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A LOT OF PRIZES.

NOMINATIONS SENT TO THE SENATE.

Ex-Governor Porter Appointed Minister to Rome—George S. Batcheller Goes Into the Treasury—A Number of Postmasters Selected — Dakota's Governor.

CONFIRMATIONS TO-DAY.

The President sent to the Senate to-day the following nominations:

George S. Batcheller of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, vice Hugh S. Thompson, resigned.

Albert G. Porter of Indiana, to be Minister to Italy.

John A. Enander of Illinois, Minister to Denmark.

Arthur C. Mellette of Watertown, D. T., to be Governor of Dakota.

Luther B. Richardson of Grand Forks, D. T., to be Secretary of Dakota.

Cornelius H. Hanford of Washington Territory, to be Chief Justice of Washington Territory.

George W. Irwin of Montana, to be United States Marshal for Montana.

Smiley N. Chambers of Indiana, to be United States Attorney for Indiana.

George W. Dunn, Postmaster, Binghampton, N. Y.

Richard Root, Postmaster, Keokuk, Iowa.

James C. Perry of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Surgeon in the Marine Hospital Service.

Alexander C. Smith of New York, to be an Assistant Surgeon in the Marine Hospital Service.

Postmasters—Maine—C. A. Rolfe, Princeton; C. A. Perry, Presque Isle. New York—Lenzie L. Sayles, Malone; Ira Dorrance, Middletown; L. R. Muzzy, Pulaski; W. L. Beers, Rhinelander.

Nominations Confirmed.

The Senate in executive session to-day confirmed the following nominations:

Thomas W. Palmer of Michigan, to be Minister to Spain.

John F. Swift of Calaforn'a, Minister to Japan.

John B. Washburn of Massachusetts, Minister to Switzerland.

George C. Tichenor of Illinois, First Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

POOL AND BILLIARDS.

An Interesting Tournament By Columbia Club Members.

The billiard and pool tournament of the Columbia Athletic Club was begun last night at their club-house on Fourteenth street, and a series of excellent contest were witnessed. Messrs. R. H. Wade, chairman; Bulkley and Sims compose th committee on tournament, and no effort will be spared to make the affair a great success. The preliminary contests will be concluded this week and the finals played off next week.

The games last night resulted as follows: First class, billiards, W. S. Harban defeated Percy Hills; second class, R. H. Wade defeated Mr. Mason; third class, C. B. Jones defeated Mr. McDonald. First class, pool, A. S. Wade defeated W. S. Harban; first class, B. V. Sims, defeated, won by default; second class, S. F. Reed defeated Mr. Perkins; second class, Mr. Van Hook won by default; third class, Lieutenant May defeated W. G. Griswold. The contests will be continued this evening and interesting exhibitions may be anticipated.

THE "POST" LIBEL SUIT.

The Demurrer of the Plaintiff Overruled this Morning.

Chief Justice Bingham this morning rendered his decision in the demurrer to the defendant's pleas in the libel suit of Dr. Charles G. Stone against The Washington *Post* Publishing Company. Dr. Stone entered suit for damages for an article which tended to attribute the death of George Hazen in September last to an overdose of morphine administered by the Doctor.

The *Post* Company filed pleas denying that the words were published maliciously, or with the meaning alleged. The article was published as a fair account of a matter of public interest and for the benefit of the public in the usual course of business. Attention is called to the fact that later in the month an accurate report of proceedings of a judicial character had been published without malice.

The plaintiff demurred to a number of the pleas, the result being that all were overruled except the one charging that the words were not defamatory, but formed a fair account of a matter published in the ordinary course of business.

The case is now in a fair way to go to trial.

DEATH HIS RELEASE.

Fatal Termination of the Illness of Rear-Admiral Davis.

Rear-Admiral John Lee Davis died a the Ebbitt House this morning, at 10:40, after a long illness, with Chinese diarrhœa, contracted during his command of the United States fleet in Chinese waters. His wife and daughter, Mrs. J. M. Wright (Miss Kate Davis) of New York, were with him at the time of his death, as was his son-in-law, Mr. Wright.

Rear-Admiral Davis was retired on September 3, 1887, after twenty-six years of sea service and fourteen years of shore duty. He was one of those enlisted to advance pay under the act approved March 3, 1873.

THE COURT RECORD.

EQUITY COURT—Justice COX.—Hutchinson vs. Hughes; auditor's report confirmed. Bangs vs. Bangs; testimony before Oscar Nauck, examiner, ordered taken. Lown vs. Lown; divorce granted. Queen vs. Holtzman; auditor's report confirmed and distribution ordered. Cox vs. Walter; motion for security for costs overruled.

CIRCUIT COURT, DIV. 1—Chief Justice Bingham.—Nicholson et al. vs. Schraeenhum, Leuchs vs. Walker & Davis, Windsor et al. vs. Webb; judgment by default. Stone vs. Washington Post Publishing Company; demurrer to pleas overruled in part. Lynham vs. Kirkwood; motion for judgment sustained. Johnston vs. B. & O. R. R. Co.; death of plaintiff suggested.

