

THE SECRET RECORDS.

How Republican Sleuth-Hounds Hunted Democrats out of Office. WASHINGTON, October 21.—An official of the Treasury Department, in the course of an investigation recently which necessitated the overhauling of some dust-covered department records, came unexpectedly upon several bushels of papers which are a revelation of Republican methods in the palmy days before Civil Service became even a hope. The documents, from which quotations are made below, are the official records of the Treasury, and are an interesting legacy from the grand party which is now seeking restoration to power upon the "glory of its past history," and its "unexampled record."

These were the reasons. Such was the relentless energy with which these cold-blooded persecutors nosed out their victims that no consideration for long years of duty, faithful service or manifest ability averted for a moment the official guillotine. Old and valuable clerks were discharged because they had "no Republican influence;" because they were "Democrats;" because they were "appointed by Copperhead influence;" because "recommended by Johnson."

Such fatal qualifications as those were much more than enough to drive the most valuable clerk from the service. But when the Department had been pretty well cleansed of these dangerous partisans it became necessary to satiate the craving of more greedy Republicans, and further search was made for clerks of doubtful faith. Then it was that the most astonishing excuses were invented for continuing the beheading to make room for Administration workers. One woman was quickly discharged after years of hard and faithful service because she was "a rebel and of a very bitter Washington family."

A RECORD TO BE PROUD OF. Here is a copy of one of the documents headed: "List of ladies in Mr. Neale's division, Register's Office, who are opposed to the present Administration." Mrs. C. Lawrence, no claim; doubtful. Mrs. Hoe, from Virginia; no claim. Mrs. Johnson; no claim. Mrs. Julia Sidmons, Baltimore, Md.; Democrat.

VERY OFFENSIVE PARTISANS. As a result of the pernicious system which made it a crime for public servants to have political opinions of their own, the people's offices were soon filled with howling heeled and offensive, shouting partisans, whose superabundant zeal in the work of "spotting" Democrats was not only encouraged but rewarded by their superiors at the expense of the public treasury.

HEINOUS CRIMES WERE THESE. And here is their estimate of an eminently respectable gentleman, who, like his parents before him, lived in the esteem and honor of all who knew him in Georgetown. "J. R. Nourse, Chief of Loan Division, a Democrat and a native of the District of Columbia. Pretends to be Grant and Colfax, but would have been Seymour and Blair. He is a sneak and deceitful—keeps a ring of Scotch clerks in the office, and will unless removed. He must be rooted out."

SECOND COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE. George D. Abbott, class 4, Southern sympathizer, thirty years in Department, worth \$60,000 and anti-Administration. Norton Spencer, class 3, anti-Administration, Democrat. L. O. Buckingham, class 2, anti-Administration, Democrat.

J. B. Motley, class 3, border ruffian during Missouri troubles. S. Purinton, class 3, Southern sympathizer, Democrat. J. H. Huston, class 2, strong Democrat or Federalist; Buchanan man even now. D. Potts, class 2, Democrat, Johnson man. W. C. Flenne, class 2, Democrat, Johnson man. M. B. Goodwin, class 2, Democrat, Johnson man; correspondent National Intelligencer. A. P. Munson, class 2, Johnson Democrat. J. L. Cathcart, class 3, Johnson, Seymour and Blair Democrat. B. B. French, class 4, Johnson Democrat, and writing poetry against Congress after the failure of the impeachment. D. L. Hubbard, class 4, Democrat. F. A. Jenkins, class 4, Democrat. N. Lemon, class 4, Democrat. G. H. Edwards, class 3, Democrat before the November election; since strong Republican, but bet on Seymour and Blair.

EVERY ONE DISMISSED. Not a single one of these clerks was left. They were put out of the Comptroller's office for no other reason than that they were Democrats. One of their contemporaries—the only one left of all then in his branch of the service—says: "They were a very respectable body of gentlemen and attended only to the work of the office. They were not politicians and did not talk politics. Some of them were 'gentlemen of the old school,' who had spent the best years of their life in the public service."

