

THE SCOPE IS NARROW

No "Spoils" in Coming Civil Service Modification.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—President McKinley's order, exempting certain governmental positions from the operation of the civil service law, is well under way. When it will be ready cannot be foretold with any exactness, but the delay will not be long. The order will be comprehensive, yet conservative. To say that it will remove the blanket from tens of thousands of offices is sheer nonsense. It is not designed to give relief of that sort. Its scope is of another nature. It aims to relieve high officials, who are compelled to accept strangers in confidential positions. It will allow him to choose his own private secretary, deputy and cashier. It will place positions of trust beyond the pale of civil service. In other words, it will make exempt such positions as would be exempt in the administration of the business of private concerns. In the language of a cabinet officer: "Some positions were unfortunately under civil service. It will be the purpose of the President's order to obviate this unfortunate condition. It may not release so many positions, but it will place better paid ones at the disposition of the faithful."

Killed at a Stone Quarry

COLFAX, Wash., April 18.—An accident occurred at the granite quarry, near Wawawai, on the Snake river, Saturday, by which Andrew Johnson, a laborer, lost his life. The workmen were lifting a heavy block of granite with a derrick, when the machinery gave way, the rock catching Johnson and pinning him against another large block, which crushed his right leg at the thigh so that death resulted in fifteen minutes.

SHE PLUGGED HIM.

REPUBLIC, April 18.—William Dougherty was shot Saturday night by Mrs. James Harrington, wife of the mining recorder here. It is claimed that Dougherty went to the Harrington residence about midnight and tried to gain admittance. Mrs. Harrington warned him and he refused. Finally he opened a window, and as he was getting into the house, she fired a revolver and the shot passed through his head.

Two Men Probably Drowned

SILVERTON, B. C., April 18.—During the storm on the lake yesterday Fred Jeffery and John Todd, highly respected citizens of New Denver, probably lost their lives. Today their canoe was found cast up on the beach. Jeffery's coat and hat were also discovered on the lake shore. The canoe probably was overturned in the storm and both men drowned.

MABEL WAS SURPRISED

Mabel Hadreen, who was reported to the police on Friday as missing, has returned. She was visiting friends and was greatly surprised to think that there was excitement over her absence. Her father is an employe of the Model Steam Laundry company.

HILL REACHING OUT

Is Now a Director of the B. & O. System.

Advice from Baltimore, Md., say that an important meeting of the stockholders of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad company took place recently at that place. A board of directors was elected, consisting of some of the most influential financial and commercial men in the East. John K. Cowen was re-elected as president, and then the following directors were chosen: William Salomon and Jacob H. Schiff, of New York; James H. Hill, of St. Paul; E. H. Bacon, of New York; Louis Fitzgerald, of New York; Norman B. Ream, of Chicago; James Stillman, Edward H. Harriman, J. K. Kennedy, and Charles Steele, of New York; Alexander T. Brown, of Baltimore; H. Clay Pierce, of St. Louis; H. Crawford Black and John V. L. Findlay, of Baltimore. The directors later elected the following vice-presidents and secretaries: First Vice President, Edward Bruce; Second Vice President, Edward Carey; Third Vice President, D. H. Bates; Fourth Vice President, H. W. Bull; Secretary, C. W. Woodford; assistants, G. F. May, H. G. Benbow and T. S. Cleverly.

ARLINGTON MAN MISSING.

ARLINGTON, Ore., April 18.—F. Coombs left Arlington in a sail boat Sunday evening for a point about 19 miles up stream, and there is every reason to believe he was drowned. The boat was found in an eddy on the Washington shore next day by some Indians, who brought it to town. A thorough search failed to show any trace of the young man. Coombs was about 25 years old.

SNUB MEXICAN AMBASSADOR

An Effort is Being Made to "Freeze Out" Aspiroz.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—It is painfully apparent that the European ambassadors here have determined to boycott their new colleague, Mr. Aspiroz of Mexico. There have been suspicious circumstances from the hour of his arrival, but the officials of our government and Washington society generally have been reluctant to believe that such eminent and broad-minded statesmen as Sir Julian Pauncefote, Count Cassini, Dr. Von Hollenben, Jules Cambon, and others would deliberately humiliate a stranger, and one so amiable and honorable as the ambassador from Mexico. They no longer conceal their intentions, and Count Licherdevelde, the Belgian minister, who telegraphed to Brus-

AMUSEMENTS BULLETIN.

THIRD AVENUE THEATER.—"Cyrano de Bergerac."

SEATTLE THEATER (Wednesday)—Lecture on "Washington Boys at Manila," by Col. Douglas White, under auspices of the Eagles.

seals for instructions as to the course he should pursue, has been directed by his government to stand by the representatives of the European powers and freeze the Mexican out. When a new ambassador comes to Washington he is always welcomed informally by his future colleagues, and they hasten to make his acquaintance before he is officially received by the President. When he presents his credentials etiquette requires him to call at once in person upon all his colleagues. Then he sets an early day to receive them at his embassy or legation, and they always go in full force. Mr. Aspiroz has conformed to all the peculiarities of the diplomatic code of etiquette, but has met none of his fellow ambassadors in person. They did not call upon him before his presentation; when he called upon them they were not at home, and none of them appeared at his reception. This might have been due to a series of accidents, but it was no accident that every prominent member of the diplomatic corps sent his regrets to the reception which ex-Secretary and Mrs. John W. Foster gave in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Aspiroz the other evening, which was not only a slight to the guests of the evening, but to the hosts of the evening also.

