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What Is Retrenchment and Reform? Turns is a committee of the State Senate at Harrisburg which is called by the high-sounding title of the "Committee on Retrenchment and Reform," and the ostensible duty of which is to seek perpetually for a refermation of the committee is tolerated for in such a place is a symptom of carrying into effect the object of its orestion, we feel sure it would speedily be of reform which public policy required should be from time to time introduced. It would never do to defeat them; so if they are in amounts simply to this: -The salaries of the "permanent." The hangers on around the folders are not to go uncompensated. A change is recommended in regard to legislative appropriations, but it is not found in the bill as reported. It is only the worst paid subordinates who are affected.

Now let us look at the result of this great "reform." It is said it will save \$20,000 per annum. It will do no such thing. It will, at the most liberal estimate, not amount to \$12,000 a year. Now let us look at some of those other slight leaks which are not stopped by the committee in their report, and, after looking at these, we will leave it to our readers whether the retrenchment report does not "take in at the spiggot and let out at the bung-hole," as a homely adage has it. What were the expenses of the two houses of the Legislature last year? The Senate spent, as the Auditor-General's report shows, \$119,770-05; the House spent \$233,454.51. Total legislative expenses, \$353,224.56. What does the committee of General White say to these figures? Is there no room for reform here? Can't more be saved than by cutting down poorly-paid clerks? In three months the Legislature spend \$353,000. At that rate the annual expenses would be \$1,400,000. Why not begin at home, Mr Billingfelt, and save here? Let us look at the items of these fabulous figures. The members get \$1000 each. The report of the committee recommends the continuance of their pay at that figure. This would be \$4000 a year, for they receive \$1000 for three months' service. Four thousand dollars a year to each member! For what? Misrepresenting their constituents, passing bad laws, and defeating or neglecting good ones! Yet \$1200 is too much for a faithful and honest clerk! If reform don't mean buncombe, let the \$1000 be cut down to \$500. That would be saving \$62,000 a year, and be a just reduction. Again, the mileage to the Senators last year was \$3547 and to the members \$7308, total \$10,855. As every man of them rides on a free pass, and don't spend one cent for travel, we think that this sum could be dispensed with. In fact, if practical retrenchment is meant, let the members commence at the beginning and not at the end. The \$200 a year saved by cutting off the messenger, who has a large family and works all the year, is not the reduction the people demand. No one wants an attaché to work for less than a fair compensation, and the popular sentiment will not encourage such "re. form" as this. If they are going to make reductions, out off the pasters and folders, the loafers and leaches who surround the Capitol, and then if yet greater economy is needed: out off the salaries of every officer, including Show or var, say ten or twenty per cent. This

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paid, and leave the members at the rate of | \$4000 a year, is not retrenchment: it is unjust and penurious discrimination. The people will give no credit for such reform as this.

Who Has the Power to Nominate Office-Holders?

PUBLIC attention has been of late much occupied in watching the action of the Senators and Representatives at Washington, in regard to the treatment of applicants for official positions, and of their sentiments in regard to their right to the distribution of patropage. That much interest should be felt in their actions is natural, and that considerable surp ise should follow the development of their opinions need not be deemed singular. As we have no personal feeling in the matter, ne personal ends to subserve, nor any bitterness to cause resentment, we can afford to view the claims of the members of Congress in the light of calm discussion and not of feeling. The caucus of the Pennsylvania memexisting abuses at the Capitol. What such a bers, we are told, agreed to ask the Pre sident to let each member who is a Republican hidden mystery; and if it showed the least name all the appointees to office in his own district, and that the Senators should name all the officers in the disabolished. As it is, it is found a pleasant tricts represented by Democrats, and recreation to have a burying ground in all the general positions not located which to inter the various buncombe measures in any particular district. Is such an assumption of power warranted either by precedent, justice, or the spirit of our institutions? If it is, then we have no fault to find; but if not, reality an improvement, they can be safely then we must esteem the interference with killed by a reference. Now the "Committee the appointing power a great wrong, and one on Retrenchment and Retorm" have been which should be disregarded by President cogitating an entire session over the salaries Grant. We are free to say that we find of public officers and the expenses of govern- nowhere any ground for such an action as ment, and as the public complaint has become that of the Pennsylvania caucus. The Cona little too strong to be treated with contempt, stitution of the United States defines the duties have made a report. We published a synop- of the several departments of government. sis of it yesterday in our later editions, and | The Executive is distinct from the Legislature, from it we are enabled to judge of the nature and the powers and privileges of the one are of the reform proposed. The mountain has entirely independent of the other. The been laboring, and has brought forth a mouse. responsibilities of each are different. Mem-The report of the committee, after cutting out bers of Congress are selected to legislate. gittering generalities which mean nothing. They are to make the laws. As the chosen representatives of the people, they should various public officers ought to be cut be entitled to respect; and their opinions of down. "All right!" say the people. "That men in their own districts, while not consounds like reform, and deserves considera- clusive, are nevertheless of value, because of tion." Now what public officers are provided | the confidence which the people have reposed for in this bill? "The richest, of course," say in them. They therefore should be heard the people. Not at all. Poor ignorant, men! in all their utterances with attention. This You know nothing of the way reforms are is all they can demand. The Senators, how conducted at Harrisburg, if you suppose the ever, go further than this in their claim of coninfluential are to be reached. It is the clerks stitutional privileges. They are to advise and and messengers of the various departments that are consent to the nomination of men to office. to be reduced. Clerks who now work for a The whole Senate is to do this. But they whole year for \$1800 are to get \$1500; those bave nowhere the power to leave the advice who get \$1500, after having been in the ser- and consent to two of their number, nor have vice for years, are now to get \$1200 per they any right, except through courtesy, to annum; while the \$1200 ones are to recommend any one to an appointment. The get \$1000. Se also with the messen. Constitution is explicit: - The President shall gers. Men who devote all the year to nominate, and by and with the advice and faithful service are to get \$700 in place consent of the Senate shall appoint," etc. of \$900. This is the great reform. This is When a name comes before them, they have the cardinal measure which General Harry the right to reject the confirmation, but White has been favoring for several months. they have no power and no right to say to the The richest offices are not touched. The fees | President:-"You must not nominate any one of the State Treasurer are not put into the without consulting us; if you do, we'll oppose State Treasury. The salaries of the members | the confirmation." The duty of ex-cuting of the State Legislature are not out down in the laws is vested in the President, and in proportion. Not at all. They are only made him alone; and as the choice of his own subordinates is essential to halls of legislation are not to be trimmed off, his proper responsibility, the selection as they richly deserve. The pasters and should be absolutely left with him. So much for the law on the subject. In regard to the in-

