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Our New State Chairman.

The Democracy of Pennsylvania is literally "putting its best foot forward" this year. The unanimous nomination of John Harman by the recent State convention has been followed by an equally wise choice of a State Committee chairman on Wednesday. State Senator George M. Dimeling will make an ideal campaign manager. He will put into the work all the elements which command success.

Senator Dimeling's political career has been singularly brilliant. He was elected Treasurer of Clearfield county, in which he was born and bred, at a very early age. He is chairman of the Democratic State committee when Judge Allison O. Smith carried the election by overwhelming majority and that result was largely attributable to his ability as a campaigner. His election to the State Senate last fall was a proof alike of his personal popularity and skill in management. His nomination, at the close of his first session, as the candidate of his party for president pro tem. of the body was a compliment as rare as it was well bestowed. It is seldom that such a distinction is conferred on a new Senator.

The selection of Senator Dimeling to the chairmanship of the State committee, therefore, was an expression of the highest measure of political wisdom and sagacity. It will inspire confidence alike in the integrity and the capability of the organization. It is notice to the public that the party has been restored to a condition of sanity and sincerity. Chairman Dimeling will neither default nor blunder. If the party fails of victory it won't be his fault.—Ex.

GROCERY STORES TO BE INSPECTED.

Inspectors of the State agricultural department are making an inspection of all the wholesale and retail groceries in the State and seeing that they conform with the new food laws which have recently been enacted and which require that all goods displayed for sale in bulk or packages shall bear a guarantee of their purity and a statement of their ingredients if they are manufactured from any substance foreign to the original article which they are supposed to represent.

While the State department has instruction to enforce the law to the letter, it is well understood that it will take some time for the grocers to dispose of the goods which they had on hand at the time the law went into effect and every assistance is given to get the law into operation as soon as possible so that there will be no undue activity to secure its enforcement.

As the terms of the law are very intricate and might be misunderstood easily by the novice, the inspectors have been given instructions to visit all grocers, and to thoroughly explain all of the different provisions of the law so that there will be no chance for any question to arise in the near future which might cause unwarranted delays in bringing its operation to the efficiency which is expected.

CASTORIA.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Ayer*

WASHINGTON

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, D. C. July 18, 1907.

In spite of all that has been said to the contrary, the question of whether or not E. H. Harriman shall be subjected to federal prosecution for his railroad manipulations is largely a matter of practical politics. The long expected report of the Interstate Commerce Commission on the Harriman investigation has been rendered and is now in the hands of the President at Oyster Bay. This report is most of it old matter, with which the public is familiar through much newspaper discussion. It goes into the inflation of the Alton securities, the lease of the San Pedro Road, the control of the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific by the same management, although they have been decided to be competing lines and various other incursions of the Harriman financiers into the joint realms of railroads and politics. The report makes but one practical recommendation, and that is that a railroad should be prohibited by law from purchasing the securities of another railroad. This was Mr. Harriman's method whereby he was gradually absorbing all the railroad systems of the West and by which he hoped eventually to bring all the railroads of the United States under a single management. The report of the Commission goes into detail over all these transactions and speaks in scathing terms of many of the practices. But the word "prosecution" is not once mentioned in the report, and the whole thing is left to the Attorney General for treatment or not, as he deems advisable. There has been considerable criticism of this report and it has been commented upon as weak-kneed and ineffective. There was quite as much discussion in the Commission as outside as to whether any definite recommendation should be made looking to either criminal or civil prosecution. Frank B. Kellogg, the special attorney of the Commission, who practically wrote the report, was much in favor of prosecution; so was Commissioner Judson Clements. It was understood that Commissioner Clark was also in favor of prosecution and Commissioner Lane was wavering; but after almost innumerable conferences and weeks of delay, the report was written simply as an exhibit, without recommendation except in regard to the purchase of securities mentioned. Now it is known that Attorney General Bonaparte is rather in favor of prosecuting Mr. Harriman. He made this plain at the famous Trust Prosecution Conference, held at the White House just before the President went away for the summer. But there is too much at stake in the political line to make prosecution advisable just now. It is highly probable that the matter will be allowed to rest without action until close to the time that some of the Acts will be out-lawed by the statute of limitations. Then there may be action, but it will depend largely on the political situation.

Civil Service Commissioner McIlhenny has just returned from a trip through the South, where he has been endeavoring to interest the public in the Civil Service as a life career for young men. He has delivered a number of lectures before the Young Men's Christian Associations and Southern Colleges and other educational institutions. The Civil Service is decidedly short of men competent to take the lower clerical positions. People in the South have shown little inclination to select Government work as even a temporary calling; much less has there been any inclination either North or South to make the Civil Service a life career. It has been looked on more as a stepping stone to some better employment, and this is quite natural in view of the fact that Government salaries are not large, considering the expense of living in Washington. The lower places in the Service are badly enough paid, but when it comes to higher positions requiring technical training, it is hard for the Government to get good men and absolutely impossible to keep them, if they show exceptional ability and any private firm happens to want their services. The Commission believes that by arousing interest in the South it will be able to swell its eligible list, but it is generally conceded that there will have to be further inducements offered, both in the line of salary and pension retirement, before the Civil Service in this country can be ranked as a life career as it is abroad.

