

### WOMEN INVADE NEW FIELD IN WASHINGTON

Interstate Commerce Commission Decides to Employ Them in That Stronghold.

EFFICIENCY RATING IS HIGHER THAN USED TO BE.

Necessary to Work Quite Little Now in Capital City in Order to Keep Position.

BY BURTON K. STANDISH. (Written for the United Press.)

Washington, Feb. 25.—The feminine sex has just won a notable victory here. President Wilson and the house have turned woman suffrage down—but the interstate commerce commission has just determined to employ women clerks.

The commission has been mere man's last stronghold. For years it has been the one branch of the government service where only men were employed. Even if a female stenographer passed 100 per cent in the civil service examinations, she could not get on the rolls at the big building on F street where the commission holds forth.

The old prejudice against women as workers held full sway. The official excuse against their employment was that it was necessary at all times to maintain a force available for "field service" and women could not be expected to hold themselves in readiness for transfer to any old place in the country. The official reason for the change in policy was that the commission had now grown to such an extent that a permanent office force could be maintained here, and women would be available.

But back of the decision to employ women as clerks lies an interesting story. It is that Uncle Sam can't find competent male stenographers and clerks. There are a dozen women who take the civil service examinations to every man. Government jobs may have a luscious sound to the average man, but most of them are becoming wise to the fact that while the jobs may be "easy" the opportunities for promotion to class A jobs are not easy.

Not "Soft Snaps" Now.

Also there is a suspicion growing among clerks who have entered the service to find a "soft snap" that maybe their jobs are not so soft as they anticipated. Of course the hours are easy and the work nothing like as heavy as in private employ—but efficiency ratings are now in force in nearly every department, and the clerks must stick tight on their jobs.

Women play an important part in the government's work. There are thousands employed in the treasury department alone. Women are far and men in such work as counting

### Pure Blood

is absolutely necessary to give the health that brings happiness, a good appetite, restful sleep, and makes you eager for life's duties. HOOD'S SARSAPARILLA makes pure blood and so creates this much-desired condition.

banknotes, assisting plate printers, and examining engraved notes for possible defects. Their natural intuition is superior to that of man and they are peculiarly fitted for such work. There are perhaps fewer women in the war and navy departments than anywhere else, but in the interior, agricultural, postoffice, commerce, labor, justice and state departments they come near equalling the number of men.

A woman now heads an important government bureau—Miss Julia Lathrop, chief of the children's bureau. Another is on the industrial relations board—Mrs. Borden Harriman. The treasury department has one woman whose place could not be filled—special examiner for money sent in for redemption. The department of agriculture recognizes that despite chefs and other male talent, woman still reigns supreme in the kitchen by having Miss Hannah Westing on its rolls as official bread maker and experimenter in bakery. The same government branch is now employing women to aid in the farm extension work—to attend county fairs and show farmers' wives the best way to put up preserves, pickles, and the like. Miss Nell Price is in charge of this work. The department of agriculture likewise numbers among its employes Dr. Alberta Reed, a woman authority on teas and inventor of the Reed test for "tea adulteration," and Miss Alice Hinkel, one of the world's authorities on medicinal roots. Miss Hinkel has written six books on the subject which have been in such demand from pharmacists all over the world that they are known as "Miss Hinkel's Six Best Sellers." She has also been recognized by foreign governments. And so it happens that from a position of mere tolerance and suspicion, the government is gradually coming to recognize women as employees with considerable favor.

Pay Pensions to Dead Men. Legislation in the halls of congress may be serious trouble most of the time—but not always. For instance, only a few days ago a big batch of special pension increases were under consideration in the house. Amendments were offered on several to strike out the beneficiaries' names inasmuch as they had died since the committee had reported the bills. Congressmen were paying little attention. There were a few perfunctory votes to pass the amendments but from the rear of the hall each time a small group of southern statesmen between laughing and joking registered lusty "noes." The chairman, however, held that the eyes prevailed each time, even though a deaf man could perceive that they were far in the minority.

Finally Minority Leader Mann of Illinois, delivered a broadside at his southern colleagues in biting sarcasm, showing them that in their levity they were voting to pay pensions to dead men.

SCHOOL MAN ACCUSED. (UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.) San Jose, Cal., Feb. 25.—Howard Ford, principal of the Sunnyside school and charged with contributing to the delinquency of Zella McCart, aged 13 years, one of his pupils, was arraigned here late yesterday afternoon. The girl declares that Ford hugged and kissed her and tried to get her to go with him to San Francisco.

ROB ACADEMY OF MUSIC. (UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.) Baltimore, Md., Feb. 25.—Three burglars early today broke into the academy of music, tied the watchman cracked the safe and escaped with \$5,000 to \$6,000.

