

QUARRERING OVER PRISONER

Leading Democrats Cannot Agree as to Control of Appointments.

THIS TIME, IT'S SAID, BRYAN ISN'T IN IT

Mr. Morton Gives It Out on Newspaper How He is Lord High Executioner, but There Those Who Deny It.

WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE BEE, 315 FIFTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.

Some comment has been made in Nebraska circles here upon the precipitate departure from Washington of Representative Bryan.

Within a very few days after the adjournment of congress and the inauguration of President Cleveland Mr. Bryan was out of the national capital. He was next heard of in Chicago and is now at his home at Lincoln.

Other democratic members of congress lingered here to help the hundreds of office seekers among their constituents. About half the democratic members of the house are yet in Washington. Mr. Bryan made a few hurried visits to the executive department, a call or two upon President Cleveland and departed.

It was stated today that Mr. Bryan corresponded by a Nebraska democrat that Mr. Bryan was not happy when he left Washington. It appears that the Lincoln representative was laboring under the impression that he was going to have something to say in the distribution of federal offices in Nebraska.

At this end of the line it is hard to tell who will control Nebraska patronage. Mr. Bryan's day has passed. The outgoing democrats claim credit for having brought about appointments as fast as made. Secretary Morton's friends claim that he will be heard high executioner, while others say that his recommendations will be confined to places in his department.

General Van Wyck Not Discouraged.

Today's Washington Post says: "The fact of his failure to be elected governor of Nebraska seems in no wise to have soured the genial temper of ex-Senator Van Wyck, who discussed men and things in his usual off-hand and unceremonious way with a Post reporter at the Riggs. He and his wife are here on a visit to their young daughter, who is at school. Of the three gubernatorial candidates, he said, 'I was the only one to run ahead of the rest of the state ticket. If our men had stood firm we would have swept the state for the numbers were not lacking. The situation in Nebraska is so mixed that it is difficult to analyze. The republicans are in control for the time being, but it looks as though some of the highest state officials were in danger of impeachment. Mr. Harrison was able to carry the state through the course pursued by Hon. J. Sterling Morton. Had it not been for the latter the populist electors would have been chosen, which would have been equivalent to a democratic victory, and might have been of vital importance had the result been close. In view of this left-handed service to his party, it looks to me the least bit odd that Mr. Morton should have been honored with a cabinet office.'

Must Be Reopened.

As anticipated some time ago by THE BEE, the contract for surveying the line between Nebraska and South Dakota, which was awarded to Samuel C. Shelton of Springfield, S. D., will have to be relet. Shelton was awarded the contract for the survey, which must be made with a view to the boundary between North and South Dakota, at a price less than it will cost. The appropriation for this purpose was \$22,000 and Shelton put in a bid for \$9,000. He was not a practical surveyor, but expected to hire some other surveyor to do the work. He was advised by those who know something about the matter that he would not be able to get a first-class surveyor to do the work for the amount of his bid. In fact the land office recommended another and higher bid, believing that Shelton's was not practical, but Secretary Noble turned down the recommendation and awarded the contract to Shelton.

Today Shelton sent a communication to the land office saying that he wanted to throw up the contract, and alleged that he had been deceived by the terms of the advertisement, because the statement was not made that a practical surveyor should take the job. He would also like his check of \$800 returned, which, under the regulations, might be used for re-advertising and the expenses the government had already been to in the matter. The contract may be awarded to the next lowest bidder, but, in all probability, bids will be advertised for and the whole matter reopened.

Shelton must be keenly disappointed, for more than one reason. He was a candidate for the commission of the general land office and his hopes are now blasted.

Western Pensions.

