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SECRETARY GAGE ON CIVIL SERVICE.

The article on "Civil Service Reform" by Secretary of the Treasury Lyman J. Gage in the May number of Munsey's Magazine is not only interesting because of its disclosures of progress in the adaptation of the merit system to his own department, but because of its admirable exposition of the general application of business principles and common sense to the machinery of the government, says the Times Herald.

When Secretary Gage took charge of the treasury department he found officials of long experience and of great worth had been displaced to make room for men who were of the party last in power. In some cases the work of the places they held was so much beyond these political appointees that the old incumbents of the offices though holding minor clerical positions, were virtually the bureau chiefs, and earned the salaries which were paid to those who held their positions through political influence.

Secretary Gage has instituted a complete transformation in the application of the merit system to the positions in the treasury department. Under the old system of 'examinations for promotion' there was practically no competition. The examinations became a mere formality. Secretary Gage appointed a commission, composed of Assistant Secretary Frank A. Vanderlip, Chief of Appointment Division Major Fred Brackett, and Chief Clerk Theodore F. Swayzee, to prepare examinations and to revise the department's system of dismissal and promotion.

As a result of the good work done by this commission, the examinations now held in the department are thorough and practical, and men are promoted absolutely upon merit, with no reference to political pressure from any source. In closing his defense of practical and honest civil service reform the secretary says:

"Why should the government be satisfied with anything but the best? It pays good wages for labor; it should get the best labor that can be had. There is only one practical way of selecting the best—by competitive examination. A man's allegiance to the republican party or the democratic party is no certificate of his ability to do clerical work satisfactorily; and if he gains an appointment through political influence it is likely that he will give more of his time and thought to politics than to the work for which the government pays him."

It has been plainly evident for some time that the value of Secretary Gage's services to the government will not proceed entirely from his comprehensive knowledge of the curency question, but also from his courageous application of common sense business principles to governmental machinery.

MORE IMPORTANT THAN PORK AND BEANS.

Murat Halstead very aptly says that more important in war than pork, and beans and coal, and steel and gunpowder is money. The congress that was so warm and willful and hurried in its mind and hasty in action to put us into a state of war, should not be slow and tedious, particular and cranky, in finding the means to sustain war. It is the most natural thing in the world that the fools of finance should spread themselves to the battle and the breeze just now. A crank fancies he has great duties to perform, and it is neither in heaven nor earth to move him from his fantastical imaginings. If he has a great deal of hair and believes in the sovereign efficacy of greenbacks, or the holy influences of free silver at sixteen to one, now is his time to be effulgent. His patent medicine to cure all money throubles seems to him worth as much in such an emergency as those schemes of unknown genius manifest in air-guns that sow grace bullets at the rate of a million a minute, or in monstrous contrivances to sojourn on the bottom of the sea and tear the boilers out of great ships, or flying-machines to rain dynamite shells from the blue sky upon the foe. We ought to have a welcome for all great inventors; we should be hospitable to the far-flashing intellects that flame over the problems of finance, but war times are not those in which the common sense of the country—the saving common sense of the people—will justify reliance upon new-fangled instruments or notions. We shall have to fight and to finance this war in the old-fashioned way. We shall have to tax the people to pay the expenses. The money question is before congress now. The feeling that we must pay largely as we go is strong and healthy. The house may be depended upon to do business in the line of increasing taxation and debts according to necessity, promptly. There is a certain uncertainty about the senate, but the general judgment abides that some of the senators who are exploiting their pet theories will not attempt to hold up the country on behalf of their fads. The populist is an incalculable personage. He is like a ship in Havana harbor moored over mud that is the sediment of ages, without anchorage, but fastened to a buoy and absorbing an unwholesome atmosphere. Pops are not expected to give up the comfort they take in total depravity, but there is confidence that enough democrats will put in an appearance on critical votes to prevent the senate from augmenting its reputation for damaging eccentricity. To do the democrats justice, they have been in the habit of coming out strong for the next war, no matter what it was about, and of voting supplies to carry it on wherever it was vigorously. One would be a democrat of a new style if he insisted upon impossible conditions in making provisions for war after the country is under fire.

COLLEGE ATHLETICS.

