DENVER WINS WITH EASE.

Lincoln Leaders Lose to the Enraged Mountain Lions.

MINNEAPOLIS TAKES SECOND PLACE.

Milwaukee and Sioux City Had a Hard Struggle—Some Good Amateur Games Played Yesterday—The Standing.

Denver, 7; Lincoln, 6.
Milwaukee, 4; Sioux City, 2.
Minneapolis, 5; St. Paul, 4.
Kansas City—No game; rain.

LINCOLN, Neb., May 31.—Denver won today's game because she hit a little bit harder. Costly errors by Patton, who played in a strong position, contributed largely to the defeat. Score:

LINCOLN.

	AB.	R.	IB.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
Cline, rf	2	0	1	0	3	0	0
Raymond, 3b	4	1	1	1	1	5	0
J. Rowe, ss	4	0	0	0	3	3	0
Burkett, lf	4	0	2	0	0	0	1
D. Rowe, 1b	5	0	1	1	8	1	0
Patton, 2b	5	0	1	0	1	1	3
Stafford, cf	4	0	1	1	2	0	0
Darnbrough, p	4	2	0	0	2	0	0
Wilson, c	3	2	0	0	4	3	1
Total	35	6	7	3	24	13	5

DENVER.

	AB.	R.	IB.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
White, ss	5	0	0	0	3	3	3
McClellan, lf	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Werrick, 2b	4	0	0	0	4	5	0
Curtis, rf	3	2	1	0	1	0	0
Newman, cf	4	0	2	0	1	0	0
McGarr, 3b	4	2	0	2	1	5	0
O'Brien, 1b	4	2	2	0	13	3	0
Fournier, p	3	1	0	0	0	2	1
Lohbeck, c	3	0	3	0	2	2	0
Reynolds, if	3	0	0	1	1	0	0
Keefe, p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	34	7	8	3	27	20	4

SCORE BY INNINGS.

Lincoln	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	—6
Denver	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	4	*	—7

SUMMARY.

Earned runs: Lincoln, 4. Two base hits: Stafford, Burkett, Newman. Three base hits: Cline, O'Brien, Lohbeck. Sacrifice hits: Cline, Raymond, Darnbrough, McGarr, Fournier. First base on balls: Off Darnbrough, 2; Fournier, 6; Keefe, 1. Hit by pitched ball: Darnbrough, 1. Struck out: By Darnbrough, 3; Fournier, 1. Passed balls: Wilson. Wild pitches: Fournier, 2. Time: Two hours and fifteen minutes. Umpire: Gaffney.

Twin City's Struggle.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 31.—The game today between the twin cities was close and exciting. Minneapolis won by making three hits and getting a base on balls in the ninth inning. Both pitchers were in fine form, but were hit hard at times. Killen kept the hits scattered a little more than McHale. About two thousand were in attendance. Score:

ST. PAUL.	R	IB	PO	A	E	MINNEAPOLIS.	R	IB	PO	A	E
O'Rourke, 3b	2	2	1	1	0	McQuaid, lf	1	1	0	0	0
Abbey rf	0	0	0	0	0	McGlone, 3b	1	2	1	1	0
Sprague, rf	0	0	3	0	0	Minnehan, rf	0	0	1	0	1
Ely, ss	0	2	3	2	0	Shugart, ss	1	3	4	1	0
O'Brien, 1b	1	1	9	0	1	Hyn, 1b	1	2	5	0	0
Hamburg lf	0	0	2	1	0	Hengle, 2b	2	2	3	3	0
Conley, 2b	1	1	2	2	0	Treadway, cf	0	0	4	1	0
Goodenough, cf	0	2	1	0	0	Darling, c	1	0	8	4	0
Baldwin, c	1	1	9	0	0	Killen, p	0	1	0	0	0
McHale, p	0	1	0	2	0						
Total	4	10	*25	8	0	Total	5	11	27	10	1

*One man out when winning run was made.

SCORE BY INNINGS.

