THE OMAHA DAILY BEE

GO SLOW IN SIGNING BILLS.

days before the close of the session.

On none of them will be have had the

have dispersed. For these bills the

constitution provides a special form of

procedure. Every bill sent to the gov-

ernor ordinarily becomes a law with

or without executive approval on the

expiration of five days, unless the gov-

ernor shall have previously returned it

failed of reconsideration by a three-

ment the return of any bill it cannot

become a law if, within five days after

adjournment, the governor files it with

his objections in the office of the sec-

retary of state. The governor there-

fore has an extended time in which

to make up his mind whether or not

to veto these bills, and his vetoes are

In view of the fact that a number of

through the two houses in the closing

days, the governor will be fully justi-

fied in taking advantage of every pre

rogative which the constitution con-

fers upon him. More than this it is

his duty to take advantage of this pre-

rogative. The people look to the gov-

ernor to block the way of unnecessary.

vicious and extravagant legislation.

His vigilance is most needed in connec-

tion with the bills passed under cover

of impending adjournment. Governor

his course if he retains every doubtfui

by the constitution for their considera-

THE VENEZUELA COMPLICATION.

the course this government should pur-

tween Great Britain and Venezuela.

The efforts made, pursuant to the direc

tion of congress, to induce the British

government to submit the issue to arbi-

tration, have not been successful. That

government has expressed a willing-

ness to arbitrate as to certain territory

lying outside the boundaries concerning

erument is said to regard as a pure

evasion of the real question, and so, in-

deed, it appears to be. Venezuela ab-

solutely refuses to concede the demands

of Great Britain, and if the matter is

not submitted to arbitration proposes

to fight for her claim. Armed bodies

of British and Venezuelans in the dis-

puted territory may come into hostile

collision at any time, thus bringing on

volve the two governments and force

the United States to declare its posi-

tion. In view of the interest this coun-

try has already taken in the contro-

versy and of its long-established policy

regarding the relations of European

nations to American states, the serious

question is whether we would not have

to extend both moral and substantial

assistance to Venezuela or accept the

alternative of abandoning our preten-

Referring to the international com-

plications in which the United States

government that the United States re-

It is impossible to say with any de-

states and Great Britain, he will not

such course as he shall deem necessary

to maintain the honor and rights of

the nation. Of course it is a debatable

question as to whether the Monroe doc-

rine is applicable to the Venezuela

ase, but there is one thing as to which

f the United States should abandon

Venezuela to its fate in the event of

a war between that country and Great

Britain, it would be at the sacrifice

of all prestige and influence with the

independent states of this hemisphere.

According to the Iowa supreme court,

there is no question as to the constitu-

by the last legislature of that state.

tory law been repealed there would not

there can be no controversy. That is

the most serious dang s.

crisis that would undoubtedly in-

The administration is said to be very

tion

no longer conditional, but absolute,

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GEORGE B. TZSCHUCK

publican flavor. That republican tidal wave of 1894 has not yet exhausted its force.

Citizen Scott's screed was manufactured for legislative consumption only

The golden rod had naturally to expect some opposition from the silver faction.

The city council and the receivers for the water works company should get

Now the punster paragraphers will have another inning with the name of Chicago's new mayor-elect.

None but competent, honest and de serving men should receive appointments as school census enumerators.

There is danger in creating offices for special persons. The best intention of a which there is dispute, but this our govlegislature may miscarry at the last mo-

Chicago is overwhelmingly in favor of municipal civil service reform. It is possible that Chicago may secure a city government conducted on business principles sooner than she expected.

The little town of Bennett is reported to have gone dry at the spring election. Walt Seeley is supposed to hail from Bennett, but he won't reside there much of the time during the coming year.

The corporations, contractors and heavy tax shirkers appear to more influence with the men in charge of the Omaha charter bill at Lincoln than the great body of taxpayers and

Nebraska towns have a strong predilection toward high license. Nebraska was sions to being the guardian of the indethe first state to demonstrate the prac- pendent states of this hemisphere ticability of high license and it is the against the aggression of the nations of state where that system is in most suc- Europe. cessful operation.