A distinguished writer in a pamphlet published by the Intercollegiate Athletic association, says that an immense improvement in the moral and physical status of college graduates has taken place since the introduction of athletic games in college. In fact, the honor list of any college, if examined, will show the names of prominent athletes among the few who have earned that proud distinction. There is no reason why "brain and brawn" should be antagonistic. In support of this last proposition the action of that genial invigorant, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which in strengthening the body increases mental activity, may be authoritatively cited. This famous medicine overcomes the dyspepsia peculiar to persons of sedentary inactive habits, yields sound refreshing sleep, and improves the appetite. It also remedies liver complaint, constipation, malaria, rheumatism, nervousness and kidney trouble.

If you have hides, wool, furs, rags, bottles, lead, brass, copper, bone, or any kind of junk for sale, ship it to R. M. Gaston, 166 Fourteenth street, Astoria, Oregon, or write him and he will call at your place and get it. He pays cash.

The woman in the fur coat yesterday was ever so much more comfortable than the one in the spring gown.

Healthy, happy children make better men and women of us all. A little care and a little planning before birth is often more important than anything that can be done after. On the mother's health and strength depend the life and the future of the children. A weak and sickly woman cannot bear strong and healthy children. Most of the weakness of women is utterly inexcusable. Proper care and proper medicine will cure almost any disorder of the feminine organism. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has been tested in thirty years of practice. It is healing, soothing, strengthing. It is perfectly natural in its operation and effect. By its use, thousands of weak women have been made strong and healthy—have been made the mothers of strong and healthy children. Taken during gestation, it makes childbirth easy and almost painless and insures the well being of both mother and child. Send 21 cents in one-cent stamps to World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y., and receive Dr. Pierce's 1008 page "Common Sense Medical Adviser," profusely illustrated.

Woman's greatest pet among animals is evidently man.

Many old soldiers now feel the effects of the hard service they endured during the war. Mr. Geo. S. Anderson, of Rossville, York county, Penn., who saw the hardest kind of service at the front, is now frequently troubled with rheumatism. "I had a severe attack lately," he says, "and procured a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It did so much good that I would like to know what you would charge me for one dozen bottles." Mr. Anderson wanted it both for his own use and to supply it to his friends and neighbors, as every family should have a bottle of it in their home, not only for rheumatism, but lame back, sprains, swellings, cuts, bruises and burns, for which is unequaled. For sale by Charles Rogers, druggist.

Just when a woman feels most the need of a man's sympathy is the time when she generally gets the least of it.

I have been a sufferer from chronic diarrhoea ever since the war and have used all kinds of medicines for it. At last I found one remedy that has been a success as a cure, and that is Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.—P. H. Grisham, Gears Mills, La. For sale by Charles Rogers, druggist.

It seems strange that a shabby suit of clothes will go far toward convincing the world that a man is guilty of almost any crime.

The entering wedge of a fatal complaint is often a slight cold, which a dose or two of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral might have cured at the commencement. Therefore it is advisable to have this prompt and sure remedy always at hand to meet an emergency.

It is noticeable that army blue has quite superseded Spanish orange as a favorite color.

That the blood should perform its vital functions, it is absolutely necessary it should not only be pure but rich in life-giving elements. These results are best effected by the use of that well-known standard blood purifier, Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

It seems very harrowing that the call to arms should have been made at a time when it is too warm for the open fire and too cool for the long farewell to take place on the moonlit piazza.

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MARINE NOTES.

The German ship Ben Vorlich, wheat laden, put to sea yesterday.

The British steamship Mogul, 41 days from Hong Kong, arrived in yesterday and proceeded up to Portland.

The steam schooner Albion crossed out yesterday for Copper river. She was light in freight and carried but few passengers.

The Alexander Black, from Antwerp, the Glenbank from Calcutta and the German ship Gertrud, from Hiogo, are the next of the grain fleet due at this port, besides the missing bark Midas, 52 days from Nagasaki.

Tide Table for May, 1898.

