

City Officers.
 Mayor..... J. O. Caldwell
 Clerk..... J. O. Butler
 Treasurer..... Ed Amack
 Councilmen, 1st ward..... J. A. McArthur
 Councilmen 2nd ward..... Alf. McCall
 Supt. Light and Water..... Oscar Burroughs
 Marshal, day..... Al Shaly
 Marshal, night..... John Kiesel

County Officers.
 Clerk District Court..... Geo. W. Baichison
 Judge..... I. W. Edson
 Sheriff..... E. W. Ross
 Assessor..... W. C. Frahm
 Auditor..... L. H. Blackledge
 Surveyor..... O. D. Hedge
 Public Instruction..... H. C. Scott
 Coroner..... Nellie Cassier
 Commissioners..... Geo. Overling
 J. J. Chaplin
 T. J. Anderson
 Geo. W. Hummel
 Gerhard Olmsted

WASHINGTON LETTER.

No man up a tree in Washington, who has for thirty years or more watched and studied the evolution of the executive branch of the Government, can be pessimistic with reference to the progress of this country and its ability to wrest itself from abuses.

Thirty years ago the Government offices were filled, without regard to fitness, by the friends and favorites of people high in office, whether in the White House or the Cabinet, in the Army or Navy, or in congress. There has been a remarkable change with reference to this condition and as a result the clerical and working force of the Government is improved and much more effective. There was long agitation before a Civil Service law passed and even after its passage and its partial trial, there were continuous attacks on the system by the beneficiaries of the old plan and of the old idea expressed in the words "to the victors belongs the spoils". The people who are now in office are mostly those who have secured their places by competitive examination and have actually some fitness for the work.

It is so not only in the bureaus in this city, where nearly twenty-five thousand people are employed, but it is so not only in the postal service and in the consular of the United States scattered throughout the world. A few of the old hold-overs remain, but time is decimating their ranks and it will not be long before the Department will be equipped with people who were never appointed merely because Senator so-and-so or Cabinet Minister so-and-so desired to reward them for kinship or service.

No one has done as much to improve the service as the present occupant of the White House and members of Congress were this week surprised and shocked—if anything coming from the White House can have this effect upon them—to learn that the President has, by stroke of his pen, robbed them of the last vestige of patronage that they possessed, in placing more than fifteen thousand federal employees, viz. fourth class postmasters, under civil service protection. Hitherto these postmasters have been the plaything of politicians or the henchmen of Congressmen. Now they can not be removed from office when a new member of Congress is elected, but can be removed only for the good of the service, after charges have been filed and proved and after the accused has been given a hearing.

The assembling of Congress which met Monday was pulled off without any unusual incidents. There was a little nervous and chilly feeling noticeable in the Republicans leaders on account of the uncertainty of Speaker Cannon being elected Speaker to succeed himself in the next Congress. It is reported, however, on good authority that Mr. Taft has practically surrendered to Speaker Cannon and this is very likely in view of the fact that all of the great corporations and the wealthy interests were vigorous supporters of Mr. Taft has practically during the campaign and those who contributed money, and otherwise secured this election are entitled to consideration they think, regardless of what the people want or get. It is believed that the Republicans will make something of a bluff at revising the tariff and that they will be revised more upward than downward, in the hearing now going on before the ways and means Committee which has charge of all tariff bills, the protected interest that are already fully protected, are not satisfied with mere protection and have admitted that protection is not what they want but larger profits, that is they want the government to give them a license for unlimited robbery of the American people and so the people thus can in this way, enjoy the benefit that they voted for on the third of last November.

It is said that the Republicans are trying to forget that they promised to establish postal saving banks and a parcel post delivery system as this would bring the Government into competition with other powerful interests that supported Taft and would

thus bring a big fight on the Taft administration. As Republicans promise and platforms are made more to get in on than to be fulfilled, it is not likely that these reforms will be carried into effect.

Telephone Meeting.

A large number of the members of the Farmers' Independent Telephone Company gathered at the court house last Saturday to consider a proposition from the Nebraska Telephone Company, better known as the Bell line, to consolidate the lines within the city and operate the same from one central office. Pursuant to the call issued by the director of the Farmers Independent Company. The meeting was called to order by President Reigle. The representative of the Bell company, Mr. Tracy, was called upon to present the proposition of his Company. Mr. Tracy said that the idea of making a proposition for the consolidation of the two telephone systems within the city has been suggested by some of the business men of Red Cloud, to the end that the expense of the two telephones might be avoided and a better and more general telephone service be secured for the patrons of the two systems. The proposition he had to offer for his company was that in the event that the Independent company thought favorably of a consolidation that the Bell company was to appoint one member of an appraising committee the independent company another, and they two a third, this committee to invoice and appraise the property of the Independent company, which appraisement the Bell company would accept. Then the Bell company would enter a contract for a term of five to ten years with each Farmer Telephone company to meet their lines at the city limits, connect them on the Bell switchboard and to switch each line with every other line and all telephone in the city for twenty five cents per month. The gentleman further stated that under the law if telephone companies were under the control of the state railway board, and could not change their rates without the consent of that board so there could be no fear of any advantage being taken in the future in matter of raising rates. Also that the rate named was a rate established and in favor generally in this state. Some warm discussion followed the presentation of the proposition, but no action looking either to the adoption or rejection of the proposition was taken, and the meeting adjourned.

