## ROBBINS WAS TRUE

Couldn't be Frightened with Threats of a Veto.

HE WOULD NOT WITHDRAW THE ANTI-COAL-TRUST BILL—REMARKABLE STORY THAT COMES FROM THE CAPITAL—LINCOLN WANTED ROBBINS TO TALK WITH HANCOCK-OVER THE TELEPHONE.

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No memorandum was attached to Gov. Morton's signature of Assemblyman Robbins's coal-trust bill yesterday he Governor might have written mos

task was left for others. It is being done by the newspaper correspondents tonight. They are sending from Albany one of the most remarkable stories that ever emanated from the State Cap-

The story carries its own interest. It needs no embellishment. It tells how Mr. Robbins was advised to recall his anti trust bill within ten minutes to save it from a veto, how he refused recall it, and how, after repeated efforts to budge him had been made without success, the bill was signed.

This remarkable story is here given on what is believed to be absolutely trustworthy authority. Some of the statements are of a positive character it is true, but therein lies the interes which is almost certain to attach to the narrative.

Readers of the Express are familiar with the fact that the al of the State declared he was unabl to prosecute the coal trust or other combinations until his powers had been enlarged by the passage of additional laws. They also know that Attorney laws. General Hancock, at the request of the Legislature, drew two bills to give him the authority which was lacking. They know that the bills were placed in the hands of Assemblyman Robbins of Al legany county, partly because he is chairman of the Judiciary Committee but principally because he is fearless and independent. The Express followed closely the progress of these bills through the Legislature, and it gave in detail the vote when certain Platt Sen ators attempted to amend the bill which the Governor had just signed When they were defeated, the bill passed and went to the Governor. He considered it for some days, and was urged by influential persons both to sign and to disapprove the measure.

Now comes the main story, and her it is, just as the Express correspondent gets it from well-informed sources:

About noon yesterday, the Governo sent for Assemblyman Robbins, who went at once to the Executive Cham-He wanted to talk about the anticoal trust bill. Mr. Morton had some opinions, which, it is said, he wanted to Mr. Robbins. The Allegany member listened attentively to the read ing of two-pages of type-written mat-ter, which, from appearances and con-tents, was a veto of the-bill. The Governor, after the reading had ended, desired Mr. Robbins's opinion, and found that the introducer did not agree with the ideas of the measure just read. Mr. Robbins was asked to recall the bill for amendments to meet what were termed constitutional objections. He refused. He declined also to recall the bill as a personal favor to the Governor.

Mr. Robbins, the story goes, said that

he had a reputation to sustain and a constituency to represent, and that he would fail in both responsibilities if he The Governor was advised, if he could not sign the bill, to veto it, as the responsibility was no longer upon the member from Allegany, but rather upon the Chief Execu tive of the State. Mr. Robbins then withdrew.

Some friends of the Governor there upon had a chat with Mr. Robbins and urged him to recall the bill. Finally, the Allegany man was induced to return to the Executive Chamber. There, it is said, he found Mr. Lincoln, the Governor's law adviser. What followed can heat be given in the words of the Express correspondent's informant:

Mr. Lincoln stepped into an adjoining room and was busy for some mo-ments at the long-distance telephone. Mr. Robbins was called into the room requested to do so by the Attorney General. Mr. Robbins absolutely refused, saying that the Attorney General had no reason for asking him to recall the bill. Mr. Lincoln, who held the rethe telephone in his hand asked Mr. Robbins to step to the 'phone, as some one wished to speak with him. Mr. Robbins refused, saying that he had no desire to communicate with any one

over the wire.
"But the Attorney General wishes to talk with you," it was said

"If he has anything to say to me," Mr. Robbins replied, "I will trust you

to report him correctly." Then followed an animated conversation with some one at the other end of the line, after which it was an-nounced that the Attorney General refused to ask Mr. Robbins to recall the bill. Mr. Robbins then left the Executive Chamber, again reiterating his refusal to withdraw the bill.

A few moments later a new proposi tion was made, but Mr. Robbins refused to entertain it. It was suggested that he should absent himself from the Assembly Chamber while some one else the motion to recall the bill. he refused. This refusal was Again he refused. emphasized by a declaration that if any

bins would oppose it on the floor.

