

PRESIDENT'S PLUM TREE

THOUSANDS OF POSITIONS AT HIS DISPOSAL.

PRIZES IN STATE DEPARTMENT

Secretary Taft Believed to be Slated For Chief Justice of the Supreme Court—Fine Places for Lawyers. Tempting "Plums" to be Found.

When President Roosevelt begins "shaking the plum tree" after March 4 there will be many thousand positions at his disposal with salaries ranging from \$17,500 a year to nothing but glory.

There is a greater chance for the office seeker in the postoffice department than in any other branch of the government, for 5,082 of the places at the president's disposal are there.

The state department will furnish the highest salaried positions. There are five ambassadorships which pay \$17,500 each, two which pay \$12,000—Australia and Italy—and thirty ministers abroad who receive salaries ranging from \$12,000 to \$4,000 a year.

The president is expected to be able to bestow the chief justiceship of the supreme court on Secretary Taft.

There are 123 collectorships which pay from \$12,000 a year to \$1,000. The treasury department is a rich field, for there are 702 offices, including those named.

In the interior department there are 331 presidential berths, paying from \$4,500 to \$1,000 a year; in the department of commerce there are forty-one places; in the war department are nine presidential positions and in the navy department only three of these places.

Under the department of justice there is a large batch of presidential offices. There are at the head of the list a solicitor general, receiving \$7,500; an assistant to the attorney general, receiving \$7,000; six assistant attorneys general, drawing from \$4,500 to \$5,000, and two solicitors at \$4,500 and \$4,000.

Some tempting presidential plums are also to be found among the federal commissions. The five interstate commerce commissioners receive \$7,500 each.

In addition there are about 125 federal judges and seven midshipmen to the Naval academy and forty cadets to West Point.

Of course all these places are not available, but the president could, except in the case of the judiciary, remove any one now holding a position. The list includes all offices which he could fill if he really wanted to and does not include the personal force at the White House.

Notice of City Election.

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the city of Norfolk, Nebraska, that the annual election of said city will be held in the different wards, of said city, on Tuesday, April 4, 1905, for the purpose of electing one mayor, one city clerk, one city treasurer, one city engineer, one police judge, one councilman from the First ward, one councilman from the Second ward, one councilman from the Third ward, and one councilman from the Fourth ward.

The voting places in the different wards shall be as follows:

First ward, at the city hall.

Second ward, at the West Side Hose house.

Third ward, at the residence of Anton Buchholz, No. 421, South Fifth street.

Fourth ward, at the Fourth Ward Hose house.

The polls in each of the said places shall be opened at 9 o'clock in the forenoon and remain open until 7 o'clock in the evening of the said day.

Dated at Norfolk, Nebraska, this 7th day of March, 1905.

Attest: Miner C. Hazen, S. R. McFarland, Mayor, City Clerk.

CAR SERVICE NOT NORMAL

Trains on New York Subway More Irregular Than Last Week.

New York, March 14.—Traffic on all the elevated roads and in the subway was handled in a manner that failed to give adequate satisfaction during the rush hours. It seemed that the people had forgotten the conditions that obtained last week.

STANTON SHERIFF QUILTS

FRANK KING RESIGNS TO MOVE TO NORTH DAKOTA.

OMAR VAN HOUSEN SUCCEEDS

Sheriff King of Stanton County Has Tendered His Resignation and the Same Has Been Accepted to Take Effect March 28.

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CASTRO CUTS THE CABLE

Venezuelan Court Takes Up Case of French Company.

Willemsstad, March 15.—A dispatch received here from Caracas announces that the hearing of the appeal of the asphalt company against the sequestration of its property by the government of Venezuela had been adjourned to make way for the action of the Venezuelan government against the French Cable company.

STRIKE IS PAST ACUTE STAGE

New York Subway is Running Its Traffic as Usual.

New York, March 15.—Although the local leaders are continuing the fight, despite the fact that the national leaders have repudiated their action in calling the men out, the strike on the subway and elevated railway systems has passed the acute stage and trains are running with little delay.

