Within the Ark, all lonely sat
The few from condemnation freed.
"I wish," said Noah, softly, "that
I had THE CRITIC here to read."

THE WASHINGTON CRITIC

On high Olympus, scorning earthly air,
When Jove drinks nectar—possibly with cream—
And reads THE EVENING CRITIC through with care,
'Tis then his comfort is at last supreme.

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AT THE WHITE HOUSE

PRESIDENT HARRISON SAYS HE ENJOYED HIS TRIP TO NEW YORK.

All the Presidential Household That are Back are in the Best of Health—"I Never Felt Better in My Life," Says the President.

Overflow from the New York Centennial permeated the White House to-day, and in addition to the public who wanted to see the President, if only for a minute, hundreds of members of military organizations thronged the lower floor, but that was as far as they could get. Strict orders were given against allowing any save officials and Congressmen in the library before noon, and these instructions were carried out to the letter. The President was in good spirits after his recent experience at New York, and hurried up from breakfast to get to work at his desk, where a huge mass of correspondence had accumulated. One of the first acts of the Executive was to exercise his prerogative and respite a condemned murderer. The order in the case was as follows:

In the case of Nelson Colbert, District of Columbia, under sentence to be hanged to-morrow, the President has granted a respite until May 17, 1889, to enable an examination of the papers—the appeal in the Supreme Court of the District not having been decided until yesterday.

"It has been a pretty fatiguing ordeal for the past three days," remarked the President to THE CRITIC representative to-day, "but I feel very much refreshed and invigorated after a good night's rest. I was never better in my life, but I must say I am glad to get back to Washington."

Private Secretary Halford wore a good-natured smile as he responded to the greetings of a number of callers this morning and declared that the trip to New York had been beneficial to every member of the Presidential party.

"It is not likely," continued the Secretary, "that there will be any appointments made by the President to-day, and certainly nothing will be done regarding the District Commissioners this week."

Among the President's callers to-day were Senator Sawyer, Hon. E. G. Lapham, New York; Representatives Caldwell, Owen, Baker, Outhwaite and Henderson, Hon. John R. Thomas, Illinois; William Smith Brown, Tarrytown, N. Y.; Hon. J. L. Alcorn, Mississippi; J. D. Alexander of the Indiana Legislature of 1887; Dr. John E. Brackett, Washington, D. C.; J. M. Courtney, Hopkinsville, Ky.; John Devon, Greenville, Ohio; John C. Chaney, Sullivan, Ind.; Z. V. Purdy, Birmingham, Ala.; J. D. Adams, New Haven, Conn., and General R. D. Mussey, Washington, D. C.

THINKS WE ARE SAFE.

No Danger of Conduit Explosions Here.

Some time ago there was a number of explosions in the streets of New York caused by the accumulation of gas in the electric subways and Commissioner Raymond requested Professor Richards, the District chemist, to make an examination of the subways of Washington to discover if there were any dangerous accumulations in them. He has made the following report:

SIR: In compliance with your request I have made an examination of the electric subway for the purpose of detecting the presence of coal gas in them and have the honor to make the following preliminary report upon the subject: The loss of gas by leakage in our streets is stated by the president of the Washington Gas Company to be but 40 per cent. of the amount passing into the mains. It is therefore improbable that large leaks should afford a means of supplying sufficient gas to form explosive mixtures in subways. In fact, after careful examination only four man-holes have been found where the odor of gas could be detected, namely at Pennsylvania avenue and Eighth street and at the fourth man-hole in front of the Executive Mansion. In one of these was the amount sufficient to make the atmosphere of the hole explosive, and even were it so the small space, but a few cubic feet, would not contain sufficient gas to cause a dangerous explosion if ignited, and would probably do no more than lift the cover.

I am of the opinion, therefore, that there exists no conditions at present for explosions in our electric subway, but shall continue my investigations more in detail in the near future. Very respectfully,

CLIFFORD RICHARDS.

THE DEADLY CIGARETTE.

But His Actions Were not so Insane After All.

Harry L. Amere, an insane man, picked up a horse and buggy on the street to-day, and realizing his own infirmity drove over to St. Elizabeth's and tried to break in. They refused to admit him, and he was taken charge of by his people. It is said that cigarettes were the cause of his insanity.

Home at Last.

