

BOARD HARD HIT

Civil Service Commission Under Fire.

LONG DEBATE IN HOUSE

Hepburn Holds Spoils System Not Improved Upon.

GROSVENOR JOINS IN ATTACK

President's Recommendation That Strict Economy Be Practiced is Taken Cognizance of by the Speakers on Both Sides.

WORK OF CONGRESS FOR DAY.

SENATE—Attempt to bring up pure-food bill is defeated. Tillman brings Crum case into prominence by asking committee to give status of recess appointments.

HOUSE—Civil Service Commission is attacked because of a proposed increase of 23 employees to constitute the rural carrier examining board. Pay of stenographers to House committee is reduced from \$5000 to \$3000 per annum. Proposition to increase the salary (\$2250) of the secretary of the Civil Service Commission is rejected.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The annual fight on the Civil Service Commission was begun in the House today during consideration of the legislative appropriation bill. The opposition came from Bartlett (Dem., Ga.), Hepburn (Pa.) and Grosvenor (O.). Hepburn moved to strike out the entire appropriation for the Commission and its force of clerks, at the same time denouncing the Civil Service as not having improved on the spoils system, but, on the contrary, as growing less and less efficient. The session lasted five hours and 20 minutes. The legislative bill was scrutinized carefully, in consonance with the President's recommendation against extravagance.

The pay of the stenographers to the committee of the House was reduced from \$5000 per annum to \$3000, and the House refused to accept the provision increasing the pay of the secretary to the Civil Service Commission. Little progress was made on the bill.

The House, on convening, went into committee of the whole to consider the measure. Livingston (Ga.), minority member of the subcommittee, followed with a brief explanation of the various provisions of the bill. It was then read for amendment and discussed under the five-minute rule.

An appropriation for a janitor to the House committee on the library met some Democratic opposition, led by Bartlett and Maddox of Georgia, and Clark of Missouri. Clark said there were many superfluous officials around the House who ought to be gotten rid of. The President's message, he said, had urged economy, and Clark contended if the House was going to economize, the best place to commence was the House itself.

In a few vigorous remarks Livingston (Dem., Ga.) defended the appropriations committee in the preparation of the bill, but lamented the fact that bills appropriating millions of dollars should be hurried through in 50 days. This hurried legislation, he declared, ought to meet in May, and thus give sufficient time to the legislation of the country.

Gillett (Mass.) thought that too little attention was paid in the House to appropriation bills. Bingham (Pa.) insisted that the bill had been cut more than any similar one handled in recent years, and said it had been considered fairly by the subcommittee, whose conclusions had been accepted by the full committee.

The committee, by a vote of 71 to 65, reduced the pay of committee stenographers from \$5000 to \$3000.

Attack on Civil-Service Board Begins.

The paragraph relating to the Civil Service Commission elicited from Maddox (Dem., Ga.) severe criticism, because of a proposed increase of 23 employees to constitute the rural carrier examining board. He declared there was no necessity for them, and it was the duty of this Congress to restrain the increase of the Secretary of the Treasury be true.

The discussion shifted to the salary of the secretary to the Civil Service Commission. The committee had increased it from \$2500 to \$3000, but an amendment by Bartlett putting it back to the former amount was adopted. After Lilley (Conn.) had expressed his opinion that the secretary to the Civil Service Commission could not earn \$2500 elsewhere, Grosvenor inquired, amid laughter, if it would not be well to strike out the provision for the three Commissioners and let the clerks run the office.

Hepburn (Pa.) moved to strike out the appropriation for the commission, and bitterly denounced it. He was not, he said, opposed to a proper civil service, but the present merit system did not improve on the old spoils system. The present civil service was not as good as it was 20 years ago, and was constantly becoming less and less efficient.

"I denounce it," he said, with emphasis, "as un-American and unfit for our uses; as insufficient to accomplish the purposes that men say they desire by a civil service."

He was roundly applauded on both sides of the chamber. Gillett (Mass.), chairman of the committee on civil service, defended the system, and said that, even should Hepburn's amendment prevail, the law itself would go on just the same. Williams (Miss.), the minority leader, suggested it would be an improvement over the present system to fix a certain period for which an employe should serve the Government.

Grosvenor (O.) spoke of the Civil Service Commissioners as "these great gentlemen" and "these \$500 gentlemen," and referred to a package of papers which had come to him today from a rural carrier who had been proposed certain questions by the commission as to whether he had used his influence in behalf of the election of President Roosevelt in the Ohio campaign, and whether, on a certain day, he had turned over his route to his substitute and worked for the Republican ticket.