St. Paul	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	—4
Minneapolis	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	—5

SUMMARY.

Earned runs: St. Paul, 2; Minneapolis, 4. Two-base hits: Ely, Baldwin, Shugart, Hyn, 2; McGlone. Left on bases: St. Paul, 5; Minneapolis, 10. Home runs: Shugart, 2. Stolen bases: O'Rourke, Goodenough, Baldwin, Conley. Double plays: O'Rourke, Conley and O'Brien, Darling and Hengle, Treadway, and Hengle. First base on balls: Off McHale, 5; off Killen, 4. Struck out: By McHale, 5; by Killen, 9. Passed balls: Darling. Time: Two hours and twenty minutes. Umpire: Knight.

Sioux City's Narrow Squeak.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 31.—Milwaukee and Sioux City played a very pretty game today. The visitors came near being shut out, but were saved by Hart's triple and singles by Genins and Swartwood in the ninth inning, which gave them two runs. Score:

MILWAUKEE.	R	IB	PO	A	E	SIOUX CITY.	R	IB	PO	A	E
Burke, cf	2	2	1	0	0	Gennins, cf	1	1	0	0	0
Pettit, ss	0	2	6	4	2	Swarnwood rf	0	1	1	1	0
Shoch, ss	0	1	3	4	1	Strauss, 3b	0	0	3	1	1
Dalrymple, lf	0	1	3	0	0	Nicholson, 2b	0	0	2	8	0
Schriver, c	0	1	2	1	0	Morrissey, 1b	0	0	10	1	0
Dungan, rf	1	2	1	0	0	Schelbeck, ss	0	0	3	3	0
Campion 1b	0	0	11	0	0	Earle, c	0	0	3	2	0
Grim, 3b	1	1	0	0	0	Van Dyke, lf	0	2	4	0	0
Smith, p	0	0	0	4	0	Hart, p	1	1	1	1	0
Total	4	10	27	13	3	Total	2	5	27	16	2

SCORE BY INNINGS.

Milwaukee	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	—4
Sioux City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	—2

SUMMARY.

Earned runs: Milwaukee, 2; Sioux City, 1. Three base hits: Hart. Sacrifice hits: Pettit, Shoch, Grim. Double plays: Pettit to Campion, 2. First base on balls, By Smith, 2; by Hart, 1. Hit by pitched ball: Dungan. Struck out: by Smith, 1; by Hart, 1. Time: one hour and forty minutes. Umpire: Strief.

Rained Out.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 31.—Kansas City-Omaha game was postponed on account of rain.

Western Association Standing.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Per Ct.
Lincoln	36	22	14	.611
Minneapolis	37	22	15	.595
Omaha	36	21	15	.583
Milwaukee	39	22	17	.564
Kansas City	38	18	20	.474
Denver	38	17	21	.447
Sioux City	37	15	22	.405
St. Paul	37	12	25	.324

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

St. Louis Gets Another from the Athletics by Hard Work.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 31.—The Browns made it three straight by winning today's game. The Athletics secured two singles off McGill in the fifth, three runs being scored, after which Stivetts was substituted. The Browns' batting and Egan's and Mulvey's work at second and third respectively were the features. Attendance, 9,000. Score:

St. Louis	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	—6
Athletics	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	—3

Hits: St. Louis, 12; Athletics, 6. Errors: St. Louis, 3; Athletics, 2. Batteries: McGill, Stivetts and Boyle; Weyhing and Cross. Earned runs: St. Louis, 5; Athletics, 3. Two-base hits: McCarthy, Wood. Home runs: O'Neill, Mulvey. Stolen bases: Hoy, Doubla plays: Fuller and Comiskey; Lyons, Fuller and Comiskey; Huliman, Corcoran and Larkin; Mulvey and Larkin. First base on balls: Off McGill, 1; off Stivetts, 1; off Weyhing, 3. Struck out: By McGill, 3; by Stivetts, 3; by Weyhing, 5. Wild pitches: Weyhing, 2. Time: Two hours. Umpire: Davis. Runs batted in by base hits: McCarthy, O'Neill, 3; Comiskey, 2; Wood, 1; Mulvey, 2.

