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CIVIL SERVICE.

A Washington correspondent says the president is considerably troubled owing to the orders issued by Cleveland during the last six months of his administration. Cleveland had pretty well succeeded in eliminating from office all who were not "cuckoos," and then spread the blanket of civil service over them to give them a perpetual position. In many of these instances the idea was entirely impracticable, for it is impossible to obtain suitable employees through the civil service rules to fill many of the positions which Cleveland endeavored to cover by his orders. It is presumed that Mr. McKinley will abolish or modify those orders of Cleveland in such cases in which the public service will suffer.

There is a good deal of flap doodle about this civil service business anyway. It was inaugurated at the instance of goody goodies of politics, otherwise known as mugwumps, who thereby expected to improve the public service; but it is a failure. There are men in all parties competent to fill public positions from president to pound master, and the victorious party should be rewarded with the offices. They must be responsible to the country, and should consequently manage the ship. We got along very well before the days of the civil service reformer, and the sooner we return to the Jacksonian policy, "to the victors belong the spoils," the better. When the people vote a change they expect it, from the president to the cross roads postmaster.—Roseburg Plaindealer.

Carter Harrison, mayor of Chicago, thinks wheeling better exercise than horseback riding. He says: "When I go horseback riding, the horse gets the exercise. He doesn't exactly get it all, but he gets the best of it. On the other hand, when I go bicycle riding all the exercise is mine. I do all the work and have all the fun. A man can feel that he is doing something for himself when he is riding a wheel, and there is a great deal of satisfaction in that." The editor of the Salt Lake Tribune also sees in the wheel a great machine for exercise. He says he saw one strike a lady from the direction opposite the front. She gathered herself up and turned around just in time to catch another "head on," and she was the most exercised woman that has been seen for thirty days.

With plenty of grass on the ranges, abundant beef and mutton to grow fat therefrom, and with ready market and advancing prices for their products, there seems to be no reason why the sheep and cattle owners of Crook county should not this year go far toward overcoming the depression thrust upon them three years ago. The horsemen, also, seem to have limited reason to hope for better times, as reports from various Northwestern points indicate a renewed inquiry for animals of the better class, the demand arising principally from an intended shipment to Japan. A stock-growing country will survive some hard blows, for when people can get money they must have its products.—Prineville Review.

Dr. E. H. Dewey is the latest faddist, his particular ellipse being that the way to cure all ills that flesh is heir to is to eat no breakfast. The Dr. thinks breakfast can be dis-

pensated with better than any other meal, because it interferes less with social functions than missing any other meal. He has an idea that over-eating is the cause of many ills, which is perhaps true; but why he adopts the remedy of fewer meals instead of less at each, is a mystery. The very fact that breakfast is missed is liable to give one an abnormal appetite for the next meal, and so cause the very thing it was intended to cure.

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