

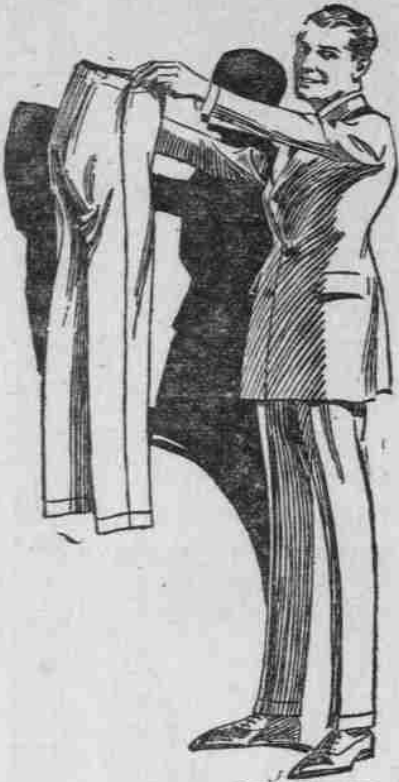
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GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SAID TO HURT CIVIL SERVICE.

Reform Leaders Seek to Check Activities of Congressmen in Attack on Merit System.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 27.—Operation of the government would be clogged without a national civil service law and a civil service commission, but some of the present employees of the government "are so partisan and so friendly to the last administration that they do not want this administration to be a success," Assistant Postmaster-General Bartlett declared tonight before a mass meeting of the National Civil Service Reform League.

The meeting was called for the declared purpose of "checking the declared activities of members of congress and high government officials who seek the destruction of the merit system of the civil service," and was attended by leaders in civil service reform movements from various sections of the country. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor; Moorfield Storey of Boston and Mr. Bartlett, who formerly was president of the civil service commission, were the principal speakers.

Mr. Bartlett declared that the president has the legal right, "as he did in the case of the removal of department heads of the bureau of engraving and printing, to remove officials and officers from civil service when he deems it for the public good."

The president violated no law when he removed the bureau heads, he continued, "nor has he in any part of his administration violated a single civil service rule."

"When the people vote a change in the administration," he added, "they mean a change in administration, not simply a change in the president. An administration must embrace the high administrative officials. Anyone knows new blood brought into any great business is helpful. The extreme civil service view would not permit a president to bring to Washington any new blood."

ANCIENT TYPE VISIONED

EXISTENCE OF MAN-LIKE APE HELD ESTABLISHED.

Creature of Pliocene Period Declared New and Independent Sort of Anthropoid.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 27.—The previous existence on this continent of a new genus and species of primate, "much more closely resembling the human type than it does any known species of ape," although distinct from either, is believed to have been established by the recent discovery of a small tooth in the famous deposits of Nebraska, according to a paper read at the concluding session here of the National Academy of Sciences by Dr. Henry F. Osborn of the American Museum of Natural History.

A number of authorities, Dr. Osborn said, agreed with his deduction that the discovery had established the existence in the Pliocene period of a "new and independent type" of anthropoid or man-like animal. Credit for the discovery, he said, belonged to Harold J. Cook, a geologist of Agate, Neb.

"The animal is certainly a new genus of anthropoid," the speaker said, "probably an animal which wandered over here from Asia with the large South Asiatic element which has recently been discovered in our fauna by Merriam, Griley and others. It is intermediate in structure between the anthropoid ape and the human type. It is one of the greatest surprises in the history of American paleontology."

CHURCH CLEARED OF DEBT

First Presbyterians of Albany Celebrate Epochal Event.

ALBANY, Or., April 27.—(Special.)—Final payment of the big debt incurred by the First Presbyterian church of Albany when it erected its large stone church, one of the best church edifices in the state, was celebrated at a dinner and meeting of the congregation at the church last evening. The burning of all of the debt was given as the principal feature of the jollification.

Reports showed that four years ago the church had a debt of \$20,000. Dr. D. V. Poling, pastor of the church, presided at the meeting and spoke of the church's past and future.

WOODMEN CAMPS VISITED

Head Consul Boak Inspects Lodge Locals in Oregon.

Head Consul Boak of the Woodmen of the World, who came here from Denver to make an itinerary of the Oregon camps before proceeding to a similar work in California, has visited the camps at Astoria, Astoria and McMinnville beside the local organizations of Woodmen.

Today he is listed to visit Salem and tomorrow night the West Linn camp at a banquet at the Berson hotel. Monday he will go to Corvallis and Tuesday to Eugene, where his programme will include an address to the Progressive Business Men's club of that city. He will visit Medford Wednesday and will address the Medford chamber of commerce, will go to Grants Pass May 4, and thence to California.

