The Herald and News

COVERING UP CRIME.

Shameful Scandals in the Postoffice Department—Not a Matter of Recent Date Except as to their Revelation.

Washington Cor. News and Courier.

The postoffice department scandal at Washington is rapidly assuming more serious aspects. The revelations made by Mr. Seymour W. Tulloch are starting in their character, involving in the scandal, in greater or less degree, former Postmaster General Smith, former First Assistant Postmaster General Perry Heath, Postmaster Merritt, of the Washington city postoffice, and former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Vanderlip. Some of these men were probably led into doing things that were irregular and illegal without knowing the true character of their actions, relying on the advice of others that the matters were perfectly regular, but Mr. Tulloch makes it perfectly clear that when an investigation was set on foot by Comptroller of the Treasury Tracewell that would have brought out many of the irregularities of the postal service, and when an efficient employee of the comptroller's office began to uncover unpleasant truths, the whole matter was suddenly stopped, and the employee of the comptroller's office was transferred to another bureau at a reduced salary.

AN HONEST MAN IN THE WAY.

It will not do for the men involved in Mr Tulloch's revelations to attempt to discredit them on the ground that they come from a dismissed employee. Such an attempt might have some effect outside of Washington, but it will have no weight with men who know Seymour W. Tulloch. The standing of the former cashier of the Washington postoffice in the business community of this city is one that any man might be proud to have. He served for more than twenty years as cashier of the postoffice under Republican and Democratic administrations alike, and never a breath of scandal was attached to the conduct of his office. It was only when, about the time of the appointment of Mr. Merritt to be postmaster, an effort was made to obtain his cooperation in certain irregularities in the Washington postoffice, that trouble began. Mr. Tulloch believed that if he made certain payments as cashier either he or his bondsmen might be held responsible. In order to protect himself and his bondsmen he made the simple request that he have written instructions from his superiors. It was then that he was found to be an "obstacle" and was removed from office.

THE POLICY OF CONCEALMENT.

Even more serious for the Roosevelt administration, however, than the Tulloch charges, or anything else that has been brought out, is the fact that is becoming more evident every day, that high officials of the Administration would be glad to have the whole investigation dropped. The attitude of the Postmaster General is such as to indicate that he is not at all pleased by the fact that during his absence Acting Postmaster General Wynne did well the investigation to take place, and that the public was allowed to learn something of the conditions that were being concealed. He would have had his way the whole thing would have been hushed up. There might have been some sweeping of dirty linen, but much of it would have been kept in the sight of the country to see.

WYNNE'S MISUNDERSTANDING.

However, when Mr. Wynne received authority from the President in person to make the investigation he assumed that it was to be a real investigation, and before the Postmaster General returned it was so well under way and so much had become public that it was impossible to call a halt without practically declaring to the country that the administration of President Roosevelt, "the reformer," proposed to conceal wrong-doing and protect the wrong doers. As a consequence of Mr. Wynne's zeal the relations between himself and the Postmaster General have been somewhat strained ever since the return of the latter to Washington, and there are indications that Mr. Payne would be delighted to get rid of his first assistant Postmaster General. If an open rupture occurs between these two officials it will be interesting to see which one of them will receive the support of President Roosevelt.

LACK OF A BUSINESS HEAD.

The one lesson more important than any other that is taught by the present revelations in the postoffice department is that in selecting a Postmaster General a man should be selected who has ability to manage the greatest business organization in the United States, and who is willing to give it his personal attention. The existing state of affairs in the department can be ascribed almost entirely to the fact that since early in the McKinley Administration this rule has not been observed. Neither Messrs. Mr. Charles Emory Smith nor any personal wrong doing, and yet, it is notorious that he did not give the attention to the department that the magnitude of its operations and the amount of public money expended by it required. He was absent from Washington much of the time, and when here his mind was often engrossed with other matters. In the same way Mr. Heath was often absent from his desk as first assistant and in his absence Mr. Beavers, who recently resigned from the salaries and allowances division under a cloud, was the acting first assistant. After Mr. Heath left he was succeeded by Mr. Johnson, of New Jersey, a man with extensive private interests, which took fully as much of his time as his official business. Then Mr. Smith was succeeded by Mr. Payne, who was selected because he was believed to be a man who could manage political conventions and bring State delegations into line for the nomination of Mr. Roosevelt in 1904. It is not surprising that things went wrong in Cuba, in Porto Rico and in the department itself under such haphazard management.