The following pensions granted are reported: Nebraska: Original—Henry Wilson, William Beswick, J. Gatewood, R. Mitchell, J. B. Peas, John Craig, James P. Smith, William D. Paine, William Crosby, C. Lucas, J. S. Thomas, George E. Purdy, David Rozenburg. Additional—James Benjamin, C. A. Clark, William K. Kendall, C. E. Greer, C. Eberhart, Increase—William T. Hanchett, Harvey Hewitt, William A. Brown, Reissue—William P. Sims, Edward Givens. Original widows, etc.—Anna Schaefer, Nannie Beeten, widow Indian war. Original—Lewis Lee, John Miller, Isaac Opie. Additional—James Whitehead, John W. Powers. Original widows, etc.—Jane Newton. South Dakota: Original—Thomas Madden, Almo Tate. Additional—George Loeck, Hiram Campbell. Original—Charles H. Osborn. Increase—William S. Cushman, Asa Platta. Reissue—Cassius Coats. Iowa: Original—Nathaniel Norris, Nathaniel Little, John Mowatt, George J. Lord, Richard Kelley. Additional—Isaac B. Patterson, Peter Schwartz, Felix W. Doran, Henry Hyde, Thomas Adams, George Tucker, Thomas Lacy, Daniel Bates, Matthew Helm, William H. Sherman. Original widows, etc.—Alice T. Scott, Amelia Nelson, Mary Sattelle, Catherine Decker, Nannie Schickel, minors of Patrick Quigley, miners of Nelson D. Bates. Survivors of Indian wars—Duncan M. Bute, Cyrus H. Clark, Thomas Handley, D. W. A. Davis, Calvin Ellis, A. Groen, Bernard Greaser, William C. Stafford, John Malburg. Additional—Francis Hubbard, Christoph Gosselberger, John Jones, Robert Bolden, James H. Poor, Simon S. Morrow, James C. Wright. Increase—David M. McMillin, John Phillips. Reissue—Edward F. Fish. Original widows, etc.—Henry Vance (father), Mary Cline, Louisa E. Wagner, Amelia Otto, Harriet Smith.

Miscellaneous.

Judge Cochran of McCook, Neb., consul to San Salvador, will sail for his post, duty from New York on or before April 4. He writes that his arrangements are completed, having closed up his affairs and prepared for a long stay abroad.

Frank W. Follette of Salt Lake has applied for the position of collector of internal revenue for the district embracing Utah.

John T. McWhorter, a well known banker of Aberdeen, S. D., is here on business before the general land office.

The assistant secretary of the interior has affirmed the decision of the general land office holding for cancellation the homestead entry of Henry S. Sprague, from Iowa. Senator and Mrs. H. F. Pettigrew of South Dakota left the city tonight with their sons for Hot Springs, Ark. Mrs. Pettigrew has been suffering greatly with rheumatism and will remain at the springs for a month while the senator will go right home at Sioux Falls.

At the white house today Senator Kyle presented Judge Bartlett Tripp of South Dakota, who, falling to get the land com-

missionership, is still willing to take something equally as good.

A. S. Mercer was today appointed state agent for Wyoming under the Department of Agriculture vice E. A. Slack, removed.

Nebraska postmasters were appointed today follows: Lawistown, Lawrence county, T. H. Carmichael, vice R. M. Hayslip, removed; Steinaur, Pawnee county, M. Stempfer, vice J. Steinaur, removed; West Lincoln, Lancaster county, J. H. Higgins, vice W. C. Austin, removed; P. S. H.

CALLERS BARRED OUT.

No Visitors Received at Departments Yesterday—Washington Notes.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—There was no "open sesame" to the doors of the secretaries' offices this morning. In accordance with the president's rule, on cabinet days no visitors shall be received at the departments.

The few people who called today were promptly denied admittance. Secretary Carlisle wishes to have the fact announced that no one who has been discharged from the Treasury department will be restored. Many congressmen, friends of persons who have been dismissed, have called upon the secretary in relation to the reinstatement of their constituents.

Justice Jackson of the United States supreme court today granted a stay of the foreclosure proceedings in the suit brought by the Farmers Loan and Trust company of New York against the Central Railroad and Banking company of Georgia on the \$3,000,000 first mortgage bonds. The hearing was set for April 20 next.

It is estimated that the public debt statement to be issued tomorrow will show a gain of \$1,200,000 cash during the month of \$1,200,000.