BOTH PLAYED POORBALL.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 31.—Both the Louisville and Washington teams played miserably this afternoon and for a time it seemed doubtful which would lose. The home team bunched its hits, however, in the sixth inning when the visitors made errors and won the game. Attendance, 3,500. Score:

Louisville	3	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	8	—8
Washington	1	0	01	0	3	1		0	0	—6

Hits: Louisville, 8; Washington, 12. Errors: Louisville, 6; Washington 3. Batteries: Bakely and Snyder; Ehret and Cook. Earned runs: Louisville, 2. Two-base hits: Donovan, Daily. Three-base hits: Beecher. Left on bases: Louisville, 4; Washington, 4. Stolen bases: Donovan, Ehret, Hatfield. Double plays: Ehret to Cahill to Wolf; Weaver to Cahill. First base on balls: Wolf, 2; Cahill. Struck out: Cahill, Larouque, Daily, Ehret, Murphy, Smith, McGuire, Bakely. Passed balls: Cook, Snyder, 2. Time: One hour and fifty minutes. Umpire: Jones.

COLUMBUS HAS A SNAP.

COLUMBUS, O., May 31.—Columbus knocked O'Brien all over the field in the early innings, but played poorly in the first. Boston could do nothing with Knell. Attendance, 5,528. Score:

Columbus	3	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	—8
Boston	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	—5

Hits: Columbus, 10; Boston, 5. Errors: Columbus, 3; Boston, 4. Batteries: Dawes and Knell; Farrell and O'Brien. Earned runs: Columbus, 4; Boston, 1. Two-base hits: McTamany, Dawes, Crooks, O'Connor, Duffee, Joyce. Three-base hits: Crooks, Knell. Bases on balls: By Knell, 3; by O'Brien, 3. Passed balls: Dawes, 1. Wild pitch: Knell, 1. Hit by pitcher: Brouthers, 2; Joyce. Struck out: By Knell, 6; by O'Brien, 5. Left on bases: Columbus, 9; Boston, 6. Stolen bases: Wheelock, Crooks, 2; Dawes, Brown, 3; Duffee. Time: Two hours and five minutes. Umpire: Kerins.

Postponed by the Police.

CINCINNATI, O., May 31.—Last Friday, when Business Manager Bancroft of the Cincinnati association baseball club was acquitted in the police court of violating the Sunday laws in attempting to play ball on the previous Sunday, he announced that he would play a game today, and that announcement was repeated at the game yesterday. On learning that the police would interfere it was decided last night not to play, therefore there was no game today.

DAYTON, O., May 31.—The police stopped the baseball game of the Northwestern league here today by arresting all the players of the Terre Haute and Dayton clubs for violating the Sunday law.

American Association Standing

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Per Ct.
Boston	42	27	15	.643
Baltimore	39	24	15	.615
St. Louis	45	28	17	.622
Cincinnati	43	20	23	.465
Athletics	41	19	22	.463
Columbus	44	21	23	.489
Louisville	40	20	25	.444
Washington	38	10	28	.263

GETTING PROUD.

Blair's Hustling Ball Players Continue to Mangle Omaha Amateurs.

BLAIR, Neb., May 31.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The home team shut the Falconer's out today. Brott pitched for Blair and the Falconers only got one base hit off him, while Blair made five off Grandjean. The game was a very nice one and a large attendance out. Blair has two good pitchers now, Conners and Brott. This makes five straight games for Blair, and if some Omaha team don't do Blair up soon they will begin to think they ought to play the Omaha league team. The way they are playing ball now they would be "in it" with the St. Pauls, at least. Blair sends an offer to the Cranes today for a game next Sunday. Would like to have a game with Fremont and Missouri Valley also. Today's score:

