

CONSULAR SNAPS WANTED.

EFFORTS TO CHANGE APPOINTING SYSTEM.

RESTORE THE OLD METHOD

Politicians Propose to Appeal to Mr. McKinley to Abrogate the Law Requiring Civil Service Examination and to Renew the Fee System - Salaries Under Present System.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Pressure will be brought upon President McKinley to induce him to revoke the order issued in September, 1895, requiring applicants for consulships to submit to examination to prove their qualifications, and the order of the secretary of state, issued October 21, which deprives consular officers of many fees which they have been in the habit of collecting.

The former order does not curtail the patronage of the President, but relieves him of a great deal of responsibility and annoyance, and assists him in securing for the consular service men who are qualified to perform the duties required. It will also attract to these appointments candidates who possess the requisite qualifications by giving them encouragement to expect promotion for efficiency and good behavior.

The President's order of September, 1895, was based upon section 1753 of the revised statutes, which authorizes the President "to prescribe such regulations, etc., as may best promote the efficiency, etc., and ascertain the fitness of each candidate, etc., for the branch of service into which he seeks to enter." And it provides for a board of three persons, which, at present, consists of Judge John Davis of the court of claims, who was assistant secretary of state under the Arthur administration; W. W. Rockhill, assistant secretary of state at present, and Robert S. Chilton, chief of the consular bureau, to examine such candidates as may be designated by the President for appointment. It is not possible for every candidate to compete for consular positions in these examinations. Applications and recommendations must be presented to the President the same as before, but the person whom the President selects among the various candidates must submit to an examination before he can receive his commission. This applies to all consulates that pay from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

The highest salary paid in the service is received by the consul general at Havana, \$6,000. The consulates at London, Rio de Janeiro, Liverpool, Shanghai, Calcutta and Hong Kong pay \$5,000; Melbourne, \$4,500; Berlin, Montreal, Yokohama, Panama and Mexico City, \$4,000; Halifax, Vienna, Amboy, Canton, Tientsin, Havre and Callao, \$3,500; the Samoan islands, Constantinople, Dresden, Guayaquil, Frankfurt, Ottawa, Rome, St. Petersburg, Singapore, Cape Town, St. Gall, Switzerland, Prague, Antwerp, Valparaiso, Colon, Chin Kiang, Fuchau, Hankow, Chung King, Bordeaux, Bremen, Nuremberg, Belfast, Bradford, Demerara, Glasgow, Kingston, Manchester, Nagasaki, Osaiki, Kobe, Vera Cruz, Matanzas, Cuba, Basle, Switzerland, and Montevideo, \$3,000 each. Thirty-one consulates in different parts of the world pay \$2,500, and sixty-two pay \$2,000 each. The remainder pay \$1,500 and \$1,000.

VALUABLE FEES CUT OFF.

At nearly all the consulates named what are known as unofficial fees have been collected by the incumbents in the past, those of London, Liverpool, Paris, Hamburg and other large manufacturing centers and exporting cities of Great Britain and on the continent being most profitable. The chief source of these unofficial fees has been notarial certificates procured by exporters, who were formerly required to make oath to their invoices. In London such fees amounted to \$20,000 or \$25,000 a year; in Liverpool and Paris, to about \$12,000 or \$15,000 a year, and in various other cities from \$2,500 to \$10,000. By the order issued by the secretary of state all such fees have been cut off, which largely reduces the value of the principal consulates in Europe.

"THE DUCHESS" NO MORE.

Death of Mrs. Hungerford, a Prolific and Popular Fiction Writer.

DUBLIN, Jan. 26.—Mrs. Hungerford, the novelist, known as "the Duchess," is dead. She first became widely known to readers of light literature by "Molly Bawn" and "Phyllis," pretty tales of the joys and trials of lovers, told in a light, chatty way. She lived at St. Brendons, County Cork, was married young and early left a widow with three small children. In 1883 she was married to Henry Hungerford of Cahirmore. The first novel, "Phyllis," was written to keep the wolf from the door. More than 250,000 copies were sold.