DELEGATES ARE CHOSEN

Mayor Humes has named W. W. Wilshire, C. J. Smith, and J. B. MacDougall, of this city, as delegates to the Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress which meets this year in Wichita, Kan. The object of the congress is to promote reciprocal trade in the west. A circular has been addressed to all the principal cities of the west urging them to have representatives present.

Cleveland in Motion.

PRINCETON, N. J., April 18.—Ex-President Grover Cleveland has consented to allow the American Mutoscope company to take several views of himself, which they will exhibit on the screen in their gallery of notable men. His consent was obtained by Fred A. Kohnman, of New York, who has the work in charge.

THE GIRL'S EXPLANATION

Irene Ward, a pretty Whatcom girl, was placed in charge of Police Matron Taylor last evening awaiting instructions from the girl's parents. Irene, in company with her mother, came to Seattle several days ago, and her mother, being detained longer than she expected, sent the girl home. Irene said her father was angry because her mother did not return, and she claims that he told her to "get out." She came back to Seattle and has been staying with friends. In the meantime her mother had returned to Whatcom.

SHOOTS HIS SWEETHEART

Twelve-Year-Old Boy Insane With Jealousy.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 18.—John Ralfe, a twelve year old boy of English, is a victim of jealousy, and today, while in a rage at his little sweetheart, Eva Jacobs, fired upon her with his father's shotgun and tore her right hand almost from her arm. Eva is two years his senior, but much smaller, and the lad has been paying her little attentions at school and elsewhere. Yesterday afternoon one of the older boys walked home with her from school, and later in the evening young Ralfe met her and upbraided her for letting any one else walk with her. This morning the boy slipped his father's shotgun out of the house and met Eva as she was on her way to school. The quarrel was renewed, and when she refused to promise that she would not go with other boys, he leveled the gun at her and fired. His aim was not steady, and the load of birdshot carried away her hand. It was amputated at the wrist, and the boy was arrested and bailed out by his father.

SHE DIED TO SAVE HER CHILD

Mrs. Mary Everbach Crushed by a Trolley Car.

PATERSON, N. J., April 18.—Mrs. Mary Everbach, aged thirty-five years, of 122 Edmond street, was struck and instantly killed by an electric car on Hamburg avenue, near Matlock street, about 7 o'clock last night. She had been out visiting with her three children, the youngest of whom is less than five years old. She called at a drug store near the corner of Matlock street, and while there the youngest of the children, a little girl, strayed out in to street. When the mother missed the child she rushed into the street to bring it back. The child was then some distance up the street, standing close to the tracks of the electric railway. Mrs. Everbach ran heedlessly out to get the little one out of harm. Just then a trolley car came down Hamburg avenue on a steep grade. Before the motorman could bring his car to a standstill, Mrs. Everbach was struck by the fender and knocked down, and the wheels passed over her head. John P. Burns, the motorman, was arrested.

SUIT ON LARGE DRAFTS

Theo. H. Davies Co., Ltd., of Honolulu, have filed papers in the Superior court, commencing suit against A. H. Seelberg, Andrew Chibberg, Richard Chilcott, C. L. Denny, Arabella Amunds and J. P. Jacobson. The plaintiffs allege that they honored drafts drawn by Capt. Minor of the City of Columbia, on the defendants, but that the drafts had never been paid and they demand judgment for \$5686.75.

Twenty-five years ago France was able to put as many soldiers in the field as Germany. Today it falls short by about 1,000,000.

GREAT RUSH OF CANDIDATES

For Positions in the Census Office at Washington.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The city of Washington is full of candidates for appointment in the census office, few of whom will obtain positions. Most of them have wasted the time and money it has cost them to bring them here. Some are already destitute, having spent their last dollar to pay their railroad fare and a few days' board after their arrival. The census is a most extraordinary and almost universal misapprehension. It has doubtless been encouraged by misleading newspaper publications about the 30,000 appointments Director Merriam has within his patronage and the enormous amount of clerks and agents and enumerators that will be needed.

While it is true that thousands of people will be required to make the enumeration and obtain the information upon which the next census will be based, very few of them will be needed until the beginning of the new year. Until that time the staff of the census bureau will be confined to a few expert statisticians, who will be engaged in preparing the schedules and in other preliminary work. When the returns begin to come in next spring from 2500 to 3000 clerks will be needed to tabulate them and will be employed for several years until the work is completed. These appointments will be made under the recommendation of senators and representatives in congress and will be apportioned among the several states according to their population.

Made the Window a Success

"A funny thing happened to me when I was working for a well known firm in Chicago," said a New Orleans window dresser.

