



Upton Sinclair for Congress! Once upon a time a man wrote a book, "If Christ Came to Congress." He was from Alabama. The book was vile. The M. C.'s habits were vile. He was elected—

Representative W. Bourke Cockran, of New York, is out of the tight-lipped list of marrying men in Congress. He is engaged to Miss Ide, the beautiful daughter of the Governor of the Philippines, and the marriage will take place in the autumn.

Capt. James McKinley, U. S. A., has issued cards for the marriage of his daughter, Miss Grace Howe McKinley, to Capt. Grayson Villard Heldt, of the 15th Cav., at the residence of Mrs. J. J. Heldt. The romance which has led up to this marriage began at the White House, it is said, a few months before the death of President McKinley.

Joseph Allen Breckenridge, late a private in the 9th U. S. Inf., and now a prominent young farmer of New York State, has been found worthy to be elected to two National, the United States and China, for his work during the Boxer outbreak of 1900.

He is to be decorated by China for his assistance in discovering and returning to the Chinese Government some precious old books which were abstracted under his orders when he was in the Philippines.

Through Gen. Anson G. McCook, of New York, Smith Zelle, of Whitesboro, N. Y., has just recovered an identification tag for him in the battle of Antietam, nearly 40 years ago.



As appointments and removals are claimed to have been made with regard more to which faction the employe belonged than to any qualifications the applicant might possess.

Some time ago, at the request of the President, Commissioner Greene, of the Civil Service Commission, visited the Western District of Columbia, and made a careful examination of conditions there and of the personnel of the Internal Revenue force.

Meanwhile the trouble in the other district continued to grow. Recently one of the officials of the Commission was sent into that territory to make an investigation. His report has not yet been formally submitted, but it is understood it will be in line with the previous recommendations of Commissioner Greene.

There are 66 Collection Districts in the United States, and in each of these conditions frequently arise that cause the Administration annoyance. Especially in this said to be true in Southern districts, in States solidly Democratic, where the Collectors and their subordinates constitute the Republican machine of the State.

Under these 66 Collectors of Internal Revenue there are 2,000 deputies, and not the intention to disturb any of them, but the theory that the Chief, charged with the duty of administering the office, and under bond to the Government for the faithful performance of his duties, is entitled to the personal selection of those officials immediately under him, in whom he must impose implicit confidence and trust.

Passing down the line in the grade of employe, however, there are in the field force of the Internal Revenue Bureau 124 clerks, 12 messengers or janitors, 10 distillery wardens, 100 agents, 122 gaugers, at not to exceed \$5 a day; 146 storekeepers, at not to exceed \$4 a day, and 2,011 storekeeper-clerks, who are paid from \$2 to \$5 a day, according to the class of work assigned them.

Confederate Veteran

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