Civil Service Review.

The President Praises the Commission's Work.

WORKINGS OF THE NEW SYSTEM.

The Fourth Annual Message of President Cleveland Transmitted to Congress. What the Commission Has Done and Is Doing-Steadily Overcoming Opposition.

WASHINGTON, July 24 .- President Cleveland has transmitted his fourth annual message to congress, the leading points of which

I herewith transmit the fourth report of the United States civil service commission, covering the period between the 16th day of January, 1886, and the 1st day of July, 1887.

While this report has especial reference to the operations of the commission during the period above mentioned, it contains with its accompanying appendices much valuable information concerning the inception of civil service reform and its growth and progress which cannot fail to be interesting and instructing to all who desire improvement in administrative methods.

During the time covered by the report 15 .-852 persons were examined for admission in the classified civil service of the government in all its branches, of whom 10,746 passed the examination and 5,106 failed. Of those who passed the examination 2,977 were applicants for admission to the departmental service at Washington. Twenty-five hundred and fortyseven were examined for admission to the customs service and 5,222 for admission to the postal service. During the same period 547 appointments were made from the eligible lists to the departmental service, 641 to the customs service and 3,254 to the postal

In the departmental service there occurred between Jan. 16, 1886, and June 30, 1887, among the employed appointed from the eligible lists under civil service rules, 17 removals, 36 resignations and 5 deaths. This does not include 14 separations in the grade of special pension examiners, 4 by removal, 5

by resignation and 5 by death. In the classified customs and postal service the number of separations among those who received absolute appointments under civil service rules are given for the period between Jan. 1, 1886, and June 30, 1887. It appears that such separations in the customs service for the time mentioned embrace 21 removals, 5 deaths and 81 resignations, and in the postal service 256 removals, 23 deaths and 469

resignations. Among other things the scope of the examination prescribed for those who seek to enter the classified service has been better defined and made more practical, the number of names to be certified from the eligible lists to the appointing officers, from which a selection is made, has been reduced from four to three, the maximum limitation of the age of persons seeking entrance to the classified service to 45 years has been changed, and reasonable provisions has been made for the transfer of employes from one department to another in proper cases.

A plan has also been devised providing for the examination of applicants for promotion in the service which, when in full operation, will eliminate all chances of favoritism in the advancement of employes by making promotion a reward of merit and faithful discharge of duty.

The path of civil service reform has not at all times been pleasant or easy. The scope and purpose of the reform have been much misapprehended, and this has not only given rise to strong opposition, but has led to its invocation by its friends to compass objects not in the least related to it.

Thus partisans of the patronage system have naturally condemned it. Those who do not understand its meaning either mistrust it r, when disappointed, because in its present stage it is not applied to every real or imaginary ill, accuse those charged with its enforcement with faithlessness to civil service reform.

With a continuation of the intelligent fidelity which has hitherto characterized the work of the commission; with a continuation and increase of the favor and liberality which have been evinced by the congress in the proper equipment of the commission for its work; with a firm, but conservative and reasonable, support of the reform by its friends, and with the disappearance of opposition, which must inevitably follow its better understanding, the civil service reform law cannot fail ultimately to answer the hopes in which it had its origin.

GROVER CLEVELAND. EXECUTIVE MANSION, July 23.

THE WEEK IN CONGRESS. Work of the Senators and Congressmen

at Washington. WASHINGTON, July 24 .- The house on Tuesday last nearly finished the internal revenue

clauses of the Mills bill. Mr. Mills announced that he would call for a vote on Saturday morning. The government workmen's eight hour law was passed in the Senate Tuesday.

The house spent the entire session Wednes day discussing amendments to the tariff bill. There were some very warm passages pro

The tariff debate was concluded in the house Thursday. On Friday the house passed the amended rivers and harbors bill and twenty-four pri-

vate pension bills. The senate confirmed the nomination of Melville W. Fuller for chief justice of the supreme court.

The time of the house Monday was devoted to the consideration of business relating to the District of Columbia

A long speech by Mr. Dawes in opposition. to the fisheries treaty was the chief feature of the senate proceedings Monday. During the morning hour the conference report on the river and harbor bill was agreed to with-

Canalers Terrorize a Village. ALBION, N. Y., July 24.—The little village of Knowlesville, on the canal in Orleans county, is in a state of terror from the depredations of canalmen. About 400 canalers are held there by the break, and every night bold robberies are committed. Villagers now arm themselves and watch their houses, praying at the same time that the boats may soon get away. In spite of all precautions the robberies continue. Saturday night nearly all the boat colony got drunk and turned the little village upside down. Some nights before a farmer was aroused by half a dozen drunken drivers, his family terrifled, and he was compelled to entertain the intruders. Vigilance committees are talked of.

