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PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTIONS.

The Cabinet meets on Tuesdays and Fridays at 12:30 p. m.

Senators and Representatives in Congres will be received by the President every day, except Mondays, from 10 until 12. Persons not members of Congress baying

business with the President will be received. from 12 until I on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Those who have no business, but call

merely to pay their respects, will be received by the President in the East Room at 1 p. m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. VISITORS TO THE DEPARTMENTS.

Secretaries Blame, Proctor and Tracy have issued the following order for the recention of visitors:

tives in Congress, from 10 to 12 o'clock. Reception of all persons not connected with the Departments, at 12 o'clock, except Tuesdays and Fridays, which are Cabinet days; and Thursdays in the Department of

Reception of Senators and Representa

State, when the members of the Diplomatic Corps are exclusively received. Persons will not be admitted to the build ing after 2 o'clock each day, unless by card, which will be sent by the captain of the watch to the chief clerk or to the head of the bureau for which the visit is intended. This rule will not apply to Senators, Repre-

THE CHICAGO POSTOFFICE.

scutatives or heads of Executive Depart

It so happens occasionally that there appertains to a public office an importance far beyond what, to use a mercan tile expression, is its face value. Such importance just now attaches to the Chi cago posteffice. It is a place which should be filled by the President only after careful consideration. It is on which should, for political reasons, be taken out of the political rut.

In Chicago were made some of the late Administration's worst blunders The appointments there were not good the public business there was not well conducted and the postoffice in particular was badly managed. There is a vast business carried on in Chicago in cramped quarters. To manage this business well is required a man of executive ability, force of character and enterprise, energy and ambition. No mere routine man, no ordinary business man, can fill the place well. He must meet constantly with new emergencies and community in the United States. man of brains, one quick-witted, a man of will, is required in the Chicago

Mr. Cleveland first appointed as post master of Chicago a most respectable and conscientious old man, who almost broke down under the strain and could not control the horde under his com-The service of the office became bad, and there was indignant protest from the people, regardless of polities. This postmaster was succeeded by a wealthy, semi-military club man, who has a little more force than his predecessor, but not much more natural fitness for the place. The office is not in good shape. The term of the present incumbent expires within a few months

It will aid Republicanism in Chicago to have a good postmaster there, but to appoint the ordinary partisan or the ordinary eminently respectable citizen with endorsements will not secure the end. The man who gets the place should be one with the right sort of ability and one who takes the office with the sole aim of making it the bestmanaged in the country. The nomination of such a man for this particular place would be a great thing from a political point of view, as in every way. The Ch'cago public would be impressed deeply with an experience they have not had of late-the swift and efficient handling of the mails and the avoidance of blunders in the postal service generally.

BOOTH AND BARRETT.

Mr. Lawrence Barrett, actor and managing partner for Mr. Edwin Booth. is unlike most managers, inasmuch as when their stars are taken sick they do all they can to have it understood that nothing serious is the matter, but when Mr. Barrett's star is suddenly stricken Mr. Barrett hastens to the front of the stage and announces with singular insistance that the greatest actor speaking the English language is hard hit and that he fears he will never recover, in fact he is sure he will not, and he (Barrett) is going to take him off to a resting place, and the money will be refunded to the audience, etc., etc. How Mr. Barrett could tell the exact nature and duration of Mr. Booth's illness is quite as remarkable as why he should be so anxious to rush at once before the people with his sorrowful information. There is no case in theatrical history quite like this of Mr. Barrett's, and as later reports indicate that Mr. Booth was not paralezed at all and will recover very soon, it is highly probable that he will ask

WASHINGTON CRITIC and excited and did not know what he was saying, and possibly he was not Mr. Barrett knows. Mr. Booth will also know in a week or so.

NEWSPAPER AMENETIES.

There is great gloom and great hap piness in journalistic circles in Chicago Those journals, the News and Herald advecating the political revolution which has just come are jovial to a degree which is catching, and the newspapers supporting the machine are correspondingly depressed. It is pleasant, though, to note that the victors are in a kindly mood and disposed to help out their recent foes. Here, for instance, is a piece of thoughtfulness from

It will be pretty dry milking in the Chicago ribuse office for some time to come. Colone i oseph Medill's associates will find it hard to discover topics upon which to spin out the scholarly lucubrations. But here are some timely subjects which we fancy our contem-porary might handle with dignity and case:

Will Quinine Break a Chill? Causes of Sudden Cold Snaps? The Sifuation at Springfield. How Long Can a Man Live on Soup? Matthew Arnold's Place in Literature Samoan Affairs. Is the Crow a Bird or a Reptile: Chicago as a Summer Resort. Great Earthquakes. Succe-Raising in New Mexico. Effects of Wind Upon Whiskers. The Jack-Rabbit Pest in Australia. Proches or Tippets for Sore Throats

Here are fifteen capital subjects, and we shall expect to see them treated in the columns of our valued contemporary at great length and with characteristic crudition.

