

ONLY WANT TO BE CLERKS.

The Modesty of Women Who Seek Offices at Washington.

MRS. J. ELLEN FOSTER'S HUSBAND

His Wife Wants Him Appointed on the Interstate Commerce Commission—E. A. P. G. Clarkson and the Lady Applicants.

Washington, May 25.—[Special to THE BEE.]—There probably never were so many women seeking office in Washington as now. They never aim high. So far as is generally known no woman has asked for a position above a clerkship. Most of them apply for places through the influence of a friend, and their ambition is about the size of a first-class clerkship, which pays \$1,000 a year.

Before the civil service law was on the statute books, and governed the employment of men and women in the employments of the government, it was not an unusual thing for a woman of great political power to demand a managerial position. They frequently ask to be appointed chiefs of division in the departments, and there are cases on record where women made long and forceful fights for the positions of disbursing and pay offices, places requiring heavy bonds and enormous responsibility.

The Cleveland administration set the example of giving preference in the employment of clerks and assistants in male. During the last two years of the Cleveland administration scarcely a woman was employed in any of the departments, and it is reported that those who did get places were almost exclusively the widows or orphans of ex-union soldiers.

Ellen Foster, of Iowa, the noted orator who took such an active part in the last campaign for General Harrison, was not a prominent figure in the circle of office-seekers and their friends.

There has been a steady diminution of the number of female applicants for offices since the office during the past three or four years, and it is rare that one is now given a position. In this branch of the public service, as in the primary qualification, and few women can be trusted to look into a case involving judicial knowledge.

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Just now Public Printer Palmer has more calls from women who want places than all the other officials combined. They come because they are persistent, and in most instances deserve attention.

A BRAVE MAN'S SON. This morning the people who were passing about the department of justice saw a tall, well formed, and strikingly handsome young man in the building take the elevator and go to the top story.

The country, even at the cost of his life. An hour or two before Matthew advanced to the polls, a friend handed him a straight republican ticket, folded so as to not disclose the name of the candidate.

The brutality of the bulldozers did not end here. The lifeless body was permitted to lie in the street, with his feet protruding out of the crowd.

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