Real Estate Transfers.

Christian F. Graninger to Paul Graninger, part lot 6, block 10, T. and B.'s sub Mt. Pleasant, $525.

Mary C. Dean to Pierre Henry, lots 6, 7 and 8, block 2, section 3, Burrville, $75.

Sigmund J. Block to Reuben B. Clark, lot 12, square 544, $2.

Brainard H. Warner, and George E. Emmons to Charles Smith, lots 100 and 101, "Chichester," $200.

Emma J. Carpenter to Priscilla Thompson, sublot 62, square 917, $3,500.

Wm. Pitt Kellogg to Joseph D. McCauley, sublot 107, square 155, $3,737.88.

Wm. F. Lewis to John Pennell, lot 32, block 2, Trinidad, $2,650.

T. F. Schneider to Wm. Wall, sublot 101, square 155, $7,000.

The Gold Mines a Fake.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., March 12.—Clarence Goodwin, associate editor of the *Evening Express*, has just returned from visiting the alleged rich placer mines in Lower California and says they are a fraud. Much suffering will ensue among the people flocking there. The authorities are trying to prevent the publication of unfavorable reports.

THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

Annual Meeting of Stockholders in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., March 12.—The annual meeting of shareholders of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company was held in Musical Fund Hall this forenoon.

The meeting was without special feature. Mr. Lockwood, who has heretofore been conspicuous as an opponent of the corporation, was present, but made no objections to the report of the president.

Colonel A. Loudon Snowden, who has officiated in the same capacity for several years past, was chosen chairman of the meeting. After the official call for the meeting had been read the annual report of the directors was submitted and read.

The report, which has already been published, was read page by page, after which, on motion of Mr. Elkins, a resolution of thanks to the president and directors of the company for their able management of the road during the past year was passed.

On motion of Colonel Cassel, a committee of seven shareholders was ordered to be appointed by the chairman, whose duty it shall be to nominate officers to be voted for at the annual election.

The meeting then adjourned. The chairman will announce the names of the committee through the press.

THE COMMISSIONERSHIP.

Neither M. M. Parker Nor A. T. Britton Will Accept.

In making up slates for the District offices it would be just as well to leave out Mr. Myron M. Parker's name. Mr. Parker has been besieged by delegations of business men of Washington for permission to send his name to the President for the District Commissionership, but he has steadily refused to be a candidate for the position. It has gratified him exceedingly to learn the spontaneity and unanimity shown by his fellow business men in his behalf. He has not been the candidate of the real estate men, as has been intimated. Mr. Parker assured a CRITIC representative that he could not afford to take the place. It would cost him $30,000. Were he an older man, and retired from active business life, he might consider the matter more favorably, but, under the circumstances, he could not think of it. As for Mr. A. J. Britton, that gentleman could have the place without a doubt, but he would not take it. He couldn't afford to sacrifice his business concerns.

BOUND OVER FOR TRIAL.

The Chinamen Charged With the Disgusting Practices.

MILWAUKEE, March 12.—The preliminary examination of the two Chinamen, Hah Ding and Sam Yap Ja, charged with debauching children under 14 years of age, was concluded this morning, and they were bound over in $5,000 each to appear for trial at the April term of the Criminal Court. The District Attorney expects to make a case under the act of 1887, which makes the term imprisonment for life.

The police allowed no crowds to congregate in the vicinity of the hall or county jail this morning, and there was no demonstration. There is very little excitement this morning. Chinese laundries in all parts of the city were visited by large crowds of people last night, and in many instances the windows and doors were smashed in. No Chinaman dared to make his appearance on the street, unless he was accompanied by officers. A great many Mongolians have already left the city and others are preparing to take their departure. Several of them were given lodgings in the police stations last night.

LATE DEPARTMENT NEWS.

District Patents.

The following patents have been issued to Washingtonians: B. A. Capeheart, pocketbook, and Edmund W. Woodruff, washstand.

The Treasury Inauguration Expenses.

The committee of general arrangements of the employes of the Treasury Department, which was engaged in providing seats for the employes during the inauguration ceremonies, made their final report of receipts and expenditures yesterday. Total receipts, $2,560; expended for erecting seats, $1,937; decorations, $400; printing, $63; incidentals, $30; services watch force, $113.35. A small balance is left in the hands of the committee, with recommendation that it be donated to some charitable association after the payment of all small bills.

Urged for Commissioner.

A delegation, consisting of Mr. Weller, Dr. Foster and other East Washington citizens, called upon the President to-day to call his attention to the needs of East Washington, and to urge the appointment of a man from that section as Commissioner. The majority of the committee favored the appointment of Mr. George Francis Dawson.

The District Judgeship.