What could be more kindly than that! Even from Chicago we may sometimes learn what real sweetness is

THE CRITIC stated vesterday that Colonel W. O. Bradley of Kentucky had declined a \$10,000 salary in Cores. THE CRITIC was several dollars wrong, the salary is \$5,000 a year, and after July next \$7,500. The Colonel would have declined t just the same, however, even if it had been \$20,000, so THE CRITIC is still right. It wasn't figures any way; it was the fact that nothing short of a freight car full of noney would tempt a Kentuckian to put himself where he would not be contiguous to the leading famous products of his State. Colonel Bradley makes no sacrifice in declining to move away from the place of his

THE NEW YORK World is proceeding to jump on Skiplo Africanus Stanley because he hanged one or two of his soldiers. The World had better be careful lest when Stanley finds its correspondent (Mr. Stevens), be proceeds to tar and feather him and stuff the ballot-box with him commit some other Southern outrage.

EDITOR REID, Editor Thorndyke-Rice and Editor New are not going out on strike if Editor Halstead is bounced. In Union, gentlemen, there is strength.

STANLEY is on his way home, and Emin Pasha is with him. They will hardly arrive here in time for the spring opening the circuses.

JAPANESE POEM.

Ha vey ous een thep ret tyfl-ower Co mef rom oldjap an, Wi thu son lyf ort hebo ur, Ju sta vi sit'ss pan, Shet hel ov elle sto fall, Shet hep oets ings, Doneu pinap acka ges mall, Li ke allpre ci oust hings?

Ha vey ous een thep rin ce's bri de; Wa si ty ourgo odh ap Tob chold thed igni fi ed, Char ming lit tlej ap? Ifyo uran swerm ust ben o Pi ti edyo us ho uld be; Yo uk nown ot whatflo eragrev Int hel and oft ea!

A very swell young man, who has be

occupying most of the front row at Al-baugh's during the week, sends in this:

TO MRS. CLEOPATRA BROWN POTTER. She came, old Egypt's widowed queen The night-eyed daughter of the Nile, Arrayed in such attire as if a piece Of midnight sky, starlit and soft, Had been torn out and draped upon her: Close clung the folds of jeweled cloth, A splendid sea of woven waves, Which, rustling murm'rous, rose Upon a pulsing, sensuous beach Of summer sand-warm, pink and white She stood, a statue carved in silk; She moved, and from the carving came The outlines of a fear revealed. The outlines of a hope concealed The rich red lights fell on the queen And blushed a rosier red, because They dared to come in touch of her; She walked upon the desert sands; She rested 'neath the pyramids; Close came she to the silent Sphinx:

She stood between the sun and it In that thin drapery of hers, So like the cloud apparel of the moon Which, lithe and lissome limbed, when ne Swings out across the misty sky; And as the age-swept sitent Sphinx Looked on the queen it placed its hands Before its eyes and blushed a deep, dee

And this is why the san-burnt Sphinx Is old red sandstone to this day.

Johnnie (with a Sunday-school book) ay, Papa, what is a martyr? Papa'(eautiously): Don't ask such que ne now, my child. Wait until you are old enough to be macried.

March appears to have left the door oper

A man by the name of Admire and one

named Happy have been put into office by admire Mr. Harrison

An encouraging sign-"A schooner of heer for 5 cents and a plate of turtle soup

(Omaha Herald.) The days will soon be here when the bus man will open his newspaper to find it full of such expressions as these: "Smithic flew out to Jones while Brown was neatly put out at the first bag. Robinson was given a life by Billings' muff of his fly. He stole second and went to third on a wild throw by Jones." And you can wage your under nost dollar that the busy man devours it all

Just Like Salesladies.

Nearly all the lady clerks in the Post office Department wear black, and the explanation is given that one of them rece read, or heard or saw that all the lady store in Philadelphia were dressed in plain black alpaca, and that this was in accord ance with the proprietors wishes.

