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THE PRESIDENTS REPLY.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON Sept., 11, 1885.

HON. DORMAN B. EATON.

My Dear Sir.—I am in receipt of your letter tendering your resignation as a member of the Board of Civil Service Commissioners.

THE ATTITUDE OF THE PARTY.

You will agree with me, I think, that the support which has been given to the present administration in its efforts to preserve and advance this reform by a party restored to power after an exclusion for many years from participation in the places attached to the public service; confronted with a new system precluding the redistribution of such places in its interest; called upon to surrender advantages which a perverted partisanship had taught the American people belonged to succeed and perturbed with the suspicion, always raised in such an emergency, that their rights in the conduct of this reform had not been scrupulously regarded, should receive due acknowledgment, and should confirm our belief that there is a sentiment among the people better than a desire to hold office, and a patriotic impulse, upon which may safely rest the integrity of our institutions and the strength and perpetuity of our government.

I have determined to request you to retain your present position until November 1 next, at which time your resignation may become operative.

I desire to express my entire confidence in your attachment to the cause of civil service reform, and your ability to render it efficient aid, and I indulge the hope and expectation that notwithstanding the acceptance of your resignation, your interest in the object for which you have labored so assiduously will continue beyond the official term which you surrender.

Yours, very truly, GROVER CLEVELAND.

THE READING TAKES A HAND.

HARRISBURG, September 23.—The Philadelphia and Reading Railroad and Philadelphia Coal and Iron Companies to-day filed a bill in equity in the Prothonotary's office here to compel the South Pennsylvania Railroad Company to complete its line and thus fulfill its contracts with the companies indicated and to prevent the American Construction Company from interference to their detriment.

Justice to prove sincerity which is most gratifying. If such treatment of those upon whom the duty rests of administering the Government according to reform methods was the universal rule, and if the embarrassments and perplexities attending such an administration were fairly regarded by all those professing to be friendly to such methods, the avowed enemies of the cause would be afforded less encouragement.

I believe in civil service reform and its application in the most practicable form attainable, among other reasons because it opens the door for the rich and poor alike to a participation in public place-holding, and I hope the time is at hand when all our people will see the advantage of a reliance for such an opportunity upon merit and fitness, instead of a dependence upon the caprice or selfish interest of those who impudently stand between the people and the machinery of their Government.

WHAT THE READING HAS SPENT.

It is set forth in the bill in equity that the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company in pursuance of the obligation imposed upon it by the terms of the indicated agreement has expended over \$180,000 to provide a connecting line from its Lebanon Valley line in this city to that of the South Pennsylvania in this city.

A Secret Discovered.

MILLERS PA. September 28.—The terrible experience near Longfellow this county of Foreman Keeps, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, six weeks ago, will not have been forgotten by the readers of the Patriot; how, while on his way home on a Friday evening with a check for his month's earnings in his pocket, Keeps was attacked by three men, gagged and robbed, and then bound to the track while the roar of a fast approaching freight train could be heard in the distance.

THE POSITION OF THE CABINET.

Reference in your letter to the attitude of the members of my cabinet to the merit system established by the Civil Service law, beside being entirely correct, exhibits an appreciation of honest endeavor in the direction of reform, and a disposition to do

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According to the contract specified in the bill in equity the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company, the Pittsburg, McKeesport, and Youghiogeny, the Pittsburg and Lake Erie, and the South Pennsylvania Railroad companies agreed that their several lines of railway should be used for the interchange of traffic so that all railway traffic from the line of one should pass to and over the lines of the others; and the Philadelphia and Reading and the South Pennsylvania Railroad companies agreed that each of the said parties should have an easement or leasehold estate upon and over the lines of the other to be exercised for the movement of traffic in case either of the parties should fail to comply with the covenants in the agreement with respect thereto.

At last came the one great secret he was there to learn. The details of how the history of the affair was imparted to him, and for what purpose the stranger was taken into the confidence of the guilty men, have not been told.

HARRISBURG, September, 29.—The cases of the commonwealth against the South Pennsylvania, Northern Central, and Beech Creek railroads, came up for argument on a continuation of the preliminary injunction this morning.

Our subscribers who reside in and near Pine Grove Mills will do well to read the advertisement in another column of this paper, of E. E. Young, who is engaged in selling all kinds of groceries, queensware, glassware, tobacco, Cigars, etc., at remarkably low prices.

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did not stop at the \$500 reward. The hard-headed officials determined to find the guilty parties, and some people know now if they did not previously that the word "can" has no existence in the railroad's vocabulary.

At Lewistown, a week after Keeps had wriggled himself from his boots, an awkward-looking man, dressed in the garb of a laborer, got out of a car. When the train he came on had gone its way, this man ambled up the track. The stranger looked like a railroad trackman, and when he reached Longfellow and made application to the section boss for work there was no hesitation in giving him a job.

The detective played his game well, and, after having gained all the information necessary, had them arrested, and they are now in the Millin County jail, in this place, awaiting trial.

The courts, however, decided in favor of an examiner, and the parties interested withdrew to decide on the examiner and the time to be allowed him for taking evidence.

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GERMAN COLOGNE. Two years have passed by since we introduced to the public our Green's Pharmacy, BUSH HOUSE BLOCK, BELLEFONTE, PA. Telephone Connection.

PITTSBURGH FEMALE COLLEGE. AND PITTSBURGH CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC.—100 FULL MUSIC LESSONS FOR \$10.

S. A. STOVER'S MARBLE SHOP. This cut represents a workman in S. A. STOVER'S MARBLE SHOP, where you can buy at the lowest prices, the VERY BEST kind of Marble or Granite Monuments, Head-Stones and Burial Vaults.

STEUBENVILLE, O., FEMALE SEMINARY. Reopens Sept. 15th. Re-built in part; re-organized; thoroughly equipped in all departments.

CHINA HALL REMOVAL. W. H. WILKINSON, Agent for John Wanamaker, has removed to store room: In Centre County Bank Building.

NOVELTY STORE. I have just recently opened a store in the rooms adjoining Harper & Co., store on Spring street, Bellefonte, Pa.

WIN more money than at anything else by taking an agency for the best selling book out.

HELP for working people. Send 10 cents postage, and we will mail you free, a royal, valuable sample box of goods that will put you in the way of making more money in a few days than you ever thought possible at any business.