



The democratic state convention for Pennsylvania in session at Harrisburg, nominated Wm. H. Berry for state treasurer and John B. Head for superior court judge. The platform was confined to state issues with special reference to conditions in Philadelphia growing out of the gas lease. The Philadelphia Telegraph says: "Mr. Head's nomination is equivalent to election, since the law provides that when four superior court judges are to be elected, which is the case this year, no elector may vote for more than three. Some of the delegates to the convention wanted to nominate three candidates for judge, but the leaders were opposed to the nomination of more than one and their advice prevailed."

Secretary Hitchcock has decided that all purchase money received with applications for timber and stone lands which are afterwards found to be fraudulent, must be forfeited to the government.

Major John M. Carson, for many years Washington correspondent for the Philadelphia Ledger, has been appointed chief of the bureau of manufactures in the department of commerce.

Federal District Judge Elmer B. Adams of St. Louis has been appointed to succeed the late A. M. Thayer as circuit judge.

Alfonso, the young king of Spain has been paying a visit to President Loubet of France. On May 31, while the king and president were riding in a carriage, a bomb was thrown with the result that several of the partys' attendants were injured. The young king stated to President Loubet that this was his fourth providential escape from an attempt on his life. Several persons have been arrested for the bomb throwing and one is said to have made a confession to the effect that the attempt on the king's life was a conspiracy formed by a number of Spaniards.

The Gunnison tunnel near Montrose, Colo., caved in, burying a large number of working men. Six bodies have already been recovered.

Cablegrams from Tokio say that in the great sea battle, the Japanese lost 113 officers and men killed, and 424 officers and men wounded. Admiral Togo, responding to congratulations from the emperor, said: "We gained a success beyond our expectation, due to the brilliant virtue of your majesty and to the protection of the spirits of your immortal ancestors, and not to the action of any human being. We shall be faithful and answer to the imperial will."

An Associated Press dispatch under date of New York, June 1, says Samuel Lobley, who has been on trial in the supreme court in Brooklyn charged with fraudulently obtaining money on a life insurance policy which is alleged to have been stolen from the

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vaults of the Equitable Life Assurance society in this city, today withdrew his plea of not guilty and entered a plea of guilty. Lobley told the court that the total sum received on the stolen property was approximately \$55,000. Of this amount he said his share was only \$10,000. He said that Emil Neumer, the Equitable clerk, now under arrest, came to him with the proposition that money be raised on the policy. Neumer told him, Lobley said, that there was at least a million to be had from the Equitable and that with the assistance of four others it could be made to produce that amount.

Robert W. Furnas, a Nebraska pioneer and former governor of the state, died at Lincoln June 1, aged 81.

The Lewis-Clark exposition at Portland was formally opened by President Roosevelt June 1.

An Associated Press cablegram under date of Stockholm, May 29, follows: The press and public are discussing the crisis between Norway and Sweden over the question of separate consular representation with great calmness, though they fully recognize the gravity of the situation. A dissolution of the union is regarded as almost inevitable, but the press and public stand fairly by the side of the king for the upholding of his constitutional rights.

London, May 30.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that the Norwegians are very angry because the king refused to go to Christiania. Rumors of war, the correspondent says, continue to be circulated, and it is stated the Swedish troops will be gathered in Warmland. It is also rumored that the crown prince is attending the royal wedding at Berlin, and during his visit to Windsor castle will try to secure the intervention of Germany and England in favor of Sweden.

An Associated Press dispatch under date of Minneapolis, Minn., May 29, says: A private cablegram from Christiania received today by Claus Winter Hjelm says Norway has seceded from the union and the reigning house. Bernadette Winter Hjelm is supreme court attorney of Norway. Claus Winter Hjelm is with the Norwegian student singers en tour. No details are given in the dispatch.

Gustavus A. Finklenburg has been appointed United States District Judge at St. Louis to succeed Elmer B. Adams.

A cablegram from Tokio to the Denver News says: Japan is to have a Monroe doctrine for Asia, and she will be able to enforce it. There has been more or less talk to this effect in European capitals for some time, but there is now confirmation from official sources. A commission consisting of military and naval staffs and some of the strongest men in the empire is already at work formulating the plan and scope of the doctrine and methods of its promulgation and enforcement. The work has been practically complete—but no action will be taken until peace has been arranged with Russia or the Russians have been driven from Manchuria. In a general way the Japanese prepare to hold the same relation to eastern and southeastern Asia that the United States holds to North and South America. Existing

rights of the powers will be recognized, but there can be no acquisition or further territory in Asia by an European or American power. The fact of the existence of this commission has been kept secret until, in the jubilation over the overwhelming success of Togo in the straits of Tsushima, the nature of the work was whispered. It also is said that France will feel the first effects of the new doctrine.

Charles J. Bonaparte of Baltimore, has been chosen to succeed Paul Morton as secretary of the navy. Mr. Morton will go to New York where he will identify himself with the Whitney railroad interests.

George E. Lorenz of Toledo has turned states evidence in the post-office cases. He declared that an agreement had been formed between himself, Machen and Crawford to get contracts in the postoffice department and that they had shared in the profits.

The papers announce the death of Ex-Congressman Milton I. Southard of Zanesville, Ohio. He was a democrat in politics, and always active upon the stump.

**PLAINTIVE PRESIDENTS**

The railroad presidents who have decided to organize "to defend ourselves and our rights" are sorrowfully regretting their negligence in not organizing earlier. They tell us that the shippers of the country have aggressively gone to work to delude public opinion while the railroad presidents have been snoozing the snooze of the just.

To anyone who is familiar with the concession-seeking lobbies that railroads have maintained at Washington and at the state capitals, with the activity of the railway press agents and with the activity of the joint publicity bureaus the roads have recently established, the offended innocence of the presidents will seem worthy of being greeted with a shout.

It is too late in the day to try to pull wool over the eyes of the public in this manner. Not the railway companies, but the public is on the defensive. The laws for federal control that are being sought are not laws to deprive the railway companies of their own management of their properties, but to prohibit the misuse of that right of management to the detriment of classes, sections and special lines of trade. If the railroad presidents can answer the arguments of their opponents, well and good, but the plaintive note does not become them at all.—Chicago Record-Herald.

**NO LIFE TENURE FOR JUDGES**

Recent experiences in the United States courts have convinced many people that the life tenure of office for judges has undesirable features.

The inflexible life tenure, without any provision for compulsory retirement, means that judges in many instances will remain on the bench after their period of usefulness has expired. Their activity and health may have been impaired and their mental faculties weakened, but it is in their power to insist upon discharging, or attempting to discharge, the duties of federal judges. There have been instances when United States supreme court judges should have been retired long before they saw fit to leave the bench. Some of them have clung to their positions when they were altogether incapacitated for duty. Others have remained on the bench when they were only half fit physically to do their work, thus throwing upon their associates more than their just proportion of the labor of the court.—Chicago Tribune.

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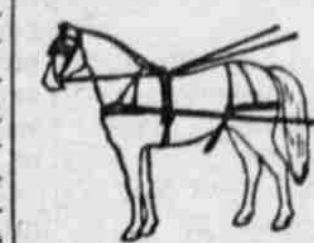
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