"Now think of holding up a poor devil of a rural carrier like that! The man had simply gone to the polls and voted." The man in question, he said, had been

The Coming of a Queen

An Especially Rare Treat Awaits the Music Lovers of Portland in the Coming of Madam Johanna Gadski to the Marquam, December 19th.



Although, owing to the enterprise of Miss Lois Steers, Portlanders are becoming accustomed to the rarest voices and finest music which the world now knows, Madam Gadski will not suffer by comparison with the rarest.

Endowed with a marvelous voice, possessing both beauty and a charming personality; with the advantage of years of study from early childhood with the very ablest teachers, and later years of experience with other famous and gifted singers, with repeated triumphs in the most trying and difficult operatic roles and now in the very zenith of her fame, she makes her first appearance in Portland.

After she has been heard, if not now, the following expressions by her concerning the world's most famous musical instruments will be of interest:



"I was today, for the first time, accompanied by the Pianola, and I hasten to tell you of my satisfaction and pleasure at the satisfactory and delightful support which it gave me in the extremely difficult and trying numbers which I sang. No accompaniment could be more perfect and more satisfying. I wish you great success.

"Especially interested I am in the small Weber Baby Grand which I am using in Boston. I think its tone is most exquisite, combining beautiful quality with great power which is quite remarkable for such a small instrument and can hardly be improved upon. Very truly yours, "Johanna Gadski."

These opinions of the gifted singer are shared with such other celebrated musicians as the great composer Ed Grieg; the famous German musician Carl Reinecke; Dr. Joachim, the greatest violinist of this age; the famous conductor of Parsifal, Alfred Hertz; Dr. Hans Richter; Otto Lohse, conductor Royal Opera, Covent Garden, London, England; Madame Mathilde Marchesi, Busoni, Saint-Saens, Dr. Richard Strauss, Chaminade, Moszkowski, Scotti, Madam Kirkby Lunn, Ben Davies, Pol Plancon, Caruso, the De Reszkes and numerous others.

In Portland and the Northwest these instruments are found in many of the wealthiest and most cultured homes. Within the past few weeks the Eilers Piano House has disposed of no less than three carloads of Weber pianos, including a number of grands and baby grands, and nearly the same number of Pianolas, which includes Metropole Pianolas and Pianola Pianos, these latter being simply the upright piano with the Pianola mechanism built into the space which has hitherto been vacant in upright pianos.

Purchasers will now find a holiday display of these instruments at our store, 351 Washington street, corner Park. Eilers Piano House. Moderate payments can be arranged.

held up by the Civil Service Commission and was losing his pay, while a great body of men are investigating, not what is the matter with the woman at Cleveland that robbed everybody, but did that man vote for Roosevelt and did he work at the polls on election day?"

What if He Had Voted for Parker? Williams, directing his remarks to Grosvenor, said he had been wondering how Grosvenor could have the heart to punish the House with such a hard-luck story because an Ohio fellow had shown political activity in the case of President Roosevelt. What might possibly have been the fate of a fellow who would have dared to have shown political activity in behalf of Mr. Parker? This reference to Mr. Parker created laughter on both sides of the chamber.

"The indications are," replied Grosvenor, "that the bill will be perfected in time to take it up after December 16, the day set for taking a vote on the Philippine bill. The fact that the bill is recommended by the steering committee to be made the unfinished business insures the passage of the bill without serious opposition."

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SENATE SESSION IS BRIEF.

Heyburn's Move to Bring Up Pure Food Bill is Defeated by Aldrich.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The Senate held only a short session today and adjourned until Monday. An attempt to secure consideration of the pure-food bill by Heyburn was defeated by a demand of Aldrich that the bill be read at length, which brought an objection from Tillman, who did not want the time consumed.

Tillman brought the case of William D. Crum, the colored man nominated for Collector at Charleston, S. C., into prominence by asking for a report from the Committee on Judiciary as to the status of recess appointments.

Responding, Platt (Connecticut) said the resolution had failed to receive consideration during the past session because of the illness of Chairman Hoar, and he promised to bring the matter up at the next meeting of the committee.

"Has the committee power to refuse to make a report when under instructions from the Senate to do so?" Tillman asked, whereupon Spooner inquired of the South Carolina Senator whether the resolution carried a time limit, to which Senator replied in the negative. He added the conviction that the bill be read at length, which brought an objection from Tillman, who did not want the time consumed.

