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OFFICE-SEEKERS ARE AFTER GOOD JOBS

Lower House Has Big Civil List With Salaries That Will Tempt Many.

Washington.—With the near approach of the assembling of the sixty-second Congress the gathering of the office-seekers has given the hotel lobbies an appearance of old times. While the extension of the civil service in later years has greatly reduced the number of official positions to be distributed among the faithful, the new Democratic House will still have at its disposal 500 or more jobs, many of them of excellent salary positions.

The two best positions are those of clerk of the House and sergeant-at-arms. They pay \$5000 each a year. The doorkeeper's place pays \$4600, and is next best on the list, these being big jobs, and a few more of the \$3000 and \$2500 class are filled by party caucus.

There are more good positions under the clerk of the House than in any other branch. The journal clerk draws \$4000, the chief clerk \$4000, the reading clerk \$3600, the second reading clerk \$3000, tally clerk \$3000, parliamentary clerk \$3600, printing clerk \$2500, disbursing clerk, \$2500, file clerk \$2750, enrolling clerk \$3000. In addition, there are more than 50 minor clerks under the clerk of the House drawing anywhere from \$750 to \$2250.

Rate Hearing Begins.

The hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission which began Monday may mark an epoch in rate-making in the entire half of the continent that lies west of the Missouri River.

Not only is a matter of millions of dollars yearly in revenue to the railroads involved, but it is also possible there may be revolutionary changes in the methods of rate-making that have been in force for many years, and on which business and manufacturing throughout the entire west have been built up and maintained.

The hearing involves the first application for relief from the operation of the long and short haul section of the act to regulate interstate traffic, which important question must in this case be settled. All intermountain and coast rate cases are involved in the hearings.

Staff Ready for War.

Absolute readiness for war, such as this country has never known, is admitted to be the immediate object of the work of the general staff of the army, which was shown to extend to the strengthening of the island forces in the Pacific and an order which would make possible the invasion of Mexico at a moment's notice.

Tremendous orders were placed for food supplies and ammunition to be transported as quickly as possible to the Philippines. Signal stores were ordered for the Hawaiian garrisons, which are to be greatly strengthened at once.

Militia Officers Report in April.

None of the officers of the state militia who are to join the army in Texas to receive instructions in military maneuvers are to report to the instruction camps before April 1. Each militia officer will be attached to an officer of corresponding grade and from the same arm of the regular service.

The war department is waiting to hear from Major-General Carter before deciding how many officers of the militia will be allowed to attend the instruction work at one time.

In the contest among the militia of the states and territories for service with the regular army in the south, Pennsylvania, with 422 acceptances of the war department's invitation, occupies first place.

President Plans Tariff Revision.

President Taft, according to present plans, will confine his message to the extra session of Congress to the subjects of Canadian reciprocity and the establishment of a permanent tariff board.

Mr. Taft is convinced the country desires, and ought to desire, a further revision of several schedules of the Payne-Aldrich act.

ASTOR HELPS CENTENNIAL

Descendant of Founder of Astoria May Attend Celebration.

Astoria, Ore.—Colonel John Jacob Astor has subscribed \$10,000 to the Astoria Centennial fund, and may be present at some time during the celebration. This information was received in a telegram from Senator Chamberlain, at Washington, who has been interesting himself, at the request of the local committee, in getting the Centennial to the attention of Colonel Astor.

ITEMS OF INTEREST THROUGHOUT OREGON

Chronicle of Important Events of Interest to Our Readers.

Fire in Dome of Capitol Alarms.

Salem.—Destruction of the state house by fire was only averted by the prompt action of Gardner E. Wallace, who, upon being attracted by the volume of smoke issuing from the dome of the capitol, rushed to the top of the building and found that a pile of rubbish had ignited, presumably from a lighted cigar end that had been cast away by a careless sight-seer.

Fruit Tracts Sold to Colonists.

Albany.—The biggest deal in orchard lands ever made in Linn county was closed here when 30 tourists from St. Paul and Minneapolis inspected the orchard land project of the Linnhaven Company and contracted for the purchase of \$42,000 worth of the lands. These lands are located in and about Labomb, in the foothills of the county, and the same are now in process of development under direction of experienced orchardmen.

Students to Govern Schools.

Pendleton.—As pioneers among all high schools of the state, the students of the Pendleton high school have undertaken the form of self-government, which while not as complete as that of the students of the Oregon Agricultural College, will nevertheless greatly assist the faculty in securing discipline.

To make their self-imposed task more interesting, the students have made their plan to take the form of a "kangaroo court," such as exists among prisoners in many jails.

FISH CAN'T ASCEND ROGUE

Dam Engineers Refuse Aid in Preserving Salmon Industry.

Medford.—Master Fish Warden Clanton has been telegraphed to by Rogue River Valley anglers demanding that he open the state fishway at the Ament dam near Grants Pass. Some time ago, after considerable work, the fishway was repaired, but on account of the shallow flow of water through it, due to the gates of the dam being open and taking nearly the whole flow from the Rogue River, the fish cannot ascend. The engineers in charge of the dam have been requested to close the gates part of the day or all night so that fish could get over the dam, but this has been refused. A large run of fish is being blocked by this dam, and, in a few weeks the spring run of salmon is due, local fishermen are using every effort to have this blockade removed.

Klamath Will Improve Roads.

Klamath Falls.—Extensive plans are being made by the county court for the building of good roads. The work to be done this summer will require the expenditure of a large sum, but will be one of the main factors in developing the farming resources, and will greatly encourage the automobile travel through this section during the summer months. The first work will be the macadamizing of about seven miles of road leading from this city to the main farming belt. Considerable work will also be done at once on the road along the east side of the Upper Klamath Lake.

Maus' Successor Here.

Portland.—Colonel Cornelius Gardner, who will relieve Brigadier-General Maus of the command of the Department of the Columbia during the absence of the latter on duty with United States troops on the Mexican line, reached Portland from Fort Seward, Alaska. Colonel Gardner is senior colonel in the department and is 62 years old. He was accompanied by his wife and two children.

Telephone Line Bought by Rival.

La Grande.—Completion of a deal that will transfer all exchanges and local equipment owned by the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company in Union and Wallowa counties to the Home Independent Telephone Company, a corporation financed and owned by Union and Wallowa county people, marks the departure from the local telephone field in these two counties of the Pacific Coast branch of the Bell system.

General Manager Crowe, of the Home Company, admits that the transaction involves more than \$200,000. The sale includes the exchanges of La Grande, Enterprise, Cove, Elgin, Wallowa town, Union and Joseph, together with all local toll circuits.

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