

No Pie to Speak of on Rollins' Counter

A Few Unimportant Post Offices to Be Filled—Butler Again in the Public Eye—South Dakota Bond Suit

Washington, April 11.—Special.—The new chairman of the Republican state executive committee will have practically no desirable offices to distribute during the two years of official life that he will have to serve.

but the mention of his name is interesting, in that the foxy leader of the once powerful Populist organization finds himself practically outside the political breastworks.

Would Butler have accepted the Republican chairmanship? As Uncle Joe Cannon is wont to say, "Will a duck swim?"

The retiring senator was staid in the marble room of the Senate the morning of the 4th of March chatting with friends about his career in the Senate.

It has been currently reported in Washington for some time that Butler has been on a still hunt for an office.

The legacy that Judge Pritchard has left his successor in the way of office contests will give him some work as a starter.

Another interesting story as to Butler is the report that leading Populists on the national committee have endeavored to get the chairman to call a meeting.

All of the attorneys who appear in the suit of the state of South Dakota against North Carolina have arrived in Washington and are ready for the big legal battle before the supreme court of the United States next week.

People say that Butler got his start financially when Pettigrew hit the stock market for thousands a few years ago.

Butler heard of again. The change in the management of the Republican organization in North Carolina resulting from the retirement of ex-Senator Pritchard from the field of active politics has served to bring the name of Marion Butler to public notice once again in the state.

In Washington ex-Senator Pettigrew is a prominent figure. He is one of the

best dressed men on the street. He entertained handsomely when his family resided here, and made friends.

Proposals for a site for the Elizabeth City public building will be opened by the supervising architect of the treasury April 18th.

This will be opened May 9th for the enlargement and addition to the Greensboro public building.

The graduating class of the Louisville Female College spent several days here during the past week.

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Constantinople, April 11.—Great excitement was caused this morning in Pera, a suburb of Constantinople on the north side of the Golden Horn,

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WHOLE LIST TURNED DOWN

Scandals Exposed in the Promotion Division of the Post Office Department

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Some time ago when the department was considering the advances to be made in the New York post office Postmaster Van Cott was asked to submit to the department a list of employees of his office whom he wished to recommend for promotion, and the department was asking an allowance of something over \$200,000 for these promotions and for the salaries of six hundred new clerks authorized as an addition to Mr. Van Cott's force.

Heretofore when promotions were to be made in a city post office the department generally followed only the recommendations of the postmaster of that office, and Mr. Beavers' action in making out a list of his own without regard to the recommendations made by Postmaster Van Cott was a decided departure from the department's usual course.

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traffic manager of the Southern, T. J. Hudson, freight traffic manager of the Illinois Central, A. S. Dodge, freight traffic manager of the Iron Mountain, Adjutant General B. S. Royster, and Quartermaster General Francis Macon of the North Carolina state guard held a conference with Secretary Root in company with Col. Dimmick with reference to the newly enacted Dick militia bill.

THE WRONG NUMBER

Dispensary Constables Raid an Aristocratic Home

Charleston, S. C., April 11.—There was great indignation here today when it became known that dispensary constables had invaded the Trenholm home on a wild hunt for blind-tiger liquor.

Mrs. Trenholm is the widow of William L. Trenholm, who was comptroller of currency under President Cleveland. She had a magnificent home at the head of the aristocratic Battery and she was astounded when five rough countrymen called and said they had orders to search the place.

The only explanation the constables could offer was that some grievous mistake had been made in the street number, and today the chief in this city called on Mrs. Trenholm with an apology.

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The Reliance Takes Her Plunge Into the Water

New Cup Defender Possesses Points of Superiority Over Her Predecessors—She Will Be a Fast Boat

Bristol, R. I., April 11.—Saluted by the cheers of hundreds of spectators, the tooting of whistles from steam yachts and launches, and with the well wishes of all yachtsmen, the new cup defender Reliance was floated off the Herreshoff slips at 5:40 o'clock this afternoon.

It was an ideal day for launching. The sun shone bright, a nice breeze rippled the waters of Narragansett Bay and it was as warm as a May day.

The launching of a cup defender is always a great event at this old whaling town. The yachting fever extended to neighboring towns, and from early morning there was a steady stream of visitors, all of whom were anxious to get a glimpse of the boat that, it is hoped, will keep the American cup on this side of the water.

The yacht rested in a cradle which had been built on a small pier. The Reliance looked grand as she rested on this cradle. Her underbody glistened in the sunlight, and her topsides were spotlessly white.

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with streamers of red and black ribbons, Mr. Iselin's colors. On the stern was a big eagle with its wings extended and holding in its beak a bunch of flowers and ribbons. On the starboard side was a bottle of American champagne with which the yacht was to be christened.

Miss Nora Iselin, accompanied by her father, took her station on the platform a few minutes before the time appointed for the launching. She wore a costume of dark blue velvet and a picture hat with black plumes.

Promptly at 5:30 o'clock at a signal from Captain Nat, a gong sounded, the engineer started to lay out the cable and the yacht began to move down toward the water. Miss Iselin gave the bottle a smart tap with the hammer, breaking the glass, and the wine splashed over the bow of the yacht and all over Miss Iselin's costume.

Very slowly she was lowered into the water, and when about 200 feet from the shore she floated out of her cradle and gracefully bobbed up and down on the water, courtessing her acknowledgment of applause and salutes.

The launching was set at 5:40, and at 5 o'clock those with tickets were admitted to the shop to inspect the yacht. Not many were allowed in, the townspeople being allowed on the pier north and south of the shop.

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A LIFE PAYS FOR A DOUBLE CRIME

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Blood hounds were placed on the track of the murderer. A negro, colored with blood, was overtaken by two police sergeants about four miles from the city. He was ordered to surrender, but ran. The officers pursued him and fired, killing him. The dead negro was found to be Ed Porter of Shreveport, and he is thought to be the murderer.