Mr. Charles Frisbie Towle, the active and energetic correspondent in Washington of the Boston *Traveller*, a journalist who seldom is scooped, returned from the New York Centennial this morning. The reason Mr. Towle returned this morning was that he missed the Presidential train, which left Jersey City at 5 o'clock, and caught the next train that came along. Attorney-General Miller, Major Stofer of the Richmond *Dispatch* and Colonel Sam. Johnson of the Cincinnati *Enquirer* are the only other gentlemen traveling by the special who have been heard of as train missers.

Gounod to be Heard Here.

ST. LOUIS, May 2.—Arrangements have been made by Benjamin F. Marx of this city and Mr. Louis Nathal of New York, for a series of seventy-five concerts to be given in the leading cities of America by Gounod. The great composer has agreed to lead an orchestra of eighty, and produce a number of his oratorios which have never been heard in this country.

Seven Employes Injured.

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., May 2.—An east-bound stock train ran into the caboose of a construction train near Hannover, completely demolishing the car and severely injuring seven employes in the car. The injured were taken to Deposit to be cared for. It is thought several will die.

A Jeweller Who Lost His Head.

BOSTON, May 2.—Two men entered W. B. Moree's jewelry store, 268 Tremont street, last night, and while being shown some diamond pins one of the men grabbed a pin worth $200 and fled. The proprietor ran after him and the other man secured $600 worth of jewelry and left. Both are still at large.

Succeeded by a Woman.

TOPEKA, KAN., May 2.—Irwin Taylor, for some time past chief clerk in the office of the Attorney-General, was succeeded yesterday by Mrs. J. M. Kellogg, wife of the Attorney-General. Mrs. Kellogg was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court eight years ago, and is a member of the State Bar Association.

General Anthony Wayne's Flag.

WABASH, IND., May 2.—Dr. P. G. Moore of this city is the owner of an American flag which was carried by Brigadier-General Anthony Wayne in his expedition against the Northwestern Indians in 1792.

"America's" Author.

CHICAGO, May 2.—The venerable Dr. Samuel F. Smith, author of "America," was tendered a reception last evening by the Nineteenth Illinois Veteran Association at the Sherman House.

Canuck Papers Dissatisfied.

OTTAWA, ONT., May 2.—Several leading Liberal papers are expressing dissatisfaction at the passage of the Weldon Extradition bill because the Commons struck out the retroactive clause.

"HIS FATE" UNSEALED.

MURDERER NELSON COLBERT RESPITED A FORTNIGHT.

The Preparations for the Hanging all Complete—The Rope Stretched and Greased—Everything Promised to Work Smoothly To-morrow.

This forenoon President Harrison announced his decision to respite the murderer, Nelson Colbert, the colored man convicted of the murder of Philip Wentzel at the Columbia car stables in October last.

The hour for the hanging was fixed at 1 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. Colbert's manner this morning was hardly that of a man who is staring eternity in the face. He is still hopeful. Nearly all his time has been spent in religious exercises, and his spiritual counsel, Messrs. Robertson and Fitzhugh, are nearly always with him.

Nelson Colbert.

No one except his religious attendants were allowed to see him this morning.

"We never allow a prisoner to be seen by any one when there is any uncertainty as to what will be done with him," said Deputy Warden Russ. It was evidently the purpose of the officials to make sure that nothing should go for the prisoner that might injure his prospects for a respite.

Warden Crocker called at the Department of Justice this morning to ascertain whether any action would be taken as to a respite or commutation of sentence in Colbert's case. A delegation of colored people has been calling on the President and making every endeavor to have Colbert respited and there was a general impression at the jail that the execution would be postponed. Colbert's parents and his niece called on him this morning and had a long conversation with him. Colbert sat behind the grating which separates the cell corridors from the rotunda and his visitors sat on a bench on the other side.

His father, a gray-headed colored man, held a little book in his hand, and from time to time would carry his handkerchief to his eyes. The interview lasted about an hour, and Colbert returned to his cell to engage in his devotion. Although the jail officials are willing to indulge him in anything his appetite may crave, he eats only the usual prison fare, asking for nothing whatever. He ate a light breakfast, consisting of hashed meat, wheat bread and coffee. Notwithstanding the possibility of a stay in the execution or a commutation of the sentence, preparations for the hanging have been actively going on. At the end of a corridor in the northeast corner of the jail stands the scaffold, ready now as it has been for years past to carry the death sentence into execution.

