

GOVERNMENTAL GOSSIP.

Events of Interest in and About the Departments.

RIGHT PENSION BILLS APPROVED.

The President's Callers--Bond Transactions--The Missing Pension Minister.

BOND TRANSACTIONS.--Offerings to-day: Registered, \$500,000, 11%; registered 4%, \$2,000,000, 10%.

DISTRICT PATENT ISSUED.--Edwin A. Newman, automatic thermo-electric cut-off and an anti-freezing device for pipes.

THE PRESIDENT'S CALLERS.--Among the President's callers to-day were Senator Faulkner, Representatives Washington, Lane, Cox, Springer, Holman and Baker.

THE MISSING AMBASSADOR.--Nothing yet has been heard at the State Department in regard to the new Persian Ambassador to this country, but it is supposed that he is in Paris, where he has probably accepted of the seductive influences of that city.

PENSION BILLS APPROVED.--The President has approved the acts granting pensions to Alexander J. Collins, Flora Heath, Gilbert Reed, Jacob Copps, Eliza A. Williamson, Hannah L. Irwin and Joseph F. Garrett, and the act granting an increased pension to Edward J. Jans.

THE "BOSTON" GUN.--The steel cruiser Boston left New York yesterday and anchored last night near Sandy Hook Point. She went to sea this morning for the purpose of testing her guns. The board selected by Secretary Whitney to superintend the firing consists of Commander Charles S. Hall, Lieutenant C. A. Bradbury and Ensign R. B. Dashiell.

PENSION FRAUDS ARRESTED.--The Commissioner of Pensions has been advised that Thomas J. Harston, J. H. Taylor, and others on the 3d instant at Caton, Steuben County, N. Y., for perjury in the execution of pension vouchers. He has also been advised that Henry R. Hovey has been arrested, on a warrant sworn out by the Commissioner, for perjury, for falsely representing himself to be an officer of the Pension Bureau at Racine, Wis., and a resident of New York. He claims that he went West last June.

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT CHANGES.--General Land Office--Appointment: Robert H. Hall, Georgia, examiner of surveys, \$5 a day. Adolphus Education, Promotion: William A. Adams, District of Columbia, clerk, \$1,300 to \$1,400.

Pension Office--Appointment: C. M. Seaman, Wisconsin, clerk, \$1,400; Resignation: J. Morgan Eastering, Ky., \$1,400; Miss Neenan, City, D. C., \$1,300; P. W. Feam, Tenn., \$1,000; Promotions: G. W. Wayson, Jr., Md., \$1,800 to \$1,850; M. McArthur, \$1,400 to \$1,450; A. D. Willison, Pa., \$1,300 to \$1,400; E. R. Walton, Miss., \$1,100 to \$1,200; E. H. Hargrett, S. D., \$1,000 to \$1,100; D. C. and Miss Mary M. Reagan, Pa., \$1,000 to \$1,100.

DEPARTMENT PERSONALS. Assistant Adjutant-General Kelly is spending a short vacation out of the city. Engineer-in-Chief Melville is in Philadelphia.

THE ARMY AND NAVY.

Second Lieut. Edwin B. Weeks, fifth infantry, has been granted two months additional leave.

Second Lieut. John H. Clifford, battery E, second artillery and First Lieut. E. M. Weaver, Jr., battery I, same regiment, have been transferred. The orders transferring Lieut. Clifford to the second artillery and Lieut. Weaver to the first artillery, were issued yesterday.

A general court-martial, with Major J. P. Wright as president, will convene at the Military Prison, at Fort Leavenworth, yesterday.

A board of survey, to consist of Lieut. Col. Horace Jewett, third infantry, Captain G. B. Rodney, fourth infantry, and Captain W. H. Stouch, second infantry, will meet to-day at Fort Snelling, Minn., to fix the responsibility for the loss of certain ordnance, alleged to have been destroyed by Major Evan Miles, twenty-fifth infantry, was responsible.

Gas Inspector's Report.

S. Calvert Ford, C. S. Inspector of gas and meters, has made his report for last fiscal year. The amount of gas furnished by the Washington Gas-Light Company and the Georgetown Gas-Light Company was 2,312,312 and 14,638 respectively. The gas furnished by the Washington Company was found to be less than 14 centiloes power per cubic foot, and the amount of sulphur exceeded the amount allowed on twelve occasions. The quantity of sulphur was in excess of the amount allowed on one occasion, and the amount of sulphur was in excess of the amount allowed on seven occasions. He recommends of previous years for an assistant, and that the law be amended giving him power to make personal and public tests, and to make more comprehensive inspection of meters.