REV. TREFZ QUILTS MINISTRY

Resigns as Pastor of First Congregational Church at Binghamton.

Binghamton, N. Y., March 13.—At the First Congregational church the resignation of Rev. Edward F. Trefz, the pastor, was read.

Plan Double Suicide.

Chicago, March 14.—In a room filled with gas in the Queen's hotel, a man was found dead and a woman unconscious. Several pawn tickets were scattered on the floor of the room.

Warrant in Fraud Case.

Pierre, S. D., March 15.—Deputy Marshal Laughlin has gone to Fort Pierre with a warrant for the arrest of R. B. Stearns on complaint of the United States authorities at St. Paul, charging him with being connected with land frauds in connection with W. T. Horwell of St. Paul.

Notice of School Election.

Notice is hereby given that at the annual election to be held in Norfolk, Nebraska, on Tuesday, April 4, 1905, there will be two persons chosen as members of the board of education of the school district of the city of Norfolk, Nebraska, at which election the voting places in the various wards will be the same as for the city election, as follows:

First ward, at the city hall.

Second ward, at the West Side Hose house.

Third ward, at the residence of Anton Buchholz, No. 421, South Fifth street.

Fourth ward, at the Fourth Ward Hose house.

All the resident voters of the district outside of the various city wards will vote at the city hall polling place.

FIRST MOVING PLATFORM

NEW YORK WILL SOON HAVE NOVEL ACCOMMODATION.

ENGINEERS ARE INTERESTED

Expected to Answer Requirements for Transportation Facilities in the Bustling Metropolis of the New World—An Experiment.

New York, March 14.—Railroad men and civil engineers throughout the country are awaiting with great interest the construction of New York's first moving platform, plans for which have been accepted by the Rapid Transit commission after three years of consideration.

What the new scheme will do to add to the transportation facilities of the city will be seen, according to the plans of its backers, in about one and one half years. While it is thought that eventually all cross-town streets on which traffic is particularly heavy will be provided with the new mode of transportation, the promoters of the idea have for the present asked and obtained approval only for a line through Thirty-fourth street from river to river.

Many things are promised for the new road. Being a continuous road, there will be no waiting for trains. With a continuous train, it is pointed out, more seats will be provided than can be filled.

Transfers will be given to every line whose tracks it crosses, escalators from the new line to the street will be placed at every corner, and at frequent intervals between them, and any jar or noise will be obviated through rubber cushioned wheels.

Injury through falling will be practically impossible, and through the construction of the cars injury from being caught in the mechanism will be impossible.

There will be four distinct platforms moving in either direction. The entire affair, of course, will be underground. On entering the subway a person will reach a platform, which will be stationary. Next to this will be a platform about two feet wide, which will move at a rate of three miles an hour, or about half as fast as the ordinary escalator.

Within this will be another platform of the same width moving at the rate of six miles an hour, while within that will be the fourth platform, on which passengers will ride. This platform, six feet wide, will be fitted with cross seats, each to accommodate four persons, leaving room enough on the outer side of the platform for a run-away.

Chicago, March 15.—Francis B. Loomis, first assistant secretary of state, who is in Chicago on his way to California, speaking of Santo Domingo affairs, said: "Reports from Washington which appear to have had considerable currency in the last twenty-four hours, to the effect that there is friction in the department of state at Washington, caused by conflicting views of officials with regard to the treatment of Santo Domingo affairs, was wholly without foundation."

FIGHT FOR RATES ON GRAIN

Railroad Officials Will Try to Settle Controversy Today.

Chicago, March 14.—Efforts to adjust a rate controversy which has come up in connection with shipments of grain from points in Iowa and other states east of the Missouri river to Chicago and to Minneapolis, will be made here today at a conference of officials of the various lines.

The controversy is not one precipitated by the desire of the railroads to control business via Chicago or Minneapolis, but is really a controversy between the boards of trade of these cities and the grain shipping interests.