The final scene occurred shortly before the bill was signed. Mr. Robbins once again reiterated his determination not to recall t<del>he bill.</del>

"Is this final?" he was asked by one close to the Governor.

"It is," he replied, and then he quick-ly added: "Tell the Governor to send along his veto message."

An explanation of this surprising story is difficult. One can only recall the fact that the bill was strenuously opposed at every turn in both houses of the Legislature, and that powerful in were at work to defeat it. The Governor's friends explain the reading of the supposed veto on the ground that it was merely an opinion as to the constitutionality of the bill submittee to Mr. Robbins for his consideration. It can only be said that the story has created a sensation. All interested par-ties are very reticent.—Buffalo Express.

## Why Robbins was to Remain at Home

That any sensible, fair-minded per son can believe that Grant Duke was openly, fairly and honestly nominated for Member of Assembly is beyond comprehension. Let us look at the matter just as it really is, and see what condition of things we find. In the first place, every one knows who Thomas C. Platt is, and every one knows that he is a man who must have everything just as he wants it in politics at whatever cost. Whatever obstacle stands in the way must be removed by fair means or foul. He simply says: "This thing must be done; use your own methods, only come to me and report that it is done that is all I ask." Last year orders went out from Mr. Platt that certain legislation must come to naught Should certain bills become law, i would be detrimental to the interest of Mr. Platt and Mr. Platt's friends One of the obnoxious bills was in charge of the Assemblyman from Allegany-Hon. F. A. Robbins. It was a bill that legislated adversely for corporations and trusts, and, consequent ly, adversely to Mr. Platt. The passage of this bill was in the interest of the people. Platt set in motion all the machinery at his command for the defeat of the bill, and all manner of secret pressure was brought to bear up Mr. Robbins-pressure such as none save those who understand the ins and outs of politics have any idea of. Mr. Robbins is far too honest a man to be come party to politics of this low-down stripe, and in the face of the stone wall of Platt opposition, he pushed the bills forward, and did it in such a manner that every man who opposed them had to go openly upon record. One of these bills- the most offensive to Platt -reached Governor Morton. Platt made Morton, and, consequently, when a short, sharp order reached the Executive from Platt, that the bill must be killed, the Governor felt bound to obey it. He sent for Robbins and asked him to recall the bill Such a course would at once relieve Morton, but Robbins was firm. He courteously but decidedly refused to re call the bill, and was determined that and asked if he would recall the bill if the Governor himself should go on rec in its true status before our readers, He would be correspondingly loyal to the Governor immself should go on recin its true status before our readers,
ord as vetoing it if he was unwilling it
should become a law. Knowing, as
Mr. Robbins did, that he was anatagohizing the mighty Platt force of the
causes that led up to it. This
done, we feel that every fair minded
State, it was a noble stand he took—a
reader will come to the conclusion that
If the people of Allegany county want stand for the people who sent him to Albany to look after their interests. From that hour Fred A. Robbins became a marked man by Tom Platt, and it was then and there decided at

No. 49 Broadway, that Mr. Robbins

hope the reader has followed this arti-

cle carefully up to this point. resenting the plain, simple truth, so learly told that none can fail to com prehend it. Every reader of the daily newspaper knows that we are setting forth only well known and undisputed acts. Now let us leave Tom Platt and Governor Morton and come into Alle-gany county. The Legislature has adjourned and Mr. Robbins returns home. He is received, in a figurative sense, with open arms by the people He has made a record of his county. that is honorable to himself and to the people he represents. In the mind of every one, except a few of Platt's po litical lieutenants, is the fixed conviction-the unquestioned convictionthat Mr. Robbins' must be returned to

rol Republican politics in Aneg W. J. Glenn, Chas. H. Brown, S. M. Norton, Geo. H. Swift and one or two others have received specific order from Platt (via Glenn) that under no circumstances must Mr. Robbins be renominated at the Allegany county Republican convention. Knowing, as e men did, the almost unanimous these men'did, the aimost unanimost wish of the Republican voters of the county, that Mr. Robbins should be continued at Albany, these orders from the "Easy Boss" brought terror to their souls. Platt would have no other alternative, however; Robbins must be killed in some manner (no matter to him how) and a man who would be pliant in the boss's hands must represent Allegany in the Assem bly. And here came into existe that condition of things—Platts into existence The People. ,