Canada Will Assist India.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 26.—At the suggestion of the governor general the Dominion government has opened a national India relief fund with the deputy minister of finance as treasurer. Lord Aberdeen heads the list with \$1,000.

Died of Friendly Advice.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Miss Lillian Templeton is dead, as a result of taking a prescription of a friend who meant no wrong. Miss Templeton had been suffering from a cold. A friend gave her a prescription which called for equal parts of spirits of camphor, peppermint, laudanum and balsam of fir.

A Bank Liquidates.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 26.—The bank commissioner has been notified that the Traders bank of Kirwin, capital \$50,000, has paid all depositors and gone into voluntary liquidation.

LITTLE PETE KILLED.

San Francisco's Most Noted Chinaman Murdered by Highbinders.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 26.—The murder of Little Pete, the boss of Chinatown, who was shot by Highbinders Saturday night, has created a sensation here. Little Pete was a power in San Francisco among both whites and Chinese.

In many respects he was a remarkable man. He was born in China about thirty-two years ago, and came to this country when five years old. His first employment was as errand boy in a shoe store, where he earned \$10 a month. He was ambitious and attended night school for several years. He then got a position as interpreter for firms doing business with the Custom house. He saved a little money, and started a small shoe manufactory. The business grew, and at the time of his death the factory was one of the largest in San Francisco. It is known Little Pete had \$100,000 invested in China, and his fortune is estimated at from \$150,000 to \$500,000.

Little Pete, or Ching Fong, which was his Chinese name, is credited with having organized the first Highbinder society in San Francisco. He got together some years ago all the dissolute Chinese characters and criminals he could find, and under his direction they levied tribute from Chinatown, Little Pete getting most of the money. He was very successful in securing his adherents immunity from punishment by law, but finally got into trouble. He was charged with attempting to bribe two policemen, was convicted and sentenced to five years in prison. The supreme court, however, granted him a new trial, and he was acquitted.

Little Pete it was who gave Chris Buckley, for many years a political boss here, his name of "Blind White Devil," and it was information from him that caused Buckley to be indicted by the grand jury.

The murdered man was credited with being at the head of every shady transaction in Chinatown. He owned gambling dens and brothels, and landed many Chinese illegally. He was a true gambler, and the game was not known that he could not beat. His brief but lucrative campaign at the race track here surprised everybody.

Two years ago Little Pete commenced to play the races. At first he bet legitimately, but found he could not win fast enough. He soon found means to work a sure thing, however. Three of the best jockeys at the track were secretly in his employ, and the Chinese plunger commenced to win heavily. He is credited with having cleaned up \$100,000 before his scheme was discovered, and he, with his jockeys, was ruled off the turf.

A Woman Arrested for Murder.

ARWOOD, Kan., Jan. 26.—Mrs. Hannah E. Gilmore was arrested Wednesday night on complaint sworn out by her husband, charging her with being an accomplice of her son-in-law, Reuben Rinker, who is now confined in the county jail awaiting trial at the March term of court for the shooting of Gilmore, December 22. At her preliminary hearing Saturday she was dismissed on account of an irregularity in the papers. She was immediately arrested on a warrant sworn out by the county attorney, and her preliminary hearing set for the 27th inst. Sensational developments are looked for at this trial and it is expected that more arrests will follow.

A Sunday Sun Echo.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Jan. 26.—There is an estrangement in the family of Eugene H. Spratt, recently elected county collector, his wife, a daughter of John T. Chestnut, having left him on account, it is alleged, of incompatibility of temper. Spratt, it will be remembered, is ex-sheriff of Buchanan county, and was written up on more than one occasion in the Kansas City Sun, and was one of the parties who arrested Preston when endeavoring to evade the law in this city. The estrangement is causing considerable comment in the society in which those concerned moved.

Colored People's League.

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—A number of prominent colored people of this city and state have organized the "Civic League of the State of Illinois." The object of the league is to get the moral support of the North to enable the league to educate its kindred in the South and to endeavor to get the trade unions to raise the bar they have placed against the admission of colored men. The league also expects to make the members of their race respected by the white people in the communities in which they live.

