

NEGROES TO GET PLUMS.

Reported That Taft Will Reverse Executive Policy.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Concerning the appointment of negroes to office, President Taft in the Washington Times this afternoon prints the following interesting remarks:

"That President Taft is going to make appointments of Northern negroes to office rather than Southern ones is the information which has been pretty thoroughly disseminated among the colored politicians of Washington and elsewhere

"The president has talked over his ideas about the appointment of colored men to office with some of the leading men of the race and he has signified to them his inclination to give recognition of the negro votes in Northern States, where there are large populations of blacks.

"As the result of this policy it is expected that the negroes in the South who are holding important offices, as their terms expire, be displaced for the most part by whites and in turn recognition will be given to colored men in the North.

"In the entire South are not many offices held by colored men—that is, offices of importance and influence. The list of colored men holding important offices in the South under the federal government includes the following: Robert Smalls, collector of customs at Beaufort, S. C.; Henry Rucker, collector of internal revenue at Atlanta, Ga.; Joseph Lee, collector of internal revenue at Jacksonville, Fla.; Nathan H. Alexander, register of the land office at Montgomery, Ala.; Thomas V. McAllister, receiver of public moneys at Jackson, Miss.; Walter L. Cohen, register of the land office at New Orleans; Alexander E. Kennedy, receiver of public moneys at New Orleans; John E. Bush, receiver of public moneys at Little Rock.

"The course the president will take in the matter of appointing colored men is likely to be illustrated in the selection of a successor to W. T. Vernon, register of the treasury. Booker T. Washington and other colored leaders have given their support to J. C. Napier, of Nashville, for the place. But it appears the president will probably select a colored man from the North."

Saved by Colored Servant.

Chester, Dec. 9.—Mrs. Geo. C. Freeland was badly burned on the face, neck and hands yesterday morning at 10 o'clock while engaged in painting a hearth with a patent preparation, which evidently contained some highly combustible substance. The fire caught in her hair and clothing, and in a moment she was in a mass of flames. With a scream she rushed into the hall where she met her faithful old colored servant, Louisa Barrett, who gathered her in her arms and smothered out the fire, and but for whose heroism she would have been burned to death. The burns are extremely painful, but the physicians in charge apprehend no serious results, although it will be several days before it can be seen how serious the burns about the eyes will be.

A Brave Man.

Former Gov. Sprague, of Rhode Island, celebrated last month his seventy-ninth birthday. He is the only surviving war governor.

A reporter questioned Governor Sprague one day at Naragansett about bravery.

"There is a finer bravery shown in civil than in military life," the veteran statesman said. "I remember one of our Providence fire chiefs.

"A green fireman resigned from the Providence service because his chief, he said, was cruel and inhuman.

"How cruel and inhuman?" they asked him.

"Why, the fireman whined, 'at last week's tenement fire he ordered me to carry a section of hose right in between two walls that were just on the point of tumbling'."

"And what did you do?"

"I refused, of course. I told the chief it was as much as a man's life was worth to go in there, and I wouldn't do it."

"Well what did the chief do then?"

"Ha, ha, ha! The crazy fool carried the hose in himself."

On the Dear Old Farm.

They had only been married since June and it was their first experience in seeking country board. After riding 10 long miles in a rattling farm cart they arrived at the door of the farm house.

"And now stranger," said the old farmer after he had asked about a score of questions. "I want to tell you right now that down here with us you are supposed to go to bed with the chickens." The young man whispered to his young wife and then both climbed back on the farm cart.

"Boy," said the young man, his lips compressed with determination, "drive us back to the station."

The freckled lad grinned and whipped up the horse.

"You uns didn't seem to like the place?" he chuckled.

"No," said the young man, "we have often read about crowded farm houses but when it comes to shoving us off to the henhouse that is getting a little too strong. I guess we'll stay in the city."—Chicago News.

Liquor Drummer Arrested.

Greenwood, December 12.—R. L. Salomonski, traveling representative of Paul Heyman, whiskey dealer, was arrested here Thursday by Sheriff McMillan and his trunk of samples of whiskey seized. Salomonski put up a cash bond for appearance the next morning at the preliminary hearing in the sum of \$100. At the preliminary the next morning he was bound over to appear at the next term of court in the sum of \$200. The outcome of the case will be watched with much interest here and elsewhere in the State. Salomonski had been here a day or two taking orders before the sheriff got on to the fact.

GOVERNMENT SALARIES.

Idea That All Work Here is "a Soft Snap" Much of Myth.

The question of adequate salaries for government employees is certain to come before Congress at the next session. Special commissions of department experts have been at work for months devising a more equitable adjustment of compensation. Other commissions have been investigating the practicability of reducing salaries on the theory that more money is paid government employees than to clerks and professional men doing similar work in private and corporation employ.