BLAIRS.	R	IB	PO	A	E	FALCONERS.	R	IB	PO	A	E
Linehan, c	2	1	11	2	0	Strong, m	0	0	2	1	0
Brott, p	0	2	5	0	0	Rasmussen, ss	0	0	1	2	1
Tew, 2b	0	0	1	0	0	Vaper, c	0	0	4	1	0
Keim, 1b	0	1	11	0	0	Stoney, 2b	0	0	4	3	1
Halstead, m	1	1	0	0	0	Grandjean, p	0	0	1	3	0
Conners, ss	0	0	0	1	0	Dryden, 3b	0	0	0	0	0
Mathews, rf	0	0	0	0	0	Arnold, rf	0	1	1	0	1
Bailey, lf	1	0	0	0	0	Beaulson, lf	0	0	0	0	0
Lee, 3b	1	1	2	3	0	Davis, 1b	0	0	11	0	0
Totals	5	5	27	11	0	Totals	0	1	24	9	3

SCORE BY INNINGS.

Blairs	0	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	*—	—5
Falconers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—	0

SUMMARY.

Runs earned: Blair, 2. Base on balls: Grandjean, 3. Struck out: By Brott, 11; by Grandjean, 4. Wild pitch: Grandjean, 1. Double play: Strong to Davis. Time of game: One hour and thirty minutes. Umpire: F. H. Ridgecka.

Winder's Great Work.

Yesterday the Ramblers and the Athletics came together with a crash. Winder's pitching was the feature. He struck out seventeen men. The details:

RAMBLERS.	R	IB	PO	A	E	ATHLETICS.	R	IB	PO	A	E
Bell, c	0	2	17	0	3	McCann ss	1	1	0	0	2
Butler, 1b	1	2	4	0	0	Brennen, lf	0	1	1	0	0
Bowers, ss	1	2	0	1	0	Brady, 1b	0	0	9	0	1
Fleming, m	1	0	1	0	0	Malick, 2b	1	2	3	0	2
Safleiber, 3b	2	3	4	0	0	Sage, m	2	2	0	0	0
Winder, p	0	2	0	17	0	Coffee, 3b	2	2	2	1	0
Rich, 2b	0	1	0	0	0	Cunningham rf	2	1	0	0	0
Cavanaugh, lf	0	0	0	0	0	McAlvan, p	1	0	1	6	2
Brady, rf	0	0	1	0	0	Busse, c	0	1	10	0	3
Total	5	13	27	18	3	Totals	9	11	27	7	10

SCORE BY INNINGS.

Ramblers	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	1—	5
Athletics	0	3	0	3	0	4	0	2	0—	9

SUMMARY.

Earned runs: Ramblers, 3; Athletics, 2. Two-base hits: Winder, Bowers, Sage, Brennon. Three-base hits: Winder. Stolen bases: Safleiber, 2; Winder, 1; McCann, Sago. McAlvan. First base on balls: Winder, 2; McAlvan, 3. Strike outs: Winder, 17; McAlvan, 10. Passed balls: Bells, 2; Busse, 3. Time of game: One hour and fifty minutes. Umpire: McGinnis.

Whipped the Models.

The Diamonds of this city and Models of Council Bluffs played yesterday a close and exciting game. Following is the score:

DIAMONDS.	R	IB	PO	A	E	MODELS.	R	IB	PO	A	E
C. Frank, ss	0	2	0	1	0	Bauther, 3b	1	2	4	0	0
Quinlon, c	0	1	9	1	0	Nicoll, p	0	1	0	2	
G. Frank, 3d	1	0	2	1	0	J. Oliver, 2b	0	0	0	0	0
Hoffman, m	1	1	1	0	0	Dardin, ss	0	1	0	2	0
Minnigerode, rf	0	0	0	0	0	Mitts, 1b	0	0	4	0	1
Wearne, rf	1	0	0	0	0	Crosby, c	1	1	12	8	0
Hay, 1b	0	1	7	0	2	Vaudy, rf	1	1	0	0	2
Howell, 2b	0	1	2	2	1	G. Oliver, lf	0	0	0	0	0
Lindsay, p	0	0	0	9	0	Prill, m	0	1	0	0	0
Total	4	6	21	14	3	Total	3	6	21	16	5

SCORE BY INNINGS.