PERFORMING A NOBLE SERVICE. Here is an interesting sample of how business was done: WASHINGTON, D. C., April 26, 1889. Hon. Thos. L. Tullock, Chief Appointment Bureau, U. S. Treasury. Sir: We, the undersigned, a committee of Post No. 1, G. A. R., having been appointed to examine into the political status of the messengers and watchmen of the United States Treasury, and if found necessary, to recommend the removal of those who are undeserving of a position under the Government by reason of either disloyalty, Democracy or want of citizenship, report the following persons and respectfully but earnestly urge their removal and the appointment of loyal soldiers and sailors to fill their positions. Respectfully, yours, F. W. SANBORN, N. B. PITTMAN, N. TRAUSSNE, George Alkon, Mess., Register, Democrat. Ed. McMannies, Mess., 3d Auds., rank Copperhead, twenty-five years in Government employ. Prof. F. Courtney, Richard Donovan, Mess., Statistical Bureau. John Graves, Mess., Register, rank Democrat. W. Chambers, Chief Mess., 2d Comps., Democrat. Prof. "The Office." Jno. McCormick, Mess., 2d Comps., Democrat. "Clerk's Pay Branch." Office.

THEY BET THE WRONG WAY. As was the head of the office, so were the subordinates. If Herring went gunning for Democrats, the smaller fish were expected to follow his example. By way of illustration: TREASURY DEPARTMENT. SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE, SHAW, 1889. Sir: The undersigned, clerks in the Second Auditor's office, United States Treasury, having associated with F. P. Fenner, late clerk in said office, for from one to five years past, respectfully submit the following statement in regard to the political opinions and views held by him, as gathered from his remarks and criticisms on the speeches and acts of public men in and out of Congress, and upon written articles in the public press. We have ever regarded Mr. Fenner as a Democrat; and especially since the rupture between Fenner and Congress who wanted Fenner out of the office of the policy of the former as against that of the latter; and we have never entertained a doubt of his entire sympathy with the opposition to Congress in the reconstruction of the Rebel States.

INSOLENCE OF SUBORDINATES. The viciousness of the system which gave place to those who were without merit or claim other than their activity and zeal, and which put a premium upon partisanship, was manifest in the insubordination to superior. Mental and moral qualifications were not considered if the applicant had the necessary "political pull," as that was the sole passport to public office. The subjoined evidence shows how true this is and related to a man who rendered long service in the Treasury Department, Mr. David W. Mahon, of Pennsylvania, who went up from the ranks by well-merited promotion until he attained the post of First Auditor of the Treasury. He was the personal friend of General Simon Cameron, as well as of his son, Senator Don Cameron, and was esteemed by President Buchanan. One of his subordinates, writing to T. L. Tullock, Appointment Clerk of the Treasury, under date of April 19, 1889, says: "I trust while you are making removals of all J. and Copperhead men you will not omit David Mahon, the First Auditor of the Treasury, who I know to be a man far'd with the same bias as the above-named two men in favor of the election of Seymour and Blair. Still he has always been attentive to his duties and a good clerk."

THEY WERE MARKED TO GO. The following headed "Second Comptroller's Office," is a list of clerks marked to go. Some of these clerks, as the list shows, were charged with being "Democrats or Federalists;" one with being a "Buchanan man even now;" another with being "thirty years in the Department," as if that were a crime, and still another with having made some remark about the sermons he had heard in church:

Every one of these clerks were dismissed the service. The report had its effect. HOW IT BEED HYPOCRITES. Those who were not of the Republican faith had no means of escape unless they played the part of hypocrites and expressed "bold, outspoken, vigorous Republican sentiments." They dared not assert their Democracy and they dared not keep it quiet, for in the latter event they were hustled out for want of partisanship. The system was well calculated to put a premium on hypocrites, liars and frauds. Under it it was not even safe to be conservative, for conservatism was considered a crime. The following testimony shows this. The witness is Charles F. Herring, who was Deputy Second Auditor of the Treasury: TREASURY DEPARTMENT. SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE, APRIL 30, 1869. Sir: At the request of a number of clerks I would respectfully submit the following statement in regard to the political status of this office, removed to take effect this day: Mr. Lusk has been in charge of the Division of Payments, Accounts of the Treasury for the past six years, and the gentlemen in whose behalf this statement is made have been daily associated with him from three to six years, and by reason of such intercourse have had a good opportunity of knowing his "political" sentiments. They state without hesitation that during all of this time Mr. Lusk has been known and considered to be a Democrat, and not in sympathy with the Republican party or its principles. He was an earnest advocate of McClellan for President in 1864, spoke openly and in admiration of William Pitt for Governor of Pennsylvania, that his declarations have always been of a so-called "conservative" character, and against the principles of Republicanism and its representative men. All of which statements they stand ready to verify if called upon. Respectfully yours, CHARLES F. HERRING, of Natick, Mass. Hon. George S. Boutwell, Secretary, Treasury, Washington, D. C.