Granted that a return of from \$5,000 appears to have become involved, Sento \$10,000 can be derived through the medium of the Detroit garden spot plan, the burden of Douglas county taxpayers must be reduced by that is given more than ordinary imporsum should the matter be pushed to a tance by the fact that he will be a successful issue.

The bill for the appraisement and purchase of Dorgan's penitentiary equipment provides for three appraisers, one each to be appointed by the Board of Public Lands and Buildings, the governor and Dorgan. Should Dorgan fail to name his man the other two are to proceed with the appraisement themselves. Will Dorgan refuse or neglect to name one appraiser for the work of appraising the value of his own property? Will a duck swim or a bird fly?

The past three months fire insurance companies lost less than \$50,000 upon risks assumed in this city. The total amount of premium receipts drawn from Omaha during that period will appear later. From figures covering the subject to arbitrate. It has been reported that for last year there is every reason for a reduction of premium rates on Omaha property. If an inefficient fire force logically calls for an advance of premium rates, the high degree of efficiency attained by our fire department must believed, however, that while Mr. Cleveargue for a reduction of such rates.

Ment Inspector Frank disclaims any Intention of lobbying through the legislature the bill raising the salary of his hesitate, if these efforts fail, to adopt office for his own benefit. The increased stipend can not attach until after the commencement of a new term. He thinks some one else is as likely as he to occupy the position at that time. All his efforts are purely unselfish and intended for the enrichment not of himself but of his suc cessor. Such an example of selfsacrifice we have rarely witnessed in any city official!

Governor Stone of Missouri has got his fighting dander up. He insists that the corrupt lobby that annually infests the legislature of that state must go. even if it takes an extra session to ac- tionality of the mulct liquor law passed complish the result. He thinks the end will amply justify the expenditure of The law has been assailed in a number the money necessary to bring the legis- of its provisions by the prohibitionists, lature together again. His proclamation who have hoped by having it declared is already out and the issue will soon be in conflict with the constitution to oblitjoined. Of course the legislature will crate it from the statute book, leaving in want to have something to say on this force the old prohibitory statute, which matter, but it will hardly dare to refuse remains unrepealed. Had this prohibito enact some kind of legislation to suppress the lobby. There are some very have been this stimulus for contesting aid always entails. It affords a positive interesting times in sight down in Mis- the validity of the mulet law. So long assurance to charitably disposed citizens

The fate of all bills passed by the ing is left the probibitionists but to atlegislature this week depends entirely tempt to manufacture public sentiment With adjournment fixed for Friday no is far from encouraging. measure can have reached him five

THE SPRING ELECTIONS.

There is encouragement for republiconstitutional number of days in which cans in the general course of the spring to give them careful consideration, so that in each case the opportunity is that as a rule these elections are not afforded of deferring action until after the members of the legislature shall results are for the most part deterof candidates frequently plays no unwith his objections to the house in which it originated and the bill has fifths vote of each house. But in case

the legislature prevents by its adjourn-The election in Chicago was a square fight between republicans and democrats and the victory of the former by a plurality very nearly if not quite as questionable measures are being rushed involved, shows that the republican strength then acquired is being maintained. Nothing in connection with the election in Chicago is more gratifyng than the popular endorsement of Holcomb will be generally upheld in the proposition to put the police and all bill sent to him this week until he can utilize the extra five days allowed him municipal government will be assured much of the corruption that has for Chicago when the offices are no longer much perplexed over the question as to subject to the demand of spoils-seeking politicians. sue in relation to the controversy be-

Two years ago the city of Cleveland elected a democratic government, and the disgust of the people with its administration is attested by the fact that at Monday's election the republicans made a clean sweep, electing every of from 7,000 to 15,000. There was a very decided republican gain in that city last year, when national issues were before the people, and this has been more than maintained, another evidence that the high tide of republicanism reached last November, as a protest against democratic policy, is not ebbing. The republican victory in Denver is not without significance, and some of the other triumphs of the party in the elections of this week are notable as showing the vitality and vigor of republicanism. That these results have a value in their bearing upon the future cannot be doubted. If the republican party shall use these successes wisely, justifying by its conduct of ffairs the confidence of the people, it will be in a position to go into the national campaign of next year with all the conditions in its favor. The obvious fact is that at present the majority of the voters of the country are republicans and desire the return of the party to the control of national affairs. There is no danger that this will not continue to be the sentiment of the people if the republican party does its duty wherever it is in power and remains faithful to its principles.