As far as the Treasury department is advised no gold for export will be carried by outgoing steamers from New York tomorrow.

Secretary Hoke Smith today gave a hearing to representatives of the Big Blackfoot Mining company and the Bitter Root Development company, on the question of the revocation of their permits granted some months ago to cut 50 percent of the timber on twenty-six sections of land in Montana.

The Columbian stamped envelopes were today placed on sale for the first time. The principal feature of the design of the stamp impression is a spread eagle. The denominations correspond in color to those of the adhesive stamps.

The position of assistant meteorological observer for the weather bureau stations outside of Washington have been placed in the classified service, and the United States civil service commission is now prepared to examine applicants.

General Hiram Bixtan, inventor of the famous Bixtan long-range-rifle torpedo boat, died suddenly at the Metropolitan club in this city this evening. He had been ill for some time with angina pectoris. While playing a game of chess at 5 o'clock his head suddenly drooped and he began to breathe heavily and expired almost instantly.

CARLISLE MAKING CHANGES.

New Appointments Made Yesterday in the Treasury Department.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—Secretary Carlisle is having prepared a list of the employees of the Treasury department, with the salaries they receive, and will have it arranged by states. When completed it will show the number of employees credited to each state, the aggregate salary the people from the state receive, and a column showing what, by the law of appointment, the state should receive. The list has been prepared already to such an extent as to show a great disproportion among the states. The District of Columbia is credited with more than 1,000 out of 4,000 employees, when its quota is said to be only be eleven people. Secretary Carlisle, it is understood, intends, by every means within his power, to reduce the District of Columbia's list of employees, that the states may receive their proper quota.

Secretary Carlisle was busy today, this being the last of the month, in making official changes in the Treasury department. He called for the resignation of H. C. McLean, chief clerk of the architect's office, and in his place appointed Charles E. Kemper of Staunton, Va. The resignation of Frank Smith, a chief of division in the architect's office, was tendered and accepted. General Daniel McAlister, late appointment clerk of the Treasury department, was appointed chief clerk of the immigration bureau, vice Hall resigned. Two demagogues were discharged and two democrats appointed in their places. One of the discharged men had been in his place twenty-one years.

MORTON SWINGING THE AX.

Five Agents Removed and Their Places Filled—Rules for Applicants.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—Secretary Morton of the Department of Agriculture has devised a plan to test the fitness of applicants for positions not governed by the civil service rules. Each applicant, on filing his application, will be required to answer a set of questions as to his moral and physical qualifications for the work which he will be required to perform. He hopes by this means to secure a high standard in the department. Mr. Morton has appointed five agents in the department of agriculture to take effect April 1. They are: Frank A. Hillish of Illinois, vice S. D. Fisher, removed; A. S. Mercer of Wyoming, vice E. A. Slack, removed; G. L. Fryer of Tennessee, vice F. H. Reeves, removed; L. M. Fay of Wisconsin, vice H. C. Adams, removed; Nathan Pratt of Detroit, vice D. B. Stewart, removed.

Diplomatic Appointments.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—Two diplomatic appointments are expected to be made shortly. They are: Mr. Hannis Taylor of Mobile, Ala., to be minister to Spain and Mr. John Vanalen of New York, to be minister to Italy.

These appointments are believed to have been practically decided upon. Mr. Taylor is a lawyer of ability and an author of some repute.

Mr. Vanalen is a man of great wealth. He married into the Astor family and is a gentleman of culture and refinement. In regard to Minister Pustias and the French mission, it has been practically decided to renominate him to the senate as ambassador as a safer plan of action than for the president to attempt to designate the ambassador, as such under his confirmation as minister plenipotentiary. In order that Mr. Pustias may have the distinction of being the second ambassador appointed, it is more than probable his nomination will be sent to the senate early next week, probably Monday.

