

NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

New Civil Service Order Protects "Least Right of Humblest Man."

Washington, D. C.—An amendment of the civil service rules relating to removals which assures persons in the government service that "no discrimination shall be exercised for political or religious reasons," and which makes other important changes, has been promulgated by President Taft.

The amended rule against discrimination in the civil service for political or religious reasons "will result in giving absolute security within legal limits to government employes, safeguarding them against removal for caprice," says a statement issued by the civil service commission.

"In making this," it adds, "the president has published an emancipation proclamation for the benefit of the government employes, and has evidenced his high regard for the least right of the humblest man and for the right observance of the law."

Bryan to be First "Money" Witness

William J. Bryan will be the first witness to be summoned before the house committee on banking and currency to testify in the "money trust" investigation. Mr. Bryan, who has been the Democratic member of the committee when he recently declared the "money trust" thought it could control the committee. The committee insisted that Mr. Bryan explain what he meant, notwithstanding that Mr. Bryan's adherents in the caucus offered a resolution, which was adopted, expressing confidence in the integrity of their colleagues on that committee.

Would Reduce Cavalry Force

A reduction of the cavalry force of the United States army from 15 to 10 regiments, with a consequent reduction of the enlisted force of the army by 2980 men, was voted into the army appropriation bill in the house after a bitter fight.

The amendment would establish a maximum of ten regiments of cavalry. The enlisted men in the five regiments thus to be dropped would be retained and absorbed into other regiments of cavalry, or into other branches of the army without reduction of grade.

Must Report Land Cases Within Year

To meet complaints of western members of congress that adjudications of land claims were delayed, Secretary Fisher has issued an order to all the chiefs of field divisions of the general land office, requiring that hereafter all protested cases which are pending for field investigation be reported upon within a year from the date of protest.

If a case be not so reported, the field chief must submit to Commissioner Bennett, of the general land office, an adequate explanation.

Investigate Florida Everglades

The Florida everglades investigation, ordered by the house committee on expenditures in the department of agriculture, is under way. Solicitor McCabe recited the department's version of the dismissal of C. C. Elliott, chief drainage engineer, and A. D. Moorehouse, his assistant, declaring that Secretary Wilson's action was due entirely to the financial irregularities charged against the men in transference of public funds, and had nothing to do with the everglades report, which it is charged was suppressed.

The trouble was started over the exploitation of Florida everglade lands, millions of acres of which have been sold throughout the country by syndicates, and in which transaction certain government officials are said to appear in an unfavorable light.

National Capital Brevities

The senate has passed a bill reducing from five to four years the time necessary for aliens to serve in the navy to be naturalized.

Conferences of the two houses on the joint resolution providing for direct election of senators have decided to report a disagreement.

Senator Jones, of Washington, has introduced a bill creating an Alaska Railway commission and providing for a government-built railroad from tide-water to the Matanuska coal fields.

A majority of the senate committee on elections decided to bring in a report that the charges that United States Senator Isaac Stephenson of Wisconsin had bought his seat are unproven.

The Underwood metal tariff revision bill is meeting with much opposition from miners of the country and protests are being sent to representatives in congress urging the defeat of the measure.

In an effort to bring the United States into closer relations with the republics surrounding the Caribbean sea and the gulf of Mexico, Secretary of State Knox is to leave soon on board of the United States cruiser Washington for a complete tour of the republics.

EX-GOVERNOR FOLK



Ex-Governor Folk, of Missouri, who has virtually retired from the presidential race in favor of Speaker Clark.

Brief News of the Week.

The territory of Arizona became a state on St. Valentine's day, February 14.

Canada is about to put up the bars against potatoes from the United States, fearing the dread black wart.

The British parliament reassembled Wednesday to consider and take final action on the measure granting home rule to Ireland.

The resignation at Christiania, Norway, of the cabinet ministers was due to their opposition to the movement to make the peasant dialect Norway's literary language.

A committee representing 60,000 Modern Woodmen of America in Kansas, has decided to call for delegates from camps in that state to meet the last week in February to form a separate organization.

The Northwest Mining Congress met in annual session in Spokane Thursday with an attendance of representatives of the mining industry in California, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho, Utah and British Columbia.

People in the News.

"I feel as young as when I was 25," was the comment of Thomas A. Edison, who was 65 years old Sunday.

Viscount Sotimi Chinda, the newly-appointed ambassador from Japan to the United States, has arrived at San Francisco.

Declared a bankrupt by the London courts the Marquis of Queensbury is coming to America to make his permanent home.

