

SHEPPARD'S SUCCESSOR.

Several Names Mentioned in Connection With the Vacant Collectorship.

WHOSE INFLUENCE WILL BE POTENTIAL.

The Eighth District Quota of Federal Appointments—Fourth Class Post-Office—Other Interesting Washington Gossip.

TIMES BUREAU, RALEIGH BUILDING, WASHINGTON, April 12, 1895.

The death of Internal Revenue Collector John Sheppard was unexpected. For many months it has been known that he could not survive the effects of organic disease which attacked his heart. There is probably no man in the State who was personally acquainted with more of Virginia's public men than John Sheppard.

The question of his successor is being generally discussed here to-day, for in these busy times of earnest desire for office there are few days reserved for mourning.

Not less than ten to fifteen candidates were opposed to Mr. Sheppard, and but one death has occurred since the ranks among the candidates were reduced, therefore, the natural supposition is that the lists will be requested.

One of the foremost candidates was Mont. Rogers, of Roanoke, although J. R. Jordan, of Buchanan, Alexandria; John H. Sheppard, of Richmond; John N. C. C. of Staunton; J. W. Foster, of Leesburg; R. K. Campbell, of Bedford; Joseph H. Nelson, of Fairfax; J. J. Johnson, of Alexandria; J. E. Evans, of Petersburg; W. T. Ewing, of S. S. Stanger, Lewis Hartman, and John M. Kinney, were all numbered among the candidates.

STILL A POLITICAL PLACE.

The recent determination of Mr. Cleveland that the clerks and deputies of the Internal Revenue Service shall not be placed under the civil service law has placed the appointments as a matter of political party ground in the State, and will be hotly contested. The original selection of the six Federal offices for Virginia—marshals, collectors and district attorneys for the two districts—were based upon an agreement of the representatives and senators, and a majority of the delegation will probably control in this, but, of course, now nothing can be known of the endorsement of any of them, for they are all within the State, except Mr. Taylor, who is here, and Mr. W. A. Jones, who is in Baltimore on legal business.

It is generally conceded that Governor O'Ferrall was instrumental in the making up the Virginia slate, for which he secured the approval of Marshal G. W. Levi. He threw a vote to Joe Duke, of Norfolk county, after Jack Higgins had received a sufficient vote to nominate him. The fight now will, in all probability, come up on the second half-dozen lines upon which the future party fight will be made. It is said here to-night that Governor O'Ferrall will support and urge Captain Muehlbach, of Alexandria, but the consensus of the delegation cannot be taken.

THE PRESIDENT'S SUMMER HOUSE.

The President has not been at the White House for several days; he has been at his summer home, "Woodley," which is several miles out of the city. This morning he drove in at an early hour, and was given at the White House, and members of his Cabinet were present by 11 o'clock, and went into session behind closed doors, remaining for several hours. The different members of his official family discussed at some length the respective department's conditions, etc. Then Secretary Gresham laid before that body the state affairs—diplomatic relations with foreign countries and surrounding in general.

THE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI.

The University of Virginia Alumni Association of Washington gives their annual dinner, which was given at the Hotel in honor of Thomas Jefferson, the founder of the University, Monday evening, April 15th—committee consisting of Thomas Nelson Page, Dr. L. W. Glazebrook, Professor William D. Clark, and the various members of the committee met to-day to perfect final arrangements. Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Herbert will be chosen president, and will preside.

Number of the University will be present. Hon. John Goode will respond to a toast on the "Life of Thomas Jefferson." Colonel Richard M. Venable, of the Maryland Law, will speak to the toast of "Our Alumni."

Covers are to be laid for 300 guests, among those being Secretary of State Gresham, Postmaster-General Wilson, Solicitor-General Holmes, and others. The social and political factors will unite in honoring the birthday of this distinguished man.

MR. MEREDITH'S APPOINTMENTS.

In examining the records in the Civil Service Commission it will be found that the Eighth congressional district, represented by Hon. E. K. Meredith, that out of a total of 200 clerks, half of the positions in the Eighth district have been filled by a large number more than that is entitled to; that is, if the appointments were made by congressional districts, but as the congressional districts are not this basis for appointments this line cannot be drawn.

Representative Meredith, whose home is so near the city, is therefore, a daily visitor, and when a vacancy occurs in the office of the department, he is the first to know about it, and if persistent wire-pulling and work counts for anything, he is most likely to secure the place for one more of the many other lovers of his district.

"The Apollo Quartette," of this city, which is booked to give a concert before the Mozart Association on the 18th instant, is one of the most highly-prized of Washington's musical organizations. Here it is sought for the finest concert, and its name on a program is a guarantee of the artistic character of the entertainment.

