

WASHINGTON.

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The Keep Commission which is investigating the federal departments at the command of the President has gotten after the land office. The investigation started this week and the commission probably will pry some things loose before they get through. They were given free swing when they appeared in the office of Assistant Secretary Richards who suavely informed them that "the clerks, the books and papers and in fact the whole division was entirely at their service."

The commission probably had been doing a little investigation on the side before it approached the office, for it had a circular letter all ready for submission to the clerks with questions that were obviously suggested by someone on the inside. The questions included the subject of "principal examiners," whom the commission wanted to know if it would not be possible to reduce to the rank and salary of ordinary clerks. Then there were some technical questions about the consolidation of the "swamp land division" and the consequent saving of the salary of a division chief.

There are other questions about the advisability of segregating the sexes in separate offices with a view to improving the morale of the force. These things will simply be a starter for the investigation. The scope probably will widen as the inquiry proceeds. It is understood that the investigation will be confined to the office in Washington and will not touch the gigantic frauds of the west for which Senator Mitchell and Representative Williamson have already been convicted.

Departmental inquiries are quite the fashion these days, but Secretary Shaw seems to have reached the limit in a circular addressed to the clerks of the Treasury Department. The object of the inquiry is ostensibly a worthy one. It is to give the Secretary data for a speech he is preparing on the subject of civil service retirement. But the questions asked are of a sort that a man does not often answer voluntarily and that if asked by someone other than an employing cabinet officer would be met with the prompt advice to go where a snow flake would stand no show what ever. Among the questions are: "How much did you pay for it?" "How much do you still owe on it?" "Are you in debt for it and if so how much?" "If not, how much are you worth?" "What portion of this money have you saved out of your salary?" Well, maybe the Secretary will get answers to that sort of personal questioning. Maybe if he does not he will fire the clerks who refuse to answer. But it is not the sort of catechism that the average private employee would stand from his boss and the outcome whatever it is will be awaited with commingled interest and curiosity.

Speaker Cannon says that there will be rate legislation at the coming session of Congress. Speaker Cannon ought to know. He does not want it, but the situation has been forced on an unwilling Congress by the people and the Executive much against the will both of Congress and of the railroads. The outlook now is for some sort of rate legislation, probably a compromise bill that will pass muster in the Senate where is the stronghold of

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The announcement of the press dispatches that the Isle of Pines had seceded from Cuba and was applying for admission as a territory leaves the State Department with a smaller Panama embroglio on its hands. It is understood that the situation will be met by the assertion that the Isle of Pines was never anything but American territory and that it will naturally rest on the same basis as Porto Rico and the Philippines. That will be all that the residents of the island want, and Cuba is too busy at home at the present moment to offer any marked objection to the arrangement. Thus everyone ought to be happy.

Secretary Root has taken a firm stand against interfering with the Jewish question in Russia. Considerable pressure has been brought to bear on both him and the President to have them offer some international advice on the subject. But the question is a very delicate one for another nation to interfere with, and the stand taken by the administration is undoubtedly a wise one as interference would do more harm than good just at this stage.

Boy Wanted. A boy sixteen years old with fair common school education is wanted at this office to learn the printing trade. Full particulars as to work and pay will be given on application.

"Christ With Us," a poem by Edwin Markham, with appropriate decorations, fills the first page of the Woman's Home Companion for December, and the remainder of the magazine is very Christmasy indeed. Christmas fiction is represented by "An Ogre's Tenants," by Owen Oliver; "The Burglar's Christmas Gift," by Clara Morris; "The Quest of the Unwise Men," by Temple Bailey; "A Borrowed Christmas," by Mary Wilhelmina Hastings; "The Man Who Gained the World," by Alfred Tressider Sheppard, and other timely stories. Mrs. Russel Sage contributes an essay on "What's the Matter With Christmas?" Reo Bennett tells how John D. Rockefeller celebrates the day; and two articles elaborately illustrated with photographs tell "How Royalty Celebrates Christmas," and of "Christmas Charities of the Great Cities." Mrs. Sangster's talk "Concerning Christmas," and useful articles on handmade gifts, leather tooling, Christmas cookery and Christmas tables give the number additional holiday value. Published by the Crowell Publishing Company, Springfield, Ohio one dollar a year; ten cents a copy.

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WHEN HEAT IS CONFINED.

Experiments Prove Electric Lamps Often Cause Fires.

Incandescent electric lights have caused many fires because the heat generated by them becomes intense when confined. They are, therefore, dangerous in those coal mines where they have displaced other forms of lamps. A writer says: "Among miners, where the underground workings are lighted by electric incandescent lamps, there is often a tendency to be careless in the handling of the lamps. As the light is not naked it is considered that the lamps may be laid down anywhere without fear or danger. Some experiments that have been carried out in England, however, prove the fallacy of this contention and show that an incandescent electric lamp is equally as dangerous if not properly handled as a naked light."