Rex Beach, the novelist, is threatened with the loss of sight in at least one eye, according to an announcement by his physician.

Reverend Frank DeWitt Talmage died at his home in Philadelphia from heart failure. He was 44 years old. His father was the famous Reverend T. DeWitt Talmage.

Heinrich Grosse, a captain in the German naval marine, who was arrested at Winchester, England, on a charge of espionage, has been sentenced to three years' penal servitude.

"It was all bluff," this was the way John Redmond, Irish nationalist leader, commented on the failure of the Ulsterites to carry out the threats to "rough house" Winston Churchill's home rule meeting in Belfast.

Political News Bits.

Governor Wilson has declined to make any speeches in Ohio, believing it would be a breach of professional etiquette to enter Governor Harmon's own state.

An adjustment of the differences of Speaker Clark and ex-Governor Folk, by which Folk virtually eliminates himself from the race for the Democratic nomination for president, has been reached.

The breakdown of Senator La Follette and his temporary retirement from the campaign for the presidential nomination leads political prophets to predict that the Wisconsin senator will ultimately withdraw.

Governor Hiram Johnson of California held an extended conference in Washington with Senator Robert M. La Follette. He declined to say whether he would remain in the La Follette camp or swing his support to the former president.

Governor Aldrich of Nebraska, formerly a La Follette supporter, in a synopsis of the presidential situation, believes that the severe illness and worn energies of La Follette have eliminated him from the race and comes out strongly for Roosevelt.

Taft headquarters are to be opened at Washington immediately and Representative McKinley of Illinois, chairman of the Republican congressional committee, will have charge of the president's political interests from now until the Chicago convention.

INVASION FEARED BY MEXICAN GOVERNOR

Fiery Message, Strongly Anti-American, is Issued to People of Mexico.

El Paso, Tex.—Mexico is to be crushed under the military force of the United States and is to lose its identity as a world power. This is the message of Acting Governor Aureliano Gonzalez to the people of Mexico and his native state of Chihuahua. The message was telegraphed to all the jefe politicos of the state, and created a sensation among the Mexican and American population of the state.

The mobilization of the American army means the invasion of Mexico, Governor Gonzalez says in his fire-brand message.

"The hand of the oppressor is pressing hard upon your brow," he continues, "and will brand all true Mexicans as slaves unless they resist the foreign power. The attitude of the United States toward Mexico is one of a lordly master toward an abject slave."

The proclamation amounts to a call to arms to resist an American invasion of Mexico and has caused consternation here as well as across the border.

Invention Makes Waste Saleable

Philadelphia.—An invention that will turn the waste of the world into saleable commodities with illimitable commercial possibilities has been made by a Philadelphian, whose assertion that he can take any waste fibrous substance and by his secret process make of it a substitute for hard rubber equal to and, in many instances, superior to hard rubber itself, is backed by electrical and mechanical engineers of international note.

REBELS ARE IMPATIENT

Hundred Thousand Men in Southern China Plan to Take Peking.

Nanking.—While Yuan Shi Kai, the imperial premier at Peking, is endeavoring to persuade the republicans to concede the Manchu demands, the republicans are preparing to advance on Peking. Impatience is rampant and there is opposition from Canton over the too liberal terms. There is a demand that the Manchus be stripped of all power.

The southern forces now exceed 100,000 men and reinforcements are arriving daily.

The revolutionary congress is still busy with the details of the provisional constitution. Close observers say that Yuan Shi Kai, Sun Yat Sen and other leaders virtually are agreed to terms of a settlement, but are waiting perfection of the plans before issuing an edict.

Wreck of Maine Begins to Float

Havana.—The wreck of the Maine floated free from the mud when the water was turned into the dam surrounding the wreck here. The ship will remain within the dam until orders are received from Washington to float her out, which can be done within a fortnight.

DEMOCRATS SPLIT

Quarrels and Bolt Mark Territorial Convention at Manila.

Manila.—The Democratic territorial convention for the election of delegates to the national convention at Baltimore was held Saturday. It was in continuous session 12 hours and was marked by quarrels between two factions which resulted in a divided convention.

One of the factions attacked the national Republican policy, but made no mention of President Taft or the Philippine administration; the other faction was more vehement in its denunciation of the national insular policy and also went on record against President Taft and strongly condemned the local administration.

American Force Seizes Railroad.

Puerto Cortez, Honduras.—There has been a clash between United States and Honduran authorities over enforcement of a government decree directing representatives of W. S. Valentine, an American, to surrender to government authorities the railroad, wharf and other properties held under the lease by the Valentine syndicate. Seventy-five marines from the United States gunboat Petrel landed and seized the wharf and railroad.