IN AID OF THE UNEMPLOYED.

ator Lodge said in a recent interview that the Venezuela case is by far the Preparations for putting in operation most serious one. In his view, which the Detroit garden spot plan in aid of the unemployed of this city are assuming definite form. Philanthropic citizens member of the senate foreign relations have enlisted in the work with zest. committee in the next congress, the Morroe doctrine has been actually vio-Many owners of vacant lands and lots are lending support to the movement lated in this case, and he thinks it the and the public meeting at the city hall duty of our government to instruct the american ambassador to England to promises the best of results. Organization is the first step to be attained. For plainly and firmly inform the British the practical demonstration of the plan gards any infraction of the Monroe there must be a competent and active doctrine as an act of hostility and will head. Without proper direction the esist any such infraction to the utwork cannot be carried on to a successmost. Senator Lodge believes if this ful issue. It is expected that owners of ground were taken the complications vacant lots will be liberal and prompt would be speedily disposed of rightly in their tenders. Men who have taken and peaceably, while puttering on the the lead in this enterprise are not slow part of this country na myolve it in in donating the use of their vacant lands and their fellow townsmen will doubtless second any effort that promises to gree of confidence what the adminissolve the problem of self-help for the tration will do in the event of the Britunemployed of this community. When ish government adhering to its refusal the plan was first adopted in Detroit 430 acres were accepted, which were Secretary Gresham is strongly in favor staked off into lots of one-quarter to oneof firmly upholding the Monroe doctrine half acre each. There were about 3,000 and of adopting a vigorous foreign applicants for plots, but the committee policy, while the president is disposed was able to provide for only 945 famito be cautious and conservative. It is lies. It is of the utmost importance that an estimate of available acreage be made land will exhaust all proper efforts to soon, so that our citizens' committee may bring about a just and peaceable sethave a basis upon which to work. tlement of the issues between American

When the total acreage shall have been determined the question of funds for the purchase of seeds and tools must be considered. It is possible that a few applicants will be able to furnish their own seeds and tools, but the great ma jority of idle men who will seek to share the benefits of this movement must be provided with whatever capital is needed for the work. The cost per lot to the Detroit committee was about

The estimated total value of the crops raised the first year in Detroit was \$12,-000 to \$14,000, at a cost to the committee of about \$3,600. These figures leave no doubt of the practicability of the plan. Our people can do as well as those of

The moral benefits that must accrue from this laudable undertaking are no less important than the financial considerations. It provides a means by which penniless yet self-respecting men may help themselves. It leaves no ex cuse to idle and worthless men for indo lence and mendicancy. The needy are assisted without creating demoralization in the habits of the people that outright as the courts are indisposed to interfere that whatever contributions they may

In the matter of liquor regulation noth- see fit to make will be applied to the assistance of worths and deserving people. There is every Tenson to believe that on the favor of Governor Holcomb. In their favor, and the outlook for them this commendable enterprise will be

crowned with success in this city.

Mr. Frank G. Carpenter, the celebrated newspaper correspondent, will visit this city next week. His stereopmunicipal elections. While it is true ticon "news lectures" upon Corea, Japan and China have been received in eastto be accepted as conclusive evidence ern cities with high appreciation. Mr. of the strength of parties, because the Carpenter's success as a writer was attained by his efforts to learn of and mined by local considerations and in- describe men and things about which terests, while the personal popularity Americans know little or nothing. The subject matter of his illustrated lecture important part, yet there can be no possesses the essential quality of news. mestion that in the more important of On his travels he penetrated regions the municipal elections just held the re- never before explored by an American sults are significant of the standing of newspaper man. The knowledge thus parties, and they very generally show acquired has therefore a peculiar value, that the republicans are holding their which was greatly enhanced by the war between China and Japan over Corean affairs.