It is composed of Messrs. McFarland, Tardieu, Rusdie, and Ryan, with Arthur D. Mayo as piano soloist and director. Miss Beulah Gilbert, of Baltimore, who will assist in the entertainment, holds a proud rank among the reciters of this season, and will add a high degree of culture to her natural talent.

Mr. B. F. Hanes, the tobaccoist, of Winston, N. C., is in the city on business. Mr. Clarence Young, Senator Daniel's private secretary, has returned to the city after an absence of a few days.

Miss Williams, of Lynchburg, daughter of Captain Williams, is in the city, visiting friends.

A number of changes in fourth-class postmasters appointed for to-day, thirty-five; thirty of which were to fill vacancies caused by death and resignations.

For Virginia: Charleston, Bedford County, J. A. Reynolds appointed, vice W. R. Woodson, resigned.

MR. BAILIE TO ACT.

He is Named as Temporary Successor of the Late Collector Sheppard.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—Secretary Carlisle has designated W. H. Bailie, chief deputy, to take charge of the Internal Revenue office at Lynchburg, Va., and to act temporarily as collector of

Internal revenue for the Sixth district of Virginia until the vacancy caused by the death of Collector Sheppard is filled by appointment.

COMPLAINT OF TRUCK FARMERS.

Interstate Commerce Commission Passes on the Evidence Against Railroads.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The Interstate Commerce Commission to-day promulgated its decision in the case of the Truck Farmers' Association, of Charleston, S. C., and the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and others, forming through lines from Charleston to New York and other northern and eastern points. The commission decided that where, on shipments of strawberries and vegetables from Charleston destined for New York, delivery is made by the roads at the terminus of the rail line in Jersey City, in computing the total cost of transportation, New York City is to be added to the rate charged to that point.

In case of a change of delivery of such shipments from New York to Jersey City, the carrier is charged for the change of the rates same to the latter as had been in force to the former city for a series of years preceding the change, the carriers are charging for a less service, the compensation which they had presumably deemed adequate for a greater, and the rates, as applied to Jersey City, are prima facie excessive.

Where a carrier pays mileage for a car which it employs in the service of such purpose, it is the carrier, and not the party or company from whom the car is rented, who furnishes the car to the shipper, and in such case there is no privity of contract between the carrier and the shipper.

It is the duty of the carrier to furnish an adequate and suitable car for the shipment of all the business it undertakes, and also whatever other facilities for the safety and preservation of the traffic in transit.

When carriers undertake the transportation of perishable traffic requiring refrigeration in transit, ice and the facilities for its transportation in connection with that traffic are incidental to the service of the transportation, and the charge, therefore, is a charge "in connection with the service" within the meaning of section 1 of the act to regulate interstate commerce, in respect to the reasonableness of which the carrier is subject to that provision of the statute.

Held, under the evidence in this case: 1. That the shipment of strawberries from Charleston to Jersey City by the carriers of two cents per car for refrigeration en route is excessive, that the charge therefor should not exceed 1-1/2 cents, and that the total charge per car for the service of transportation on such shipments and necessary service "in connection therewith," including refrigeration, should not be in excess of six cents per car.

2. That 14 cents per package should be deducted from the rate on vegetables shipped in standard barrels or barrel crates from Charleston to Jersey City in cases where the delivery of such vegetables comes up on the second half-dozen lines upon which the future party fight will be made. It is said here to-night that Governor O'Ferrall will support and urge Captain Muehlbach, of Alexandria, but the consensus of the delegation cannot be taken.

WANTS A CORNER ON KISSES.

New Bedford Girls Threaten to Boycott Young Men.

NEW CASTLE, PA., April 12.—New Bedford, this county, will open a spring and summer normal school next Monday, and it is expected that a large number of out-of-town girls will attend. The town is limited in its number of marriageable young men, and the native girls, as a result of the school, are making a pledge that they have asked the young men to agree not to keep company, hug or kiss any of the stranger female students, and the penalty for refusing to sign or breaking the pledge after signature is a boycott on the part of every home girl for ever after.

The pledge has been presented to the young men, and they have all signed, and these two are engaged to be married within the next four weeks to New Bedford young ladies. The New Bedford girls are in earnest in this matter, and declare that they will do as they say, as they do not believe it just for the boys to keep company with the students in the summer, and in the winter assist in burning the family fuel.

THE RUN FOR OIL.

Hundreds of New Wells Drilling as a Result of the Rise in the Greasy Fluid.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 12.—As an indication of the activity in the hunt for oil, it may be said that there are 1,400 new wells drilling and rigs in course of construction on the last instant, as against 232 of a month ago. As it is estimated that \$5,000,000 is being expended in New York in all the rigs, men are in the field day and night looking for possible developments. Derricks are being built wherever there is the slightest possibility of discovering the greasy fluid, and the Standard Oil people are ready to buy.