An Opportunity. (New York Telegram)

If Descen Wanamaker finds time heavy
on his hands he might do something to exhis managing pariner for an explana-tion. Possibly Mr. Burrett was nervous long between Stanley letters.

THE TOWN'S PHOTOGRAPH

Speaking of the Beaver-Armes incident and nose-pulling in general recalls the fact that a President of the United States once. had his nose tweaked by an ex-officer, near this same Washington. The hero of this exploit was Robert B. Randolph, a disnissed naval officer, and the pullee was President Andrew Jackson.

In May, 1833, President Jackson and his suite left Washington on the good steamer, "Sydney," Captain James Guy on the quarter-deck, bound for Fredericksburg, Va., where the President was to lay the cornertone of the monument to th Washington.

When the boat stopped at Alexandria, so the legend runneth, and while the President was seated in the cabin, a gentlemanly-looking fellow strode down cabin and pansed before the President a moment while he tugged at the glove on his right hand which seemed hard to get

"Oh, never mind the glove, sir," said the President, supposing the young fellow wished merely to shake hands with him. But the young fellow did mind the glove and tugged at it until it came off, when, to the utter amazement of those standing and, he made a vicious tweak at the President's rather prominent nose. He was immediately seized and hustled about, while immediately seized and mustice about, white the President sprang to his feet and reached for his cane. The bystanders interfered and kept them apart, notwithstanding the doughty President's attempts to get at his assailant. Randolph escaped from the boat in the confusion which followed and was never punished, but the President swore he would lick him if he ever caught him. Randolph had been court-martialed in the navy, and the President having authorized desal, he wanted revenge.

Every Saturday evening a number of intellectual men and women assemble in a hall up on Fourteenth street and discuss for the amelioration of mankind. Edward Bellamy's "Looking Backward" has been the spur that has caused this unwonted interest among men and women who are not mere social philosophers and dreamers of a Utopian civilization, but persons who hope to aid in a practical recountry. No book in many years has created such a profound sensation among the thinking classes as "Looking Backward." Nationalist clubs, as they are styled, have been organized in New York and other Eastern cities, their fundamental motive being to promulgate the theories set forth work. But while they are formed to spread the theory of the nationalization dustries the clubs do not hesitate to discuss all theories which have as their aim the amelioration of humanity.

One of the standing committees is the committee on information, and it is the duty of this committee to keep the club in-formed of all social movements and their progress. The Nationalists have been called Communists, but they are the oppo site of that as the term is generally applied.
According to the Nationalist theory the
members of the future nation are to own nothing but their few personal effects, the State is to own all and control all. It can be readily seen that in a forum where all socialistic theories are admitted some lively discussions will result. But everything is conducted with well-bred courtesy, and if members differ to their views they know that all are aiming at the same end, and in on search for truth they bury acri monious strife.

Few appointments yet made by President Harrison are likely to result more satisfactorily than that of Hon. George H. Shleids of Missouri as Assistant Attorney-General. Mr. Shields in 1872 was a member of the Missouri Legislature, and even then the conscientions young lawyer was accepted as a legal authority by both parties, and was practically the Republican leader. There are few attorneys in the country who outrank him in solid acquirements. Later Mr. Shields became the law partner of John B. Henderson, and soon won a place in the first rank of the St. Louis bar. Of recent years he has been alone in his profession Mr. Shields personally is a man of striking appearance. He has the curling gray hair and calm, quiet face of General Noble, but is taller, and has a little more of the air of the student of legal problems. He is a man of the type of whom it may be ex-pected that he will yet reach the Supreme Bench.

The proposed University Club, to be composed of college graduates tiving in Washington, has not been abandoned, as might be thought from the silence on the subject since the idea was suggested some wacks ago. The committee appointed at the an-nual meeting of the Cornell Alumni Association to canvass the matter among the graduates of other institutions, has been quietly engaged in pursuing their investi-gation. Everywhere the suggestion has been warmly approved. Several were found who said that they had long thought of such an organization, and hoped that steps would be taken to form it. A member of the executive committee of the Princeton Alumni Association said to one of the committee: "I shall bring the matter up at our annual banquet for the par pose of getting an expression of opinion Personally, I shall be glad to co-operat with you in any way possible, as it has long been a favorite project of mine." Could the rolls of the alumni associations of Washington be combined in a club it would include some of the most famous names in the country. Such a club would rank in the culture and renown of its mam bers with any association of equal size in the country. The proposed club is not designed to be an elaborate or costly affair, or in any sense a rival of existing social o literary organizations. Its prime object will be to provide a headquarters where college men can meet on common ground and revive recollections of old times.