The result of the municipal election at Holdrege, in this state, has given rise to large as that at the last state election a peculiar situation. The vote on mayor exception, would be again. The rains have is certainly significant. Of course the was evenly divided, and, as there is no campaign was fought on local issues provision of law for determining a tie and the democratic administration has vote in such a case, the present mayor been very bad. This gave the republi- proposes to hold over the term which his cans opportunity to make an aggressive successor would have enjoyed. The matfight with their opponents on the de-ter becomes of greater importance when fensive. It enabled the republicans to the fact is taken into consideration that strongly appeal to the people in the in- the license board, exclusive of the the heap. terest of better municipal government, mayor, is also evenly divided, thus givand they did this with effect. But the ing the holdover mayor the balance of fact that the republican plurality is power. Perhaps the plan of allowing about the same as at the election of the mayor to hold over is as good as any last November, when the party made that could be devised for the emergency. great gains on the national issues then but it ought certainly to be recognized and provided for in the law.

There must be some tall liars in the vicinity of the state house at Lincoln. Superintendent of Public Lands Russell asserts in a public interview that city officials under civil service rules. he has never even been approached With the adoption of this policy better with the subject as to whom he might favor as member of the Omaha Board brilliant French radical is disposed to be and future elections will be freed from of Fire and Police Commission should the Churchill-Russell bill become a law. years characterized political contests in On the other hand, there are not less that city. It will be a great thing for than a half dozen applicants for places who insist that they have personal assurances from both the republicans who would constitute the majority of the appointing board that they will be the ones to be selected. There is a discrepancy somewhere.

Do the people of Omaha have to go to a Lincoln sheet to let their representacandidate on their ticket by pluralities tives in the legislature know their wishes? The presumption of the Lincoln Boodlers' Own to speak for the citizens of Omaha on the question of the government of local police is the sublimity of nerve.

> Sure Sign of the Millennium. Chicago Tribune. When the time comes that England is not demanding a slice of some other country's real estate or a portion of its cash assets no other sign will be needed that the millen-

Deception that Will Not Deceive.

Fremout Herald.

Fremout Herald.

The silly prattle put forth by the advocates of the Omaha Fire and Police commission bill, to the effect that the measure is intended to elevate that department of Omaha's municipal government to such a high plane that even the odor of political trickery will not reach those to be placed in charge, will deceive no one, since its pur-

Advantages Enjoyed by Lo.

Indianapolis Journal.

There are many Indians in the United tates, and especially in the Indian terri-States, and especially in the Indian territory, whose incomes exceed \$4,000 a year, and the question has arisen whether they are subject to the income tax. The commissioner of internal revenue holds that they are not, provided they are continuing their tribal relations and living under the community system on the reservations and deriving their income from Indian farming and grazing lands. This is one of the advantages of being an Indian.

Remedy for the Russian Thistle.

Philadelphia Record.

Secretary Morton has taken advantage of his right under the law to ask for the speedy consideration of the application of Mr. Bjur of Dakota for a patent for a device intended to exterminate the Russian thistle. The process Mr. Bjur of Dakota for a patent for a device intended to exterminate the Russian thistle. The process, it is said, involves the use of fire. If the patent office can go forward on the request of a cabinet officer as energetically as it can hold back at the instance of the telephone monopoly, Mr. Bjur may look for prompt action. To successfully stay the march of the Russian thistle would be a campaigning feat that would entitle the man who should achieve it to a high place among conquerors.

The Logic of Statistics. Philadelphia Ledger.

Philadelphia Ledger.

