

REPORT ON CIVIL SERVICE

Annual Statistics Handed in by the Commission.

MEMBERS ARE PLEASED WITH RESULTS

Assert that System Has Not Only Caused Greater Efficiency in the Service, but Has Saved Money.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The annual report of the civil service commission for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1897, has been presented to the president. It begins with a statement to show that after an experience of nearly fifteen years the hopes of the advocates of the civil service law have been largely realized. In practice, the law has proved to be a constantly exerted and effective force in the direction of economy.

Considering the mere question and the wholesale removals under the patronage system, the economy and efficiency of the one stand in striking contrast to the extravagance and inefficiency of the other. Since 1883 (the year of the organization of the commission) the number of political appointments has increased in subject 37 per cent and in cost 43 per cent, while the classified positions subject to examinations have remained at a standstill. The large excess of civil service rules in May, 1896, to include positions hitherto unclassified, the report says, brought about a number of unnecessary positions. Quite a number of these have been abolished as a measure of economy.

COMMANDER OF THE BEAR REPORTS

Landed the Relief Party Before the Ice.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The secretary of the treasury has received the following telegram from Seattle, dated yesterday, from Captain Tuttle, commanding the Bear, which left Seattle in November with an expedition for the relief of the leeward whalers in the Alaskan coast.

RESCUE PARTY ON HAWAII

Speaks Three Days in Executive Session

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The senate devoted almost four hours in executive session today to the consideration of the Hawaiian treaty. The principal speech was made by Senator Pettigrew, this being the third installment of his remarks upon the subject.

WOMAN SUFFRAGIST CONVENTION

Four States on the Flag for States Which Allow Women to Vote

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Susan B. Anthony called the thirtieth annual convention of the National American Woman's Suffrage association to order at the Columbia theater today. The decorations consisted mainly of the stars and stripes of the United States flag, each with four stars emblematic of the states which have granted the right of suffrage to women.

UNITING THE SILVER FORCES

Prominent Men Going to Labor with Minnesota Populists

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Senator Marion Butler, chairman of the populist national committee, and ex-Senator Dubois left today for Minneapolis to attend the meeting of the Minnesota populists, to be held there Wednesday. The purpose of their attendance is to induce the populists to announce in favor of unity of action by all the silver forces in the elections of the future regardless of the political affiliations of candidates. This is a part of the silver movement which has been inaugurated here by the democrats, populists and silver republicans looking to a unification of the forces.

Nominations by the President

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The president today sent the following nominations to the senate:

To be Register of Land Office—Joseph W. Johnson of Nebraska; John Nelson, U. S. Surveyor of South Dakota; and J. M. Lee, U. S. Surveyor of North Dakota.

To be Receivers of Public Money—Miss Cannon of Washington; at North Yakima, Wash.; George W. Case of South Dakota; at Watertown, S. D.

Four Ships Leave the Squadron. WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The torpedo boat Cushing has returned to Key West from

STAND BY THE CHICAGO PLATFORM

Democratic Congressional Committee Completes Its Organization

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—A meeting of the democratic congressional campaign committee tonight following officers were elected, Senator White having been chosen chairman some time ago; Governor Osborn of Wyoming, vice chairman; James Kerr of Pennsylvania, secretary; Judge W. B. Fleming of Kentucky, first assistant secretary; Joseph Hill of Georgia, second assistant secretary.

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There was no effort on the part of the minority to get the question, and the resolution was adopted without a dissenting voice.

The house then proceeded to the consideration of the Cuban question, which was introduced by the district measures agreed upon favorably was one to investigate the price and quality of gas and the telephone charges in the district.

A joint resolution accepting the invitation of the government of Norway to an international fisheries exposition at Bergen, Norway, from May to September, 1898, was adopted.

At 4:55 p. m. the house adjourned.

ALLEN AMENDMENT INOPPORTUNE

Reported Adversely to Senate by the Committee

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—During the short open session of the senate today, a report of the Cuban question was referred to briefly. The amendment of Mr. Allen to the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill recognizing the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents was reported adversely by the foreign relations committee; not, as Mr. Morgan explained, on the merits of the amendment, but because the committee did not approve of taking such legislation to appropriation bills.

Mr. Morgan's resolution calling upon the president for the reports of United States consuls in Cuba and for information as to whether any agent of the autonomous government in Cuba had been accredited to this government and recognized by it was adopted without dissent.

A feature of the session was a speech in advocacy of the free coinage of standard silver dollars by Mr. Allen of Nebraska. During the remarks the speaker's attention was attracted by a basket of roses and lilies which he had just received from a friend.

A large basket of roses and lilies arrived at the opening of the senate today. The flowers, which were particularly beautiful, were the gift of Washington friends of Senator Turley, president of the senate at the recent election. Dr. Reed, president of Dickinson college, Carlisle, Pa., delivered the invocation.

Mr. Turley presented his colleague, Mr. Turley, and the oath of office was administered.

Mr. Morgan (Ala.) reported adversely from the committee on the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill recognizing the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents. In connection with the report he made a number of explanations which were necessary. It had not occurred during his membership of the committee that it had been necessary to place upon an appropriation bill a rider of the kind suggested by the proposed amendment.