MISS HOBBS FINDS WASHINGTON SLOW

Getting Action in Federal Departments Involves Sundry Vexatious Delays.

OLD LAND ISSUES DRAG

Representative of Governor of Oregon Must Make Appointments Far in Advance to Reach Cabinet Officers.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 30.—First impressions are not always wrong, as Miss Fern Hobbs, private secretary to Governor West, of Oregon, is ready to attest. Miss Hobbs recently came to Washington as personal representative of the Governor to adjust several Oregon land matters that have been long pending before the Interior Department. She quickly discovered that the Government at Washington is a slow-moving machine, and this impression has been growing on her.

The duties imposed on Miss Hobbs were many and her assignment would have been a good one for a well-informed man. The enormity of her undertaking, however, has never staggered Miss Hobbs in the least. Her one complaint is at the slowness with which the wheels of Government revolve here in the National Capital.

Officials' Time Much in Demand.

Miss Hobbs, after reaching Washington, had conferences with several members of the Oregon delegation and then started out to visit various Department officials with whom she had business. She found, on the occasion of her first call, that there is a heavy demand on the time of the higher Government officials and that unless interviews are arranged in advance little time can be secured, even to present such important questions as those she brought with her to Washington.

Next day Miss Hobbs discovered that Government officials in the higher offices are so burdened with work that they cannot carry in their heads the details of all business which passes through their hands, but are obliged to rely largely upon clerks and subordinate officials who specialize on the different classes of departmental work. Before one of the high officials can discuss a case intelligently (unless it be one fresh in his mind) he must, of necessity, call in his subordinates. This means delay.

Miss Hobbs was soon convinced that no public business can be transacted in Washington in a hurry. The Government departments here do not work as rapidly as the smaller offices in the field; the machinery is more cumbersome; there are more officials to consult, more records to pry into, more reports to be searched. More than this, Miss Hobbs has discovered, that interviews cannot be had at any time desired. Frequently there are delays of a day, two days, or even longer.

Speedy Action Impossible.

Those having business with the departments, however, are treated with courtesy, and are afforded opportunity to present their pleas and arguments whenever apportunity affords, but even the representative of a Governor of one of the sovereign states must compete with Senators and Representatives when seeking an interview with a Cabinet officer and in Washington the Senator and Representative has right-of-way over everyone else.

For all the delays she has encountered Miss Hobbs is not complaining. She came to Washington prepared to spend several weeks in discussing Oregon land matters with the Departments. She has been convinced that she cannot remain in Washington for the final adjustment of the various questions she is presenting, for to do so would compel her to spend the Winter at the National Capital, and there is no assurance the various issues will all be disposed of by Spring. Some have been pending for five to 10 years, and such old matters are always slow of adjustment.

However, Miss Hobbs is hopeful, before leaving Washington, of being able to pave the way to adjustment of all the affairs presented by her, and if she can accomplish this much she will feel well repaid for her journey.

ENLISTED MEN TO STUDY

Soldiers Ordered to Take Course to Prepare for Special Work.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 30.—The following enlisted men in the Coast Artillery Corps are ordered to go to Fort Monroe, Va., by or before January 2 to take courses of instruction in the department of enlisted specialists:

Private Solomon Etter, Ninety-third Company, Fort Stevens, Or.; Corporal Fred Hartman, 149th Company, Fort Casey, Wash., and Private Charles T. Waters, Sixth Band, Fort Worden, Wash., for the mechanical course of instruction.

Sergeant John H. Hunter, 108th Company, Fort Worden, for instruction in the artillery course.

Corporal Lee Rodenhamer, Sixty-third Company, Fort Worden, for electrical course.

Corporal Charles H. Finch, Thirtieth Company; Corporal Marvin E. Langford and Private Charles F. Grow, Sixty-third Company, Fort Worden, and Private Mark J. Holmes, Ninety-second Company, Fort Flagler, for instruction in radio telegraphy.

HEIRS AND STATE CONTEST

Kin of Woman Who Died Before Intestate Husband Want Estate.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 30. — Whether the state or the heirs of a wife whose death preceded his, shall inherit the $70,000 estate of William Brady, who was said to have been reared in a foundling asylum in New York, was a question that came up in the Superior Court here today.

Brady died without leaving a will and without known heirs. For two years his estate has been in the hands of the public administrator, who has rejected many claims from various parts of the United States and Canada.

The heirs of Mrs. Brady, who died in 1894, at first asked for half of Brady's estate, but now are seeking all of it.

RASMUSSEN WANTS GUN

Deputy Game Wardens Charged With Causing Guilty Plea.

Charges that deputy game wardens induced Dick Weber to plead guilty to a charge of violating the game law, and assured him that the plea, with the help of a game warden, would save him from punishment, figured in the answer filed in District Court to the answer to the original plea of Jack Rasmussen, who asks for the return of a shotgun confiscated by State Game Warden Finley.