personally, Tom Platt Of course, ws but little about. Allegany county, and personally, he cares less, s he knows and cares but little about dozens of other counties in the state but in each county there is at least on man who is personally, in a political way, owned soul and body by Mr. Platt. He is the political beneficiary of Mr Platt, and is therefore subject to his bidding. In Allegany county that man is W. J. Glenn who first of all is indebted for his place on the State Committee to Platt, and, incidentally, his position as Doorkeeper in the House of Representatives. As long us Allegany is subject to Platt's iong us Allegany is subject to Platt's command through Mr. Glenn, just so long can the latter gentleman demand and expect political preferment at the hands of the former. But should the people of Allegany, who have for so many years permitted Glenn to hand them over to Platt at will, refuse to be made the price of county, State and federal offices, just so soon will Glenn have exceeded his usefulness so far as Platt is concerned. Thus it is self evident that it is a matter of vital im portance to Glenn (and incidentally to his followers) that Platt's commands shall be implicitly obeyed and thus again we come face to face with the prevailing condition of things-Plat

rs. The People.

Mr. Platt has issued a command to the effect that Mr. Robbins must b kept at home, and why? Beceuse serving the people of his county, Rob bins has failed to serve Thomas C Platt; in fact, gone contrary to his de sires and has overturned some of his elaborately constructed plans.

Now, voters of Allegany county, you suppose for a moment that if the bill that Platt was so anxious should be defeated had been in the Inter-EST OF THE PEOPLE OF ALLEGANY, it would have found such vigorous opposition in Mr. Robbins? Common sense will at once answer, No! if it wasn't for your good it was to your detriment. and now as a reward for this honorable gentleman's services in your behalf, are you going to vote for his defeat next November, and place at Albany a man who will in every thing obey the beckon of Tom Platt's We believe not. finger?

Having read thus far, you cannot fail to see clearly why the Republican ounty organization, at whose head is W. J. Glenn, making such a vigorous effort to defeat Fred A. Robbins and elect Grant Duke. Now you can plain-ly see why it was that Mr. Glenn was forced to take up Duke, whether the people want him or not. Platt's orders were plain. The thing must be and what done by fair means or foul,

means were employed, you well know. reader will come to the conclusion that a grave political crime has been com mitted in this county, that the wishes and desires of the people have been set aside and trampled upon that the orders of one man may be obeyed and that the personal welfare of a half-dozshould no more return to Albany. We en politicians may be advanced there

Fred A. Bobbins Is Such a Man

God give us men.! A time like this demands Pure lives, strong faith, stout hearts and willing hands, Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy Men whom the lusts of office do not kill

Men who are honest, men who will not lie Men who possess opinions and a will, Men who can stand before a demagogue

And damn his treacherous flatteries with out winking,

-sun-crowned-who stand abo Tall menthe fog \_\_\_

In public duty and in private thinking! -I. G. Holland, from memory

Reasons Why

A Belmont gentleman has handed in the ollowing article with the request that it be

REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE FOR FREE

REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD NOTE FOR DUKE

Because he has been mayor of Wellsville Because he has been mayor of Wellsville, an office that requires about as much talent and education as is required to run a cheese factory. Because he was nominated by the most despicable methods known in political circles. Bribery, intimidation, fraud, talse promises, everything that debauches manhood and prostitutes good government was in the category of means used to secure the nomination. The whole situation may be summed up in a few words, viz.; The only reason why you should vote for Grant Duke is because he is the candidate of the Platt-Glenn machine.—Belmont Courier.

## INDEPEADENCE IN ALLEGANY COUNTY.

Encouraging evidence comes from Allegany county that the people there like to manage their own affairs. They were represented in the Assembly last winter by Fred A. Robbins, an able and an honest man. He made a rec ord of which both he and his District could well be proud. He was so much above the average Assemblyman in ability that he laid the foundations of a State reputation. He pleased the people, and he expected renomination. But he did not please the State ma chine because he refused to support the Greater New York bill. Therefore the Allegany county machine, whic h is a cog in the State machine, turned him down and nominated a man who would obey orders. Thereupon the Republicans of the county who owned themselves, bolted, and, at the request of 3,500 of them, Mr. Robbins became candidate for re election on an indenendent ticket. There are but 5,000 Republicans in his District. Now, this is an instance of the attempt of a political machine to force upon the people a candidate whom a majority of the voters do not want. When voters in other parts of the State do this sort of thing, we shall have better men in the Legislature and in Congress. If the Allegany county machine is wise it will order its nominee to withraw from the race, and then indorse the nomination of Mr. Robbins: But whether this is done or not, the independent men of all parties should vote for Mr. Robbins and elect him. He advocated the principle of Home Rule in the LegIslature. He said that Brooklyn's government should not be taken from her without her consent, even if a State machine had ordered it. some one in the Legislature to represent them, then they should support Mr. Robbins. But if they want some one sent to Albany to represent half a

