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THE "BLUE BOOK."

The Official Register of the United States Government's Employees.

The government "Blue Book," which is always issued just before a new session of congress comes in, is now being prepared, and will be given to the public in a short time. It contains in each issue the names of all government employes, with the date of their employment, the state of their birth, the state from which each was appointed, the salary each one gets, the name of the possession he holds, the location where he is employed. The "Blue Book" grows larger every year, or rather every two years, for it is published at that period. That of four years ago contained 1,000 pages in two volumes, that of two years ago had at least 1,300, and the one for 1883 will contain, it is expected, 1,500 pages.

The book is a curious study. There is, as has been thousands of times told, a constant rush for government positions. They come to Washington, and spend weeks and months, and even years here. They haunt public men and public places. They are willing to undergo any humiliation or suffer any agony of expense and suspense to get place. Failing in this, they are willing to pay money for place. Often advertisements appear in the daily papers offering \$100, \$200, \$300 and even \$500 to anyone who will procure them a government appointment.

Others offer a considerable sum of money in hand and a large percentage of their salary so long as they hold the place. From this one would suppose that government positions were perfect bonanzas, so to speak, and that the salaries attached to them were princely in their proportions. A gentleman holding an important position in the treasury was not long since asking our correspondent what a newspaper correspondent might make in Washington, and, being informed in general terms, responded, with an air of surprise, "Why that's better than a government position, isn't it?" That is the key to the general view of a "Government position," as ascertained by three-fourths of the people in Washington, and by a large proportion of the people outside of the city and the government service.

In view of this general belief that the government employe is a prince, the "Blue Book" is extremely interesting. The president, as everybody knows, gets \$50,000 a year. Some people say that the presidents don't save anything out of their salaries. That is probably not true. There is no reason why they should not. They have not only their house rent furnished free, but the expenses of the White House are paid out of the public purse. An appropriation for this special purpose is made at every session of congress. The president certainly ought to save money out of his salary, and probably does. Possibly a few of the foreign representatives of this government save something out of their salaries, but probably not. Their expenses abroad are very heavy, and much is expected of them, both socially and personally.

The ministers of London, Paris, Berlin and St. Petersburg get \$17,500 each; those at Vienna, Peking, Rio de Janeiro, Yeddo, Rome, Mexico and Madrid get \$12,000 a year each; those at Guatemala, Santiago and Lima, \$10,000 each; those to Venezuela, Turkey, Sweden and Norway, the Netherlands, Hayti, the United States of Columbia, Belgium and the Argentine Republic, \$7,500; the Consuls-General to Rio de Janeiro, Paris, London and Havana, \$6,000 each; the cabinet officers get \$8,000 a year each, and don't save a cent of it. They are really the most poorly paid men, considering what is expected of them, in the government service. They are expected to entertain early and often and on a grand

scale, and, instead of having everything furnished them as it is for the president, they must furnish it all themselves. The result is none of them can save anything out of the \$8,000 a year which they are allowed.

The collector of customs at New York gets \$12,000 a year, and should be able to save something from it. The collector at Boston gets \$8,000 a year, so does that at Philadelphia, and those at New Orleans, San Francisco and Baltimore get \$7,000. The commissioner of internal revenue gets \$6,000, the general of the army and admiral of the navy gets \$13,000 each; the lieutenant-general of the army, \$11,000; the vice admiral in the navy, \$9,000; the rear admiral, \$6,000; major-generals, \$5,000.

The vice-president of the United States gets \$8,000. The senators and representatives and stenographers in congress get \$5,000 apiece, and so the comptroller of the currency, the first and second comptrollers of the treasury and the commanders in the navy. A few consuls general—not over three or four—get \$5,000 each, as do the interpreters at Peking and one or two other points. The post-master at New York gets \$8,000 a year, and that one ends the list of persons in the employ of the government who receives anything more than a living salary. With two-thirds of these the amount they receive is not more than they are expected to spend. A few of the heads of bureaus get \$4,000 a year, and a few postmasters receive about the same, but of the whole 100,000 office-holders not one in ten gets more than a bare living.

