

THINKS JURORS ACTED HONESTLY

One Who Helped Make Awards at Chicago and St. Louis Expositions Discusses Charges.

LITTLE CHANCE OF BRIBERY.

Few Exhibitors Willing to Give Anything More Than a Case of Champagne—Jurors Were High-Class Men.

The Republic Bureau, Wash. Dec. 11.—The assertion by Senator Thomas H. Carter, President of the National World's Fair Commission, that there has been corruption in the award of prizes at St. Louis is sufficiently direct to have caused comment here.

Unhappily, all the large expositions held in this country in recent years, including the fair at Chicago in 1893, have been followed by more or less grave stories of bribery and corruption in relation to the award of prizes.

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ROOSEVELT'S CIVIL SERVICE RECORD

Has Ignored System in Making Appointments Offender Than Any Other President.

LONG LIST OF EXCEPTIONS.

Rules Waived or Requirements Modified in Many Cases to Take In Persons Executive Wished to Favor.

The Republic Bureau, Wash. Dec. 11.—More executive orders have been issued by President Roosevelt authorizing the appointment of individuals without examination under the civil-service rules than by any other President.

This fact was admitted at the office of the United States Civil-Service Commission yesterday. Examination of the list of the commission develops the fact that a long string of executive orders were issued during the past fiscal year directing that persons named in the various orders, either be appointed outright or that certain prohibitions and restrictions of the rules be waived for their benefit.

The policy of President Roosevelt has been brought to the front by attacks on the system in the House and the severe criticism of Nelson S. Stinson of the National Civil-Service Reform League of the large number of exceptions which the President has lately made.

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SHOPPING BAGS

Are somewhere amongst your gift wants. Buy them here this week while the assortments are at their best.

CHRISTMAS IS SO NEAR—only twelve days off—that we urgently invite our customers to do their holiday shopping NOW.

Do you remember the crowds in which you did last year's shopping? Don't you want to avoid the crush this year? If you like to shop in comfort, begin NOW.

We publish a few suggestions in the following list—clip it and carry it in your purse or card case for reference. It gives hints of a thousand gifts—beautiful, useful and appropriate:

Shopping Bags—Stylish designs, right up to date, \$1.50 to \$20.00. Carriage Shopping Bags—\$2.00 to \$15.00.

Latest Novelty—Our "Avenue" Bag—made in black, brown or tan walrus, and in fancy calf and black seal.

Silk lined throughout and fitted with card case, mirror, powder puff and inside coin pocket. Prices, \$18.00 to \$35.00.

Ladies' Pocketbooks—\$1.00 to \$20.00. Coin Purses—20c, 50c, 75c, \$1 and up to \$6.

Bill Folds—Always a popular and useful gift for gentlemen. Fifty styles to select from. 50c, 75c, \$1 to \$3.50.

Cigar Cases—\$1.00, \$1.50 to \$30.00. Pocket Knives, 25c to \$6.00.

Military Brushes, 25c to \$1.50. Razor Sets, \$2.75 to \$10.00.

Shaving Mugs, 10c to \$2.00. Shaving Mirrors, \$1.00 to \$5.00.

Solid Silver Teaspoons, doz., \$1.00 to \$18.00. Solid Silver Tablespoons, doz., \$2.00 to \$20.00.

Solid Silver Forks, doz., \$3.00 to \$20.00. Solid Silver Knives, doz., \$3.00 to \$30.00.

Silver-Plated Teaspoons, doz., \$1.20 to \$4.50. Silver-Plated Tablespoons, doz., \$2.50 to \$9.00.

Silver-Plated Forks, doz., \$1.00 to \$10.00. Silver-Plated Knives, doz., \$1.00 to \$10.00.

Silver-Plated Tea Sets, \$5.00 to \$50.00. Carving Sets, \$2.50 to \$15.00.

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Coin Purses, 25c to \$6.00. Music Rolls, 50c to \$6.00.

Writing Portfolios, \$2.75 to \$12.00. Toilet Sets, \$2.50 to \$6.00.

Automatic Toys, \$1.50 to \$12.50. Whiteley Exercisers, \$1.50 to \$10.00.

Shaguns, \$4.50 to \$50.00. Bibles, \$2.75 to \$7.00.

Revolvers, \$1.50 to \$20.00. Bicycles, \$15.00 to \$75.00.

Tricycles, \$10.00 to \$14.00. Velocipedes, \$1.50 to \$12.00.

Toy Wagons, \$1.50 to \$10.00. Steds, 50c to \$2.00.

Skates, 75c to \$5.00. Footballs, 75c to \$1.00.

Automobile Wagons, \$5.00 to \$22.50. Fire Sets, \$5.00 to \$25.00.

Chafing Dish, \$2.50 to \$10.00. Fancy Baskets, 25c to \$5.00.

Sewing and Plate Racks, \$2.25 to \$12.00. Carriage Heaters, \$1.50 to \$3.00.

Opera Glasses, \$2.50 to \$10.00. Cameras and Kodaks, \$1.00 to \$100.00.

Pipes, 25c to \$16.00. Mirror, 50c to \$3.00.

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Velocipedes, \$1.50 to \$12.00. Toy Wagons, \$1.50 to \$10.00.

Steds, 50c to \$2.00. Skates, 75c to \$5.00.

Footballs, 75c to \$1.00. Automobile Wagons, \$5.00 to \$22.50.

Fire Sets, \$5.00 to \$25.00. Chafing Dish, \$2.50 to \$10.00.

