

UNDER THE CIVIL SERVICE

GOV. HUGHES APPROVES THE REVISED CLASSIFICATION.

148 Positions Transferred from the Non-Competitive to the Competitive Class—Exempt Class Reduced by 178—Many Positions in This City Affected.

ALBANY, Dec. 22.—Gov. Hughes tonight approved the revised classification of places in the State and county service with a few exceptions. In the offices of the newly elected Republican State officials who go into power on January 1 the revised classification, which changes eight positions from the exempt to the competitive schedule, will keep eight Democrats in office as follows:

Comptroller's Office—Earl H. Gallup, chief transfer inheritance tax clerk, salary \$2,000; Frank H. Streeter, attorney, same salary, salary \$2,000; two transfer tax experts, salary \$1,500.

State Treasurer's Office—Ellsworth Crum, chief clerk, salary \$1,500; John J. (Adwell) assistant cashier, salary \$1,000.

Secretary of State's Office—Assistant cashier, salary \$1,000.

Attorney-General's Office—Clerk to bureau of taxation and corporate law, position vacant; salary \$1,400.

The revised classification also aimed to protect in the competitive schedule 170 other Democrats, one Edward A. Banta, assistant to the Deputy Secretary of State, salary \$2,000, and the other, William F. Kearney of Albany, head of the stock transfer tax bureau in the State Comptroller's office at a salary of \$2,500, but the Governor did not approve these two changes. In refusing to put Mr. Kearney's place in the competitive schedule so that he could not be removed by the incoming Comptroller, Gov. Hughes said that this position was one of trust, the incumbent handling millions of dollars of stock transfer stamps, and that each Comptroller should have his own appointee in that position.

Yesterday Comptroller-elect Crum and experts go over Mr. Kearney's books and they found that the \$15,000,000 worth of stamps handled by him during the last two years were each and every one accounted for.

Even with the revised classification there remains in the office of the Secretary of State seven places which can be filled by the non-competitive schedule and three in the State Treasurer's office. The revised classification does not affect the State Engineer's office.

BATTLESHIP DRY DOCKED.

The New Hampshire Being Hauled Up to Go to Meet the Fleet.

There were some worried young officers at the navy yard yesterday when the big battleship New Hampshire was hauled for a berth in the No. 3 dry dock, it having been decided that the vessel had better be looked over before she starts out on the cruise on which she will meet the battle fleet. The ship glided into the dry dock safely and the fears of those who thought something might go wrong were ungrounded, though any naval officer will tell you that docking a battleship or a large cruiser is a delicate business.

The New Hampshire is 450 feet long, or only about forty feet shorter than a ship of the Dreadnought type, and she looms big when her whole structure is exposed. A careful examination of the hull yesterday showed it to be in fine shape, needing nothing so much as a coat of paint. The torpedo tubes also were minutely inspected and the exterior parts found to be in good condition.

The New Hampshire has been in commission less than a year, but in that time has been as far south as Panama and as far north as Quebec. It is expected that she will be out of the dry dock in about ten days.

AFTER CHICAGO PACKERS.

Government Investigation May Involve Almost All the Companies.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—That part of the packing business which covers the handling and sale of products of live stock in Chicago's packing town today received the attention of secret service men and special agents of the United States Government at work in connection with the investigation which the Federal Grand Jury and District Attorney Sims are conducting. Through information concerning relations between packing companies in deals involving by-products and with light upon the arrangements for their shipment, sale and distribution in various places the Government expects to fortify itself in its attack against the packers.

It was announced today that the investigation will be so extensive that it will be necessary before the Grand Jury finishes its work unless some unexpected evidence is produced to warrant the return of indictments before that time. The first witness when the investigation was held before the Federal Grand Jury was Harry Deane, Chicago department manager of Morris & Co. He had with him books and documents and was called both in the forenoon and in the afternoon.

While Morris & Co. remain the principal target in the Grand Jury inquiry the purpose of securing evidence in an attempt to involve almost all the packers has been made plain. Prominent railroad officials and minor employees of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, the Washburn, the Santa Fe, the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, the Chicago & North Western and the New York Central lines have been called by the Government as witnesses to be in readiness for examination. The Grand Jury is shed light on the relations between the railroads and the packers.

Thomas H. Cross, recognized as an expert live stock buyer, who is a promoter of the packers, and who has handled the men for whom subpoenas have been issued. It was also announced that the National Packing Company, in which Morris & Co. has a large interest, will be inquired into by agents of the Government and the Federal Grand Jury.

CANADIAN WANTS TO KNOW.

Stirs the Placid Surface at a Meeting of A. O. Brown & Co. Creditors.

