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**Retirement of Government Clerks.**  
It goes without saying that all persons who live in cities where post-office clerks are largely employed, are directly interested in the efficiency of these employes. It is not so universally admitted that all the people of the country are interested in the efficiency of clerks in the departments at Washington.

This is true, however, in an equal or greater degree. The machinery of the government is largely in the hands of the subordinate employes of the different bureaus at the Capital. This has long been the case and is growing more and more so every year.

The heads of the great departments have a very short average tenure of office. The postoffice department, the largest in amount of business and number of employes, has seen six postmasters general come and go within the past 11 years. Some other departments have had even more changes in their chiefs, and the heads of bureaus immediately subordinate to the secretaries, etc., are only a little more permanent in official life. They change entirely with the advent of a new political party, and they are changing constantly by resignation and casualties. The only permanent force in the departments upon which the correct transaction of the public business must depend, is composed of the clerks who are covered by the civil service law, and whose tenure depends, theoretically at least, on good conduct and efficiency. Under existing laws, which have been in operation about twenty years, these clerks are appointed after competitive examinations, and are supposed to be free from the influence of party politics as to appointment or removal. The era of rewarding worthless men with clerical positions for political activity has gone, and he who is bold enough to advocate its return would help puncture the tires on our stately wheels of progress without compensating benefit.

But there are problems connected with this fixed tenure of position which are beginning to seriously occupy the attention of congress and the public. With advancing years, the efficiency of the clerks ultimately deteriorates, but experience shows how hard it is to get rid of them. Many have been unable through misfortune, and others have been too careless to make provision for old age, and their superior officers are prevented by consideration of humanity from turning them adrift until their disability becomes so pronounced as to render their continued employment impossible. The result is a large and increasing number of partially disabled employes who are growing less efficient every year, and whose places, for the good of the service, ought to be filled from among the throng of eager young persons who await appointment from the civil service registers throughout the country.

The remedy for this state of things is proposed in the retirement fund, which though not called by that name is in effect a civil pension. There is no doubt in the mind of the SENTRY, that this is the logical outcome of civil service reform. Sooner or later, that fact must be acknowledged, or the fundamental principles of that reform must be abandoned.

One means of obviating the necessity for this pension, which is being discussed by congressmen, and has been approved by a committee, is to summarily discharge all clerks on reaching the age of 70 years. Another plan is based on the short tenure of office. It is suggested that clerks be appointed for seven years with the privilege of one reappointment for a like period, and be therefore ineligible for any clerical position. This plan, if the maximum age of appointment were fixed, for instance, at 37 years, would result in having to employ on the rolls in a subordinate capacity more than 34 years of age. The evil of old-age inefficiency would be obviated by this plan, but responsible officials of the government insist that other inconveniences would result much more serious than those which are thus than those which are thus avoided. Many highly efficient and almost indispensable clerks in various departments are still in full strength and vigor after more than thirty years of continuous service. All these years they have been acquiring knowledge and experience which are still of incalculable value to the government. A maximum of four or five years service would never secure the benefits now derived from this class of expert employes. They would come

and go too frequently to permit the accumulation of this fund of experience which is so necessary to the proper working of the administrative machine. This, at least is the opinion of men who have given much reflection to the subject after years of service at the head of bureaus and departments.

A combination of the two features has been suggested. It is proposed that clerks hereafter appointed come in at a salary of \$900 per annum and receive their appointments for seven years; that at the end of that period they be eligible to reappointment for seven years at the salaries they shall have attained; that at the end of the second seven years period if they have reached the grade of fourth class clerks receiving \$1800 per annum their tenure shall then be made permanent to the age of sixty-five years, but if they have not reached the grade they shall be dropped from the rolls.

It is further proposed that these high class permanent clerks shall be assessed each year a certain per centage of their salaries, which shall constitute a retirement fund from which each clerk on reaching the age of sixty-five years shall be paid a pension of \$600 per annum for the remainder of his life.

Whether this suggestion can be worked out in practice or not; whether it is even worthy of serious consideration by those interested, remains to be seen. It offers itself to some persons as a possible solution of this vexed problem and as a means of counteracting the manifest prejudice which now exists in the minds of many congressmen against what is called the "life tenure of office."

**Woodmen Day At State Fair**

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3d cock, 2d pen.

J. C. Murray, 3d cockerel, 3d pullet.

**Silver Laced Wyandottes.**

All to Mrs. Linderman, of Corvallis.

**S. C. White Leghorns.**

Ed. School, 1st cock, 2d hen, 2d cockerel and 3d pullet.

A. A. Hulbert, 2d and 3d cockerel, 1st and 2d cockerel, 1st and 3d hen, 1st and 3d pullet, 1st pen.

**S. C. Brown Leghorns.**

All to Grant Thompson.

**E. C. White Leghorns.**

All to A. A. Hulbert.

**S. C. White Leghorns.**

E. Dowe, 1st cock, 1st, 2d and 3d hen, 1st pen.

E. Yoeman, 1st and 2d cock, 1st pullet.

**White Minorcas.**

All to E. Dowe.

**S. C. Buff Leghorns.**

Gene Simpson, 3d cock, 1st and 2d cockerel, 1st and 2d pullet, 1st pen.

Ed. School, 2d and 3d hen, 3d cock.

