

NEBRASKA'S CHANCE PASSED

Will Not Get the Position of Assistant Secretary of War.

PRESIDENT LOOKS ELSEWHERE FOR HIS MAN

Declinations of Webster and Cowin End the Incident, Although McKelvie and Clarkson Were Both Urged for Consideration.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—(Special Telegram.)—There now seems to be little hope of the position of assistant secretary of war going to Nebraska. Much pressure has been brought to bear on the president in favor of ex-Congressman McKelvie, but Mr. McKelvie is persistent that the place must be filled by a soldier, which precludes the possibility of the ex-member from the Third in Nebraska coming under the wire. Major T. S. Clarkson has also been strongly urged for the place, but the president has intimated to Senator Thurston that as two declinations came from Nebraska he would have to try elsewhere for the man who would fill the place and answer all requirements. There is every reason to believe that Senator Thurston will secure the equivalent in patronage, possibly in a ministerial or in two or more consulates.

Ex-Congressman Andrews is to be taken care of in the treasury department and will in all probability be appointed as one of the auditors in charge of the interior department affairs. An inspector has been ordered to South Omaha to investigate the charges of Postmaster McMillan, filed with the department against the Weekly Market reporter. Allegations are that the paper is secretly an advertising sheet gotten out in the interest of a commission house in that packing center. Should the inspector find the charges true the order of the department is to place the order of the paper on the free list, regarding the tariff on Canadian hay, from the Cudahy Packing company against the Nebraska law on gun article, used in the manufacture of chewing gum.

Messrs. Webster and Smyth left for New York today. The former will stop in that city a few days on his way to Nebraska. Mr. Smyth will return to Washington next week to attend the banquet of the democratic clubs on the 15th, when Mr. Bryan will deliver the principal address on "Thomas Jefferson." Mr. Smyth, before leaving the city, said he proposed to give Eugene Moore and J. S. Bartley to the secretary and that he would take occasion to examine into the sale of Bartley's warrant for \$210,000 while in New York.

ONLY ONE BID FOR ARMOR PLATE.

Illinois Company Makes a Proposition for Twenty-Year Contract. WASHINGTON, April 8.—The Navy department received today but one bid in answer to the advertisement calling for proposals for supplying about 8,000 tons of armor for the three battleships, Illinois, Wisconsin and Alabama, and this one was irregular in form as to be wide of the advertisement. The single bid was from the Illinois Steel company, which proposed to supply the 8,000 tons of armor desired at \$200 per ton on condition that it be given at the rate of \$150 per ton for all of the armor. In such a case the remainder of the armor beyond the 8,000 tons will be supplied at \$240 per ton. The armor was to be supplied in three lots, the first lot to be delivered in 1897, the second in 1898 and the third in 1899. The alternative proposition contemplated the erection of an armor plant by the government and its supply with steel by the Illinois company. No marks were made and the whole matter will probably be referred to congress.

Schwab of the Carnegie company wrote that they are unable to bid, as "with all our facilities and experience, we cannot supply the government with armor of the quality we are capable of making for \$300." Referring to the testimony given by the company before congressional committees, Mr. Schwab says: "We trust you will be able to give the government armor of this quality at a price which will be profitable to the company." The Carnegie company's bid was for \$300 per ton. This was a simple plain steel armor, not yet alloyed, face-hardened nor reinforced, as now demanded. These three specifications involve greatly increased expense of production, not only because of the direct cost of applying the processes, but because the output of a given plant is much smaller. Moreover, another great additional expense is caused by the difficult shapes required in the armor plates, increasing the cost and risk of fashioning them, and this especially the case with the three battleships.

An important factor in fixing the cost is the smallest amount of uncertainty of the product compared with the necessary amount of orders of naval armor in four years up to June 1st next at the rate of 1,540 tons annually, and if it is not made in the United States will exceed 2,000 tons per annum. The armor plant cost \$4,000,000. A charge of 15 per cent to cover depreciation, equaling \$600,000 per annum, would make the fixed charge \$300 per ton of armor, exclusive of all other costs to manufacture. To have the magnificent plant idle and the skilled workmen scattered would be a national misfortune, it is declared.

