

WITS BRIGHTENED.

CANDIDATES PREPARED TO PASS THE CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The New Industry Which Modern Political Methods Bring Into Existence—Grammar and History the Weak Points of Would-Be Government Clerks.

An advertisement indicating that a lady residing in the northwest section of the city would, for a consideration, prepare all comers for the lucrative occupation of government clerks, consisting them in an intellectual armor, proof against the shafts of the civil service examiners, met the eyes of a REPUBLICAN reporter in a craning paper yesterday.

A business-like air received the candidate courteously, and before answering the question proceeded to inform herself as to his educational standing.

"Here me this sentence, 'Man is born to sorrow, as the sparks fly upward.' The task was simple, and she looked without a mental protest against the query.

"If two men can dig up a ten acre lot in six days and a half, how long would it take seven men to dig up the surface of one twelve acres in extent?"

The reporter succumbed, and confessed his mission to be that of obtaining information for the public, and not with a desire to aspire to governmental greatness himself.

Thereupon the lady, adapting herself to the new situation with ease, told her caller something of what she knew about preparing candidates.

"During the past few years, in this branch of education, she had prepared about a hundred candidates, all of whom had succeeded in passing the examination, and many in obtaining the much coveted position."

"How long does it take to fit a person of ordinary education for the test?"

"That depends upon his or her intelligence, and the period since they left school. I have put many up to the standard in twenty lessons, and then again others have had to take double that number of lessons, only to be disappointed in a few hours at present, but it is really worth more, so many require the teacher to do all the studying for them."

"What is your plan of instruction with adults?"

"Much the same as with children. I find out how far in arithmetic they are perfectly safe in, and start them right there to work up to the 'rule' they will call the 'rule' to work with, and then I start them in grammar, American history, and other subjects they will be examined in, polish up their penmanship and orthography and they are ready. I have had some highly intelligent men and women just as stupid; some know far more probably than their examiners, but they are nervous, and lack the confidence in their own capacity to do a certain amount of work."

"A pupil working for the coming examination entering at this moment, the reporter left to seek out some other less occupied teacher for further particulars.

A gentleman who was directed to private tuition was next seen. "Yes," he said, "I have prepared quite a number for the civil-service examinations, but it is a very unsatisfactory branch of my profession. Those who were successful in getting no money to pay for them, as a rule, and those who have to be hard to manage. Many only come for a brushing up on certain points that they feel are weak, and then they do not infrequently get disgusted and go away with the idea that influence is still the thing needed to get government employment. Still more are not satisfied with the result, and are valuing my time at a dollar an hour."

"You do not make any agreement to prepare them in a given time or for a given sum?"

"No, and anyone who does is not honest. Some who apply are very rusty, or never were bright. Most of the deficiency is in grammar. In fact, I have scarcely anyone coming to me who knows any grammar. Many who are deficient in other branches are good arithmeticians, some very expert at mathematics, but their minds are a perfect blank on the main facts of American history or the rudiments of grammar."

CONCERNING CLOCKS. The First Timekeepers and Who Made Them—The Clock in History.

The time of the invention of wheel clocks moves by weights is uncertain. Some authorities are found to assert that 230 years before Christ such a clock was made—in the time of Archimedes—but there is no evidence to support such a belief. The first unquestionable fact that can be stated upon the subject is that Pop Sylvester II did construct a wheel clock with weights, at Magdeburg, in 996, and it is just possible that this was only a revival of an early invention, and that Boethius was the originator of the mechanical wheel clock in the year 610 A. D.

One thing, however, is certain, namely, that clocks were in ordinary use in the monasteries of Europe in the eleventh century, and no doubt the monks, who had plenty of leisure and ample means for the cultivation of experimental science, perfected them, and in a large measure contributed to the perfection of the machinery as we know it. In 1370 a clock was made in France which was considered a marvel of accurate time keeping, and which may have been the first of the kind that is now in existence. The discovery of the pendulum in the sixteenth century, and no doubt the monks, who had plenty of leisure and ample means for the cultivation of experimental science, perfected them, and in a large measure contributed to the perfection of the machinery as we know it.

The Set of the Irish Vote. Buffalo Express.

If the democratic party can carry New York this year, the Irish vote will be more than it was ever strong enough to do before. And any man can satisfy himself by a little inquiry that it is also a manifest impossibility for the republicans to get the Irish vote in 1884, the candidate for vice president being an Irish-American.

The Duke's Waiver. The London World.

The following took place lately at a West End ball: A young man, standing ornamentally, drew the attention of a lady to a certain check of the woman's dress, and she said: "I have never seen a check of the woman's dress so well as this."

The Latest Form of Wedding. The Boston Post.

Going to Europe to get married is now fashionable. It is thought that the love can stand the check of the woman's dress so well as this.

DEPARTMENT DOTS. The following names of presidential candidates have been placed upon the list of presidential candidates with the names of their respective electors.

The Famous Old Patent Pal. Boston Post.

The inventor of the bicycle is now in the victim to-day of the same old patent pal. Along the sides are deposits of the same materials which were employed on Lincoln, Grant, Sherman, Hayes, Garfield, and Arthur.

SINGER'S WIDOW.

DEATH OF THE WIFE OF ONE OF THE INVENTORS OF THE SEWING MACHINE.

