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ON THE HOMESTRETCH.

During the past week Gov. Pattison and Mr. Guthrie held a series of most successful meetings, ten in all, in Philadelphia. Upon each occasion there was a large attendance, many voters of the opposition party testifying by their presence their sympathy with the movement to reclaim the state from ring misrule. The party organization is reported to be in better and more effective condition than for many years past. A large amount of work has been done that does not appear upon the surface. There is every assurance of a vote for the Democratic candidates that will exceed that of last year, when the machine majority, a considerable proportion of it being fraudulent, was less than 40,000. The Quay contingent is bitterly complaining of the indifference of many party workers. There is no expectation of a plurality for Pennypacker much over 50,000, and with that a Quay victory in the state will not be possible. A heavy independent vote for Pattison and Guthrie is indicated, and such a close watch will be kept on the crooks it will be impossible to repeat the performances of recent years.

From all parts of the state continue to come encouraging reports to the campaign committee, at the last meeting if which, in Philadelphia, and Harrisburg, Chairman Creasy was assured that the prospect could not be brighter. "I think the fight is won," said Col. Guffey, "but we must push right on till the last minute and take nothing for granted." Only another fortnight remains and it behooves every patriotic citizen to redouble his efforts in behalf of this great movement of the people against the bosses. Pennypacker is the weakest candidate the machine ever put up. A little more well directed effort all along the line and Quayism will go down forever.

Pattison's popularity amongst all classes of workers seems to be something the machine hirelings cannot understand. Nothing queer about it. The people know an honest man when they see him and they want that sort of an executive at Harrisburg during the next four years.

The unhappy machine candidate for governor pathetically refers to the "judicial robes left hanging in the city hall," Philadelphia. We will bet a ton of soft coal against a crock of the ex-judge's apple butter that he regrets the fateful day that he laid aside these honorable robes to don the hated livery of Quayism.

The Philadelphia Press bitterly complains that General Apathy has superseded General Frost, in command of the Pennypacker forces. Next week General Demoralization will be at the front, to be followed by General Disaster, who will conduct the retreat on November 4.

The labor issue raised against Pattison proved to be a most destructive boomerang. The Democratic governor did more for labor while at Harrisburg than all his Republican successors together. This is the plain truth as shown by the official records.

When Mr. Pennypacker goes back to his farm, on the Perkiomen, he can reflect on the folly of giving up a judicial job for life to take a dishonored nomination for governor that the people repudiated.

QUAY RING TO TAKE EVERYTHING IN SIGHT

What Would Follow the Election of Pennypacker.

A CLEAN SWEEP OF SPOILS

Philadelphia to Be in the Grip of a Gigantic Light, Power and Transit Combination.

MORE LEGISLATION IS NEEDED

(Special Correspondence.)

Philadelphia, Oct. 20.—The last session of the legislature showed that the allied forces of public plunderers could do, but if the people of Pennsylvania think that high water mark was then touched they will find themselves mistaken, if they give a new lease of power to the same grasping and conscienceless element. What was accomplished indicated what could be done along the same lines and plans are being laid for still greater schemes.

Strengthened by its own audacity and encouraged by its sweeping triumphs, the machine proposes to take everything in sight next time. If it succeeds at the polls in November it will claim that its policy has been vindicated and proceed to entrench itself for the next twenty-five years. This is not only possible, it is an absolute certainty, if the projects now on foot are carried out. The whole state will be helplessly subject to the gigantic combination of selfish interests now at work. Elections will be a mockery and tribute to the amount of scores of millions of dollars will be exacted from the people. When the climax is reached it will be the culmination of work that has been going on for ten years past.

How They Raise Campaign Funds.

The financial bulwark of the Quay machine has been and is the misuse of the state funds, their control of the treasury and the secret support of certain interests that keep out of sight. Barrels of money have been raised whenever needed and now it is intended to spend more than ever before in a single state campaign, the deliberate purpose being to debauch the degraded portion of the electorate and control election boards by violence and corruption. If the agents of the machine can give satisfactory assurances, they can get the money—all that is demanded. They always do. No one is allowed to become the beneficiary of ring favor who does not pay the freight. For several years a prominent citizen of Philadelphia, having large business interests, backed the local bosses most liberally. He died suddenly and instead of leaving a million or more as every one supposed, his estate was surprisingly small. He had been almost bled to death—financially. A successor was found, who put up the money, by the bag full, but being given feigning public honors, he was thirty minded he got in on the ground floor with the speculators in public franchises and came out far ahead. Great corporations have been compelled to stand and deliver to these public pirates until some of their master spirits are at last called a halt. They are today praying for the complete overthrow of the grafters.

