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AGAINST CIVIL SERVICE.

Secretary Bliss, Pension Commissioner Evens, and Land Commissioner Hermann each wrote a letter to the senate committee that is investigating the workings of the civil service law and rules, advocating a curtailment of the extension of the rules made by Mr. Cleveland.

Secretary Bliss said: "The chief clerk of this department and the chiefs of divisions should, in my opinion, be exempt from the classified service. These officers occupy confidential relations to the secretary, and on their briefs or recommendations he is dependent, to a large extent, for the proper conduct of his office. I am of the opinion, also, that the special agents, such as land and timber inspectors, mineral land commissioners, and particularly the special Indian agents, and the appointment of such, should be more directly under the control of the secretary, who is responsible for their actions, and who must depend upon them very largely for his knowledge of affairs in distant regions."

Land Commissioner Hermann said: "The existing rules of the civil service should be modified so far as the bureaus of all the departments are concerned in respect to their applications to chief clerks, chiefs of divisions, receiving clerks and confidential clerks, to inspectors, and also to all the special agents of the departments. If it is assumed that the dominant party should shape the legislation of the country in consonance with the policies which it sustains, it has a right to know that the chiefs of divisions, who first shape recommendations as they are called for through the various divisions, are in sympathy with the party policies. The most important legislation in congress emanates from these divisions in the form of reports on measures pending before congress, and which are usually first submitted to the heads of departments, and by them to the heads of bureaus, who in turn submit to the chiefs of divisions."

These are common sense arguments. Another batch of evidence showing the unblushing partisanship practiced by the Cleveland administration under the cloak of civil service reform, was submitted to the committee at its regular weekly meeting.—Heppner Gazette.

EMINENTLY CORRECT.

A topical writer in the East Oregonian deals with a very tender subject in treating of woman's age, but he tells nothing less than the truth as follows:

"The physical beauty of women should last, growing more and more mellow until the end. That the beauty of women, like that of men, should be determined from the standpoint of advancing maturity cannot be disputed. It is absurd to claim that the ripe, rich beauty of 40 is less attractive than the budding immaturity of sweet 16. When women live in harmony with nature's laws, each stage of life has its charm. The fullness of beauty does not reach its zenith under 35 or 40. Helen of Troy comes upon the stage at the age of 40. Aspasia was 36 when married to Pericles, and she was a brilliant figure thirty years thereafter. Cleopatra was past 30 years when she met Antony. Diane de Poitiers was 36 when she won the heart of Henry II. The king was half her age, but his devotion never changed. Anne of Austria was 38 when described as the most beautiful woman in Europe. Mme. de Main-

tenon was 43 when united to Louis, and Catharine of Russia was 33 when she seized the throne she occupied for thirty-five years. Mlle. Mar was most beautiful at 45, and Mme. Recamier between 35 and 55. The most lasting and intense passion is not inspired by two-decade beauties. The old saw about sweet 16 is exploded by the truer knowledge that the highest beauty does not dwell in immaturity. For beauty does not mean alone the fashion of form and coloring as found in the waxen doll. The dew of youth and a complexion of roses are admirable for that period, but a woman's best and richest years are from 36 to 40. It is an arrant error for any woman to regard herself as passe at any age if she grows old gracefully."

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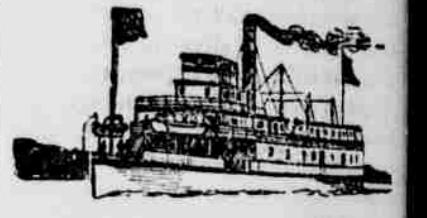
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