The last report of United States Treasurer Treat, who has just retired from office, contains some statements and facts concerning government salaries that have a very pertinent bearing on the subject of revising the compensation paid for clerical work. There are several classes of clerks in the government service whose salaries remain at the figures fixed as long ago as 1854. All sorts of changes in living conditions have occurred since that time. The price of the necessities of life has greatly increased, but the salaries of these government clerks remain the same.

In the Treasurer's office are men and women working for the pay of fifty five years ago, upon whose honesty, accuracy and general efficiency rests the safety of billions of dollars, and whose work is exacting and exhausting. The same is true in many other departments of the government. The idea that government work is always a "soft snap" is incorrect. There are instances where government clerks receive much greater compensation than is paid for similar services outside, but there are other instances where rare ability and expert knowledge command much inferior pay to that paid for the same efficiency by corporations. Congress can well spare the time to look into this question.—Philadelphia Press.

Shot from Negro House.

Sumter, Dec. 8.—T. J. Kirven, a prosperous farmer, was shot this afternoon about five miles from the city. He had gone out to the house of a negro to seize some goods for which he had a warrant. When he reached there Mr. Kirven walked around the house, and as he turned the corner of the house was shot by some one within, the load from a shotgun taking effect in his left arm and side. As soon as the news reached Sumter Dr. Archie China went out to him and found the wound painful but not necessarily dangerous. He was brought into the hospital. The negroes in the house escaped, but are being searched for. Mr. Kirven does not know which one did the shooting.

Big Increase in Banking.

Washington, Dec. 8.—If banking statistics are an index to economic conditions the United States are enjoying greater prosperity than ever. This is the statement of the National Monetary Commission issued to-day with the report on the condition of the national, State and other banks.

Over 20,000 banks are reported to show over \$21,000,000 resources, over \$13,000,000,000 deposits and 25,000,000 depositors.

All features of the banking business have nearly doubled in the last nine years.

State May Help "Door of Hope."

Columbia, Dec. 10.—Some members of the legislature favor asking that body at the session beginning next month to make the Columbia Door of Hope a State charitable institution, to the extent of giving it State aid, as the institution the twelve years of its existence to unfortunate women from all parts of the State. During that period the institution has graduated over 500 women, and the management says that 90 per cent. of these are now living useful, virtuous lives.

But Superintendent J. M. Pike, who is the editor of the Way of Faith, a weekly religious paper, which has warmly expounded the "unknown tongue movement," wants no aid except the free will offerings of the charitably disposed. He will allow none of the usual methods women employ to raise money for charitable purposes to be undertaken for the Door of Hope, depending upon faith alone to prompt sufficient contributions to keep the home going. Often the inmates of the institution have sat down to a meal not knowing where the next was coming from, but the next has failed, although according to a recent statement issued by the management 107 women who knocked at the Door of Hope for help within the past twelve months were turned away because of lack of room. There are now 22 inmates and eight babies being cared for at the institution.

Among the inmates at the Door of Hope now is a case of unusual interest. She is the daughter of well-to-do parents living in an up country city. In her extremity she fled to her sister's home in another city. Her brother-in-law discovering her condition turned her out of his home. On the train out of town that day she gave birth to a child. There were some fifty white women on the train, but the only one to lend her assistance was an old negro woman. After being cared for at the hospital here she was transferred to the Door of Hope.

Southern Navy Yards.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Secretary of the Navy Meyer is not in favor of abandoning any of the Southern navy yards, at least until after the completion of the Panama canal.

The secretary's views on this subject were made known to-day to a delegation of prominent business men of New Orleans who called upon him and protested against the abolishment of the navy yard there. When urged to give New Orleans a greater share of work in the repair of ships than heretofore, Mr. Meyer promised the matter would be considered carefully.

Senator McEnery, Representative Estopinal, Mayor Behrman and W. P. Ross acted as spokesmen for the party.

COTTON GINNED TO DECEMBER.

Census Report Places Number at 8,878,277.

Washington, Dec. 8.—There were 8,878,277 running bales of cotton ginned from the growth of 1909 to December 1, as compared with 11,008,661 for 1908, according to a bulletin of the census bureau issued to-day.

These figures count round bales as half bales and exclude linters. They stand against 8,343,396 for 1907 and 10,207,868 for 1906. The proportion of the last three crops ginned to December 1st is 84.1 per cent. for 1908, 75.5 per cent. for 1907, and 77.2 per cent. for 1906. Round bales included this year are 133,919 against 201,480 included for 1908 and 154,636 for 1907. Sea island bales included are 77,776 for 1909; 68,896 for 1908, and 55,299 for 1907.

The distribution of sea island cotton by States for 1909 is: Florida 25,906; Georgia 43,118, and South Carolina 8,752. The total cotton crop for 1908 was 13,086,005, and for 1907 is 11,757,822. The corrected statistics of the quantity of cotton ginned this season to November 14 are 8,112,119 bales.