Editor Herald and News: Please allow me space in your valuable and worthy paper to address a word or so to the Baptists of South Carolina and to the friends of education. For some time past there has been a great deal written and said about the separation of the negro Baptists of this State from the Home Missionary Society of New York. There is and there has never been a desire on the part of the negro Baptists of this State to separate from the above named society. There have always been, until recently, the most cordial feelings existing between the two, and the feelings which have heretofore prevailed would have continued if the Home Missionary Society had given the convention the support asked for, viz: the appointment of seventeen teachers in the schools at Columbia, S. C. The request was ignored and disregarded. Now the colored Baptists of the State have begun to make arrangements to own and control a college of their own. And as our city and vicinity are without one, this is a splendid opportunity of securing the location of this institution which will add much to the moral, intellectual and financial strength of the community. There is a valuable piece of property in the village of Helena that can be purchased for a reasonable sum, and with small cost could be converted into recitation rooms, etc. The property is known as the Lake House, a white property of Mr. [illegible] of this city. I have given the matter no little attention, and feel that in taking the step I am performing a great good. I ask the prayers of the people of the State. Any information desired will be given by addressing me at this place. I feel that the people of this State will be pleased to know that the school is to be a success and are willing and ready to assist the enterprise. When properly conducted, will it not prove a blessing to all concerned.

I am, very respectfully,

F. Brown.

Newberry, May 5, 1903.

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CLEVELAND A POSSIBILITY.

Serious Consideration Now Given to His Nomination—How Bryan Bolt Would Work.

Walter Wellman writes to The Chicago Record-Herald from Washington as follows:

Among Democrats here there is more and more discussion of the possibility of former President Cleveland's nomination next year and also of the attitude of Col. Bryan in case Mr. Cleveland is made the candidate. The former President's recent activity and his visit to St. Louis, considered in connection with the vigorous "boom" for him, started by the Brooklyn Eagle, have served to draw attention anew to Mr. Cleveland, and the possibility that he may again be named as the Democratic standard bearer.

St. Clair McKelway, the brilliant editor of The Brooklyn Eagle, is one of Mr. Cleveland's closest friends. He is supposed to be in the former President's confidence, and no one believes Mr. McKelway would urge the Democratic party to make Mr. Cleveland its nominee without the consent of that gentleman or at least without the knowledge that Mr. Cleveland would accept. When Mr. Cleveland's name was first mentioned most Democrats at the national capital regarded it as a vain and almost foolish suggestion, but the more they think about it the less impossible does it appear to them. Many Democrats who never liked Mr Cleveland have of late said: "I would rather vote for almost any other man in the country than old Grover, but I'm forced to admit that it looks as if he was the only man who would stand a ghost of a chance to beat Roosevelt."

Concerning the attitude Mr. Bryan will assume in the event of Mr. Cleveland's nomination an exceedingly interesting story is current here. I am not able to vouch for its accuracy, and so give it for what it is worth. It comes from a Washington Democrat, who is one of Mr. Bryan's intimates and who has recently conferred with Mr. Bryan. According to this authority, Mr. Bryan has said that he will not only refuse to support Mr. Cleveland if the former President is nominated, but will exert all his influence to compass the defeat of the Democratic candidate.

It is say the gentleman, not Mr. Bryan [illegible] himself on the [illegible] Democratic party [illegible] Mr. Cleveland [illegible] Democratic party [illegible] Bryan [illegible] Democratic party [illegible] Democratic candidate.