At a meeting yesterday of creditors of A. O. Brown & Co., stockbrokers, at the office of John J. Townsend, referee in bankruptcy, 45 Cedar street, many claims were filed, of which Hays & Hershfield filed 25, aggregating about \$500,000. Chas. E. Littlefield, the receiver, was chosen trustee. He has on hand tangible assets of about \$300,000, consisting of cash \$150,000 and bonds \$150,000. There are other assets—several millions—consisting of securities pledged or held as collateral, and outstanding bills and notes, and other raincoat assets. Mr. Littlefield could not tell what the estate will pay to creditors.

O. Anderson, a Canadian creditor, asked the bankrupts to explain how they had dissipated the assets and how they had made such a mess of things. He was particularly eager to learn whether they had really purchased stocks and had bucketed the orders. Mr. A. O. Brown replied that they had purchased the stocks on the Exchange. Asked if they kept the stocks in his name, he replied that Mr. Buchanan had charged that they had done business. Thereupon Mr. Anderson pled Mr. Buchanan with questions, and he replied that the business had been conducted in the name of the receiver. If Mr. Anderson's stocks were sold by the firm before the receiver was appointed or by the receiver, he replied that he did not know.

EXAMINES COUNTY BOOKS.

LAX METHODS IN MONTGOMERY AND HAMILTON COUNTIES.

In Both, the Report Says, the Books Were Kept Carelessly—In Montgomery Banks Don't Pay Interest on Deposits, but Charge Interest on Warrants.

ALBANY, Dec. 22.—State Comptroller Martin H. Glynn, who has been making a searching examination of the finances of the several counties of the State, has completed his inquiry in Montgomery and Hamilton counties. He has much to criticize.

"The books in the office of the treasurer of Montgomery county," report the Comptroller's investigators, "were found to have been kept negligently and carelessly. This criticism is made because of the lumping of entries, the failure to make entries promptly, the making of entries from printed reports of the Board of Supervisors rather than from the original bills and orders. The examination shows that the practice of entering salary payments and such other things in one lump sum, with the result of nothing to prevent double payments, of some salaries except the memory of the clerk of the board, the examiners also found that the treasurer has been taking fees which the examiners believe he is not entitled to. During the fiscal year 1905 these amounts to \$2,019.56, during 1906 to \$2,235.36 and during 1907 to \$2,381.18."

The report also shows that the banks in which county funds are deposited do not pay the county interest thereon, although the county law provides for the deposit of funds at interest, while the same banks charge the county interest on county orders held by them, there being no legal warrant for such action on their part.

The examiners also found, as they say in the report, that large sums are annually borrowed by the County Treasurer on the credit of the county and in direct contravention of the statute. The report discusses numerous audits of the Board of Supervisors, many of them being declared not to be proper county charges, while others are held to have been improperly paid because of the form of the bills upon which the audits were made. Among the first class are excess fees charged by justices and coroners, stenographers' bills for testimony taken at County Court, bills for testimony taken at attorneys for defending criminals, various charges for public printing in excess of that required by statute and which aggregate a very large amount, usually charged by private parties, and clearly mere new items in various newspapers of the county and excess fees charged by Sheriffs and County Clerks.

The examiners say further that some supervisors have been personally interested in sales to the county in direct violation of the Penal Code, that unverified and improper bills are repeatedly audited and that many charges of an entirely illegal nature have been paid, thus illegally distributing large sums from the county funds.

The unpaid bonds required by statute to be filed for the protection of the county were found to be defective in nearly every instance. The examiners also examined and reported upon the accounts of the Superintendent of the Poor, which were found to be inadequate. The superintendent is also criticized for making payments upon records kept for the treasurer and are generally improper in form.

SAVINGS BANKS FLOURISH.

Deposits at the Highest Note and All Paying 4 Per Cent.

All of the savings banks in Manhattan and The Bronx have declared interest on deposits at the annual rate of 4 per cent, payable January 1. There are 101 savings banks in the two boroughs with an aggregate of 1,315,492 depositors. On July 1 they reported aggregate deposits of \$731,102,290, on which a semi-annual interest payment of \$1,100,000 was made. The average interest rate on deposits is 4.12 per cent. Since the July 1 report it was learned authoritatively yesterday, both deposits and resources of the banks have advanced to the highest point on record.

GARY CONTRADICTS CARNEGIE.

He Says Foreign Steel Can Be Landed Here 90 Cents a Ton Cheaper.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The Ways and Means Committee has received a letter from E. H. Gary, president of the board of directors of the United States Steel Corporation, in which he attempts to controvert statements made by Andrew Carnegie to the effect that the steel industry does not need protection. Judge Gary contends that steel manufacturers in Germany and England can land their product in New York ninety cents a ton cheaper than the manufacturer in Pittsburgh, and by all water route to New York from the Pacific Coast for \$8 a ton less.