Millions More in Sight.

In Philadelphia it is proposed to supplement the immensely profitable schemes of the past few years. The people have been so deeply wronged that it is thought they will weakly submit to any new trespass upon their rights, to any new burdens that may be laid upon them. No other city in the United States is so completely subject to onerous local transit monopoly. It will be remembered that when the street railway franchise bills were pushed at Harrisburg it was loudly proclaimed that the benevolent purpose of the projectors was to break monopoly and bring about better conditions. Every statement to the contrary was furiously denied. To the last hour of secret combination negotiations, directors brazenly declared there was "nothing in it." There has been a vast sum of money divided since and now this city is doomed to monopoly and high fares for fifty years. The combine controls traffic on the ground, under the ground and above the ground.

Another Gigantic Combine Scheme.

Five years ago the gas works were taken by a corporation that had gradually worked its way to the front. The service had been demoralized in its direct interest. The people had been so grievously wronged they were ready to surrender on almost any terms. Facing a winter without coal, or at extortionate prices, when they demanded cheaper gas they were pointed to the hard and fast terms of a one-sided bargain for twenty-five years more. Experts have shown that the company could make big money at one-half the rate they secured. This contract, if it is not changed, will cost the people of Philadelphia fully thirty millions of dollars more than it should. It comprises the most gigantic grab in the history of municipalities in this country.

"A community of interest" prevails between the gas company and the electric light trust, which over-taxes the municipality through its monopoly, more than one hundred thousand dollars a year, while the people are likewise held up through extortionate rates. There has been no competition. One little company fought hard, but it

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PENNYPACKER AS A MASK

An Independent Republican's Scathing Reply to Quay's Appeal For Campaign Booze.

Rudolph Blankenburg, the well-known Independent Republican, has declined to contribute to the Quay campaign fund. He has concealed his refusal in a characteristically vigorous letter, in which he says:

Whenever the machine is in danger it is seized with fit of virtue and attempts to cloak its hideous skeleton with a garb of alluring colors, so constructed, however, that the machine survives to continue its shameless career of plunder and vice. It nominated Judge Pennypacker, not on account of his irreproachable personal character, but because you hoped that his nomination might save the machine once more from richly merited defeat. Judge Pennypacker at the head of the machine ticket is as absurd a proposition as would be an orthodox minister at the head of a congregation of avowed infidels or a band of thieves, with "Thou shalt not steal" for their motto. Judge Pennypacker's article on the hills of Pennsylvania, supplemented by the fulsome eulogy of his political godfather, the disgraced congressman Clay and Webster, make him an impossible candidate for men who think more of country than of party; men who place duty above friendship; men who honor and appreciate Clay and Webster for their unselfish devotion to duty, their unswerving characters, their exalted patriotism.

Endorses Pattison.

Ex-Governor Pattison, who has twice acceptably filled the office of governor, has again been nominated on a platform that calls in clear tones for the redemption of the poor, boss-ridden, plundered and disgraced commonwealth; a platform to which every patriotic citizen, be he stalwart or independent Republican or Democrat, can subscribe, for honesty, integrity, of purpose, public zeal, his own, and even his most pronounced political opponents, strongly Republican papers and partisans, united in unstinted praise when he relinquished the important offices of controller and governor, while his associates on the state ticket are infinitely superior to the candidates selected by your organization.

A Great Opportunity For Philadelphia.

Earnest words were those spoken to his fellow citizens of Philadelphia by ex-Governor Pattison, on Monday night, says the Harrisburg Patriot. They have the ring of sincerity, framed in conscious strength of the routine of the cause represented by the Democratic candidates in the pending campaign. They should, as they doubtless will, send the thrill of indignation and patriotic pride through the honest population of the great city, the banks of the Delaware and cause such a revolt against machine methods that for years have kept Philadelphia in the plenary of universal contempt, viewed from the standpoint of electoral integrity, as to render impotent the machinations of the political outlaws who have defiled the will of the people as expressed at the ballot box.

