EXPLAINS ALLGOOD MATTER

Commission Did Not Know or Enquire Whether Carrier Was Colored.

WOULD MAKE NO DIFFERENCE IF IT HAD

Was Highest on Eligible List and Inspector Reported Him Acceptable to the People on the Route.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—The Civil Service commission today made the following explanation of the circumstances attending the appointment to his position of John C. Allgood, the Tennessee rural free delivery letter carrier, who has been prevented from performing the duties of his office by the patrons of his route:

There are five rural free delivery routes which start at Gallatin, Tenn. There were fifteen applicants for positions as rural letter carriers on these routes. Eight of these applicants have been offered appointment, of whom five accepted and three declined. For route No. 1, Allen S. Dillard, a white man, made the highest average and was appointed February 16, 1903, to begin work on March 2. On February 25 notice was received that Dillard had declined. The next man on the register was John C. Allgood, the colored carrier who recently was compelled to abandon his route. In his report the examiner stated that Allgood would make a very acceptable carrier. His judgment was based on his investigations as to the wishes of the patrons of the route under section 9 of the regulations which provides "that the examination shall further consist of a careful inquiry and report by the special agent or the route inspector as to each of the competitor's acquaintance with the patrons of the route and the extent to which he has their confidence, his general characteristics, suitability and fitness for the position and his character and reputation." When Dillard declined Allgood was appointed. There is nothing in the record to show that he is a colored man, nor could this fact have been considered if the record had shown it.

No Protests Filed.

No protests were filed by any persons prior to the date of his appointment. He was appointed on February 26, the day after the notice was received of the declination of Dillard. Allgood began work March 1, the date the service on his route started. Mr. Allgood and Mr. Dillard had made about equal averages, so far as the scholastic test is concerned and Mr. Dillard got the benefit of the first certification merely on account of the result of the examiner's investigation, which showed that he would be satisfactory to more patrons than would Allgood. Section 9 of the regulations gives the patrons ample opportunity to select their man, inasmuch as the applicant must be a person who has a good reputation in the community. Protests from patrons in any case are always considered and investigated by the central board of examiners. When no protests are received it is of course understood that the applicants are satisfactory to the patrons of the route.

For rural route No. 2, which starts at Gallatin, Tenn., William H. Franklin received the highest rating. Franklin also is a colored man, and there never has been any complaint whatever as to his acceptability to the patrons of his route. Franklin is a Spanish war veteran, with an excellent record, as shown by the copy of his discharge on file with his papers. In his case the examiner said that in his opinion no one could find fault with him, and the postmaster stated that he was fully competent.

In the case of Allgood, the examination and investigation were made by a special agent, whose home is in Tennessee and who is familiar with the conditions there. The agent states that while he gave the preference to Dillard in his report, he thought Allgood would make a very satisfactory man in case Dillard should not accept the appointment. The examination for these routes was made as early as May 16, 1902. No protests have been received in the cases either of Franklin or of Allgood.

CLEVELAND CONTENT

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financial success which it deserves to be, and which its projectors hope it will be.

Honoring Boss Shepherd.

On Monday last Washington honored the memory of the late Alexander R. Shepherd, the regenerator of the national capital, by following his remains, which were brought from Mexico, to their last resting place in the beautiful cemetery known as Rock Creek. Already a fund has been started to erect a substantial memorial to the man who twenty-five years ago overturned all precedent, took the reins in his own hands, and made Washington what it was intended to be, the most beautiful city in the world. To Alexander R. Shepherd more than all other men combined Washington of today owes its existence, notwithstanding that in his life time he was pilloried as an odious political boss, it is only fitting that his work should be suitably honored.