By States the cotton ginned from the 1909 growth to December 1st as follows:

Alabama 919,575; Arkansas 513,871; Florida 55,958; Georgia 1,577,232; Louisiana 237,553; Mississippi 866,950; North Carolina 536,163; South Carolina, 998,340; Oklahoma 504,836; Tennessee 206,357; Texas 2,212,319; all other States 49,132.

Tillman Talks About Clemson.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Senator Tillman says it's "all nonsense" about his being president of Clemson.

"Do you mind my writing something about it?"

"Oh, it isn't worth writing about. Nobody but a blame fool would ever think of such a thing."

"Well, but, you know, I write for the blame fools as well as the other folks."

Only "blamed" wasn't the word.

"The presidency of Clemson," said the senator, "requires some peculiar training. The president should be a man of culture as well as experience in agricultural and industrial education, a man of executive ability, also a man of activity for which he must have good health and strength; I might have some of these qualities; I don't know. But I have not had any training as an educator, and at my time of life I would be a fool to branch out into a new field. I have been doing all I could as a member of the board to get everything to running smoothly, to straighten out the kinks, and get down to business. Yes, several men have at different times suggested it to me, but I never gave it a serious thought because the thing was so manifestly out of the question."

Senator Tillman seems deeply interested in Clemson college, and whenever the subject is mentioned he drops what he is doing or saying, becomes thoughtful and serious, and talks about it.

EMITH OBJECTS TO KUKER.

Senator Holds Up Nomination for Florence Postmastership.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Louis C. Kuker's nomination to be postmaster at Florence has been held up in the Senate by Senator Smith, and owing to the fact that the position is in the senator's home town, the situation forebodes trouble ahead for the Florence postmaster. The senate post-office committee yesterday took the matter up and a member of the committee was asked to find out if Senator Smith had any objections to the appointment. The senator was asked to write opposite the name on the list whether or not the appointment was agreeable to him. He wrote that it was not.

"That ends the matter so far as confirmation is concerned," said the member of the committee. Mr. Kuker's appointment was a recess one. He will not be confirmed at this session if the usual custom is followed, and if he continues to hold his position it must be by another and still other recess appointments. In the case of Crum, when the senate failed to confirm his nomination as collector of the port of Charleston, the auditor of the treasury and Crum had to serve about two years without pay.

What will be the outcome and income in the present case remains to be seen.

Negro Burns to Death.

Florence, Dec. 12.—Si Williams, an old negro well known around Florence, as he has been hauling lumber into the city from country mills for some time, was burned to death Friday night in J. F. Stackley's barn, on his place about eight miles from town. Mr. Stackley lost several bales of cotton besides his barn and stable. His whole loss amounted to about \$600. The information received by Mr. Stackley concerning the old dandy was to the effect that he had been found drunk in the road near the barn and that he had been put inside the building to keep him from freezing. It is thought that the negro, walking in the night, struck a match, which ignited the cotton, and that he was unable to get out of the building.

Held for Attempted Assault.

Columbus, Ga., Dec. 10.—Arch King, a 17 year old negro boy, was arrested in Lee county, Alabama, tonight accused of having attempted to criminally assault two young white girls here yesterday. He was brought back here and positively identified by the girls as their assailant. As soon as his arrest became known excitement became intense, a mob soon formed and sheriff has slipped him out of town to prevent a lynching.

Attention is directed to the appointments of Auditor Rowell. Meet him and make your tax returns. Real estate and personal property must be returned this year.

LAWYER UNDER FIRE.

Attorney General-Elect to be Tried in West Virginia for Assault.

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 9.—Gov. Glasscock to-day issued a requisition on the Governor of Virginia for the return to Welch, W. Va., of Samuel Williams, Attorney General-elect of Virginia, for trial at Welch on a charge of malicious assault.

Judge Williams was indicted some weeks ago by the grand jury of McDowell county as a result of a personal difficulty in a court room, in which Judge Joseph M. Sanders, former Justice of the State Supreme Court, was struck by an ink well thrown by Judge Williams in resentment of a remark made by Judge Sanders. Williams at the time the indictment was returned was the Democratic nominee for Attorney General of Virginia and was elected to that office on November 2.

It was said about that time that he would appear for trial at Welch, but since then it has been said that he would not voluntarily return there, inasmuch as he objected to the fact that negroes had on some occasions been allowed to serve on juries in McDowell county.

Governor Glasscock has had the application for the requisition under consideration for several days.

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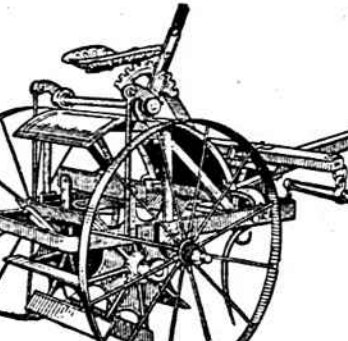
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