Railway officials fall into a happy-go lucky style of doing their duties some times. An instance happened the othe night out at the Boundary station of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. The train leaving at 10:05 in the evening is announced to stop at the station for the convenience of patrons living in the northern part of the city. Relying upon this promise, a traveler, bound for one of the suburban settlements which the Baltimore and Ohio done so much to build up, took the Eckington Railway cars for the Boundary station. Arrived there he found everything closed up-no lights, no fiagman, no sta-tion master, no watchman, even to ware carriages of approaching trains. The suburban resident, with a touching confidence that everything would be all right however, walted for the train.

Presently the headlight of the locomotiv appeared in the distance, the rumble of the wheels grew louder, the train came into view, it neared the station and passed by I the love traveler was forced to return to the city. The following day he inter

viewed the station agent. "Why didn't you flag the train?" that functionary inquired, with the coolest of sang-froid.
"How in the name of all that's unmen

tionable could I flag the train when there was nothing to flag it with ?" "Why," he returned, "you might have lighted a newspaper and waved it in the air. That would have stopped 'em." A CLOSE CALL.

A certain well-known Lieutenant of this ity went over to New York recently, and, though he's a man of the world pretty well acquainted with the devices commonly employed to beguile the unwary stranger, he fell into the hands of the bunco" men. His experience shows he even the sophisticated may be taken of their guard. He had just left the ferry a Desbrosses street, and was hurrying up to the elevated road station, when a man came ip and accosted him with great cordiality Why, how are you, Mr. Brown," he ex

"Excuse me," the Lieutenant returned my name is not Brown. I'm Ligutenan Lindholm from Washington."
"Oh, excuse me. I thought you were my old friend Brown from Elmira. It's a won derful resemblance," and the sharp, with

cany apologies, turned away. Not much further up the street the Lies tenant found himself greeted by anothe know how things were in Washington The Lieutenaut didn't know the man from

dam, but presumed that it was some or he had met here, and as he is naturall very polite he didn't intimate his ignorance He therefore responded civilly and ended by accepting an invitation to dine with the

"I am real glad I met some one from Washington. One likes to see some one from one's old home. You remember my place there? Well, things were dull and I had to sell out and come over to New York. I bave a very fair busines here. Come up to my hotel and take dinner with me. Gad I am glad I met you."

As the Lieutenant did not particularly care which hotel he went to, he decided to go with the other, and they tramped away together. Presently the Lieutenaut's friend said that he wished to stop at his office on the way up, and asked the Lieutenant to accompany him. They entered a disrepu-table-looking place in Elizabeth street, which struck the Lieutenant as rather pe-culiar for a man who was doing a good business, but no suspicion entered his mind. The other bustled around, gave numerous orders to the office boy and asked as many questions, until at length a tall, powerful-looking man entered the office. He was greeted cordially by the proprietor, who inquired, "What luck?"
"Good," returned the new-comer. "I've

sold all my cattle, and am going home to-night. A clean three thousand!" He pulled out a wad of bills and flung it down on the The Lieutenant remarked that it was

rather dangerous to be carrying so much money around when there were sharpers and bunco men lying around everywhere. "Oh, I guess I can look out. By the way, some fellows down the street did win a little of the pile. They were playing ome sort of a game with cards, and before I dropped I lost considerable. However, I let 'em have it, one right and two left, and got away. I got three cards, though The game was to pick out a certain card out of these three. Here, I take 'em this way and lay 'em on the table. Now, I be you fifty dollars you can't pick it out." "Oh, I don't want to bet," the Lieute

"Oh, you haven't the money."
"Yes, I have; plenty of it!" (the sharpers xchanged glances), "but I don't care to

ant replied.

"Well, I'll bet," said the propri he planked down fifty dollars. He tried it and lost. He tried it several times and lost. The Lieutenant became interested.
"Say, I'il go you," he cried. The dealer shuffled the cards, apparently, in such an awkward way that the Lieutenant had no doubt which was his card when they were aid. This very awkwardness aroused all his suspicion. He saw the game. It was intended that he should win. They meant to draw him on. The wad of money was counterfelt. The cattle men and the proprietor were confederates. He was being

"Well, which one do you pick." "Which one do I pick? you d— scoundrel; his is the one I pick," and he pulled his pistol, and, covering the two, backed to the door, and, before the astonishe I gamblers recovered, he had reached the street and was making lively tracks from the place. He related his experience to the first policeman, who assured him had had a narrow escape.
""Yes," concluded the lieutenant, as he

related the story, "I believe those men yould have murdered me before they'd let me go with my pile."