Boys' Dormitory Burned.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, Jan. 26.—Fire yesterday morning partially destroyed the boys' dormitory of the Christian Home orphanage. One hundred boys were sleeping in the building when the fire broke out. All were rescued. The firemen had a terrible combat with the cold. Chief Templeton is badly frozen, and Captain Auley and Driver Jones are also laid off by reason of frosting their extremities while attending the fire. Damage to the building \$3,000, with no insurance.

Stock Suffering Severely.

WICHITA, Kan., Jan. 26.—The blizzard that swept over Kansas last night continues unabated, and reports from many points in the western and southern counties show that the temperature remains at zero. Stock on the ranges has suffered from the intense cold, but not even an approximate idea of the extent of the damage can yet be obtained.

Death of Hall Riddle.

LAWRENCE, Kan., Jan. 26.—Word was received in Lawrence yesterday of the death of Hall Riddle, instructor of mathematics, university of Minnesota, and whose home is in Lawrence. He was injured in a collision between a railroad train and a street car a couple of weeks ago, and never regained consciousness.

Prominent Physician Dies.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Jan. 26.—Dr. Richard J. Hall, one of the foremost surgeons of the coast, died in this city yesterday morning, an operation Thursday last for complicated intestinal trouble failing to save him.

1000 ash \$100 APPLE, 3 to 4 ft., \$6; 4 to 6 ft., \$8; 6 to 8 ft., \$10; 8 to 10 ft., \$12; 10 to 12 ft., \$14; 12 to 14 ft., \$16; 14 to 16 ft., \$18; 16 to 18 ft., \$20; 18 to 20 ft., \$22; 20 to 22 ft., \$24; 22 to 24 ft., \$26; 24 to 26 ft., \$28; 26 to 28 ft., \$30; 28 to 30 ft., \$32; 30 to 32 ft., \$34; 32 to 34 ft., \$36; 34 to 36 ft., \$38; 36 to 38 ft., \$40; 38 to 40 ft., \$42; 40 to 42 ft., \$44; 42 to 44 ft., \$46; 44 to 46 ft., \$48; 46 to 48 ft., \$50; 48 to 50 ft., \$52; 50 to 52 ft., \$54; 52 to 54 ft., \$56; 54 to 56 ft., \$58; 56 to 58 ft., \$60; 58 to 60 ft., \$62; 60 to 62 ft., \$64; 62 to 64 ft., \$66; 64 to 66 ft., \$68; 66 to 68 ft., \$70; 68 to 70 ft., \$72; 70 to 72 ft., \$74; 72 to 74 ft., \$76; 74 to 76 ft., \$78; 76 to 78 ft., \$80; 78 to 80 ft., \$82; 80 to 82 ft., \$84; 82 to 84 ft., \$86; 84 to 86 ft., \$88; 86 to 88 ft., \$90; 88 to 90 ft., \$92; 90 to 92 ft., \$94; 92 to 94 ft., \$96; 94 to 96 ft., \$98; 96 to 98 ft., \$100.

CITIES.

Denver is worth \$69,512,000 and has a public debt of but \$2,053,000. Milwaukee is estimated to be worth \$142,926,295, and owes \$4,912,750. The assessed valuation of property in New York city is \$1,613,057,735.

Jersey City covers twelve and one-half square miles of territory. Boston has thirty-seven square miles of area and 509,000 population.

St. Louis is the largest tobacco manufacturing center in the world. Jersey City has \$16,700,000 of debt, and property valued at \$85,000,000.

Albany, N. Y., has an area of nine square miles and a debt of \$3,202,865. Indianapolis is well off, being worth \$103,000,000 and owing but \$1,884,500.

Savannah, Ga., has 62,107 population living on five square miles of ground. St. Augustine enjoys the reputation of having the most equable climate.

The 300,000 people of Detroit occupy twenty-nine square miles of territory. Newark, N. J., has eighteen square miles of territory and 220,000 population.

Helena, Mont., claims to be the richest city, of its population, in the world. St. Paul, the capital of Minnesota, is worth \$124,408,205, and owes \$8,442,100.

Philadelphia is said to have more trees than any other city in this country. Boston has more Scotch than live in any city of Scotland save the four largest.