The silver men who contend that gold has increased in value because of its scarcity, and that silver has not really fallen in value, are confronted by statistics. Prior to the California discoveries the product of gold was worth about \$40,000,000 annually. In 1853 it had jumped to \$150,000,000. Thence it declined until in 1833 it was about \$400,000,000. Since then it has been increasing, and in 1894 is estimated to have reached \$182,000,000, the largest product in the world's history. Moreover, there is every reason to believe that this large product can be maintained for some years to come, partly through the developments made in South Africa, and partly because of processes of extraction that make available poor fields heretofore neglected.

Burglars Fight for the Spoils.

Indianapois Journal.

The savage growl of the British lion about French aggression in the upper Nile region elicits from the leading papers of Paris the retort that "in regard to the upper Nile, France can only recognize the rights of Turkey and Egypt and no others. The proclamation of Eugland's claims there does not constitute a title." This is the pot calling the kettle black. England has as much right for Egypt as France has in Madagasear, where the French authorities recently perpetuated an outrage on an American citizen. England is an intruder and trespassed in one place and France in another, and a controversy between them as to their respective rights is as rideulous as would be one between two burglars as to which was in legal possession of the premises. Indianapolis Journal.

Long Sermon, Short Text.

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Minneapolis Times.

Employes of the Union Pacific railroad are to be congratulated upon taking an enormous stride in the direction of perfecting their labor organization. They have readied to dispense with the office, sery-lices, salary and tyranny of the walking delegate, and will breafter conduct their negotiations and lusiness directly with the company. This determination will throw a number of rices and well-fed mischlermakers out of the most over-paid jobs they ever had in their lives, but its general influence will be to bring the officers of the corporation and the men on the road into a closer and better relation. The example of the Union Facilic employes, if followed in other industrial relations, would result in greatly improving the condition of labor fenerally, although for a time it might add to county taxes for the maintenance of men who can do nothing for a living but bring trouble upon their dupes.

BLESSINGS IN SHOWERS. MERIT BASIS MUST PREVAIL Davenport Democrat: An inch and a quar

well pleased; those who had not got thus fa

there is no danger that Iewa will be for gotten by the weather clerk, and will go

n with renewed confidence in the year's out-

Kansas City Journal: For months past there

has been a coalinning drouth throughout Minnesots, South Dikats, Wi-coasin, Iowa and

Nebraska. Within the last ferty-eight hours this protracted dry reason has been broken

in all these states. More rain will be needed

seems easier for rain to come. The re-

mainder of the year, there is reason to hope

afflicted with is exceptional in those states.

what has been for a generation, with a single

come, abundantly for present purposes. Fara work will go on with a rush and under the

the new settlements farther west, the farm

era are in good plight. There never was a much fall plowing. The crops will be speed

ily put in under tavorable conditions. Las

outlook, and the northwest is on the top

PROPLE AND THINGS.

It is announced semi-officially that Mr

solely for his health. It should be added the

The death of a New York judge is ascribed

the persistent plane thumping of a family

Louisville policemen who recently fractured

he rules of the department were condemned to read in detail the women's edition of the

Courier-Journal. Whether the sentence was

a reward or a punishment is a question

which the local Woman's club is trying to

While the country is surfeited with finan-

cial oracles—with an army of enthusiasts claiming to know it all and ready to cure

the money ill if given half a chance, it

somewhat refreshing and soothing to turn

rom the cure-alls to an honest, outspoken

connecticut genius. His name is Rowan, and

was chairman of the finance committee

of the house of representatives. In a recent

silent and Mr. Rowan continued: "Mr. Speaker, it was left to Wilkins Micawber,

one of the heroes in Dickens's masterpiece,

'David Copperfield,' to give to the world the

only safe system of finance the world has

ever had. It was this: Receipts, £20 6d;

expenditures, f19 6d., on the road to fortune

Income, £19 6d; expenses, £20 6d., on the road

to the poor house. Mr. Speaker, this house needs to keep Wilkins Micawber's system

