

THE OFFICE-SEEKING MANIA.

The Philadelphia Times thinks that to secure a census of the Federal office-holders would be an easy matter, but the taking of a census of the patriots who would like to be office-holders would be quite another thing. To the great army of those who are openly clamorous for position would have to be added those who are in the hands of their friends, as well as those who are as mad as they can be because their friends haven't suggested their names for a post office or a foreign mission. If a record were once made of all the people who want an office or want to be urged to take one the result would be surprising. No epidemic disease ever known in this country numbered half the victims of this itch to be fed at the public crib.

The Pittsburgh Times has been taking a census of the known applicants for post-masterships in a comparatively limited area of Eastern Ohio and West Virginia. It published the other day a list of 1,386 applicants for 200 post offices in the section named, showing that the active aspirants number seven to every post office. Assuming that the people of Eastern Ohio and West Virginia are no more willing to be office-holders than those of any other section, and that the Times' list is a fair sample of the office-seeking mania everywhere, it will be seen that not less than 420,000 patriots are willing—yes, anxious—to fill the 60,000 postmasterships in the country. As there is no reason for believing that there are less than seven persons willing to fill each of the other 90,000 places, great and small, under the government, the sum total of active seekers for public position is swelled to 1,050,000, or about one-tenth of the total vote cast at the last election.

These appalling figures are enough to drive sleep from the eyelids of President elect Harrison and rest from all his thoughts during the next four years. If the figures don't do it the hungry horde for which they stand will. Not more than 30,000 of the 1,050,000 Federal office-holders fall under the provisions of the civil service law, leaving 1,020,000 positions to be scrambled for by nearly a million of applicants, each of whom will protest that General Harrison owes his election to the applicant's individual efforts. President Harrison's most devout daily petition to heaven during the next four years will be to be saved from his friends. And as 120,000 offices can't be any possibility satisfy seven times as many applicants, it will follow that when the offices have all been distributed he will have seven times as many enemies as friends among them.

But leaving President Harrison to deal with the hungry horde as best he may, the sight of this scrambling mob of place-seekers is not a reassuring one to the friends of free institutions. The certainty that one voter in ten is an active aspirant for public position and that he will cringe, crawl, bribe, bully, threaten and if need be conspire to secure his ends, is not one to be proud of or thankful for. And the worst feature of it all is that the office-holding mania is on the increase. The one consolation to be derived from the situation is that only one out of seven can secure what they are after and that the other six may continue to be self-supporting citizens in spite of themselves. The six who are disappointed will doubtless be better off in the end than the one who succeeds, as the most helpless and pitiable mortal in the world is the confirmed office-holder. He is spoiled for anything else and as the mutations of politics are almost certain to leave him stranded at some time, he is in the end worse off than the street sweeper or ditch digger, yes, even than the prodigal son after he had spent his patrimony; for he did become a swineherd, which is more than most chronic office-holders were ever known to do after being bounced out of their positions.

Mr. Dillon stated in the House of Commons that in 1845, when the population of Ireland was 8,000,000, the cost of the Irish police was £130,000 a year. Now that the population is under 5,000,000, the police estimates amounts to £1,450,000. At this rate of increase, when the country is entirely depopulated the Irish constabulary will stand England in just about £3,000,000 per annum.

In view of the fact that more than 5,300,000 voters cast their ballots for Cleveland and Thurman—nearly or quite 100,000 more than voted for Harrison and Morton—why should Democrats give up the battle for tax reduction and tariff reform? And why should not Republicans, if they really respect the will of the majority, temper their legislation with compromise in deference to popular demand.

A French physician, Dr. Flez, mentions a curious apparent cause of left handedness. A child in a certain family was left handed, and the second appeared to be so at the age of 1 year. It was then learned that the mother always carried her children on her left arm. She was advised to change, and held on her other arm the infant, having its right hand free to grasp objects, soon became right handed.

Texas will not divide its territory into more States. This is a sensible course for the Texans. One big Texas will have more influence than four little States; and one State government can serve the people quite as well as four, and for less money.—Portland News.

Very well, if this be good for Texas, why not good for Dakota, out of which republicans are bent on making two states. It does not require the discernment to penetrate a mill stone in order to detect the drift of O'Meara's logic.

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