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 pres ident 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 trod on the toes of the Democratic members 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

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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 enllated force of the army by 3980 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 mustered out, but the officers 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 weatern members of congress that adjudica tions 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 bo not so reported, the field chief must submit to Commissioner Dennett, 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.



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, Nor-

way, 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 newlyappointed 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 esplonage, 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.

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 measage of Acting Governor Aurelance Gonzales to the people of Mexico and his native state of Chihunhua. 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 Gonzales says in his firebrand 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 alave."

The proclamation amounts to a call to arms to resist an American invasion of Mexico and has caused constornation 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 as sertion 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 it solf, is backed by electrical and mechanical engineers of international note.

REBELS ARE IMPATIENT

Hundred Thousand Men in Southern China Plan to Take Pekin,

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

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

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 edlet.

Wreck of Maine Begins To Float Havana .-- The wrock 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 first her out, which can be done within a fortnight.



A Bird in the hand is Worth Two in the Bush.

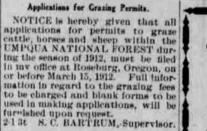
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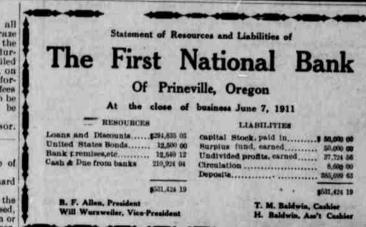


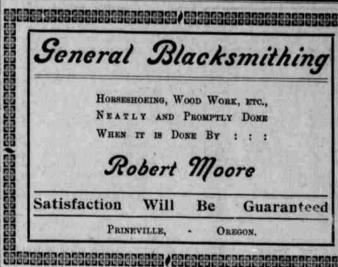
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To E. A. Bussett, administrator of the estate of Richard Meyer, deceased, and to all the beirs at law, known or unknown, of the said Richard Meyer, deceased, Greeting:
In the mame of the state of Oregon, You are hereby cited and required to appear in the county court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Crook at the county of Crook, on Monday, the 4th day of March, 1912, at 10 o'clock in the count of that day, then and there to show cause, if any there be, why the following described real property, belonging to the estate of oregon, for the county, state of Oregon, or that day, then and there to show cause, if any there be, why the following described real property, belonging to the estate of and Richard Meyer, deceased, to wit: The northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of actors in the forease of a 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 clistion is published in the Crook County Journal for six full weeks by order of the Hon, H. C. Elis, 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 Crook county. Witness, the Hon. H. C. Ellis, judge of the county court of the state of Ore-gon, for the county of Crook, with the seal of said court affixed this 11th day of Humans. 1019





Moorehouse, his ansistant, 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 allens to serve in the mayy 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 tidewater 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 hill 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 republics.

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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 Demodratic 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 Call fornia 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, halloves 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 States into closer relations with the at Washington immediately and Rerepublics surrounding the Caribbean presentative McKinley of Illinois, sea and the guil of Mexico, Secretary chairman of the Republican congress of State Knox is to leave soon on sional committee, will have charge board of the United States cruiser of the president's political interests Washington for a complete tour of the from now until the Chicago convention.

DEMOCRATS SPLIT

Quarrels and Bolt Mark Territorial Convention at Manila.

Manila .-- The Democratic territorial convention for the election of delesates to the national convention at Baltimore was held Saturday. It was in continuous session 12 hours and was marked by guarrels 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 denuscintion 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 lended and seized the wharf and railroad.

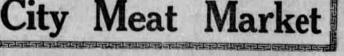
Produce Men Accused.

New York,-"Joe Doe" proceedings that have been instituted by Assistant District Attorney Ford to ascer tain whether the New York Mercan tile Exchange, an organization of butter and eng 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 400 members of the organization.





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