

CIVIL Service Commissioner Roosevelt is in danger of being disciplined by Mr. Harrison. He has an entirely unrepugnant idea of the privilege and duties of Federal office holders, and has actually dared to make a report to Mr. Harrison recommending that twenty-five Federal employes in Baltimore be dismissed from office for having been guilty of "pernicious political activity." This is the way that Mr. Roosevelt arraigns the ideas of his party in his report: "At present the ordinary office-seeking ward-workers and a very large percentage of office holders have grown to believe that it is part of the natural order of things that those who hold or seek to hold the offices should exercise the controlling influences in political contests. The ward-worker, who is simply in politics for the offices, is a curse to the community and the sooner this is recognized the better. His political activity is purely unhealthy and mischievous. Take it out of the power of any politician to give him any office and he will cease from his noxious labors in a very short space of time. As for the government office-holder, he must be taught in one way or another that his duty is to do the work of the Government for the whole people and not to pervert his office for the use of any party or faction." Imagine if you can the feelings of Mr. Harrison, who condemned, and who has just put a man out of the Collector's office in New York City for no other reason than that he wasn't paying enough attention to partisan political work when he read this report.

The republican rejoicing over the great financial feat of extending the maturing 4 1/2 per cent bonds at 2 per cent was somewhat premature, as not one half of the bonds have yet been extended and the news from Washington indicates that at least one third of the \$51,000,000 which was outstanding when the extension proposition was made will have to be redeemed in September. It was supposed that the administration could bulldoze the National banks into taking all their bonds, but there must have been a miscalculation somewhere.

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Ex-SENATOR Ingalls must have found being a "states man out of a job" profitable as it is announced that he intends going to Europe on a protracted pleasure tour. He will be forgiven much if he will carry some of those who are at present drawing statesmen's salaries, without having the ability to perform their duties, with him and leave them in to most out-of-the-way place he can find

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No poison brings death with more maddening agony than ammonia, but that fact does not seem to discourage the suicide. The man Harrowitz, who deliberately swallowed a dose of the fatal drug in New York recently, is only one of the many who have gone the ammonia route to death in spite of the excruciating pain. Dr. Blyth has recorded thirty cases of ammonia poisoning in the small London district of which he is health officer; Professor Mitchell mentions twenty-two cases, and four have occurred during the short time Dr. Jenkins has been connected with the coroner's office in New York.

Cases of slow poisoning from ammonia are of constant occurrence among men who work in its manufacture, or even in decomposing substances which give it off in considerable quantities. Ammonia, slowly and from day to day taken into the system, causes the complexion to lose its freshness, and the skin of men who get heavily impregnated with it has a disagreeable blotched and discolored appearance.

Taken into the stomach from day to day in even the small quantities used to adulterate food, such as baking powder, it not only injures the complexion but attacks the lining of the stomach, and is the source of much general ill health.

The recent rapid increase in the use of ammonia for various purposes, and the consequent increase in its manufacture, have made it one of the most easily obtained poisons and, although everybody is familiar with it in some form, there is a surprising amount of ignorance of its dangerous qualities. Its use as an adulterant in any food preparation is simply a crime, and as a crime should be punished.

BANDIT CATILLO SHOT.

WALSENBURG, Colo., Aug. 21.—The famous bandit, Catillo, was shot and killed this morning at 3 o'clock on Halo Duro Creek, this county. Deputy Sheriffs Wilson and Yocum of Park county and Deputy Sheriff Brewer of this county and three others surrounded him and he refused to surrender. He is wanted in Park county for the murder of two Swedes.

The fight lasted for three hours. The bandit was well armed, and had a large supply of ammunition. Every opportunity was given him to surrender, but his final answer was a shot from his revolver. Duputies Yocum and Wilson are both good shots, but the bandit was so protected by rocks and trees that it was three hours after the first shot was fired before any of the officers' bullets took effect, although many of them grazed his body wherever it was exposed. He fought desperately, and although he was subjected to attacks from six quarters, he fired so rapidly and with such accurate aim that it was impossible to close in on him. The canyon is infested with other notorious and desperate characters, members of his band, who will either be captured or meet the fate of their leader.

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