In the "Blue Book," there are columns upon columns of names with salaries ranging from \$800 to \$1,800 a year. Take, for instance the office of supervising surgeon-general of the marine hospital service, which is now intrusted with the task of protecting the whole country from yellow fever and cholera. Its efficient head gets a bare \$4,000 a year, a small sum compared with the earnings of physicians in practice in large cities, while the remainder of the employes actually average less than \$100 a month apiece. The average position for which the average clerk struggles and bores his congressman to the verge of distraction pays to begin with about \$1,000 a year, and seldom reaches 50 per cent more than that, while not a few who spend months in search of office are finally content to begin at \$800 a year and happy if they ever reach \$100 per month.

Proposed gigantic land steal, involving several million dollars worth of United States redwood timber land, has just been brought to light. The lands are situated in the northern part of California, and comprise the most valuable redwood timber on the coast. Applications for pre-emption were prepared and signed by dummies. Several hundred applications of this kind have been filed with the government authorities there, it being alleged that the government officials are acting in collusion with the parties engaged in the scheme. If the promoters succeed they will control one-sixth of the total lumber supply of the state. Affidavits are now being filed, proving fraudulent acquisitions. The United States grand jury propose to investigate the subject.

At the Arlington, No. 127, Kearney Street, San Francisco Cal., resides Mr. Hoover, the renowned counterfeit detector and teacher who says: "For more than twelve years I suffered with sciatic rheumatism of the very worst type, and at times the pains were almost unendurable. I spent a fortune and exhausted medical skill in that time. I heard about St. Jacobs Oil, but was faithless as I thought my ailment was ineradicable. I made one very thorough application and so pronounced was the relief that I continued its use. Before I had used up the first bottle I was well."

Prohibition.

Prohibition covers a broader field than one at first thought would suppose from the stir and talk it creates when it comes up for discussion or adoption in a new quarter. Considering the amount of prohibition we already have, its advocates may hopefully look forward to a time not distant when the white flag of truce shall float from the enemies works.

In the report of the committee on temperance in the Congressional Association of Oregon and Washington territory is a review of the ground covered by prohibition.

There is prohibition of liquor selling on reservations, as was formerly the course with the slaves on plantations; prohibition of sale to minors and drunkards in nearly every state and territory; prohibition on election days; prohibition in the United States army and navy quarters; in the merchant's marine and whaling fleets of the Nation; on railroad lines, river and lake steamships, and in private business corporations, and churches, besides prohibition by local option in thousands of cities, villages, and counties, and constitutional prohibition in four sovereign states of our Republic; Kansas, Iowa, Maine, Vermont.

We were talking of the egotism of great men, and an ex-senator said: "A lady of my acquaintance once wrote Roscoe Conkling a note when he was in the senate with me, asking permission to bring her little girl to see him. He replied in a courteous note, naming the hour at which he would receive her. At the hour named the lady and the child stood before him. 'Mary,' said the mother to the child, 'this is the great Senator Conkling.' 'Yes, little Mary,' said Lord Roscoe with a jovial smile meant to be encouraging, 'but remember, solemnly lifting his forefinger, 'there is a greater than Senator Conkling.' We laughed, and then a regular army colonel said: "'I remember that on the morning of one of the darkest days during the war I met Charles Sumner on the avenue, and, stopping him, said: 'Senator, is there any news this morning?' 'None, I believe,' he gravely responded, 'except that I am a little better this morning. I had forgotten that he was unwell.'"
—*Corr. Record.*



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LETTER FROM GERMANY.

—*Prague, January 2, 1882.*

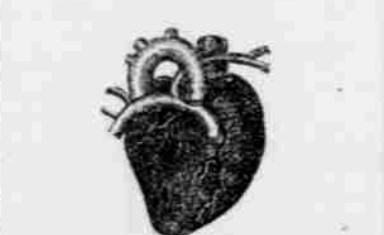
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