The committee recently appointed by the Bar Association of the District called upon the President to-day and urged the appointment of Judge Barnard to the vacant judgeship.

Miscellaneous.

The Government receipts to day were: Internal revenue, $221,415.56; customs, $664,120.42.

The bond offerings to-day were $40,000 4½s, registered, at 108.

Police Court Briefs.

Edward Kent, a colored youth, was fined $5 in the Police Court this morning for the larceny of a hat from William Smith. He was committed in default.

Henry Branch was fined $2 in the Police Court this morning for cruelty to animals.

There were sixteen persons before Judge Miller this morning charged with wasting Potomac water. Four were fined $5 each, attachments were issued against three, one was dismissed and the remainder were put under their personal bonds.

The case of Azalia Winters, charged with the larceny of a lot of clothing valued at $50 from the house of Lizzie Thompson, 116 Maryland avenue, was tried this afternoon in Judge Miller's court. For lack of sufficient evidence the case was dismissed.

The case of Mrs. Mary E. Furbergh against her former servant, Celia Johnston, for the larceny of a lot of clothing, was continued in the Police Court this morning. Mrs. Furbergh's washerwoman testified to the identity of the articles and the defendant was fined $5.

Quite a Lively Time.

The Stewart family are having a monkey and parrot time of it. On the first of last June Mrs. Stewart sued for divorce, and the trial is still pending. In the meantime, however, they have had half a dozen fights, and last Friday night Mr. Stewart had his wife arrested and locked up. She retaliated last night, and while he was battering at the door in an attempt to get in, he was arrested and locked up in the M-street station for threats. This morning Judge Miller decided to suspend sentence until the result of the divorce proceedings were known.

Local Political Clubs.

The Eagle Republican Club at their meeting last night elected R. D. Ruffin president and Wm. H. Brown secretary.

At a meeting of the South Washington Harrison and Morton Club last night it was decided to take active steps in pushing Mr. C. F. McLaughlin, president of the club, for Register of Wills or some other local office.

Sales at Drovers' Rest.

Sales at Drovers' Rest yesterday—69 cattle up and sold: Best, 3½@4½c.; good, 3¼@3½c.; medium, 2½@3¼c.; common, 2@2½c. Fifty-seven sheep and lambs—lambs, 5@6½c.; sheep, 4@5¼; calves, 4@6½c.; 25 cows and calves, $25@$35. Market fair.

A CABINET ROW.

THE ALLEGED RELATIONS OF MR. BLAINE AND THE PRESIDENT.

The Contest Said To Be Over the Appointment of Foreign Ministers—The Executive's Policy on Civil Service Reform—What He Has Told the Mugwumps.

A special sent to to-day's Chicago *Times* from Washington says: It is understood that at the Cabinet meeting yesterday the direct issue was raised whether Blaine or Harrison shall control the administration. Mr. Blaine had a slate of foreign appointments, which he wanted to be made at once. In fact, it had been whispered about by Mr. Blaine's intimates that Whitelaw Reid would be nominated yesterday for Minister to England, Allen Thorndike Rice for Minister to Germany and William Walter Phelps Minister to France. When Mr. Blaine submitted his slate, Mr. Harrison demurred and finally refused to make the nomination of Reid to England. He said he had selected a man for the place, but would be willing to give Mr. Reid some other mission. No satisfactory solution of the disagreement appears to be in sight. Republican Senators privately say there is great fun in store for the Democrats, unless the President can find some way to smooth Blaine's ruffled feathers. It will soon be known whether Harrison or Blaine is the biggest man in this administration.

THE PRESIDENT'S POLICY.

The Cleveland *Leader's* Washington correspondent says: President Harrison has already mapped out a policy for his administration to follow respecting civil service reform. The following points from an interview had with him by a party of Congress are significant and interesting. The visitors had presented the claims of certain individuals of their choice for appointments.

"I have," said the President, "determined to live to the plank relating thereto in the Republican national platform, and shall select men to fill the offices from among the Republicans of the Territories themselves, where fit persons may be found. In Alaska there are no party organizations and no public press, which makes it necessary that the Governor of that Territory should be a man of such high character as not to need such supervision as officials in other Territories are subjected to because of the existence of political parties and the printing of newspapers. I shall endeavor for this particular office to find a man who will needed any such spur to do his duty."

The attention of the President to the order placing the Railway Mail Service under the provision of the civil service rule was next called.

"I shan't revoke that order," said the President, emphatically, "but I shall modify it somewhat.

"I shall," he continued, "have the rule touching reinstatements changed where it is specified that a dismissed employe may be restored within a year. I shall have the words 'within one year' stricken out." The President said that the order would be further modified so that it would take effect on the 15th of June instead of the 15th of March.

One of the delegation expressed the opinion that the present system of examinations for entry into the railway mail service was not a fair test of the fitness of candidates.

