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WASHINGTON NOTES.

Attention has recently been drawn to the fact that the civil service law is silent as to any distinction to be made between male and female applicants for places in the Executive Department, and the problem of reconciling this state of affairs with the present practice in most departments of giving preference to male applicants for places in the Executive Department, is now the subject of consideration by the Civil Service Reform Commission. The rules to be drawn up by the Commission will, it is understood, contain the same provision bearing upon the question, the Commission being cognizant of the condition of the public service, and the opposition on the part of heads of Departments to any large increase in the number of female clerks.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue declines the published statement that the President has determined to abolish, by consolidation, about twenty offices of Collector of Internal Revenue. Jonathan G. Ripley, of Washington City, counsel for Sergeant Mason, who was on trial before the Court Martial for shooting at the President, has filed a suit against Ripley, his wife Nettie, and the banking house of Riggs & Co. for \$3,000 alleged due him for counsel fees.

The statement comes from Washington that the secretary of one who has been a document, and whose statement is believed to be trustworthy, that contractor James B. Price has made a deal with the President in the Territory of Alaska, in which he is to be made a contractor for the construction of a road from the mouth of the Yukon to the coast, and that in addition to the aforementioned \$1,000,000, he also gave Senator Kellogg a note for \$5,000, all of which paper he deposits with the Grand Jury. Price has lately been before the Grand Jury.

A statement has been prepared by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, which shows the receipts of the office for the last fiscal year as \$145,000,000. The receipts for the corresponding period of last year by \$2,000,000. The reduction on account of changes in the revenue law will be \$500,000. The total estimate of receipts for the current fiscal year is \$145,000,000.

The President has decided that under no circumstances will he nominate a Postmaster who has been rejected by the Senate. This has become necessary from the fact that at the last session several Postmasters were adversely reported upon by the Senate, and it is understood that the President is determined to appoint only those who have been approved by the Senate.

Secretary Frelinghuysen is not satisfied with the recent appointment of a District Attorney to the Territory of Alaska, and proposes to appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has requested an opinion from the Attorney General on the question of the liability of banks and bankers, from the time they are established under the provisions of the Internal Revenue bill.

The Commissioner General of the Land Office has issued an order opening to settlement the Territory of Alaska, to extend from Haines to Juneau, a distance of 120 miles. The service is to be monthly. The mail will probably be carried by canoe.

The statement of the United States Treasury shows the following figures for the month of March: Gold coin and bullion, \$181,044,750; silver dollars and bullion, \$100,100,000; fractional silver coins, \$1,700,000; United States notes, \$45,517,000; total, \$328,350,750.

The Treasury Department will take no action in regard to the question of exporting gold and silver to the United States, but more than one hundred gallons until the matter has been brought to its official attention. It is understood that the Commissioner of Internal Revenue favors the proposition.

In taking evidence before the Commission at Washington recently, in the civil case of Vaile vs. Brady, James B. Price refused point blank to answer a question in relation to what he knew of the Star Line prosecution as the "Price drafts," upon the ground that to answer would incriminate himself. He mentioned the drafts, however, but declined to state for what purpose they were drawn and to whom given.

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The jury in the case of Wm. H. Acoll, charged with complicity in the celebrated bond robbery at St. Joseph, Mo., disagreed and were discharged. It is understood the jury stood eight for conviction and four for acquittal.

The Grand Jury at Freeport, Ill., recently indicted Cassimer Nield, one of its own members, for selling beer without license. The house of Duane Dale, a mile north of Freeport, Illinois, burned the other night. Nield was ninety-eight years old and occupied the house alone. When the fire had partly subsided the neighbors found the dead body of Dale under the bed with a rope around his neck. This not being his usual bedroom, it was thought he had been strangled and hidden under the bed and the house burned. Considerable gold and silver coin was found in the house.

Richard Cowley, an escaped lunatic at San Antonio, Texas, killed his mother with an axe. The Cowley estate mill at Columbus, Ga., burned recently. Thirty-four hundred barrels of cotton, forty tons of herring, three hundred barrels of flour, twenty barrels of sugar, forty barrels of molasses, beans and other goods, were burned. The Columbus herring factory had on storage \$11,000 worth of herring. Everything except the office furniture, which was totally destroyed. The loss was estimated at \$30,000; insurance on building and contents, \$15,000.

A heavy snow storm prevailed in Virginia and North Carolina on the 23d. It was feared the cold weather had injured the fruit crop. Blanchard, an Iowa rider, was arrested in Hot Springs, Ark., recently, charged with writing a letter to his paper demanding prominent citizens of that place.

The State Normal Colored Institute, at Petersburg, Va., has purchased a new building, to be used as a school for the colored people. The building will cost \$50,000, to accommodate five hundred pupils.

Postmaster W. J. Johnson, of Baltimore, Md., has been arrested for selling unregistered packages, and recent developments show that a number of registered packages have been traced to his office. He is charged with selling unregistered packages, and his intention was to return him to his home before returning to Washington.

Judge How was a native of Maine, born in Livermore in that State, February 21, 1822. He was admitted to the bar in 1845. He was in the Maine militia in 1847. He was in the Maine militia in 1847. He was in the Maine militia in 1847.

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Death of the Postmaster-General. Postmaster-General Timothy O. Howe died at his residence in Washington, D. C., on March 29, 1883, at the age of 61 years. He was born in New York on May 14, 1822. He was a member of the New York State Legislature in 1847, 1848, 1849, 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856, 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883.

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