Chicago, March 14.—During an inspection of a new blast furnace at Blackhawk & Vaughn's steel works at Middleboro a tank exploded and H. S. Pollard, an American engineer, who was in charge, was killed instantly.

The polls shall remain open at each of the said polling places from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until 7 o'clock in the evening of said day.

Dated at Norfolk, Nebraska, this 7th day of March, 1905.

Attest: Miner C. Hazen, S. R. McFarland, Mayor, City Clerk.

THE DEMOCRATS NOMINATE

NAME CANDIDATES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL.

THE CITY CONVENTION TONIGHT

First Preliminary to the Campaign Taken by the Democrats in Ward Caucuses Last Night—Republican Caucuses to be Held Tonight.

[From Wednesday's Daily.] The city campaign was opened last night by the democrats who met in ward caucuses, placed in nomination candidates for the city council and named delegates to attend the city convention which is to be held at the city hall tonight to place the full city ticket before the people.

The nominations for councilmen in the various wards by that party last night resulted as follows:

First ward—Herman Gerecke.

Second ward—August Brummond.

Third ward—P. J. Stafford.

Fourth ward—Pat Crotty.

Tonight the republicans will meet as per the call of the various ward committees and place in nomination their councilmanic ticket and select delegates to the city convention to be held Friday night at the office of Mapes & Hazen.

MRS. CHADWICK IS CONVICTED

Jury Returns a Verdict of Guilty After Being Out Two Hours.

Cleveland, March 13.—Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick was found guilty of conspiracy to violate the United States banking laws by conspiring to procure the certification of checks on a national bank, when there were no funds in the bank to her credit.

She was found guilty on every count of the indictment upon which the jury was at liberty to judge her, seven in all. The original indictment contained sixteen counts. Two of these were ruled out during the trial by Judge Taylor, and of the remaining fourteen, one-half charged her with securing the certification of checks without having the proper entries made on the books of the bank.

Judge Taylor in his charge directed the jury to disregard these counts and consider only the remaining seven, which related to the certification with no funds on deposit. On all of these the jury found against her.

Under the law she can be fined on each count, not more than \$10,000 nor imprisoned more than two years on each count. The jury was out two hours.

Mrs. Chadwick's day in the county jail was devoted almost entirely to recuperation from her fainting spells, which came on after the verdict had been rendered.

BOND IS NOT CONTINUING

Supreme Court Passes on Important Question From Ida County.

Des Moines, March 13.—The famous Ida County Savings bank case was reversed by the supreme court after having affirmed the case on a previous hearing. The case has been watched by bankers and bond companies all over the state as fixing an important question as to the length of the time a bond runs.

In March, 1897, Charles J. Seidensticker, cashier of the bank, absconded with nearly \$8,000, and the bondsman was sued for the recovery. It was shown that Seidensticker had been re-elected yearly, though the bond had not been renewed.

The bondsman, a friend of both the bank and the cashier, went on the bond without consideration. The court holds that while in some cases, such as public officials, the bond might hold even though not renewed at the re-election of the official, it cannot hold in this case and the bondsman is not liable. The bank was located at Ida Grove and the bondsman, E. C. Knepper, is now deceased.

PECULIAR CRIME IN OREGON

Man Alleged to Have Tried Suicide Swears That He Was Shot.

Cottage Grove, Ore., March 11.—In the mail of the city marshal of this place was a letter, purporting to be written by John Fletcher, stating that the writer was tired of life and had decided to commit suicide and telling the marshal where to find the body. Fletcher was found as indicated with a bullet wound in his head, but alive.

Developments tend to show that he was shot by John Branton, who, it is said, wrote the letter, the crime being for the purpose, it is alleged, of getting life insurance of \$2,000, payable to Branton at Fletcher's death.