"Then the way to do," reiterated the President, "is to make them so they will be fair tests." He said, also, that the different superintendents should hold their subordinates to a strict accountability in the performance of duty, and the inefficient men should be weeded out.

On the subject of removals from the general classified service, President Harrison said:

"I have told some of my Mugwump friends that I believe the provision relating to removals should be changed so that a cause would not need to be specified. I would not have a man removed simply because he belonged to one political party or the other, and there should be good and substantial reasons for the dismissal of clerks and officials generally, but I hold that it is not necessary that the cause should be specified or given in all cases. There might be good reasons for following a contrary course and withholding information."

ALMOST A PANIC.

The Government Crop Report Sends Down the Price of Wheat.

CHICAGO, March 12.—Wheat opened ¼c lower for May at 98⅜ this morning and after a bulge to 98⅞ started on a decline that almost resulted in a panic. At the close of the first hour it was down to 95c. Large quantities of wheat were thrown on the market. July wheat held steady. The bearish influence was the Government crop report, which gave the stock in hand at 112,000,000 bushels when the bulls professed to believe the figures to be about 85,000,000. There was a recovery in May from lowest figures, but at 12:45 May was again down to 95c.

THE DISTRICT GOVERNMENT.

The Commissioners to-day amended the building regulations by striking out paragraph sixteen, of section two, and inserting a new paragraph to the effect that no building or other structure, or repairs to buildings shall be allowed, unless a permit shall have been issued for the same by the Inspector of Buildings. Permits are not required for interior repairs where there is no interference with the construction of the building.

Section thirteen, paragraph ten, is also amended, giving the Inspector power to order the removal of park fences where they do not conform to the width fixed in each case for the sidewalks.

Dismissed Only for Cause.

Postmaster-General Wanamaker has satisfied the employes of the Postoffice Department already that there will be no dismissals there except for cause. To one of them who tendered his resignation recently he said: "I don't want that. Go back to your desk and attend to your work. When I get time I will look into your case in its turn. If you have been faithful and efficient you won't be disturbed. If you haven't been you needn't go through the formality of resigning."

Dr. Fulton's Lecture.

Masonic Temple was filled last evening to hear the Rev. Dr. Fulton speak on "A Romish Fetter, Why Worn and How Broken." He was particularly severe on the doctrine of transubstantiation. Evangelist Arthur Paul also took part in the services.

A Patent Annunciator.

The Metropolitan Street Railway Company is considering the feasibility of putting a patent annuncistor in their cars which will indicate the names of the streets by printed characters upon a roller.

The conundrum competition in THE CRITIC *is open to all sexes and all ages. It will afford amusement. Look what is said under the heading, "A Prize Conundrum Contest."*

HE TOOK HIS LIFE.

A Marine Who Grew Tired of Uncle Sam's Service Very Soon.

Charles H. McIntyre ended an unenviable record of eighteen days at the Navy-Yard by committing suicide.

He went to the yard from the Marine Barracks on the 20th of last month. From then until last night, nineteen days, he was almost constantly under discipline. Sunday he deserted. The police were told to look out for him, and last night Policemen McNamara and Beyer arrested him on Maryland avenue southwest. He was sent to the South Washington Station-House in the patrol wagon.

At the station-house he seemed quiet and rather sullen, but answered the questions put him right enough. He was searched and said he had no knife, but afterward, before the policeman had finished his search, he said he did have a knife and, putting his hand into his trowsers pocket, he took out a large knife and tossed it onto the station-keeper's table. When he took the knife out of his pocket he also took out a small bottle of cyanide of potash and, concealing it in his hand, took it back to his cell with him.

He was locked in a cell by himself and as the policeman started to leave the cell-room he asked for a drink of water. The policeman got it for him and at McIntyre's request left the cup of water in his cell.

Twenty minutes later Station-Keeper Voss and Policeman Emery heard the tin cup drop to the floor, and, going out to the cell, found McIntyre lying on the cement floor in spasms. The key was brought and the cell opened, and the soldier carried out of the cell. It was some time before a doctor could be got, and when the doctor got there McIntyre was as good as dead. Hypodermic injections failed to rally him, and he died without speaking. The body remained at the station-house all night, and was this morning removed to the naval hospital and will be buried this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The Coroner investigated the case to-day and gave a death certificate, suicide being given as the cause of death.

McIntyre's experience at the Navy-Yard was far from pleasant. Fifteen of the eighteen days he was there he was in the cells—ten days for overstaying his leave and five days for getting drunk.

THE ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION.

The Commissioners Send a Communication to the Senate.

The Commissioners have forwarded to Hon. Levi P. Morton, President of the Senate, the following reply from the Home for Aged Colored Women and Children relative to the Senate resolution calling for information concerning any cases in which persons were excluded from charitable institutions on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude:

"Your circular of the 16th instant, calling for information in regard to the Home for Aged Colored Women, at 1909 R street, has been referred to me for reply.