If Mr. Cleveland should be the nominee the Democratic party stops of winning will lie in the solid South, in New York, Connecticut and New Jersey, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin, with the bare possibility of a few votes from Montana, Colorado and California. Where the battle would rage the fiercest and where the issue would really be decided, they say, Mr Bryan has such small influence that his opposition would not count for much.

There are prominent Democrats who even go farther and declare that Mr. Bryan's opposition to Mr. Cleveland and open support of Roosevelt would hurt the President and help the ex-President. They think the country is disgusted with Mr. Bryan. It has had enough of him. It regards him as a common scold and nuisance. In their opinion his support of Roosevelt would be a drug upon the Republican party because it would tend to convince a great many conservative votes that The New York Sun is right when it declares that Roosevelt and Bryan are spiritually alike, and that Mr Cleveland is the "safe" man worthy of their confidence.

On the other hand, many practical Democrats still say that it is absurd to talk about the nomination of a man who has not supported or voted the Democratic ticket since he himself was a candidate. They say the Democracy in its great anxiety to win is prepared to swallow a good deal, but that it has not yet sunk so low as to swallow that. In their opinion Mr. Cleveland is no longer a Democrat, no more of a Democrat than Horace Greeley was when he ran on the Democratic ticket in 1872, and they add that if he is nominated he will be beaten worse than Horace Greeley was. These same Democrats declare that it is a great mistake to underrate the power of Mr. Bryan. Millions of Democrats look to him as their leader, believe in him, love him. They will have a good deal to say as to who shall be nominated, as to whether or not that nominee is to have a chance to be elected.

SHE WANTS TO PREACH.

A Giant Negress who Rather Startled Police Headquarters by predicting the Destruction of Charleston.

News and Courier.

A giant negress, as black as Erebus, blew into police headquarters yesterday morning and astonished the sergeant at the desk by shouting: "Charleston will be swept away by hell fire within three weeks." When requested to bread her frightening prophecy with a few details touching on and appertaining to the coming event she placed her arms akimbo and thus addressed Lieut. Cantwell, Detectives Brennan and a Reporter for The News and Courier:

"You are men, born of women, and in the sight of God are small potatoes and few in a hill. I have come to Charleston from Savannah to warn you that sin will sink the city within three weeks. Tongues of flame will lick this town clean. Yesterday I walked with God. He took me up the road near the Exposition grounds and showed me a well boiling over with fire. Suddenly a black man arrested. God threw the black man into the well of fire. There was an explosion and the black man disappeared.

"Who was" propounded Detective Brennan, in a hot-house way.

"Silent! Unknown and unknowable, man!"

"I am not going to take any guess-work," [illegible]

"Don't [illegible] Detective Brennan, in a peevish tone.

"My name is Emma Anderson," continued the woman. "My husband is a saint."

"Well, he might as well save your wages," replied the detective quickly.

"I say I again," said the woman, [illegible] excited. "My husband is a saint!"

"We believe what you say is new," interrupted the sergeant, sourly.

"What I want," interrupted the woman, "is a permit to preach on the street. Where will I find your Mayor?"

"We see," replied the sergeant, [illegible] sergeant. "The Mayor is in the City Hall."

"Then I must get a permit from him to warn Charleston people of the coming destruction of the city. At times works for evil and [illegible] The moon will cling to the heavens like a ripe [illegible] of about [illegible] a cascade of flame will sweep the city and leave it a cinder on the edge of the Atlantic. That's right," she shouted, [illegible] the Reporter anxiously watching a [illegible] pad. "Write only safety [illegible] right. This town is so wicked the wrath of God will burn and destroy. Three weeks from this day Charleston will shrivel and vanish."

Having delivered this dreadful vaticination the woman left the Station House, declaring she would return to-day to obtain a permit from Chief Boyle to preach on public highways. She said she lived at 26 Johnson street and had been engaged in missionary work in Savannah and Atlanta. She has preached several times recently in negro churches hereabout and some of the colored folks are mightily perturbed over the woman's baleful references to the future of this city. If her prophecy holds good there will be a hot time in the old town May 26.

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1 42 pm	Ar Laurens (Din'r)	Lv 2 17 pm

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