Rasmussen states in his answer that Dick Weber, using the gun of the controversy, was arrested by Game Wardens Ervin and Truesdale on the Barr road. They charged him with shooting a China pheasant from the public highway.

According to the answer of Rasmussen, they then told Weber, who was using Rasmussen's gun, that if he left the gun with them it would serve as bail for the appearance of the lad in court next day at St. Johns. Rasmussen further contends that when Weber appeared in court, Ervin advised him in the presence of witnesses to plead guilty, saying that if he did so, he (Ervin) would take care that he drew no penalty. Weber did plead guilty and was fined $25 and $5 costs. The gun was confiscated and kept and is still in Finley's possession.

Judge Dayton, to whom it was assigned, refused to decide the case on the filed pleadings and it must go to trial.

"FIT" MARRIAGES URGED

CHURCH HEARS PLEA FOR EUGENIC UNIONS.

Congregational Convention Ends One of Most Important Meetings in Its History.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 30. — A plea for eugenic marriages by Governor Baldwin, of Connecticut, and an address by Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, of Brooklyn, N. Y., on the new social obligations for the church brought to an end tonight the fifteenth triennial council of the Congregational churches in the United States. The council is regarded as one of the most important in the church's history. It adopted a new constitution, appointed a general secretary with enlarged advisory powers, brought the eight church societies directly under the guidance of the council and provided for biennial meetings.

Governor Baldwin urged the passage of laws by State Legislatures to enable ministers of religion to determine whether parties to the marriage contract were fit before the ministers perform the ceremony.

"The greatest need of this hour in American society," said Dr. Hillis, "is the need of ministers and parents who will teach this generation that God is more than gold; that wealth is an obligation to poverty; and that from those who have received much, much will be required.

"There is not one industrial problem that would not be solved by the reappearance of the puritan type in our great railways, banks and mines.

"If the republic is to prosper, once again we must produce that splendid type of manhood that can hold our people back from the trampled cornfields and from bloody streets and fill the land not only with prosperity but with peace."

Professor Fred B. Hill, of Northfield, Minn., was named chairman of the committee on social service; Rev. William T. McElveen, Chicago, was elected chairman of the commission on temperance and Rev. henry A. Stimson, New York, was chosen chairman of the commission that will have charge of the ministerial annuity plan.

MAIL EFFICIENCY IS AIM

BURLESON WILL STANDARDIZE ENTIRE POSTAL SERVICE.

Postmaster-General Divides Country Into Three Groups for Reorganization Under Experts.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—Postmaster-General Burleson has decided to standardize the entire postal service, so far as possible, with a view to greater efficiency. To this end the department will operate several model offices, "dynamos from which to charge the entire system of offices throughout the country." These offices will be used to discover the best practical way of administering the postal facilities and to test out devices and methods that may prove of value.

In reorganizing the field service for this work, the country has been divided into three groups, the Atlantic States, the Middle West and the Pacific Coast. It is proposed to send immediately two postal experts from Washington to each of these divisions, who will co-operate with postoffice inspectors in a study of conditions at designated offices with a view to reorganizing the clerical forces on an efficient basis.

The investigations will cover every phase of the service, including collection of mail, methods of handling in postoffices and on trains and final delivery.

"In this way," the Postmaster-General said today, "postmasters of all classes will have the benefit of the discoveries at the more important offices and a material betterment of the postal service throughout the country must result."

PLAGUE KILLS 2 IN MANILA

Editor of Daily Bulletin Is One of Victims—Infected Rats Found.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 30.—Correspondence from Manila reports two deaths there from bubonic plague, one of them being that of William Crozier, managing editor of the Daily Bulletin. A number of infected rats have been found and every effort is being made to rid the city of them.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—Surgeon-General Blue, of the Public Health Service, sees no great danger in the sporadic cases of bubonic plague reported from Manila. The situation there is in the hands of Surgeon Victor G. Heiser, an experienced officer.

Trip to Annapolis Saved.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 30.—Aspirants for appointment to the Annapolis Naval Academy will be enabled to undergo physical tests at near-by recruiting stations, according to an order just issued by Secretary Daniels. This will save a trip to Annapolis and will be an especial saving to those who would otherwise take the examinations, although physically unfit. Pacific Coast stations at which these examinations may be taken are Portland, Bremerton, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Rich Recluse Starves to Death.

SALINA, Kan., Oct. 30.—Dan Killahane, who since his wife left him 20 years ago had lived as a recluse on his farm near here, was found dead of starvation in his home today. Killahane owned one of the richest farms in the neighborhood and large herds of livestock and had a substantial bank account. He was 75 years old.

