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POLITICS AND THE POSTOFFICE.

Theodore Roosevelt was once distinguished for his advocacy of the principles of Civil Service Reform, he was even made chairman of the Civil Service Commission, by Grover Cleveland, who was something of a Reformer himself.

But it has become utterly impossible for any one to discover the principles on which appointments are made and discharges are given in the Civil Service. The President put a Wisconsin politician, who could never rise above a politician's conception of things to save himself, at the head of the Post-office Department.

There seems to be some confusion in the application of the spirit, if not the letter, of Civil Service reform principles in the matter of country postmasters. Miss Hulda B. Todd was postmaster of Greenwood, Del., for five years.

Yet Miss Todd was peremptorily removed from office, the reason assigned by Postmaster-General Payne for this summary dismissal being that she was "particularly and personally obnoxious to Senator Allee."

Minnie Cox, the postmaster at Indianola, Miss., was personally and particularly obnoxious in her official capacity, to the overwhelming majority of all people doing business with the Indianola postoffice.

Up in the serene atmosphere of civil service reform, of which the President has always been so earnest a friend, it is to be believed that one competent and tried official who happens to be "particularly and personally obnoxious" to a single politician is to be removed arbitrarily from office for that reason, and that reason only, while another official, who is particularly and personally obnoxious to an entire community, is to be detained in office and paid a salary, after resignation, for doing nothing?

THE PAVEMENT. They took a little gravel. And they took a little tar. With various ingredients Imported from afar. They hammered it and rolled it. And when they went away They said they had a pavement That would last for many a day.

Oh, the pavement's full of furrows! There are patches everywhere; You'd like to ride upon it, But it's seldom that you dare. It's a very handsome pavement, A credit to the town; They're always diggin' of it up Or puttin' of it down.

Chicago Inter Ocean.

treatment in any language except the profane. The truth is that President Roosevelt ought to send Payne packing. He is notoriously unfit for his position and he brings disgrace upon the Administration every time he opens his mouth.

A NINE-POUNDER. Grover is getting humorous in his old age. This is the speech that he made the other day to his neighbors at a clam-bake:

"Within the past few years," he said, "I have been widely jeered and derided for spending so much of my time at fishing. For those who jeer and deride me I have only a quiet and unqualified contempt. I go fishing because I like it and I will continue to go fishing until as near the end of the chapter as possible."

"I should like to say right here that I am more interested in the protection of the fishing at Buzzard's Bay than about our hoary-headed infant industries. I care more for these fishing interests than I do about the policy of the next Federal administration. I hope that the Old Colony club will keep up its fight for the protection of the fisheries. Let there be no relaxations nor compromise. Keep up the fight unceasingly."

"Perhaps some of you are aware that an interesting event has recently taken place in our domestic circle. I am proud to say that another future fisherman has quite lately increased the population of Buzzard's Bay by one."

"Now, some people are in the habit of telling fish stories and some people, notably a well known physician of my acquaintance, are accustomed to weigh their catch of fish on their own private scales. Although this happy event was not the occasion for telling any unusual yarns, I put my fish scales into requisition and weighed my latest catch honestly and the tally was an even nine pounds."

The News and Observer refers to the editor of The News the question propounded by an esteemed correspondent. What causes a cloud-burst? Exactly the same thing that causes a mist-burst or a fog-burst, namely, a vivid imagination, ignorance of meteorology, and the desire to make a good headline to a newspaper.

The News has already exploded that story about the Christian Science family in Charlotte. But the Asheville Evening News copied it without credit and now it is explaining to interested constituents that there was no such family in Asheville. It is a comedy of errors over a rather serious subject.

The Birmingham Age-Herald brings the news that Alabama is moving toward the Legalized Primary. If the thing keeps on the fellows who have conscientious scruples about voting in one will find themselves disfranchised all over the South.

The courts set Molineux free. Then the courts set Mrs. Molineux free. The New York courts guessed that Molineux was innocent. The Dakota courts guessed that he was too guilty for Mrs. Molineux to live with as his wife. The woman herself has practically passed a sentence of guilty.

If Brother Massey will exert his influence with the negroes to get them to do a fair day's work, he will find that there is no objection to paying them higher wages and not grinding them down any longer.

Probably the penitentiary folks in keeping that negro two years overtime were simply trying to even up things on account of those that got away ahead of time.

Roosevelt is not going to the big Military Encampment in Kentucky. Somebody might ask after his friends, Durbin and Taylor.

THE PAVEMENT. They took a little gravel. And they took a little tar. With various ingredients Imported from afar. They hammered it and rolled it. And when they went away They said they had a pavement That would last for many a day.

But they came with picks and smote it To lay a water main; And then they called the workmen To put it back again, To run a railway cable

They took it up some more; And then they put it back again Just where it was before.

They took it up for conduits To run the telephone, And then they put it back again As hard as any stone.

They took it up for wires To feed the electric light, And then they put it back again, Which was no more than right.

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