But there are two other men, private citizens, who are doing much individually for the capital of the nation. One of these is Joseph E. Willard, at present the lieutenant governor of Virginia. Up to six or seven years ago Mr. Willard was comparatively unknown in Washington. He was living the life of a country gentleman in his beautiful place in Fairfax county, Virginia, which was the home of his mother. His father was one of the wealthiest real estate owners in this city, who allowed his holdings to remain unimproved year after year. When he died the son inherited his property and lost no time in improving it. He first acquired the half interest in Willard's hotel owned by his uncle, and through his efforts a trust company was formed which promptly erected one of the handsomest and most substantial business buildings on one portion of the property. Next he built a fine office building on one of the sightliest corners of F street, on a lot which had been an eyesore to the neighborhood for twenty years or more. Then he furnished and improved all the minor buildings which he inherited from his father. The old gentleman seemed to prefer that his buildings should be vacant rather than that they should have occupants. The son has adopted the reverse policy, and prosperous business is conducted today in stores and offices which for decades had no occupant. But the greatest of Mr. Willard's improvements consisted in tearing down the historic Willard's hotel, which sheltered during its days statesmen and soldiers by the hundreds. Upon half the site there was first erected a modern, fireproof, up-to-date hotel, ten stories high, which has been filled with guests from the day it was opened, and now the remaining portion of the site is being adorned with an additional structure which, when completed, as it will be within a very few months, will give Washington what it has never had before, an absolutely first-class hotel. Governor Willard is also interested in a company which proposes to erect a new $1,000,000 hotel in the vicinity of the union depot soon to be erected within a few blocks of the capitol.

What Tom Walsh is Doing.

The other benefactor is Thomas F. Walsh, a Colorado millionaire, who brought his wealth to Washington some years ago and has been spending it in beautifying the city ever since he came. Mr. Walsh already has one of the most beautiful residences in the fashionable northwestern section. Today he is pushing to rapid completion a fireproof office building within a block of the treasury and quite recently he has acquired by purchase title to another old hotel site with the property adjoining, which, as soon as the lease expires, he proposes to improve by erecting thereon still another up-to-date hotel with all the conveniences, but which will be less expensive for visitors than the Willard. In other words, Mr. Walsh saw an opportunity to give the traveling public the very latest in the way of hotel facilities at medium prices, and within the next five years Washington will in consequence be provided with better accommodations in this direction than any city of its size in the country.

Joseph E. Willard and Thomas F. Walsh are comparatively young men. It is to be hoped that it will be very many years before the citizens of Washington will be called upon to pay tribute to the memory of either of them. But there are no private citizens in the national capital today who are more entitled to the praise of their fellows than these two gentlemen, who have invested their means to such good purpose in the improvement of the character of the architecture of the city of Washington.

Popularity of New Chinese Minister.

The indications are that the new Chinese minister will very soon be as popular in Washington as his predecessor, Mr. Wu Ting-fang. Sir Chen Tung Liang has won the hearts of the people wherever he has appeared in public. He speaks English with even greater facility than did Mr. Wu, and he is mixing with the Americans in every possible way. His children associate with American boys and are already popular among them. The members of his entourage are likewise acquiring American ways as rapidly as they possibly can, and the public schools of Washington have enrolled among their scholars quite a number of Celestial children, who, while unable to speak the language of their playmates, are rapidly learning English words and acquiring the knowledge imparted in the kindergartens. One of the amusing sights these spring mornings is the receptions which are daily held by the almond-eyed little girl, perhaps 9 years of age, who attends one of the public schools in the vicinity of North Fourteenth street. At first this little lady was accompanied by a Chinese gentleman wearing the costume of a mandarin. Now she goes alone, and before she gets within a block of the school house she is surrounded by a small army of youngsters of about her own age, all eager to do the honors of the morning. This little Chinese lady has already learned all the indoor games with which American youngsters are familiar, and if she keeps on as she is going at present, she promises to become an expert at the American game of base ball, as she has developed great fondness for and some proficiency in that sport of the American youngster.

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Dog Poisoner Gets Busy.

TECUMSEH, May 10.—(Special.)—The dog poisoner is getting in his work in great shape in this city. Within the last forty-eight hours fully twenty canines, of all classes and values, have succumbed. Poisoned meat has been scattered all over town and while a great many worthless dogs have been destroyed in this way some of the very best ones have also been killed. Ben Buffum lost a whole pack of hounds, C. E. Ferguson a valuable bird dog and a great many others have lost good dogs. The cats are not escaping the poison either, and they are dying by the wholesale. It is said the officers have an idea who is doing the work and disclosures may be expected at any time.

Catches a Horse Thief.

FALL CITY, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—A fellow giving his name as John Henderson came to town Saturday, having in his possession a horse which he promptly disposed of to a horse buyer for $50. Chief of Police Fergus had just received a card offering a reward for a stolen horse from Atchison, Kan., and was making the rounds of the livery stables looking for it. Henderson was nabbed by the officer and proved to be the man wanted. The sheriff from Atchison and the owner of the horse arrived in the afternoon and both horse and thief were taken back to Kansas. The buyer of the animal received all but a few dollars back.

