

CIVIL SERVICE WORK.

The Commissioners Make an Interesting Annual Report. BUT FEW POLITICAL REMOVALS.

WITH TWO PROMINENT EXCEPTIONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The annual report of the Civil Service Commission shows that a classified service has grown so as to include 20,000 people. The report gives the figures for the departmental service at Washington for the entire period during which the law has been in force, a period of nearly seven years, and says: "The number of resignations and removals have been given together, because it is impossible to differentiate the voluntary from the forced resignations of the 133 removals and resignations during the first of the present administration. Ninety-one were of appointments made during the previous administration. In other words of the 1,109 appointed, 101 came into the departmental service through civil service examinations during President Arthur's administration about 35, or between 7 and 8 per cent, were removed or resigned during President Cleveland's first year, the proportion being about the same.

POLITICS NOT CONSIDERED.

In the departmental service at Washington, the figures show that the question of politics has been practically eliminated in making removals, and for the past seven years the law as a whole, has been faithfully and honestly observed in the departments, although having been subjected to the changes of administration. When return to the customs and postal services the result is less satisfactory, because of necessarily less rigorous inspection.

POLITICAL ASSESSMENTS.

"The portions of the civil service law interfering with political assessments, while they have not succeeded in entirely stopping it, have undoubtedly much abated it. However, there is one point particularly where the law is systematically evaded, and that is in the case of the investigation, has found that in both 1888 and 1890 there were certain campaign committees of the dominant party for the time being which proceeded to take lists of the names of employees in the Government service and of their home residences and then sent letters soliciting campaign subscriptions to them in their names."

WANT THE LAW AMENDED.

"These letters were signed by men not in the government service acting for the different campaign committees. In some instances these men had no connection with the person at their homes. There seems little reason why an outsider should be allowed to solicit a clerk at his home and forbid him to do so in a government building, and the commission is of the opinion that the law should be amended so as to forbid the solicitation of government employees by outsiders in any way at any time or in any place. If the government employees wish to contribute to their parties, let them do so voluntarily, but they should not be permitted to be harassed by outside parties who desire to spend their money in this way."

THE HOLIDAYS ARE RAPIDLY APPROACHING.

You will want holiday presents in diamonds, watches, jewelry, silverware, clocks, bronzes, etc. Why not take advantage of the closing out sale of first-class jewelry at M. G. Cohen's Diamond Expert Jeweler, 533 Smithfield street? Sales daily at 10 A. M., 2:30 and 7:30 P. M.

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at Black's Mill, Island Creek, shows signs of being a well. It is about 2,500 barrels a day. The phenomenal gusher to be made is making 27 inches an hour, or about 67 barrels. The Forest Oil Company and Gully & Quince No. 2 Boieschone tapped the second pay Saturday night from which its production was increased from 200 barrels a day to 19 inches of oil per hour. The same well, to bring in their No. 3 Boieschone by Saturday if nothing occurs to retard present progress.

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with another good well, which is now the best in the pool and is doing 100 barrels a day. There was no improvement. The Fisher Company No. 2 Boieschone is doing 100 barrels a day, while the Elcho Oil Company's well on the Scully, finished a week ago, is doing 100 barrels a day.

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Choice Bronzes, Sterling Silver and Silver-plated articles, Ivory, Leather Goods, etc., a collection not equaled in the country.

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DELICIOUS, STRENGTHENING TO THE NERVES.

Tea and coffee cheer but do not nourish. They even leave an injurious effect upon the nervous system. Indeed there is no beverage like

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The lighting is electric, and the wiring absolutely safe. The theater is on the ground level, and is not a high building, and is not more than three minutes.

In short the structure more nearly conforms to the New York theatrical building laws, framed for the safety of the public than any theater in Pittsburgh. CHAS. E. EVANS, Chief of Fire Department.

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If you really want a bargain—want more than the worth of your money—visit our Cloak Rooms this week and you won't be disappointed:

Beaver Jackets, \$3, \$4, \$4.50. Beaver Jackets, vest fronts, \$5, \$5.45, \$6, \$6.45. Cheviot Jackets, \$3.45, \$3.75, \$4.35, \$4.75, \$5.

Ladies' Fur-Trimmed Jackets, \$6, \$7, \$7.20, \$7.50, \$11.75 and up.

Ladies' Fine Seal Plush Jackets, \$7, \$8, \$8.75, \$9.75 to \$18. Ladies' Fine Seal Plush Saques, \$10, \$14.50, \$16.50 to \$29.75.

Ladies' Newmarket, \$4, \$5, \$6 and up. Ladies' Fur-Trimmed Jackets, \$6, \$7, \$7.20, \$7.50, \$11.75 and up.

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Plush, Leather, Wood and Metal Toilet Cases, \$1 to \$25. Work Boxes, Cellars and Cuff Boxes. Smokers' Sets and Tablets. Music Rolls. Albums, Painted Plaques, Picture Frames, Etc. Toilet Bottles for covering. Whisks, Whisk Holders, Wall Pockets, Holiday Fans in Satin, Gause, Ostrich Feather, Satin and Gause Painted. Toilet Sets, all styles, \$4.50, \$5, \$5.50, \$6, \$6.50, \$7, \$7.50, \$8, \$8.25, \$8.50, \$9, \$9.25, \$9.50, \$10, \$10.25, \$10.50, \$11, \$11.25, \$11.50, \$12, \$12.25, \$12.50, \$13, \$13.25, \$13.50, \$14, \$14.25, \$14.50, \$15, \$15.25, \$15.50, \$16, \$16.25, \$16.50, \$17, \$17.25, \$17.50, \$18, \$18.25, \$18.50, \$19, \$19.25, \$19.50, \$20, \$20.25, \$20.50, \$21, \$21.25, \$21.50, \$22, \$22.25, \$22.50, \$23, \$23.25, \$23.50, \$24, \$24.25, \$24.50, \$25, \$25.25, \$25.50, \$26, \$26.25, \$26.50, \$27, \$27.25, \$27.50, \$28, \$28.25, \$28.50, \$29, \$29.25, \$29.50, \$30, \$30.25, \$