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During the Democratic administration many of the musty regulations with which Republican official life had hedged itself in, have been overhauled, and where there is no good reason for their existence, have been discontinued. They have not all been relegated to the past however. The rule which closes the Government Department buildings to visitors at two o'clock is still in force, much to the inconvenience of strangers.

It is a serious disappointment to visitors here only for a few days, and trying to get as much sight-seeing as possible into that time, to be shut out at so early an hour from so many places of interest. They feel and have a right to feel that in a people's Government the people's convenience ought to be considered a little, and that they should be given what pleasure they can get from the corridors, elevators, museums, and curiosity rooms of the buildings as long as they are open for business.

Speaking of sight-seeing in the departments. I often think how monotonous must be the duties of those officials who are delegated to exhibit the objects of interest to visitors. But they show wonderful freshness about the time-worn business. There is nothing perfunctory about the man who exhibits the rogues' gallery, or the piles of counterfeit money, or the secret service room, and only a person who has a party of friends to escort there about once a year can realize how many times he has told the same things over, yet, always with an un-fading brightness of expression and quaintness of humor.

Senator Cockrell's investigating committee (the Senate select committee which is now probing the methods of work in the different Executive departments of the government) has undertaken a gigantic task, but it will make an elaborate report of its labors sometime in the future. The Missouri Senator is a very conscientious; pains-taking man, and he is giving the public offices much annoyance and no little uneasiness. He wants to know (you know) and the number of things the public don't know and that Senator Cockrell will have a great deal of trouble in finding out, is astonishing. The complaint is often made now that there is too much "red tape," and that the employees of the government have very few hours to work, and very little work within those hours as compared with persons employed in similar capacities by private business concerns. But such annoying features are inseparably connected with the theory of government work. It must be put through by processes as nearly mechanical as possible, so that the death or removal of a clerk may not throw an entire office out of gear, and so that the dishonesty of any one employ will be discovered when the work on which he practiced it is turned over to another for the next stage of its progress.

All this involves the reduction of business to infinite detail and its distribution among a multitude of people. If Senator Cockrell and his committee can find a way of simplifying these processes their discovery will be warmly welcomed. The results of their labor can not fail to be of value and will certainly be of interest, abounding in information which, to the general public, is now in the nature of a sealed book.

The committee is not expected to pass judgment upon the civil service law, but accidentally the operations of the law will come under the purview of the committee, and the latter will be expected to answer such questions as the following: Is the Government any better served—the public business more rapidly expedited, the morals or the methods of the several Departments in any respect the gainer—now that what is called the "spoils system" has been done away with?

It is a matter of no small importance. The people are told that the civil service law, in its classified application, is working wonders of reform, but they have only hearsay evidence to that effect. They are assured that it is doing away with a great deal of favoritism, relieving the appointing power of much embarrassment, purifying the channels of patronage, and elevating the standard of clerical merit. They are interested in knowing whether civil service reform is really all that its friends claim, or whether it is a sham and a humbug as its enemies insist. Senator Cockrell's committee, with so good an opportunity could find out all about it.

In the city and suburbs of Montreal, Canada, there are 19 Methodist Sabbath schools, with 3,546 scholars. The missionary contributions of these schools last year amounted to \$4,657, an average of \$1.31 per scholar, and an increase of \$502 over the preceding year.

The largest parishes in the Lutheran church are to be found in Central Russia. One of these numbers 300 villages, and comprises 35,000 people.

Easy to Spell, Hard to Pronounce.

Chicago Times. Abergavenny is pronounced Abergenny. Beauchamp is pronounced Beecham. Bollingbroke is pronounced Bullingbrook. Brougham is pronounced Broom. Bulwer is pronounced Buller. Cholmondeley is pronounced Chumley. Cienega is pronounced Sisler. Cockburn is pronounced Cokburn. Colquhoun is pronounced Cohoon. Cowper is pronounced Cooper. Grosvenor is pronounced Grovener. Hawarden, Gladstone's residence is pronounced Harden. Holborn is pronounced Hoban. Knollys is pronounced Knowles. Majoribanks is pronounced Marchbanks. Marylebone is pronounced Marraban. Norwick is pronounced Norridge. Salisbury is pronounced Sawlsbury. St. Ledger is pronounced Sillinger. Talbot is pronounced Tartel. Taliaferro is pronounced Tolliver. Thames is pronounced Tema. Wenys is pronounced Weems.

Point Mine Discovered.

Mr. Tuschnuki, living about a mile below the Clackamas bridge, while digging a well came to a vein of paint eight feet below the surface. He dug through the vein, which he found to be four feet thick. A sample of this he gave to A. Walker, the painter, who ground it with a chisel, and using it as a body mixed it with oil. A board painted with this paint is in our office. With the exception of a lack of pulverizing it makes a fine specimen of a clear, reddish brown. Mr. Walker tells us that it makes a much better body than a great deal of the paint now sold. He believes that it can be developed successfully and made to pay. —Statesman.

"It Was Just Too Sweet."

She was a girl with a character above reproach. Energetic, honest, industrious, she came far out in the rural districts to do housework for a family in the city. She knew nothing of the ways of city life. She was unsophisticated. The lady for whom she worked conceived the idea of surprising the girl with a grand treat. To this end, she bought a ticket for the theater and directed the girl where and when to go to the Opera house. The girl went, but returned about 9 o'clock. "What is the matter?" "Did you not like it?" asked the woman of the house. "Oh, I liked it ever so much: it's a fine painting," said the girl. "But why have you returned so soon?" "Surely you did not see it all?" "Yes, ma'am, I did. I went in and sat down and looked at the large picture hanging up in front, and it's a daisy I tell you. People kept coming in right along and soon there was a large crowd all sitting around looking at the picture. Then some one, I did not see who it was, took the picture, and some men and women went to talking up there where the picture had been about something that did not concern me, so I got up and came home. But I enjoyed the picture very much. It was just too sweet."

The city of Newark, N. J., containing 160,000 people, has thirteen Methodist churches. An effort is to be made to inaugurate missionary work among the large population of non-churchgoers.

In addition to mission halls there is now five hundred places in London where the gospel is preached in the open air on Sunday.

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