Odd Fellows Go Visiting.

TABLE ROCK, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—Some twenty-five or thirty of the members of Interior Lodge No. 9, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, located at Pawnee City, drove over last evening to visit the local lodge. Their justly celebrated "team" was of the number, and some very fine "floor work" was put on in the first and second degrees. After the work for the evening was completed refreshments were served, and at a late hour they departed for their homes, reporting a very enjoyable evening.

Schools Close May 22.

TABLE ROCK, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—The high school will close May 22 and commencement exercises will be held that evening at the Opera house. The baccalaureate sermon is to be preached by Rev. W. H. Parker, the Presbyterian minister, in the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday evening, May 17. The high school will hold its annual "field day" sports on the school grounds Friday, May 15, 1903.

Piano Recital at Dorchester.

DORCHESTER, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—Miss Emily Perkins of the Conservatory of Music, Lincoln, gave a piano recital at the Methodist Episcopal church last evening under the auspices of the local chapter of the Epworth league. The entertainment was well attended and all spoke in the highest terms of Miss Perkins' skill as a performer.

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TROUBLE OVER A ROOSTER

Prize Scratcher Gets Into Prize Garden and the War is Then On.

POLICE JUDGE DECIDES KNOTTY PROELEM

Congressman Cannon Spends Day in the City as Guest of Congressman Burkett and Meets Many Citizens.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, May 10.—(Special.)—These are days when the gentle zephyrs carry over the backyard fence extracts of the ruffled tempers of the gardener and the chicken raiser. Days when the common law right of a chicken to scratch in a neighbor's garden is disputed by the neighbor. The war is on in Lincoln and already the courts have been called upon to decide between the man scratcher and the chicken scratcher.

For many days Allen C. Reddish, who, notwithstanding his name, is a chicken fancier rather than a gardener, and Anderson Bomer who is the reverse, have each tried in his own line of work to scratch out a living. Mr. Reddish is, or rather was, the possessor of a yellow leg rooster, the head and brains of a large following. This rooster's proper scratching ground is about the Reddish garden. But Mr. Rooster to get for his following the best in the land, left the premises set apart for him and at the head of the family slowly meandered down to the home of Mr. Bomer. There young radishes, that were entirely unlike the young Reddishes, he knew were just sprouting and so were many other little delicacies. And Mr. Rooster began to scratch and cluck and chuckle. Mr. Bomer came home about that time and scratched around for rocks. He found them and Mr. Rooster did a hot foot into the barn of Mr. Bomer. The owner also went in the barn and how it happened no one was able to tell the court, but in a very short time Mr. Bomer came forth with Mr. Rooster hanging limp and lifeless in his hand. Very tenderly and quietly he carried Mr. Rooster to the Reddish home and with a little twist of the wrist deposited all that was left of him on the porch, where Mr. Reddish found him some time later.

After due deliberation Reddish had Bomer arrested for malicious destruction of property and the case was tried before Judge Cosgrove yesterday afternoon. The judge decided after listening to much evidence that it was not proven that Bomer killed the rooster even though he chased him in the barn and carried him out. Consequently the defendant was discharged.

Bound to Have a Wedding.

The Eagles carnival to be held here May 18 to 23 promises to be right smart of an entertainment and to that end much preparation is being made. The management laid great stress on the fact that a couple would be married before the eager gaze of the assembled multitude, when the events were first made public. This publicity so worked on the bride that she balked when it came to signing up the contract, and the groom refused to take unto himself another girl. Again, however, the carnival management went industriously to work and as a consequence letters of acceptance are being received by the score and the marriage will surely take place. Many presents are to be given the couple and they will be placed on exhibition in a few days.

Congressman Cannon in City.

Congressman Joseph Cannon, who will be the next speaker of the house of representatives, was the guest of Congressman Burkett at the latter's residence, 1544 B street, from yesterday afternoon until this evening. He left tonight for other points in the state. This morning with Mr. Burkett the next speaker attended services at St. Paul Methodist Episcopal church, after which he returned to the home of Mr Burkett, where he spent the day. He arrived in Lincoln yesterday afternoon and was taken immediately to the Burkett home, where an informal reception was held, many citizens and federal officers calling upon him. Mr. Burkett invited a number of the prominent citizens to dinner last evening to meet Mr. Cannon. In a short talk after dinner Mr. Cannon expressed his regard for President Roosevelt. "He is the man of the million," he said, "and I do not doubt but that he will lead the republican ticket next year."