Jewelry and Watch Repairing

Lipman Wolfe & Co.
"Merchandise of Merit Only"

Picture Framing Lowest Prices

An Unusual Purchase Makes Possible This Remarkable Offering of New $35 Eponge Dresses

Friday $23.75

—The most charming assortment of dresses conceivable, and expressing the very latest features of the moment, developed in finest all-wool eponge, employing the newest trimming whims.

In the new tango shade in navy blue, a rich b r o w n , black and white.

—They are fashioned in the fancy Eaton effect, being an exact copy of an imported model. The waist blouses over the belt in the back and is finished at the waist with a crushed girdle. The revers and cuffs are of black satin, and a fancy vest and jabot of cream-colored lace greatly enhance their becomingness. The skirts are draped and trimmed to correspond with the waist.

Dresses on Sale Exactly as Illustrated. Third Floor.

Filet, Scrim and Net Curtain

Especially Arranged to Form a Most Important Sale

—This great assortment of curtains includes all this season's newest patterns in scrim, filet with pretty edges and insertion effects. Also net curtains with Irish point and Battenberg designs. In white and Arabian color. 2¼ yards long.

$4.00 and $4.50 Scrim and Net Curtains, $2.95
$5.00 and $5.50 Scrim and Net Curtains, $3.45
$6.00 and $6.50 Scrim and Net Curtains, $4.45
$7.00 and $7.50 Scrim and Net Curtains, $4.95
$8.00 and $8.50 Scrim and Net Curtains, $5.85
$9.00 and $9.50 Scrim and Net Curtains, $6.85
$10.00 Scrim and Net Curtains, Special, $7.45
Fifth Floor.

Five Thousand Yards of Drapery Materials At Greatly Reduced Prices

18c Curtain Swisses 12½c — *40c Cretonnes 31c*
25c Curtain Swisses...19c — *50c Cretonnes 43c*
40c Curtain Nets.....29c — *$1.00 Sunfast Madras 79c*
50c Curtain Scrims...39c — *50c Scotch Madras...39c*
60c Curtain Nets.....43c
Fifth Floor.

British Ivory At Prices That Will Establish a New Selling Record for Fine Toilet Ware

$3.50 Mirrors, $2.59
—With extra heavy bevel plate, 7½ inches in diameter, long handle.
$2.75 Mirror $1.98
$2.50 Mirror $1.59
75c Child's Mirror 49c
$3.25 Hair Brush $2.48
—Eleven rows best English bristles.
$4.75 Hair Brush, $3.48
—Eleven rows extra long bristles
$2.75 Hair Brush, $1.98
—Concave back, good bristles.
$1.35 Dressing Combs..95c
75c Dressing Combs 49c
35c Dressing Combs 25c
$4.00 Powder Boxes..$2.95
—Extra heavy, dome shape.
50c Nov. Vanity Mirrors 39c
—With sliding cover.
$1 Nov. Vanity Mirrors, 69c

Parisian Ivory Picture Frames

Here's Your Opportunity

—Here are frames at very special prices which will fit most any picture from card to cabinet size. Oval and square in shape, having easel backs.

VERY SPECIAL 25c, 39c, 49c and 69c. —*First Floor*

Beautiful Novelty Coats of Mole Plush $35

—In Paris today the best dressed Parisiennes are wearing coats of mole colored plush. This most becoming fashion has been keenly appreciated by the Portland women, and in order to supply the unusual demand for these coats we have ordered by express a goodly number, which go on sale Friday.

—These coats are made in a style as shown in the illustration. They are of a fine imported mole colored plush and trimmed with a mole fur collar. They are gracefully draped and made with a flounce or wide band effect around the bottom. Lined throughout with the very finest Skinner's satin and trimmed with handsome mole colored crochet buttons and loops of the plush.

Muffs of Mole Plush

which match the coats at $5.00
Third Floor.

New Blouses Of Novelty Crepe Special $1.98

—Crepe possesses a very soft and clinging quality which adapts itself readily to the present waist fashions, for both the semi-tailored and the dressy styles.

—We are introducing here an entirely new model made of a novelty white crepe, which launders perfectly. It is made with the low turnback collar, which can be buttoned close to the neck or left open to form a V. Yoke in the front and back and has the elongated armholes with turnback pointed cuffs. Fastens with novelty buttons. It also possesses the attractive feature of blousing over the belt in both the front and back. ***Waist exactly as illustrated.*** —*Third Floor*

NEW FASHIONS FOR JUNIORS AND MISSES

—In suits, coats and dresses have just arrived by express, and are now being displayed in the specialty shop for girls. —*Fourth Floor*

"My Dearie" Dolls, Special $1.29

—Beautiful and winsome dolls that will bring joy to the heart of every little girl.