Cleveland, O., is said to have the handsomest residence street in this country.

THE LAND OF THE BOERS. Gold was discovered there in 1886. Finished or in progress are 3,700 miles of telegraph.

Country has been enjoying its independence since 1852. In 1884 a convention at London recognized the republic.

Two-thirds of the Christians belong to the Dutch reformed church. "Transvaal" means "across the Vaal," or the country north of the Vaal river.

The largest town is Johannesburg, with a population of 15,000. Pretoria has 5,000.

There are about twenty thousand farms, wheat and tobacco being the chief crops.

It is there that the famed tsetse fly, whose bite is death to oxen and horses, is most prevalent. Population is 679,200; the white number 119,128, and about half of these are of Dutch descent.

The area of Transvaal is 121,854 square miles, or about that of Illinois, Iowa and Massachusetts combined.

In parts of the country the climate resembles that of Colorado, and is regarded as healthful for consumptives.

The legislature consists of two bodies of twenty-four members each, one-half retiring every two years. The president's term is five years.

"SCSRAP." Thomas Zukansky, of Baltimore, was recently driven insane by a fire in his house.

In the private schools of China a teacher is paid about 1 cent a day for each pupil.

More than a thousand bales of cotton were sold at Rome, Ga., recently. The day was the busiest of the season.

Thomas A. Edison is said to be one of the most liberal givers to charity. He seldom refuses a request for assistance.

The Austrians are great smokers. The daily consumption of matches in that country is twenty for each inhabitant.

A married lady in Calhoun county, Michigan, teaching a district school at \$10 a month, boards herself and does the janitor work.

Within the last decade the population of Europe has increased by about 30,000,000, of whom Russia contributed 12,510,000 and France only 67,000.

Russia is trying to increase the speed of her railroads. The journey from St. Petersburg to Moscow was recently made at the rate of forty-six miles an hour.

Barney Lloyd, of Charlestown, W. Va., is the last surviving member of the grand jury, which, in 1859, indicted John Brown for invasion and inciting insurrection.

A free school for teaching the Russian language has been established at Seoul, the capital of Korea. It has forty-six pupils, ranging in age from twenty to forty years.

Beer is being bottled now in Germany in siphons that hold fifteen, twenty-five and forty glasses. When drawn the beer is said to be as fresh as if drawn from the wood.

The farmers in the vicinity of Lincoln, Neb., are wildly excited over the prospect of turning their farms into gold mines. Gold has been discovered in the sand on several of the farms.

The old adage that lightning never strikes twice in the same place is most effectively dispelled by the fact that a large elm tree near the depot at Eagle Village, Wis., has been struck at least eight times in the last five years.

Those who regard the sultan of Turkey as a heartless, blood-thirsty monster do him an injustice. What there is of cruelty about his nature has its origin in nervousness. A more cowardly creature does not drag out a miserable existence on earth, says a Constantinople correspondent.

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NEWSY TRIFLES.

A Kansas woman has become a blacksmith.

The salaries of the queen's household amounts to £131,260.

Metz has a larger garrison than any other town in Europe.

Drunkenness decreases nearly 3 per cent per annum in London.

Birmingham, Ala., is shipping pig-iron to Birmingham, England.

England has 85 per cent of the wealth of the United Kingdom.

This year's mustard crop in California amounts to 16,000,000 pounds.

Sixty pounds was the weight of a beaver trapped at West Branch, Mich.

It is stated in a fashionable journal that 1,000,000 bonnets were sold in London during one week recently.

The speed of the fastest Atlantic steamer is now greater than that of the express trains on Italian railways.

Professor Huxley says that an oyster is a far more complicated piece of machinery than the finest Swiss watch.

The greatest tax-payer is tobacco. In the last twenty-seven years this product has paid a tribute of \$1,000,000,000 to Uncle Sam alone.

By washing clothes at the undertaker's the second wife of a Bangor (Me.) man is paying off the bill for the burial of her predecessor.

Kansas City has copied the "white wings" idea from New York. Its street cleaning force has recently been put into white duck uniforms.

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