"The building is owned by a society of colored people, but as they are out of funds the third subdivision of Associated Charities has been permitted temporarily to support and control it.

"The inmates are all colored, though I am not aware that there is any rule requiring them to be all colored or that there has ever been any occasion to make such a rule. The expenses are met entirely by voluntary subscription."

RAILROAD LEGISLATION.

Important Matters Acted Upon by the Commissioners.

The Commissioners acted on two important matters to-day. The application of the Washington and Georgetown Railroad Company to lay a cable on their Seventh street line was approved. The Commissioners state that they have no objection whatever to cables and nothing would please them more than to have all the railroads adopt them.

The Metropolitan Railroad Company, who applied for permission to lay a sixty-pound grooved rail on their road, were also notified that there was no objection to the rail. The amendment to the District appropriation bill requires that all street railroads in Washington shall put down grooved rails. By opposing this they will not have to put the rail down for thirty-nine months. The Metropolitan road, however, has stated to the Commissioners that they propose to begin at once putting down the new rail.

Through Europe on Wheels.

QUINCY, ILL., March 12.—Messrs R. B. White and David Levy, members of the Quincy Bicycle Club, and Henry Cake of Clarksville, Mo., are making arrangements for a tour of Europe on their wheels in company with some twenty other American wheelmen. The party is limited to twenty-five and will be under the management of Mr. F. A. Elwell of Portland, Me. They will leave Boston May 18 on the Cunard steamer Cephalonia and will disembark at Queenstown, remaining there a couple of days to recover from the effects of the voyage. The tour will include the principal cities of England, France and Switzerland.

Elected to Parliament.

LONDON, March 12.—Lord Compton Gladstonian, was elected to Parliament from the Barnsley district of Yorkshire to-day. Mr. Compton received 6,232 votes against 3,781 cast for B. C. Vernon Wentworth, the Conservative candidate. In the previous election Mr. Wentworth received 9,917, against 5,425 polled by Courtney S. Kenney, the Gladstonian candidate.

The Governorship of Montana.

TUCSON, ARIZ., March 12.—The press of Arizona is a unit in urging home rule in the appointment of a Governor. Of the ten candidates, George Christy of Nogales, William Christy of Phœnix and Thomas J. Butler of Prescott are the most popular. The press of Arizona with but two exceptions is advocating the appointment of one of the three candidates.

Excitement in Accomac.

ONANCOCK, VA., March 12.—Yesterday Magruder Fletcher, a negro, went to the house of Mrs. Obadiah McCready, in Messongo Neck, in Accomac County, and outraged her. When he had gone Mrs. McCready gave the alarm. All the surrounding country was aroused, and men were scouring the woods in every direction.

The Big Reading Failure.

READING, PA., March 12.—The suspension of payment by the Reading Iron Works last week was followed last evening by the closing down for an indefinite period of the leading departments of the concern. The Scott foundry, rolling-mill, pipe-mill, large forge and other mills suspend their employes.

FOREIGN BREVITIES.

The King of Holland is better.

Italian immigration to Brazil is heavy.

Mr. Gladstone is in bed with a bad cold.

French anarchists are flocking to Geneva.

The Queen is said to have protested against Balfour's treatment of O'Brien.

The Berlin *Post* says it learns that the Samoan Conference will meet before the expiration of the present month.

The French Chamber of Deputies has authorized the Government to prosecute the leaders of the Patriotic League.

Mr. Creagh, a landlord of County Clare, Ireland, and his sister were shot at by unknown persons on Sunday night. One of the bullets carried away the woman's nose.

Dr. Sellon, who eloped with Ida Wilcox of Minneapolis and appropriated a check for $350, which the latter carried with her, has been sentenced at Nice, France, to eight months' imprisonment.

THE SMUGGLED OPIUM.

The Case Against Leonard and Curren Begun at Bismarck.

BISMARCK, DAK., March 12.—The case against Archibald J. Curren and James M. Leonard, charged with smuggling opium from Canada, was called in the United States Court yesterday. Leonard is the Denver man to whom the opium was consigned and brought to this point during the last few weeks. He is said to be wealthy. The opium found in the box being shipped by Curren is valued at over $20,000. Curren testified that he was shipping the opium for another man, who brought it from Canada to Dakota, and whose name he does not give. Miss Mary Carey, the station agent for the Manitoba at Bothean, where the opium was shipped to St. Paul, testified that Curren made the shipment.

THE SAMOAN DIFFICULTY.

Uncle Sam (reflectively): "What strange things we see when we have no gun."

THE PARNELL COMMISSION.

Testimony as to the Receipts of the National League.

LONDON, March 12.—The Parnell Commission resumed its sitting to-day. Attorney-General Webster called to the witness box an accountant who testified that he had examined the books of the Hibernian Bank of Dublin, where the National League accounts were kept, but was unable to trace the persons whom checks were paid or the sources whence the checks came. He found that between November, 1879, and September, 1882, the league had received £261,969 and had paid out £261,375. The bank officers refused to allow him to examine the lodgment slips. The National League had paid the Ladies' League £12,306, the relief fund £2,025, and had disbursed £10,000 for the relief of prisoners.