Rendered an Important Decision.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—Assistant Secretary Bussey today rendered an important decision in the matter of the claim of Joseph P. Smith for an increase of pension on the ground of new disabilities, in which he overrules the action of the commissioner of pensions in allowing an attorney's fee of \$10. The claim for increase was made under the act of June 37, 1890, and the assistant secretary holds that all such claims should be treated as strictly increase claims, whether new disabilities are claimed or not, for which a fee of only \$2 can be allowed. It is said that probably 200,000 claims will be affected by this decision.

Where the Government Saved Money.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—The treasury officials recall with satisfaction, in view of recent disclosures, that twenty-two weeks ago the secretary of the treasury decided that the government could not in any way recognize warehouse receipts as being the purview of the customs authorities. It is now stated that \$400,000 of these forged warehouse receipts are in circulation, and if the government had recognized them it would now be partly responsible therefor. Much pressure has recently been brought on the Treasury department to that end.

Looks for an Early Adjournment.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—A republican senator who stands high in his party's councils said today that the proposed senatorial investigation of private character and the reorganization schemes would come to nothing this session. They could not be considered while the contested seats were under consideration and when that subject was disposed of the senate would probably adjourn, as the quorum would otherwise disappear inside of two days after the president notifies the senate that he has no further business to present to it.

TWO PRICELESS DOCUMENTS

Attractions Which Will Not Be Sent to the World's Fair.

SECRETARY GRESHAM VERY CAUTIOUS

He Will Not Allow the Original Drafts of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence to Be Taken to Chicago.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—The original drafts of the declaration of independence and the constitution of the United States will not be sent to the World's fair. Secretary Gresham has decided that the risk is too great and the precious old parchments will not be exposed to the perils of the journey and the chances of mishap while on exhibition.

All preparations had been made to send both documents to the exposition, though there was some opposition to the project at the time it was decided upon. It was thought that they would form the most interesting portion of the exhibit of the State department and that it would be but justice to the millions who would visit Chicago to give them a look at the corner stones of the government. The secretary of state, however, under whose charge the documents are, has come to the conclusion that even so great an occasion does not warrant impugning the documents. A railway journey under the most favorable circumstances and the most careful handling of the instruments, would necessarily involve a certain amount of wear and tear on the fragile parchments.

SAY HE IS INELIGIBLE.

Charges Made Against an Appointee from Indian Territory.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—The subcommittee of the senate judiciary committee was engaged for a time this morning in looking into the charges made by W. F. Weeks, chairman of the Indian Territory democratic committee, that he is a man of great wealth and power among the Indians, and by reason of his influence, alleged to be improperly used, is not the proper man for a peace officer. Mr. McAlister, who is no longer a citizen of the United States, but of the territory, therefore is ineligible to an appointment, also that he has opposed the democratic organization in the territory, and aided the Indians in their recent uprising, supplied them with arms, and promised them money, that he is a man of great wealth and power among the Indians, and by reason of his influence, alleged to be improperly used, is not the proper man for a peace officer.

Will Cut Down Their Allowances.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—Secretaries Gresham and Carlisle have been looking into the expenditures of the Bering sea commission, and it will not be surprising if the conclusion is reached that some of the allowances are extravagant and should be discontinued. It appears that everybody connected with the commission has been given very liberal allowances which the officials of the administration have made quite a habit of extravagance. There are, it is said, eight or ten officials connected with the commission who are receiving more than \$1,000 a year, and some from \$5 to \$15 per day in addition to their regular salaries, which range from \$1,500 to \$3,500 per annum. The rumors of these expenditures have made quite a stir in the department and some interesting developments are expected.

Friday at the White House.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—Good Friday was spent quietly at the white house. The president saw the cabinet members from 10 to 11, when the cabinet meeting was begun. Mrs. Cleveland usually receives Friday, but she did not today. Instead she was given an airing in an open carriage with Baby Ruth.

RHEUMATISM.

A Remarkable Cure of One of the Most Stubborn and Aggravating Diseases That Afflict Mankind.

