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**THE DEMOCRATS' CHOICE.**

The nomination by the Harrisburg convention of John G. Harman as the Democratic candidate for state treasurer is a choice upon which Pennsylvanians are to be congratulated. As a gentleman courteously capable and peculiarly fitted to carry out the duties of the office so splendidly exemplified by William H. Berry, no better than Mr. Harman could have been named. As the neighbor of Columbia, of which county Mr. Harman is a resident, Lycoming sends greeting and congratulation. As an attorney before the courts of Columbia and Montour counties, as a lifetime member of the state legislature, there is one that which inspires confidence and commends praise in the character and career of Mr. Harman. His is a candidacy of the sort the support of which is a high privilege.

The conditions existing in Pennsylvania presage Mr. Harman's election; the capital graft exposure and the disclosures made by official investigation of the same at the hand of Democratic Treasurer Berry and the saving by him of many thousands of dollars to the people, make it imperative that a Democrat be chosen to succeed Mr. Berry, and as his successor Mr. Harman combines all the qualities that go toward insuring a continuation of the Berry type of administration. The manifest and significantly expressed displeasure of the Pennsylvania veterans at a Republican governor's disapproval of the Cochran pension bill is bound also to redound substantially to the Democratic candidate.

The Democrats are to be congratulated upon their choice; Bloomsburg is to be congratulated upon being the home of the candidate; Mr. Harman is to be congratulated on the outlook.

The platform adopted by the Harrisburg convention is confined to state issues, and chiefly to the very pertinent issues growing out of the looting of the state treasury in the capitol matter.

This is right. The only person to be elected is the state treasurer, and upon this issue alone his election is to be determined. The several additional state demands of the platform, ballot reform, the right of the people to express senatorial preference, and the denunciation of the merging of railway competition are solid planks of reason and wisdom, so that the platform as a whole is profoundly one of time honored Democratic doctrine seeking the maintenance of governmental honesty and economy of administration.

—Williamsport Sun.

All the crooks and pickpockets of the country will flock to Philadelphia next week, during the Elk's convention, to ply their trade. The police have photographs of 2000 of them, and will arrest them on sight. Of course this means they must see them before they can catch them. People who go to Philadelphia next week should be careful where they carry their money.

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**WASHINGTON**

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, D. C. July 4, 1907.  
 The announcement that George E. Roberts, Director of the Mint, has resigned from the Treasury Department to become the head of the Commercial National Bank, is news, but is hardly surprising. It was suspected that when James H. Eckles died there would be some prominent man chosen from the Treasury to take his place. The fact that Roberts was his successor in the Treasury makes his choice the more natural. He will not only be the head of the Commercial National Bank, but will soon be the head of the Continental National, which is to consolidate with the Commercial. His promotion is merely another striking illustration of the fact that the Treasury Department is the best of the government departments as a stepping-stone to preferment in private commercial life. Nearly every Secretary of the Treasury and other high officer has gone from his government place to some responsible and well-paying position in the financial world outside. Of the younger men who have been so promoted, Eckles himself was a striking illustration. Frank Vanderlip, first private secretary to the Secretary of the Treasury, then Assistant Secretary and finally the Vice-President of the City Bank of New York and the recognized mouthpiece of Wall street, is another remarkable example. But even more remarkable though less widely known is Milton E. Ailes, a few years ago a messenger in the Treasury Department, and rising through all the customary grades to graduate into the vice-presidency of the Riggs National Bank of Washington, one of the most powerful financial institutions of the country because of its location and close connection with the Treasury Department. Yes, the Treasury is an excellent place to get into and a better place to leave, if one can leave it as so many of the higher officials do.

The Government is making a noise as though it might be preliminary to a prosecution of the Smelter Trust. The Smelter Trust is the richest of the trusts aside from the Standard Oil Company. Just how much evidence against it has been gathered by the Government investigators is impossible to say. But if one has lived in a mining country in the past decade, there will not be much question that there is evidence enough against the trust if it can only be dug up. The Smelting Trust is so powerful that it can dictate terms to the railroads and does just as the Standard Oil Company in gaining its first supremacy in the oil business. With the railroads at its mercy, it can, of course, dictate to the miners and even down as far as

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the city of Mexico it has killed off almost all competition and the mines have to sell their ore to the trust or not sell it all. It has not done so well or so ill in Canada, for the Canadian government has not much love for trusts, especially American trusts, and it has not been allowed to get a foothold there.

It will be interesting to see what sort of evidence the Bureau of Corporations has been able to produce against it. The Bureau, by the way, has the investigation of most corporate interests that the Government wants to prosecute and has recently appointed a number of field investigators who may or may not prove the sort of men who are needed for the work. It was rather amusing when "Jimmy" Garfield, now the Secretary of the Interior, was the head of the Bureau of Corporations to see the sort of men he selected for the semi-detective work that was required in preparing Government cases. There were some good technical men in the Bureau who did the most of the work and got little of the credit. But the real favorites of the Commissioner were what was known in the Department of Commerce and Labor as "the Ph. D.'s." These were regular doctors of philosophy, good men in a way and graduates from some of the best universities of the country. The Commissioner was himself a college man and he thought that a man had to be a college graduate. Of course a number of these college investigators proved to be as ignorant and innocent as babies when they were sent into the field. One of the most interesting illustrations was a "Ph. D." who was sent out to Kansas during the investigation of the Standard Oil Company. He stayed in the Kansas field for two months and did not send a line of information to the Department. Then he wrote a report and this is what it was: "The price of axle grease was raised in this territory today half a cent a pound." That was all. He is still in the service of the Bureau of Corporations, but they have him sitting in a nice padded chair in Washington and not doing field work.