WORK OF CATHOLIC CHILDREN.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Shows What It Has Done—Farley Talks.

The opening session of the first annual convention of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine was held last night in Cathedral College Hall, 464 Madison avenue. Archbishop Farley was in the chair, and the Rev. F. W. Wall, spiritual director of the organization, superintended the presentation of the reports from the various parishes represented in the organization.

The chief object of the confraternity, which was formed in 1902, is to bring about a closer cooperation between the clergy and the laity in the teaching of the catechism and to provide means for the special instruction of those who are willing to become teachers. A normal school under the direction of Father McPherson has been carried on for several years, and branches of the confraternity are now established in practically every parish in the diocese.

Archbishop Farley congratulated the organization upon the work it had accomplished and said that he believed that its activity was indicative of the fact that the fighting days of the Church, when every Catholic was eager to be sufficiently well versed in doctrine to be able to combat successfully the adverse arguments of those who were not of his faith, had come back.

After the meeting there was an exhibition of work done by the Sunday school pupils under the direction of Confraternity teachers consisting of drawings and mountings of religious pictures, maps and models. The feature of the exhibit was a relief map of Jerusalem 23 feet by 19 feet made by L. Hopkins of the Cathedral class of 1909.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, the Rev. James McCaffrey, vice-president, the Rev. John Turner, treasurer, Miss Helen Donohue. The convention will continue to-day and this evening.

SHELDON SHOOTING SUSPECT.

Wild Man With a Gun Arrested Not Far From Dean Street's House.

Max Stoor, who was arrested on Sunday night after he had broken into the house of Albert Stahmann at 1808 Jerome avenue, forcing the basement door, is being held at the Bronx detective bureau in the hope that he may be the man described by Van Dwight Sheldon as the man who shot him in Dean Street's house on Monday night last.

Stoor, who is a young man, named John Stoor, was arrested at the Stahmann house he made a disturbance at St. Edmund's Protestant Episcopal Church nearby, where he appeared crying "Shoot! Shoot!" An unloaded 22 calibre revolver was found on him when he was arrested. He behaved like a demented man.

Mrs. Stahmann, who had read the description given by Sheldon of his alleged assailant, went yesterday to Dean Street's house not far away after seeing Stoor and told the dean that she believed the prisoner was the man who killed Sheldon. Up to last night no one from the university had gone to look at Stoor, but today Peter Adrian, a street sweeper, who says he saw a man running from the direction of the dean's house at the time of the Sheldon shooting, went to the house of a man from the college grounds to the subway at 207th street after the shooting had also gone.

Dean Street's photograph made of a blood stain found on the cellar floor near where Sheldon was shot. The photograph enlarged shows distinctly the impression of fingers. It is thought that the finger print may help in clearing up the mystery of the shooting.

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DR. WILEY MAY HAVE TO GO

100 ACTIVE IN CONDEMNING FOOD PRODUCTS.

Reports That He Has Crossed the President in Some of His Plans and Ignored Board of Food Experts—Sugar Manufacturers Demand His Removal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief chemist of the Agricultural Department, is again on the gridiron for his activity in condemning food products which he avers are deleterious to health. There was a story floating around Washington to-day that Dr. Wiley had crossed the President in some of his plans and ignored the board of food experts, headed by Prof. Ira Remsen some time ago by order of the President. For this, it was said, he was doomed to go. Secretary Wilson, by the same story, had taken a crimp in Dr. Wiley's literary bureau and many bulletins decrying benzene of soda were looked up in Secretary Wilson's desk just as they came from the press and would never go into circulation.

At the White House a denial was given to the story that the President had issued any orders limiting the authority of Dr. Wiley. Secretary Wilson also denied that any blame attached to Dr. Wiley. The pure food expert, himself barricaded behind several piles of pure food bulletins in his private office, declared that it was no difference to him what happened, he would never state his energy in opposition to the use of benzene of soda or other alleged adulterants.

"I can make a living outside, I guess," he observed with a broad smile. The most significant fact in the present controversy is the publication of bulletin 101, which apparently puts a check on Dr. Wiley. The bulletin, which carries a decision of the food and drug inspection board of the Agricultural Department, is not signed by the chief chemist, but bears the signatures of other members of the board. The decision recites the fact that an inquiry has been made as to whether the Department prohibits the use of benzene of soda and quotes Dr. Wiley's utterances and publications denouncing its use.