DATE	HIGH WATER A. M.	HIGH WATER P. M.	LOW WATER A. M.	LOW WATER P. M.
	h.m. ft.	h.m. ft.	h.m. ft.	h.m. ft.
Sun. 1	8 57 6.1	9 24 7.0	2 56 2.7	3 01 2.5
Mon. 2	9 39 6.5	10 08 7.5	3 54 1.9	3 47 2.3
Tues 3	10 55 6.8	10 54 8.0	4 46 1.2	4 40 2.6
Wed. 4	11 47 7.0	11 24 8.3	5 34 0.5	5 30 2.7
Thurs. 5	.....	12 37 7.4	6 21 0.1	6 18 2.8
Fri. 6	0 11 8.9	1 26 7.0	7 08 0.2	7 02 2.9
Sat. 7	0 58 3.0	2 14 7.0	7 54 0.8	7 49 3.2
Sun. 8	1 29 3.0	3 01 6.8	8 40 0.5	8 38 3.3
Mon. 9	2 25 8.8	3 51 6.8	9 31 0.4	9 34 3.4
Tues 10	3 18 8.4	4 45 6.7	10 22 0.2	10 36 3.4
Wed. 11	4 17 7.8	5 43 6.8	11 17 0.3	11 49 3.2
Thurs. 12	5 26 7.3	6 44 7.0	.....	12 15 0.8
Fri. 13	6 45 6.8	7 38 7.2	0 56 2.9	1 13 3.3
Sat. 14	8 02 6.7	8 31 7.4	2 03 2.5	2 11 3.5
Sun. 15	9 10 6.9	9 21 7.3	3 06 1.8	3 11 3.9
Mon. 16	10 11 7.0	10 10 8.0	4 04 1.1	4 07 3.3
Tues 17	11 06 7.0	10 54 8.3	4 57 0.5	5 00 2.5
Wed. 18	11 57 7.0	11 35 8.4	5 45 0.0	5 48 2.8
Thurs. 19	.....	12 41 6.9	6 30 0.3	6 31 3.2
Fri. 20	0 11 8.4	1 25 6.8	7 09 0.4	7 11 3.5
Sat. 21	0 45 3.2	2 05 6.7	7 47 0.3	7 49 3.7
Sun 22	1 19 3.1	2 44 6.6	8 21 0.1	8 25 3.8
Mon. 23	1 51 7.8	3 15 6.5	8 54 0.2	9 02 3.9
Tues 24	2 24 7.2	3 51 6.5	9 25 0.5	9 41 4.0
Wed. 25	3 01 7.2	4 30 6.5	9 57 0.8	10 22 3.9
Thurs. 26	3 46 6.8	5 15 6.6	10 30 1.1	11 09 3.7
Fri. 27	4 40 6.4	6 00 6.8	11 08 1.5	.....
Sat. 28	5 51 6.0	6 45 7.0	0 07 3.3	.....
Sat. 29	.....	.....	11 54 2.0	.....
Sun. 29	7 09 5.9	7 35 7.2	1 13 2.8	12 51 2.5
Mon. 30	8 26 5.8	8 20 7.6	2 18 2.2	1 51 2.9
Tues 31	9 37 5.9	9 23 8.1	3 22 1.6	2 56 3.1

VESSELS BOUND TO ASTORIA.

Glenbank, Leonard, Br bk, 1369 tons, Calcutta.

Midas, Messenger, Br bk, 1362 tons, Nagasaki.

Alexander Black, Dunn, Br bk, 1391 tons, Antwerp.

Annie Thomas, Thomas, Br sh, 1769 tons, Port Pirie

Forthbank, Peterson, Br bk, 1339 tons, Gerghenti.

Audaman, Winter, Br bark, 935 tons, Algoa Bay, ——.

City of Athens, Lundins, Br ship, 1199 tons, Antwerp, ——.

Joseph Pulitzer, Harvey, Am sch, 71 tons, New York.

Clackmannanshire, Thomson, Br sh, 1482 tons, Newcastle.

Silberhorn, Gibson, Br bk, 1774 tons, Liverpool.

Argo, Maclean, Br sh, 1490 tons, Antwerp.

Bogstadt, Thorbjornsen, Nor str, 1,262 tons, China.

Gulf Stream, McKennon, Br bk, 1,378 tons, London.

Castle Rock, Jones, Br str, 1,737 tons, Hiogo.

Lombard, Raison, Br str, 1,858 tons, Hong Kong.

Gunford, MacPherson, Br sh, 2198 tons, Hamburg.

Patriarch, Breach Br sh, 1339 tons, Manila.

Les Adelphus, Lebreton, Br bktn, 1320 tons, Freemantle.

Poseidon, Bush Br sh, 1708 tons, Newcastle.

Gertrud, Hinke, Ger sh, 1682 tons, Kobe.

Mogul, Wright, Br stm, 2254 tons, Hong Kong.

Lauriston, Latta, Br bk, 2132 tons, Rio Janeiro.

Howth, Martin, Br bk, 2166 tons, Calcutta.

Emin Pasha, Christensen, Ger bk, 1567 tons, Antwerp.

Wallacetown, Motley, Br sh, 1626 tons, Antwerp.