Produce Men Accused.

New York.—"Joe Doe" proceedings that have been instituted by Assistant District Attorney Ford to ascertain whether the New York Mercantile Exchange, an organization of butter and egg men, controls prices and is a conspiracy in restraint of trade, are expected by the public prosecutor to show that two members of the exchange arbitrarily fixed prices for the 600 members of the organization.



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Clifton & Cornett

AT THE OLD BRICK STORE.

Applications for Grazing Permits.

NOTICE is hereby given that all applications for permits to graze cattle, horses and sheep within the UMPQUA NATIONAL FOREST during the season of 1912, must be filed in my office at Roseburg, Oregon, on or before March 15, 1912. Full information in regard to the grazing fees to be charged and blank forms to be used in making applications, will be furnished upon request. 2-13t S. C. BARTRUM, Supervisor.

Citation.

In the county court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Crook.

In the matter of the estate of Richard Meyer, citation.

To E. A. Buseet, administrator of the estate of Richard Meyer, deceased, and to all the heirs at law, known or unknown, of the said Richard Meyer, deceased, Greeting:

In the name of the state of Oregon, You are hereby cited and required to appear in the county court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Crook at the court room thereof, at Prineville, in the county of Crook, on Monday, the 4th day of March, 1912, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, then and there to show cause, if any there be, why the following described real property, belonging to the estate of said Richard Meyer, deceased, to-wit: The northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 33, in township 15 south of range 14 east of the Willamette Meridian in Crook county, state of Oregon, and containing 40 acres, should not be sold to pay the expenses of administration, and claims against said estate and such costs and legal charges as may accrue.

This citation is published in the Crook County Journal for six full weeks by order of the Hon. H. C. Ellis, judge of the county court of the state of Oregon for Crook county.

Witness, the Hon. H. C. Ellis, judge of the county court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Crook, with the seal of said court affixed this 11th day of January, 1912.

Attest: WARREN BROWN, Clerk. By A. W. Battie, Deputy.

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Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon,
January 27th, 1912.
Notice is hereby given that Carl M. Larson, of Prineville, Oregon, whose August 17th, 1910, made homestead, No. 07363, for one-half section 25, township 15 south, range 15 east, Willamette Meridian, has given notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Warren Brown, County Clerk, at his office, at Prineville, Oregon, on the 9th day of March, 1912.
Claimant names as witnesses:
Frank D. Knox, John Samuel R. Ellis, Ernest C. Klameth, Logan C. McPherson, all of Prineville, Oregon.
C. W. MOORE,
Register.

The First National Bank

Of Prineville, Oregon

At the close of business June 7, 1911

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and Discounts.....\$291,835 01	Capital Stock, paid in.....\$ 50,000 00
United States Bonds..... 12,500 00	Surplus fund, earned..... 50,000 00
Bank premises, etc..... 12,540 12	Undivided profits, earned..... 37,734 06
Cash & Due from banks 210,924 04	Circulation..... 5,000 00
	Deposits..... 385,099 63
\$531,424 19	\$531,424 19

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City Meat Market

Notice of Sale.
In the county court of the state of Oregon for Wasco county.
In the matter of the estate of Louis Martin, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an order of the county court of the state of Oregon for Wasco county, made and entered on February 25th, 1912, the undersigned, as administrator of the estate of Louis Martin, deceased, will, from and after the 25th day of March, 1912, sell at private sale, the following described real property, belonging to said estate, to-wit:
Lots five (5) and six (6) and an undivided one-half interest in lot four (4), all in block two (2) of Newcomb's fifth addition to the city of Prineville, Crook county, Oregon.
Said sale will be made for cash in hand, and bids for the same may be addressed to the undersigned, at No. 415 West Third Street, The Dalles, Oregon.
Dated February 25th, 1912.
G. L. SCHMIDT, Administrator.

Order Setting Time for Hearing the Final Accounting.
In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Crook county.
In the matter of the estate of John Sismore, deceased.
This matter coming on to be heard this 4th day of February, 1912, upon the application of L. C. Sismore, the administrator of the estate of John Sismore, deceased, for an order of setting time for hearing and settling his final accounting of his administration of said estate; And it appearing to the court that said administrator has made and filed with the clerk of this court his final accounting of his administration of said estate, duly verified by his own oath, it is ordered by the court that Monday, the 5th day of April 1912, at 10 o'clock a. m. at the county court room in Prineville, Oregon, be and the same is set by the court as the time and place for hearing and settling said final accounting.
G. C. ELLIS, Judge.