Models	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	—3	
Diamonds	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	4	—8	

SUMMARY.

Base on ball: Off Nicoll, 1; off Lindsay, 1. Hit by pitcher: By Nicoll, 1. Struck out: By Nicoll, 11; by Lindsay, 16. Two-base hits: Mitts, 1; Hay, 1; Quinlon, 1. Three-base hits: Hoffman, 1. Umpire, Model or nobody.

Lively Game at Fremont.

FREMONT, Neb., May 31.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The second game between the Garnean Snowflakes of Omaha and the Fremonts was played here this afternoon. To prevent another shut-out, such as they received yesterday, the Snowflakes were reinforced by three new men, one of them being Snyder, who went in the box. The battle today, therefore, was not so one-sided.

The visitors scored three runs in the fourth inning by lucky bunching of hits and errors on the part of Finch and Roberts. At the beginning of the eighth the score stood 3 to 3. In the eighth the Fremonts pulled out three runs, and the Snowflakes two. Each drew a blank in the ninth and the game ended in another victory for the home team by a score of 6 to 5.

Score by innings:

Snowflakes	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	0—	5
Fremont	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	0—	6

Batteries: For Fremont, Finch, Kennel and Palmer; for the Snowflakes, Snyder and McVea. Base hits: Snowflakes, 8; Fremont, 5. Errors: Snowflakes, 4; Fremont, 5. Umpire: Gannon. Time: One hour and forty-five minutes.

Plattsmouth Persists in Winning.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., May 31.—[Special telegram to THE BEE.]—The second game of ball between the Lincoln Musees and the Plattsmouth nine was played today, resulting in another victory for the home club by a score of 7 to 0. The game was quite interesting and exciting, the fielding being at times brilliant. Score by innings:

Plattsmouth	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	—7	
Lincoln	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—	0

Base hits: Plattsmouth, 6; Lincoln, 3. Errors: Plattsmouth, 3; Lincoln, 7. Batteries: Yapp and Gadke; Kimmerer and Kimball. Struck out: By Yapp, 11; by Kimmerer, 8. Time of game: One hour and fifty minutes. Umpire: Grimes.

Umpire Couldn't Win.

MISSOURI VALLEY, Ia., May 31.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The game of ball today between the Valley team and the West Omahas resulted in a score of 12 to 11 in favor of the home team, notwithstanding the efforts of Umpire Barker, who gave the visitors nine runs in the ninth inning. Batteries: Castone, Stephenson, Kieffner, Bowles and Patterson for Omaha; Beymer and Graver for the Valley.

Hard Hitting at the Fort.

A game of ball was played at Fort Omaha yesterday between companies F and B, Second infantry. Nine innings were played and the game stood 8-7 in favor of F. The principal feature of the game was Connell's batting. Score:

Company F	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	2	1—	8
Company B	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	3—	7

Grosvenor Was Misrepresented.

CINCINNATI, O., May 31.—A Chillicothe special says: General Grosvenor is here. In regard to the interview with Mr. Bartholdt of St. Louis he said: "I said nothing that I would not willingly have said to the press over my own signature. I have no prejudice against the German people. I have represented a district in congress in which there is a large German population, among whom I reckon my warmest friends. It is simply a case of misunderstanding and misrepresentation, and I shall improve the opportunity to write Mr. Bartholdt and explain to him the error. The protest is causeless and really without provocation."

A Missing Coloradoan.

SAGUACHE, Col., May 31.—G. S. Cornelius, cashier of the Saguache county bank at this place, left here May 18 to attend a Masonic banquet at Salida. He never reached Salida and no trace of him can be found. His accounts were found correct. Foul play is feared.

