

MERIT SYSTEM IS TO BE APPLIED TO POSTMASTERSHIPS

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Washington, April 21.—President Harding today tackled the problem of postmasterships throughout the country, their removal and appointment on a basis that would make for efficiency instead of political manipulation and inefficiency.

Postmaster General Will Hays talked at length with the president about the executive order issued by President Wilson, whereby postmasters were placed under civil service rules.

There has been much misunderstanding about the Republican plan to revoke that order. It has been called a return to the "spoils" system. Harding is unwilling to have that meaning attached to the plans of his administration in respect to postmasters. He does mean, however, to see to it that all postmasters shall be appointed on a merit system.

POLICY OUTLINED
Although no definite announcement can be made as yet it looks as if the administration policy would be somewhat as follows:

First—Revocation of the Wilson executive order whereby only one man was eligible for appointment out of a group of applicants who had passed an examination.

Second—Substitution of an executive order putting all postmasters under civil service rules and requiring examination, but permitting appointment from any one of the top three on the eligible list.

Third—Recommendation to congress that legislation be enacted making the system permanent so that every time a new president is elected the postoffice system shall not be subject to the whims of executive orders but that the responsibility for change shall lie with congress as a whole.

PLAN IS SUPPORTED

In support of the Harding plan, the argument is made that many of the postmasters appointed under the Wilson administration were placed in the civil service classification without examination and that it isn't fair to permit the Democrats to remain in office without taking their chance in an open examination. It is insisted that both Republicans and Democrats who passed their examinations under the Wilson executive order will not be disturbed. The new arrangement would apply only to postmasters who had their jobs by political appointment and who never were obliged to pass any examination.

Of course there are objections to the examination system on the ground that a school teacher could answer questions asked on an examination paper more readily than most applicants with executive ability and little book lore. But Postmaster General Hays insists that the examinations will cover executive talents, and indeed the section will be based on organizing ability rather than mere book knowledge.

The postmaster general is heartily in favor of the merit system because he thinks it is the only way to put the postoffice department on an efficient basis. He is full of enthusiasm about the future and realizes the responsibility of his task. He therefore urges President Harding to make it possible for postmasters to be selected on an efficiency basis that an improvement in the entire mail service may result.

WILL SEEK ADVICE

It is probable that Mr. Harding will accept the advice of Will Hays and put all the postmasters under civil service rules and require examinations of all incumbent postmasters who got their jobs through politics.

The new postmaster general also has the full support of Harding in the plan to humanize the postoffice department. There are many places throughout the country where conditions under which clerks are working are conducive to bad health. Hays declares the government should keep pace with progressive employers who are spending large amounts of money for social welfare.

He called a conference of the heads of the employees' organizations and begins at once a careful study of the whole subject. All the energy and industry which Will Hays exhibited as chairman of the Republican national campaign seems to have been transfused into the postoffice department. He is alive with new plans and new schemes for efficiency. It will not be his fault if the country before long doesn't find an improvement in the mail service.

Dartmouth College Dean Here for Visit To Alumni Societies

Craven Laycock, dean of Dartmouth college, Hanover, N. H., arrived in Portland this morning, on a tour of the country, visiting the various Dartmouth Alumni associations. He spoke at 10:10 a. m. to the students at Jefferson high school. Friday morning at 10:15 he will address the Lincoln high school students and at 1:20 p. m. he will speak at Washington high school. At 6:30 p. m. Friday, Dean Laycock will be the honor guest at a dinner given by the Dartmouth alumni at the University club.

Dean Laycock is a native of England, but came to the United States in 1883 at the age of 17. He was graduated from

COMING THOROBRED WEEK

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Tilton seminary in New Hampshire in 1892 and from Dartmouth college in 1896. He was then appointed instructor in public speaking at Dartmouth, and after graduate study was made first assistant and finally professor of public speaking. In 1911 he was appointed dean. Laycock was admitted to the New Hampshire bar in 1906 and practiced law in Hanover for a number of years while connected with the college as teacher.

City Appropriates \$5000 to Carry on 'Phone Rate Fight

Portland city officials waited expectantly all of Wednesday for word from Salem that the state public service commission had granted a rehearing on the telephone rate case, but they waited in vain. It was stated that one of the commissioners was away and no action would be taken until his return to Salem.