LONDON, March 12.—The accountant testified that he had examined the books of the Land League. The league's total receipts for 1883 were 11,069 pounds; for 1884, 11,508 pounds; for 1885, 18,000 pounds; for 1886, 17,615 pounds. The total receipts of the National League for the same period were 100,613 pounds. Mr. Parnell assented to the examination of his private account at the national bank. Mr. Coffee, a Cork reporter, then made a statement about the report that a policeman had promised Coffee big pay if he would testify before the commission. The witness declared that the report was entirely false. This statement caused a sensation.

THE SPRING SCHEDULE.

Meeting of the Coal Barons in New York this Afternoon.

NEW YORK, March 12.—The coal barons met this afternoon to fix the spring schedule. The meeting promises to be one of great importance, as there is a movement on foot backed by Austin Corbin and the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company to maintain the winter schedule. It is believed, however, that the proposed scheme will fall through as Corbin stands practically alone in the matter. A general reduction in prices may be made ranging from 30 to 55 cents per ton on the various goods.

PROCEEDING QUIETLY.

The Special Election on the Prohibitory Amendment in New Hampshire.

CONCORD, N. H., March 12.—The special election on the constitutional amendments is proceeding quietly. The polling places are surrounded by large committees of ladies who are doing effective work in favor of the prohibitory amendment. The only interest manifested is on this question. Thus far the voting has been comparatively light, but it will be brisk between 1 and 2 o'clock. The indications are that Concord and Merrimac County will vote against the prohibitory amendment.

THE CONTEST DECIDED.

General Goff Refused the Writ of Mandamus.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., March 12.—The Supreme Court this morning refused to grant the writ of mandamus prayed for by General Goff. This leaves Wilson in possession of the office of Governor until the contest before the Legislature is decided.

Nearly Starved in a Car.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., March 12.—Three sailors named Rudolph Dahlman, Richard Barton and Fred Buchert were taken from a refrigerator car in the St. Paul yards last night, nearly dead from starvation. Last Friday morning they entered the car, which was loaded with empty beer kegs, at Republic, Mich. The car was sealed up after they got in. In this condition, without food or water, they made the journey from Republic to Milwaukee, a distance of 253 miles. They were terribly bruised by the jolting of the kegs and nearly dead from thirst and starvation.

Mr. Barnard Unopposed.

The committee of fifteen lawyers, whose names were published in yesterday's CRITIC, will go to-day to formally present the name of Job Barnard for the vacant judgeship, to be transmitted by him for the President's consideration. As yet no opposition to the appointment of Mr. Barnard has appeared in any definite form. The evident disposition is to avoid any open discord, so that President Harrison cannot make it a pretext for ignoring the District, and devote the place to the discharge of some political obligation.

The Weather.

The attention of the people who have been enjoying the beautiful sunshine and soft spring weather of to-day is called to the fact that this time last year the March blizzard was on and everything was covered with snow and ice and New York papers didn't get in until the day after to-morrow. This is a great country.

Marriage Bands Loosed.

Delia Boyle to-day secured a divorce from Richard Boyle obtaining the right to use her maiden name of Ford and the custody of their child. She charged him with drunkenness and cruelty. They were married on October 20, 1878, by the Rev. Father Jenkins.

He Will Represent Germany.

BERLIN, March 12.—It is officially announced that Count von Berchem, Under Secretary of State, will represent Germany in the conference to be held at Berlin regarding the settlement of Samoan affairs.

Ocean Steamers Arrived.

BOSTON, March 12.—Steamer Rialto, from London.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Elbe, from Bremenet.

IT EXCITES TALK.

THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT OF REAL ESTATE.

The Effect It Will Have On the District Revenues—Instructions Given to the New Sub-Assessors for Their Guidance in the Discharge of Their Duties.

The proposed cash-value assessment of real estate for taxation referred to in THE CRITIC of yesterday has caused considerable talk among real estate agents and owners.

Property has heretofore been assessed at about two-thirds its cash value or less, and to assess it at its full value will increase the amount of taxes on each piece of property about 50 per cent., and the revenues of the District will be increased in proportion. The following are the instructions given to the twelve sub-assessors, which are intended to guide them in their work:

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 11, 1889.

The assessment of real property in the District of Columbia must be made at the "true value in money."

This must be construed to mean, in your best judgment, as to what the property is really worth when you assess it.

The law authorizes the Board of Equalization to increase but not to diminish the total returns made by the assessors.

If a house is under roof on June 1, it must be assessed at its true value at that time and entered as "unfinished."

