

The experience, skill and judgment acquired by a person filling some public office or function are the property of the people. They have paid for it and it belongs to them, and no politician or political party has the right to deprive them of the possession by appointing an inexperienced and unskilled man to supersede the expert. If the trained, faithful and efficient servant of the public has to go out of office, all it cost the people (the wages perhaps of many years) to fit him for his position is lost and counts for nothing. As the green incumbent must undergo like preparation at public expense before he can become capable of fulfilling his duties as satisfactorily as his predecessor, and as he will, should civil service reform be defeated, be liable as soon as he has been rendered competent, to be turned out to make room for another partisan place hunter (and so on ad infinitum), does not the spoil system appear, in the light of reason and truth, not only as an absurdity, but as a fraud on the public and an obnoxious stumbling block in the way of the best possible government?

The objection made against civil service reform that it is imperfect and infallible has no more weight than that preferred against any advance in art or science. The point attained may fall far short of perfection, but for all that, who, in his senses, would dream of returning to the exploded crudities or errors of the past. When our civil service is perfected, it will of course need no reform, but so long as the reform makes actual progress, it should be favored and aided by every good citizen with the same earnestness and zeal with which he cheers and welcomes the progress achieved in surgery, medicine, chemistry, navigation, transportation on land and the conveyance of words and thoughts by the telegraph and the telephone. The best man to fill a place is he whose experience, attainments and established reputation most fully qualify him to discharge its duties with celerity, thorough fidelity and masterly skill, and to deprive the civil service without necessity of such a man is a public robbery.

REGARDING the charges against Cleveland, the New York Post of the 5th says: "It is admitted by Gov. Cleveland's friends that twelve years ago he formed an irregular connection with a widow with two children. He accepted the paternity of a child, made provision for it, and subsequently obtained possession of it, believing the mother, from her intemperate habits, unfit to have the care of it. He placed it in an orphan asylum, and also recovered it after it was stolen by the mother, fearing bodily injury to the child." The Post denies that there was seduction or breach of promise, and adds: "The charge would disqualify him, in our estimation, for the presidency, if his opponent were as good a man in all other ways; but between Cleveland, against whom nothing can be said except that he has not been proof against the most powerful temptations by which human nature is assailed, and Blaine, it prefers the former. It has seen very few public benefactors who have been chaste. Blaine's views are those by which governments are overthrown and states brought to naught. The standard by which some ministers now propose to exclude Cleveland from high place, would have prevented Washington, Franklin, Jefferson and Hamilton, not to go any further, from laying the foundation of the American republic."

The London Graphic points out as a peculiarity about the blind, that there are scarcely any smokers among them. Soldiers and sailors who lose their sight sometimes continue to smoke for a little while, but as a rule, they soon give up the habit. They say it gives them no pleasure when they cannot see the smoke; and some have said they cannot taste the smoke unless they see it. This almost demonstrates the theory that if you blindfold a man in a room full of smoke, and put a lighted and unlighted cigar in his mouth, turn about, he will not be able to tell the difference.

It is thought in Philadelphia that the Northern Pacific's lease of the O. R. & N. lines will be signed there this week. By the terms of the lease the Northern Pacific virtually absorbs the O. R. & N. Co.

OVER 600 lives were lost by boiler explosion in this country during the past year. Nearly 400 persons were killed outright and many of the remainder were maimed for life.

A TWO-HUNDRED-AND-FIFTY-THOUSAND dollar fire at San Francisco, last Tuesday, destroyed the building occupied by the Schmidt printing company and Tatum & Bowen.

THE Washington monument has reached an altitude of 482 feet. Eighteen feet more are to be added to complete the shaft.

"Should Cleveland withdraw?" is being seriously discussed by New York Democratic newspapers.

BORN. In Astoria, on the 5th inst., to the wife of John L. Carlson, a daughter.

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THE CASPERSON ELECTRIC LAMP.

Burning With an Unrivalled Brilliancy OF

Sixty Candle Power

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The Finest and Cheapest Light in Use. NO DIMNESS. NO SMOKE. NO BREAKING CHIMNEYS.

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We guarantee all we say and court investigation. This lamp is fast superseding all old style oil lamps and needs but a trial to prove its merits.

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THE STEAMER A. B. FIELD.