### ONLY TWO PER CENT OF LAND IS UTILIZED

Great Tracts Available for Raising Garden Truck, According to Department of Agriculture.

ABNORMALLY LARGE VEGETABLES DISCOURAGED.

Argued That Quality is Often Not of Best and Smaller Ones Are More Satisfactory.

(UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.)

Washington, Feb. 25.—Garden truck, the second largest crop, in the point of value, grown in the United States, is raised on but two per cent of the land especially adaptable for that purpose and most of the remaining 98 per cent is idle. Dr. F. K. Cameron, of the bureau of soils, who knows more about dirt than any other man in the country, has reached this conclusion and he says that the present need is not for more extensive gardening but for better shipping facilities at terminals. The barrier between the city dweller and a mess of green peas is to be removed by finance rather than by farming.

"The finest garden soil in the world is a sandy loam, usually not very good for general farming," said the expert recently in discussing the question with a United Press correspondent, "and land of this nature stretches all the way from New England to Texas. Transportation to market is the biggest problem. In New York, Chicago, St. Louis and other big cities, the problem is much more the same and it is being attacked from two angles. The city people are turning back to the soil, and the engineers are devising new methods of quick transportation."

Dr. Cameron was moved to this comment in view of a recent story from New York that an agriculturist there had devised a new method of forcing vegetable growth by applying "carbonic acid gas" direct to the earth. The government has made several experiments of this nature but has produced no unusual results. Certain other methods, however, result in abnormally large vegetables but these are generally without any economic value.

"Big vegetables do not save anything, because there is plenty of room to grow truck," explained the expert. "The best land for this purpose is a sandy loam, because it can be controlled easily and worked up nicely. A soil analysis will show the proper fertilizer and land, like muscle, improves in strength and productivity when properly used."

Cost of Fresh Poultry. A pound of fresh poultry represents

an investment of from 13.1 to 20.5 cents, providing the most scientific methods have been used in breeding and feeding. After experiments covering nearly three years, during which time more than a million fowls were fattened for the market the animal husbandry division of the bureau of animal industry has arrived at these figures. The higher figure represents the cost of the fowl in July and this gradually becomes less until November.

The experiments were conducted under the supervision of Alfred R. Lee whose aim was to discover the cheapest food for the commercial fattening of poultry. Every variety of fattening was tried and three model rations were finally decided upon.

No. 1 consists of three parts corn meal, two parts low grade wheat flour and one part shorts; No. 2 has three parts corn meal and two parts low grade wheat flour, and No. 3 has five parts corn meal, three parts low grade wheat flour, one part shorts and five per cent tallow. The same feeding value is secured in a ration of three parts corn meal and two parts oat flour but at an increased cost of 37 cents per hundred pounds of grain.

Tallow makes the fat on the birds more pronounced but increases the cost of the grain in weight. Thick, condensed buttermilk in the place of tallow produces better results. The addition of beef scraps to the buttermilk was tried but this did not increase the gain. Grit was found to be of no value in fattening for a period under 15 days.

Under commercial conditions in the middle west the best results are secured by fattening about 14 days during the summer. After the middle of September this period should be shortened gradually till the fattening process lasts only six or seven days. Birds eat more when fed three times a day but show a greater gain per pound when fed but twice a day.

In the experiments conducted by the government there was a great variation in the results secured in fattening. This was due to the difference in the ability of the birds to take on flesh, to their weight at the beginning of the feeding, and to weather conditions.

The variation in birds, makes their selection in fattening of considerable importance. It was also shown that a half cheaper per pound than roasters.

### MINING COMPANIES ALWAYS ELECT MEN THEY WANT.

(UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.)

Trinidad, Colo., Feb. 25.—"In 22 years' experience in Trinidad I have observed that the coal companies have always elected to office the men they wanted," W. A. Garner, a witness before the congressional investigators of the Colorado coal strike, stated from the witness stand late yesterday.

Garner's testimony precipitated a controversy. Attorney Herrington, representing the mine owners, accused Attorney Costigan, the miners' lawyer, who had been examining the witness, of playing politics. Costigan resented this and Herrington finally apologized. The committee went into executive session, however, and then announced that it was concerned with federal questions and could not enter into any state or county matters. Costigan protested, but had to yield.

### BANKS IN RESERVE SYSTEM.

(UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.) Washington, Feb. 25.—The treasury department announced yesterday afternoon that of \$1,900,000,000, representing the capitalization of all the national banks in the country, less than \$200,000,000 was held by banks which had not sought membership in the federal reserve system. The time wherein banks were allowed to file application for membership has expired.

### SMALL FUND BOTHERS.

(UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.) Washington, Feb. 25.—"If the democrats had shown sufficient confidence in Secretary of Labor Wilson it would not have been necessary for congressional investigation of the Calumet and Colorado strikes," said Representative Mann in the house yesterday afternoon. He declared that the small appropriations for the labor departments had tied Secretary Wilson's hands.