Meanwhile the city council passed an ordinance bearing the emergency clause that appropriated \$5000 for this city's share of the expense of carrying on the preparations for the expected rehearing. City Attorney Grant was authorized to employ E. C. Willard as rate engineer at a salary of \$25 a day for such time as may be necessary in preparing and presenting the case to the commission. He also was authorized to retain Alexander Young & Co. as account investigators in the case and to employ an additional stenographer for the extra work involved in the rate case.

Hero of Eastland Disaster May Make Home in Portland

A. Loeb, diver, who is known all over the country as the hero who saved the lives of dozens when the passenger steamer Eastland capsized in the Chicago river, returned today with Mrs. Loeb for a short sojourn in Portland after a trip around the world. He visited various European countries and China, arriving in Santa Barbara, Cal., in time to suffer loss of most of his personal effects in the Ambassador hotel fire.

Loeb expects to dive for the safe that went down with the S. S. Governor at the entrance to Puget Sound, but has not matured his plans.

"Portland is the best town I've seen in the world," said Loeb today. "I'm going to buy some property and live here."

Dealers in Electric Goods Coming to Local Exposition

An exposition of electrical equipment for household industrial use will be held at the Multnomah hotel, Friday afternoon and evening under auspices of the Pacific States Electric company. The principal feature of the event will be a showing in miniature of home and factory interiors with electrical machinery installed and in operation.

Indian Chiefs to Come Here to See Selves in Movies

Five of the Indian chiefs of the Glacier National Park Indian reservation who were featured in the motion picture "Bob Hampton of Flacker," taken by Marshall Neilan at the park last fall, will be in Portland about May 1 to see themselves in "the white man's running pictures," to be shown here, according to advance information received.

Magee-Herigstad Marriage in Salem Is Secret 4 Months

Salem, Or., April 21.—(U. P.)—A \$15,000 diamond necklace was lost by Mrs. Henry Scott of San Francisco last night while she was attending the performance of the Chicago Grand Opera company, according to reports to the police today. Police are working on the theory that the necklace was stolen by a clever thief.

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Auto Kills Father Of Seven Children

Seattle, Wash., April 21.—(I. N. S.)—Police are searching here today for the driver of an automobile who ran down and killed John H. Graves, father of seven children, the youngest of which is 2 weeks old. After striking Graves and his stepdaughter, Lila Porter, who was rendered unconscious, the car sped on.

Blair Is Named for Internal Revenue

Washington, April 21.—(I. N. S.)—David H. Blair of Winston-Salem, N. C., will be the new commissioner of internal revenue. Formal announcement was made today that he had recommended Blair's appointment to the president and he said the nomination would go to the senate this week.

Queen of Talcums,
Friday, 2 cans
25c

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"Merchandise of Merit Only" "Everything for Cash - Everything for Less"

Everything Advertised Here Is a Genuine Money-Saver—Read!

All-Silk
Pongee
89c Yd.

—Just about the present wholesale price for this quality.

—Imported Japanese Pongee, standard 12-momme weight, all silk and entirely free from rice powder or other dressing.

—A very superior wash silk for many uses. 33 inches wide.

—ECONOMY BASEMENT, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.



ACTUAL REPRODUCTIONS.

Higher-Priced All-Wool and Fiber Skirts

\$8.85

It Will Pay You to Be Among the First 150 Women to Come for These

for \$8.85 is the lowest price for high-grade Skirts like these that we've seen in several years—you'll quickly agree to this when you see them.

—New Plaid Messaline Skirts, \$4.50. Another remarkable special saving!

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\$7.50

Is the Phenomenally Low Price on These

New All-Wool Jersey Sports Jackets

—In the newest plain colors—golf red and green, brown, tan, navy and black.

—Not only are these Jackets all-wool, but they are SMARTLY styled and WELL tailored—something you have not found before at \$7.50—come early for your size and color.

—ECONOMY BASEMENT, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

The Newest, Smartest, Most Favored Models in Ready-to-Wear Hats

Sale Priced Friday at

\$1.95

Many Are Priced at Less Than Regular Wholesale Cost!



