

**JOB FOR ALL VETERANS**  
**POSSIBILITY, AT LEAST.**

**Civil Service Reformers Stirred Up**  
**Over Proposed Amendment.**

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]  
Albany, March 29.—Civil Service reformers are much stirred up over the appearance on the calendars of both legislative houses of the Cobden-Fowler constitutional amendment proposing to add 10 per cent to the examination ratings of all veterans of the Spanish-American War and the Philippine and Boxer Insurrections. They say that this proposition is being advanced this year by the party leaders with a view to its possible use as campaign material, though with the understanding that it may fall of passage next year.

Much opposition has been manifested to this measure. Representatives of the Civil Service Reform Association argued against it before the Assembly Judiciary Committee, which, nevertheless, reported it the next day. The State Civil Service Commission is also on record against the measure. This resolution, which was amended in minor details by Assemblyman Fowler last week, will be on the Assembly calendar for debate in the order of second reading this week.

The declaration was made here to-night that this project practically would turn over the entire classified service of the state and its municipalities to these "veterans." There are about 21,000 men in the state who would receive this benefit if they chose to try for places, and only 20,832 places to be filled by competition in state, county and municipal service. Opponents of this measure, including the Civil Service Commission, the Civil Service Reform Association and the Citizens Union, of New York City, have in other years succeeded in killing similar projects, which have made their appearance practically ever since the close of the Spanish War.

Figures compiled by the adversaries of the Cobden-Fowler amendment present in striking form the effect of this measure, if adopted this year and next and sanctioned by popular vote. Thus, if one of the applicants at the last examination for patrolmen in New York City, receiving on merit a rating of 75 per cent, had by virtue of being a Spanish War veteran received this additional 10 per cent, he would have advanced over the heads of 640 other candidates, better fitted for the service as to their attainments. If his rating had been 85, the additional 10 per cent would have sent him ahead of 800 candidates.

In the last examination for firemen in New York City a candidate receiving 75 per cent, by the addition of 10 per cent, would have been placed over 607 of his fellows; if he had earned 80 per cent the extra 10 per cent would have sent him ahead of 685.

In the examination for prison keeper a veteran with 70 would have passed over 157 other candidates, and with a rating of 80 would jump over the heads of forty candidates and reach the top of the list. In the examination for police surgeon a veteran with a mark of 70 would be advanced over 76 candidates by the addition of 10 per cent, and one with 77 would jump 64 places, to the top of the list. In the examination for court attendant a veteran with 70 would jump 344 candidates, and one with 80 would advance 144 places. In the examination for inspector of milk a veteran with 70 would be advanced 80 places, and one with 80 would jump 35 other men and be placed at the top of the list.

Since this would apply not only to entrance examinations, but to those for promotion, these veterans not only would be able to get into state or municipal service first, but to obtain promotion far faster than their deserts, to the detriment of better equipped men already in the service, thus to the detriment of the service itself.

**OPPOSES CENSUS BILL.**

**Civil Service Reform League Wants**  
**Crumpacker Measure Amended.**

The National Civil Service Reform League will come out strongly to-day in a pamphlet in opposition to the Crumpacker bill, which provides for the thirteenth and subsequent decennial censuses, and contains a provision that the additional force necessary to do the work shall be selected through non-competitive examinations. The league wishes the bill amended to call for competitive examinations. President Roosevelt sent a special message to Congress regarding the census, saying:

In the taking of the census of 1900 it will probably be necessary to employ about four thousand additional persons in the temporary force at Washington. I urge upon the Congress that in the enactment of a law for the taking of the census provision be made that these persons be selected in accordance with the Civil Service bill.

The non-competitive examination used in selecting the force at Washington of the last two censuses served only as a cloak to hide the nakedness of the spoils system.

All the evils of incompetent enumerators are pointed out. Carroll D. Wright said there was a great waste of both time and money in taking the census, and that had the force been selected by competitive examination, a saving of at least \$100,000 among the arguments for his proposed amendment.

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**PUNCH BOWL BELONGING TO THE SILVER SERVICE OF TEN PIECES, SOON TO BE PRESENTED TO THE UNITED STATES ARMORED CRUISER MONTANA BY THE PEOPLE OF THAT STATE.**

national troops will be sent to the Yellowstone the coming summer and placed in camp or temporary shelter pending the completion of the quarters and barracks, for which a contract will be awarded as soon as bids are obtained. This increase in the military force in the national park is on the recommendation of the officers on duty there, who believe that there should be better provision for protection of the natural curiosities of the place and the control of the increasing volume of tourists. It is planned by Lieutenant General S. B. Young, the superintendent of the park, to establish one or two model camps in the summer season, that visitors may observe the conduct of a militia command in the field. It has been decided to continue the employment of soldiers as a guard in Yellowstone Park, instead of having civilians on that duty.

**TROUBLES OF SKY PILOTS.**—The naval chaplains have carried their protest with the Navy Department in favor of the change in the official rank of those officers. For some time they have been contending that the sombre dress prescribed by the regulations was something of a hindrance to them in their work and gave them a distinction from other officers which was not altogether agreeable. The only decoration worn by the naval chaplains has been the insignia of rank on the collar of the coat. There was no other relief from the black of the coat and buttons. Now it has been decided to have the black buttons replaced by those of brass. It has also been decided to have an examination by a board of chaplains of those candidates who are nominated for appointment to the corps of chaplains. No such examination has been held as a guide to appointment to the position of naval chaplain, although for some years an examination of that sort has been conducted of candidates for appointment to the position of chaplain in the army. By this means it will be possible to ascertain definitely the mental and moral qualifications of nominees, and so escape the appointment of those who are not qualified. In three instances in the last year or two where it was necessary to dismiss chaplains the unfitness of those officers would have been disclosed by the preliminary examination.