SENATOR CORREL CLEARED.

A Coroner's Jury Finds That He Shot Self in Self-Defense.

COVINGTON, KY., April 12.—A coroner's jury has cleared Senator Corbell of the shooting of Cashier Sanford yesterday. At an inquest this morning, the jury found that the shooting was the result of a quarrel between the two men, and that the Senator shot himself in self-defense.

Got Death Instead of Liberty.

CORPUS, TEXAS, April 12.—Nelson Calhoun, a negro, was arrested last night on suspicion of having assaulted Mrs. Rosa Hughes, of this city, last Tuesday morning. This morning he was taken before Mrs. Hughes, and identified as her assailant. The officers started back to the jail, followed by a posse of citizens on horseback. On the outskirts of the city the negro threw open the door of the carriage and tried to escape. The citizens fired on him, riddling his body with bullets. The body was placed on a public cart, and taken to the morgue, and was viewed by hundreds of people.

Negroes Threaten Mr. Ship.

LEXINGTON, KY., April 12.—William Ship, Jr., who killed the negro Sam Brown here Sunday night, was taken before Judge Bullock for examination at 10 o'clock this morning. Owing to the fact that the grand jury is investigating the case the hearing was put off until Tuesday. A mob of 3,000 negroes and 1,000 whites swarmed in and around the courthouse. Ship's friends from Midway were present in large numbers. For a time the authorities feared the negroes would attempt to lynch Ship.

The Feds Conspiracy Trial.

CHICAGO, April 12.—The Federal conspiracy trial was taken up again May 6th in the Federal court, the time originally set by Judge Grosscup. A month ago an agreement was made to advance the trial one week. The District Attorney was doubtful if the trial could be held without the presence and assent in open court of all the defendants, and he has, therefore, set the trial for the original date.

MR. CLEVELAND'S INCOME.

HIS RETURN WILL INCLUDE HIS \$50,000 SALARY.

He is Uncertain as to Whether He Will Claim Buzard's Bay or New York City as His Place of Residence.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—President Cleveland has filled out his income-tax blank, and will probably make his return to-morrow. In it he has included his salary of \$50,000, as Chief Executive, on which the tax will be \$20, deciding to leave it to the proper officers to determine whether the payment of the 2 per cent. assessment will be in violation of the provision of the Federal Constitution, which says the compensation of the President shall not be diminished during the term for which he shall have been elected. As the payment of the tax will be made until July 1st to do it, and as the constitutional question affecting his salary will undoubtedly have been passed on before that time, the President will wait for the action of the matter. The tariff law directs that the income tax shall be paid by individuals "to the collector, or deputy-collector of the district in which they reside."

It is said that Mr. Cleveland is undecided as to whether he should claim Buzard's Bay or New York City as his place of residence, and that for this reason it is not unlikely that he will send in his return to the deputy collector in Washington.

NAVY-YARD DRY DOCK.

Secretary Herbert this afternoon announced the contract made with John Gilles, of Brooklyn, for the New York dry dock, and advertised for proposals to complete the work. The contract was made November 15, 1892, the dock to be delivered to the Government in thirty-two months. The price to be paid was \$425,000, and up to date payments to the amount of about \$100,000 have been made to Gilles. It has been a foregone conclusion for some time that the contract would never be completed, and several days ago the department permitted other bidders to make measurements, with a view to estimating on the remaining work.

DEDICATION OF THE PARK.

Secretary Lamont has decided upon the main features of the official ceremony, authorized by Congress in dedication of the Cheamanga and Chattanooga National Military Park. The ceremonies will begin on the battlefield of Cheamanga September 19th, and will continue to the dedication, relating to the battles of Lookout Mountain.

TO RECOVER \$100,000.

Southwestern Clerk Claims That Supervisor Leindecker Owes It This Amount.

CHICAGO, April 12.—Suit has been instituted in the Circuit Court by Southwestern's clerk, Mr. Jacobs, against Edward J. Leindecker, supervisor of Southwestern, and his bondsmen, Charles J. and Alfred W. Leindecker, to recover \$100,000, alleged to have been illegally paid out of the town funds by Leindecker. The filing of this suit has disclosed the fact that March 18th last, a few days before the meeting of the town auditing board, Supervisor Leindecker transferred his real estate to his bondsmen, Charles J. and Alfred W. Leindecker, to recover \$100,000, alleged to have been illegally paid out of the town funds by Leindecker. The filing of this suit has disclosed the fact that March 18th last, a few days before the meeting of the town auditing board, Supervisor Leindecker transferred his real estate to his bondsmen, Charles J. and Alfred W. Leindecker, to recover \$100,000, alleged to have been illegally paid out of the town funds by Leindecker. 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