—You will find in these Hats not only the best and smartest styles of the hour, but also the shapes and colors most becoming to your individual requirements.

—New straws, ribbons and combinations in black and a rainbow of colors.

—Hats for the most particular of informal occasions, as well as for all-round wear. Wonderful choice, wonderful savings, Friday at \$1.95.

—ECONOMY BASEMENT, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.



150 All-Wool Jersey Suits Friday at

\$13.75

—Yes, fine and fashionable Suits—of a quality and style not heretofore seen at this new low price.

—Tuxedo and semi-tuxedo models in blue, brown, green and other heater mixtures, some with inverted pleats in back, all smartly belted.

—The most critical shoppers will be enthusiastic over these high-class Suits and astonished at the savings.

—ECONOMY BASEMENT, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.



\$2.98

—Is a price that offers unusual savings on these new

Elastic-top Pink Brocade Corsets

—Of excellent quality, well boned, with suspender web hose supporters attached. Sizes 21 to 28.

—Batiste and Lace Brassieres, 98c

—One model of heavy white lace, boned under arm, fastened in front, has shoulder straps.

—Another of heavy batiste, lace and embroidery; has built-up shoulders. Both very exceptional at 98c. Sizes 34 to 42.

—ECONOMY BASEMENT, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Women's and Children's Underwear

SAVINGS!

Women's and Children's Stockings

Women's Princess May Union Suits

—Regular and extra sizes in white knit Union Suits, with band neck and narrow shoulder straps, tight knee, flat lock seams, reinforced, perfect fitting, very exceptional. 79c

600 Spring Weight Union Suits 50c

For Boys and Girls, All Sizes at. —Fine ribbed cotton Union Suits in knee length, the girls' trimmed with crochet edge at neck and shoulder straps, the boys' made with round neck and cap sleeves, all well tailored and all very special at 50c!

—ECONOMY BASEMENT, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Women's Lisle Hose, 3 Pairs for \$1.00

—Black white and cordovan Stockings of fine gauge; lisle, double toe and heel and garter-proof top—with seam up the back, perfect fitting and splendid for wear. Sizes 8 1/2 to 10.

Boys' and Misses' Stockings 25c Pair

—Boys' heavy ribbed Hose with double knee, toe and heel, fast dye black, first quality.

—Misses' fine mercerized Stockings, elastic ribbed, double toe and heel, slightly irregular, in black and cordovan, all sizes.

—ECONOMY BASEMENT, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Four Great Specials in Bath Towels

—These are all firmly woven, double-thread Towels, very absorbent and long wearing.

Special Number One at 59c

—Red-Border Towels, very thick and extra large (22x45 inches).

Special Number Two at 45c

—Extra heavy Towels, size 21x40 inches.

—ECONOMY BASEMENT, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Special Number Three at 25c

—20x40-Inch Towels, extra large and good at this price.

Special Number Four at 17c

—18x32-Inch Towels.

—ECONOMY BASEMENT, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Men's High-Grade Khaki Trousers \$1.95

—Made of cloth for service, cut full to the size, finished with wide belt loops and riveted buttons, all pockets faced with self material, reinforced seams, well made.

—All sizes at this price Friday.

—ECONOMY BASEMENT, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.



Cleanup of Women's Pumps, Oxfords

Broken lines in black kid and patent, pair. \$1.95

—The following table shows sizes and quantities:

	2	2 1/2	3	3 1/2	4	4 1/2	5	5 1/2	6	6 1/2	7	7 1/2
AA	1	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
A	1	2	13	9	7	10	4	7	4	1	1	1
B	1	6	5	10	7	4	3	3	1	2	1	1
C	1	4	8	8	13	11	7	4	1	4	3	2
D	1	2	3	9	8	4	2	1	1	1	1	1

—ECONOMY BASEMENT—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Women's Sateen Bloomers 69c Pair

—In white and flesh, well made and reinforced, finished at knee with ruffle and elastic.

Gowns 98c

—Of white lingerie cloth, trimmed with Valenciennes lace insertion and edging or touches of hand embroidery.

—ECONOMY BASEMENT.

56-In. All-Wool Plaids \$2.49 Yard

—Beautiful color combinations of excellent quality for plain and pleated skirts. The price alone tells you how big the savings are.

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