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MANY THINGS AND OTHER THINGS

Breezy Letter From Chicago--Her Doings and Misdoings in Politics.

CIVIL SERVICE AND HARRISON

Street Cleaning By the Children and Their Parents--How a Policeman Lost His Job Admiring Himself

Special Correspondence.

Chicago, April 25.--Chicago's much boasted civil service reform is limping along in a very one-legged fashion just now. The trouble is all on account of the different manner in which the present and the preceding administration have construed the law.

Now, however, it is proposed to alter this plan. Mayor Harrison's corporation counsel has put a different construction on the law. And his honor appears disposed to abide by the decision of his legal advisor.

This is not the only matter that is disturbing the advocates of the merit system. For the commission itself is thoroughly disorganized. R. A. Waller, the only democratic member of the board, has been appointed city controller by Mayor Harrison and he has resigned his position as a member of the commission.

In addition to these troubles the city council proposes to take a hand in the matter. Monday evening they are going to try to pass an order to the effect that hereafter the council committee on civil service will construe the law and according to the construction placed upon it by the city fathers is the civil service commission to be governed.

The public has been after the wheat market again, but the market is still here and with a great deal added to the size of its body by reason of the onslaught.

NO INTERVENTION WILL BE MADE

By the Powers, At Present, Between Greece and Turkey.

GREEKS WIN A GREAT BATTLE

Turks Repulsed With Heavy Losses At Velestino--Volunteers For Greece--Turks Fat More Men in the Field.

London, April 30.--It is semi-officially stated that there is reason to believe that European intervention between Turkey and Greece, in the present position of affairs, is regarded as wholly impracticable, both Greece and Turkey having resolved to continue the war.

Paris, April 30.--The Temps urges the new Greek cabinet to lose no time in recalling Colonel Vassos from Crete and so give Europe what she has been demanding in vain for so long.

TURKS REPULSED.

Athens, April 30.--Midnight--A telegram just received here says that a great battle has been fought at Velestino between the Turkish force of 8,000 and General Smolenski's brigade.

CONGRATULATE TROOPS.

Athens, April 30.--It is announced that the Turks have been completely repulsed at Velestino. Smolenski has asked Crown Prince Constantine to congratulate the troops.

GREEK VOLUNTEERS.

Alexandria, Egypt, April 30.--Four hundred Greek volunteers sailed today for Athens, and one thousand more will leave for Athens tomorrow by special steamer.

ADDITIONAL TROOPS.

Constantinople, April 30.--The report that Osman Pasha is on his way to Janina, Epirus, with 30,000 additional Turkish troops, is confirmed.

TURKISH BULLETIN.

Constantinople, April 30.--The Turkish government issued the following bulletin: Edhem Pasha occupied Triklikon Wednesday.

Two hundred convicts were released and armed on the previous day, and 30,000 rifles were distributed among the inhabitants by the Greeks, who also permitted the pillage of arms and ammunition.

FRANCE NOT A PROTECTOR.

Constantinople, April 30.--In response to notes of the French, Russian and British ambassadors, the Turkish government has announced that the expulsion of the Greek subjects from Turkish territory is postponed to the period of eight days from May 1. Meanwhile the French consulate is issuing certificates of protection and by that act is causing general comment in official circles, as the Porte has not yet recognized France as a protector of the Greek Catholics in Turkey.

A WORD FOR GREECE.

Her History in the Past and What Made Her Great.

No matter what may be the outcome of the war between Greece and Turkey, the sympathy of a large portion of the best people of Europe and America is strongly with the former nation.

THE CHICAGO AND SEATTLE SPIRIT

Is All That Is Needed To Boom Astoria With a Railroad.

VIEWS OF A RAILROAD MAN

What Has Been Done in Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane--Business Booming--Doings in the Mining District.

"The Chicago and Seattle spirit is what you people need now, to carry out the good work you have already begun and are in a fair way to finish. I am surprised at the amount of work already done on the railroad, and if you keep pushing you will make a great port here."

These were the words of Mr. J. W. Casey, one of the officials of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company, who visited Astoria yesterday. Mr. Casey has just made a trip through Roseland, B. C., Spokane, Seattle and Tacoma, and has always been a friend of Astoria, and believes in her future.

MORE BODIES RECOVERED.

Appalling Details of the Great Flood in Oklahoma.

Kansas City, April 30.--A special to the Times from Guthrie, O. T., says: Five more bodies were recovered from the debris left by Wednesday's storm in West Guthrie. The bodies of Geo. Owen and Mrs. Charles Ruffins were found on the west bank of the river.

REPORT DENIED.

Washington, April 30.--There has been no communication from the British government to the authorities here concerning Hawaii, and the report emanating from Japan that Great Britain has expressed disapproval of Hawaiian annexation to the United States is denied by the officials.

MURDERER HANGED.

Blackfoot, Idaho, April 30.--Sid Larkins was hanged at 11 o'clock this morning. His neck was broken and death was almost instantaneous. Larkins received his friends and chatted pleasantly all the morning.

EDITOR HACKETT DEAD.

New York, April 30.--Howard C. Hackett, sporting editor of the World, died suddenly today. He was thirty-nine years old and was one of the best known newspaper men in the United States.

THE FRONT PORCH.

The front porch will soon be the rendezvous for youthful lovers.

According to Greek mythology, Zeus, son of Kronos, was privately conveyed by his mother to Crete, in order to prevent his destruction by his jealous father, where he was nourished and cared for and afterwards became the chief of the Olympian gods.

Crete was also the home of King Minos, son of Zeus and Europa, and of the monster Minotaur, associated with the celebrated Labyrinth, which once in, no one could find his way out. Theseus, the hero king of Athens, slew the monster and put a stop to the sacrifice of youths and maidens from Attica. This tribute had been imposed upon Athens on account of something which the father of Theseus had done, and consisted of seven youths and seven maidens, which were dispatched in a special vessel every eight years.

Crete was also the home of the beautiful Daphne, of whom Dionysius became enamored after she had been deserted by Theseus.

In short, this beautiful and fertile island was so intimately associated with the doings of many of the deities and heroes of ancient Hellas that it would be impossible to write a history of those things without mentioning Crete.

It may be said that all this cuts out little figure in this practical age; that the Olympian gods have long since ceased to have any influence on the character and conduct of men. That is admitted, but whether the people made the religion or the religion made the people, or whether it worked both ways, it was certainly a vital force with a race who possessed as keen a wit, as profound sense and as bright an imagination as any people of whom history tells.

The glorious achievements of Greece and her legacy of literature and art, should entitle her to fair play, at least in this conflict.

It was a shame and a crime on the part of the great powers to allow the Armenians to be slaughtered by thousands and it will stamp the sordid character of the nineteenth century civilization more indelibly on the page of history if the brave little nation is suffered to be overrun and crushed by the brute force of Turkey.

"I was in Roseland, B. C. the other day. That is a great mining town, and a very peculiar one. The main street looks like Clark street in Chicago, and you find everybody there that you ever knew. It is ruled by an officer of the Canadian government called the "gold commissioner," whose word is law from which there is no appeal.

Five men were in an interview with me yesterday. The other day there was a dispute between two men, partners in a mine, over a settlement. On the hearing one man did all the talking, the other remaining quiet. The commissioner, like Solomon, said to the first man, 'You divide the property, and the second man shall have his choice of the parts.'

The Silver King mine is a great property, and has one peculiar feature. The mine is 4 1/2 miles from the smelter at Nelson. The ore is transported in small buckets, by gravitation, this entire distance on an endless wire, day and night, the buckets passing every five minutes, and at the smelter is melted into a matte which is shipped to Wales for refining.

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