Blaine Due in New York Aug. 1. CHICAGO, July 21.—According to a dispatch received by C. E. Freiselle, secretary of the Young Men's Blaine club of this city, from J. S. Clarkson, vice chairman of the Republican committee, Mrs. Blaine will sail from England Aug. 1, and reach New York Aug. 7 or 8. The club held a meeting to arrange for the sending of 100 representatives to take part in his reception.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Crimes, Casualties and Important Events in Short Paragraphs. Boulanger is steadily improving, and will oon be out.

Ex-Senator Mahone will be the Republican candidate for congress from the Fourth Virginia district. Benjamin McKenzie, another member of

the Johnson gang of counterfeiters, has been arrested at Sarnia, Ont. Three boys, all about 13 years of age, have

been arrested at Chicago for picking and tapping tills. They had about matured a plan to rob a bank. Six lumbermen were swept away by the

mad current and drowned in the Bow river, Senator Gorman says the reason he did not want the national chairmanship is that it would seriously interfere with his business.

It is thought the threatened strike on the

Chicago street railways has been averted. Col. Dan Lamont's house at McGranville, N. Y., has been burglarized, and important papers relating to the Cleveland campaign of 1884 and the Hill campaign of 1885 have been stolen. He has an army of detectives looking for the thieves.

Some drunken men took a keg of beer in a small boat at Louisville, and went for a ride. The boat capsized and three were drowned. An old lady, named Carr, alighted from one train and was run over by another and fatally injured, at Wyoming, Ont.

The report that Sister Mary Frances Clare

Cusack, known as the Nun of Kildare, had renounced Catholicism is pronounced untrue. Three little girls went to bathe in the Coon river at Des Moines and were drowned. When a mob broke open the jail at Fayethville, Ga., to lynch Rube Jones, he made a

dash for liberty and escaped. The body of J. D. Scott, manager of the M. R. Townsend farm, near Little Rock, has been found in the woods near by. He had been missing since Saturday. It is supposed

he was murdered. Gen. Sheridan's physicians say his mental faculties show slight and constant increase in activity, but his physical condition is but ittle changed.

Dan Lamont denies the story that his house at McGrawville, N. Y., was burglarized. Burglars got \$660 from the safe of the postoffice at Norwood, Mass. The rumored sale of the Mackay cable to

Jay Gould is authoritatively denied.

Forest fires are doing great damage in Michigan. Mrs. P. J. Tully, a handsome brunette of Macon, Ga., aged 22, visiting at Niagara with her husband, unknown to him accepted the invitation of an admirer and went sailing on the river. The boat capsized and she

was carried over the horseshoe fall and drowned. The man was rescued. Seven men were killed by the explosion of a steam pipe on the tug Conway twenty miles from Louisville.

In their daily bulletin Gen. Sheridan's physicians say Sunday was the best day he has had since his illness. He slept, ate and digested well and coughed but little. The Bijou Opera house, New York, was

sold at auction for \$350,000. The special session of the New York legislature passed the Yates county prison plan

bill, the Fassett aqueduct bill and adjourned sine die. Trimble county, Ky., voted a big majority

for local option on Saturday. Mr. Conybeare, an English Home Ruler, was suspended from the house of commons for a month, with Mr. Gladstone's approval, for libeling the speaker in a published letter. William M. Gibson, cellector for Mellon Bro's, real estate agents, of Pittsburg, Pa., has disappeared with \$705 belonging to the firm. A letter from him, dated Canada, leads to the opinion that he has gone to Canada. He was treasurer of the Park Avenue Presbyterian church, and had no known bad habits.

Burglars ransacked the railway station at South Framingham, Mass., and carried off almost everything of value.

Joseph Mason, treasurer of a Redding, Cal., mining company, committed suicide by blowing himself into atoms with fifty pounds of giant powder.

A steam pipe on the tugboat Convoy, bound for Pittsburg, expleded twenty-six miles above Louisville, killing seven men.

TRADE BULLETIN.

New York Money and Produce Market

Quotations. New York, July 23 .- Money closed at 116 per cent., the highest rate. The lowest rate was I per cent. Exchange closed steady; posted rates, 4.87\(\pm\)@4.89; actual rates, 4.87\(\pm\)4.87\(\pm\)4 for 60 days and 4.88\(\pm\)4.88\(\pm\)4 for demand. Governments closed quiet; currency 6s, 11916 bid; 4s, coup., 12714 bia; 416a, do., 12736 bid.

