

Our Washington Letter.

Hope, which is said to be the most persistent thing in politics, again springs in the breast of the patient and lowly office seeker, and at night when he sits by his virtuous couch and counts the money in his inside pocket, he begins to feel mildly encouraged. He is not, of course elated or hilarious, but he is steadily as happy as he ever expects to be in this cruel Civil Service world. He of the rank and file, of office seekers has already discovered that he would be satisfied with a smaller section of the earth than he first requested, and has changed his application to a lesser position.

The present crowd of office seekers is not, however, as easily satisfied as were the peace hunters who came here when Mr. Cleveland was elected. Many of the latter, being willing to accept anything at all, from Secretary of a Department to the laborer who pushes a wheelbarrow, they were essentially sympathetic in their school believing that a very little office was a good thing and that practically as efficacious as a great deal of position. In this they exhibited more courage than sense, as many afterwards discovered to their eternal sorrow, as is shown by the really remarkable list of resignations of Democrats during the Cleveland administration. The present crowd knows full well that an \$800 a year position in Washington is not worth the taking, especially as full settlement of the political obligation, and they will not risk them, unless coupled with a substantial promise of early promotion.

A few discharges have already been made in the clerks, and more may be expected. The hungry ones claim to be disappointed, but last week the President's promise to make a clean sweep in so far as possible, and to begin by re-instating members of the Republican party who in good standing who were turned out by the Democrats. To do this it was necessary to remove one and for all President Cleveland's decision that no person shall be eligible to re-instate over two years after resigning or one year after discharge, unless the civil service examination be passed. That this rule will be revoked there is now hardly any doubt. If it is retired, the axe will be kept pretty busy.

Already the small fry in the Government are determining procedure as to be killed. Clerks who have been appointed some years ago, that they have quite forgotten their native place, have for occasional letters from their nephews who still live, very old and feeble back on the homestead, suddenly awake to the realization that they have been prosecuted for political sake and they proceed to cry aloud and exhibit their woe in the market place. In most of these cases the complainant is receiving to day as much salary or more than he received in the days of Republican rule, and he took not enough interest in the last campaign to go home to vote or to contribute one dollar to the funds. These are the political martyrs. Many of the most loud mouthed woe wailers, and in some during Arthur's administration that they lived in contentment and subject of dismissal.

In the meantime the President is incessantly trying to convince the anxious Representatives and Senators that they must stand with their candidates, and that the positions cannot all be filled at once.

The debate over the confirmation of Whitlaw Reid on Saturday was a hot one, and brought out a great deal of bad feeling. The opposition that was expected from the Southern Senators and who would have made the Republicans as Mr. Reid's support, as being a violation of the honor of the "bloody day" did not come forward, but the Republican opponents of Mr. Blaine were not so generous. They gave it to Mr. Reid with a warmth that was full of local pent up spleen.

The appointment of Corporal Tanner to be Commissioner of Pensions is a great recognition of the non-committed men in the late war. Mr. Tanner is a soldier who bears the evidence of service in his two stumps of legs. His party record is sound and his work during the late campaign was a great aid to his party. His appointment is due to the President's personal desire and to the further influence of Col. Dudley, the former Republican Commissioner, and John O. Howe. It is in open opposition to the wishes of Senator Hiseock, who takes the appointment with bad grace.

There is every indication that President Harrison will not escape without his own experience with New York politicians. The efforts of Senator Hiseock in opposition to the President's long expressed desire to appoint Mr. Tanner, shows the old, familiar face of the New York "boss."

Washington, March 25, 1889.

Hints to Housekeepers.

Seraped raw potatoes are very soothing for a burn.

The moment you are instinctively prompted to rub your eyes stop using them.

It is dangerous to fill an oil lamp too full; within an inch of the cap is near enough.

Salt and vinegar brighten brasses as well as any more modern and expensive positions.

When making up unbleached muslin you must allow an inch to the yard for shrinkage.

Drain pipes and all places that are now and are pure may be cleaned with lime water or carbolic acid.

If a dish gets burnt in using, do not scrape it; put a little water and ashes in it and let it get warm. It will come off easily.

Teach Your Boys.

Teach them that a true lady may be found in elio quite as frequently as in velvet.

Teach them that a common school education with common sense, is better than a college education without it.

Teach them that one good honest trade well mastered, is worth a dozen beggarly professions.

Teach them that honesty is the best policy, that it is better to be poor than to be rich on the profits of "crooked whisk."

Teach them to respect their elders and themselves.

Teach them that to wear patched clothes is no disgrace, but to wear a black eye is.

Teach them that God is no respecter of sex, and that when he gave the seventh commandment, he meant it for them as well as for their fathers.

Teach them that by neglecting their depraved appetites in their worst forms of dissipation they are not fitting themselves to become the husbands of pure girls.

Teach them that it is better to be an honest man six days in the week than to be a Christian (?) one day and a villain six days.

Interesting Items.

EMILY Steel, a 17 year old Dresden, Ont. girl, succeeded recently to death.

A YOUNG woman named Thompson at Buckingham, Ont., during sleep drove a harpin into her skull by some means, and in a few days death ensued.

FRANK McKenna, aged 12, of Providence, B. I., put his car to the rail to lurch for an approaching train. It came from the opposite direction to the one he expected, and killed him.

GEORGE DeWolf of New Minas, N. S., owns a two-year old heifer which has been in the pasture since last spring. She was so wild that she could not be got in last fall and has therefore lived in the woods all winter. The animal looks well. How is that for a Nova Scotia winter?—Kentville Star.

The Summerside Journal of the 21st. inst., records the death of nine persons whose united ages amount to 724 years.

WHAT SUPERSTITION DID.—A credulous farmer, who followed the advice of a fortune teller and left the lid of his trunk open overnight, next morning discovered that all his savings, one hundred and forty dollars, had been carried off. He did not lose faith in the fortune teller, however. He again visited her and, upon paying fifty cents, she cheered him up by telling him to open the trunk and take the money. He returned within twenty-four hours. He opened the trunk but the lot cash failed to put in an appearance.—Fredericton Reporter.

BURNED TO DEATH.—A terrible accident occurred at Lawrence station (St. Stephen branch of the N. B. R.) which resulted, Saturday evening, in the death of Mrs. McGregor, wife of Rev. Mr. McGregor, Baptist minister, of Buffalo, New York, and daughter of Mr. Levi Richardson, of Lawrence, Ontario. Mrs. McGregor came home last fall to spend the winter with her parents, and, being troubled with catarrh, had tried many remedies. The only one which gave her any relief was kerosene, and while applying that remedy to near the open stove, her clothing caught fire, every shred of which was burned, leaving her body in a frightful condition. Her sister in trying to extinguish the flames was severely burned about the hands and arms. Mrs. McGregor leaves a family of five small children, the eldest but a about 13 years of age.—Oshawa News.

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