

IS HARRISON PLEDGED?

An organ says Harrison has made no pledges to the people as to his observance of civil service reform or that he would not remove democrats from office on the ground of partisanship. Of course those organs that cannot be called to accountability for the falsity of their statements can say with impunity most any ridiculous thing, but newspapers that hold themselves responsible to the public for the correctness of their statements have to make inquiry and investigation before making them. In the platform upon which Mr. Harrison was elected is the following:

"The reform of the civil service auspiciously begun under the republican administration should be completed by the further extension of the reform system already established by law to all the grades of the service to which it is applicable. The spirit and purpose of the reform should be observed in all executive appointments, and all laws at variance with the object of existing reform legislation should be repealed to the end that the dangers to free institutions which lurk in the power of official patronage may be wisely and effectually avoided."

Of course, every one understands that a pledge made by a party, in its platform, is as binding on the party's candidate as though made by the candidate himself. Here is an unmistakable pledge made by the republican leaders in the most solemn manner that in case that party were restored to power "all executive appointments," whether within the provisions of the civil service law or not, should be made only in harmony with the spirit of that law. But this was not enough. Upon this point there must be no doubt and so the candidate after weeks of study and preparation felt called upon to reassure the country that the republicans were not spoliemen, and in his letter of acceptance pledged his hearty approval of civil service regulations. Hear him as the candidate:

"The law regulating appointments to the classified civil service received my support in the senate in the belief that it opened the way to a much needed reform. I still think so, and therefore cordially approve the clear and forcible expression of the convention on this subject. Only the interests of the public should suggest removals from office. It will be my sincere purpose, if elected, to advance the reform."

The country has already seen a number of removals which are notoriously violative of the pledges above given.

Secretaries Blaine and Noble were boys together in the ancient town of Lancaster, Ohio. Here Mr. Noble was born, and Mr. Blaine went there when quite young and lived some years in the family of Thomas Ewing, once Secretary of the Treasury. Ewing was the father of Gen. Sherman's wife. Blaine and Noble remember each other well, and the latter says that in those days he had a great admiration for the lean, rather domineering lad who is now his superior in Harrison's Cabinet. Noble playfully remarks that Blaine would never have been a famous man had he not lived in Ohio for a time.

It is significant of the man that among the portraits on the walls in John Bright's study is one of Gladstone, one of Lincoln and one of Washington. He did much of his work with the reminders of congenial spirits around him. He recently gave evidence that the political separation between himself and Mr. Gladstone had not changed his confidence in the fundamental worth of the latter's character, though he had previously given way to impatient utterances concerning his Home Rule attitude.

President Cleveland kept Abraham D. Hazen in the office of third assistant postmaster-general, to which he had been appointed by President Arthur, more than two years. Hazen's democratic successor has already been displaced and Hazen restored to the office. We presume this is done in the spirit of civil service reform, which the Chicago platform declared should govern all executive appointments.

The people of Waterloo and those near Stayton will be before the county court this week asking for appropriations to build bridges at these points. We know not the condition of the county treasury, but if there be a "surplus" not necessary to meet the current expenses of the county no better use could be made of it than to make these much needed improvements.

Another victim has been added to the list of excessive tobacco users. John Rogers, of Henry county, Iowa, who has been a constant user of the weed since he was 16 years of age, has just died, aged 111.

Workmen in a gravel bed on the Western Railway of Alabama recently came upon the skeleton of what they think was an Indian princess. On it were found a silver cornet, buckles tied together with a silk ribbon, and a peculiar knife with a sabre blade.

A law in Prussia provides that any person carrying a stick or an umbrella in such a way as to be dangerous to other travelers may be punished by fine or imprisonment.

Good democratic postmasters are to be allowed to serve out their terms. The only trouble is that Assistant Postmaster-General Clarkson is the judge of this goodness.

To err is human; to keep it from being found out is divine.

I think it is safe to say that ninety-nine out of every hundred women wear shoes that are too large in the instep. Shoes that are too large in the instep allow the feet to crowd forward on the toes and the result is there is a deformity of some sort. When a woman's foot hurts her nine times out of ten she will have the buttons of her shoes set so they will be made larger in the instep, and if her toes are troubling her the mischief is only increased. The buttons should be reset so as to make the instep smaller and the shoes to fit the better. The slovenly fitted shoe is the cause of most of the trouble.

Experts claim seasickness can be regulated by a system of breathing. One must sit still and breathe regularly and freely according to a fixed plan. Time your breathing to the upward and downward motion of the boat. As the boat falls there should be a full expiration, and as the boat begins to rise start on an inspiration, ending just as the boat starts to drop. It is an easy plan to follow and will make you laugh at the idea of being sick unless you have a stomach so weak as to be affected by the swaying of an elevated train or boat on a short and smooth ferry.

NOTICE.—Whereas, my wife, Lydia N. McKinney, has left my bed and board without just cause or provocation, this is to warn the public against trusting her on my account as I shall pay no debts of her contracting.

P. McKINNEY.
Albany, Oregon, April 2nd, 1889.

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