In conclusion, Mr. Sayre says that while the company cannot supply the small quantity of armor required at a price lower than that now paid, it still stands ready to sell its plant to the government below cost at a fair price, but to be fixed by suitable arbitration. However, congress will remove the limitation on the price he believes he can agree with the department upon a fair price, but that the price paid for similar armor by any other country is the world.

CUTS OFF MANY CONSULAR FEES.

Candidates for Office Labor to Have Olney's Order Reversed. WASHINGTON, April 8.—Considerable pressure is being brought to bear upon the president to secure a repeal of some consular regulations promulgated by Secretary Olney last October, which in effect largely curtail the big fees which have been received by some consular officers. The order practically did away with the requirement in all cases of an oath to invoices by an exporter. The result was that many consuls, who were in the habit of dividing the fees with their commissioners empowered to administer such oaths, lost these returns. They were, in the eyes of the department, illegal in any sense, for they were not required to be made to the department of state, and there was no warrant for the retention of any other class of fees. Now the application for the consular places have discovered that a large percentage of the returns of their prospective offices have been out of the pocket of the order, and so the places are less desirable. At one British port the consul last year secured nearly \$8,000 in such fees, which he pocketed. In addition the practice of the exporters was seriously injured by the necessity of appearing in the very limited hours set by the consuls for the reception of invoices, and altogether the practice was regarded by Secretary Olney as improper.

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COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE.

Democrats and Republicans Try to Agree on a Plan.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The republican and democratic senators have at last apparently begun serious efforts to reach an understanding upon a basis of compromise. The "messaging" committees of both sides of the chamber were in session during the greater part of the afternoon today and subcommittees representing both parties met in conference or the exchange of propositions, involving the reorganization of the committees of the chamber, and the reorganization of the committee on appropriations. There are two vacant places in the finance committee, one caused by the retirement of a democrat, and another by the resignation of a republican, and three on the appropriations committee, all caused by the failure of the democrats to secure re-election to the senate.

Plans for Encouraging the Industry

WASHINGTON, April 8.—A meeting of representatives of the shipping interests was held yesterday in the room of the senate committee on commerce. Among those present were: C. A. Grosvenor, W. P. Clyde, T. W. Hyde, A. R. Smith, C. H. Cramp, S. S. Sewall, H. P. Booth, E. B. Bliss, Aaron Vanderbilt, D. C. Mink, F. J. Firth, C. H. Keep, ex-Senator G. F. Edmunds and Senators Frye, Elkins, Hanna and Perkins. The meeting was held for the purpose of promoting legislation looking to the encouragement of American shipping. There was a general exchange of views. Senator Elkins' bill providing for a discriminating duty on goods imported in American vessels afforded a basis for much of the proceedings, but there was a want of unanimity of opinion upon all of its provisions.

Patents to Western Inventors.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—(Special Telegram.)—The following assignments of officers recently promoted have been made: Captain John C. W. Tilton to company I, Fourth Infantry. He will remain on duty with the United States until July 1, when he will join his company; First Lieutenant John H. Wholey to company A, Twenty-fourth Infantry; First Lieutenant Peter Murray to company B, Fifth Infantry.

Colonel Shafter Gets the Stars.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The president today nominated Colonel William Shafter, Fifth Infantry, to be brigadier general.

Drexel L. Shoman is in his glory in this sale of low cut shoes at a low cut price—Selling ladies' oxfords—in tans or black that we've sold up to \$4.00 a pair for \$1.28, \$1.28, \$1.48 and \$1.98—is a chance in the oxford line that rarely occurs to the shoe wearing public.—The sizes are broken—but for all that there's such a good assortment that there's not much danger but what everybody will be fitted.

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ANOTHER MISSION FOR FOSTER.

