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Roberts Writes.

President Roberts, of the Pennsylvania railroad, tells the representatives of the Philadelphia trade organizations who asked him whether the Pennsylvania railroad company was pressing the passage of the bill forbidding grade crossings in this city, and wherefore it was so doing, that it is a fact that the railroad company is supporting the bill; that it is so doing because all grade crossings are unsafe and that those who make inquiry of him do not understand what the bill which they condemn provides. He lets them know that it is fathered by his company; and that it is proud of it and thinks it wholly good.

Mr. Roberts did not write this letter, though he signs it. He would hardly have been so impertinent and false in his statements. We have been wont to look upon Mr. Roberts as inclined to honesty, far more than his associates in the Pennsylvania railroad direction, which is inclined otherwise by his wicked partners, who control its political work far more than he does. It is discreditable to him, however, that he should have permitted himself to sign this letter while pretending that this bill which his company has caused to be introduced, controls his railroad as much as any other railroad, and is inspired only by the honest desire of his company to abolish grade crossings. To prove that the bill is a fair one, Mr. Roberts points out that it empowers the court to authorize grade crossings wherever a necessity exists for them, and he thinks that this simply means the charge that the Pennsylvania railroad desires to ham-string competing railroad projects in Philadelphia and Pittsburg.

He forgets to mention, however, that this provision is an amendment made but two weeks ago to the bill his company framed and that it was adopted against its opposition. No one will suppose for a moment that the Pennsylvania Railroad company presses this bill without a selfish motive, as Mr. Roberts unblushingly pretends that it does, and he simply discredits his respectability in making the incredible claim. The bill is one that perpetuates the Pennsylvania railroad's monopoly of the use of steam upon the streets of Philadelphia and Pittsburg; and as such must be condemned.

Harrison's Purpose.

Judging from the growling of the Republican politicians and noting the deliberation with which changes in the more important offices of the civil service are made, we conclude that the president is conscientiously and determinedly bent upon redeeming his promise to put only good men in office. We are told that he makes a personal inquiry into each case and that his cabinet officers' function in filling the higher offices extends only to a recommendation.

This is a proper practice in the present hardly admits of question. The duty of filling these places is imposed upon him by the law and he has the responsibility of its proper discharge. Experience teaches that the recommendations of the office seekers are untrustworthy, coming even from the highest sources. John Sherman, for instance, has lately been seen to have recommended for controller a notoriously black sheep. The success of administration lies in making good chiefs of departments; and those who are disposed to disparage the duty of selecting them do not know of what they speak. There is a notable illustration of this in the complaint made by Bishop Potter, who delivered the generally very good New York centennial sermon in St. Paul's church, that the president has been steadily engaged since his inauguration in filling offices, and has had no time to give to any other duty. Though this is true, it is not a condemnation of the president or the duty.

It is believed by nearly all the statesmen of our country, that a change of important officials, at the end of their term, is generally expedient; and that a change of administration should be accompanied by a new change of officers. The civil service law defines the limits of this change, and if it is wise to further limit it, the future law will so provide. But the country needs to shun an aristocracy of officeholders, and will always want "to shake these children up."

President Harrison we regret to understand is hardly strong enough physically for the task he has set himself; and he is likely to fall a sacrifice to the zeal with which he scrutinizes the list of applicants for office and battles with the hungry set of applicants and with the big political guns who press for their selection, regardless of their fitness, and insist only upon their party or personal service. All of the men who have undertaken to dictate to Harrison have come to grief; and we now believe that while his lamp holds out to burn he will inflexibly maintain his resolution to follow his own judgment in the distribution of the offices. We do not see a single Republican leader standing up before him and getting his demands for the asking. We understand Harrison's purpose to be the appointment of Republicans as fast as the present terms of incumbents end and to regard party service as a prime but not a sole qualification. No reasonable fault can be found with this purpose; which runs in line with the theory of our government. If Harrison can live through the pressure, the country will congratulate itself; for there would not be a rag of the Harrison policy left under Morton. And it is notable that neither the present vice president or secretary of state is a first-class life insurance four years back; and that it is quite possible that they may have several administrations before the next election, and a perfect blackboard of office changing.

No Authority.

The appropriation by councils of \$200 for the Grand Army of the Republic for Memorial Day, was made seemingly in violation of the city solicitor's opinion, and in the mayor's office, declaring that he has no authority to make such appropriations. But we suppose that the

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