From the place where he stands when talking to visitors, Colbert can look into the corridor through which he is to take his last steps on earth. There is enough of an angle, however, to shut the scaffold itself off from his view. There is nothing to be done to the scaffold except to fasten a rope to the trigger. Just to the left is a cell room in which the man who pulls the rope is located. The curtain was cut this morning to cover that window and shut the executioner out of sight. The windows on one side of the corridor open into the cell rooms of the prisoners serving jail sentences and those on the other side look out on the river.

The rope is a three-quarter-inch hempen one, but after going through the treatment it receives it shrinks to five-eighths of an inch or less. A fifty-foot length is taken and stretched by means of block-and-tackle, so as to remove any kinks that there may be in it. If there are any short or uneven strands the rope parts at the weak place, and the process is therefore a test of its reliability. The stretching reduces the size of the rope so as to allow it to pass through the hole in the top beam of the scaffold, which is less than three-fourths of an inch in diameter. It is then thoroughly greased with tallow, so as to allow the knot to move freely. There are two ropes in excellent condition which have been prepared and used in previous executions, but it was thought best to get a new one ready for this occasion.

"There is no reason for a bunglesome hanging," remarked Deputy Warden Russ casually, "except under the most extraordinary circumstances. If the rope is thoroughly stretched and all the kinks taken out in that way, there will be none of the ghastly twisting of the body which often adds so much to the horror of an execution. And if it is properly adjusted to the scaffold there should be no danger of its breaking."

Colbert was informed of his good fortune at about one o'clock this afternoon. He expressed his greatest thankfulness to the authorities, to those who had worked for him, and to Providence. He proposes to spend the time from now till the 17th of the month in making preparations for his death. He still feels confident that he will be received as a penitent and forgiven sinner.

A Dakota Phenomenon.

SIOUX FALLS, DAK., May 2.—A peculiar heavenly phenomenon was seen here last evening. The sky was perfectly clear, except for a long black cloud in the western horizon, from which protruded immense pillars of fire. They were of a bright red color. The pillars remained for about twenty minutes and disappeared.

A Bantamweight Fight.

NEW YORK, May 2.—Billy Murray and Jack Lyman, two bantams, fought for the championship of the world, at 110 pounds this morning, at a point on the Long Island Sound, a short distance from New York. The winner was to receive a purse of $250 and the stakes, $200 aside. Lyman was knocked out in the thirty-ninth round, both his eyes having been closed. The fight lasted two hours.

John Dillon's Eloquence.

LONDON, May 2.—On Tuesday last Mr. John Dillon addressed a monster meeting at Melbourne. One thousand persons subscribed to the home rule fund. Mr. Dillon is meeting with great success on his Australian trip.

A Decision of Moment.

LONDON, May 2.—Sir Charles Russell will on Saturday next announce his decision in regard to the rental questions between the tenants and landlord on the Vandeleur estates, which were submitted to his arbitration.

Building Permits Issued.

Permits were issued to-day by the Building Inspector as follows: John Conner, one brick dwelling in alley, square 625, at a cost of $675, and Henry Beihelmer, one brick store at 927 Sixth street, to cost $1,300.

N. P. Directors in Session.

NEW YORK, May 2.—The directors of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company are holding a meeting this afternoon.

Fat in the Fire.

ELGIN, ILL., May 2.—John Newman's creamery at Turner Junction was burned yesterday. Loss $40,000.

CANADA'S PARLIAMENT

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF CANADA'S SPEECH.

A Long Talk on Things of Interest to Both the United States and Canada—What He Thinks of Reciprocity—Canada's Good Year.

OTTAWA, ONT., May 2.—This afternoon at 3 o'clock His Excellency, the Governor-General, prorogued the third session of the fifth parliament of the Dominion of Canada in the following speech:

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate and Gentlemen of the House of Commons: In relieving you of the arduous labors which the present session of Parliament have imposed on you, I rejoice that I am able to congratulate you on the number of important and useful measures which have resulted from your deliberations. I have reason to hope that the authority which you have conferred upon my government will enable them to include an arrangement for effective steamship communication with Europe and Asia, whereby the trade and commerce of Canada will be widely extended and the traffic passing over her lines of communication greatly developed. You have again made liberal provision for extending the railway facilities of the Dominion and for increasing their efficiency. The act relating to the electoral franchise will, I believe, be found an important improvement tending to economy, and certainly in the administration of that branch of the law.