A Literary Discovery.

(New York Evening Sun.) While Colonel Elijah Halford was gloo ily spelling out an indignant letter from an Indiana politician yesterday, an elderly man, whose lofty front and glittering eve marked him as in some way different from the common herd, appeared at the door of the secretary's office. Nimbly cluding the ayonets of the file of soldiers on guard at the entrance, he slipped through into the antercom of royalty and stood in the presence of the careworn political backstop The stranger bowed gravely.

"Good morning, sir," said Elijah, wear-

"I am an antiquarian, "sir," replied the iderly man with a quiet pride.

made a discovery, sir."
"May I inquire—," said Elijah of have found an old manuscript which s undoubtedly authentic, and which is no less a treasure than an additional book of Horace's odes. There are fifty-two of hem, my dear sir, each signed ' Q. H. An English translation is appended with-

out signature." "You amaze me," said Elliah, vawning "I thought I should," said the elderly man. "The scroll is marked 'Lib. V.,' and the fifteenth ode is so strikingly apt, just now, that I want the President to see it."
"Name please," said Elijah, absently, as his glance wandered toward the pigeon holes in which he stows important papers to be brought at once to the President's

personal notice.
"Never mind the name, young man." said the stranger, with rising dignity. "Just hand this to President Harrison. I'll drop in to-morrow, perhaps, to learn what he says. Good morning, or and he had melted away before the astounded Elijah ould celleve his senses.

The Secretary opened the paper. It con ained eight lines of verse headed "Murat Reflective." Short-sighted Senstors—on the wrong tack Know ye not Jill always comes to her Jack

Though ye have waited long years to strike back again. Have ye then killed me?

Still the Commercial-Gazette will take note

Still independent am I of the vote of ye Still is my snickersnee keen at the throat of The Secretary's hands fell limp by

"I" There, Allen! (New York Herald.) --- "Y" do the papers insist upon calling the new Minister to Russia out of his name? He was christened Allen Thorndike Rice.

ide. His head dropped forward. He had

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

General and Mrs. Breckinridge gave a dinner party yesterday and Mrs. Richard Nixon left for New Orleans last evening.

Miss Ida Murphy of St. Paul is the guest

of Mrs. Harrison at the White House, The Women's Nutional Press Associatio will meet this evening at Mrs. Germond Miss Bloodgood of New York has re-turned from Old Point Comfort and is

stopping at the Arlington.

Mrs. Harrison has been daily improving in health, and will see a number of friends this evening by appointment.

Mrs. Dickinson was assisted by he mother, Mrs. Platt, at her reception yesterday afternoon at the Arlington. Miss Vilas Mr. J. R. McKee, the President's son-in

law, left for Indianapolis this afternoon, and expects to be absent from Washington for several months.

A reception will be held this evening at 8 o'clock in the parlors of the New York-Avenue Church by the ladies of the McAll

Auxiliary Mission. Senator Morrill will celebrate his 79th birthday by a reception at his residence to-morrow evening, anticipating the date, as it falls on Sunday. The Marquise Clara Lanza, daughter of Dr. Hammond of this city, was given au

Hornsby at her elegant residence in this A very pleasant evening was spent by the High School Social Club at Miss Youngs, 1433 Corcoran street, Wednesday. The next meeting will be at Miss Shumans'.

2026 I street northwest. Mrs. Endicott gave the last of her in formal receptions yesterday, and will leave for her home in Boston next Wednes lay. She will sail on the 23d instant for Europe,

where the summer will be spent.

Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Pamela Dean Holman, daughter of Representative W. S. Holman of Indiana, and Mr. Frederick L. Harvey, Monday, April 8, at 9 a. m., at Trinity P. E. Church.

Miss Alice Clay of Lexington, Ky., who

has been the guest of Miss Mary ridge on Connecticut avenue for some weeks, has returned to her home. Clay is famous as a beauty, in a State whose beautiful women have made it famou

Hon, Robert G. Evans, Minnesota's representative on the National Republican Committee, and his wife were among the visitors at the White House to-day. Appointment Clerk Byrnes of the Treasury Department did the honors for the party. Mr. Hiram Mitchell, after a long tussle

with typhoid fever, was on the Avenue yes terday for the first time in weeks. Mitchell has developed a voluptuous set of Italian sunset whiskers, but in other re-specs Mr. Mitchell hasn't done much developing except to develop a very distinct and prominent thinness. He'll get over that by and by just like he used to be. The luncheon given by Mrs. Senator Hearst to her guest, Madame Barreda, yes-

terday, was one of the most delightful bits of entertainment she has yet offered her friends. A rose-color plush scarf extended the entire length of the table, which was beautifully decorated with the favorite flower of the bostess-Catharine Merme roses. Among those present were Madame Romero, Mrs. Admiral Rogers, Mrs. John Hay, Mrs. Admiral Selfridge and Mrs.