POLICY OF THE DEMOCRATS.

Intention to Obstruct Business at the Next Session of Congress.

SCHEMES TO EMBARRASS REPUBLICANS.

No Free Coinage Bill for the Present—The Immigration Problem Serious One—Gorman's Ambition.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—[Special Correspondence of THE BEE.]—There will be no business done in congress at the approaching session. This is the decision of every well-posted man here. The democrats in the house will at once enter upon a career of obstruction. This they will do partly from natural inclination and partly from force of circumstances.

It is the regular policy of the democrats to be obstructionists. They always prefer to point to what they prohibited rather than to what they did. At no session since the war have the democrats in either house of congress passed half as many bills as the republicans adopt on the average. They are unable in the first place to agree among themselves upon lines of policy, and then they have neither the genius nor the progression to make laws. In the second place it would be simple political suicide for the democrats in the house to enter upon a season of bill-passing, for they have the most motley lot of lawmakers among them that an American citizen ever saw. A mass convention of natives on the Volga or the Black Sea would present as homogenous a lot of fellows as the democrats have in their majority in the present house. Their tendencies are toward the ridiculous. They would destroy good government with not only the bonded warehouse scheme and free coinage, but 1,400 schemes of flat and wildcat order. The democrats have secured the alliance and third party men in the house—all of those in fact who were elected on tickets based upon the demand for "a change in the order of things"—any kind of a change, bankruptcy if nothing else. Furthermore they want to hold these men and do not want to offend them. However, the democrats do not want to stand sponsors for the schemes that these fellows intend to spring upon congress, and therefore it has been agreed among the leading democrats that nothing shall be done. Self-abnegation will be shown by the majority of real democrats in order not to offend the proselyted hybrids.

It is absolute folly for any one to talk about a free coinage bill passing this congress, however many sensationalists and reckless individuals it may contain. In the first place it is extremely doubtful whether even by caucus action, including the forty or more hybrids, a rule of unit action could be agreed to which would anticipate a vote on a free coinage bill, for there are many strong democrats in both branches of congress who do not want a free coinage bill passed at this time. They prefer to let it go over, and have an opportunity to straddle the silver question next year, believing that if they do not renominate Mr. Cleveland they can run their candidate in some sections as a free coinage advocate, in others an advocate of the free coinage of American silver, in others for the present law, and in the more some sections of the east as the monometalist that he is.

Again, there is scarcely an issue which has ever been before congress that the democrats can agree upon, even though they had the entire membership of congress.

It was hinted some months ago that the democrats intended to embarrass the republicans from certain sections of the west by proposing changes in the present tariff laws under a new line of attack—by treating articles upon the dutiable list separately. For instance, they would propose to put binding twine on the free list in a separate bill; and in another they would reduce the duty on certain articles of clothing or food. The word has been passed around during the last few days that there must be nothing said or done in that direction; that no tariff bill is to be compiled by the democrats, and nothing of importance done in the direction of tariff reform. The programme is to do nothing, but condemn the whole tariff law. To modify the laws in any respect would be to acknowledge that there were republicans who did not endorse them and that it was possible to reform the tariff under this administration. They could be denounced as a whole and as they stand better than in part. This is the position of the democratic leaders.

It is conceded that it will be useless to contest any seat in the present house. A republican would stand no more show in a contest now than he stood at Gettysburg on July 3, 1863. In point of fact he would stand less show, for there he had a a fighting chance.

It is possible, but not probable, that the immigration question will be taken hold of in a partisan way. The problem has become so serious that even the democrats may by force of circumstances be compelled to act upon it.

Another thing suggests that this is to be a do-nothing majority in the house. Senator Gorman is the master mind of the democrats in congress. He not only handles them in the senate but in the house. He regards himself as in the direct line of presidential promotion. To advance in either body will be for him risky. To stand still will be safe. To enter upon an era of the defensive has already been his orders. A speaker is to be selected, it is stated, who will be in favor of this programme.