dozen leaders, then they should vote

for the machine candidate. - Brooklyn

Daily Bagle.

A Crime Against Me

Frederick A. Robbins was ber of the Assembly from Ale Countylast winter. The worder the Coal Trust and called attent the Coal Trust and caned attents the robberies it was then planning is now doing. Mr. Robbins, being honest man with a keen sense of and a courage that could not be mayed. introduced and strenge fought for two bills to rescue the ple and thwart the trust. The Le ple and threat one state. The la apologetic look at the frowning parons passed the bill. The Gov was compelled to make one bill a The other he was able to shelv

Such is the story of Mr. Roby

heinous crimes Cleaning the industrial services and services are services and services and services and services are services are services and services are services are services are services are services and services are servi punishment. Had he not dared to a powerful monopoly? Had he tried to drive the Coal Trust from throat of its legitimate prey, the ple? Had he not put the Governo a most uncomfortable position be the people and some of the richest porters of his political party? Fig had he not made it necessary for Attorney-General to enforcing the law to the destructi the trust and violating his oath, sh fying himself, branding hims creature of the trust?

The Coal Trust saw to it that machine refused Mr. Robbins nomination. And when the voten and gave him a nomination and the ened to re-elect him, a corruption was got ready and will be poured Allegany County. Mr. Robbins be beaten, no matter how many the mel dollars it may cost

If Mr. Robbins should be defe for re-election, it would mean that trusts, whose very obedient serva Thomas -C. Platt, and -which many servants in the direct er of the State, are able to do up po cally any man who does not bend knee before them. - Syracuse He

Any effort to drag the county fight into this campaign will probe a miserable failure. The peop Belmont and Angelica will no frightened by any ghost stories c from a source where truth and he dealing never had and never will an abiding place. It may as well be understood fir

ast that Fred Robbins will not any deal or trades to secure vol e cannot be elected by honest m and an open fight he will not exp be elected .- Belmont Courier.

The time has come for the vote this county to determine whether county offices shall be sold at au to the highest bidder or not.

Mr. Robbins' Name will Appear the Blanket Ballot Under the Net Ballot Law.

The Convention which nom Mr. Robbins made no other no tions because those who compos Convention were loyal Republ and impeach no act of the first vention except the treacherous fraudulent defeat of the Pe choice, Hon. Fred A. Robbins. sequently Mr. Robbins' name appear alone in a separate o This column will be headed name to be selected by the Co tee, such as "Honest Assembly, the representation of a PLOW, is the emblem adopted by the mittee. A cross mark placed site the name of Fred A. Robb the column will be a vote for Ro and Honest Legislation. Don get that by the sign of the Pu CONQUER! The PLOW means politics, honest legialation, from ring rule, and lighter b upon the tax payer!

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st wants to be incorporated. It

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i fire last Thursday. <sup>lev, W</sup>ard B. Pickard, Hornells tminister, has accepted a call eland Methodist Church.

will be a meeting of the Bryan all club next Saturday evening

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scott, of Waverly, has sold paper published at Richburg.

een decided to hold a Grand rived at Alfred Convention of her res Maccabees in Wellsville organist in the

<sup>out ()</sup>ct. 15th. E Comstock performed dirgical operation on the leg icl'arn last week at Wells-

be patient is doing well. Democratic County Conven-Priday, L. C. Van Fleet re-informal ballot, 28 votes as a

or Member of Assembly

Miss Inez a check for Aid Union. Crandall.

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So says the Su A special fro of Sept. 12th, of the highly M. E. Church years: Rev. R Hedding church was out bicycle noon, and whe on Exchange s

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Miss Alice T strongly recome Miss Toop had she has given u health. She ha organist of the Sepuichre in N evening last a

to Member of Assembly.

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