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ROTATION IN OFFICE.

The next step of the civil service reformers will be a movement to create life tenure in office. In his recent address before the National civil service reform league, Mr. George William Curtis strongly urged the repeal of the law which limits a federal commission to four years, that the tenure of office should be during good behavior, and that the operations of the act should be extended to all appointees.

At present every public officer who receives a commission from the president, with the exception alone of foreign consuls and revenue collectors, holds his office for a term of four years from the date of his commission. If the suggestion of Mr. Curtis should be carried out it would make all government employees and appointive officers a life-holding class, their retention in office being dependent upon good behavior.

This would certainly be proceeding to an extreme that would not be relished by the people. It would be creating a grand army of well-behaved civil pensioners. Every man now in office would remain in service for life if capable of filling his position, and discreet enough to maintain good conduct.

Now, there are certain positions in this government that will necessarily determine the manner and method of executing certain policies. To place trust in those who are opposed to administrative reform, decreed by the people, would defeat the purpose which the people had in view in making a change of presidents.

There certainly must be a limit to tenure of office, and that limit should not be regarded as an injustice to the office holder. There should be no monopoly in office-holding in this country. It is true that in the army and navy the officers are retained during good behavior, but our naval and military officers are educated and trained at the expense of the government, and the government is entitled to their services.

Unless we are prepared to establish an office-holding bureaucracy, we cannot afford to introduce the old world system of life-tenure. Yet this is what Mr. Curtis really advocates, and we are surprised a man who has devoted so much time to the study of this subject, should have made such a serious mistake.

of a man because he does not belong to a party faction. We are opposed to the perpetual office holder, and believe in rotation in office at fixed periods of reasonable length.

GOVERNOR DAWES AND THE SCHOOL LAND FRAUDS.

The Omaha Bee must be hard up for subjects of discussion, when it deliberately charges the complicity of Governor Dawes in the Keith county land steals. In the first place, there were no steals there.

This is a weaker defense than Gen. Horatio King has made for Grover Cleveland in the Buffalo scandal. It is pleading the bally act where a man charged with the most sacred responsibility has utterly failed to discharge it. Is Governor Dawes willing to stand before the people of Nebraska as a know-nothing whose executive intellect is too feeble to enable him to know a fraud when he sees it and is a party to it?

The state board has weakened. If, as they say, they have complied with the law, why not make a fight and vindicate themselves? In the face of serious charges, backed by a suit in court, they throw up the sponge, thus admitting the truth of the charges.

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JOHN B. ALLEY.

Bob Ingersoll's Partner on the Political Outlook.

Kansas City Journal August 10th.

Hon. John B. Alley, of Boston, the millionaire shoe manufacturer, ex-congressman and partner of ex-Senator Stephen W. Dorney and Robert G. Ingersoll in the ranch and cattle business in New Mexico, arrived in the city on Friday night en route to the southwest and is spending a day or two in the city.

"Very little, I think, although it is now a totally unknown quantity. The independents are very nice men and excellent citizens, and we are sorry to lose them; but if they must go we cannot help it."

"How will Butler figure in the campaign?" "When I left Boston, two weeks ago, he had not decided whether he would run as the third party candidate or not, but I see by the newspapers that he has decided to do so. He will poll a large vote and draw very heavily from Cleveland."

"Does he hope for that outside of the democratic party?" "No, he does not. The only point is, does he see a chance for it inside the democratic party? Gen. Butler is now 66 years of age, and will be 70 when the next presidential campaign arrives."

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member of society, and if such threats are made, hereafter we shall publish the names of those who make them, that the public may know who it is that wants to conduct American campaigns on the Russian plan.

An Act of Courtesy.

SCOTT'S, August 11. To the Editor of The Bee.

A Clarkson's dispatch to the Herald, August 9, says: "At the republican primaries to-night the Clarkson ticket carried everything by 100 solid votes."

"Well, sir, I don't like it, and I am not going to have it." "I am sorry that you do not like it; we certainly meant all right."

"What are you in for?" "Stealing." "Well, were you guilty?" "Yes, it's the way I make my living."

Utah has now 20,000 small farms average twenty-five acres; and the whole must be irrigated. There is but one large farm in the territory, and that is owned by a company. The great Salt Lake, according to Elder Cannon, contains enough salt to supply America for centuries.

DETROIT, August 9.—On Thursday night there was a severe frost in some parts of northern Michigan. The damage was not estimated. A severe frost last night at Escott, Wis. was greatly damaging to stock.

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LABRUPING LAIRD.

How it was Accomplished in Kearney County—Gaulin's Boom a-Booming.

MINDEN, August 11th.

The church members of the Presbyterian church united with the saloon keepers in favor of Laird and put two dealers in sour mash as delegates on the Laird ticket. A still hunt of ten days ordered by Hon. Jim's lieutenant, so certain that he did not come down, except in the filthy lucre, and the net assets of the amalgamated mongrel ticket was 38 votes, while Gaulin carried 99 votes and all the enthusiasm, leaving poor Hon. Jim not a single maverick to show for all his ducats.

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Base Ball! New park, Sherman Avenue Ball Park. In consequence of the inclemency of the weather and by request of the owners, the game is postponed to Sunday afternoon, August 2d.

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Fred Sharon's Honeymoon. SAN FRANCISCO, August 11.—Fred Sharon, of the ex-sensory, has landed, leaving at 11 a. m. for San Francisco.

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