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Women are being practically barred out of the government service in the departments at Washington.

There is no concerted action among the heads of departments and chiefs of bureaus to exclude women from appointment, but whenever there is a place to be filled the head of the office almost invariably asks for a man.

Civil Service Commissioner Harlow said that the commission had a long list of excellent women stenographers and typewriters eligible for appointment, but they could not get the appointing officers to take them.

"There are many little reasons," said Mr. Harlow, "which seem to influence the heads of government offices to prefer men to women.

Chief Examiner Servin, of the civil service commission, says there were many reasons, small in detail but important in the aggregate, which influenced heads of government offices to prefer men to women.

RICH ORE MINES.

Railroad Graders in British Columbia Discover Valuable Deposits of Gold and Silver.

While grading on the Canadian Pacific extension in British Columbia, Contractors McKenzie & Mann have uncovered great ledges of ore running high in copper, gold and silver.

The Manufacturers' and Producers' association has appointed its president, A. S. Barbaro, to act in the matter, and at a meeting of capitalists and business men it was decided to prepare an address to be sent to every commercial body in the union, setting forth the advantages of accepting the offer made virtually by the Chinese government.

Assays from near the surface give values of \$40 to \$50 a ton, making it practically certain another Leroy or Republic mine has been discovered.

TO BUILD BRIDGES IN JAPAN.

Constructors of the Akaba Bridge Receive a Large Order for Bridges on Imperial Railroad.

The news of the dedication of the Akaba river bridge, in the Soudan, a few days ago, was such a satisfaction to the officers of the American company which did the work that the reflections on the permanence of the structure, contained in some of the London newspapers, are not likely to disturb them.

The first Greek letter society—Phi Beta Kappa—was originated at William and Mary in 1776, and among the charter members were John Marshall, chief justice, and Bushrod Washington, associate justice of the supreme court.

Wire Screens for Smoking Cans. Wire screens are being put in the windows of the smoking cars of the elevated roads in Chicago to prevent cigar stumps and burning matches from being thrown out of the windows.

OUR POSSESSION OF GUAM.

Main Part of the Proclamation Issued in Island on United States Taking Possession.

Capt. Richard P. Leary, U. S. N., a native of Baltimore, has arrived at Guam, Ladrones islands, and has established the sovereignty of the United States.

"That you, the inhabitants of Guam, are hereby informed that in establishing a new political power the authority of the United States will be exerted for the security of the persons and property of the people of the island and for the confirmation of all your private rights and relations.

"That all public lands and property and all rights and privileges on shore or in the contiguous waters of the island that belonged to Spain at the time of the surrender now belong to the United States, and all persons are warned against attempting to purchase, appropriate or dispose of any of the aforesaid properties, rights or privileges without the consent of the United States government.

TO CONTROL CHINA TRADE.

Government of the Kingdom Is Behind the Plan to Build American Capital.

The project of certain moneyed men to organize a United States and China trading company to control the bulk of the trade of China has excited much comment among the commercial people of San Francisco, some of whom give the scheme formulated by Ho Yow, the Chinese consul general, their unqualified approval.

A move has been made to organize the company, which, it is understood, is liberally backed by the Chinese government, although the consul general is acting in his individual capacity.

WILL SING TO AID HUSBAND.

Mrs. Charles Von Stueddipfel, Wife of Former St. Louis Millionaire, Returns to the Stage.

Mrs. Charles Van Stueddipfel, the beautiful wife of one of St. Louis' most aristocratic sons, will return to the operatic stage to assist her husband in retrieving his lost fortune.

Recently a real estate firm in which Mr. Van Stueddipfel had invested most of his wealth went under, practically wiping out his fortune.

TO SEND PYRAMID OF GOLD.

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IF SHE WINS RACE.

More Big Yachts Will Be Built If Shamrock Takes Cup Home.

Four English Defenders Already Assured—Rumor Regarding Capt. Ben Parker, Skipper of Emperor William's Yacht Meteor.

The London Yachting World says: "If the Shamrock is successful, the building of three or four English defenders is already assured.

Continuing, the paper referred to says that in any event the Shamrock will sail in the Mediterranean in 1900, and it mentions as a probable rival to the Shamrock's claim as the defender of the America's cup a yacht designed by Watson for Charles Day Rose, now building.

The mystery over the role of Capt. Ben Parker, the skipper of Emperor William's yacht Meteor, in the America's cup race increases.

The same news agency says that plain suits of clothes are going to the Shamrock's crew, "that the men may be enabled to walk about freely when on shore, so as to prevent them from being surrounded by importunate American journalists, who stop at nothing in their efforts to obtain information."

The Press association adds that on the Clyde the feeling is daily growing stronger in favor of the Shamrock's chances.

