

NAVY YARD APPOINTMENTS.

Many Applicants for Civil Service Examination.

SECRETARY TRACY CONTEMPLATES A VISIT WEST.

Director of the Mint Leech Explains His Statement in Relation to the Available Cash Surplus in the Treasury--Census Bulletin Showing the Increase in Value of Lands in New Mexico Which Have Been Subjected to Irrigation.

Special to the Record-Union.

WASHINGTON, April 27.--The Secretary of the Navy has an extensive mail from the Pacific Coast, coming from those who desire to be entered for examination for work at the Mare Island Navy Yard.

The list of applicants for examination, which is necessary to secure a situation in the various departments, is especially large.

Such letters are sent to Commandant Benham at Mare Island. He is instructed by the Secretary to keep a list of all applicants in the various departments, and when civil service is organized for the Mare Island yards, and the board is prepared to hold an examination, all applicants will be given due notice.

The Secretary says it is useless to write him about the matter, but all such letters should be sent to the commander of the yards, where they will be given proper consideration.

It is said that the Secretary of the Navy contemplates seriously making a trip to the coast this summer, and that he will do so about the time he decides his attention to applying civil service to the Mare Island yard.

He has spent the last two summers inspecting the interests of the department on the Atlantic, and it is thought that he will visit the coast this year for an inspection of naval affairs on the Pacific.

TREASURY SURPLUS.

Director Leech Explains His Statement of Saturday.

WASHINGTON, April 27.--A Star reporter this afternoon asked Director of the Mint Leech for an explanation of the statement made by him on Saturday that there was an available cash balance of \$28,000,000 in the treasury.

Leech said he holds that the gold and silver certificates, amounting to \$48,000,000, represent trust money; that is, coin has been deposited by individuals and the Government has issued certificates to pay back the same on demand.

Possibly a fund of \$7,000,000 placed with the treasury by the National Banks for keeping their currency in good condition, is trust money; but as Congress has just ordered the money placed by the National Banks for retirement, their circulation will be covered into the general balance, it is difficult to conceive why this is any more sacred.

The remainder of the money in the treasury, some \$28,000,000, Leech holds, belongs absolutely to the Government.

Prior to 1880, the available balance in the treasury was shown as the amount of money which actually belongs to the Government.

The \$10,000,000 in gold, purchased by the sale of bonds for resumption purposes, was always included as a portion of the available balance prior to that date, and there is no reason why the legal tender notes issued in the purchase of silver bullion are any more a current liability than other greenbacks.

They are of the same class of legal tender money. They are not silver money, as people generally suppose. They are issued, in the first place, in the purchase of silver bullion, but as they come back into the treasury, are re-issued for all purposes.

The fact that the Secretary is anxious to convert all currency into the most available form of money is no indication that there is any shortage in the treasury funds.

In accordance with the Acts of Congress, trade-dollar bullion and subsidiary silver coins will be received as soon as new designs are decided on.

Whether the Secretary will suspend the four-and-a-half per cent. at a rate of two per cent. would simply be a business proposition as to whether it would be more profitable for the Government to use its money in buying bonds bearing four per cent. interest at a current rate.

It is believed that the Secretary is also to embark in the manufacture of an approved type of torpedo, which, it is confidently believed, will develop an important auxiliary, both in naval attack and defense.

Commodore R. B. Bradford, U. S. N., is probably the most accomplished expert on torpedoes and torpedo warfare in the United States, and he pronounces the destruction of the Enclada by a torpedo in Caldera Bay an event of the highest significance in the annals of naval warfare.

The Enclada was the best vessel in the Chilean navy, and had done great service. She was about the size of the Boston or Atlanta of our navy.

AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.

Proceedings of the Annual Meeting Held in Washington.

WASHINGTON, April 27.--The annual Washington meeting of the American Tract Society was held last night.

Ex-Judge William Strong, President of the society, presided, and addresses were made by Justice David J. Brewer of the Supreme Court, and Rev. William A. Rice, Secretary of the society.

The report of the Secretary showed the receipts of the year from all sources to be \$300,000. The society has issued during the sixty-six years of its existence 7,583 distinct publications in this country and 4,363 in foreign countries.

The tract society has just completed fifty years of colporteur work. It is estimated there are to-day in the United States at least 20,000,000 people not reached by existing organized denominational agencies.

It is among these outside masses of people that the American Tract Society is laboring. In addition to this general work, it does special work in the army and navy, among the seamen and prisoners.

Its special work in foreign fields has advanced in its history to more than \$7,000,000.

IRRIGATION.

It Has Proved of Great Benefit to Farmers in New Mexico.

NEW OFFICIALS.

Attorney-General Miller's Son Appointed to a Position.

WASHINGTON, April 27.--S. D. Miller, son of the Attorney-General, was appointed to the position lately vacated by Tolman, Chief of the Divisions of Requisitions and Accounts in the War Department.