The measure by which the system of speedy trials for criminals has been extended to the maritime provinces is likely to prove a valuable addition to our criminal procedure. It is gratifying to know that your address referring to the boundaries of Ontario will lead to the early settlement of the principal question which has remained unsettled to the present time between that province and the Dominion in a manner entirely satisfactory to all concerned. The amendment of the laws relating to copyright will, it is hoped, remove some of the embarrassments under which the printers and publishers of Canada have labored for some years past, without doing justice to authors in this or other countries. You have provided for greater efficiency and economy in the postal service, for giving greater facilities for the settlement of our lands in the Northwest Territories, and for increasing the safeguards of life and property on our ships. Many of the other measures, although of a minor character, will be found of great usefulness in conducting the affairs of administration.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons: You have liberally provided for the various requirements of the public service.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate and Gentlemen of the House of Commons: In taking leave of you I congratulate you on the indications of prosperity which appear in all parts of Canada and on the increasing revenue, which promises amply to meet the appropriations for the year. I sincerely hope that in the season which is now opening the labors of our people may be blessed by Divine Providence, and when it shall be my duty to summon you again, I shall be able to renew the congratulations which I have already expressed on the marked welfare and progress of the Dominion.

TWO BROTHERS BURNED.

A Fatal Fire in Philadelphia Early This Morning.

PHILADELPHIA, May 2.—At an early hour this morning the four-story stone building attached to the Catholic College, on East Chelton avenue, Germantown, was discovered to be on fire. Great excitement prevailed among the students in the college adjoining, when it was learned that two brothers, Ignatius and Michael Killian, were in the third story of the burning building. Michael jumped to the ground but was so seriously injured by the fall that it is thought he sustained fatal injuries.

Ignatius was burned to death. He tried to follow his brother's example, but the flooring gave way under him and he sank into the burning mass of debris. The loss on the burned building, which was used for storage and cooking purposes, is not yet known.

STILL REACHING OUT.

The Standard Gobbles a Big Oil Well at Findlay, Ohio.

CHICAGO, May 2.—A *Tribune* special from Findlay, Ohio, says: Standard Oil Company has just made a deal that has scared Findlay people as badly as a cyclone. The great monopoly bought the monster Mellott gas well, which is almost within the city limits, and is considered the biggest gas well in Ohio, if not in the world. The Findlay gas trustees and the gas board of Toledo were negotiating for its purchase. The Standard paid $25,000 cash for the well and $8 per acre per annum for 660 acres of gas territory surrounding the well. This gives the Standard a hold on the Findlay gas field, for which it has long been scheming, and it is feared this territory will soon be at the mercy of the giant octopus.

A "Boomer's" Hard Luck.

GUTHRIE, T. T., May 2.—An old farmer named J. M. Barnhouse has arrived here from Uncle John's Creek, ten miles south of King Fisher, suffering from three broken ribs and badly burned about the face and arms. Barnhouse had located on a valuable farm in a fertile valley. Cowboys attempted to dispossess him, but after a desperate fight were driven away. They then set fire to the prairie grass in the vicinity of Barnhouse's claim, and effected the destruction of the "boomer's" property. In endeavoring to stop a runaway team Barnhouse was thrown across a ditch and sustained internal injuries, from which it is feared he will die.

Burial Permits Issued.

Burial permits have been issued by the Health Officer for the past twenty-four hours as follows: Mary Craft, 85 years; Samuel T. Turner, 50 years; James Greenwood, 86 years; Caroline D. Bartlett, 82 years; Francis P. McChugh, 23 years; John F. Reilly, 67 years; George E. Pritchard, 1 year, and colored; Priscilla Magruder, 26 years; Sarah F. Butler, 13 years; Geneva M. Parker, 17 years.

Senator Gorman's Brother.

Secretary Windom recently wrote a letter to Calvin Gorman, a brother of Senator Gorman, asking his resignation as Inspector of Customs for the Baltimore district. About a week ago the Secretary wrote another letter to Mr. Gorman telling him he would be retained.

Pick-pockets by the Wholesale.

NEW YORK, May 2.—The fifty professional pick-pockets and sneak-thieves who had been gathered in by the detectives during the week preceding the centennial festivities were to-day discharged from custody.

Still Ill.

Secretary Blaine still keeps indoors at the Normandie. Walker Blaine said to-day, however, that he expects the Secretary would be at his desk at the State Department to-morrow or Saturday.

The Senate's Canadian Committee.

CHICAGO, May 2.—A portion of the Senate Committee on Relations with Canada, comprising Senators Hoar, Hale, Dolph and Allison, held a conference this morning at the Grand Pacific.

Ocean Steamers Arrived.

