

POLITICS POPPING.

New Political Sun Rising, and Rays Are Being Felt in Capital City.

A dispatch from Washington to the Columbia Record says:

A new political sun is rising. In this capital city its rays already are beginning to be felt. The environments of political life in Washington are becoming superheated. Politics is fairly popping. The corridors of the capitol are thronged with men who rarely are seen in Washington except in the midst of a campaign which has its centre here. The situation today recalls the days of the preliminary campaign for the presidential nomination in 1896, when William McKinley and Thomas B. Reed were the leading candidates for the republican nomination.

In the early days of that year, when Mr. Reed was the speaker of the house of representatives, politicians and would be statesmen hung about him with buzzard-like persistence. They gave him no peace. His room at the capitol was besieged by men who desired primarily to bask in the light of his presence, and, secondarily, to impress him with the power of their influence to their eventual political profit.

Scores, even hundreds of these people, Speaker Reed appeared to be forced to receive and treat with civility. He was not a particularly impressionable character, however, and most of his callers experienced the blight of a frost.

So it was, too, at Canton, Ohio. There McKinley received a veritable host of republicans from all parts of the country. The callers nearly badgered the life out of him. Being in the public eye, he was unable to rid himself of the horde of inconsequential persons who desired everything from him from a portfolio in the cabinet to a recommendation of a corn cure. It was a remarkable and characteristically American situation.

In the respects noted, history is now repeating itself in Washington. Secretary Taft, who, for the moment at least, seems to be the most prominent candidate for the Republican nomination for the presidency, is passing through an experience similar to that of Reed and McKinley. Hundreds of persons desire to see him every day. He is besieged by callers. So great is the pressure upon his time that he scarcely has opportunity to sign his personal mail. In addition to the time consumed in receiving people who have to be seen he is obliged to prepare speech after speech to be delivered in various parts of the country. As a weight-reducing process, the present situation is a decided success. Nobody but one endowed with immense physical and mental powers could withstand the strain which Taft is now undergoing.

The secretary, in self-defense, practically has abandoned his office in the war department. He appears there to attend to some official business, but most of his time is spent at his own home where he has set apart a suite of rooms in which he transacts official and political business. He has a corps of clerks and stenographers assisting him and one or two confidential men who act as buffers between him and the "general run" of callers.

It is a fact, remarked upon by experienced observers, that Secretary Taft now is receiving more callers than the president of the United States. The tide has turned towards him and he finds himself almost submerged. The president is not neglected by any means, but the politicians are looking to the east. A new political sun is rising.

TESTING EYESIGHT.

Southern Has Its Engineers, Firemen and Other Employees Examined.

Charlotte Chronicle.

A most interesting examination of Southern Railway employees is being conducted at the office of Dr. W. H. Wakefield in the Hunt building on North Tryon street. This examination having been in progress for several weeks, and over 100 men including engineers, firemen, conductors, flagmen, and others, having been put through a "3rd" degree of scientific testing as to the accuracy of their sight and hearing and the interpretation of signals.

The Southern has recently altered its tactics regarding this work, and where these tests were formerly conducted by men who were in the employ of the road, and were not eye or ear specialists, the road has now appointed specialists at nearly all of the important cities along their lines and these are busy this month making the examinations of the men.

In the first place everything is done in the strictest order and every man in the territory covered by Dr. Wakefield, furnished with a written order from those higher up in the road's employ to the effect that he present himself at the office of the examining physician on a given date to undergo the tests required.

The most interesting thing in connection with the examination of the sight of the men, is a peculiarly constructed lantern, which is made to show every known combination of railroad lantern signals and some that are not known, in order to ascertain the correctness and the promptness with which the man being tested can read these signals.

The engineer, fireman or flagman takes his seat 20 feet from the lantern, the room is darkened, and the specialist begins to rotate a cylinder on which colored bits of glass cover small holes, and from the outside have the appearance of the usual lantern signals shown at night on the railroad, and at day by the semaphore or the flag.

By a simple adjustment of the lantern being operated, the size of the light is reduced to exactly that of the regular lantern seen at a distance of half a mile. The light of course appears not larger than a small cherry, but the amount of light falling on the retina is practically the same as that from a regular lantern, in point of intensity, at half-mile distance.

There are four grades or percentages of condition of the eyesight which is included in the handbook sent out by the road, and prepared by an eminent specialist for this classification work.

It may sound strange to a man to be told that one eye on being tested, shows a strength or condition of 20/20—which means perfect eyesight—or 30/30 which means a partial deficiency of the eyesight.

For instance a man who holds a certain position of little responsibility may be able to show a record of only 50 per cent., expressed in everyday term, and not in the scientific method of registering the relative efficiency and strength of the eye.

An engineer or a fireman, however, must be able to show up a perfect vision before he can take hold of the throttle of one of the Southern's great six-wheel engines, or guide a swift-moving passenger train through midnight darkness, with only the semaphore lights and the lantern along the way to guide, while the mistaking of the color of any signal may cause the destruction of a whole train. It is for this reason that the Southern is exercising with other railroads, the extreme caution in the matter of having men in charge with perfect eyesight and with perfect vision and with no trace of the often-heard-of color blindness.