HE GOT HUNGRY

A young physician, who is well known in A young physician, who is now undergoing an amount of chaffling from his friends which makes him wonder what is the use of Lenten decials. The other evening Mrs. enatos Ingalls invited the Doctor, with a number of other friends, to dinner at 8 p. m. The Doctor accepted, but said he ould not come until a half-hour later, and it was agreed that a place should be held for him until his arrival. At 8:30 the

Doctor rang the bell and a new servant girl answered it. Somehow her suspicions were aroused against the Doctor, and, although the invited him into the parlor, she watche him narrowly. He asked to see Mrs. Ingalls. The girl said he could see her in a

as the pleasant fragrance of the viand floated upward to his eager nostrils.
"You can see her in a few minutes," isted the girl, as she settled down to

busines of not leaving him alone with the movables in the parlor.
"But, my girl" he pleaded, "I am in vited here to dinner. Go and see Mrs. galls, and tell her I'm here."

"She'll be up before long, and it all right," and again the girl headed him Finally be sat down in sheer des

and waited and waited and waited, and the girl watched and watched and watched. Along about 9:30 o'clock some members of the family passed through the hall, and the young man made a rush and got in an explanation ahead of the servant girl. Then be went down to fill the vacant chair at the table and the vacant space under his

IN FOREIGN LANDS

A curious offer is made of a small lease hold property in Worcestershire held "for the residue of a term of 3,000 years, created in the year 1600." It will be sold at nuc

catch one of the miserable little English sparrows so common there, paint it up in bright tropical hues, and hawk it up on the street for £2 apiece as a "rare foreign curi

London's nicely paved streets are so sli pery that steps have been taken to find a means of roughening them. Two societies—the Society for Promoting the Safety of Horses and the Horse Accident Prevention Society-have been formed. They propos plans to keep the streets clean and well A movement has been started in Norway

North pole, and it is supposed that the badership will be offered to Dr. Nansen. The intention is that an attempt shall be made to reach the pole by way of Franz Josef's Land. The London "Atheneum" offers the latest noteworthy criticism on Miss Rives' "The Quick or the Dead?" "Miss Rives' executio i," says that journal, "shows all the faults of a want of training, but in other

for the dispatch in the summer of 1800 o

an expedition which would try to reach the

respects she is superior to other minor American novelists in the same way as a aligner minstrel is superior as an artist to a schoolgirl singing a drawing-room ballad." The Pope is said to be a very fine chess player, and the honor of contesting the game with him is especially conferred upon a priest in Rome. This priest, Father Giells, has played chess with Leo Pecci for thirty-two years past. When Cardinal Pecci was raised to the Papacy Father Giells, who was then in Florence, got an invitation to proceed to Rome and take up his quarters in the Vatican. Giella is hot-tempered, but the Pope takes his temper

good-naturedly, and is often said to im prove the occasion by a homily on the viztures of resignation and meekness. A postal card sent to this office will secur-the regular delicery of THE CRITIC in any part of the city. THE PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

(Communications on any matter of curre interest will be cheerfully printed in Ten Curric under this head. Letters should in all cases be as brief as possible.)

The Commissionership. Washington, April 5 .- Editor Critic: Noticing in your valuable paper of the 1st instant reference to Mr. L. M. Saunders to connection with the Commissionership for the District, I desire to say that it would be difficult to find the embodiment of a greater number of essential qualities and qualifications for so responsible a position than those enjoyed by the gentleman referred to. The best evidence of Mr. Saunders' fitness for the position consist in the fact that he has attracted the attention of the best classes of citizens and property-holders of the District, irrespective of political bias.

That he has the courage of his convic-tions, and will endeavor to do the right regardless of personal interest or public opinion, is doubted by none. Mr. Saunders is free from entangling alliances with rings and jobbers, notwithstanding his large real estate interests in the city. With qualifications it is not surprising that the office seeks the man, rather than the man the office. Let us have him; he will be an honor to the District.