There is more interest in the pending summons of John D. Rockefeller before Judge Landis in Chicago than depends on the mere imposition of a fine against the Standard Oil Company. The Government has been interested in the first place to see whether Judge Landis could make good his determination to summon the richest man in the world. Now it appears that he can, rather to the discomfort of said "richest man." But there is more back of it. Judge Landis will nominally ask certain questions preparatory to imposing a fine on the Standard. But these questions will have great bearing also on the suit of the Government to be brought in St. Louis this month for the dissolution of the trust. There is little question that the Government will win this suit, but whether the victory will be of any more practical effect than any of the other victories of the Government over the oil trust, is a serious question.

This week was the anniversary of the battle of Santiago. But it was not celebrated in Washington, as was the anniversary of Dewey's victory in Manila Bay. It has been nine years since Cervera's fleet was destroyed on the south coast of Cuba and as Admiral Schley's dispatch at the time said, there was "Glory enough to go around." But there was so much heart-burning and bitterness after the battle and it came so near blasting a lot of naval reputations as well as disrupting a lot of naval friendships, that the day is not kept as a holiday in Washington.

There are but two issues in this year's campaign in Pennsylvania that interest the people, and they are the honest conduct of the state government and the revision of the present iniquitous tax system. This isn't a year to save the tariff or make "sound money" a campaign slogan. Those are issues of a presidential contest. The battle in Pennsylvania is one of the people against the grafters. It is in no sense a political fight. Party issues are not involved. The people made no mistake when they elected Berry two years ago, and they will make no mistake if they elect Harman to succeed him and continue his good work. The capitol job isn't the only thing about the state government that needs investigating. —Milton Record.

Jesse R. Grant, son of General U. S. Grant, is a possibility as a Presidential candidate on the Democratic ticket next year.

Souvenir Post Cards are printed at this office. Half tones supplied.

**EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY BILL.**

Every Employer of Labor Should be Acquainted With the Measure.

The employers' liability act, which has been signed by the Governor will cause employers to take extraordinary precaution to safeguard their employes. The act is as follows:

"In all the actions brought to recover from the employer for injury suffered by his employes the negligence of a fellow servant of the employer shall not be a defense where the injury was caused or contributed to by any of the following causes, namely:

"Any defect in the works, plant or machinery of which the employer could have had knowledge by the exercise of ordinary care, the neglect of any person engaged as superintendent, manager, foreman or any other person in charge or control of the works, plant or machinery, the negligence of any person to whose orders the employe was bound to conform, and did conform, by reason of his having conformed thereto the injury or death resulted, the act of any fellow-servant done in obedience to the rules, instructions or orders given by the employer or any other person who has authority to direct the doing of said act.

"The manager, superintendent, foreman or other person in charge or control of the works or any part of the works shall under this act be held as the agent of the employer in all suits for damages for death or injury suffered by employes.

**Low Prices and Hard Times.**

[Jasper in Leslie's Weekly.]

Are we deliberately inviting an era of low prices and the hard times that may be expected as their concomitant? It looks like it. This seems to be what the people want. Curiously enough, every one is anxious that the low prices shall not affect him or his business. Each would like to buy from every one else as cheaply as he can, and sell to every one else at the highest figure. The cattle rangers denounce the so-called beef trust whenever the latter reduces the price of cattle. But when the so-called beef trust raises the price of meat, the public denounces it for increasing the cost of living. Producers of oil demand that the Standard Oil shall pay liberal prices for the natural product, while every one who has a monopoly brick to throw aims it at the Standard Oil and demands lower prices for all its commodities. Workingmen while joining in the clamor for lower prices are at the same time combining to demand higher wages. Railroad employes insist on shorter hours and more pay, while Congress and the Legislatures are uniting in a crusade for two-cent fares, lower freight rates, and higher taxes on all the railways own or earn.

The people who denounce trusts and combinations are foremost in organizing combinations and trusts of their own. Workingmen in their unions, milkmen, coal-dealers, icemen, dentists, doctors, nearly all classes of merchants, dealers, and professional men, have agreements to maintain prices or fees, yet every one of these agreements is as much a violation of the Sherman anti-trust law as an agreement between the railways or between any line of manufactures to maintain rates or prices.

A story is told of a Bradford county politician (the sharp and shifty kind) who was urged by his wife to hoe the garden. He couldn't think of any very good reason, so he went at it. Soon he came in with a silver quarter he said he had found. He washed it, put it in his pocket and went back. In a few minutes he showed up with another coin, this time a half dollar. He said there must be a buried treasure in that garden. Then he unearthed a couple of dimes and another quarter. Being very tired, he announced his intention of taking a nap, and duly went to sleep. When he awoke his wife had a dangerous and steely glint in her eye, but the garden was all hoed. It is mistrusted that she hoed while he slept, and that she had failed to find any buried treasure.

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