

In prosecuting the civil service reform policy of this administration the postmaster of Portsmouth, N. H., has requested the Democratic letter carriers of his office to resign in a body.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUSSEY has opened another loop hole for the surplus to slip through. On Monday he rendered a decision on a pension claim, in which he overrules the decisions of his predecessors and rescinds a rule of ex-Commissioner Black.

NEVADA is in no way excited over the senatorial succession in that state. If it were not for the importance the choice has upon the rest of the country the question would make a very small family disturbance.

We understand that the mine examining board of the Wilkes-Barre district has decided that they will not employ or use the services of an interpreter in granting certificates.

The new postal cards soon to be issued will vary in size. There will be three sizes, one a fine, delicate card for ladies' use, much smaller than that now in circulation.

At a sham battle fought last week by the German troops for the amusement of Emperor Francis Joseph one section used a new "smokeless" powder, the effect being that no smoke was visible at a distance of 300 yards.

KING HUMBERT of Italy, no doubt wishing to work himself into the good graces of the American people, has conferred the title of "Count" upon one of our most distinguished citizens, Thomas A. Edison.

The amount of water that has fallen in this state during the summer of 1889 is something prodigious. The statisticians of the State Weather Service have calculated that if gathered in one place this rainfall would form a lake 1000 miles square.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN was found guilty of disobeying Mississippi's laws and received a sentence of one year in jail. The case was immediately appealed to the Supreme Court.

SEVERAL counties of Georgia have recently abandoned prohibition after unsuccessful experiments. Everywhere there are evidences of a popular reaction against the prohibitory movement.

Five Poisons in the Cigarette.

The poisonous cigarette has been inveighed against considerably, but its real character has not been shown up so effectively in some time as in a recent article printed in the Times-Democrat of New Orleans.

Nothing is exempt from taxation in Indiana. Even the poor widow's stove or sewing machine must pay a tax, or be levied on and sold to pay the same.

Relief for Johnstown. It has at length been announced from Johnstown that a large distribution of the Relief Fund amounting to about \$1,750,000, is to be made as speedily as may be.

The "Newsdealer" Does Not Answer. A few weeks ago the Wilkes-Barre Newsdealer, commenting upon the action of D. A. 16, K. of L., in endorsing the single tax movement.

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