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PUBLIC SERVICE WORK MOUNTING

Numerous Hearings Are Scheduled For the State Organization Next Month

The probability is that the Public Service Commission at its next meeting will appoint an engineer and an accountant which will practically complete the organization of the Commission so far as the major positions are concerned.

Borough of Butler--petition for the approval of an overhead crossing; Pennsylvania Paraffine Works, et al, vs Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Excessive rate on oil, Walford to Titusville; Pennsylvania Railroad Company. March 13--Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company--application for grade crossing in Erie, Pa.; Allegheny Auto Livery Company--application for approval of charter; Borough of Richland--application for purchase of plant of Richland Water Company; Eastern & Western Railroad Company--application for approval of charter; W. D. Matheson, et al, vs Middletown & Swatara Consolidated Water Company. Alleged excessive rates for service.

on the grounds that they are excessive and discriminatory. John Bauman & Company, Reading, complain that the Consumers' Gas Company will not furnish service until the complainants pay for the installation of the main service to their works with the guarantee as to the extent of the consumption. Concerning the complaint of Elmer M. Jones, of Norristown, that the steps of the cars of the Philadelphia & Western Railway are too high, the company advises the Commission that it is experimenting with a new automatic folding step which will clear all obstruction on the road and at the same time will give satisfactory service to the people.

SENATOR PENROSE HIS CANDIDATE

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Senate and assails the administration's Mexican policy severely. Senator Penrose makes the tariff the dominant issue of his canvass, and his candidacy is expected to attract national interest in view of the prominent part he has taken in Washington in the framing of Republican tariff legislation.

Senator Penrose condemns the attitude of the Wilson administration in its dealings with the Mexican situation and reiterates his demand that protection be given Americans living in or having business interests in the troubled republic.

Expressing a desire for a free and untrammelled contest for all nominations to be made at the Republican primaries, Senator Penrose scores the slating of candidates by the Palmer Democrats and the Flinn Bull Mooseers, and incidentally fires a shot at the Pittsburgher, whom he refers to as "a notorious municipal candidate."

Announcement of Candidacy. Senator Penrose's statement follows: "Within recent years there has come into politics a tendency toward broader popular control which it behooves all parties and candidates to recognize. The representative system of government has been materially abridged. Work previously done by the convention has been taken over, to a very large extent, by the individual voter. Whatever differences of opinion may have existed in the past, it is evident that the change has come, and should be cheerfully acquiesced in by every one as the final decision of a majority of the people.

"The popular primary should be observed in spirit and in letter. On May 19 the electors of the various parties in Pennsylvania will be called upon for the first time to nominate a ticket including candidates for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of Internal Affairs and congressmen-at-large. In regard to this State ticket, I have studiously avoided any expression which might be interpreted as an attempt to override the letter or the spirit of the State-wide primary act. I have in good faith and sincerity invited discussion, and have hoped that several candidates would announce for the nominations at the Republican primaries for the several offices to be filled in November. Open and free discussions of candidates among the Republican electors of the State would tend to bring out a large Republican vote at the primary election in May, and would further tend to strengthen the party for the general election.

"It would seem that the Democratic party and the so-called Washington party in Pennsylvania have not as yet awakened to the new dispensation. Leaders in the Democratic party have met in Washington and by direction of the President have proclaimed a slate and issued their orders to the electors as though the popular primary were mere formality unworthy of consideration.

"Such presidential interference many years ago caused the defeat of a Republican candidate for Governor of the State of New York and would, up to a recent period, have been resented by the electors. Still, so far as this system of coercion been carried that it has been intimated that another candidate, who presumes to exercise his privilege of running for the office of Governor, should not be supported should be succeeded in getting the nomination.

"In the same way a few members of the so-called Washington party, under the leadership of a notorious municipal contractor, have met at Harrisburg, have proclaimed their slate, issued instructions as to who should be nominated for senator and governor and the other offices, and have declared that no other need apply.

For Free and Open Contest. "It remains for the Republican party to demonstrate its adherence to the principles of the State-wide primary law which have been so lightly cast aside by the leaders of the other two parties. If the opportunity for discussion and decision presented to the people is to be real and bona fide, if the popular primary election act is to be anything more than the false pretense of selfishness and a device to chizzle and improve conditions, we must see to it that no faction and no leader shall be permitted to dictate a single one of the nominations to be made next May.

"No one should be allowed to dominate factions in the other two parties may defy the intent and purposes of the primary act. I sincerely hope that the Republican party will welcome the advent of any and all Republicans who possess the requirements prescribed by law and who desire to become candidates for any of the offices to be filled.

"At the urgent solicitation of many persons in all walks of life I have consented to become a candidate to succeed myself as United States senator. I have full confidence in my record during eighteen years of service in the Senate of the United States, and as part of that discussion I welcome the candidacy of any Republican who may aspire to the nomination of the Republican party for the office of United States senator at the approaching primaries.

"I shall have completed my present term in the Senate. I will have served continuously in legislative office for a period of thirty years. As a member of the House of Representatives of the State of Pennsylvania, and the Senate of the United States, I have given the best year of my life to the public service. During that time I have always found that my vote always has been used to the benefit of every public question, and it will be admitted generally that my door has been open to my constituents as freely to the poor as to the rich, and to all men, regardless of distinctions.

"It is reasonable to suppose that after such a very long period of public service any personal ambition for this kind of labor or distinction would be largely satisfied; in fact, were I to consult my own personal interest and convenience, I could willingly devote my time to my personal affairs and to those studies and pursuits which I always have been interested rather than to continue to carry longer the very heavy burdens which have been imposed upon me. I am also persuaded by a great many men active in the Republican party, and in the affairs of the State, that I am under obligations to my party and to the State and have a duty to perform. If the Republican party should see fit to again confer upon me the nomination for the responsible and arduous office of United States senator, I will make the light to the best of my ability, and in the event of my election, I shall endeavor to serve Pennsylvania with the same singleness of purpose, and the national government with the same devotion to the ideals of the founders of our great party that have characterized my course during the long period referred to.

"I believe that the paramount national issue in Pennsylvania is the maintenance of the protective policy of the Republican party. I participated actively in the framing of the Dingley law in 1897, and in 1909 it was my good fortune to have the opportunity in a peculiar degree of aiding the industries of this State; in fact, when the Payne bill was passed I think it was admitted generally that there was not an industry in Pennsylvania which had not been afforded full opportunity to be considered, and more adequately provided for. As the greater part of the industries of the United States are represented in Pennsylvania, the magnitude of this task can be understood. The protective system has been abandoned temporarily by the American government. The results of Democratic legislation on the industries of Pennsylvania are daily becoming more apparent to our men and we cannot expect a revival of industrial and business activity so long as conditions remain as they are at Washington.

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"With the knowledge and experience gained by so many years of active participation in tariff legislation, I feel I have a duty to perform in doing what I can to aid in bringing about a restoration of the protective system.

"I might refer to other national issues at this time, but I shall reserve a fuller statement of my views concerning them until later in the campaign. However, as I have mentioned the tariff law, I ought not to omit calling attention to the needlessly harassing and complicated provisions in the law relating to the income tax. "No one should be permitted to dictate a single one of the nominations to be made next May.

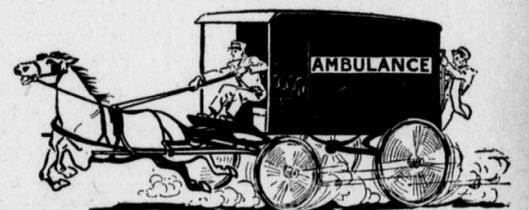
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