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A PARTY THAT KEEPS FAITH

NO TIME LOST IN REDEMING REPUB- LICAN PLEDGES.

REPRESENTATIVE HÄBECK'S VIEWS ON THE LEGISLATION OF THE EXTRA SESSION AND THE POLICY OF THE PARTY.

Washington, July 28.—There is no man in Congress better qualified and few who are so well qualified to express an opinion concerning the general verdict of the people concerning legislative measures than Mr. Häbeck, of Wisconsin...

SOME SUSPICIOUS CLAIMS PAID.

After the Interior Department unearthed these frauds Benson and his confederates not only asked immunity from punishment, but requested payment for the fraudulent surveys rejected by the General Land Office upon proof that they were fictitious and fraudulent...

A GOVERNMENT ARMOR PLANT.

SECRETARY LONG APPOINTS TWO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD TO CONSIDER ITS ESTABLISHMENT.

Washington, July 28.—Secretary Long has taken the preliminary steps toward the creation of a board of naval officers to ascertain the cost of a government armor plant...

COPIES READY FOR DISTRIBUTION.

Washington, July 28.—The first copies of the tariff act in its amended form have been received at the document rooms of the Senate and House...

BREWERS MUST PAY BACK THE REBATE.

Washington, July 28.—Commissioner Forman, of the Internal Revenue Bureau, has in preparation a circular letter of instruction to collectors in which he states that as it has been held that the new tariff act was in effect the entire day of Saturday, July 24, brewers who purchased stamps on that day and received the rebate...

NO DISTRICT ATTORNEY SELECTED.

JOHN S. WISE'S FRIENDS SAY HE IS STILL IN THE RACE.

Washington, July 28 (Special).—Despite dissenting statements respecting the alleged States District Attorneyship for the Southern District of New York, especially such of them as indicate the early appointment of General H. L. Burnett, the friends of John S. Wise are by no means ready to admit that he is out of the race...

A FRENCH STEAMSHIP PROBABLY LOST.

Washington, July 28.—A dispatch to the State Department from the United States Consul at Mozambique says that the French mail steamer Alpha, which cleared from Beira on May 10 for Mozambique, is reported to have been wrecked at sea...

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A SETBACK FOR SPOILSMEN

IMPORTANT CHANGES MADE IN CIVIL SERVICE RULES.

REMOVALS, EXCEPT FOR CAUSE AND AFTER A HEARING, FORBIDDEN BY THE PRESIDENT.—EMPLOYEES AT SIXTY-FIVE MORE CUSTOM HOUSES PUT IN THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE.

Washington, July 28.—President McKinley has promulgated the following important amendment to Civil Service Rule II:

No removal shall be made from any position subject to competitive examination except for cause and after a hearing...

He has also amended Rule III so as to include within the classified service the employees of all custom houses...

The President has also amended Rule VI, making exceptions to examinations, so as to read as follows:

Custom House Service.—One cashier in each customs district, one chief or principal deputy or assistant collector in each customs district, one principal deputy collector at each sub-port or station...

Internal Revenue Service.—One employee in each internal revenue district, who shall act as cashier, or chief deputy or assistant collector, as may be determined by the Treasury Department...

MR. VANDERLIP ON THE CHANGES. Assistant Secretary Vanderlip, in speaking of the amendments, said: "These amendments to the Civil Service rules which the President has signed are the most distinct step forward that has been made in the Civil Service regulations since the passage of the original law..."

"It has heretofore been the cause of much complaint that people in the service could be dismissed or reduced without their being given the opportunity of any opportunity to make a defense. That has proved the weakest point in the whole Civil Service system..."

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DODGED THE DEPUTY AND ELOPED.

ON THEIR THIRD TRIAL, ARTHUR HOFFMAN AND MISS MINNIE REIMER SUCCEEDED IN THEIR MARRIAGE INTENTIONS.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., July 28 (Special).—For many weeks Archie Hoffman, a young man employed in the bank at Dover Plains, and Miss Minnie Reimer, nineteen years old, have showed deep affection for each other...

"Another distinct step forward is taken in the customs service. All principal officers are to be appointed by the President in the classified service. There were under President Cleveland's order sixty-five posts, where the number of employees are five or less, left outside of the classified service..."

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Spolts, \$2,983,588, increase, \$1,238,457; tobacco, \$49,710,297, decrease, \$1,331; fermented liquors, \$52,462,127, decrease, \$1,312,673; oleomargarine, \$1,054,132, increase, \$15,200; alcohol, \$27,285,275, decrease, \$8,289,229; miscellaneons, \$27,285,275, decrease, \$9,829,229.

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The Secretary of the Navy has issued an order relieving naval officers from the present necessity of wearing full dress uniform at a court-martial, and that only such officers as are required to wear the uniform only when the court first convenes, and afterwards when any sort of clothing is permitted by the presiding officer.

SECRETARY BLISS'S FACIATION.

Washington, July 28.—Secretary Bliss will leave Washington to-morrow for Oceanic, N. J., to spend some time with his family, who have been spending the summer there.

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Special Agent Sibbald said: "Of the proceeds of the contracts, amounting to \$18,000, \$10,000 were paid to the ring. The State Attorney, in a report to the Land Office, stated that a \$10,000 investigation will show that not less than \$75,000 was paid out of the Treasury to its agents and representatives on false and fraudulent powers of attorney. The State Attorney now protects the ring members from criminal prosecution, but I believe the Government has its remedy by civil suits to recover the money from the men who used the bogus powers of attorney, at least in the cases referred to in this report."

As the Interior Department did not act upon Special Agent Sibbald's recommendations, and as Benson's attorneys, supported by a few of the officers of the ring, made overtures to Mr. Sibbald, and finally engaged him to act as attorney in getting the Land Office to approve the accounts for two or three legitimate surveys, Mr. Sibbald was advised to enter into a contract with George C. Hazleton, Benson's representative, who was not in writing, it was repudiated and the fees were not paid. Sibbald was again conducting a lively warfare on Benson and his associates, when he died, thus putting an end to Benson's uneasiness, for he had once remarked that Sibbald's withdrawal from the case would be worth more than \$10,000 to him.