Will be Called In to Settle the Fur War. WASHINGTON, April 8.—The administration proposes to loan no time in taking up the fur seal controversy. At the cabinet meeting on Tuesday it was decided, after a full discussion between the president and Secretary Sherman, to invite John W. Foster to take charge of the conduct of matters, under the direction of the secretary of state, and that C. S. Hamblin, who has given the question careful study for the past four years, will be asked to co-operate on behalf of the Treasury department.

It is known that the president has taken the liveliest interest in this matter and there is every reason to believe that he will be what Russia has long desired, namely, the cooperation between herself and the United States on this question, and probably united against the seal islands. Both nations to stop the slaughter now going on. The seal, which regard entertained for Mr. Foster in Russia and his intimate knowledge of the seal question, Pennsylvania, James H. McMillan, the case of the United States before the Paris tribunal of arbitration, especially fits him for the task assigned him by the president.

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NAMES A GOVERNMENT DIRECTOR.

John T. Bressler Succeeds J. N. H. Patrick.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The president has appointed John T. Bressler of Nebraska a government director of the United Pacific railroad, to succeed J. N. H. Patrick, whose term has expired.

John T. Bressler was born in Huntington county, Pennsylvania, January 18th, 1848. He removed with his parents from the county where he was born to Blair county in the same state in 1854. He attended the common school of spring of 1870, when he removed to Wayne county, Nebraska, which has been his home ever since. He was a member of the grand jury which he lived until the fall of 1877, when he was elected county treasurer on the republican ticket, filling the office for two terms. In connection with David C. Patterson he was one of the organizers of the bank at La Porte, which place was then the county seat of Wayne county. He was elected county clerk in 1882 and the county and the town of Wayne started the bank was removed to that place and subsequently reorganized as a national bank with Mr. Bressler as its first president. He has since been engaged in the real estate and loan business, and also in farming. He was elected to the Nebraska legislature in 1894 for the district, composed of Wayne, Stanton, Madison and Pierce counties. His constituents were among the most energetic of the national republican convention at St. Louis last summer which nominated Mr. McKinley.

Bell Gets His Pension.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Mr. Evans, the new commissioner of pensions, today rescinded his order directing that payment of pension money be withheld from Mr. H. C. Bell, ex-deputy commissioner of pensions, and that he should be paid the balance of \$271, the amount due. The back money, accordingly, was paid today and Mr. Bell's pension is now restored to the rolls at \$5 per month.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$225,019,015; gold reserve, \$152,705,355.

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Swollen River Claims Quartet of Lives for Its Own.

CAUGHT BY FLOOD WHEN LEVEE BROKE

Inland Streams Take Out Bridges in Missouri—Backing Up the Yazoo Miles Above Its Mouth.

JACKSON, Miss., April 8.—The following dispatch has just been received from Greenville: Every day now brings some tale of woe from the overflowed region. There is one the Associated press learned this morning which is reliable. When the levee broke this morning at Mound Landing a family consisting of a mother and six children were overtaken by the water, and before they could reach a place of safety four of the children were caught by the furiously rushing current and washed away almost in the twinkling of an eye. Who these people were was not learned in the confusion of the night. It is believed the mother and the other two children were taken care of. The railroad bridge across the main streams in the country are going fast. An iron bridge on the Bogus valley route was washed away yesterday. There were some 150 cattle and horses upon it at the time. The Southern bridges on the Bogus have also been washed away.

FEAR RAINS MORE THAN RIVERS.

Storm Does Great Damage to Louisiana Farmers.

NEW ORLEANS, April 8.—The flood water has not yet spent its fullest force in Louisiana and the levees still average several feet above the water. A few more storms like that of Tuesday night will leave little damage for the flood to do and the weather holds more dread for the levee boards than the rising rivers. Along Bayou La Fourche the levees are ruined and many substantial structures injured, but strange as it may seem, regarded as probably the weakest part of the Louisiana system, came through unscathed. This has given the water-side dwellers hope and they will make a gallant effort to hold the banks. A mass meeting was held at Thibodaux, a mass organized money and material pledges and the people offered their services to labor and watch. From every other section the reports are excellent. The government engineers report that magnificent work has been accomplished in the last few weeks and that the line is stronger than it has ever been.

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