THE FLAG NOW WAVES.

The publication recently in THE CRITIC elaborate tea on Wednesday by Mrs. Isham of the fact that Government officials had been negligent in not having the United States flag boisted regularly every day over the public buildings in this city has borne good fruit. Already some of the sleepy messengers have been aroused to a sense of beir duties and the cusign floats in the breeze from structures which have hitherte for years presented bare poles surmounted by a glit ball. On all the custom houses through-out the United States the Stars and Stripes are unfurled every day and it is a subject of frequent comment by vistors to the White House that the emblem of the free is not visible over the headquarters of the Chief Magistrate of the Repu

The same is true of the State and War Departments and with the roof of the central portion of the magnificent granite pile west of the White House. The denuded flag pole is outlined with startling distinct-ness against the sky. Over at the Attor ney-General's office, which is located in th old Freedman's Bank Building, it would naturally be expected that a flag should float, but such is not the fact

RAPID RISE IN RANK

"Promotion is very rapid in Washington," said Chief Clerk Brackett of the Treasury Department to a representative of The Critic, "and I had a striking illus-tration of this fact to-day. Before I as-sumed my present position I was known far and wide as Captain Brackett, that being my former rank in the army, but it re mained for a colored brother to give me a lift in the line of brevets. I had been over to the White House to attend to some official business, and was on my way to my Colonel Brackett. It was a soft, low tone. but I did not think it was meant for me Again the brevet of Colonel was applied and this was too much for human na-ture. I turned around to see who was taking such liberties with my name, and there was a colored man, whom cha would make a white mark upon. He wanted to be a watchman, and did not hesitate to promote me."

A Politician's Woe "Speaking of the crooked ways of politi cians," said Colonel John S. Williams, the Third Auditor of the Treasury, to a Carrie reporter yesterday, "the tricks of the profession are no more pronounced now than in the the good old days of the Republic, when the public putrousge to be dispessed. was not one-quarter of its present magni-

"I remember a case of duplicity which emenated from a prominent Senator back in the winter of '49 and '50, which illustrates the virtue of public men at that I was chief clerk of the Appoint ment Office of the Postoffice Departmen that winter, and one day, when in the office of the Postmaster-General, the Hon. Jacob Collamer of Vermont, an applicant for po-sition, was admitted and presented the Senator Seward of New York. One, the open letter, was a strong recommendation from Seward, urging the appointment of the bearer as route agent or mail me on the line of the present New York Central Railroad from Rochester to Syracus via Auburn. The sealed letter, marked private, also from the New York Senator requesting the P. M. G. not to make the ap pointment, notwithstanding his letter recommendation."

"After reading both letters the P. M. G. asked the applicant if Senator Seward sent any verbal message. He replied, No; that when the Senator gave him the letter of recommendation he asked if he was going directly to the Postoffice Department, and being answered in the affirmative he requested him to wait a moment, and then wrote and handed him a private letter to

hand to the Postmaster-General.
"Of course the office-seeker didn't know the purport of the private note, and Mr Collamer didn't inform him, but told him to call next day and he would let him know the result of his application 'As soon as the party withdrew, th

P. M. G. turned to me, and read both letters, and said: 'Williams, you are a New Yorker. Is this a sample of the code o political ethics among your statesmen and without waiting for a reply he sent is for Fitz Henry Warren, the Second Assistant P. M. G., then in charge of appoint ments, and ordered a com ssued for the applicant, saying he would not let his Department be prostituted by any such political duplicity; he should hold Senator Seward responsible for his letter addressed to the Department in favor of the appointment. The applicant received desion the next day

"The tactics attempted by the crafty Senator from New York are still tried on occasionally by wily politicians, and the only absolute certainty of any appointment is when a commission is signed, scaled and

Laced Too Tight,

"Notice anything peculiar in the posture of the girls on the stage?" said a physician of the girls on the stage?" said a physician to a Cincinnati Enquirer reporter one evening at the "Crystal Slipper," pointing to the line of pretty girls in pint lights standing beside the throne of the Prince.

"No," was the reply, "nothing, unless it is they're uncommonly pretty."

"Well," said the dootor, "if you will observe how they stand you will notice that their pose is unconscious, but that every girl of them save one has her right hand behind her back, and the exception is a girl wearing a directoire dreas."

"Well," was asked.

"The arm behind the waist means that every one of those girls is laced too tight. They are so constricted that they cannot fet their arms hang at their side, and so unconsciously they put one behind their back. The girl with the directoire dress isn't laced tightly, and you will notice that her arms fall naturally by her side."

