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## HARMAN'S SERVICE FOR REFORM

The fitness of John G. Harman, Democratic nominee for State Treasurer, for that important office is completely revealed in his record as a Representative in the Legislature during the sessions of 1905 and 1906. Mr. Harman is more a lawyer than a financier but he is business man enough to understand the peculiar relations of the office of State Treasurer to political conditions and parties. The question was not considered during the regular session of 1905. The Penrose machine, in complete control at that time and "drunk with power," was confident of the future to both with such trifles, though Mr. Harman warned them of the impending revolt.

But during the special session the question presented itself in unmistakable form. That session was called not, as many suppose, for the purpose of enacting real reform legislation, but in order to make such a pretense as would fool the public. In pursuance of that purpose the law "to regulate the deposits of state funds," was enacted and but for the vigilance and ability of John G. Harman, then a Representative in the Legislature for Columbia county, the machine control of that service would have been perpetuated. In fact the provisions of the bill, as planned by the machine, invested Auditor General Snyder, State Treasurer Matthews, Banking Commissioner Berkey and Secretary of the Commonwealth McAfee, four of the most servile political hacks who ever prostituted the public service, with the power of disposing of the deposits during the entire term of State Treasurer Berry.

Previous to the passage of the law in question the State Treasurer exercised complete control of the deposits. The Board of Revenue Commissioners had some right to intervene but never exercised it and the State Treasurers farmed the funds for their personal or political advantage. Mr. Berry asked for legislation to correct this evil and under pretense of complying with the request the machine Legislature wearing a reform mask proceeded to enact a law which would have gone into effect before Mr. Berry's induction into office, and given the henchmen named power to fix the deposits for Mr. Berry's full term, and everybody knows how they would have disposed of it.—*Watchman*.

## COLUMBIA COUNTY'S ASSESSMENT

Real Estate Valuation Gains Over a Million Dollars During the Year.

The Columbia county commissioners have finished the revision of the triennial assessments. The work has all been tabulated and it shows large increases over the figures of former years. This increase will bring into the county treasury a large amount of money. The value of all the real estate in the county last year according to the returns of the assessors was \$12,381,691. This year the same is assessed at \$13,101,305, showing an increase of \$719,614. This includes all the real estate in the county, quite a good deal of which, churches and the like, is exempt from taxation.

## A PLANNED DELAY.

It is now said that the capitol investigation commission's report may not be made for two or three weeks. Then, of course, the governor and attorney general will take considerable time to decide what action they will take. Probably a short time before election day some prosecutions will be begun with a great flourish of trumpets. It will, of course, be impossible to try any of the accused persons before the election. It has evidently been the object of the Republican leaders to bring about this state of affairs. They do not want any of the capitol grafters tried before the election. To that end they have delayed action by the investigation commission.

There was no good reason why the commission should not have made a report to the Legislature before it adjourned. It had plenty of evidence in its possession, and with greater diligence could have collected more. Warrants should have been issued two months ago for the arrest of the capitol grafters, and indictments found against them and their cases fixed for trial by this time. But this program did not suit the machine leaders. It would be most awkward for them should some of the grafters be acquitted by a friendly jury before the election took place, or if some of them should be convicted and then turn State's evidence against their influential political backers. Therefore it was necessary that matters should be delayed, so that no trials would be possible until after the election.

If the election should result in favor of the machine candidate for State Treasurer then it would be taken as an indication that the people were not interested in the capitol steal, and that there was no necessity for pushing the cases against the grafters. That the program for delay was deliberately planned there can be no doubt. It remains to be seen whether the people approve of the actions of those responsible for it.—*Pittsburg Post*.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Nathan Schaeffer has just issued a circular to the various boroughs and county superintendents in the state to the effect that teachers must file certificates granted by the superintendents before they become eligible to receive the benefits of the new salary act as passed by the last legislature. These blanks have not yet been prepared, but will be sent to the various borough and county superintendents in ample time for filing prior to the opening of the schools. All teachers holding certificates or all normal school graduates who have taught less than two years will receive the minimum salary of \$40, while all holding professional certificates will receive a minimum salary of \$50.

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## WHY JAPAN WANTS NO WAR.

(William H. Brill in Leslie's Weekly.)

There are those who believe that the time will come when America and Japan must fight for the mastery of the Pacific, but even if that time is coming it is many years away. Neither country wants to fight now; neither country has any excuse for fighting. While the mastery of the Pacific may some day cause the two countries to appeal to arms, neither of them today has the slightest desire for war, and neither has the slightest thing to gain from war. Japan has her hands full in Korea and Manchuria and America is not yet awake to the fact that her future lies in the Pacific. That talk of war is silly becomes evident if one makes even a cursory examination of the facts. In the first place, no one believes that the American government would precipitate war, but there are many who believe that the Japanese government intends to do so. One statement is as foolish as the other. Japan has no idea of making war on the United States, and even if she wanted to do so it would be impossible for many reasons. Some one once said that in order to carry on a war a country needed ten things. The first was determination, the second men, the third equipment, and the other seven money. Now, admitting that the Japanese as a nation possessed the first of these, determination to fight the United States, what of the other requirements?