Branton, while walking along the road, it is claimed, borrowed Fletcher's revolver on the pretext of wanting to kill a wild animal. He then, according to Fletcher's sworn statement, turned the weapon on the latter. After having shot Fletcher, Branton tried to induce the wounded man to say that he had shot himself. This Fletcher refused to do, and later swore to an affidavit charging Branton with the shooting.

American Engineer Killed.

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TRADE REVIEW FOR THE WEEK

Confidence Becomes More General With Resumption of Outdoor Work.

New York, March 11.—R. G. Dun & Co's Weekly Review of Trade says: Confidence has become more general through resumption of outdoor work, opening of spring trade and expectation that the war will soon terminate.

Weather conditions are favorable in most sections of the country and there is little interruption because of labor controversies. Some inconvenience was caused by the local strike, and retail trade suffered temporarily, but in the aggregate the commercial loss was not extensive.

The most gratifying news of the week emanates from the iron and steel industry, of which unprecedented output of iron is not productive of accumulated stocks. Other leading manufacturing operations are making steady progress, although larger orders would be welcomed by cotton mills and shoe shops.

In those lines the buyers are exhibiting great caution, limiting purchases to immediate needs. Commodities are in good demand, which indicates that the people are consuming freely. This is also shown by the large increase in merchandise imported of late, although for the last week there was a decrease of \$2,964,223 compared with last year.

Exports gained \$2,071,013. Traffic conditions are getting better, few complaints of delay being heard and railway earnings for February were only 4.0 per cent smaller than in 1904. Failures this week number 244.

Kirkman Attempts Suicide.

Valentine, Neb., March 11.—Captain G. W. Kirkman, who is under arrest here, being tried on charges that may result in his dismissal from the army, tried to commit suicide after he was informed of the suicide of Mrs. Bessie Chandler of Omaha. He took morphine and also opened the arteries in his wrist, but was thwarted in his intentions.

Captain Kirkman says that no matter what the outcome of his trial he is determined to take his own life as soon as he has the opportunity. He professes the warmest of love for the dead woman and vows he will join her in death. He also makes very sensational charges concerning Lieutenant Chanover.

Deposition in Mine Case.

Council Bluffs, March 11.—Reading of depositions were continued in the trial of the Portland mining suit. The defense objected to the affidavit of Charles Bovard of Cripple Creek, but it was admitted. Bovard testified he saw the names of both Doyle and Burns on the Tidal Wave claim stake.

Depositions of other witnesses said they saw the two men working together on that claim, which is one of the three in controversy.

To Arrest Praying Husband.

Sioux City, March 11.—Robert Leroy Thayer, evangelist and spellbinder, is trying to dodge officers who have a warrant for his arrest for bigamy. Thayer used the medium of prayer to win the affections of women.

Mrs. Summers of this city says she married him for his piety. Later she received a letter from Mrs. Jennie Barnard Thayer of Minneapolis, who said she had married Thayer two years ago.

TEN INJURED IN A WRECK

Missouri Pacific Train Struck in Colorado and One Man May Die.

Colorado Springs, Colo., March 14.—Missouri Pacific passenger train No. 11, southbound, running on the Denver and Rio Grande tracks, collided with the Denver and Rio Grande passenger train No. 4, northbound, at Fountain, fourteen miles south of here, and ten persons were injured.

The most seriously injured are: Conductor J. P. Creighton of the dining car, internal injuries, may die; Charles R. Richardson of Buffalo, N. Y., seriously cut about head and shoulders; Mrs. Richardson, arm broken and injured in back.

Train No. 4 was heading in from the south end of the sidetrack to allow No. 11 to pass, but before it could make the main line No. 11 crashed into the dining car, overturning it, together with a tourist sleeper.

Husband Held for Wife Murder.

Marysville, Cal., March 14.—The charred remains of Mrs. Joseph Nance were discovered in the ashes of her home on the outskirts of Marysville. Her husband is under arrest, pending an investigation. Several shots were heard at the place and later Nance is alleged to have borrowed some matches at a neighbor's house. It is believed that the woman was murdered and the house burned to conceal the crime.

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