, of South Bethlehem, is 108 years of age. She entertained her friends the other evening by dancing an old-time jig without missing a step.
 —James Orlander and Mary Schanman, of Pittston, had been keeping company for some time. He asked her to marry him. She refused, he shot at her, missed and went to jail in default of \$2000 bail.
 —Mrs. Robert Ray Hamilton's "All a Mistake" Company disbanded at Shamokin because of a lack of patronage. The members objected to continuing their tour unless salaries were paid. They returned to New York.

—Joseph B. Shearan, Superintendent of the Hillman Coal Company, eloped with nineteen-year-old Ellen Williams, leaving a wife and two children. Shearan and Miss Williams were members of the choir of the First Methodist Church, Wilkes-Barre.
 —James McGroarty, of Wilkes-Barre, was instantly killed in the mines Friday afternoon. He was on his knees drilling a hole when he was suddenly struck down by a large slip that fell from the face of his breast rolling on top of him, breaking his back.
 —The clashing factions of the Greek Catholic Church, Shenandoah, have consolidated and resolved to oust Rev. Andrukovicz, who has been suspended by the Archbishop of Leoben, and who declares he will hold the fort until \$1900 he invested in the church property be refunded.

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