Advices to the State Department from the Hague indicate that there is little probability of action on the so-called Drago Doctrine at the present session of the Peace Conference. Strangely enough, some of the strongest opponents of action

in this line are the South American Republics themselves. The Drago Doctrine, it will be remembered, is a sort of supplement to the Monroe Doctrine. Its gist is a prohibition against the collection of debts from any of the South American Republics by armed European force. Of course, such a doctrine is distinctly distasteful to European powers; but objection is made also by some of the South American Republics that it would hurt their national credit and handicap them in borrowing money abroad. On the other hand, this Government takes the view that foreigners who lend money at exorbitant rates of interest on questionable security to South American Governments, should be prepared to take their own risk and not rely on making the warships of their home country debt collecting agencies abroad.

It is greatly feared that Commissioner Neill of the Bureau of Labor will not be able, after all, to avert the telegraph strike which threatens to hamper the business of the whole country. The attitude both of the telegraph operators and their employing companies is unreasonable. The demands of the men in San Francisco for increased pay is defensible, owing to the peculiar living conditions with which they are now faced in that city. The refusal of the telegraph companies to confer with them is unreasonable obstinacy. The telegraphers in other parts of the country, on the other hand, are equally unreasonable in their attitude towards a sympathetic and it is feared that the dispute cannot be settled without an actual strike which will be little short of a calamity to the business community.

Trimmed the Lightning Rod Men.

The papers of the country are full of stories of how lightning rod sharpeners have buncoed the farmers, but from Danville comes one of how Farmer Jesse Bogert, of Liberty township, got \$140 worth of rods on his barn for nothing. The sharpeners worked on him until he allowed them to put up the rods on his barn, for an advertisement, Jesse looking wise and saying nothing. But when they completed the job they wanted him to sign a statement that it was a nice job, just to show that he appreciated the work and to show to his neighbors as an advertisement. Jesse looked it over, said "huh, guess not; ain't signing any papers." The agents stormed, cussed and threatened, but Mr. Bogert was firm, telling them to take the rods down if they wanted to. After offering to settle for \$25, which offer was refused, they drove away cussing the farmer, who sat on the fence and laughed at them.

Here's something new from the Altoona Tribune that everybody ought to read. It won't hurt those it does not hit and it may let those that it does hit see the estimate the community puts on them: The evil tongue frequently creates a multitude of sorrows, sometimes breaks up families and often fills premature graves or the cells of lunatic asylums. Reckless mendacity is a vice of the most malignant character. It is, indeed, characterless as well as merciless. Good citizens ought to combine to scourge the tale-bearer out of the community to which he is so deadly a foe. He is responsible for many evil things that would never come to birth had it not been for his exertions.

Don't be startled by a crash of thunder. No man ever heard the shock by which he was killed. Lightning travels at an inconceivable swiftness in a second, while thunder, like the report of a cannon, passes more slowly through the atmosphere. The proximity of danger from lightning is easily discoverable by observing the length of time which passes between its flash and the report of thunder; for lightning and thunder always accompany each other simultaneously; but at a distance the lightning is perceived almost instantaneously.

It costs this country six billions of dollars to care for her criminals and paupers, and what makes the cost appear the more disagreeable is the fact that the larger part of this money is expended in the maintenance of foreign criminals and paupers.

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.75	- now -	.55

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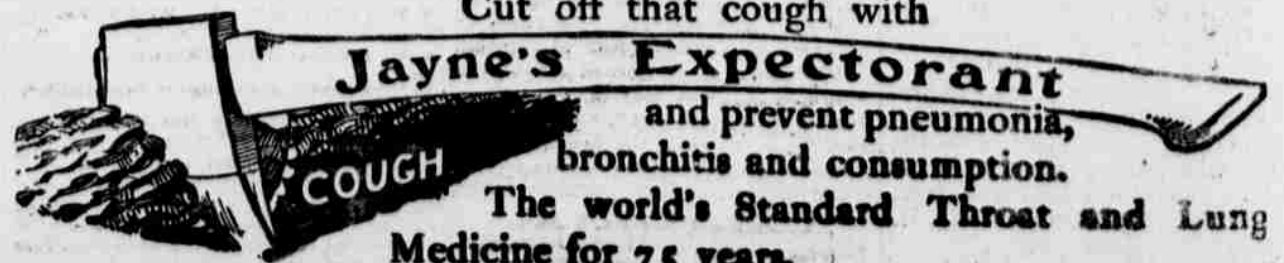
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