

# Trends

New Deal Retards  
Merit System's  
Extension.

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NEW YORK, June 19.—Governor Landon—now candidate Landon—has put his finger on a subject which has important political possibilities. That is the merit system. As a campaign issue it is best described as the spoils system.

When the Democrats went into office they had been out not "three long years," as the Republicans

sang to the tune of "three blind mice," but 12 long years. Therefore they swarmed into Washington in search of their stalls at the public crib.

Senator McKellar of Tennessee prepared a little booklet giving a list of 81,000 jobs which would be open. Under Hoover some 4600 jobs had

been taken from the spoils system and put under civil service. A list of these lost jobs was prepared and the bureau sent to work to "uncover" them. Around the country it heard talk that even jobs that had been put under civil service since Johnson went out of office would be handed back to the spoils system.

For instance, in the foreign and domestic bureau of the Commerce Department a group of 250 positions had been put into the classified service by Hoover. These jobs were promptly placed again into the hands of the spoilsman.

THE chairman of the executive committee of the Civil Service Reform League protested to the President. "The progress of the last 50 years in extension of the Federal civil service has been due almost entirely to accretions to the classified service made by executive order. Any attempt to undo extensions of the classified service made by any of the Presidents for the mere purpose of turning out the incumbents and replacing them with persons whose political affiliations coincide with the administration in power would be a deplorable backward step."

But the President signed the order. The soldiers' homes had been recently put under civil service. At Johnson City 71 men were under the classified service. Senator McKellar discovered these 71 opportunities and at his suggestion the President signed the order taking them from under the merit system.

ANOTHER zealous found in the Congressional library several persons engaged as translators from the Sanskrit and other ancient languages. An effort was made to put some Democratic warhorses on these oriental manuscripts. A raid was launched on the customs police along the Mexican border. "Those Democrats will look just as well on horseback as Republicans," said Mr. Farley.

When the President came into office there were 447,000 men in the classified service. This more than 50 years of reform. There were 200,000 which were not. Within two years 100,000 new jobs were added to the pay rolls and almost all of them under the spoils system. Whether Mr. Landon is elected or not perhaps his attack may bring the Administration to its senses on this grave issue.

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