Pacific railroad bonds closed as follows: Union firsts, 113@116; Union land grants, 103@105; Union sinking funds, 120@122; Centrals, 113@116. The stock market was very dull this morning and the fluctuations in prices very slight. Most of the business was done in the first hour. The tone of speculation was very firm, notwithstandtone of speculation was very firm, notwithstand-ing the small transactions, and at midday prices were ½ to ½ per cent. higher than they closed Saturday. Richmond and Terminal, East Ten-nessee, the Oregons, Reading and Lackawanna were the most active stocks. There was more activity on the Stock Exchange this afternoon. Prices steadily advanced to the close under the lead of St. Paul and New England, which were the features of the afternoon's trading. The highest prices of the day were generally current at the close of business. The strength of the market is attributed to the favorable crop reports and the prospective increase in the earnings of railroads. The closing prices were 1/4 to 234 per cent. higher than those of Saturday. The greatest advance was in Oregon Navigation. Canada Pacific, C., C., C. and I., Delaware and Hudson, Michigan Central, Manhattan and Northwestern preferred were the next strongest stocks. The sales for the day amounted to 202,-

General Markets.

New York, July 23 .- FLOUR-Closed steady at about Saturday's prices; winter wheat extra, \$2.75@5; Minnesota do., \$2.75@5; city mill extra, \$4.90@4.60; St. Louis extra, \$2.75@5. Southern flour closed dull; common to choice

extra, \$2.90@5.

WHEAT—Options were dull and weak and closed at \$4@34c. lower. Spot lots closed steady and unchanged. Spot sales of No. 1 red state at \$234c.; No. 2 do., 9344c.; No. 2 red winter, 29c.; ungraded red, 87@91c.; No. 2 red winter, Aug., 894c.; do., Sept., 894c. bid; do., Dec., 934c. bid. CORN—Options were dull and irregular, closing 34@34c. lower. Spot lots closed weak and 34@34c. lower. Spot sales of No. 2 mixed at 5734c.; ungraded do., 55@5634c.; No. 2 mixed, Aug., 5434c.; do., Sept., 5434c. bid, OATS—Options were dull, but steady, and closed at alightly lower prices. Spot lots closed; White, 34c. lower, and mixed, 34c. higher. Spot sales of No. 1 white state at 4534c.; No. 2 do., 40@41c.; No. 2 mixed, Aug., 3134c.; do., Sept., 30@ @41c.; No. 2 mixed, Aug., 3114c.; do., Sept., 30@

PORK—Dull; 1-year-old mess, \$13.75@14. LARD—Closed quiet, but firm; cash, \$8.64; Sept., \$8.67@8.68. BUTTER—Dull and unchanged; state, 14%@ 211/6.; western, 121/60:00c. CHEESE—Dull and in the buyers' favor; state

factory, 8294c.; Ohio flat, 7@34c. EGGS-Steady; state, 18@184c.; western, 15@ EGGS—Steady; state, 18@1834c.; western, 15@174c.; Canada, 1714@1734c.
SUGAR—Raw firm at 514c. for 89 test muscovado. Refined firm, but less active; cut loaf and crushed, 814c.; cubes and powdered, 8c.; granulated, 774c.; mold A, 774c.; confectioners' A, 734c.; standard A, 74@736c.; off A, 63467c.; white extra C, 6.81c.; extra C, 636c.; C, 63466. THE .KEYSTONE STATE.

NEWS TOPICS OF LOCAL INTEREST TO PENNSYLVANIANS.

Facts and Fancies Gleaned from Many Sources and Bolled Down to Brief Paragraphs for the Benefit of Busy Readers.

PHILADELPHIA, July 18 .- Mr. Powderly has received many letters advocating changing the name of the Knights of Labor because of the odium which now attaches to it. In the next Journal of United Labor Mr. Powderly will say: "Those who talk of odium being attached to the Knights of Labor have done their share to heap the odium on the order. The officers of the Nation Trade assembly which desires the change have never done their duty by the assemblies that are attached to it. * Change the name and then ask for grace at the hands of organized capital after you have taught the capitalist how to organize. Get a new, high sounding name after you have reached your present knowledge of affairs through the order. Play the ingrate and burn the bridges that carried you to the place where you could see your danger in common with other men."

The Iron Association Dissolved. PITTSBURG, Pa., July 19.—The conference committee of the Western Iron association met and dissolved the organization. The

following resolution was adopted: Resolved, That the conference committee of manufacturers be dissolved, and that all members of the association of manufacturers of iron, steel and nails who have not signed the amalgamated scale be absolved from all pledges, written or otherwise, and are otherwise to act in their individual capacity regarding the starting of their

Coleman, Shields & Co., of Niles, O., signed the amalgamated scale and will start their mills at once. It is expected that the Kensington Iron company will shortly sign the scale.