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You cannot place yourself more pleasantly or lastingly in the thoughts of husband, brother, father or friend than by ending his shaving troubles. Give him a good razor or shaving set.



Shaving sets, as illustrated, consisting of razor, soap, brush and brush, in handsome case, at all prices. \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00 and up to \$15.00.

Razors—\$1.50 to \$6.00. Safety Razors enable any man to shave himself at home in clean comfort. Impossible to cut or irritate the face. We have the Gillette, Gem, Star and other brands. A safety razor frame with 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 12 blades, \$1.50, \$2.25, \$3.25, \$4.25, \$5.00 to \$7.25.

Magnifying Mirrors—\$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00. A unique gift that will be prized by any man. Shaving stands, as illustrated, complete with mirror, comb, brush, razor and soap, \$5.00 to \$12.00.



CHILD IS BURNED TO DEATH.

Clothes of Lenora Cundiff Set Ablaze by Camp Fire.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Macon, Mo., Dec. 11.—Lenora, the 5-year-old daughter of Oscar Cundiff, was burned to death yesterday afternoon while playing near a camp fire at the mouth of a hillside mine.

Her clothes caught afire and were instantly ablaze. Her mother was only 200 yards away, but before she could reach the child the flames had caused her death.

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COUNTRY CLUB SETTING FIRST PART OF MINSTRELS.

Hot Timers Will Hold Forth at the Odeon To-Night—End Men Negro Waiters.

At the Odeon to-night the tenth annual performance of the Hot Time Minstrels will be given. The minstrels consist of thirty prominent amateurs, embracing the best vocal and comedy talent in St. Louis.

GEORGE MAGUIRE

Who gives a smoke talk on "How to Retain the Smoke" at the Hot-Time Minstrels' entertainment to-night. This will be his last appearance "on the stage," he says.

Almost the entire house has been sold, and the seats are almost exclusively to representative persons.

The minstrel part of the programme will be given in a country-club setting. Joseph A. Buse acting as president and Walter Birge as vice president of the club. The end men will be negro waiters; the other club members, H. N. Poeppinger will direct the orchestra and choruses.

SECOND PART. Opening Chorus—Medley. The Hot Time Minstrels. Selection—H. T. M. Quintuple Quartet. Soloists—George Maguire, George Maguire, Dewey Hickey and George Havald.

General Hardtack. Menor Hickey, Dancer, Davidson and Lawrence. Baritone Solo—George THE KING in Opera. Under the Stars—Demister Goddard. Tenor Solo—William T. Lawrence. The Hot Time Minstrels. Solo—H. N. Poeppinger. Martin. The Hot Time Minstrels. Solo—John Danner. Solo—H. N. Poeppinger.

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The most delicious of all CEYLON TEAS.

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Carriage Heaters—All styles, sizes and makes; \$1.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.50 and \$9.00.

Lap Robes—Plain plushes, at \$2.00, \$3.00, \$3.50 to \$7.50; silk plushes and mohair, \$12.00 to \$55.00; cloth and whipcords, \$3.50 to \$60.00.

Whips and Crops—The best assortment of riding and driving sticks in the West. \$1.00 to \$18.00.

Puttee Leggins—Imitation pigskin or plain leather, in light or dark brown, \$3.50 and \$4.50; genuine imported pigskin, \$7.50.

Side Spring Leggins—Cavalry tops, black grained leather, \$2.00 per pair.

Horse Measuring Canes—Appointment Kits for Runabouts.

Driving Gloves—Fowne's Cape, Grip and stitching; Carriage Heaters, Gentlemen's Saddles, Side Saddles, Astride Saddles.

Harness—For every style of vehicle, including all grades—from the plain and serviceable to the finest sets ever shown.

Dashboard Clock or Watch Cases—For automobiles, buggies, etc., \$3.50 to \$15.00.

CAMERAS AND KODAKS FOR GIFTS

A splendid idea—give a Kodak or Camera—that's something that always pleases the recipient. All the best makes here.

Brownie Cameras—Reliable, practical, complete instruments; size of picture, 2 1/4 x 3 1/4, daylight loader. \$2.00.

Other Eastman Kodaks, \$5 to \$35.

Premo Film Pack Camera, size of picture, 3 1/4 x 4 1/4, \$4.50—daylight loader.

Premo Cameras, \$2.50 to \$100.00. Century Cameras, \$10.00 to \$150. Photo Albums—Large assortment, 15c to \$5.00.

DECLARES COTTON CROP ESTIMATE IS ERRONEOUS.

Southern Trade Paper Says Not More Than Eleven Million Bales Were Produced.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Dallas, Tex., Dec. 11.—The Cotton and Cotton Oil News of Dallas and Memphis will say in its issue of Monday, December 12 editorially:

The Government's estimate of 12,122,000 bales was wired at the very hour of going to press last Saturday. The paper always goes to press on Saturday at noon, dated the Monday following. It is therefore certain that the estimate was not based on any information received after the close of the cotton season.

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Christmas Gifts for Housekeepers.

Oftentimes some household necessity of particular worth will be more appreciated by the housewife than anything else. A visit to our Housefurnishing Department, second floor, will enable you to make a suitable selection, quickly and reasonably.

Chafing Dishes—over twenty styles in nickel and silver plate, with alcohol, gas or electric burners. Prices range from \$3.00 to \$30.00.

Japanese Bronzes—our own direct importation—a beautiful display of odd pieces, marked at prices about half of what you'd pay elsewhere for the same quality goods—\$12 to \$60.