Governor Pattison tells his townsmen that he has been face to face with the voters of the commonwealth in nearly two-thirds of the counties of the state. Throughout the interior he has found the sentiment alert, active, aggressive in the purpose to rescue Pennsylvania from the grip of the corruptionists who have throttled the manhood and the unbought citizenship of a great commonwealth. Shall the will of the voters of the other 68 counties of the state be rendered nugatory by the pollution of the ballot box in the single county of Philadelphia? asks the Patriot, and he asks if the voters of his plea be seems to answer the query with a determined nod that bids fair to be echoed at the polls three weeks hence.

That speech of Robert E. Pattison to his neighbors of Philadelphia should be worth tens of thousands of votes to the candidates of the Democratic and Independent organizations. It is the plea of decency in politics against degradation; of purity against pollution in legislative and administrative affairs; it has the note of authority and command in its entreaty for a higher and nobler order. It should have an answer from the banks of the city of Penn that will rehabilitate that community in the eyes of the state at large and echo the volume of patriotic protest that promises to come rolling across the Alleghenies and cover the valleys of the eastern section of the state.

was swallowed up. The light combine, gas and electric, including too, heat and power, have been edging up to the trolley combine and now all hands are ready to pool their issues, putting a steel band around this helpless city for generations to come, with a combined capital, money and water—of at least one hundred million dollars. This new colossus is to "take over" the city water works, after nearly twenty million dollars have been spent, millions of it squandered in filtration schemes that will never protect the public health, as has been already shown. Legislation, local and state, will be required to enable these plans to be carried out. With Quayism triumphant in November and February, everything would be in the shape for another carnival of debauchery and the enslavement of the greatest city of the commonwealth.

It remains to be seen what the plain people will do about it, not only the long plundered residents of the city to be affected, but the self-respecting citizenship of the state. It is within their power to smash this new combine and all others of the same kind. They can knock out Quayism with one blow and the rising tide of public indignation and patriotism visible in every part of the state indicates that this is what they propose to do on the 4th of November.

How It Looks In Schuylkill. The Pottsville Chronicle has the following:

The large Independent Republican vote which beyond doubt will be polled for Pattison likely to have a bad effect upon the Republican county, senatorial and legislative tickets and will be the means of electing the entire Democratic ticket by majorities ranging anywhere from 800 to 3,500. If the election were held tomorrow the Republican party would be snowed under by the mightiest majorities ever recorded in this county at any election. That the Republican party is up against it in regard to the big strike is evident to all who are witnessing the frantic endeavors of the Republican politicians to bring it to a settlement. We all know that the Republican party is entirely responsible for the condition which makes this strike possible or necessary. This is one of the real reasons why the large independent vote is going to be cast for the entire Democratic ticket in Schuylkill county on the 4th of next month. The other reason is that the independent Republicans cannot vote for the candidates of a party controlled by Mr. Quay. The dose even at a distance nauseates men who wish to do their own thinking. They to a man will vote the Democratic ticket, and the Republican ticket will be buried out of sight on election day.

A Remarkable News "Beat"

The Press on October 14 was the only Philadelphia paper giving, in its early editions, the result of the conference between President Roosevelt and J. Pierpont Morgan that practically settled the coal strike. The agreement of the coal mine operators to arbitrate their differences with the miners was news of national importance. The Press being the only newspaper to give the public this news in the wide territory covered by its first editions, made a notable addition to its many similar achievements in the past. The Press at the popular price one cent daily places its vast and complete news service within the reach of all.

Intelligent and patriotic voters will not exchange a tried and true public servant like Pattison for a weak and self-blinded apologist for the machine like Pennypacker. Here you have the situation in a nutshell.

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8 15 a m for Hazleton, Weatherly, Mauch Chunk, Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Philadelphia, New York, Delano and Pottsville.
9 58 a m for Hazleton, Delano, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah and Mt. Carmel.
11 45 a m for Weatherly, Mauch Chunk, Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Philadelphia, New York, Hazleton, Delano, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Mt. Carmel, and Pottsville.
11 41 a m for White Haven, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton and the West.
4 44 p m for Weatherly, Mauch Chunk, Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Philadelphia, New York, Hazleton, Delano, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Mt. Carmel, and Pottsville.
6 35 p m for Sandy Run, White Haven, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton and all points West.
7 29 p m for Hazleton.

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9 58 a m from Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and White Haven.
11 41 a m from Pottsville, Mt. Carmel, Shenandoah, Mahanoy City, Delano and Hazleton.
12 35 p m from New York, Philadelphia, Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Mauch Chunk and Weatherly.
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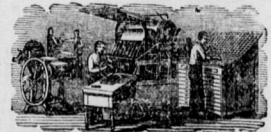
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