Tillman said he did not intend to make any facetious opposition to the "Crum" nomination for the purpose of thwarting the will of the President, but he felt called upon to antagonize confirmation until the committee report could be received.

The Senate then, at 12:25, went into executive session, and at 12:45 adjourned until Monday.

NOMINATIONS ARE CONFIRMED

List Acted on by Senate Contains Name of Portland Postmaster.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The Senate today confirmed the nominations of Captains Dickins, F. F. Wilkie, Charles H. Davis, Charles F. Strain, George W. Pigman and J. O. A. Converse to be

Rear-Admirals in the Navy; also the following: T. C. Dawson, Iowa, Minister resident and Consul-General to Santo Domingo; Charles Richardson, Massachusetts, Secretary of the Legation at Rio de Janeiro; Adam C. Carson, Virginia, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippine Islands; William T. Cochran, Kansas, purchasing agent for the Postoffice Department.

Postmaster-General, William M. Brown, Lebanon; Charles W. Parks, Roseburg; John W. Minto, Portland; August H. Bender, Myrtle Point.

Statehood Bill Safe in Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The Senate committee on territories will take up the statehood bill presented to the House last session for the admission of Arizona and New Mexico and of Indian Territory and Oklahoma as two states. Chairman Beveridge expects that the bill will be perfected in time to take it up after December 16, the day set for taking a vote on the Philippine bill. The fact that the bill is recommended by the steering committee to be made the unfinished business insures the passage of the bill without serious opposition.

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"The Simple Life" A canvas of the city showed that not ONE copy of this most-sought-for book was obtainable in any book or department store in the city. We offer today 500 copies at 25¢, 100 copies at 50¢. This again demonstrates the well-known superiority of our book store over all others.

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You can shop here by mail with absolute safety—"our money-back" guarantee insures satisfaction—promptness is a great characteristic.

Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Best Picture Framing

We've framed over one hundred thousand pictures—first complaint yet to come—best bid for trade ever made, don't you think?

Remember That There Are Only 14 More Buying Days Before Christmas

\$10 Silk Petticoats \$6.45

These are the Petticoats we placed on sale yesterday—there were 85 of them—sold over one-half of the lot—balance of them on sale today at the same price—\$6.45. They are made of a superb quality of taffeta silk, in tan, pink, lavender, reseda, gray, blue and changeable greens, reds and blues. They have a deep, flaring flounce, which is trimmed with clusters of narrow tucks and hemstitching, and are finished at the bottom with ruching and deep dust ruffle; actual value of these magnificent garments is \$10.00; on sale today at \$6.45.

More \$4.50 Waists \$1.98

Another shipment of Waists exactly like a lot we sold at the same price a week or so ago. These Waists are made of the highest quality of heavy-weight imported white mercerized madras, in a large variety of brocaded designs. The fronts are in pleated effect, have French back, full-pouch sleeves and fancy stock collars. The fit is absolutely perfect. We say that their value is \$4.50; we could say \$5.00, and then not overshoot the mark. Choice of them today at \$1.98.



Two Thousand Sterling Silver Toilet Articles Special at 35c

The assortment consists of Nail Files, Tooth Brushes, Nail Brushes, Blotters, Shoe Hooks, Shoe Horns, Cream Jars, Bottles, Perfume Bottles, etc.—a sale that offers opportunities for buying pretty gifts for a trifle. The values are remarkable.

Ribbon Remnants: Half-Price

In no season of the year are Ribbons in such demand as during the weeks immediately before Christmas. To meet these demands in a way that's sure to be to your liking, we begin here today A HALF-PRICE SALE OF REMNANTS AND SHORT ENDS OF PLAIN AND FANCY RIBBON. Widths range from four to nine inches—lengths from three-quarters to one and one-half yards. Many of the fancy Ribbons are suitable for OPERA BAGS. There are quite a number of plain satin taffeta and Liberty satin Ribbon included.

Fancy Silver and Metal Bags and Purses at Half-Price

We offer at exactly one-half of regular prices a collection of Sterling Hand Bags and Purses, Gunmetal Finger Purses and Gold and Silver-Plated Purses. Sterling Silver Hand Bags and Purses that were \$6.50, \$9.00, \$12.50, \$15.00, \$16.00 and \$17.50 are on sale at \$3.25, \$4.50, \$6.25, \$7.50, \$8.00 and \$8.75. Gunmetal Finger Purses that were \$1.50 and \$2.00 are on sale at 75¢ and \$1.00. Silver-Plated Purses that were \$1.50, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.50, \$7.00 and \$10.00 are on sale at 75¢, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.25, \$3.50 and \$5.00. Gold-Plated Purses that were \$9.00 and \$10.00 are on sale at \$4.50 and \$5.00.