First, money. Japan's lack of money, if nothing else, would serve to prevent war at this time. In 1902 the Japanese national debt amounted to about \$215,000,000, of which only \$50,000,000 was held abroad. Today the national debt is approximately \$900,000,000, two-thirds of which is foreign. In 1902 the total revenue of the government was about \$147,000,000, and the expenditures were about \$144,000,000. The estimated revenue for 1907 was \$120,000,000, and the estimated expenditures \$506,000,000. This difference was to be made up in part by the floating of another loan of \$100,000,000. On the foreign loans which Japan floated for the purpose of paying the expenses of the war with Russia interest is being paid at from four to six per cent., and on her internal loans the interest runs from five to seven per cent. Efforts are now being made to withdraw the six per cent. bonds and replace them with bonds drawing only four and one-half per cent. To secure her enormous foreign loans, made at a time when Japan was fighting for her very existence, the Japanese were forced to pledge most of their national income, their customs receipts and the receipts of the tobacco and other monopolies.

With this financial showing, where could Japan obtain the money required for a very long and very costly war? The money that defeated Russia came from America and England. In a war with the United States what country is there that would take the chance of loaning Japan such an enormous sum as would be required? No matter how much sentiment there might be in Japan's favor—and there is at least one great Power that would without doubt welcome such a conflict—sentiment has never been a failing of the great European bankers, and it is from them, in the end, that the money must come.

## A Beautiful Flag.

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Almost to a man the G. A. R. Posts in the state will bolt Sheatz and support Harman. The soldier is not wrong in accusing the Republican candidate for Treasurer in aiding in the defeat of the Pension Bill, and any soldier who will cast his ballot for the gang nominee will be found in the pay of the machine.

## ANTITOXIN.

The State department of health has saved many more lives among the poor of Pennsylvania by the free distribution of diphtheria antitoxin as shown by the records of these cases thus treated during the first six months of 1907. During that period the death rate from diphtheria among the cases treated with the state antitoxin was only eight per cent. as compared with eleven per cent. for the first six months of 1906. Health Commissioner Dixon attributed this very largely to the fact that the physicians throughout the State are now using the antitoxin earlier and in more liberal doses. During the first six months of 1907 there were 1,712 cases of diphtheria in Pennsylvania treated by the antitoxin supplied free of charge by the department of health's five hundred distributing stations. Out of this number 1,500 persons, nearly all children, were restored to health and strength. During this same period also, 1,073 persons were treated with the State's antitoxin in immunizing doses and records show that of this number only eighteen contracted the disease. The great work that Pennsylvania is doing in saving the lives of the children of the poor people who could not afford to buy antitoxin when their little ones are stricken with diphtheria has attracted attention all over the country and the health commissioner is continually receiving letters from other states asking information as to the methods of distribution pursued by his department.

## 'THE OLD WORLD AND ITS WAYS.'

This is the title of a new and profusely illustrated book by Col. William Jennings Bryan, recounting his noted journey around the earth and through Europe, which was so widely heralded through the American Press.

The book is an illustrated and descriptive record of that journey, which is so memorable in current history. The journey embraced a period of a year, and covered practically all the nations of the earth.

Col. Bryan traveled with camera and pencil, and not only described, in brilliant phrase, what he saw, but further illustrated his journey by photographs. The photographs constitute a striking pictorial presentation and lend especial interest to the book. They number 240 and they show in picture the world as he saw it. They constitute just that many striking Object Lessons of the people of all countries in their cities, towns and villages—in their homes and everyday occupations.

The book will interest every reader as a unique presentation of a wonderfully interesting journey. It is sold only through solicitors. The Thompson Publishing Company, St. Louis, Mo., are the fortunate publishers. They advertise for agents in another column of this issue.

## Woman's Home Companion.

The September *Woman's Home Companion* is remarkable principally for two things—the exquisite cover by Earl Stetson Crawford, which won the \$1,500 prize recently offered by the *Companion*, and for an excellent article on "The Influence of Business Life on Women," by Anna Steese Richardson. This September cover represents the highest achievement in magazine-cover work yet produced, and the article mentioned above will make a profound impression on all people interested in the subject of women in business life, as it is the candid expression of a woman who has made a pronounced business success herself.

The fiction in this number is far above the average. Anthony Hope continues his charming novel, "Helen's Path," and Jennette Lee, the late Julia Magruder, Grace MacGowan Cooke and several others contribute short stories. Dr. Edward Everett Hale's monthly editorial page is on the subject of Letter Writing. Grace Margaret Gould the fashion editor, has special pattern pages for children's and young ladies' school clothes. Fannie M. Farmer tells how to cook the different kinds of macaroni, and all the other departments—embroidery, dressmaking, knitting, etc.—are full of timely and helpful suggestions.

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## THE SILVER BLEACHED TABLE LINEN.

Silver Bleach. Table Linen  
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