

# CIVIL SERVICE IS BEING RESPECTED

## Burleson, Under Lash of Public Criticism, Now Gives Republicans Chance.

### PRETENSE IS ABANDONED

Order Applies Only to Fourth-Class Postmasters—Second and Third-Class Still Under the Old Spoils System.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 24.—Postmaster General Burleson has let up in his onslaught on Republican fourth-class postmasters, as evidenced by the recent reappointment of several hundred postmasters whose terms have expired the past two or three months. He is today carrying out the spirit as well as the letter of the civil service order promulgated by President Taft.

For a time after he entered the Cabinet Mr. Burleson chopped off the heads of Republican postmasters as fast as their four-year terms expired, and he even went to the extreme of dismissing not a few Republicans to make room for Democrats. During his first few weeks in office he sought to have the Taft civil service order abrogated, at least long enough to turn out the Republican postmasters, contending Democrats were entitled to this patronage, after having been kept away from the Federal payroll for 15 years.

**Demand Withdrawn Perforce.**  
There was such a loud outcry against the revocation of the Taft civil service order, however, that Burleson was obliged to withdraw his demand for revocation, and the men proceeded to enforce the civil service order in a way to meet his own end. Whenever the term of a Republican postmaster expired, Mr. Burleson ordered a civil service examination open to all candidates for the office, but when that examination had been held, he went over the list of eligibles and invariably appointed Democrats. If any candidate of that political faith passed the examination, it made no difference what the comparative ratings proved to be. If one Democrat barely passed and a dozen Republicans passed with high ratings, all of them better than the Democrat, the Democrat was appointed.

**Publicity Brings Check.**  
So much publicity was given to the manner in which the spirit of the civil service order was being disregarded and so much complaint was centered on the Postoffice Department that even that pretense has been abandoned, and today two incumbent postmasters—usually Republicans—are being reappointed to every new Democrat appointment made as a result of examinations. At the present moment, the Taft civil service order is being enforced as fairly as could be asked, as results show.

**COOLEY TO BE RETURNED**  
Brewery Worker Must Stand Trial for Curry County Murder.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 24.—After a hearing held by Executive Secretary Madsen, extradition papers were ordered for the return of R. Cooley, a San Francisco brewery worker, to Curry County, Oregon, to face a charge of murdering Thomas Van Pelt there in 1912.

### TRADING STAMPS UPHELD

Nebraska Court Also Nullifies Anti-Loan Shark Law.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 24.—The Nebraska Supreme Court today declared the so-called anti-loan shark law and the gift enterprise statute, unconstitutional and void.

### COLLECTION IS SUSPENDED

Income Tax May Not Be Paid on Certain Interest Money.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary McAdoo suspended today until January 15, 1914, and until further instructions are issued, collection of the normal income tax of 1 per cent. at the source, on incomes from interest on the obligations of special tax districts, such as frequently are created in the West for irrigation or other local improvements.

### Panama Fair Bars Autos.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—The Panama-Pacific Exposition management announced today that no motor vehicle will be allowed inside the enclosure to the fair grounds in 1915. A parking site, where automobiles may be left just outside the gate, probably will be provided. The principal reason given for this decision is that automobiles and motorcycles would be a menace to the safety of pedestrians wandering about the exposition.

## REINSTATED VETERAN CITY HALL JANITOR AND HIS WIFE, PHOTOGRAPHED IN THEIR HOUSE.



MR. AND MRS. RUSSELL CHAMBERLAIN.

## JANITOR PUT BACK

### Tears Flow as Russell Chamberlain Hears Plaudits.

### RULING DEEMED OF IMPORTANCE

Decision Based on Patriotic Service to City and Country by Veteran, Declaring Public Policy Best Conserved With Sentiment.

A. E. Borthwick, representing the George Wright Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, of which Mr. Chamberlain is a member, arose and expressed his thanks. "In behalf of Mr. Chamberlain's post we extend thanks for your consideration and action. At a later date we will extend our thanks possibly more fully than I am extending them now, but not with any deeper feeling."

Mr. Chamberlain will return to his work tomorrow morning. The decision is as follows: Commissioner is Defeated. On November 21, 1913, Russell T. Chamberlain was dismissed from the position of janitor in the service of the city. The reason given for the dismissal was inefficiency, with the suggestion that this condition was the result of old age. The matter is now before us upon an appeal from the order of dismissal. The dismissal was not made on political or religious grounds, and it seems the action of the Commissioner of Public Affairs in making the discharge was the result of the view that the good of the service required, at all times, and without retention to any other consideration, that the greatest possible quantity of work should be obtained from a municipal employee, and that if, for the same compensation, a larger quantity of work could be obtained from another person, it was the duty of the commissioner to discharge Mr. Chamberlain and employ another.