CIVIL SERVICE REQUIREMENTS.

The requirements of the civil service commission for a position worth $1,800 a year in the war department, the selection to be made by competitive examination on June 16, has attracted attention to the fact that it does not any longer pay to hold clerical or expert positions under the federal government. In order to pass a successful examination for this $1,800 place the man must, according to the written specifications in this instance, as set forth by the commission, "be able to design and construct buildings in all their details, must be able to estimate their cost, and must possess a thorough knowledge of building material and modern appliances."

The work this office holder will have to do will not in any degree elevate his qualifications for holding a remunerative position. He will design buildings for army posts, barracks, etc., and a knowledge of this work would be of no possible advantage in private life or in any other position. Besides, he goes to the top of promotion at the first step, and there will be no higher reward in the service.

Washington architects say that a man fitted to pass this examination could command a business in private life worth twice or three times $1,800 a year, anywhere. Besides, it costs more to live in Washington than almost any other place. This instance of requirements for places under the civil service law is not remote; it is universal wherever the duties require anything like technical knowledge. Men in congress say the rules will have to be modified, so that a less degree of knowledge is required, or the result will be a necessity of higher salaries or vacant offices.

A DEMORALIZING SYSTEM.

A number of congressmen who have been in the city for several days, looking after ousiness in the departments for constituents, say they have found a condition of affairs which they intend to remedy at the approaching session.

Under the rules of the departments—it may be a civil service rule—a married woman cannot retain her position as a clerk. When she marries she must abdicate her throne in Uncle Sam's cathedral of sinecures, as it were, and resign the day she changes her name, for if no other reason there is no law or rule by which a person can resign in one name and be immediately appointed to the same position in another name.

The operation of this rule or principle, which is inflexible, is in many instances demoralizing. Women marry on the quiet and continue to hold their official positions. Many men and women in the executive department—most of them respectable—are married, and yet those who work about them every week day have no suspicions of the fact. They live together, in a way. They go about together, sometimes. They do not, however, pass as man and wife, for that would cost one her position, and possibly the other.

It has been proposed that where a man and woman who are department clerks marry there shall be authority to simply change her name on the appointment roll and pay list. Then if she elects to continue to work for a living it is her business and no harm is done any one. Under the present system it is found that the moral effect is not good. It is the example that is wanted out of the way.

CURIOUS WAR CLAIMS.

Every day a new kind of war claim arrives at the treasury department. Today one put in its appearance which for a time appeared to stand upon good ground. A sutler in the federal army had his supplies, his store of goods, forcibly taken by the confederate troops.

"A sutler was a United States officer," argued the claimant, "and as such was not only entitled to the protection of the United States but damages for any loss from the enemy while within the lines of the federals."

The claim is not good. The ground taken by the claimant is not tenable, for the reason that the federal government did not contract, and never will, to pay damages by the enemy. If the goods had been taken and used by the federals, the claim would be good. This is the position taken by the accounting officers. One of them said:

"To enable a loyal citizen, be he sutler or not, to get damages for property taken or destroyed during the war, it must be shown that it was taken or destroyed by Union soldiers. If this sutler's claim showed that the goods were taken by federal soldiers it would be naturally inferred that they were to be a part of rations, and since we contracted to feed our soldiers we might as well feed through sutlers as other channels, although it was not contemplated by law or regulations."

SCOOPED EVERYTHING IN SIGHT

A Seattle Billiard Agent Does Up the Town and Skips.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 31.—One of the slickest all-around swindlers has corralled everything in sight in this section. Last fall N. W. Flassig formed a partnership with Peter Bauman of this city as agent for the Garden City billiard company of Chicago. As early as last December Flassig made his first move toward leaving the city, and his creditors by attempting, during his partner's absence, to dispose of all the goods for cash. Mr. Flassig's proceedings did not excite suspicion until early in May. Mr. Bauman was absent and Flassig seized the opportunity to dispose of the stock and take his departure. The company got wind of the trouble and sent out Mr. Ludwig, an agent, who arrived the very day Flassig left. An examination showed that Flassig had made a clean sweep of everything of value and raised money and borrowed on fictitious securities. Since that time drafts on himself, ranging all the way from $50 and $800, have been coming from towns all along his route east and aggregating $650, the last being from Helena, Mont. The Garden City company is out about $1,000. The agent says Flassig left his young wife practically penniless.