"I had a big window on Clark street that seemed as if it was hoodooed. No matter what I put there, it appeared to be impossible to attract any attention, and the manager, who was keen as a hawk, began to grumble because he never saw anybody looking in. I used to lay awake nights racking my brains for new schemes, but it was no go. One day, when I was feeling pretty blue, I told our negro porter to take anything out preparatory to making a big display of a special line of shirts. He was a fat, black, trifling fellow, and I guess he must have been out at a cake walk the night before, for he fell fast asleep in a chair in the middle of the window. I was on the point of waking him up and giving him fits, when I happened to notice how ludicrous he looked. His head was on one side, his enormous mouth wide open, and his limbs relaxed in the oddest postures imaginable; in short he was a perfect picture of a lazy rascal in a happy slumber. That gave me an idea. I didn't say a word, but grabbing a piece of pasteboard, I dashed off a sign. 'Dreaming of our Dollar Shirts,' and stood it quietly against his knees. Then I gently rolled up the curtain and waited. Developments. Well, the hit that window made is the pet tradition of the store to this day. People simply

MR. WEARE ON ALASKA GOLD

Thinks the 1899 Output Will Reach 25 Millions.

KANSAS CITY, April 18.—P. B. Weare, of Chicago, president of the Weare Grain Commission company, which has offices here, one of the owners of the North American Transportation and Trading company, which operates the principal line of steamers between the Klondike and Seattle, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Weare was in Alaska last summer. He thinks the output of gold there this season will far exceed that of any preceding year.

"Last year the total output was about twelve million dollars. This year I think it will reach twenty-five millions. Nor do I think this is an unreasonable estimate. Many comparatively small prospectors will have dust to ship, and the larger claims have been wonderfully productive during the winter season. Transportation will open about the first of June, and from that time until late in the autumn great quantities of gold dust will be shipped to this country.

"There is still plenty of room and, indeed, need for workers up in that country. Though the claims on the American side are not so rich as those on the Canadian side, they pay well, and there are hundreds of them turning out \$15 to \$20 a day. Labor is much cheaper now than at the time the region was first opened up and men who are willing to work can make lots of money. The men who have not succeeded there are the kind who think that they could buy the Astor house in New York. They went up there with an idea

THE CITY COUNCIL FLAYS THE SNOQUALMIE FALLS POWER CO.

Defers Consideration of Mayor Humes' Veto of the Saloon Redistricting Ordinance and Reaffirms Its Previous Action Concerning Gambling in This City.

The city council did a good many things last night that were not down on the bills. Instead of making a specialty of Mayor Humes' veto of the saloon redistricting ordinance, which was presented, the Cedar river water question came up for discussion, in connection with the matter of the injunctions filed to prevent the award of contracts for the work; finally resulting in a combined onslaught of the councilmen upon the Snoqualmie Falls Power company, and the appointment of Rinehart, James, Crichton, Miller and McArthur as a special committee to investigate the recent actions of the company in order to determine the extent to which it has been trying to make a catspaw of the council to promote its own private business enterprises. The committee was given power to present a resolution to deprive the power company of its Seattle franchise, in case that the charges made against it are found to be correct.

Rinehart presented the matter in a terse way. He summed up as follows: "It now appears that the Snoqualmie Falls Power company, through its hired henchmen and imported engineers and agents, is opposing the letting of the Cedar river water supply contracts, and has instigated some of their backers to bring a suit against the city which effectually stops the authorities from proceeding further. The alleged basis for this suit is that the council is not following the original plans of the system, as laid out by Benesette Williams. Ten years ago it was never the intention of the city to go to the top of the mountains for water. It is evident that this corporation desires to force the city into some measure by which a river could be dammed somewhere above Cedar river, shall be driven out.

"This corporation that is doing this has been just warned into life by the city—its franchise is not more than a year old, and now it turns like a snake and tries to sting the city! I want to say here, that no corporation created by the city is greater than the city. If we are to be bossed by any creature of the city, it is time that we knew it! "I believe that this last action against the city, to prevent the letting of this contract, is fathered by

blockaded the sidewalk, and your could hear them laughing a block away. The funniest part about it was that nobody supposed for a moment it could possibly be the real thing. They thought it was a wonderful piece of acting, or else a wonderful feat. That the coon was actually asleep never occurred to anybody, and I stood around with my heart in my mouth for fear the noise would arouse him. It didn't, however, and he snored away peacefully until nearly 1 o'clock. Then he awoke with a start, and was so surprised he came near jumping out through the plate glass. The spectators howled, and that night the house raised my salary. I tried to work the same scheme afterward, but it was a failure. The darky couldn't pretend worth a cent."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Disputations.

Hicks—There's one thing you can say about Croftkin. He never has any views of his own, and therefore no pride of opinion.

Wicks—He doesn't need to have any opinion of his own. It takes him all his time to pitch into other folk's opinions.—Boston Transcript.

The Only Good Children.

Mr. Greene—Funny how mothers will believe that their own children are so much better than anybody else's children.

Mrs. Gray—You know it. If all children were like my little George, it would not be so strange.—Boston Transcript.



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