One result of the meeting has been to arouse considerable discussion of the telephone situation, both favorable and unfavorable to the consolidation proposition.

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Real Estate Transfers.

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 Harriet Ham et al to William Blobaum s2 nw3 and sw3 31-3-9 wd..... 16800
 John Ferguson to Mae Cone pt lot 20 Roberts add Guide Rock wd..... 100
 J. W. Shabalee referee to Wilhelm Burknig rd s2 n3 2-4-9 wd..... 5700
 Wilhelm Burknig to Berth Hippler s2 ne4 2-4-9 wd..... 3000
 Laura A. Winters to John A. Shipman lots 16 and 17 blk 24 Red Cloud wd..... 650
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Of the Two, Pangs of Toothache Are Less Easy to Bear.

"You of the younger generation," said the dentist, severely, "don't appreciate the importance of the conquest of toothache that dentistry has made. Toothache is the worst torture that ever afflicted mankind. Its pangs—'laninating' they are technically called—are worse than the pangs of cancer. Worse than cancer; that is the truth; I have heard it from physicians, I have heard it from three old people whom cancer finally killed. They all said that the pain of cancer at its worst was mild beside the pain of the worst toothache.

"Toothache drove DeQuincey to opium-eating. DeQuincey, too, says in his 'Opium Eater'—like all dentists, I have the passage by heart:

"No stronger expression of toothache's intensity and scorching fierceness can be imagined than this fact—that, within my private knowledge, two persons, who had suffered alike under toothache and cancer, have pronounced the former to be, on the scale of torture, by many degrees the worse. In both, there are at times lancinating pangs—keen, glancing, arrowy radiations of anguish; and upon these the basis of comparison is rested—paroxysm against paroxysm—with the result that I have stated."

ANTS AS WEATHER PROPHETS.

Their Method of Giving Warning of an Approaching Storm.

Ants as weather prophets afford new testimony to the cleverness of these small insects.

When you go out on a spring morning and find the ants busily engaged in clearing out their nests and dragging the sand and bits of earth to the surface you may be sure that no matter how cloudy it is there will be no rain that day and the probabilities are for several days of good weather.

If, however, you see the ants about the middle of a spring or summer afternoon hurrying back to the nest and a sentinel trotting out in every direction looking up stragglers and urging them to go home as soon as they can get there, you may figure on a rain that afternoon or night.

When the last of the wanderers is found the picket hurries in and the nest is securely sealed from the inside to keep out the water. It is seldom that ants are taken by surprise by the approach of a shower.

Show Men Like Apes.

Prehistoric paintings recently unearthed show man to have been like an ape. The only known examples of paintings of men by prehistoric cave decorators have been discovered lately by Prof. Rene Leaulen in the Portel grotto, a cave of Louhens, in Arlege, France, where Noullet already had found quaternary remains and human bones. About 40 sketches in black or red, only one in both colors, adorn the cave as frescoes, and two represent men of a primitive type, while the others show lions, bears and horses. Of the human figures one has a long head, with retreating forehead, while the other shows a remarkable apelike pose, with rounded back and arms pendent in front. There is a crouching bear, but the horses are mostly galloping and poorly drawn, although the forequarters of a horse are quite skillfully figured in black on one of the darkest walls of the cavern.

One by Barnacled Ben.

"Yes, mates," related Barnacled Ben, retired seaman, "I certainly did see some wonderful things when I was cruising around the seven seas. Why, once we had a sawfish to follow the Nancy Jones for 1,000 miles. We used to throw off the leavings from the galley and when we'd hit a big calm why, the sawfish would saw up our firewood in stove lengths. All we had to was to toss the long sticks over and he'd saw them up in a jiffy. Then we'd take a long rake and rake them aboard. Nature faking? Never heard of it, mate, never heard of it." And Barnacled Ben lit his pipe and shambled away.

His Deep Concern.

The kind old lady noticed a small lad entering a cobbler's with a small package.

"What have you there, sonny?" she asked, kindly.

"Ma's slipper," replied the lad; "you see, there is a tack out of place in it and I want to have it fixed before ma notices it."

"Ah, what a considerate little boy! I suppose you are afraid the tack might hurt your mother's foot?"

"Well, it isn't exactly that. You see, the tack is sticking out on the sole and this is the slipper ma spansks me with."

Arabs Outlive Eskimo.

While it may be true that the white man loses in intellectual and bodily power in the tropics, Dr. Luigi Sambon maintains, as a result of recent researches, that the average Arab lives 25 years longer than the average Eskimo; that the coast people of South America are longer lived than the mountain people; that old age is much commoner in the southern countries of Europe than in the northern countries, and that Spain (with a population smaller by 9,000,000) has 401 centenarians to England's 140.

Sufficient Reason.

"Are you going to the commencement?"

"No."

"Why not?"

"I went to a commencement once."

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