Assessors will be very particular to assess each house separately, stating whether it is brick, stone or frame, and also to locate the house. Every house to be assessed by hundreds, and none less than $100. For instance: Say lot 10, square 100, has 68 feet; one brick, $2,000 on the east 20 feet; one frame, $500 on the next 15 feet; one brick, $1,000, next 13 feet; vacant west 20 feet. Count the number of houses on each side of the square before and after assessing them, so as to be certain that you have all, neither more nor less.

All property must be assessed "from actual view." See Section 6 of act of March 3, 1883.

Background should be assessed intelligently, viz: The north part of A and all of C are subdivided into 3 lots. The background of A should be assessed at the same rate as C, although it may have been at a higher or lower rate than attached to A, owing to the assessed value on different streets.

Parking particularly at corners of avenues should be noticed in locating houses in order to get the building line accurately.

ROSS A. FISH,
Assessor D. C.

A great deal of objection has been raised by real estate agents, building associations and others against the increased assessment, but Assessor Fish says that the law requires it, and any assessor failing to comply with the law is subject to a fine.

The following instructions were given to the assessors by Assessor Robert P. Dodge at the last assessment in 1886:

The assessment must be made at the true value in money. This is generally considered to mean "the best judgment as to what the property would bring in cash, at a forced sale," or get at the value from private sales in the same locality, and take off from twenty to thirty-three per cent., according to location.

THE LAW ON THE SUBJECT.

The law on the subject is found in the Twenty-second Statutes of the United States, chapter 137, page 568. Section five states: "That real estate in Washington or Georgetown, except such as is now, or may hereafter be exempt by law from taxation, shall be assessed according to the number of squares and lots thereof, or parts of lots, and upon the number of square or superficial feet in each square or lot, or part of lot, and, in the country, the agricultural lands shall be assessed by the acre and suburban lots by the square foot, as in the city of Washington.

"Section 6. That each assessor shall, in all cases, from actual view, and from the best sources of information in his reach, determine, as nearly as practicable, the true value of each separate tract or lot of real property in his district in lawful money, and he shall separately estimate the value of all improvements on any tract or lot, and shall note the same in his field-books, which shall be carried out as part of the real value of such tract or lot, and he shall also return the dimensions to each tract or lot.

"Section 7. That each assessor shall on or before the first Monday of June, 1883, and every third year thereafter, make out and deliver to the Commissioners a return in tabular form contained in a book to be furnished him by said Commissioners of the ownership, amount, description and value of real property, subject to be listed for taxation in this District. He shall also enter in a separate list a pertinent description of all property exempt from taxation under the provisions of existing law, together with the ownership and use of the same, and shall estimate and return the true value thereof. All real property, the ownership of which is not known, shall be returned, as to ownership, 'unknown.'

"Section 8. That every person who shall refuse or knowingly neglect to perform any duty enjoined on him by law, or who shall consent to or connive at any evasion of the provisions of this chapter, whereby any property required to be assessed shall be unlawfully exempt or the valuation thereof entered at less than its value, shall on conviction thereof be liable to a fine not exceeding $200 for each offense, which may be collected from his bond aforesaid."

Mr. Philip N. Dwyer was present to-day and claimed that the law requiring each assessor to be a resident in the district to which he is appointed was being evaded. He referred to the case of Stephen Taity, appointed in the Ninth District, between First street west and First street east. Mr. Taity lives at 300 M street northeast. Recently he moved to Dan O'Brien's hotel, at New Jersey avenue and C street. The Commissioners have to recognize him as a resident of the district, it is claimed by Mr. Fish, no matter if his residence in the district has been of short duration, or if he moved there for the purpose of being appointed.

The sub-assessors came in to-day and bonded in the sum of $2,000 and qualified.

Spoliation of the Reds.

ASHLAND, WIS., March 12.—Agents Allen and Roberts, the investigating committee of the Interior Department to inquire into the charges of spoliation of the Indians on the reservation, completed their work yesterday and started for Washington. It is said that they will report substantially that there is no ground for the charges.

German Missionaries Released.

ZANZIBAR, March 12.—The German missionaries, who were recently captured by the Arabs, have been released upon the ransom of £600 being paid and the surrender of twelve slaves which the Germans held. The Arabs under Bushiri are retreating into the interior. They are inclined to enter into negotiations with the Germans.

Fire in Syracuse.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., March 12.—Fire last night gutted the wholesale grocery of Gates Thalheimer, in East Water street. His stock was valued at $125,000, and his loss is estimated at $50,000. The building is owned by John Crouse. Damage to building between $15,000 and $20,000; insurance $16,000. Cause of fire not known.

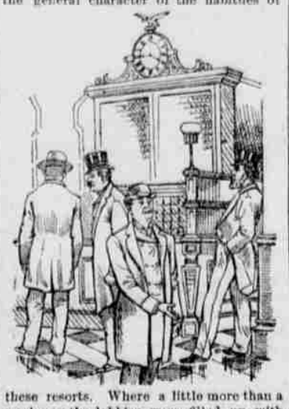
Emmons Blaine's New Position.