Woodmen Going to Head Camp.

The Modern Woodmen of America camps throughout the state are making great preparations to attend the head camp meeting, to be held in Indianapolis during the week of June 1. Out of Lincoln alone will go 155 uniformed men, including a band, to compete for drill prizes. To these teams will be added those from Crete and Hebron. Besides competing for some of the honors those from here expect to do a little work for A. R. Talbot for head consul. The battalion from here will be headed by the famous Hagenow band of thirty-five pieces. Captain Gildersleeve has charge of the band and he also has much faith in it. This band won the first prize in Kansas City at the meeting of the head camp held in 1899 and the first prize at St. Paul in 1901. It is considered one of the finest military bands in all the west.

By a special dispensation from the head consul, Woodman memorial Sunday will be observed here on June 7 instead of the third Sunday in June. This because of the fact that the teams will be tired out when they return from the Indianapolis meeting.

Water and Light for Wausa.

WAUSA, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—The bonds voted for waterworks have been disposed of and all is now in readiness to begin work on installing the plant. The only thing that remains to be decided is the system of pressure to be employed. Some argue in favor of the standpipe, while others insist that the air pressure method, though much less expensive, gives equally satisfactory service in a small town of this size. Messrs. Engdahl and Wilson are serving as a committee for the selection of a system. These gentlemen will probably visit towns in Iowa where the air pressure system is in use in the near future to ascertain to what degree of satisfaction it fills the bill. As soon as the system has been decided on, active work on laying the mains and providing the well will be begun. F. W. West, A. R. Oleson and H. Pritchard were appointed as a committee to thoroughly investigate different lighting plants used in villages, committee to make report of their investigation, after which it is expected to form a company to erect a plant, subject to such franchise regulations as are reasonable and just in the minds of the village board.

Creamery Out of Business.

WEST POINT, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—The stockholders of the Bismarck Township Cream Separator company have dissolved partnership by mutual consent and the separator and entire outfit was sold last week for $171. The plant cost the company $1,600 a few years ago. The failure was caused by the centralization of the cream industry, cutting out all small competition.

Confirms a Large Class.

WOOD RIVER, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—Unusually important services were held at the Catholic church of Wood River Monday morning at 9 o'clock when Right Rev. Bishop Scannell of Omaha confirmed thirty-two young people and admitted them to membership in the church. The following reverend gentlemen from a distance were present to assist: Rev. Father Gleason of Nashville, Tenn.; Father Wolf of Grand Island, Father Darvan of Sidney, Father McCarty of Schuyler, Father McCarty of Kearney, Father Burke of Lexington and Father Carroll of North Platte. Father Gleason of Tennessee is an old friend of Rev. Father Lynch and has been his guest the past week. Under the guiding hand of Father Lynch the church at Wood River is in a very prosperous condition and is growing in numbers and strength right along.

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Draws a Knife on Officer.

TECUMSEH, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—Night Watch Oldfield had a lively tussle with a tough character in front of Hunt's livery barn at an early hour this morning which might have resulted seriously for the officer. The offender was a stranger and he arrived in the city yesterday afternoon with a woman of shady reputation. Last night the pair were out to the south bridge from the city and the man and some laborers got into a rumpus in which it is said the man fared badly. Later the couple came up town and stole into the livery barn and were going to remain there until morning when discovered by the officer. He started to take them to jail and when in front of the barn the man drew an ugly-looking knife from his pocket and made for Mr. Oldfield. Mr. Oldfield was equal to the occasion and dealt the man a knock-out blow before he could use the knife. The couple are in jail and will be given an opportunity to explain matters in the police court in the morning.

Opera House Changes Hands.

TECUMSEH, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—The Tecumseh opera house has changed management. The theater, which is owned by William Hahn, has been managed by Seavers Bros. for the last fifteen years. They have given up the house and Mr. Hahn has rented it to C. E. Clagett of Johnson and Charles Ramsey of this city. Mr. Clagett has the management of the Overland theater at Nebraska City and the opera houses at Auburn and Johnson, in addition to the Tecumseh opera house. Mr. Clagett will attend to the booking of attractions and Mr. Ramsey will act as local manager.

Orchardists are Hopeful.