THE COMMISSIONER'S ACTION. The Commissioner made the following order to-day relative to the death of Mr. Curtis:

The Commissioner learns with deep sorrow the death of Mr. Curtis, who died at the time of his decease and for many years therefore a Public School Trustee for the District of Columbia. He was in the duties of that position with eminent fidelity and in view of his excellent private life and valuable services, it is proper to enter upon this minutes an expression of their sense of the great personal and public loss sustained through his decease.

The School Board will meet at 4 o'clock tomorrow to make arrangements to attend the funeral.

Marriage Licenses.

Antonia Zottoli, Richmond, Va., and Marie B. Harrison, city; G. E. Dorsey and Bertha Kiser, Stratford, Va.; George H. Getz, S. Y., city; and Wynona M. Hill, city; John J. Osborn, Florence E. Wood; John W. Sanders and Lena Day; Thomas O. Jones and Annie Reay; George B. Bieley and Willie Burnett; Richard Va. George N. Piller and Millie R. Luckert; Aleck B. Reid and Carrie A. Coleman; Hebron W. Ziesler and Virginia W. Caldwell; and Marie Wade, Richmond, Va.; Anthony Grammar and Martha West; John J. Grimes and Ella G. White; John Lowe and Maggie Cross; Charles H. Dent and Phoebe A. Douglas.

Seminary Hill Republicans.

The Republicans of Seminary Hill, Fairfax County, Va., organized a Harrison and Morton Club at Dale Hill Church, Rev. Dr. Campbell officiating. The bride wore a very handsome traveling dress of Brown Henrietta cloth, and carried a bouquet of white roses and maiden fern. With the best wishes of many friends the happy couple left on the 11 o'clock train for an extended Northern tour.

The Getz-Holland Nuptials.

The wedding of Miss Winnie Holland of this city and Mr. George H. Getz, son of ex-Representative Getz of Pennsylvania, took place this morning at 10 o'clock, at the First Presbyterian Church, Rev. Dr. Campbell officiating. The bride wore a very handsome traveling dress of Brown Henrietta cloth, and carried a bouquet of white roses and maiden fern. With the best wishes of many friends the happy couple left on the 11 o'clock train for an extended Northern tour.

A WASHINGTON PLEASURER.

How Dr. McKenzie Has Downed the Bookmakers.

Dr. McKenzie, the veterinary surgeon who started the sporting world last month by winning several thousand dollars from the local pool rooms, made a ton-strike again yesterday, and it is reported won between \$18,000 and \$20,000 more money than ever before in his life. He is located at Proctor Knott's heavily for the Futurity stakes won by that colt yesterday, and it is reported that he will win \$10,000, but I don't care to give the exact figures, besides I don't think you would believe it if some people might follow my lead, but if they did it would be no guarantee they would win money, for I very often back the wrong horse, but I may say, for a great deal of information.

"Do you get information from any one at the track, or do you use your own judgment in betting?"

"Well, I watch a horse's performances closely, and when one has performed for a while to suit me I make a trip to the track and inspect him. I see all his points carefully, gather all the information about him possible, and store it up in my notebook, and then, when I see a horse that I like, I see what I can do about him. When I see one entered in a race, if I want to make a heavy bet, I make a bet, and if I don't, I don't. I don't care for a man's life. Then I study Goodwin's Turf Guide carefully and note the performance of all the horse's opponents, and if I am absolutely certain that he should win, barring accidents, I bet my money. In short I use common sense and am not led astray by a lot of toils, and I simply want to get one money."

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IN CONGRESS TO-DAY.

More Civil Service Reform Debate in the Senate.

MORE CAMPAIGN LITERATURE.

Judge Kelley's Resolution of Inquiry Adopted by the House.

The enrolled bill granting certain lands in Kansas for the agricultural and mechanical arts, was signed by President pro tempore Ince this morning.

Mr. Harris introduced a resolution authorizing the Senate District Committee a stenographer to be employed in taking testimony before that committee in regard to overhead electric wires. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Contingent Expenses of the Senate.

A resolution presented by Mr. Culton, asking for information as to whether the Detroit and St. Clair rivers were in the jurisdiction of the United States, was adopted.

Mr. Cole presented a memorial of the Deep Water Convention in the advocacy of Denver, Col., which he obtained unanimous consent to print in the Record.

Mr. Blair discovered a large map of book yesterday, and he is now in the top of which was a heading of the Galveston Daily News. He inquired whether that advertisement of the