

S. H. GRANT FOR CONTROLLER.

THE MAYOR APPOINTS HIS SECRETARY. SURPRISE IN POLITICAL AND BUSINESS CIRCLES—WHY THE APPOINTMENT WAS MADE.

Mayor Edson yesterday appointed as Controller his private secretary, S. H. Grant. The appointment was unexpected and caused surprise.

AN UNEXPECTED APPOINTMENT.

MR. EDSON'S FAILURE TO FIND A BUSINESS MAN WHO WOULD ACCEPT THE PLACE.

There was a good deal of surprise in political and business circles late yesterday afternoon, when it was announced that the Mayor had appointed his private secretary, S. H. Grant, as the head of the Finance Department.

The Mayor offered the position to several business acquaintances, who are well-known to the public as successful and substantial men, but it was declined by each in turn.

NO LACK OF CANDIDATES.

More than thirty have either solicited the appointment or sent friends to plead their cause with the Mayor. Mr. Edson has from the outset said that he would not appoint a politician.

CONGRATULATING MR. GRANT.

The announcement of the appointment of Mr. Grant was made by the Mayor at 3 p. m. The secret had been so well kept that no one around the City Hall had any suspicion that Mr. Grant was to be the man.

UNFAVORABLE COTTON REPORTS.

MEMPHIS, Aug. 3.—The cotton crop report of the Memphis district, which embraces North Mississippi, West Tennessee, North Arkansas and North Alabama, was compiled by Hill, Fontaine & Co. for the month of July.

WESTERN CROP PROSPECTS.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 3.—Colonel A. A. Talmage, general transportation manager of the Grand Lines, returned from a trip this morning.

INLAND AND COAST STORMS.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Aug. 3.—The northern part of Monroe County, including the towns of Greece, Penfield and Irondequoit, was swept last night with a terrific storm of wind, hail and rain.

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