### MAKES CHARGES AGAINST LATE WILLIAM BENNETT

General Villa Asserts in Telegram He Is Guilty of Cattle Stealing and Four Murders.

SURRENDER OF BODY IS DEMANDED IN WASHINGTON.

Will Be Able to Decide Then if Death Is Due to Firing Squad's Work or Hand of an Assassin.

(UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.)

Juarez, Mex., Feb. 25.—A telegram from General Villa was received here yesterday afternoon accusing the late William H. Bennett of cattle stealing and of four murders.

Demands Benton's Body. Washington, Feb. 25.—The state department yesterday afternoon formally demanded of General Villa the surrender of William H. Bennett's body.

The demand was preceded by a conference of several hours between Secretary of State Bryan and English Ambassador Sir Cecil Spring-Rice. The latter said the British government requested the United States' co-operation in recovering the corpse as a means of determining whether the Englishman was or was not executed by a firing squad.

### May Prove Him Mexican.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 25.—Frederico G. Garza, General Villa's legal adviser at Juarez, intimated late yesterday that it probably would be possible to prove, if necessary that Benton had renounced his English citizenship and been naturalized as a Mexican, so that neither England nor the United States can properly concern themselves with his death. He unquestionably had held office under ex-President Diaz, it was asserted, and this would have been unlawful if he had been a foreign citizen. Records at Chihuahua City were being searched for proof of his naturalization.

### EXPECT REPUBLICANS TO DECLARE FOR ROOSEVELT.

(UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.)

Charleston, W. V., Feb. 25.—It was confidently expected by republican Roosevelt supporters that the colonel would be formally urged as republican candidate for president in 1916, at the open meeting of the republican state executive committee today.

The avowed program for today was "to make party declarations and prepare and discuss plans for the coming campaign," Harry Curtin, acting chairman of the committee today reiterated his allegiance to Theodore Roosevelt, saying he supported the colonel in 1912, and that he hopes "matters will so shape themselves as to make his nomination by the republican party for president in 1916 a certainty."

### Whittemore's Shoe Polishes



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### WILL TAKE AWAY CHILD.

(UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.) Fort Smith, Ark., Feb. 25.—George Stuart, the man arrested a few days ago and held with his daughter, Lucy, on suspicion that the child was Catherine Winters, the missing 10-year-old daughter of Dr. Winters of Newcastle, Ind., will be released, Sheriff Shuster said today, but the child, though unquestionably his own, will not be returned to him. The little girl had been shockingly neglected and will be adopted by a Huntsville family.

### MARRIAGE ANNULLED.

(UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.) San Francisco, Feb. 25.—Judge Morgan has annulled the marriage of Henry Rohr, son of a well-to-do Alameda widow, and May Cook, daughter of Police Commissioner Jesse Cook of San Francisco. Both were considerably under age and their marriage was admittedly a thoughtless frolic.

### THEATRICAL MAN HURT.

(UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.) Burlingame, Cal., Feb. 25.—Ira G. Betts, theatrical manager of Palo Alto, hit a telegraph pole near Milbrae with his automobile yesterday and suffered a broken nose and severe cuts and bruises.

### Colds Cause Headache and Grip.

LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE tablets remove cause. There is only ONE "BROMO QUININE." It has signature of E. W. Grove on Box. 25c.

### POSTOFFICE ROBBED.

(UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.) San Francisco, Feb. 25.—Yeggs last night looted the postoffice at Malaga, Fresno county, of a quantity of money and stamps.

Advertisement for Southern Pacific Shasta Route Trains. "Safety First" Our Motto. SHASTA ROUTE TRAINS - OF THE - SOUTHERN PACIFIC. "The Exposition Line, 1915." And now is the time to see California; to live outdoors and enjoy the sunshine, flowers and summer sports. It is a trip you cannot afford to miss. THREE FINE TRAINS DAILY. Including Shasta Limited THE train of modern service with all steel, up-to-the minute equipment. The California and San Francisco Express Trains with Standard, Tourist and Chair Cars and dining service that will please. Call on nearest S. P. agent and let him outline a trip, quote fares and furnish outing literature on California's famous resorts. John M. Scott, Gen'l Passenger Agt., Portland, Ore.

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MR. HENRY PECK AND HIS FAMILY AFFAIRS - By Gross Henry Jr. Says. A comic strip featuring a man sitting in a chair, a man running, a man carrying a large object, and a man running away. Text includes: "CONFOUND THEM ROWDY BOYS! ILL TEACH 'EM", "WHAT? WHY, 'Y' FLOOR FISH, I SAID THE PARLOR WINDOW—NOT THE DINING ROOM WINDOW.", "STUCK BOOBISH KINDA FORCIBLY".