"Investigations of H. Hall, one of the British government inspectors of coal mines, showed that when a 16-candle power lamp was covered with coal dust the generation of heat was so rapid that within four minutes a temperature of 450 degrees Fahrenheit was attained and the bulb burst. His investigations also showed that when the heat had risen to a certain point evidences of spontaneous combustion developed and, although the lamp was then removed from the coal, heat, generation still continued and finally the coal burst into flame."

Public Fault-Finding. The ability to point out with disagreeable clearness social evils and public perils is not alone enough to entitle justly a man to any great amount of public esteem. Cassandras in breeches or petticoats are of no more real service today than in the heroic age, and the miracle about the lady herself was no so much that the Greeks paid no attention to her forebodings and warnings, but that some impatient hero who had work to do did not wring her dismal neck.

There has never been a time when our country has needed to have ideals of service made more fresh and attractive, or when the real work of the world, done by its sane, healthy and kind-hearted workers, needed greater recognition. It is the good rather than the bad in us which needs encouragement and exposure, and if it once finds work to do, the bad in us will be far less noticeable or troublesome. It is a poor gardener who devotes too much time to the weeds at the expense of the vegetables and flowers.—Atlantic Monthly.

Electro Magnets.

The familiar horseshoe magnet is made of highly tempered steel and magnetized so that one end is a north pole, the other a south, or perhaps more commonly known as a negative and a positive. Once magnetized it is always magnetic unless the power is drawn from it by exposure to intense heat. An electro-magnet, however, can be made from any scrap of soft iron, from a piece of ordinary telegraph wire to a gigantic iron shaft. When a current of electricity passes through an insulated wire coiled about a soft iron object, such as a nail, a bolt or a rod, that object becomes a magnet as long as a current of electricity is passing through the coils of wire or helix. A coil of wire in the form of a spiral spring has a stronger field than a straight wire carrying the same current, for each turn or convolution adds its magnetic field to that of the other turns; and by having the center of the coil of iron, which is a magnetic body, the strength of the magnetism is greatly increased.—St. Nicholas.

Many Uses of Tea.

Hot tea will often relieve a sick stomach or a headache, is restful and soothing to the nerves. Cold tea with ice and lemon is an almost ideal summer drink. Cold, weak tea cleans paint admirably, even white paint. It cleans men's clothes, taking out spots. To clean black goods with tea, silk, satin or cashmere, sponge thoroughly and press with a hot iron on the wrong side. Tea colors lace that "old" color which is so much desired. Green tea will darken red hair, it is said. Tea leaves washed are very good to sprinkle on the carpet to lay the dust before starting in to sweep. Tea leaf poultices are good for weak or inflamed eyes.—Minneapolis Journal.

Where Grasshoppers Are Popular.

There is a regular business in Italy of making little wire cages for grasshoppers. The insect is regarded as lucky and if one can be kept alive in the cage for a month it is believed the year will be prosperous. The superstition arose from this incident: A cardinal of the Medic family invited a bishop to dine with him in his garden. The cardinal handed the bishop a glass of wine. A grasshopper fell from a tree into the wine and the bishop did not drink it. The wine was afterward found to have been poisoned.

Restoring Pearls to Color.

It is said that some pearls that once belonged to the late empress of Austria are now hanging in a hidden cage in the depths of the Adriatic. The pearls had grown "tick," as every one who is familiar with the ways of pearls knows that they sometimes will, and this is the only way to revive them.

Large Sale of Razors.

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Bishop Scores Divorce.

Neglect of Clergymen Causes Much of the Misery of Married Life. Against divorce, which he termed legalized polygamy, the Right Rev. W. C. Doane, Bishop of Albany diocese, made an eloquent plea to the Interchurch Federation at Carnegie hall recently.

"We are confronted and confounded in our day and in our land," he said, "with a condition of things about this question which discredits our country, dishonors our Christianity, disgraces our manhood and our womanhood, in the unparalleled frequency and the unlimited facility of divorce. Against this hideous and horrible infection the Christian church under whatever name, must stand together as one. Here is the place not for federation only, or combination, or co-operation, but of absolute, impregnable unity, and the place to begin is not in the Legislature or in the divorce courts, but in the teaching of the pulpit, the insistence of the ministry, and the influence of Christian manhood and womanhood for the solemnity and sacredness of marriage."

"The hastiness and thoughtlessness of men and women, who are really boys and girls, in betrothals, mere impulse with a frothy sentiment or a foul passion; the commercial management of matchmaking for place, for title, for money; the careless and criminal neglect of clergymen to find out the condition and circumstances of persons coming to them for marriage, are at the bottom of the misery of so much married life to-day."

"And as one studies the surroundings of what is called a wedding in our time, one cannot but deplore the irreverent confusion and display which drowns the religiousness and disturbs the dignity of the service itself, and the vulgar violation of the modesty and privacy which belong to the entrance on this estate with the horseplay of placarded trunks and labelled carriages and railway trains and stations crowded with noisy outsiders and reeking with pelted rice."

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