A News reporter learning that Mrs. N. M. Peters of East Des Moines, who was long afflicted with rheumatism, had been completely cured, concluded to call on the lady and get the facts directly from her for the benefit of any of our readers who may be similarly afflicted. He found Mrs. Peters to be a very pleasant lady of middle age, in good health and doing her own housework. On being questioned she said: "I had suffered with rheumatism the greater part of the time for nearly seven years. At times I was helpless. I had tried a great deal of medicine with physicians and tried electric belts and almost everything that is recommended for rheumatism, as no one will suffer with it as I did without doing all that can be done to relieve it. Finally a neighbor woman advised me to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm and was so sure that it would help me that I procured a bottle. It did help me right from the start, but it took five 50-cent bottles to cure me, so you can guess how bad I was, as one or two bottles will cure any ordinary case. It is a grand, good medicine and has done me a power of good, and I hope you will publish the facts in your valuable paper, that everybody may know it."—Des Moines Daily News.

Changes at the Postoffice.

Several changes were made in the working force of the Omaha postoffice. John A. Disbrow was given the permanent appointment as superintendent of carriers. Silas B. Lake of the registry division was promoted and got a raise of salary from \$900 to \$1,000. Charles E. Barrett was transferred to the registry division to take the place made vacant by the promotion of Mr. Lake. Simon Carranillo got a raise of salary in stepping into the shoes of Mr. Keltel and will hereafter draw \$600 per annum instead of \$500. Mr. Thomas Barrett was raised from \$700 to \$800, and takes the place formerly held by Carranillo. C. Westwood takes the place held by Barrett before the change and will get \$700 hereafter instead of \$600. Mr. Charles F. Willis was appointed stamp.

Piles of people have piles, but De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve will cure them.

Omaha Art Work at Chicago.

The Omaha Art Stained Glass company has completed a window for the woman's department of the Nebraska building at the

World's fair, which was shipped to Chicago yesterday afternoon. The window is of white-opalescent glass with spiral pattern and is composed of 1,300 pieces. It is 9 feet in height, by 3 feet 8 in width, and is a marvel of artistic taste.

CLEANING THE STREETS.

Jim Stephenson Turned Loose with Sweepers Last Night.

The sweeping of the paved streets for the year has been commenced. At the meeting of the Board of Public-Works yesterday afternoon a resolution was adopted instructing Jim Stephenson to immediately put his sweepers on the streets. An order to that effect was issued by Chairman Birkhauser, and the work began last night under the schedule of the board. In case of another freeze-up the contractor will quit work. The first streets on the schedule are in the business part of the city and include Douglas, Farnam, Dodge and intersecting streets.

A number of permanent sidewalks were ordered put down by the contractor. In the future no walks will be ordered until after the chairman has made a personal inspection and satisfied himself that they are necessary and that no injustice will be done by having them.

Jim Stephenson's bill, amounting to \$113.55, for flushing paved streets was allowed. Mayor Furly thought it wrong to flush the streets as Jim Stephenson had done. The work was worked by the sand between the stone blocks being washed out, and the practice should be discontinued.

SCOTCH-IRISH IN AMERICA.

Movement to Organize a Branch Society in Omaha.

Steps are about to be taken to organize a branch of the Scotch-Irish Society of America in Omaha. The national organization now numbers thousands and contains many of the foremost men of the country. There are a number of men in Omaha of Scotch-Irish parentage, and some who were born across the water. If they can be properly organized they will doubtless form a very creditable branch organization, and in time will take an active part in the annual conventions of the national organization.

Mr. W. H. Alexander, collector of customs for the port of Omaha, was appointed two years ago as vice-president for Nebraska, and is desirous of securing the names of all Scotch-Irishmen who are inclined to join the organization.

Dr. John Hall of New York, Dr. McIntosh, Cyrus McCormack and other noted men are at the head of the organization.

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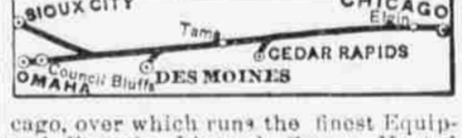
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