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STATES RIGHTS ON TRIAL.

Elihu Root's address before the Pennsylvania society reduces to the certainty of mathematical demonstration the dilemma which the progress of events has brought about, namely, that either the states must provide adequate control of business activities or the national government will secure it.

How far we have been carried from the circumstances which the framers of the national constitution had in mind is notably certified by the disappearance of the state sovereignty doctrine as a popular tenet, especially within the last two or three decades. Originally it had substantial significance as a protest against national interference with business affairs which, under the conditions then existing, could be sufficiently or better controlled by the states.

It by no means follows that the potency of the people for self-protection through local government has been exhausted. In fact, they have thus far latent powers which, because of the complications arising from the concentrated influences and scope of incorporated business, have not been utilized.

There is substantial ground for the sentiment of local government, but it is absolutely conditioned upon the efficiency of local government. It is therefore up to the states to demonstrate their ability to deal with these problems of present day life, and never were state legislatures and all state authorities so critically on trial as at this moment.

CONFIRMATION OF MOODY. The senate has at length confirmed the president's nominations for the cabinet, and also the nomination of William H. Moody to be associate justice of the supreme court, but not with the grace that would have been becoming.

While confirmation has now been made, and while no serious inconvenience results so far as the offices of the nominees are concerned, the impression on the public mind is far from pleasant, because the trivial excuses alleged for the unusual procedure carry the inference of a hostile spirit in the senate toward Mr. Moody.

COMMERCE COMMISSION'S WORK. It is suggestive that the complaints, apparently made by preconcert, that the Interstate Commerce commission is overburdened with work under the amended law and should be relieved of much of it, emanate from precisely those quarters in which the new law encountered most inveterate opposition.

It is true that an immense amount of business has been thrown upon the commission, but it was foreseen that this would be the case. A large proportion of it, however, is incidental to inauguration of its enlarged jurisdiction and therefore temporary.

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Some Pertinent Advice. The letter which Chairman Rose has addressed to the republican members of the coming legislature contains some timely information as well as pertinent advice.

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FRENCH CHURCH CRISIS. Character and Value of Property Reverting to the State. Under the separation law now in operation in France all church property not taken over by associations in accordance with the law is subject to seizure by the state and reverted to the community wherein the property is located.

Russia's plea for an alliance with the United States against Japan shows that the czar is missing no chance to check his oriental rival for Asiatic supremacy; but Uncle Sam has met Greeks bearing gifts before.

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A Christmas Suggestion

Why not buy Mother, Wife, or Sweetheart a Diamond? Nothing you could think of would be more valuable, more appropriate or more appreciated. Do not worry over lack of ready cash.

Watches and Diamonds on Credit

My diamonds are sold on a very close margin—every stone is perfect—a guarantee goes with each stone. \$5 to \$500. Ladies' and Gentlemen's Gold Filled Watches in choice of the best American and imported movements—guaranteed 20-year case—from \$12.50 to \$300.

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PERSONAL NOTES.

Lord Charles Bessford, who has just been given the rank of admiral, is in his sixty-first year. Colonel George Grenville Benedict, for more than fifty-three years editor of the Burlington (Vt.) Daily Free Press and, in point of years of continuous service, probably the oldest editor in the country, reached his eightieth birthday recently.

Samuel G. Ward, formerly a Boston banker and one of Ralph Waldo Emerson's most intimate friends, is still living in Washington. He is one of two survivors of the Harvard class of 1828, and is one of three survivors of the Boston Latin school class of 1827.

Dr. Alfred C. Haddon, the English ethnologist, who has traversed the wilds of Africa, New Guinea and Melanesia, is in the country to make an inspection of the American museum. Dr. Haddon has been here before and has a high opinion of American interest in scientific investigations and studies of ancient peoples.

THE RED DESERT. Denver Republican. The wallows are white-dogged with alkali. Like the loam unsoaked on a dead man's lips. Two old clouds hang in the sky. As the doldrums might hold two helpless wasps.

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