Gilbert A. Pierce, editor, governor and

letter that the reproachful designation of

Thomas C. Platt as "Me-Too" is unjustly applied to the New York boss. Pierce re-

ports a long conversation he had with Sena-

tor Conkling regarding the latter's resigna-

tion, in which Conkling said: "Platt came

back, and, entering my committee room, sat down on a sofa as if he would never get

up again. He went over his interview with the president, and after he had finished I

asked him what we were going to do about it. 'I don't know what you will do,' he re-

plied, but I know what I am going to do; I'm going to resign." This course had not

been discussed before, but Conkling replied

example, and a few days afterward th

whole country was astounded to hear that their letters of resignation were in th

hands of the governor of New York. "Platt has been subjected to a good deal of ridicule

for meekly following my lead," said Conk-link, "and gained the sobriquet of 'Me Too Platt,' but the fact is, he was the leader and I was the 'me too."

NEBRASKA AND NEBRASKANS.

The Johnston county teachers will meet in

annual session at Tecumsch April 12 and 13

J. R. Hays of Broken Bow had one of

is fingers neatly amputated by a windmill

O. E. Johnson and wife of Plattsmouth

ave both died of typhold fever, and their son

The Grand Island beet sugar factory has contracted for forty acres of beets at Fair-

A sand burr ledged in the throat of a mule belonging to Farmer Elliott of Lincoln county

Editor Fairbrother of the Talmage Tribune

playing in great luck, for his wife has

Burglars entered two houses at Seward the

ther night and secured about \$30 in money

new suit of clothes and a gold watch. They

did not touch \$400 in notes in one of the

TOO SEVERE A TEST.

Chicago Post.

"Why do you doubt me?" asked the maid.
"How can I prove I'm true?
How would you have my love displayed?
What would you have me do?

There's naught that you can ask of ing

I will not do for you; our stave and vassal I will be-

Just tell me what to de

Please say what must I do.

Name any test that you desire, The orderal I'll go through; bust say whatever you require, And that I swear I'll do"

He took her at her word, and that He has had cause to rus; For wearing last year's Easter hat Was more than she would do.

fallen heir to \$3,000, and he already has re

s very low with the same disease

field, and wants forty acres more.

and caused the death of the animal.

ceived \$1,000 in cold cash.

pocketbooks they ransacked.

that if Platt resigned he would follow

in mind, viz., spend less than your income.

hirty-day minister, declares in

speech on the money question Mr. Rowan cheerfully admitted he knew nothing about

"Who does?" he asked. The house was nt and Mr. Rowan continued: "Mr.

ture the flat piano is a notable success.

As an instrument of refined tor-

cedingly rare in medical practice.

short notice. Drop a postal, Nich.

everal places.

blanked unanimous.

rip was successful.

letermine.

digger to make a poor mayor.

ter of rain Saturday night! There is cause for unlimited rejoicing in this. The dust is laid, and hopes of the farmers and the bus Control the Non-Political Positions Under ness men all over the country are correspondthe Government. ingly raised. The farmers who had seed in

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM FOR ALL OFFICES along with their farm work feel now that

> Commissioner Roosevelt Talks on the Absurdities of the Present System and Makes Comparisons with Some of the European Countries.