Four years ago Flassig was traveling for the Brunswick-Balke-Collender company, making St. John his headquarters, and was discharged for loose business methods. He then went into business in Salt Lake City and wound up with a large crop of lawsuits. After this he represented the Rothschild Sons & Co. of Cincinnati, threw their affairs into confusion by his misrepresentations and caused them immense losses. He was discharged by them and then engaged in his last venture. He always operates in such a way that he cannot be arrested on a criminal charge. Mr. Bauman, his partner, is practically ruined, and several of his other victims could ill share their losses.

KILLED TWO AND ESCAPED.

Terrible Resistance to Arrest Made by a Florida Desperado.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 31.—A. Stark, Fla., special says: A terrible tragedy occurred about two miles from this city late last night, by which G. B. Alvarez, city marshal, and Prince Albert, a colored man, lost their lives. Prince had accidentally learned the hiding place of a negro desperado named Murray, who it is supposed is the man who shot and killed Deputy Sheriff Robinson in Fernandi two weeks ago.

Prince could not keep his secret till morning, but hurried into town and told it to Marshal Alvarez, who made up a posse of five men, armed with Winchesters, and guided by Prince they rode on horseback to the cabin of a negro named Frank Adams, about three miles from here and near the town of Hampton. The posse surrounded the house and Prince went inside unarmed to arrest Murray. Murray resisted and finally seized his gun and shot Prince dead, the ball passing through his stomach. Alvarez and his men then opened fire on Murray, who stood on the porch. He returned it. No one was hurt.

Finally Alvarez and his men exhausted their supply of cartridges. The marshal agreed to stand guard alone while the posse returned to town to get more men and a fresh supply of ammunition. Two hours later they returned to the cabin and found it deserted. Prince Albert lay dead near the door, and Marshal Alvarez was found in a corner of the yard near the fence with a bullet hole in his head and stone dead. Numerous search parties have been formed and sent out after Murray. If captured he will undoubtedly be lynched.

German Lutheran College Dedication.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 31.—The recently completed German Lutheran college building in this city, an annex to Concordia college, was dedicated today with imposing ceremonies. Excursionists to the number of 5,000 from Milwaukee, St. Louis and various towns were present. Rev. R. Piper, president of the college, delivered the dedicatory sermon this morning, prominent clergymen from Chicago, Milwaukee, Columbus, Ohio, St. Louis and nearly every state in the jurisdiction of the general synod of the Evangelical German Lutheran church being present and assisting in the services. This afternoon sermons in both German and English were preached by visiting ministers and the dedicatory service concluded with a song and praise service, in which it is estimated that about 3,000 people took part.

Preparing for Jewish Emigration.

Moscow, May 31.—The Viedomosti says that the Jewish emigration society has engaged four Baltic steamers for the exclusive purpose of carrying Jews who are forced to emigrate. The London society, it says, is arranging for the emigration of 60,000 Jews, chiefly Poles and Lithuans. The Viedmosti comments with glee upon this as a scheme that will affect the English labor market.

Asphyxiated by Coal Gas.

CLEVELAND, O., May 31.—Misses Harriet and Emily Bryant, residing at North Amherst, Ohio, were found dead in bed to-day. The bodies were badly decomposed and they were last seen alive a week ago. The coroner gave it as his opinion that they had been asphyxiated by escaping coal gas. Nothing was missing from the house.

Old Time Minstrel Suicides.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., May 31.—Ansell A. Wood, one of the famous Wood minstrels of forty years ago, later a restaurateur and who has been a steward of several New York and summer resort hotels,