### EXTRACTS FROM DECISION OF CIVIL SERVICE BOARD IN CHAMBERLAIN CASE.

Public good can be promoted best by encouraging and inculcating a civic patriotism among our servants.

A mighty factor in promoting public good is an appreciation of long and honest service.

There is a human factor which forbids the public turning coldly away from the employee, who has given his best service for many years, at the first slackening of his mental or physical vigor.

Above all local statutes or acts of Congress is a public sentiment founded upon a just and righteous sense of gratitude which declares that the old veteran who by his labor is yet willing and ready to earn his daily bread should be given this opportunity.

We should not measure with too exacting a yardstick the daily quantity of work performed by such a veteran.

Mr. Chamberlain and his comrades did not measure with a yardstick the work they performed from 1861 to 1865, or try to make it represent merely the compensation in dollars and cents received.

The veteran of the Civil War has created a debt not easily repaid, and now, if he is still willing to earn his living by manual labor in his humble position of janitor, we feel that the good of the service will be promoted by retaining him.

It appears from the evidence submitted to this commission that Mr. Chamberlain is approximately 72 years of age; that he has always been, and is now, a capable and willing worker. All the witnesses having knowledge of the subject agree that he is very painstaking and does his work well.

## VICTIMS OF ROBBER IDENTIFY PRISONER

### Half Dozen Persons Positive Bostick Is Man Who Held Up Sunset Limited.

### 2 WHO SAW KILLING FOUND

Jewelry Worn by Man Also Recognized by Owners—Rewards for Arrest and Conviction of Murderer Total \$7500.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Half a dozen victims of the robber who held up the Sunset Limited train December 1 called at the City Jail today and identified John Bostick as the man who robbed them. Jewelry worn by Bostick when he was arrested also was identified as part of the loot obtained in the holdup. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cohen were among those who said they saw Bostick shoot H. E. Montague, traveling passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, at the time of the robbery.

**Pawn Tickets Found.**  
Others who identified the prisoner were Glover Wilburn, H. E. Carrick, N. Murphy, Dr. A. B. Clark and a pawnbroker to whom Bostick pledged some of his loot. Pawn tickets for this plunder were found on Bostick.

**Victim Sure of Man.**  
"He stood there looking at me, cool and unmasked. I looked him square in the eye and there isn't a chance that I could miss him among a thousand."

**Christmas Prospect Bright and All Are Happy at Newport.**

NEWPORT, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The outlook for Christmas in Newport is bright. There have been no calls for charity and all are happy.

**Robbery of train No. 23, between Burlington and the United States (mail) December 1, by the Southern Pacific Company, \$5000.**

**Robbery of train No. 77, November 17, between San Jose and San Francisco, by the United States (mail) \$1000.**

**Robbery of train No. 5, November 14, between Richmond and Oakland, by the Southern Pacific, \$500.**

### BANK PLUM IS TEMPTING

SPOKANE BIDS AGAINST SEATTLE FOR FEDERAL BRANCH.

Financiers of Sound City Think They Are Assured of Honor if Unity Can Be Established.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Seattle's fight to have the regional bank to be established in the Northwest under the new currency law located here was complicated to some extent this morning when news was received here that the Spokane Clearing House Association, which had been expected to endorse this city's effort, had made application for the Federal institution in its own behalf.

Committeemen of the new Chamber of Commerce and the Seattle Clearing House Association, who are working jointly to bring the bank to Seattle, feel that Spokane's effort to get into the field at this time can serve no purpose.

During the day Western Washington bankers endeavored to convince the Spokane interests that by remaining in the campaign they are preventing the state from having more than a fair chance to win.

**STORE DESTROYED BY FIRE**  
Furniture, Stock and Building Burn at Lewiston.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Fire of unknown origin destroyed the A. Ludwig furniture store, which adjoins the Raymond Hotel, at 2:30 this morning. The fire department made a quick response and had three streams on the flames, but to no avail.

**CLERK OF COURT IS JUDGE**  
Attorneys Agree to Arrangement in Absence of Jurist.

By special stipulation of Attorneys Davis & Farrell and Frank Luergan, Monroe Goldstein, clerk of the court, acted in capacity of judge of department No. 5, Circuit Court, yesterday.

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