by copious rainfall and snow. There is con-sequently a feeling of relief and rejoicing WASHINGTON, April 2,-Civil Commisthe doctrine of including many more offices of course, but when a drouth is once broken this subject to an Associated press reporter, will be more favorable in the matter of he said: "A house divided against itself has weather. Such a season as they have been got to fall, and in the end this government. got to fall, and in the end this government, policy of the government, so far as the non-political offices are con- erument employes perform duties merely Sionx City Journal: Those who pinned faith cerned, must be administered on the merit to the bounty and the regularity of nature basis. We have got to have civil service in this region have done well. They have lost no valuable time by hesitating in doubt reform, not only in the nation, but in the state and the municipality, and we have got average employe of a business firm or corto have it not only in those offices to which it now applies in the nation but to very their work is limited to seeing that work of fit rainfall, but have gone forward with farming operations, in full confidence that it now applies in the nation, but to very many of the other offices that are not properly political in character. Our people becomes universal, in the first place because have for many years been clucated to beimpetus of universal enthusiasic. Except in lieve in the spoils system as part of the Service would be improved if they were), but natural order of things, so that they are wholly incapable of understanding as yet demoralizing and degrading influence of the that a postmaster, for instance, has nothing spoils system. It has been, on the whole, year will be forgotten in the busy occupation whatever to do with politics, if he attends to the most fruitful of the causes which tend his duty, and that there is no more need of to the degradation of American politics, and of the present. It is a grand and inspiring filling the fourth class postoffices with people in no way can we so strengthen the forces who sympathize with the views of the admin- which tend to the elevation of our political istration for the time being on questions of life as to utterly destroy the spoils system. the tariff and currency than there should be sense in having the express or telegraph business of the country administered by men Some politicians are known by the cigars who are protectionists or free traders, ac-The prohibition drought was broken in cording as one party or the other triumphs at the election. Chicago decided not to spoil a good ditch

Every civilized country in Europe refuses treat postoffices as political spoil, and it If the democrats see anything cheerful in may be of interest to those foolish members he municipal returns, they are welcome to our own body politic who rail against the reform, because in England there is also civil ervice reform, to know that in England the Judge Henry C. Caldwell has been nomieform only came in with the growth of the nated for president by the republicans of Topeka, Kan. Who seconds the nominaemocratic spirit and the reform has reached is most perfect manifestation in the federal republic of Switzerland. The latter country is genuinely governed by the people for the Henri Rochefort pronounces the French copie, and no public servant whose duties to non-political is ever appointed or turned ut for political reasons. Toledo, Dubuque and Helena, Mont., went

POSTMASTERS ARE PROMOTED. emocratic. Still the most confirmed moss-"In England postmasters are appointed by ack will concede the voting was pretty romotion from within the ranks, except in Kearney and points see lowest grade where they are appointed southerly of the place. directly from the outside. They are never irrectly from the outside. They are never emoved for political reasons. In our country it would perhaps be difficult to allow of carrying between Texas points and Omaha McKinley's tour of the south was undertaken system of transfer from office to office A Maryland man has been detected holding aroughout the nation at large, but such Omaha. down three offices simultaneously. Such an instance of healthful grip is pronounced exransfer could certainly be made within the If the gentleman who rules Siberla and ontiguous territory hankers for an assistant ezar, Nebraska can accommodate him on

> refer you to Postmaster Sumstein of Cin-cinnati, who has just been supplanted by Postmaster Brown and who himself four years ago supplanted Postmaster Riley. Mr. Sumstein was a republican. For over two years he has served under the democratic postmaster general, Mr. Bissell. Through Mr. Bissell's term of service Mr. Sumstein has been postmaster general at Cincinnati No one would know from any result visible in the operation of the postal service that Postmaster Sumstein was of one political party or the other. He has given during this time precisely as good service as Post-master Sullivan of Brooklyn or Postmaster Hesing at Chicago, both of them democrats. The letters have been distributed just as well in Cincinnati under the republican postmaster as in Brooklyn or Chicago under the democratic postmaster, and so four years ago the letters were distributed just as well under the democratic postmaster at Cincin-nati, Mr. Riley, under the republican administration as they were with the repub-lican postmasters at Chicago and Brooklyn. The people have been as well satisfied with As a matter of fact 99 out of every 100 of them have not known and have not cared a rap what the views of the postmaster were as to the annexation of Hawaii or the Nicaraguan canal, so long as their letters were lelivered speedily and without blunder. In Charleston, S. C., the democratic postmaster was continued all through Mr. Harrison's term of service just as in New York, where the republican postmaster was continued luring Mr. Cleveland's first term, and in neither case did a single individual outside of the class of professional politicians, who vanted a job for their benchmen, complain.