Will sail from Main street Wharf for TILLAMOOK, at 6 A. M., on Saturday, Aug. 9th, 1884.

For Freight or Passage apply to C. Leinenweber, or J. G. Hustler, at the Wharf.

County Coroner.

J. C. ROSS

Has Opened a First-Class UNDERTAKING

ESTABLISHMENT ON MAIN STREET, Above Pioneer Restaurant.

Funerals attended; everything necessary provided, and in all cases, SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.

A GOOD CHANCE TO Learn to Dance.

8 Private Lessons for Five Dollars

Inquire of A. F. NAEF, in Capt. Rodgers new building, opposite Model Restaurant. Inquire this week.

EXCURSION TO KNAPPA!

THERE WILL BE AN EXCURSION AND picnic at the above place, under the auspices of the Ladies of the Congregational church, on Thursday next, Aug. 7. The steamer Gleason and a barge, properly arranged, will be provided, and will leave Wilson and Fisher's wharf at 8:30, calling at Mr. Leinenweber's wharf, Upper Astoria, about 9 o'clock.

Fare for the round trip; for adults \$1.00, for children 50 cents. A general invitation is extended to all.

Dissolution of Co-partnership. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE co-partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the firm name of Ullin & Soderlund, is by mutual consent dissolved, John Ullin retiring, and E. Soderlund to conduct the business of said firm and pay all indebtedness of, and collect all accounts due said firm, and assume all the responsibilities thereof.

E. SODERLUND, JOHN ULLIN. Astoria, Oregon, August 4, 1884.

House Wanted. A SIX-ROOMED HOUSE IN A GOOD locality, with plenty water. Apply at this office.

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J. C. TRULLINGER, - - - Proprietor. MANUFACTURER OF AND DEALER IN All Kinds of Lumber,

ON AND AFTER THIS DATE WILL sell Lumber and Boxes at following rates: All Rough Lumber, (only to special agreement).....\$10 00 No. 1 Flooring and Rustic, (only to special agreement).....\$20 00 No. 2 Flooring and Rustic, (only to special agreement).....\$15 00 Mouldings, 10 per cent. cheaper than anybody. Fish Boxes, 14 1/2 cents at mill, Shooks, 12 cents at mill.

Assignee's Notice. IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF OREGON, For Clatsop county.

In the matter of the assignment of the Union Packing Company.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed assignee of the estate of the Union Packing Company, insolvent debtor, of the city of Astoria, Clatsop county, Oregon.

All claims against said estate must be presented to me, duly verified, within three months from this date, at my office, in the city of Astoria, Clatsop county, Oregon.

C. H. PAGE, Assignee of the Estate Union Packing Co. Dated Aug. 4, 1884.

At The Bureau, Anheuser Busch Brewing Ass'n of St. Louis, Mo.

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Every attention paid my customers, and the best set before them in first-class style.

Notice to Whom It May Concern. THE PERSON OR PERSONS WHO HAVE in their possession a bundle of cloths left by me in a certain place while intoxicated, please come to a false name and by notifying Aug. Danielson of same and be rewarded. J. G. JOHNSON. Astoria, August 2, 1884.

Equalization of Assessment. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON the last Monday in August, 1884, the 25th inst., the board of equalization of Clatsop County, will attend at the office of the county clerk, in said county, and publicly examine the assessment roll for the purpose of correcting any errors therein in the valuation, description or quality of lands, lots, or other property, at which time and place all persons interested may appear. J. F. WARREN, County Assessor. Astoria, August 1, 1884.

Notice to Taxpayers. ALL PERSONS WISHING A CORRECT representation of their taxable property on the county assessment roll should hand in their statements immediately, as the assessor, J. F. Warren Esq. is now completing the roll, - at the court house, or while the circuit court is in session at the office of W. W. Parker Deputy Assessor, on Chenamus street, near Benton street.

For Sale. ONE HOUSE AND LOT IN ALDERbrook. For particulars inquire of THOMAS & KNOWLES.

Notice. ALL MEMBERS INDEBTED TO THE Astoria Workmen's Protective Union are hereby notified that any member not square on the books on or before August 7, 1884, will be suspended. By order Pres., F. F. Blinn. J. C. ROSS, Sec. 2-1w

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Wm. HOWE,

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