John Cook, Magee, Br sh, 1758 tons, Hiogo.

Socotra, Harder, Br bk, 1507 tons, San Francisco.

Stronsa, Barry, Br sh, 1939 tons, Yokohama.

Helensburg, Jefferson, Br sh, 1899 tons, Shanghai.

Glenard, Turner, Br sh, 1786 tons, San Francisco.

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W. F. Jewett, ——, schr, 452 tons, San Francisco bay.

Omega, —, bktn, 552 tons, Mollendo.

Letitia, ——, schr, 223 tons, San Francisco.

Viking, ——, schr, 139 tons, San Francisco.

Queen, ——, schr, 283 tons, San Francisco.

Ralph J. Long, ——, schr, 86 tons, San Francisco.

Melanchton, Bolleson, schr, 284 tons, Port Harford.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groton, S. D.: "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in consumption. Four doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am saved and now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at Estes-Conn Drug Co. Regular size 50 cents and $1. Guaranteed or price refunded.

The small sleeve is an acknowledged fact.

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASTORIA, OREGON, TO IMPROVE COLUMBIA AND ALAMEDA AVENUES.

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Astoria, Oregon, proposes and intends to improve the following described streets in said city in the manner hereinafter designated, to-wit:

Beginning at the intersection of the center line of Chenamus street with its western boundary, thence in a southwesterly direction and parallel to the center line of Taylor avenue to its intersection with the center line of Columbia avenue, if extended; thence in a southerly direction along the center line of Columbia avenue to its intersection with the center line of Alameda avenue; thence southwesterly along the center line of Alameda avenue to a point where the west line of lot 4, in block 18, in Taylor's Astoria, if extended northerly, would intersect the center line of said Alameda avenue. Also beginning at the intersection of Columbia and Alameda avenues, thence easterly along the center line of Alameda avenue to the east boundary line of Lincoln street, if extended; the improvement to be of the following kind and character, to-wit: beginning at a point at the intersection of Columbia with the south line of Taylor avenue, constructing a trestle on a pile foundation, to a point 134 feet from the aforesaid intersection of Taylor and Columbia avenue, said trestle to be 20 feet in width, the rest of said improvement to consist of grading to a width of 20 feet to the established grade with necessary slopes and planking same to a width of 16 feet, the whole of said improvement to be in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor now on file in the office of the Auditor and Police Judge of said city, reference to which said plans and specifications is hereby made for a particular description of said improvement, said plans and specifications being hereby adopted and designated as the plans and specifications for said proposed improvement.

The cost of said improvement shall be defrayed by special assessment on the lands, lots and premises fronting and abutting upon, adjacent to, or otherwise benefitted by said proposed improvement, which said lands, lots and premises are hereby embraced and included within a district of the same, which shall hereafter, for the purposes of said improvement, be called The Columbia and Alameda Avenue Improvement District, and which district is described as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of Taylor's Astoria, thence northerly along the prolongation of the east boundary line of Taylor's Astoria to the south line of Chenamus street, thence westerly along the south boundary line of Chenamus street to its western terminus; thence northerly along the west buondary line of Chenamus street to its north boundary, thence northwesterly and at a right angle to Taylor avenue to a point 155 feet from the north boundary line of Taylor avenue; thence southwesterly and parallel to the north line of Taylor avenue to a point where a line drawn 200 feet distant westerly and parallel to that part of Columbia avenue which it is the intention to improve, would intersect with the north line of block 2, in Taylor's Astoria; thence southwesterly along the north line of said block 2 to its northwest corner; thence southeasterly to the southwest corner of block 18 in Taylor's Astoria; thence northeasterly to the southeast corner of block 19 in Taylor's Astoria; thence to the southwest corner of lot 14, in block 115 in Taylor's Astoria; thence easterly along the south boundary line of said lot 14 to its southeast corner; thence northerly along the east boundary line of Taylor's Astoria to the place of beginning, said district to include all the lots, lands and premises within the aforesaid boundaries.

Now, therefore, unless a remonstrance signed by the residents owning more than one-half of the property in the district herein above described shall be filed with the undersigned by the time of the next regular meeting of the said Common Council following the expiration of the publication of this notice, the said improvement will be made as aforesaid.

This notice is published by resolution of the said Common Council passed at a regular meeting thereof, held in said city on Thursday the 21st day of April, 1898.

H. E. NELSON,
Auditor and Police Judge City of Astoria.
Astoria, Oregon, April 26, 1898.

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