POSITION OF "DECENT" CITIZENS. "It is just as absurd to turn out a letter because he voted the wrong ticket as t would be to refuse goods delivered by an xpressman who is out of sympathy with the dominant party on some question of finance, or to say that you would not give your message to a telegraph clerk who did ot think just as you did on the tariff. present railway mail service, for instance, in exactly the same hands and is being administered precisely as it was three years igo under Harrison. Democrats and re-

publicans go into the service alike, and as a matter of fact are now pretty evenly repre-sented in it. A curious result of the present system is that often the nominal head of an office is of no consequence whatever in the administration of the office. In a great many postoffices throughout the country all the work is done by the assistant postmaster who is permanently retained. He could do his work quite as well if there were no post-

"The decent people of this country are interested in political questions, and they are also greatly interested in such nonpolitical questions as honesty and efficiency of their public servants, but they are not interested in seeing a lot of small politicians get office. The question of tariff, the question of the currency, the question of our for-eign relations, these are all of immense concern to all Americans who have the welfare sioner Roosevelt is thoroughly committed to are fixed by the actions of the prople's reprethe dectrine of including many more offices sentatives in congress, in the presidency, in under the civil service rules. Speaking on the cabinet. There will be no need of changing more than 100 of the officials in the Treasury department to make a complete and radical revision in the tariff or ministerial in character. The enormous majority of them do not have to deal with political questions at all. They have to do merely with the work that is done by the done faithfully and intelligently.

wish to take out of public life the utterb

Here at the End of the Month. WASHINGTON, April 3 .- The interstate commerce commission has ordered the folloing assignments of cases for hearing:

St. Louis, Mo., April 18, Jerome Hill, Coton county, against the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad; April 19, Missouri railway commission against the Eureka Springs Railway company.

Denver, Colo., April 22, the cases of the Joiorado Fuel and Iron company of Pueblo and George J. Kendel of Denver against railroads reaching Colorado points from the east and from the Pacific coast

Kearney, Neb., April 26, the cases brought by A. J. Gustin of Kearney, Neb., against railroads engaged in transportation between Kearney and points easterly, westerly and

and between Chicago and other points and Kansas City, Mo., May 3, the case of Arm-

transfer could certainly be made within the borders of a state and the postmasters in the strong and Barker of Burlington, Kan., big cities at the largest offices should be appointed, whenever a vacancy occurs, from in carrying lumber from Texas and Arkansas within the ranks of the postal service of that state.

"If you wish an illustration of the fact Castle of Chicago against the Baltimore & that the service rendered by a postmaster Ohio Railroad company and the Fruit Grow-has nothing to do with his politics let me ers' association of Illinois against the Illinois Central Railroad company. The will be heard by Commissioners Morrison, Vensy, Clements and Yeomans, who, with Assistant Secretary Decker, will leave for the west April 16.

COMICAL CHATTER.

Washington Star: "Many a man," said Uncle Eben, "hab foun' dat de pinnacle ob fame am intiahly too p inted ter sit down on wif comfort,"

Rockland Tribune: We often sneer at the Egyptians for being a slow people, but on the contrary they must have been a very busy race. Even the mummles appear to have been pressed for time.

Indianapolis Journal: "Well, I suppose you have something laid up for a day."
"Laid up for a rainy day?" said the rheu-matic gentleman. "I am laid up every rainy day myself."

Philadelphia Record: A Kensington youth was recently arrested for "malicious mischief." He had made a practice of waking up night watchmen and policemen.

Washington Star: "Resignation rumors are mighty common nowadays," said the man who ponders.
"Yes," replied the misanthrope, "but they're like everything else. You never get 'em when they're really needed."

Somerville Journal: Sometimes a woman's ace is her fortune, and it's the same with face is her fortune, and it's the drummers, nine times out of ten.

progress of musical culture better than the fact that a man may honestly admire ner nowadays and not be thought by some

Atchison Globe: A man is always proud of his children who are large for their age, except when he is trying to pass them on

THE SLEEVES AND THE CLOAKS. The stylish, seasonable cloak is not at all a funny joke To him who foots the bills; For thrice the cloth is in the sleeves

That forms, unless the cost deceives, The part the woman fills.

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