—They were made in Germany, the real home of all dolls, and are 26 inches high. They have papier mache bodies, with gracefully molded hands and feet, full jointed. Have bisque head, large eyes that open and close, long real eyelashes and soft, lovely hair that curls in the most natural manner. They are dressed in little simple white slips. —*Mezzanine Floor*

Apron Sale—Aprons of Every Description

25c Work Aprons 19c

—Aprons made of light and dark percales. They are made with a bib, which forms a collar at the neck and bound with a white bias banding.

85c Serving Aprons With Cap to Match 69c

—This very attractive little set is made of an excellent quality percale and trimmed with red rick rack braid. The apron has the pointed effect skirt and bib, which forms a collar at the neck. The cap is Dutch in style.

Nurses, Maids and Sewing Aprons at Half Price

Selling regularly from 35c to $1.00

Very Special 15c to 50c Each

—This great half price sale embraces aprons for most every purpose imaginable. There are tiny tea aprons of dotted swiss to generous aprons that cover the entire front of the dress. Some are fetchingly trimmed with lace and embroidery and have wee pockets; others are severely plain. Some are made of checked ginghams, but mostly white aprons of fine lawns, dimities, swisses and heavy white materials, such as are used for making nurses' aprons. Fourth Floor.

Latest Fashions
White Chinchilla Coats
Novelty Broadcloth
Fur Trimmed Suits
are displayed now in our Garment Salon, on third floor.

MEN

Insurance Against Winter's Blasts

MEN'S UNION SUITS, $2.00, SPECIAL, $1.35

—Men's cotton Fall weight union suits in finest quality ribbed and finished in the best style. An excellent weight for the present time.

MEN'S WOOL MIXED UNDERWEAR, SPECIAL, 59c
Selling regularly at 75c to $1.00

—Men's wool mixed shirts and drawers. This lot includes several excellent brands, but as our line of sizes is broken, we are desirous of closing them out. Made in best style, and garments that will give excellent service.

For the Chil'y Nights

MEN'S $2.00 PAJAMAS, SPECIAL, $1.35

—An assortment of 30 dozen pajamas, comprising a fine quality of flannelette, neatly trimmed with silk frogs, made with military collar and heavy Fall weight, wash cheviot pajamas in light effects in neat patterns. Both of these pajamas are exceptionally desirable for Winter wear.

MEN'S NIGHT SHIRTS, SPECIAL, 63c

—Made of good quality flannelette in a variety of patterns in pink and light blue. Made in both military collar and turndown collar styles. Cut full and long. An excellent nightgown for Fall nights.

MEN'S $3.50 SWEATERS, SPECIAL, $2.95

—Made from worsted yarns, closely knitted in "V" or ruff neck styles. Colors are gray, red or cardinal. Excellent sweaters for general wear, as they are warm, elastic and neat in appearance. Full range of sizes.

Men's Vassar Union Suits

—Swiss ribbed union suits, tailored and finished in the most approved style, very elastic, soft and pliable. Fashioned to give the best fit and service.

—Medium weight natural gray Vassar Union Suits, full swiss ribbed, $4.00 each.
—Natural gray Vassar union suits, heavy weight, $5.00 each.
—Fall weight cotton union suits, Vassar brand, $3.00 each.
—Light blue silk and wool union suits, Vassar make, handsomely finished throughout, medium weight, $6.00 each.
First Floor.

A Remarkable Achievement

The Debut of $15.00 to $18.00

Fur and Ostrich Trimmed Hats of Velvet

$7.50

No two hats alike, showing lace, fur, flower and fruit trimmings, combined with the Ostrich feathers.

Second Floor.

Is The Etoile de France Your Corset

—Probably it is and you don't know it. But it will be very easy to discover whether it is, for there is a corsetiere in the corset salon who has specialized and knows this corset in every particular, and she will tell you without hesitation if this corset does not meet your requirements.

—The Etoile de France, in all of its models for slender, medium and stout women, is flexible, yet it gives the necessary support to the body.

—The very low bust styles with long hips give the superb natural lines that women now desire. However, all the models are designed to give Fashion's ideal silhouette for Winter, at ***$3.50, $5.00, $7.50 up to $15.00.***
Fourth Floor.

All Silk and Silk Mixed Union Suits for Women In Weights Particularly Suitable for Winter

—All made in the excellent Lipman, Wolfe way, well fitting garments that fit the figure as though they were made to order. Woven of soft, beautiful silk yarns and come in all sizes.

—Heavy spun silk suits in white, low neck sleeveless, ankle length, $3.75.
—High neck, long sleeves, ankle length, $5.00.
—Heavy or medium w'ght silk mixed union suits with spliced crotch, low neck, sleeveless, knee or ankle length, $2.50.
—Heavy weight, all silk union suits in white, high neck, long sleeves, ankle length, $6.00.
—High neck, elbow sleeve in knee length, $3.25.
—Dutch neck, e l b o w sleeve, ankle length, or high neck, long sleeves, $3.50. Fourth Floor.