ready given you their names. I am indorsed by such men as Senator E. Morgan, Ira Harris, General J. A. Logan, A. M. Chapin, Congressional Printer, General Spinner and others, with F. Finney, Third Auditor, and G. C. Baugh, First Auditor. I am, respectfully, yours, etc. R. G. HILL. With the letter he sent a paper giving the names of his fellow-employees who, in his judgment, should be retained or turned out. THEY WERE BLACKMAILERS. It is not a matter of surprise that this sort of partisan malignity was conducive to the generation of a lot of vipers, known generally to mankind as blackmailers. These persons degraded and debauched the service and filled the air with their clamorings and vapors, annoying and arresting those who were peacefully doing the work of the Government. The following letters are indeed well worth perusal. These poor fellows were turned out because of the newspapers they read: WASHINGTON, D. C., June 10, 1869. Hon. Thos. L. Tullock, Chief of Appointment Bureau. Sir:—We, the undersigned, a committee of the G. A. R., respectfully ask the removal of the following named clerks from the Second Comptroller, for the reasons attached to each name: John Houston, second-class clerk, was an old Federalist, afterwards a Democrat and personal friend of James Buchanan. He was a Southern sympathizer, married into a strongly disloyal Virginia family, and has the reputation of being a Copperhead. His associations and the papers he takes convince us that he is not in accord with the Administration. Goodwin was a correspondent of the National Intelligencer, was a strong advocate of the Democratic party, and now holds another position under the Government in the Educational Bureau. Hubbell is a Democrat. Allen Wright, Secretary. Houston, the "old Federalist, afterwards a Democrat;" Lemon, who read a Democratic paper; Goodwin and Hubbell, in fact, all in the list, were turned out, and the records show it.

BECAUSE HE READ THE "WORLD." Here is a most serious charge and unfortunate Barry, who was discharged. After reading this report his head almost for being heard in the basket: "George Barry, a Copperhead employed in Statistical Bureau. Barry has been, and is yet, a bitter Copperhead; he is one of those that during the war swallowed the New York World, advertisements and all." "Such is the record against Mr. Barry. He was put out. There was an intensely bitter feeling towards citizens of foreign birth, especially against those of Irish and German nationality. So intense was the prejudice against Irish Catholics that during all the years from the close of the war to the inauguration of President Cleveland not one Irish Catholic was appointed to an office of prominence in the Treasury Department. If by chance there ever was one who held the post of Chief of Bureau, even tradition has not preserved his name. Here is a list which charges certain employees with "the crime" of being Irish or German! Think of it! Think how the old party, claiming to-day to be and to have always been the friend and champion of the Irish, and of Irish Catholics, suffered its agents and high officials to persecute clerks, some of whom had fought for freedom at the price of blood, because they were "Irish," "Old Democrats," and "Romanists!" This list is a shocking example of the intolerance, the bigotry, the narrowness, the shameless hypocrisy of the Republican party:

BECAUSE THEY WERE IRISH. "John Lowry, of the Register's office, is reported as an 'Irishman,' a bitter Democrat, and as one who 'tore up Radical newspapers.'" "Edward Schenck, Register's office, German, a bitter Democrat, and no claim upon the Republican party." "Phelan, Irish; old Democrat. For the protection of radical clerks you must put this man out. Send for rad. clerks." "Henry Murray, Irish messenger, Register's office, a cop. Got into a quarrel with Nancy, colored, a religious, faithful woman." And then the advice comes to put out Murray, the Irish messenger, and put "Nancy, colored, a religious woman," in his place. James Ryan, of the Sixth Auditor's office, an upright, kind and industrious man, and a faithful clerk, was reduced grade by grade from \$1,800 down to the lowest grade because he was "low Irish and a Romanist." So mortified and distressed was he by these repeated insults, meant to degrade him, that he actually died at his desk, and some of the "radical clerks" who wanted "protection" against such as he and Phelan, said in passing by: "Well, Ryan, you have got an Irish hoist." As shown by the register of the department, John Lowry was turned out. Here is his sentence: "Removed April 30, 1869" copied word for word. Edward Schenck, because forsooth he was a foreign-born citizen, or "German and bitter Democrat," as he was branded, and turned out the same day—April 30, 1869. Phelan, who was reported as an "old Democrat," and consequently "no account," was dismissed with Lowry and Schenck. Here is the record in cold ink: Removed April 30, 1869. Henry Murray went out a month later, May 31, 1869, having been allowed the gracious privilege of "resigning."