A Pension Fraud Arrested. The Commissioner of Pensions has been advised that Cyrus Trough was arrested at Long Run, W. Va., on the 3d instant by Special Agent Rooney upon a charge of defrauding Sarab Hansford out of \$400 as an illegal fee-charge for prosecuting her pursion claim. He was taken to Clarksburg, W. Va., and there lodged in jail. WILL GO ON THE STAGE.

It is not certain that Washington fur nishes more than her share of the candidates for histrionic honors, but it seems as if we heard more of our boys and girls on the stage than of those from any other one city. Washington can claim Mrs. Potter as her product, for it was here that she made her great hit with "Osler Joe," which caused her to wake up—not the nex day, but as soon as THE CRITIC published the sensation created—to find herself famous. Her name became a household word, and it was an easy matter then to se cure an audience. Of all our contribution to the stage Mrs. Potter has perhaps been the most prominent. But there have been many who have been trained in the dramatic clubs of the Capital and in amteur entertalnments who have gone on the stage and won credit for faithful and con-

scientious work.

For a long time the Barrett Club was nursery for budding talent. But that or canization has caused to exist. The Lyceum Dramatic Club presents the latest aspira to dramatic bonors. Miss Alice Wakefield has been offered the position of leading lady in the "Emigrants" Company, which recently filled a satisfactory engagement in this city. If personal attractions count for anything on the stage, Miss Wakefield will secure a high position. She is a blonde o the purest type, with beautiful eyes of brown and face as fair as an infants, no which dwells a pink flush like the tint of the ripening peach. But she has already demonstrated considerable ability in her chosen profession, as is indicated by the position which Mr. Baker has asked her to fill.

Colonel Jay F. Durham, a journalist with a big J, as he is familiarly known, is un-doubtedly a two-hoss team, with a spotted dog under the wagon, as an after-dinner epeaker, but if he doesn't kill off some of his traducers the reputation be has won will be wrecked. Yesterday Colonel Mus sey and Colonel Lyman were talking is front of the New York Sun office.

"By the way," said Mussey, "did you hear Jay Durham make that great speech at the Gridfron Club Saturday night ?"

"No, I'm sorry to say I didn't."
"Well, it was a dandy. You ought to have heard him. He seemed inspired with the genius of oratory, and gems of thought in settings of gold and sliver fell from his lips like showers of irridescent meteors from the cerulean canopy of the star spangled firmament. At times the mirth of Momus sparkled and shone in his words, and then the pathos of a poem swept in a tearful train through his rhythmic utterances. Anon the eloquence of a Burke, a Webster or a Clay rolled upward in the grandest cadences of the human tongue, and the listener sat bound as by a spell beneath the mystic measures of his

ondrous periods."
"Great Cæsar," exclaimed Lyman, "it must have been superb; but I thought you were out of town-that night."

So I was." "Well, how the deuce did you know what kind of a speech it was!" asked Lyman, suspiciously.
"Jay told me himself in those very words, that's how," responded Mussey with supreme confidence in Durham's judgment,

and wept. Yet verily, brethren, it's a harmless tra-duction like this that ruins many a rising young orator, and Colonel Durham doesn't blow his own horn at all—he drinks

A DIFFERENCE OF VIEW.

and Lyman hung his harp on the willow

'I'm glad that you've sworn off, my dear At the beginning of the year," Said she, since you've no more a whisky bill. It is an easy thing to fill

Said he.

That 'Don't talk about my 'swearing off ' "-

It's not that I'd no whisky bill But the mild winter let me fill That Coal Hole.

-[The Black Diamond. Marriage Licenses. William McBride, Baltimore, and Laur Hall, city; Frederick J. Harvey, city, and Pameia D. Holman, Autora, Ind.; Wolf Schlosberg and Lillie Bildman.

COOK.—On April 4, Mrs. A. E. Cook, siste of ex-Representative Sadler of Alabama.
Funeral will take place from her late residence, 806 H street northwest, Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Friends respectfully in vited.

WOOD.—On Thursday morning. 1839, Benjamin Austin, the infant Phomas and Anuie Wood, aged 8 mor Funeral from the residence of parents, 1724
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The funcral will take pince from the residence of her parents, 83 C street northwest, on Sunday afternoon, the 7th Instant, at 3:30 o'clock, to which the friends of the family are respectfully invited. Interment at Oak Bill. BRAITMAYER. On Wednesday morning

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