TECUMSEH, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—The orchardists of Johnson county are very hopeful for at least from half to two-thirds of a crop of peaches and apples and as much from the strawberries, notwithstanding the blizzard of ten days ago. Cherries and plums are greatly injured and there will be but few. The gardens are coming up again in good shape. Wheat was benefited by the moisture and is looking fine. Corn planting is now on in earnest, the weather is warm and the seed will not suffer in the ground, as did that planted before the storm.

McCarthy Appoints His Secretary.

PONCA, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—Congressman McCarthy has appointed Judge F. D. Fales of this place as his private secretary. The appointee was the chairman of the congressional committee in the late campaign and has been prominent in Dixon county and Third district politics for a number of years.

Balloon Ascension at Beemer.

BEEMER, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—Beemer was crowded with farmers and citizens yesterday afternoon to witness a balloon ascension. Prof. Eliasson made the ascent very successfully and came down with a parachute, to the great delight of the crowd.

Governor Mickey to Lecture.

CHADRON, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—Governor Mickey will deliver an address in this city Tuesday evening on the subject of "Character Building." The lecture is under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian association.

Heavy Rain at Fremont.

FREMONT, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—A very heavy shower of rain fell here this morning, the total fall being nearly an inch. It came just at the time of the close of the morning services at the churches, and hackdrivers did a rushing business. Heavy rains are also reported from points north of here on the Northwestern road.

Find Water Commissioner Short.

FALLS CITY, Neb., May 10.—(Special.)—The following partial report of the city council committee on the accounts of A. D. Humbargar as water commissioner was made to the council last evening: "We have gone over the accounts due the city from individuals for wiring in houses and for supplies furnished during this regime and find the sum of $239.06 due the city, for which there is no credit. In addition to this the warrant of $66.50 issued to the General Electric company, which he sold and converted the money to his own use, makes a total of $305.56. Mr. C. H. Richards, water commissioner, who succeeds Mr. Humbargar, has made out bills for the foregoing accounts. We recommend that the incoming water commissioner take these bills at once to the parties and demand payment. If they have receipts we suggest that he take a copy of the same and as soon as he can determine the exact amount of those that are paid for our attorney to present the same to the bondsmen of said Humbargar. We suggest that further action against said Humbargar for criminal action be governed by the desires of his bondsmen." Mr. Humbargar was appointed water commissioner under the last administration of Mayor W. S. Seyda some two or three months ago. He resigned and left the city. Upon investigation the foregoing was found.

Photographs of Summer Resorts.

The Pere Marquette railroad, the Michigan summer resort scenic route, is sending out a handsome souvenir of the resort country in the shape of four photographs of beautiful scenes, each 6x8 inches, mounted ready for framing and without advertising printed on them. These make a handsome reminder of the summer days, and will be sent to any address on receipt of 25 cents. Address H. F. Moeller, G. P. A., Pere Marquette R. R., Detroit, Mich.

Announcements of the Theaters.

Great interest is being manifested in the first appearance in Omaha of the Weber & Fields all-star stock company, and the Orpheum will doubtless be crowded to its capacity next Friday night when the famous organization will be seen in "Twirly-Whirly" and "The Big Little Princess," a double offering which embraces the services of Lillian Russell, William Collier, Fay Templeton, Peter F. Dailey, Charles A. Bigelow, Louise Allen, John T. Kelly, Will Archie and Weber and Fields themselves, surrounded by the famous Weberfields chorus. The dual entertainment will be produced exactly the same as at the home theater in New York, all the original scenery and costumes being carried on the special train of six cars chartered by the company for use on its tour of the principal cities. "Twirly-Whirly" is a melange of fun and music of the distinctive Weber & Fields type. It tells no story, points no moral and adorns no tale, being constructed solely for laughing purposes. In "Twirly-Whirly" Lillian Russell is a wealthy American widow living in Spain. William Collier is the promoter of Texas oil stocks, later changing to the bad girl of the school, with Peter Dailey as a side partner and abettor in mischief. Dailey in the first part is the typical dress-suited manager of a vaudeville show. Fay Templeton changes from a Spanish girl to the unfortunate pupil in a school under the management of Charles Bigelow as the shrewish school ma'am. Weber and Fields are here, there and everywhere, furnishing their share of the general amusement. Edgar Smith, author of the double offering, makes no excuse for his work. He wrote with a view to amusing the public and the long run in New York is a guarantee that he succeeded in his purpose. The sale of seats at the box office begins Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock.

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