

CIVIL SERVICE FOR POSTMASTERS, AIM

Taft to Remove Fourth-Class Offices From Influence of Politics.

BIG PETITION PRESENTED

Delegation From Association Visits President and Submits Request Bearing 20,000 Signatures.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—It virtually was decided yesterday that President Taft would soon issue an executive order placing fourth-class postmasters in the classified service.

This order will relieve 26,208 postmasters from the uncertainty of political appointment. That the President would take this step, his first act toward putting into practice his often expressed belief that all Government officers below the grade of Cabinet member should be removed from the influence of politics and placed under the civil service, became practically certain late in the day after a delegation of postmasters, returning from the annual convention of the association at Richmond, Va., had been received at the White House and by Postmaster-General Hitchcock.

Matter Referred to Hitchcock. The visitors submitted a petition signed by about 20,000 postmasters asking that they be placed in the classified list. After discussing the matter briefly with the delegation, President Taft referred the executive committee of the association to Mr. Hitchcock for further consideration of the matter. Later the committee called upon the Postmaster-General to discuss the subject with him.

In a few days Mr. Hitchcock will submit to President Taft a formal recommendation that the petition be granted and the President is expected to act promptly and favorably upon the recommendation.

In the entire country there were 49,672 fourth-class postmasters at the end of the last fiscal year. By executive order issued in July, 1908, President Roosevelt placed the fourth-class postmasters of all the New England states and of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin in the civil service—a total of 14,654.

Entire Change Favored. Both the President and Postmaster-General Hitchcock have recommended to Congress that all postmasters be converted into the classified service, and that so far as possible, the entire personnel of the postal service be removed from political influence. As to the first, second and third-class postmasters, legislation by Congress would be required to place them under civil service regulations.

WORLD GRAIN CROP BIG

Nearly All Nations Report Bumper Yield.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Crops generally throughout the world this year are bumper. This is shown by figures in a cablegram received by the Department of Agriculture today from the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, Italy, giving the preliminary estimates of the acreage production of wheat, rye, barley, oats and corn.

It is estimated that the production will be as follows: Wheat—France, 335,974,000 bushels; Roumania, 55,417,000 bushels; Canada, 296,300,000 bushels; total production in 21 countries, 2,999,000,000, or 6.7 per cent more than last year.

Rye—France, 51,422,000 bushels; Netherlands, 15,322,000 bushels. Total production in 14 countries, 1,845,000,000, or 17.7 per cent more than last year. Barley—Roumania, 2,254,000 bushels; Canada, 45,491,000 bushels. Total production in 19 countries, 1,174,000,000 bushels, or 5.7 per cent more than last year.

Oats—Roumania, 2,525,000 bushels; Canada, 499,502,000 bushels. Total production in 15 countries, 2,504,000,000, or 17.8 per cent more than last year. Corn—Roumania, 114,976,000 bushels. Total production in ten countries, 2,616,000,000, or 17 per cent more than last year—Hungary (not including Croatia and Slavonia), Bulgaria, Spain, Italy, Roumania, Russia, Switzerland, United States, Japan and Egypt.

Rye—Italy 24,495,000; Japan 386,027,000. Wine, musty—Spain, 207,366,000. Flax seed—Canada, 23,144,000. Wine—Italy, 954,896,000 imperial gallons.

STRAUS MAY HEAD TICKET

Bull Moose Candidate Asked if He Will Take Republican Nomination.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Sept. 24.—The name of Oscar S. Straus, gubernatorial candidate of the Roosevelt Progressive party, may be presented to the Republican state convention as its candidate for Governor.

State Senator Newcomb, of New York, upon his arrival tonight, authorized a statement in which he declared that if necessary he would present Mr. Straus' name.

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LAWMAKER'S WIFE TALKS

Wisconsin Representative Says Republican Is Business Men's Party and That T. R. Is Trying to Smash It Up.

The first and only member of the Socialist party to be elected to Congress, Victor L. Berger, of Milwaukee, and one of the accepted high priests of that organization, arrived in Portland Monday night and delivered an address at the Gipsy Smith Auditorium before a crowd of more than 1500.

Congressman Berger and Mrs. Berger, after taking a hurried dinner at the Multnomah, were taken to the auditorium, where the chairman, C. B. Ellis, first introduced Mrs. Berger. One of the leaders of the women's suffrage movement in the United States, she had not spoken a minute until it was found that she was a trained platform talker. Socialism she only incidentally mentioned and for 20 minutes she spoke of the 8,000,000 working women in the country who needed the ballot and this meant 8,000,000 reasons why they should have it.

When Congressman Berger was introduced he gave a humorous account of how lonesome he was made to feel in the National House of Representatives. He generally looked on as a joke and was almost daily asked what was the result of the caucus of the Socialist members and who had been selected as floor leader. He spoke in defense of his colleagues in the House, who, he said, had been much maligned in the public press of all parties. He declared that he had been of this impression before he had taken his seat, but later found that as a rule they were cultured, educated and honest bodies with the only fault that they represented wrong principles as seen from a Socialist standpoint.