**Fair Notes.**

The running races should be started promptly. There is too much time wasted waiting for the pool rooms to get their money. Let the fraternity work faster, and not wear out the people waiting for the events.

H. E. Wood, the presiding judge and starter, is from Norborne, Mo. These bunch grass cayuses are a little more aggravating than the blue-blood Kentucky colts that the Missourians had to deal with, but then he will get accustomed to the Western stock.

The race announcements are made promptly, and the grand stand does not have to wait when the race is finished.

Plenty of "touts" around the grounds, but the police and detectives are active. All kinds of schemes are being tried, but the old reliable standbys seem to be the favorite. Tout No. 1 selects his victim with the customary salutation, "give me a match." He engages the victim in conversation, and then quietly tells him that he wants to bet a few dollars, but is afraid. Another fellow standing right over there knows how the horses will finish, but would not tell him. "Would you slip around and ask him, because he knows," whispers Tout No. 1. If the stranger is inclined to be inquisitive he will follow up the lead. Tout No. 2, of course, knows, but it will cost the stranger the sum of \$5 to get "wised up." If the touts have landed a sucker they cut the money, and give any old steer to the victim.

Mrs. Halbie Parrish-Hinges will sing the following numbers this evening: "My Dreams," by Toati "when the Heart is Young," by Buch. This is her first appearance, and she will be on the program Thursday and Saturday nights.

The good roads demonstration, which was to have been given at 9 o'clock this morning was postponed until tomorrow at that hour, on account of the breaking of a casting in the rock crusher. The plant is now completed, and will be ready for the demonstration on the arrival of the casting from Portland. The plant consists of the crusher, screen plant and Western Road Grader, from Beall & Company's store, of Portland, and steam road roller belonging to the Buffalo Pitts Co.

The Eastern Oregon Experiment Station has just set up its fine exhibit of fine grains and hay this morning, under the management of E. Withycomb, formerly of the O. A. C.

**CASTORIA.**  
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Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

**STATE FAIR NOTES.**

Some of the Wonderful Things Now Shown in Machinery Hall.

In the large machinery hall south of the main entrance there is one of the most comprehensive exhibits ever shown at the Oregon state fair. It comprises a magnificent assortment of the latest and best in Studebaker vehicles, besides a wide range of farm machinery, including with the commoner implements, manure spreaders, stump pullers, cream separators, gasoline engines, etc., etc.

Those cushion tired bike wagons strike the fancy for neat drawers, while the farmers are interested more particularly at this time of year in the substantial surries and hacks.

The Benicia Hancock Disc plows are attracting a world of attention this fall, and there are four shown. A one, two and three disc, besides the side-hill reversible. The most noticeable thing about these plows at first glance is their weight and strength. There are other plows being urged onto the farmers on the argument of light weight, but some farmers in the hills have already found to their sorrow that it takes weight and strength to stand up in the rocks, hard ground and roots.

The Hancock "stays put."

Then those Sharpless Tubular cream separators, the delight of the owner, and the sorrow of competitors. What a fine assortment there is shown—from the larger size down to the dainty midget for the small family with one cow, all perfect in detail and results.

By the way—did you know that some of the "bucket bowl" factories had finally owned up to the superiority of the tubular bowl, and are now manufacturing as nearly an imitation as they can? Of course it will fall far short of being a "Sharpless," but "imitation is the sincerest flattery."

Then those Fairbanks-Morse gasoline engines. Only the vertical ones shown, but they come in horizontal as well, all sizes. For pumping, grinding, sawing wool, running drag saws, cream separators, or anything else, they are the cheapest known power. There is a two-horse power pumping jack, a spray outfit, a regular two-horse power plain, and that fine four-horse-power wood saw outfit on exhibition. The latter is the sort demanded now. Wood saw men look it over.

The Brown Potato Digger is the growers' friend. Bristles all over with good points. You will see a mighty good implement when you see that. There are also the commoner "shaker" diggers, the new P. & O., having two wheels in front, straddling the row, thus running much steadier.

The big National Manure Spreader means a new era for the Willamette valley farmer. It is a wonderful spreader. Has eliminated the faults of the others.

The Faultless Grubbing Machine will interest men who have land to clear. It is made on correct mechanical principles, works light, handles quickly, and thus saves hours of time.

The Monitor Double Disc Drill has proved itself on scores of Marion and Polk county farms. Any instrument that will help the farmer get his crop in on time will be a great benefit to the Willamette valley farmer, and this is one.

The Syracuse line of steel and chilled walking and riding plows are again the finest "lookers" on the ground, and the sales every year proves exclusively that they are good plows. There's a good show of them, too.

The Buffalo Pitts spring tooth and spike harrows with the continuous outside power, appeal to the hop and fruit men. They do not catch on vines, posts or trees, and the spring relief enables the teeth to yield and come back to place without straining the frame or breaking the bending teeth.

That Superior Disc Harrow on wheels is one of the newest implements shown, and will interest scores of farmers.

The Hero Fanning Mill is a farmer's friend, too, for it cleans so much grain with little exertion, and cleans it well.

In fact anything in the line of implements and vehicles is to be seen in this up-to-date machinery exhibit. If you don't see what you want ask for it.

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**Office Removed.**  
Dr. Frank E. Smith has removed his offices from the rooms over the Red Corner drug store to the new Breyman block, over the New Yokohama Tea store. Patrons please take notice.

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