

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Civil Service Reform Has Become a Stern Reality.

Secretary Manning Starts Up the Guillotine, and Thereby

Cuts Down Expenses in His Department \$40,000 Annually.

The President's Proclamation Regarding Oklahoma Boomers.

The Spanish Treaties Withdrawn for Re-Examination.

Dan McSweeney Wants to be Collector at San Francisco for Services Rendered.

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WASHINGTON, March 13.—At a meeting of the cabinet yesterday, the Oklahoma question was considered at length. It was said the impression prevailed among those who contemplated the invasion of the territory that President Arthur's proclamation, relative to trespassing upon the lands, had become inoperative with the close of his administration. To prevent such action of the invaders as would naturally ensue upon the withdrawal of the proclamation, the president thought best that President Cleveland should issue a proclamation similar to that issued while Arthur was the chief executive. This proclamation is now prepared, and will shortly be issued.

SECRETARY MANNING CURTAILS EXPENSES \$40,000.

The first decided action of Secretary Manning in regard to the changes in the force under the treasury department was announced this morning. It consists of a material reduction in the special agents' division, whereby it is expected that a saving of \$40,000 will be effected. The services of forty persons in various parts of the country have been dispensed with, and notices to that effect mailed to them to-day. The list includes six special agents, and twenty special inspectors whose names are borne on the so-called "fraud roll."

THE HAZEN COURT-MARTIAL.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—In the Hazen court-martial this afternoon the counsel for the defense caused a recess to be taken by a statement in connection with the examination of Edmund Hudson, editor of the Capital of this city, that they would prove that the articles published in the Chicago Tribune and the Washington Capital, signed Gen. Hazen and giving the first information to the public of his having written a letter to the secretary of war "throwing the blame for the tragic termination of the Greely expedition upon that official, had been inspired by the secretary of war, and they would trace them to his desk and his hand. The message which was drawn from the withdrawal from re-examination. The president received notice of the diplomatic corps and the ladies of the family in the blue parlor of the executive mansion this afternoon. He was assisted by his sisters, Miss Cleveland and Mrs. Cleveland.

THE GOVERNORS OF KANSAS AND MISSOURI TO MEET THE OFFICIALS SUNDAY.

ST. LOUIS, March 13.—At a private conference of Vice-Presidents Hayes and Hoar, and General Manning Brown of the Gould lines about the strike matters held here to-day, a telegram was received from Governor Martin of Kansas, saying he would be here on Sunday with the railroad commissioner of Kansas to discuss the situation. Governor Marmaduke of Missouri, will also attend. It is expected the meeting will determine the future action of the two states and the railroad toward the strikers. Stanton will be maintained till the end of the roads.

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ILLINOIS BILL SEEKING FOR A SENATOR.

SPRINGFIELD, March 13.—Even Col. Morrison's friends are beginning to admit that he has reached the end of his tether, and that yesterday's balloting proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that he can not be elected. They say, of course, that he is entitled to the full democratic vote, and are not criticizing him for demanding it, but they see plainly that he will never get it, and are inclined to believe that he is jeopardizing the interests of the party by remaining in the field, and preventing other democrats who might possibly succeed from trying their luck. Even his friends are satisfied that the republican votes which were expected to never come to his rescue. They did not come yesterday when they could have done him some service. Morrison's friends are beginning to realize that he can not carry the state, and he is criticized for not voluntarily retiring for the benefit of the party. He is charged with assuming that he is a "big game man" than the party, and to be ready to sacrifice the party rather than allow any democrat except him self to be elected. The democrats want him to retire immediately. They say that Senator Bridges may be put up to his imperial ears on the members to "drop him and try some one else. It is hinted that at Washington Morrison's candidacy is regarded as hopeless and the indications are that if he does not retire himself he will be retired early next week. This break is not far off and then "Job" Allen who has returned here, Congressman Townsend, Mr. Brown of Morgan, Judge Tree and perhaps Carter Harrison will be voted for in the joint assembly. Some of "the boys" are very hungry and are anxiously waiting for a man with a "bait". Morrison's friends are friendly to Judge Tree. The republicans are simply waiting and watching. Logan is exhibiting a marvelous patience and perseverance under the somewhat discouraging circumstances. It is hard on him that he cannot get all the republican votes. There are symptoms of disintegration among the republicans. Trexler says he won't vote for Morrison or Logan when he can almost, but will vote for Farwell. It makes three, Sittler, McMillan and Trexler, who, for some mysterious reason, won't permit the election of the choice of the republican caucus and of nine tenths of the republicans of Illinois.

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CHICAGO MARKETS.

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WHEAT.

ruled active, irregular, unsettled and more or less nervous from a variety of causes. The chief interest in a speculative way still centers in the selling of May. The bulk of the entire trading was at a point 1/2 higher than yesterday's closing, but selling was free and the market quickly dropped back 1/2. Then consols came in a little, and an advance of 1/2 was made. By 11 o'clock a feeling of considerable weakness had set in on an unfounded report of a sharp advance in cons