Tolman has been designated by Secretary Proctor to fill the position which has remained vacant since Partridge was appointed Solicitor in the State Department.

Enos H. Nebecker of Indiana, the new United States Treasurer, formally entered upon the duties of his office to-day.

It is said that the Secretary of the Treasury, an office created by the last Congress, was at the Treasury Department to-day, and after taking the oath of office entered upon the performance of his office.

Supreme Court Proceedings.

WASHINGTON, April 27.--In the Supreme Court to-day Chief Justice Fuller directed that the indictment be quashed in the case of John C. Ball and Robert E. Broutwell, convicted in the United States Circuit Court for the Eastern district of Texas of the murder of William T. Box.

The case of the State of Texas vs. Indian Territory, but neither time nor place of the killing was set out in the indictment, and the court holds it is therefore defective.

The effect of the order is to set the prisoners free.

The Supreme Court to-day formally postponed the Sayward Behring case until the second Monday of next October term.

The lottery advertisement cases were also postponed, despite the vigorous efforts on the part of the treasury.

The New Orleans and Mobile papers, who argued that a postponement would leave their papers without the lottery advertisements excluded from the mails.

Texas Cattle.

WASHINGTON, April 27.--The Department of Agriculture issues a notice that cattle which have been at least ninety days in a described area in Northern Texas may be moved by rail into Colorado, Wyoming and Montana for grazing or slaughter, in accordance with the regulations of the States.

They shall not be shipped into any other State or Territory, or be allowed in pens or on trails or ranges to be occupied or crossed by any other stock.

Internal Commerce Statistics.

WASHINGTON, April 27.--The volume of statistics devoted to internal commerce of the Pacific Coast States will probably be ready for distribution by the middle of May.

The Walla Walla Tragedy.

WASHINGTON, April 27.--Secretary Proctor has replied to Prosecuting Attorney Blanford of Walla Walla, deeply regretting the lawlessness of the soldiers, and stating that a searching inquiry will at once be instituted.

Postal Changes.

WASHINGTON, April 27.--J. L. Coyle has been appointed postmaster at Collierville, Shelby county, California, John Saunt at Clifton, Omeida County, Idaho.

TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH.

A cable to connect Spain and Morocco is being laid.

The new telephone line from Calcutta to Bombay (1,500 miles) via the Bengal Nagpur Railway was opened for traffic March 1st.

Steps have been taken in London (England) for the formation of an association to be known as the Telephone and Telegraphic Rates and Metallic Circuits in place of the present service.

The telephone swindler is said to be operating with great profit in New York City by obtaining subscriptions from the telephone subscribers to procure the passage of an Act by the General Assembly regarding and limiting the charges for telephone service.

The National Telephone Company of Great Britain has no less than 12,000 miles of overhead wire in London, and pays the sum of \$7,000 every year to the Postmaster-General as a substantial recognition of the rights of the Postoffice Department in verbal communications.

The telephone is put to a new use in the great hotel which H. B. Plant has just built at Tampa, Fla.

Instead of an electric press button every room will have a telephone connected with the office. Guests will be able not only to communicate with the office but with their friends in other rooms at will.

The great orchestra which was one of the marvels of the Paris Exposition, is to be placed in the large music room of the hotel. It has been arranged that any guest in his room can, under which tenders will be received for the construction and working during a certain number of years of a complete network of telephone lines to be established between the principal towns of Spain.

For this purpose the country will be divided into four districts. Telephone communications must be established between the principal towns designated for each district, within ten months after the date of the concession; with other towns at the same date; and with other places in three years. The maximum charges to the public are fixed by the Government, and the holders of the concession will pay an annual sum to the State for each kilometer of line.

Coming Picnics.

The Carpenters and Joiners' picnic on May 2d will be held at East Park.

On Sunday, May 3d, the Turners will hold their thirty-seventh annual picnic at Richmond Grove.

For ladies, the best and purest tonic is Angostura Bitters. It effectually cures dyspepsia and tones up the system. Dr. J. G. B. Slegert & Sons, manufacturers.

THE BOY SOPRANO.

The Phenomenal Boy Singer, Master Williams--His Concerts Yesterday.

Master Frederick Williams, of the Westminster Abbey choir, gave two concerts yesterday in St. Paul's church.

In the afternoon he sang Haydn's recitative and aria, "With Verdure Clad," and Sullivan's song, "The Children's Home." At night he sang Cowley's "The Children's Home," Mendelssohn's "Hear My Prayer," and for an encore, "Angels Ever Bright and Fair."

On both occasions he was assisted by C. A. E. Harris, organist of St. James' Church, Montreal, who played in the afternoon "Overture to Sampson," by Handel; "Variations on Christmas Themes," by Gounod; "Benediction," by Beethoven; "Triumphal March," his own composition.