**CONDEMNED DRUGS.**—The military medical officers who have charge of the disposition of drugs and medicines at the factory in Michigan, New York have run into an interesting feature of the pure food law. As is usual at this time of year, arrangements have been made for the sale of condemned drugs and medicines which have deteriorated while in stock. The inspection and condemnation have been conducted in the usual manner, and orders were given for the customary disposition of the material. The question has been presented, however, whether this transaction can be made in view of the restrictions of the pure food law. None of the drugs and medicines possess the label required by the law, which was purchased after the drugs and medicines were purchased by the army and ordered to be purchased. The Attorney General has been asked to render an opinion as to the legality of selling the medicines, in view of the statutory prohibition, and whether such a transaction would involve the original manufacturers or vendors of the articles.

**SCULPTURE EXHIBIT IN BALTIMORE.**

Baltimore, March 29.—For the first time in its history the National Sculpture Society is about to hold an exhibition outside of New York City. The 5th Regiment Armory, in this city, will be opened next Saturday to a display of sculpture and bronzes representing the work of about one hundred artists in this country. There will be about four hundred exhibits, including bronzes, marble groups and reliefs, two hundred bronzes cast in American foundries. An interesting feature is that many women have signified their intention of sending some of their best work.

It is the purpose of the society to follow the Baltimore show with exhibitions in various cities. The next exhibition will probably be held in Chicago.

A dinner will be given in the armory on the evening preceding the opening. Attorney General Bonaparte will preside, and among the distinguished persons who have been invited to attend and deliver addresses is the French ambassador, M. Jusserand. The armory will be decorated by the Maryland Horticultural Society, which will open its annual flower show there in connection with its art display.

**WILLCOX'S ANSWER TO REFORM CLUB.**

Through its president, Calvin Tomkins, the Reform Club, which believes that the city can finance the building of its own subways and should build and own them from their inception, has addressed an open letter to William R. Willcox, chairman of the Public Service Commission, asking whether that body has approved the Travis-Robinson bill, which would permit the building of subways by private capital. Mr. Willcox said last night that the commission had approved the bill, which embodies the recommendations made by the commission in its annual report. Of this fact Mr. Tomkins was quite well aware, said the chairman.

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**NOT BLAMED FOR DEFICIT.**  
**Rural Delivery System Rather a**  
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Washington, March 29.—Exception is taken by postal clerks to the reiterated statement that the expense incident to rural delivery has been the cause of the present deficit in the postal revenues. This is not confirmed by the records of the Postoffice Department. In 1897, when the expenditure on account of rural delivery was only \$14,840, the postal deficit was \$11,411,779. While in 1907 the expenditure for rural delivery had increased to \$26,755,524 and the deficit had decreased to \$6,652,582. These figures are cited to demonstrate that the increased expenditure on account of the rural delivery service bears no ratio to the annual deficit. On the other hand, it is certain that the operation of the rural delivery service is responsible for a very large percentage of the increase in the postal receipts. The establishment of a rural delivery route, it is asserted, invariably brings with it a great influx of mail to the locality affected, and this is gradually followed by an increase in the outgoing mail. There has also, it is said, been a saving of more than \$12,000,000 on account of closing small postoffices and discontinuing star routes. Various economies of management have been effected in the service by carefully basing the route on the definite and businesslike basis, so that each route must show an adequate return to be continued. The service having been so extensively established, there are now fewer postoffices for the establishment of additional routes. The number of routes installed during the fiscal year 1905-'06 averaged 394 a month; during the year ended June 30, 1907, the monthly average was 183 routes. At present the average is little more than one hundred a month. In the newly developing West there is an increasing demand for rural service, and it is from that section that the larger number of petitions for the service are coming.

**NEARLY READY FOR GUN TESTS.**  
**Preparations for Attack on the Monitor**  
**Florida Almost Completed.**  
Washington, March 29.—Within a short period, probably inside of two weeks, the firing test by 12-inch guns at the turret of the monitor Florida will take place. Practically the only element lacking in the test is the human life aboard the vessel. The Navy Department would have no difficulty in obtaining all the volunteers it could use had a decision been reached to put men aboard the vessel, but such an idea was never entertained. The tests will show whether any of the bolts holding the armor have sheered, the rivets loosened, the alignment of the guns changed, the gun sights harmed or damage sustained to the plates that might disable the vessel for future effective work. The Florida, which is practically a new vessel, has an 11-inch armor belt amidships and a 2-inch armor on the turret and the barbette and the hood of the turret are 11 inches thick. She is equipped with two 12-inch and various other guns, and also two 18-inch torpedo tubes above water. Another feature of the test, it is understood, will be the firing at the vessel of a Whitehead torpedo.

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to strike the vessel in one of her vital parts, and thus demonstrate in a practical way just how much damage might result from this method of attack. The general expectation is that the test will take place in Hampton Roads, where there is plenty of sea room.  
**GUFFEY THE POLITICAL JEFFRIES.**  
Bryan League of Pennsylvania Can't Find Opponent for National Convention.  
[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]  
Pittsburg, March 29.—The Bryan League of Pennsylvania is trying hard to find some one who will become a candidate against Colonel J. M. Guffey for National Convention from Pennsylvania.  
It is learned that on Friday, when Bryan was here, a secret meeting was held and the ground was given over. Jere H. Black, of York, of the chairmen of the league, had been selected, but backed down. No one has been found who is willing to make the sign.