"Just the other day," said Dr. Wakefield, "a railroad man came up to my office to take this examination, and he was sorting out the various colors in the tray of colored skeins, which are tied up in little bows of various sizes. When I stepped outside for a moment and returning, I found that he had picked out three distinct shades and colors and had carefully piled them up for skeins of one color, or slight shades of that color. He made no remark, except to pull out his watch and say that he was in a hurry. He never realized that his eyes were seriously affected by color blindness."

The examinations of the railroad men have been carefully conducted here, and the railroad will receive the reports of the specialist and if there should be any man whose record in reading the signals or in selecting the colored skeins or hearing the ticking of a specially-made apparatus, at a distance of 20 feet, is not up to the requirements the officials of the road lose no time in making a thorough investigation of the matter.

FOUGHT FOR LIFE.

Was in the Hands of Mob; Wounded Ten, But Was Himself Finally Put to Death.

Valdosta, Ga., Feb. 12.—While in the hands of a mob of lynchers, who were taking him to a tree they had just chosen just across the Florida line, Jack Long, a white man, fought his assailants, wounding ten of them desperately and forcing the others to kill him.

Long was accused of killing James Sapp, a wealthy citizen. A son of Sapp had killed a brother of Long and escaped. Long met the father of the slayer and shot him to death. Long was arrested, and fifty men visited the jail and took him out to hang him.

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AUDITORS NOTICE. Assessment of Personal Property For 1908.

I, or an authorized agent, will be at the following named places for the purpose of taking returns of personal property for 1908: At Newberry Jan. 1st to 19. At Chappells Jan. 20. At Longshore Jan. 21. At Walton Jan. 22. At Glymphville Jan 23. At Mayblinton Jan 24. At Whitmore Jan. 25. At Pomera Jan. 27. At Little Mountain Jan. 28. At O'Nealls Jan. 29. At St. Lukes Jan. 30. At Jolly Street Jan. 31. At Prosperity Feb'y. 3 and 4. And at Newberry until February 20th, after which time the 50 per cent penalty will be added according to law.

The law requires a tax on all notes, mortgages and moneys also an income tax on gross incomes of \$2500.00 and upwards. A capitation tax of 50 cents is assessed on all dogs, the proceeds to be expended for school purposes. Taxpayers or their agents should be careful to assess all dogs and avoid having same listed by the school trustees and township assessors. All male persons between the age of 21 and 60 years (except Confederate soldiers, or those persons unable to earn a support from any cause), are liable to poll tax. No return will be accepted unless sworn to by taxpayer or some person authorized to make same. Persons changing residence from one township to another should so state to assessor and avoid having their names entered in two townships. Farmers and others in making returns for their hands should pay special attention to this.

Real estate is not assessed this year, but be careful to not on tax return each transfer of land or lots (bought or sold) since last return.

While on the rounds throughout the county the books of assessment will be opened each morning at 10 o'clock and closed at 4. The office at Newberry will be open as usual each day. W. W. Cromer, Auditor Newberry County.

This Is Worth Reading. Leo F. Zelinski, of 68 Gibson St., Buffalo, N. Y., says: "I cured the most annoying cold sore I ever had, with Bucklen's Arnica Salve. I applied this salve once a day for two days, when every trace of the sore was gone." Heals all sores. Sold under guarantee at W. E. Pelham and Son's drug store, 25c.

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Change of Schedules.

Effective 12.01 a. m. Sunday Jan. 5th, 1908, the following is the time of departure of all passenger trains leaving Newberry Union station:

Southern Railway:

No. 15 for Greenville ... 8.57a.m. No. 18 for Columbia ... 1.28 p.m. No. 11 for Greenville ... 4.17 p.m. No. 16 for Columbia ... 8.47 p.m. C., N. & L. Ry. No. 85 for Laurens ... 5.19 a.m. No. 22 for Columbia ... 8.47 a.m. No. 52 for Greenville ... 12.46 p.m. No. 53 for Columbia ... 3.10 p.m. No. 21 for Laurens ... 7.25 p.m. No. 84 for Columbia ... 8.30 p.m. No's. 84, 85, 21, and 22 run daily except Sunday. The above schedule is given only as information, is not guaranteed and is subject to change without notice. G. L. Robinson, Station Master.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

I will make a final settlement in the estate of W. H. Harris, deceased, in the probate court for Newberry county on Thursday, February 20, 1908, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and will immediately thereafter apply to the said court for letters dismisyory. All persons indebted to said estate will make payment on or before said date and all persons having claims against said estate will present them duly attested. Annie H. Harris, Administratrix.

LICENSE TAX DUE.

Notice is hereby given that city licenses for the year 1908 are now due and must be paid at once. By order of city council.

J. J. Langford, Mayor. Eugene S. Werts, Clerk and Treasurer.

An Early Riser.

Borem—I think I hear your father's step on the stairs, so perhaps I had better bid you good night.

Miss Hills (yawning)—Oh, it can't be father. He's a late sleeper. Perhaps it's the hired girl coming down to prepare breakfast.—Detroit Tribune.

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