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THE SPECTACLE IN PENNSYLVANIA.

"Why do the people of Pennsylvania submit to the outrages committed by the politicians?" is the question a North Carolinian naturally asks. From close observation we can and do correctly answer—Because their spirit has been broken by long years of political servitude. They consider it impossible to overthrow the machine. They dare not seriously attempt it, for fear of TREASON AMONG THEMSELVES. Quay, Penrose, Pennypacker, Stone, these penitentiary ornaments are the masters of the people as much as ever there were masters and slaves. Pennsylvania democrats are merely republicans slaves under another name. Knowing that they cannot hope to win except by fraud, and the machine is the cleverest thief, they make deals with the republicans for petty places and privileges for favored friends. The people have ceased to hope. Thousands of them, in Philadelphia especially, do not want anything better. Under the present spoils government they think they have a chance to get in somewhere. With decent men in office they would have no chance at all.

And thus the degradation and pollution of an American commonwealth goes on under our eyes. Time and time again they have had the opportunity of disinfecting their public offices, but they will not do it. After years of such shameful public piracy, and with the power in their hands to sweep every member of the piratical crew out of existence, the people of Pennsylvania prefer to perpetrate their own dishonor, and if that is what they want, we say let them have it, for the sooner they become extinct through their own degeneracy, the sower will have a race of men spring up upon the soil that has been so foully disgraced.

ABOUT TAXATION.

If, in order to induce a man to invest his money among us, we are compelled to bribe him with unjustly low tax rates, we say let him stay away.

"A touchin' of and appertainin' to" the foregoing we quote the Durham Sun:

"The tax assessors are now on their rounds for the regular four year assessment, and property owners are becoming anxious to see the assessors that will be placed upon their property. We have heard the same thing expressed here as the Telegram reports in Greensboro. A leading capitalist, in talking about the matter, said that the action of the assessors would largely influence him in certain investments which he has in mind. He is thinking of new houses, but he won't do it, if it's property is to be assessed out of reason. Taxes and insurance, he declared are things that have to be reckoned with in building for investment."

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