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"The public generally looks on me as an oracle in the coming Presidential election because I am nonpartisan," he said, "but as a matter of fact I do not know, except a few things. Roosevelt appears to have a strong following in the states of Washington, California and Nebraska and probably will carry those states. From what I know of Oregon will not be in his column and it is certain that my state, Wisconsin, and Illinois will not give him their electoral votes."

"Roosevelt is doing a great thing in smashing up the Republican party and making it easy for a decrepit Democratic party to come to life again and thereby playing a part in National politics to which it is not entitled. The Republican party, as represented by President Taft, is the great conservative party, representing established capital, and as such wants to leave things as they are, because everything to those interests looks prosperous. It is in fact the business men's party and looks out for their interests.

"The Democratic party was the slave owners' party before the war, being against the regular slave holders' party in the South. The wealthy class of the country is afraid of the new ideas that are coming up and is just as willing to deal with the Democrats as the regular Republicans, and apparently a little prefer the mule variety. This can be so readily noted by the fact if not real support being given to the regular Republicans by the New York Sun, Washington Post, New York Herald, New York World, New York Post, Springfield Republican and others.

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BISHOP COOKE IS PLEASED

Pastors Returning From Conference at Ashland.

Members of the Portland Methodist Ministry after their return to Portland from the annual conference at Ashland last night with praises for the general spirit shown at the gathering, for Bishop R. B. Cooke, the new bishop, and with encouraging prophecy of the spread of Methodism throughout the state.

Speaking of the work of the conference, Bishop Cooke said: "The spirit displayed during the conference was magnificent. I certainly feel very much encouraged with the conditions of the church as I enter upon my new work. It was no small task to place something like 160 ministers so that the ministers are satisfied with the charges and the charges are satisfied with the ministers, but my associates testify that such is the case, thanks to the hearty co-operation and advice of the district superintendents. 'Dr. Benjamin Young will take active charge of the pastorate at the First Church in Portland at once and will be assisted by Dr. J. H. Cudlipp, temporarily at least, until such time as it will be possible for me to assign him to a strong charge. The wishes of Dr. Cudlipp will determine whether or not he is to remain as assistant pastor at the First Church."

"I do not wish the promoters of the proposed edifice, to be built on the present site of the Grace Church, to present this inquiry to me. I am in no way connected with the project, and if erected, this new church is to render service for many years to come."

"The entire conference has made great gains in every way during the past year and is now entering upon what I believe will be one of the most successful eras of Methodism in the history of the state. I like the people of Oregon, the climate and the country so very much that I already feel as though I had lived here for years. I am drawn to Oregon. Bishop Cooke will remain in Portland in consultation with the leaders of the various conferences until the middle of next month, when he will go to Toledo, Ohio, to attend the meeting of the bishops, going later to Brooklyn to attend the meeting of the general boards.

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SEVEN INJURED IN BLAZE

Two Firemen May Die as Result of East St. Louis Fire.

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., Sept. 24.—Seven persons were injured in a fire here tonight which destroyed two blocks of the plant of the Purina Mills Company.

The loss is estimated at \$100,000 by the owners.

Missing Auto Is Found. On advice from the San Francisco police, Captain Keller last night searched the city for an automobile bearing the California number 5495, which was found at Tent and Congress streets about midnight. The police have not been advised who owns the car, but are now searching for O. T. Martin, who it is thought drove it to Portland. He is wanted in San Francisco also on a charge of passing some worthless checks.

Woman's Plea Not Guilty. VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 24.—(Special)—Mrs. A. B. Eberbennett, the woman who last night pleaded guilty to "bootlegging," today put up a bond of \$100 in cash after pleading not guilty. She is to be tried before Police Judge J. W. Shaw tomorrow morning.



Come Today, Tomorrow, or Any Day This Week and Take the Pick of Any Suit in the House for Only

This sale is fast growing to a close. Next Monday, September 30, will be the end. Hundreds of men from every walk in life have bought suits in these two Woolen Mill Stores during the past few days. Don't you owe it to yourself to fit out with a new suit at a saving from \$5 to \$15? We are anxious for as many men as possible who have never before been in the store, to come in some time this week. You can help yourself to any \$18.50, \$20, \$22.50, \$25 or \$30 suit for only \$15 and we will smile at our loss and call it good advertising.

Boys' Suits, Two Pair Pants \$5 Will Wear One Year

Brownsville Woolen Mill Store THIRD AND STARK

Y. M. C. A. CLASSES OPEN

REGISTRATION EXCEEDS FIRST DAY OF LAST YEAR. Equipment Includes 30 Instructors. Many of Whom Give Their Entire Time to the Work.

Registration for work in the night school at the Portland Y. M. C. A., which organized for the year last night, shows an increase in attendance of 112 over the opening day of last year. The total attendance last year was 1424 and it is expected that more than 1500 will enroll this year.

