

EDITORIAL

S.P. CORRUPTION IN PENNSYLVANIA.

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A PENNSYLVANIA reader of *The People* sends word saying:

“What’s the matter with Pennsylvania? Or what’s the matter with the *Daily People* office? Since when did the ‘great Key-Stone State,’ one of ‘the thirteen original States,’ and founded, besides, by ‘the illustrious William Penn,’ sink below the dignity of the up-start western city of St. Louis? That’s what I’d like to know. I have noticed that the *Daily People* has had a deal to say about the political corruption in St. Louis by the so-called Socialist party. That was the way to do with them. And I find no fault with the *Daily People* when it showed how such political log-rolling had special significance seeing that St. Louis was the fourth biggest city in the land. I find no fault with that. But why ignore Pennsylvania? Why ignore the political corruption in this State by the S.P.? Pennsylvania is the second biggest State of the lot, and what’s more, the S.P.’s political corruption was even more marked than in St. Louis. In St. Louis the S.P. had a candidate on the Republican and another candidate on the Democratic ticket, but here it had a candidate in common with both the Democratic and the Republican party. The Judge of the Court of Common Pleas at the last election was John M. Graham, candidate of Reps, Dems, and SOCIALIST PARTY—one candidate for the three. Why does the *Daily People* ignore this fact? Or can it be that the *Daily People* thinks Pennsylvania of less account than St. Louis? I send the sample ballot as proof. Don’t slur Penn.”

The *Daily People* having said nothing about the political corruption of the S.P. in Pennsylvania at the last election was, we would assure our Pennsylvania reader, not due to any intent to slur his State. It happened simply because no correspondent brought the fact to the notice of this office. We admit that the Pennsylvania performance of the S.P. is a crasser evidence of that party’s worthlessness than even its performance in St. Louis. That point is well taken.

[N.B.—The sample ballot, showing the Socialist party’s having fused in Pennsylvania with Democrats and Republicans on John M. Graham for Judge of the

Court of Common Pleas is in this office for inspection.]

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