Remarkable Career of a Very Remarkable Man—The Husband of Five Wives and the Father of Twenty-four Children.

New York Sun, June 23.

Among the death notices in a morning newspaper yesterday in this city was this one:

Mrs. Singer was the first wife of the late Isaac Merritt Singer, inventor of the Singer sewing machine. He died leaving \$14,000,000, but Mrs. Singer's name was not mentioned in his will. A divorce obtained by Mr. Singer twenty-four years ago, and twenty-four years after they had ceased to live together, Mrs. Singer always declared was obtained wrongfully.

She continued all her life to be Mrs. Singer. While Mr. Singer was alive five women laid claim to him as husband, and twenty-four children were recognized by him as his own.

The late Mrs. Singer, whose funeral took place yesterday, was married to Mr. Singer in Palmyra, Wayne county, in this state, where he was employed as a mechanic. Her maiden name was Catherine M. Haley. She went to Palmyra when a child with her parents from what was then known as Collings, near Croton Landing, a station on the Hudson river. She was married to Mr. Singer by Rev. Mr. Baker in the town of Palmyra, where he was a minister, in 1837.

About 1835 they came to this city, and soon after Mr. Singer left his wife to join a company of players, who were engaged in a small theatre in the south and west. Mr. Singer remained in this city. In one of the performances of the troupe in Baltimore Singer was struck with the boards, and he was carried to his home, where he died. He was a single man, Miss Spangler accepted his attentions. Mr. Singer returned to his first wife, but they quarreled and separated. He had two children, a son and a daughter. Mr. Singer brought Miss Spangler to New York. After hearing his account of his marriage with his first wife, she agreed to live with him on his promise that a divorce should be obtained by Mr. Singer, who played on the violin, and Miss Spangler, who sang, traveled through the country picking up a precarious living playing at night.

While in Chicago he found that he could make more money by inventions, and he took out patents, first for a reaper, and afterward for a machine to cut types. He was a successful inventor. For the last three centuries the Breeces have appeared before the pope on Palm Sunday.

A FRIEND OF THE OPPRESSED. What Ireland's Greatest Newspaper Thinks of the Nomination of Mr. Blaine.

Dublin Freeman's Journal.

Blaine's nomination will be hailed with unbounded satisfaction by the Irish in America, who have, no doubt, been instrumental in his election. Blaine has always been a steady champion of the Irish, and what is nearly as good—a stout opponent of British interests. His conduct, especially in 1867-8, will be long remembered by the Irish in America. When in 1870 Augustus Costello was arrested in Ireland for a "reasonable" speech delivered by him in New York two years previously, Costello was a friendless man, and it was only through the aid of a powerful leader in Congress, made up of powerful Irishmen, that he was released. Mr. Blaine, Burke and others, eventually succeeded in securing his liberation. The Irish-American citizenship in their possession, but they were disregarded as a defence, or as a recommendation, in the case of Costello, Burke, and the rest were released. This triumph was mainly due to the mastery of Blaine, and the feeling by the Irish toward Irishmen has not since relaxed. In the many comparisons that have been made between the release of Costello, Burke, and the rest were released. This triumph was mainly due to the mastery of Blaine, and the feeling by the Irish toward Irishmen has not since relaxed.

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SEASONABLE RECEIPTS.

Cherry Pie—Use a very deep pie plate and make your undercrust extra thin; to one quart of cherries (stoned) add one cup of sugar; cut two or three gashes in your top crust, and add the steam tray.

Preserved Pineapple (without cooking).—Pare and cut the fruit in thin, even slices, carefully removing the cores with the point of a sharp knife; put a good layer of sugar in the bottom of a glass jar, then some slices of pineapple, and a layer of sugar, and so alternate until the jar is filled, when cover and make airtight.

Tea—Mixed tea is the best for this refreshing beverage—make a little stronger than for ordinary use; when ready to serve have your goblets three-fourths full of cracked ice, small; add first your sugar, then the tea, next a good deal of lemon juice and a couple of slices of lemon to each glass. This mixture can be omitted, and milk substituted if preferred.

Rosettes—Beat the yolks of three eggs very light until they thicken. Add one quart of milk and one tablespoonful of butter, and mix. Bake in a shallow tin in a water bath. Make a custard of one quart of milk, four eggs, four tablespoonful of sugar, essence of vanilla, and a little nutmeg. Pour this over the bread, and bake as usual. Spread the custard over the bread, and bake as usual.

Broad and Butter Custard—Spread the bread with butter before cutting from the loaf, as it can be sliced much thinner than if it is cut from a loaf. Bake in a shallow tin in a water bath. Make a custard of one quart of milk, four eggs, four tablespoonful of sugar, essence of vanilla, and a little nutmeg. Pour this over the bread, and bake as usual.

London Custard—One quart of milk, four eggs, one cupful of sugar, half teaspoonful of salt, and heaping teaspoonful of cornstarch, the juice and grated yellow rind of a lemon, and a little nutmeg. Put a double boiler, beat the yolks and sugar together until they are light; dissolve the cornstarch and salt in a little cold water. Add the cornstarch slowly to the boiling mixture, stirring all the while. Add the lemon and nutmeg. Boil for five minutes. Strain through a fine sieve. Serve with cream.

Too Fly for the Domestic. Worcester Spy.

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