W. M. Ladd, who founded the Y. M. C. A. school work 16 years ago, presided at the announcement ceremonies last night for the 16th consecutive time and introduced H. W. Stone and R. C. French, who on behalf of the association outlined the work for the coming year.

Later each of the separate classes met for preliminary organization and received instruction for the active recreational work which will begin in all of the departments of work tonight. There are over 50 instructors, many of whom spend their entire time in the Y. M. C. A. work. Equipment has been added throughout the plant and the facility strengthened in all of the main branches, the commercial, technical, automobile, pharmacy, college preparatory, boys' elementary and other schools. Practically all of the students in this work enjoy the full educational and recreational privileges of the Y. M. C. A. building.

The major work will terminate in nine months, but it is probable that several branches of the service will be continued throughout the calendar year. It was intended to close the school last Summer, but this was found impossible on account of the steady demands for instruction. Young and elderly men from all stations of life are associated in the classwork. It is said that the leading universities of the United States, who are continuing their studies, who are particularly interested in broadening out into a new field of inquiry.

The day and night school enterprise is supported financially by the professional and business interests of Portland.

FRANCHISE ISSUE DIVIDES

Lower Albina Folk Discuss Request to Lower Track.

Sentiment of property owners was divided at the meeting last night in the hall on Russell and Kerby streets by the Lower Albina Improvement Club on the application of the Hancock Street Land Company for permission to build a railway on Goldsmith street from Russell to Benton streets, in order to open up to factories the Montgomery tract east of Goldsmith street. The track, as shown on the maps displayed at the meeting, will be built in the center of the street to Mississippi avenue, but from there on the street is asked to reduce the sidewalks from 12 to 7 feet in order to provide the room for the three tracks.

The proposition was submitted by George Brown, president of the land company. C. E. Minsinger, manager for the Star Sand Company, protested against the construction of the track and said that his company had had plans drawn for a \$40,000 concrete stable on Goldsmith and Delay streets which would house 250 horses and he said that the track would be a great damage. Several spoke for granting the permission and declared that it would result in developing Lower Albina and bringing in factories. Councilman Menefee said that the matter was too important to be decided without careful consideration. He said that he preferred granting a franchise rather than a revocable permit, if the track will help Lower Albina. Blank petitions and the ordinance, together with maps of the route of the track, were shown. A vote was taken, resulting in a tie. Petitions will be circulated and presented to the City Council.

SOCIETY SENSATION DUE

Great Pantomime Ball is Next Event on London's Calendar.

LONDON, Sept. 22.—(Special)—The London social calendar is practically empty until Parliament reassembles in early October, though some aviation meets at Brooklands doubtless will draw enthusiasts in aviation to the metropolitan district from time to time. But as soon as members of Parliament began to take up their residence again near the scene of their legislative labors, fall entertaining will begin in earnest. Mrs. Asquith, Lady Granville and Mrs. Harcourt will then once more be to the fore as government hostesses, while Lady Lansdowne and Mrs. Waldorf Astor will attend to the social side of the position.

Then, contrary to all practice of former days, there is to be at least one important society function before Christmas—a great pantomime ball at the Royal Albert Hall early in December. An influential committee, presided over by Lady Allington, and including Lady Maud Warrender and Mrs. Harry Higgins, will organize this affair. Tom B. Davis, manager of the Apollo Theater, has promised to arrange the sets and processions of dancers, who will represent characters in the old fairy stories of the past.

Milestones of London.

One by one the old London milestones are quietly disappearing. One that projected from the rural roadside of Red Post Hill has lately gone, as have the old trees that overshadowed it, in connection with the widening of one of the last country-like thoroughfares within the four-mile radius. Coming nearer to the city there are still some milestones to be found. At Camberwell Green there is one—how many of the many thousands who daily pass that way see it and which tells that it is three miles from the Treasury, Whitehall, and three miles from the Standard, Cornhill.

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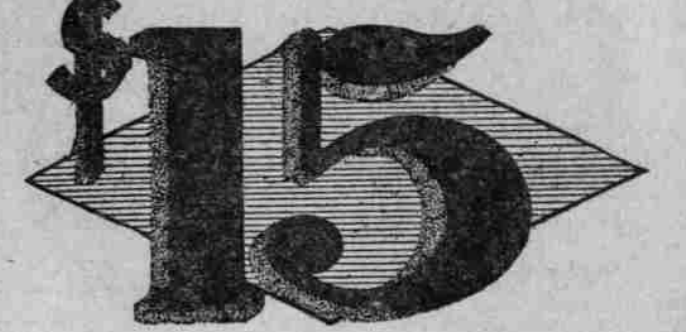
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We are interested in the boys; they will all be big men some day, and we want their trade. With this in view, we are, during the trade-building sale, which closes October 1st, giving the free pick of any Boy's Suit in the store for only \$5. And there are more than a hundred different patterns to choose from worth from \$6.50 to \$10.00.

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