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EMPEROR WILLIAM'S SHORTAGE. The story that Emperor William has disposed of the property of the house of Hanover, which he held in trust, will, if true, have considerable influence for some years upon European politics.

OUR RELATIONS WITH ENGLAND. The charge has often been made by English writers that the school histories of the United States are much to blame for the feeling against England. It is only among superficial observers that this criticism is to be found, but unfortunately it is the superficial observer who is most generally read because he is more likely to make sensational comments.

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afforded within our present boundary lines. So long as Great Britain does not attempt to extend her dominion over this continent, we can look upon her acquisitions elsewhere with perfect complacency. But she must take us into account in the commerce of the world, and by holding out a friendly hand and maintaining perfect good faith with us she can have our reciprocal good will.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL. THIS STATE SECURES SOME GOOD CONSULAR POSITIONS.

Petition for a New Postoffice in Douglas County—Dr. McDonald's Case Investigated—Money Order Divisions of Postoffice. Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—Washington has not fared very well so far in the consular service held by a citizen of Washington state is the consulship at Sydney, New South Wales, to which George W. Bell was appointed by President Cleveland June 29, 1892, quite long enough ago for a Republican to have been put in his place; it is reported that Mr. Bell was not known as a free trader, and that some kind of Democrats were of some help in the last campaign. Whether this office will be retained by a resident of Washington state when a change is made, is, however, still a matter of doubt.

Sylvester G. Hill, who was appointed consul at Colima, Colima, Mexico, in 1897, is also accredited to the state of Washington. Philip Tillinghast, Jr., who is consul at Mexico City, Colima, received his commission January 11, 1897. John F. Caples, of Oregon, who was appointed consul at Valparaiso, will receive in salary and fees, starting from July 17, 1897, a little over \$3,000 a year.

Messrs. J. C. Atwood, Leonard F. Spear and many other settlers upon the public lands in township 22 north, range 27 and 28 east, on the line of the Great Northern railway, in Douglas county, have petitioned the fourth assistant postmaster general for the establishment of a postoffice at Stratford station, in Douglas county, Washington, and the appointment of Sven Kerr, of that place, as postmaster. The nearest postoffice at the present time is at Northern railway station at Wilson creek, eight miles east of Stratford station. The only other postoffice in that section of the county is at Coulee City, north, and there is no wagon road between Coulee City and Stratford station.

The petition states that owing to the fact that the Colima and Co-operative Company's irrigation ditch, and the consequent irrigation of the land, there is a great deal of business done at Stratford in the near future. Some of the signers of the petition live at a place known as Adrian, and these have to go sixteen miles to the nearest postoffice. The petitioners are obliged to follow the most convenient route along the railroad. For two months this year, they stated, these settlers could not get their mail at the Wilson creek postoffice, but by crossing the flooded streams on the railroad bridges, they were able to get their mail at the Stratford station. The petitioners are obliged to follow the most convenient route along the railroad. For two months this year, they stated, these settlers could not get their mail at the Wilson creek postoffice, but by crossing the flooded streams on the railroad bridges, they were able to get their mail at the Stratford station.

Assistant Secretary Spaulding, of the treasury department, has written a letter to the civil service commission in reply to a request from the board of equalization for a report as to the facts in regard to a communication from Representative Lewis relative to the dismissal of Dr. J. H. McDonald, of Olympia. It was charged by Mr. McDonald in a letter to the congress that his removal was preceded only by the fact that he was a resident of another inspector in that district. He complained therefore to the civil service commission about the removal of his name from the list of inspectors in the Washington district for examination and report.

Willard J. Phillips, of Newport, Idaho, who has been trying for some time to obtain a release from the army, but has been unable to do so, owing to his inability to find any of his old comrades who could furnish evidence that the disabilities which he is suffering were in fact contracted in the service, has been furnished through the courtesy of Pension Commissioner Evans with a list of members of the forty-first Wisconsin infantry, to which Mr. Phillips belonged, and their present addresses as they appear on the records of the pension department. From past experience it has been found that soldiers are often enabled to obtain evidence in this way that could never have been obtained otherwise.

The regular fall civil service examinations throughout the country for all classes of offices will master only about a quarter of the usual number of candidates. This is the prediction made by the civil service commission, and this prediction is attributed to the falling off to the unusual number of applicants examined during the spring. This was due to the change of administration and the civil service extension made by President Cleveland. As a result, and in view of an inadequate examination, the number of successful candidates in marking the papers, and 14,000 of them, all submitted during the spring, have yet to be examined. This aggregate includes 225 relating to the clerk-copist places, and 1,451 to the clerk-copist places. This unprecedented delay in the examination of applicants is deterring applicants from applying for examination at this time.

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order which affects the steamboat service between Seattle, Port Townsend and New Whatcom. After September 15, 1897, the contractor will be permitted to carry the mail from Seattle on Sunday nights for Port Townsend and connections on route 7, 207, provided it is done without expense to the department.

The following patents have been issued to Washington inventors: Eugene Church, assignor to International Novelty Company, Tacoma, Bicycle seat; William B. Wilson, Aberdeen, fire escape. Original pensions have been granted to William Riley, Loomis; Mortimer F. Taylor, Pullman; Robert C. Porter, Kirkland. Increased pensions have been granted to Fredrick Hosford, Spokane, and Luther Wilson, Orting. Original widows' pensions have been granted to Mrs. Ella S. Starr, North Yakima, and to Mrs. Emma J. Dulein, Tacoma. A pension has also been granted to the minor child of Braydon McKinney, Northport. ALLAN B. SLAUSON.

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