In the evening he played one of Amber's overtures, three movements from Haydn's Symphony, and Mendelssohn's "Transcription on Home, Sweet Home," and Sullivan's "Silver Wedding March." At the evening concert Miss Lida Clark, in a violin solo, sang "Song of Penitence;" Richard T. Cohn, a good effect, gave a tenor solo, and George F. Frazar, a violin solo, in Haydn's score. He played with delicacy, and never better.

For the local talent, Miss Lizzie Griffin was organist, accompanying with the tact that distinguishes one accomplished in the art.

Mr. Harris is an organist of superior ability. He plays with great feeling, his touch is faultless and his execution brilliant. In many years we have not had here a more accomplished organist.

Master Williams, a handsome lad of probably 11 or 12 years, with a sprightly face, modest bearing and testifying to long training in choir work, it is to be said that his voice is a human lute. He sang far better at night, with excellent voice, covered from fatigue. His voice is pure, clear, limpid as a crystal stream, flowing as easily down the brook along gentle slopes. All his tones are clear and silvery.

One can, by turning away and listening as he makes runs and cadenzas, easily fancy he hears a skilled flutist. He sings without effort--it is not effort concealed, there is actually no strain whatever. In the higher register his tones manifest more of physical energy behind them than in the middle register, and in neither case does there seem to be more exertion than is attendant upon breathing.

His precision is almost faultless, his attack distinct, unhesitating, and his phrasing remarkably good for one so young. His singing was, in short, a delicate and beautiful success, on that day without brilliancy. The boy certainly has comprehension of what he executes, for without any singing would be devoid of feeling, which would be the result of a lack of feeling.

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Royal Baking Powder.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.--U. S. Gov't Report, Aug. 17, 1889.

ABSOLUTELY PURE

BRIEF NOTES.

The Junior Froebel exhibition has been postponed until May 14th, at Pioneer Hall.

Ex-police officer Robert Ash and Mrs. Mary Alice Crump were united in marriage yesterday by Justice of the Peace Henry.

There will be a tennis drill by sixteen young ladies, also a musical programme, and the Congregational Church Wednesday evening, for the benefit of the Presbyterian Church building fund.

At the recent Grand Army Encampment at Santa Cruz two officers of the department were selected from Sacramento.

Major W. H. H. Ennis, Junior Vice-Department Commander, and Rev. A. T. Needham, Department Chaplain.

Grace Cook had J. Parente arrested on a charge of assault, and the accused says he only defended himself from Grace's untrammelled finger-nails.

The complainant claims that Parente was abusing his wife, and that she interfered in the latter's behalf.

A Cave of Curly Bears has been instituted in this city, and it is inhabited by the following named young grizzlies: Grand Curly Bear, C. H. Outman; Grand Vice-Curly Bear, Frank Johnson; Grand Growler, J. H. Pond; Grand Keeper, P. H. Lavenson; Grand Father, Louis Breuner and J. T. Skelton; and Grand Den, J. E. Krum; Secretary and Treasurer, P. B. Johnson; Surgeon, W. W. Greer.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Miss Ella Bender is visiting Miss Laura Clark.

Miss T. J. Clunie is visiting her parents in this city.

Miss Sallie Friedman is up from San Francisco on a visit.

Van Fleet is confined to his home with illness.

T. H. Wells, a prominent Canon lawyer, will be in the city yesterday.

L. G. Gillis and W. George are home again from Victoria, British Columbia.

Jud. C. Brust, who has been confined to his bed for some time, is expected to be able to take the marriage of Miss Fannie McClatchy, with Robert A. Richardson, of Glasgow, Scotland.

The wedding at which only the immediate family and a few friends of the family and of the bridegroom will be present will take place at the residence of Mrs. McClatchy, at 4th and F streets.

Valuable Lessons.

One of the greatest of the many perplexing problems given us to meet is that of the child who is not fitted for proper respect for labor.

Here are some good suggestions by an experienced kindergarten worker who had in her charge the children who needed this virtue cultivated.

In studying about the Puritans after Thanksgiving week their hardships and the simple life of the early settlers in log-houses and were led to appreciate the difficulties in the way of those sturdy workers.

Pictures of the log-houses and the simple life of the early settlers in log-houses and were led to appreciate the difficulties in the way of those sturdy workers.

The children were delighted with their weaving of "truly" cloth and labored faithfully and long, darning the five-inch square up and down, quite a piece of firm, thick "cloth" was produced.

It was then removed from the cardboard and taken home. Here some were told that it was darning, whereas a number clamored to "darn," several of the boys being allowed the privilege of darning their own stockings.

The children, who by playing at being Puritans, drew nearer unto those toiling hearts of 1620.--The Kindergarten (Chicago) for April.

The dust collected by a small patch of snow between November 27th and December 27th last, indicates that 1,000 tons of soil settle monthly on the 110 square miles of London.

An arc lamp with four carbons arranged radially in a nearly horizontal plane, but having their central meeting point at the center, has lately appeared in Paris.

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