Dollyland

Thousands of Dolls have their home in "Dollyland"—all of them are pretty—all of them of exceptional value at their respective prices. We show Kid Dolls at . . . 75¢ to \$10 and at all between prices We show Rag Dolls at . . . 15¢ to \$15 and at all between prices We show Jointed Dolls at . . . 15¢ to \$12 and at all between prices We show Bisque Dolls at . . . 10¢ to 90¢ and at all between prices We show Dressed Dolls at . . . 5¢ to \$15 and at all between prices

50c Lace Hosiery 37c

We offer a great holiday special today in the Stocking Store. The offering consists of fifty dozen of Women's Imported Fast Black Lace Lisle Stockings. Choice of a wide variety of all-over lace and lace boot patterns—best 50c quality on sale today at 37¢.

Two Blanket Specials

\$5.00: Worth \$6.50 Full double-bed size all-wool white Blankets, with pink or blue borders—best Blanket value in town. \$4.00: Worth \$5.00 All-wool full-size gray Bed Blankets—weight is full 6 pounds. Best cheap Blanket in town.

discuss any matters brought before it, and may make such suggestions and recommendations as it may desire to the central committee. It will transact no executive business, having only the power of advisory and referendum.

If you knew the facts about Schilling's Best, you wouldn't bother with anything else in those six lines at all.



Rosenthal's 149 THIRD STREET SOLE AGENTS For Portland

Silverfield's QUALITY-STYLE-ECONOMY LADIES' OUTFITTERS. FOURTH AND MORRISON

GRAND HOLIDAY SALE of Misses' and Children's Wear

The special values we are offering in our Misses' and Children's wear department for today and tomorrow should prove very attractive as the garments combine the very latest styles with the finest materials. We mention below a very few of the suits and dresses now on sale on the third floor.

- \$10, \$15 Raincoats \$9.85 Misses' Crayonette Raincoats, in tans, grays and mixtures, belt and collarless styles, with and without capes, finished with fancy stitching; ages 12 to 16 years; Regular \$10.00 to \$15.00 values for \$9.85
\$6.50, \$7.50 Dresses \$4.85 Children's Dresses, of serge, cassimere and plaids, in blue, brown, red, gray and fancy checks; Peter Thompson and Buster Brown styles; ages 6 to 12 years; regular \$6.50 to \$7.50 values \$4.85
\$12.50, \$15 Suits \$10.15 Misses' Suits of fine serge, cheviot and fancy mixtures, in black, blue, brown and gray, Peter Thompson and Middy styles, blouse effects; ages 12 to 16 years; regular \$12.50 to \$15.00 values for \$10.15
\$4, \$5 Coats \$3.15 Children's Coats, of brown, blue, tan and green zibelines and wool mixtures; ages 4 to 6 years; regular \$4.00 to \$5.00 values for \$3.15
Ages 6 to 12 years, \$6.50 to \$8.50 values \$5.85

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As a gift for a lady nothing is more appropriate or more highly appreciated than a stylish fur piece. The extraordinary values we are now offering should prove an incentive for early purchasing. Don't wait until the eleventh hour—buy now, while stocks are complete.

Umbrellas

We have just received the finest line of ladies' and misses' Silk Umbrellas shown in the city. Beautiful and exclusive designs in sterling silver and 14 karat gold-filled handles make these umbrellas especially suitable for holiday gifts. Prices range from \$3.50 to \$10.00.

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We include in this special offer every hat in our immense stock of the newest and most up-to-date models.

Easy to Take Easy to Operate Hood's Pills Because purely vegetable—yet thorough, prompt, healthful, satisfactory—

Tutt's Pills Cure All Liver Ills ARE YOU BANKRUPT in health, constitution undermined by extravagance in eating, by disregarding the laws of nature, or physical capital all gone, if so, NEVER DESPAIR Tutt's Liver Pills will cure you. For sick headache, dyspepsia, sour stomach, malaria, torpid liver, constipation, biliousness and all kindred diseases. Tutt's Liver Pills an absolute cure.