UNFORTUNATE WAS THE EMPLOYEE WHO DID NOT DELIVER UP A PART OF HIS SALARY TO HELP THE "GOOD CAUSE." Such a man was branded, and unless he had powerful "influence" and "backing," his place was taken. The Department, being full of partisans, did not lack spies who reported those who failed to contribute. This is the way the spies and monitors worked their end of the line: BUREAU OF STATISTICS, APRIL 3, 1869. C. S. Mixer, Acting Chief Clerk, was one of Delmar's particular or special tools. Said Fall that he was a conservative and opposed to the "good cause." When he received a letter Fall asking him to contribute money to carry on the campaign, he threw it on the floor in the presence of Dr. Nichols, and said that he would not give one cent towards such a cause. Fall said he was going home to vote the whole Democratic ticket. Fall was the principal man in getting up Delmar's electioneering tables, for which the Intelligencer complimented him highly. He is seemingly working to the interest of Delmar yet, in trying to get out every Republican in the bureau who disagreed with him (Delmar). For a full statement of his political character, and of his conduct, refer you to J. K. P. Gleason, Mr. Granger and Mr. Jordan, of this office; also Dr. Nichols. The "Mr. Gangrewer" referred to was A. M. Gangrewer, who was afterwards promoted to be Deputy Third Auditor of the Treasury, and held the office until Mr. Manning asked for his resignation. HE PAID THE PENALTY PROMPTLY. Occasionally an employee, maddened by repeated efforts to rob him of his salary, wrote his mind to the Assessment Committee, but it went hard with him and his head rolled in the basket. He is an instance: UNION CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. WASHINGTON, D. C., August 18, 1870. Committee—Henry Wilson, President; J. H. Platt, Jr., Secretary; Simon Cameron, Zachariah Chandler, Fred A. Sawyer, B. F. Rice, John H. Keoham, John A. Logan, Aaron A. Sargent, J. C. Gleason, Assistant Secretary; Wm. S. Huntington, Treasurer. H. S. Vanderbilt, Esq., Chief Appointment Room. The enclosed copy of letters from H. G. Trader, of First Auditor's Office, is referred to you for your information. He has been unable to contribute anything, we would have replied that his answer was satisfactory.

We consider his letter as a gratuitous insult any sent you the within copy, that you may know the kind of a man he is. Respectfully, JAMES H. PLATT, Jr., Secretary, and this is the fatal letter. TREASURY DEPARTMENT. FIRST AUDITOR'S OFFICE, AUG. 15, 1870. J. H. Platt: Sir—I have received your note requesting the sum of \$12 as tax on my salary as first-class clerk of this office. I would state that it is as much as I can do to live having, and to give away \$12 to persons having ten times what I have. It is something I don't intend to do. I certainly shall not "have the pleasure of signing the cause" at the cost of my own convenience. If you must have it, collect it the best way you can. Very respectfully, H. G. TRADER. Trader's refusal to contribute cost him his head. He was dismissed five days after the Platt letter of August 15th to Appointment Clerk Vanderbilt. They didn't give him much time. Here is an exact copy of his dismissal, signed by William A. Richardson, Acting Secretary of the Treasury: TREASURY DEPARTMENT, August 20, 1870. Sir—Your services as a clerk in the office of the First Auditor of the Treasury are no longer required. Very respectfully, H. G. TRADER. WM. A. RICHARDSON, Acting Secretary.

ELECTION LEAVES FOR ALL. Every employee in the service was expected to go home and vote the Republican ticket and to that end "leave of absence for election purposes" was given him, no matter how long he might have been absent during the year. This is the printed blank that was filled out for everybody who evinced the slightest desire to go home and put his shoulder to the wheel for the Republican party: TREASURY DEPARTMENT. Sir—As recommended by you, leave of absence for _____, from _____ is granted Mr. _____, in your office, for election purposes in _____, I am, very respectfully, _____, Secretary.

As a consequence of this system many of the employees were absent from their duties sixty and ninety days in a year. In one bureau alone the absence during a year averaged ninety-three days for each employee. A clerk who did not ask for "election leave" was put down as a Democrat and "spotted." In a great many instances the leave was granted to unconscionable rascals, who used the time for prolonged debauches, and "after putting in a good time," they returned to the departments gloriously "full" of good tidings about the "grand victories" and triumphant Republican majorities which they had helped to roll up at the late election in their State.—[N. Y. World.

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