The Department has not changed its position, but the decision issued to-day, "Pending the determination by the referee board of the wholesomeness or unwholesomeness of benzene of soda its use will be allowed under the regulations heretofore outlined." Dr. Wiley said to-day that he refused to sign the decision and that he filed his reasons with the board at the time he made it.

Recently a complaint was sent to the President direct from sugar manufacturers in Louisiana demanding the removal of Dr. Wiley. It was as follows: NATIONAL MOLASSES REFINERS ASSOCIATION. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 10, 1908. To the President, Washington, D. C. Sir: You chose a board of scientific experts and referred to it the question of sulphur, benzene of soda and saccharine in foods.

Pending a decision by the board Dr. H. W. Wiley, chief chemist of the United States Department of Agriculture, has been doing all he can to drive such food out of the market and declares that should the board decide against his pronouncements he will bring the matter into the courts. This is nothing less than "pernicious activity and in our opinion warrants his being removed from office. Respectfully submitted, C. B. MOORE, President Louisiana Sugar Planters Association. J. C. MURRAY, President Sugar Exchange. W. T. TAYLOR, President National Sugar Refiners Association. Secretary Wilson said to-day that he absolutely no blame attached to Dr. Wiley.

METROPOLITAN

GRAND OPERA SEASON

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AMUSEMENTS.

EMPIRE 40th St. Even. 8:15. 5 Acts. This Week, To-morrow, Fri. & Sat. MAUDE ADAMS IN WHAT EVERY MAN SHOULD KNOW.

HUDSON 5th St. E. Broadway. Ev. 8:30. 3 Acts. This Week, To-morrow, Fri. & Sat. ETHEL BARRYMORE FRIDERIC.

CRITERION 40th St. Ev. 8:15. 5 Acts. This Week, To-morrow, Fri. & Sat. WM. GILLETTE AND SAMSON.

LYCEUM 25th St. N. Broadway. Ev. 8:15. 5 Acts. This Week, To-morrow, Fri. & Sat. BILLIE BURKE WATCHES.

GARRICK 25th St. N. Broadway. Ev. 8:30. 3 Acts. This Week, To-morrow, Fri. & Sat. WM. COLLIER IN THE PATRIOT.

KNICKBOCKER Broadway, 8th St. Ev. 8:15. 5 Acts. This Week, To-morrow, Fri. & Sat. FRITZ SCHEFF PRIMA DONNA.

SAVOY 25th St. N. Broadway. Ev. 8:30. 3 Acts. This Week, To-morrow, Fri. & Sat. WILTON LACKAYE BATTLE.

HIPPODROME TWICE DAILY. 25th St. N. Broadway. Ev. 8:15. 5 Acts. This Week, To-morrow, Fri. & Sat. MAXINE ELLIOTT'S CHA PERON.

CASINO 25th St. N. Broadway. Ev. 8:15. 5 Acts. This Week, To-morrow, Fri. & Sat. EDDIE FLOYD.

FAVESHAM IN THE WORLD. 40th St. Ev. 8:15. 5 Acts. This Week, To-morrow, Fri. & Sat. DAVEY AND GILBERT.

MAJESTIC Do Wolf Hopped the Pied. 40th St. Ev. 8:15. 5 Acts. This Week, To-morrow, Fri. & Sat. LULU GLASER.

STUYVESANT. 40th St. Ev. 8:15. 5 Acts. This Week, To-morrow, Fri. & Sat. BELASCO ARLISS DEVIL.

HACKETT THEATRE. 42d St. Ev. 8:30. 3 Acts. This Week, To-morrow, Fri. & Sat. Mrs. FISKE Salvation Nell.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC. 14th St. & Irving Pl. Ev. 8:15. 5 Acts. This Week, To-morrow, Fri. & Sat. THE WARRENS OF VIRGINIA.

ASTOR 25th St. N. Broadway. Ev. 8:15. 5 Acts. This Week, To-morrow, Fri. & Sat. THE MAN FROM HOME.

BIJOU Broadway at 30th. 8:30 To-night. Matinee To-day & New Year's 2:15. A GENTLEMAN FROM MISSISSIPPI.

WALLACK'S. Ev. 8:15. 5 Acts. This Week, To-morrow, Fri. & Sat. MARRIE CAHILL.

CARNEGIE To-night at 8:15. Oratorio Society of N. Y. "The Messiah".



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NEW AMSTERDAM THEATRE. 43d St. West of Broadway. Ev. 8:15. 5 Acts. This Week, To-morrow, Fri. & Sat. THE LITTLE NEMO.

NEW YORK THEATRE. Broadway & 40th St. Ev. 8:15. 5 Acts. This Week, To-morrow, Fri. & Sat. HELD MISS INNOCENCE.

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