NEW ENGLAND FARMS.

Secretary of Agriculture Will Try to Reclaim Those Which Have Been Abandoned.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson is arranging for an exhaustive scientific investigation of the abandoned farms in New England with a view of their reclamation.

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PUNISHMENT FOR HAZING.

Secretary Root Determined to Put a Stop to the Practice at West Point.

Secretary Root is determined to put a stop to the hazing practice at the military academy. He has expressed himself to the authorities at West Point as emphatically in favor of the severest punishment for such offenses among the cadets, it being recognized that such a method alone will discourage misconduct.

SEES SNAKE, LOSES SIGHT.

A Little Girl Becomes Blind from the Shock Caused by Viewing a Reptile.

William Marshall, of Clay City, Ind., brought his seven-year-old daughter to Terre Haute the other day for a surgical operation by which it is hoped the child's sight, lost through the shock of seeing a big blacksnake, may be restored.

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SECURES FORGIVENESS.

Young William Sloan and His Wife Plan a Successful Campaign to Effect Reconciliation.

News comes from Block Island that William Wilson Sloan, Jr., of Buffalo, the Harvard student of the class of '92, who two months ago married Miss Rose Lincoln Edwards, of Cambridge, the intended bride of George Henry Boeck, of St. Louis, has been forgiven.

Mrs. Sloan, Jr., is credited with being a bright young woman, and in the most critical hour she is said to have hit upon "just the thing."

Sloan began at once to feel ill. He became more so as they neared Block Island. Arrived there, they went to the Hygeia hotel and called a physician.

Then the young Mrs. Sloan sat down and wrote her mother-in-law a note saying her son was seriously ill. It had the desired effect. The parents came to see their son and a reconciliation took place.

SAYS GIRL IS HYPNOTIZED.

Mother of Miss Wood, of Camden, Says Eli Shaw Has Strange Influence Over the Child.

Mrs. Eva R. Wood, the mother of 19-year-old Eva Wood, of 405 Division street, Camden, declares that her daughter is a victim of hypnotic suggestion, held over her by Eli Shaw, who was charged with the murder of his mother and grandmother in Camden.

At the time of the murder Eli Shaw was said to be engaged to marry Miss Maybelle Neilson. The other day she declared that the engagement was broken October 12, 1897, the day the double tragedy occurred.

Ever since the Sunday afternoon that Miss Wood met Shaw's gaze from behind the bars she has cared for him, her mother says.

"I have long since forbidden Eli Shaw to enter my home," Mrs. Wood declares, "but for some time past I have regarded him as I would a Streggall. Eva is hypnotized beyond a doubt."

COLUMBUS' DESCENDANT DIES.

Last of the Discoverer's Family Passes Away at Sandusky, O.—Was 81 Years Old.

Mary Harriet Colombo Robinson, a direct descendant of Christopher Columbus, is dead. She passed away to her Sandusky (O.) home the other day from old age. She was in her eighty-first year.

Mrs. Robinson was born in Toronto, Ont., her father having come to this continent with several of his brothers years ago. It was with considerable difficulty that Mrs. Robinson mastered the English language, and even at her age a trace of her ancestors' tongue was discerned in her speech.

Mrs. Robinson's maiden name was Colombo, which family has died out and has no representation now since the last of the great family has passed away.

JAGUAR ESCAPES FROM ZOO.

Wild Animal Just Imported from Central America Gains Its Liberty at New Orleans.

Somewhere in the vicinity of New Orleans there is roaming at large a full-grown jaguar, fresh from a Central American jungle.

The leopard gave the alarm, and a big force of men and dogs has been trying to locate the missing jaguar ever since. The people in the neighborhood where the jaguar is supposed to be are greatly alarmed.

Jews in Russia.

An interesting decision of the Russian senate has been made public. When Gen. Gresser was governor of St. Petersburg, in 1888, he ordered that the Jewish tradesmen and artisans should paint on their full names, but the names of their fathers. The object of this was to make it clear to all persons that they were Jews.

Women in German Factories. It is stated that about one woman in every 27 in Germany works in a factory.

WARSHIPS DELAYED.

Navy Department Plans Hampered by Steel Famine.

Unable to Obtain Reasonable Bids for Work Contemplated at Navy Yards—The Appropriations Are Exceeded.

On account of the steel famine, considerable difficulty is being experienced by the navy department in obtaining reasonable bids for work contemplated at navy yards, and the construction of men-of-war is being delayed.

The list of bidders has also contracted, many of the large firms having withdrawn from competition for these contracts. It has been noticed that the Carnegie Steel company is not submitting bids in this direction, though in the past the Carnegie company, in order to keep its mills employed, has been very anxious to obtain the work.