CHICAGO, March 12.—Emmons Blaine, general freight agent of the Chicago, Santa Fe and California Railroad, has resigned, the resignation to take effect April 1. It is understood that Mr. Blaine will assume position of general manager of the West Virginia Central Railway, running from Cumberland to Davis, W. Va.

IN THE LOBBIES.

The Throngs of Office-Seekers Now Filling the Hotels.

The crowds that nightly fill the lobbies of the big hotels form a fruitful field for the character student. Even during the short time that has elapsed since the inauguration a marked change has taken place in the general character of the habitues of



these resorts. Where a little more than a week ago the lobbies were filled up with the portly forms of statesmen, relieved and thrown into greater prominence by the appearance of an occasional society youth, now the character of the ensemble has undergone a striking change, and the most noticeable personage in the crowd is the eager, scheming politician, who is on hand with restless activity awaiting the distribution of the offices.

"To the victors belong the spoils," and to the active, brainy men who now fill the hotel corridors the victory is in a large part due. They are the men who have done the hard work, who have labored and schemed and spent money that the party should be successful, and now they are here on hand to lend their aid in a judicious distribution of places.

They jostle one another in a good-natured way and sit or stand about in little groups of twos or threes and talk over possible results and arrange little plans for swapping influence and on the whole seem pretty confident that ultimately things will come their way if they will only exercise due patience.

WRECKERS' BOLD ATTEMPT.

They Place a Boulder in Front of a Passenger Train.

MANSFIELD, OHIO, March 12.—A bold attempt was made to wreck Baltimore and Ohio passenger train No. 7, west-bound, due in this city at 4:37 last evening. A boy walking on the track between Chicago Junction and Plymouth about 6 o'clock discovered several large boulders and a number of ties upon the track. The boy, while taking in the situation, was pounced upon by three tramps, who threatened to cut his throat should he attempt to flag the train.

The boy pledged himself and hastened on Eastward, the three secreting themselves in a field to await developments. The boy had gone but a short distance when the train came in sight at a lively rate of speed, and the lad, contrary to promise, flagged the engineer just in time to prevent a horrible wreck. The would-be wreckers at once started for the woods and escaped. The boy has given an accurate description of the men, but as yet they have not been apprehended.

A Special from Cyclist Stevens.

NEW YORK, March 12.—A special from Zanzibar signed Thomas A. Stevens says: I was received yesterday in a private audience which lasted over two hours by the Sultan Khalifah-Bin-Said, who expressed both surprise and admiration at the enterprise of the New York *World* in sending a special correspondent all the way from New York to the east coast of Africa. He declared that he was much gratified by the interest thus displayed in the condition of his country and has promised to afford me all possible facilities in connection with my mission. His brother, Seyyid Ali, who is about ten years younger and who acts as his principal secretary, was present during the interview, a long account of which has been forwarded by mail.

Virtue in West Virginia.

PARKERSBURG, March 12.—Mrs. Charles Osborne, a dashing young widow, was put on trial at Wellsburg yesterday for attempting the life of James Campbell, who is a middle-aged man with a family. While out riding he passed the house of the widow as she stood on the doorstep. He took from his pocket a handkerchief to blow his nose. The young widow imagined he was flirting with her, and, taking a revolver, fired four times at him. Two of the shots took effect in his face.

Wants a Divorce.

Ida V. St. Clair, with Messrs. Brown & Lloyd as counsel, has applied for divorce from William W. St. Clair, to whom she was married June 6, 1878, by the Rev. A. H. Ames. She charges him with desertion, and asks leave to resume her maiden name, Ida V. Durity.

AT THE HOTELS.

MR. ROBERT C. PRUYN, Albany, is at the Arno.

MR. E. R. SMITH, New York, is at Chamberlin's.

A. P. KETCHUM and Fred. Stokes of New York are at Wormley's.

MR. CHARLES S. STELLMAN and wife, Chicago, are at the Arlington.

JOHN A. MOORE of Toledo and Hiram Tompkins of Saratoga are at Willard's.

T. E. SAUNDERS, St. Joe, and G. B. Dowell, Springfield, Mo., are at the Belvedere.

F. R. HOAG, Poughkeepsie, and Henry S. Fetch and wife, Chicago, are at the Arlington.

H. W. CANON, New York, and Henry W. Watson, Philadelphia, are at La Normandie.

LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER HANFORD of the navy is at Welcker's, accompanied by his wife and child.

H. S. KIEHL of Pittsburg, F. S. Goodrich of Florida, and Leman Waldo of Lockport, N. Y., are at the Riggs House.

E. C. HAMMOND, New London, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pearson and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Tiller Moore, Philadelphia, are at the Arno.

TH. H. SEALE, Rochester; A. P. Griswold, Erie; G. A. Edmonds, Bradford; C