> It is beyond all doubt true that the right of the President to select his own officers is inconsistent with the exercise of the so-called right of the members of Congress, and one which would, if tolerated, reduce the Executive to the attitude of a mere mouthpiece, to say to the Senate words which the Senate should put into his mouth, "Mr. President, we want Mr. Jones as Minister to Italy," say the Senators for a State. And the response is to come thus, "I nominate Mr. Jones," The Senate then confirms. Where, we would like to know, is there any executive power in such a proceeding? Is it not derogatory to the Presidential dignity, and calculated to do away with executive efficiency? Again, it is subversive of the very spirit of our institutions. A member of Congress is sent to Washington to legislate for his constituents, and to represent and obey them. What does he do? He goes and fills the district with his followers and personal friends. He has an assessor, with his assistants, in every ward, and his subordinates in every precinct; a collector, with his score of clerks and deputies; a postmaster, with his clerks; inspectors, supervisors, and all the other officials are named by him. What is the result? He has just so many men bound to follow him and work for him, and as they live off of him, they seek to secure his renomination. He makes himself the head of a band of men who live on his favor. The patronage of the Government is not, therefore, divided so as to effect most good in the public service, but so as to most strengthen the reigning prince. The people are slighted and ignored, and the whole district, with its 120,000 residents and 20,000 voters, circles around one man, and he a servant elected for an entirely different purpose. All this is decidedly wrong. It is calculated to crush out all vitality in any party, and make it the follower of its members of Congress. We say, therefore, that if the claims of the Congressmen be allowed, we will have the spirit of the Constitution "ignored, and a class of henchmen will be put in office who owe allegiance to the Congressmen alone. The same is true of the appointments at large and the Senatorial selections. We say that these gentlemen were not chosen by the people to appoint. They were elected to pass laws. Had the gift of office been their object, the same selections would not have been made. and many a member who writes himself

"M. C." would have been denied that privi-

delicacy of such a course as that proposed, we

nominations of the office-holders. On him rests the responsibility of a proper selection. If bad men are put in, he will be held responsibie, and not the Congressmen. He should remember this, and also remember that the people look to him for an efficient execution

We have spoken freely, because we feel, as citizens, that a dangerous precedent is possibly about to be established, and one which will ignore the popular voice, and be an injury to the administration and to the public service.

Suspicions.

SENATOR COANELL, it will be remembered, is the member of the State Legislature who was particularly desirons of providing for a friend, by creating the office of Receiver of Taxes for the Twenty-third ward. It therefore behooves us to keep an eye on Senator Connell, and to scan the measures introduced by him somewhat narrowly, to see what there is in them. On Thursday Mr. Connell introduced a bill to incorporate the Steam Beating Fuel Company of Philadelphia, which is at least open to suspicion. We have not seen the full text of this bill, but the brief mention of it in the regular telegraphic summary of the legislative proceedings is sufficient to establish its bad character, in the absence of any evidence to the contrary. The bill offered by Mr. Connell proposes to incorporate J. M. Rogers, J. P. Rees, B. W. Olive, and others, as the Steam Heating Fuel Company of Philadelphia, with a capital of \$500,000, and -here we perceive a reptile of gigantic dimensionswith power to dig tranches in, along, and across any streets, alleys, etc., to enable them to lay pipes for the distribution of steam-heating

The powers which it was proposed to delegate to a certain weighing company were nothing to this. The Cattle bill is a mere trifle in comparison, and the proposed exemption of the Eleventh street minstrel ball from the provisions of the law requiring the passage-ways and lobbies of places of amusements to be kept free from obstructions could only be considered as a piece of legislative

It is bad enough to have all the streets of the city given over to the passenger railway corporations; but there is a tradition that eels in time become accustomed to being skinned, and our legislators are apparently of the opinion that the citizens of Philadelphia are by this time educated up to the idea that they have no rights in their own streets which legislators and corporations are bound to respect; or if they are not educated up to this point, they ought to be.

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