After Many Ballots. PITTSBURG, July 19.—The Republican con ferees of the Twenty-fourth congressional district reassembled in this city after a recess of several weeks. The ballots, making 203 in all, were taken without result, and the conferees recessed for dinner. In the afternoon J. W. Ray, of Green county, was nominated by acclamation. Mr. Ray is about 40 years of age, and is a power in Green county politics.

American Mechanics' Officers. WILKESBARRE, Pa., 20.-The American Mechanics' state convention continued balloting for officers. The following officers were elected: State council conductor, S. F. p. 19th Myers, of New Brighton, Pa.; warden, Timothy Kaye, of Homestead; sentinels, S. W. H. Painter, of Harrisburg, and Joseph E. Morris, of Pittsburg. The next state convention will be held at Harrisburg on the third Tuesday in July, 1889. Amateur Oarsmen.

SUNBURY, Pa., July 20 .- At the business meeting of the executive committee of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen James S. Alvin, of Providence, and C. G. Peterson, of New York, were re-elected as delegates. Harry McMillen, of Philadelphia, was chosen a delegate to fill the position made vacant by the retirement of E. C. Parsons, of Dixon, Ills. The same board of officers, with Henry Whiting Garfield, of Albany, president, and W. Howard Gibson, of Washington, secretary, was se lected. The report of the executive commit tee stated that in the twenty-nine cases brought before the association within the year, nineteen persons involved were rejected, three disqualified and seven rein stated. The next meeting was arranged for the Gilsey house, New York, Oct. 1.

The Rumored General Labor Union. PHILADELPHIA, July 20.-Prominent labor leaders are reticent concerning the proposed amalgamation between railroad men and other classes of organized labor. Some deny that such is the case. Two members of the Brotherhood of Firemen's executive committee, residing in this city, favor the idea of all railroad men joining hands, but declare that no one organization can answer the purpose of every class, and to amalgamate all labor, without regard to the special needs of each industry, will work vastly more harm than good, and they will vote against such a measure if it shall be proposed at their convention. John W. Hayes, secretary of the executive board of the Knights of Labor, denied that any move that contemplated the organization of all labor is under way in the

ranks of the Knights. Who Is "Coal Oil" Johnny, Any Way? PHILADELPHIA, July 20.-The Rev. Marcus Alden Tolman, of Mauch Chunk, writes to The Press to say that "Ooal Oil Johnny is not named McNulty, that he is named Steele, that he was not killed on the railway near Burlington, N. J., and that he is a prosperous farmer and church member out west,

A Swindler Checkmated. PITTSBURG, July 20.-Special Pension Examiner C. H. Davis, of this district, and Assistant Superintendent O'Mara have ar-rested Henry Max Goddar, who is wanted by the United States government. Goddar has been working several western cities pretty thoroughly, impersonating a special pension examiner, and charges have been pending against him for months. He will be taken to Columbus, O., to be tried before the United States courts. Goddar is of German birth. He traveled the country as a lightning rod agent.

in his back a bullet wound received on that night. Lately he has extended his field of operations to swindling old veterans. He has been in the habit of representing himself as a man of fortune. His work has been principally among the German veterans of the war. He seeks out those who have pension claims, represents to them that he is a special examiner and then persuades them that they are entitled to an increase. This increase he promises to get on the payment of a fee ranging from \$10 to \$50. Goddar was a resident of Allegheny City several years He was then posing as a physician and sailed under the title of "Dr. Horner."

New Life in an Old Field. PITTSBURG, July 23.—The oil regions are greatly excited over the revival of the Pit Hole oil field. Pit Hole has for nearly a quarter of a century been considered a "sucked orange," and the oil right of 100,000 acres around the old town would not have brought \$100. Now the excitement there is greater than in any other field in the region. In this old abandoned territory Black Bros. have now seven wells that are good for 8,000 barrels a month. Great activity is reported among the lease hunters.

Reading's Tax Rate Fixed. READING, July 20 .- The long deadlock in ouncils over the tax rate was broken tocouncis over the tax rate was broken to-night by an agreement upon a seven and one quarter mill rate. This is substantially a vic-tory for the common council. An extra force of clerks will be at once put to work making out the duplicates, and it is hoped that the stress upon the treasury will be re-lieved in a week or ten days. Payments are about \$20,000 behindhand. THEY DID IT.

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