HOOPER NAMED CHAIRMAN

Member of Public Group of Rail Labor Board Is Elected.

CHICAGO, April 27.—Ben W. Hooper, member of the public group of the United States railroad labor board and ex-governor of Tennessee, today was elected chairman of the board at the annual meeting, succeeding Chairman Barton. G. W. W. Hangar, also a member of the public group, was elected vice-chairman.

The vote was unanimous, Mr. Hooper's name being placed in nomination by the retiring chairman, who had served for two years, or since the creation of the labor board. Judge Barton was not a candidate for the office. Mr. Hooper's name was placed in nomination a year ago, but he declined and supported Judge Barton.

Judge Barton announced he was not willing to serve as vice-chairman, stating he desired to be able to give more time to the study of the issues coming before the board.

Both the new chairman and the retiring chairman are from Tennessee. Mr. Hangar is from Washington.

In a statement following his election Chairman Hooper indicated that the labor board expected to carry the suit instituted by the Pennsylvania Railroad company to test the board's powers through to a finish. In this connection it was announced that

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GRESHAM SAFE ROBBED

Thieves Work Combination and Take \$82 From Grocer.

In accordance with the invitation prominently displayed on the safe in the office of W. Metzger & Co., grocers, of Gresham, thieves did not blow open the 500-pound strong box. Instead, carefully following directions for working the combination, they escaped with \$82.18 in cash, the receipts of the day before.

Deputy Sheriff Christofferson, Schirmer and Kendall responded to the call when the robbery was reported yesterday and expressed the opinion that the crime was the work of the same band who recently blew open the safes in the offices of the Pantages theater and auto stage headquarters. The officials believed the bold cracksmen were taking a brief vacation from the city and operating in out-of-the-way places for safety's sake.

No clues to the thieves were found except some newspaper clippings showing photographs of the downtown safe robberies.

Entrance was gained through a door in the rear of the building after midnight.

WAR POLICY IS JUSTIFIED

POSTAL TELEGRAPH IS DE-CLARED VINDICATED.

Dismissal of Suit by Government Taken by Company Officials as Complete Victory.

NEW YORK, April 27.—(Special.)—The action of Attorney-General Daugherty in dismissing the government's suit against the Postal Telegraph & Cable company for \$2,400,000, claimed as "excess earnings" during the period of wire control by the government, is regarded as a great victory for the telegraph company and a complete vindication of its policy during the war.

This suit was instigated by Postmaster Burleson, and the statement of Mr. Daugherty, in which he expressed the opinion that "the government cannot successfully prosecute this suit in view of the facts and the law," is construed by officials of the Postal Telegraph as bearing out their contention that Mr. Burleson's attitude was arbitrary to a degree, extremely unfair and unwarranted by the facts in the case.

It was explained today by an official of the Postal Telegraph that the suit grew out of Mr. Burleson's refusal to deal with that company on the same basis as he dealt with other communication companies, including the Western Union Telegraph company and the American Telephone & Telegraph company. In other words, the Postal Telegraph company held this was rank discrimination.

A bitter controversy developed and finally, a few days before ex-Postmaster-General Burleson left office, he instituted a suit by the legal department of the postoffice against the Mackay companies. It is this suit which Attorney-General Daugherty now has decided to drop, and his action is regarded by Postal Telegraph officials as fully sustaining their position and a complete victory for the company.

POULTRYMEN TO BANQUET

MONTESSANO, Wash., April 27.—(Special.)—Arrangements have been concluded for a banquet to be given

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here at the Eagles' hall Friday night for the poultrymen of this district by the Montessano chamber of commerce. Mrs. George Shoup, poultry specialist from the Puyallup experiment station, will be the principal speaker, and will discuss feeding problems for laying hens. She will speak the night before at Oakville. Chris Daniels, well-known poultryman of the harbor, will speak at each meeting on the poultry show to be held in connection with the county fair at Elma.

BEE SCHOOL PLANNED

MONTESSANO, Wash., April 27.—(Special.)—Appliarists of the county will meet in Montessano Saturday to conduct a bee "school," at which problems in connection with their business will be discussed. The meeting was called for 10:30 A. M. in the city hall. According to Robert Cowan, county agent, the work of the boys' county and girls' bee club in this county is attracting wide interest. The United States department of agriculture will prepare a set of stereopticon slides illustrating the accomplishments and work of the youngsters, and these will be shown in all parts of the county agent, the work of the boys' county.

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