The bureau of yards and docks recently advertised for bids for the construction of a workshop and boiler-house for ordnance at the League island navy yard.

The price of steel had risen and the bids were higher than on the first occasion. Further modifications of the plans were made and new bids invited, but owing to the increase in the cost of steel the bids were relatively just as high and larger than the appropriation.

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It is in regular service on the Mohawk division now," he said. "It was put in the passenger service last Tuesday, having stood the limbering-up trials of pulling eight trains satisfactorily."

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It is found that the new engine, on account of the greater heating surface of its boiler, due to its cylindrical form, easily runs the steam pressure up beyond the ordinary mark. On one of its trips the safety valves were set at 180 pounds, and the steam pressure was soon run up to 195 pounds.

In an ordinary engine the steam can only be run up to about seven pounds above the safety valve limit.

DEMAND FOR SMALL COINS.

Mint Turning Out Dimes, Quarters and Half Dollars as Rapidly as Possible.

"Dimes, quarters and half dollars are being turned out by all the mints as rapidly as they can be produced," said an officer of the treasury. "The demand for fractional currency and silver dollars is unprecedented. The requests do not come from every section of the country, but from every section. As fast as the coin can be minted it is shipped to those who have called for it."

Usually the demand for this currency does not begin until the autumn, but this year orders for large quantities have been coming in for more than four weeks. It is estimated that the orders received at the treasury department will average over \$60,000 in fractional currency a day."

Treasurer Roberts said the demand was due to the activity of business. An order was issued to the California mint August 1, he said, to turn out \$150,000 worth of dimes, quarters and halves a month until further notice, for the use of the Pacific coast only.

The increased demand for pennies in the west and south, where comparatively few of these coins have previously been used. He attributed the increased use of pennies to the war revenue act, which requires the use of internal revenue stamps on telegrams, checks, etc.

POOR FACILITIES FOR COALING.

Army Officers in the Philippines Complain of a Great Inconvenience at Manila.

Army officers in the Philippines who have charge of the troop transports complain of the lack of coaling facilities and the annoyances which surround the replenishing of the fuel supply of such ships.

The distance required to go for fuel is 70 miles, and the period taken for this errand is from ten to twenty days. Sometimes, it is said, a transport is gone long enough while taking on coal to make a trip from Manila to San Francisco. It is probable there will be an official inquiry into the system, and some arrangements made by which the transports can be coaled with greater facility.

Mormon Missions in Philippines.

Mormon missions have been established in the Philippines.

HISTORY OF THE DEAL.

How the United States Secured the Submission of the Sultan of Sulu.

An interesting story was afloat in connection with the agreement made between the sultan of Sulu and this government by which the sultan shall receive a salary from Uncle Sam. It was to the effect that an arrangement had been made with the sultan of Turkey to use his influence with the sultan of Sulu and induce the latter to recognize the sovereignty of this government.

In return for his aid, offices this government, it was said, agreed not to press its claims for indemnity for the outrages perpetrated upon American missionaries and the destruction of their property in Turkey with too much harshness.

The sultan of Sulu and his followers are Mohammedans, and as the "Sick Man of the East" belongs to the same sect, he is looked upon by the Moros after a fashion as the head of their religion.

As the story goes, Mr. Strauss, the American minister at Constantinople, made the agreement with the Turkish sultan's representatives, and word was sent to the sultan of Sulu to low to the will of the United States. This was interpreted in the nature of an order, and when Gen. Bates arrived at the palace of the sultan the savage was in a conciliatory mood, and ready to yield to any demand, provided, however, he should not be deprived of his income.

It was an easy matter, therefore, for the army officer to reach a satisfactory agreement and arrange the details by which the sultan should yield his territory to his "brother."

At the state department many inquiries were made as to the truth of the story, but the officials professed to know nothing of it.

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TO KILL TREE LOUSE.

A far more damaging pest than the caterpillar to beautiful trees is the scale, or tree louse. On the tree it looks as innocent as a bark blister, but in sufficient numbers it will kill the tree outright, as it lives on the sap. At the first glance, one would hardly notice the tree louse, as it is exactly the color of the bark, and is imbedded in the bark until it is a part of it. A whole chain of them, one after another, will fit into one crevice, and in a short time will clear it out to the wood as well as ever a knife could do it. To destroy them they have to be scraped from the tree, and then the tree must be given a bath of diluted wood alcohol.

Greatest Wonder Remains Saw. Uncle Reuben had just returned from his holiday in New York and his mind was a confusion of cinematographs, self-playing pianos, automobiles, phonographs, etc. When he was asked which had impressed him most he solemnly replied: "By gosh, the horseless piano beats 'em all."