NEW YORK, May 2.—State of Nebraska from Glasgow.

LONDON, May 2.—The North German Lloyd steamer Saale from New York for Bremen passed the Lizard this morning.

Secretary Cook Ill.

NEW YORK, May 2.—Secretary of State Cook is lying dangerously ill at the Gilsey House.

The Banker's Bail Lessened.

HILLSDALE, MICH., May 2.—Banker Waldron had another examination yesterday and his bail was reduced to $1,500.

A BUDGET OF ENGLAND'S TALK.

Lord Londonderry's Reticence and the Koh-I-Noor Diamond.

LONDON, May 2.—It is safe to say that Lord Salisbury, Mr. W. H. Smith and Mr. Balfour have not consumed much time in reading the lately published speeches of that political bull in a china shop, Lord Randolph Churchill. The friends of Mr. Smith were happily released from their fear that Churchill would come into Parliament with the strong support of Birmingham behind him and take the leadership of the House of Commons from the newsdealer. Mr. Balfour gives him a very wide berth and Lord Salisury has an undisguised horror of the "Democratic Tory."

The Premier is also troubled by the reluctance of Lord Londonderry to retain longer the lord-lieutenancy of Ireland, notwithstanding his promises and the inducements held out to him by the government to stay there. Lord Londonderry is naturally a kind-hearted man and it is an open secret that he would be glad to get away from the unhappy country, where, no matter what his private disposition may be, his name will be associated now and henceforth with tyranny and oppression. His ostensible reason is that he requires all of his time to attend to his private affairs, which have fallen into confusion during his tenure of office, but he does not mention the perpetual pleas of his august spouse for a release from her unendurable exile among the "horrid Irish."

The tories quote as a proof that the Irish are not so destitute as reputed the fact that out of the £35,000 subscribed for the defense fund some £27,000 were raised in Ireland, thus making their liberality a point against them, a method of reasoning worthy of its source, since none of the contributions have been large.

There has been much disappointment and heartburning among ambitious lordlings at the selection by Her Majesty of the Earl of Earne to fill the vacant Knightship of St. Patrick, and it will cost the government some votes, but the Earl is the most active Orangeman in all the order and won some prominence by suggesting a while ago to the Protestant employes of Ulster to discharged Catholic workmen.

The Irish and Liberal journals take a malicious pleasure in commenting upon Dhuleep Singh's modest request for the restoration of the celebrated Koh-I-Noor diamond, which, he asserts, belongs to him by right of succession. The Queen is not so sensitive as to feel greatly annoyed at the accusation of retaining stolen property, and besides has a valid defense, in that such a proceeding is one of the prerogatives of royalty, and a departure from it would bankrupt all the reigning families in Europe.

MR. PARNELL'S EXAMINATION.

He Says He Always Repudiates the American Dynamiters.

LONDON, May 2.—Mr. Parnell's cross-examination was continued to-day before the Parnell Commission. The witness admitted that Mr. Condon had been connected with the Manchester murders. He stated that he had always repudiated the American Dynamite and Physical Force parties, and had denounced them in the House of Commons. He was not aware that the Cincinnati *Commercial* reported his speeches verbatim as the *Irish World* did.

Mr. Parnell admitted that he had not found fault in the past with the actions of the Invincibles. He quoted from speeches and from a manifesto issued in 1881 in which he denounced the commission of outrages as an unconstitutional action.

The New Jury.

The new jury for the May term of the Circuit Court has been drawn as follows: Alexander Brooks, Norman L. Fowler, Charles E. Hodgkins, G. G. Bulkley, Jas. F. Barbour, George B. Wilson, Frederick Wiltberger, W. G. Douglas, T. Monroe Elliott, Wm. T. Harris, William Ballantyne, jr., John Ready, Thomas Francis, jr., William McK. Osborne, Michael Kinslow, Ferdinand Huhn, R. D. Barr, Charles D. Campbell, Maurice Murphy, W. G. Parrott, Wm. D. Serrin, Henry King, jr., E. P. Snyder, Jere K. Knight, Thomas A. Ellis and James L. Ward.

The Sixty Million.

(New York Evening Sun.)

The Centennial began under the auspices of the Four Hundred, but when they got good and ready the 60,000,000 quietly took the reins, even as paterfamilias takes them from his infant's chubby fingers after, in his judgment, the child has played drive long enough.

When this change is made the babe, especially if a spoilt child, often objects with kicks and screams. So did the puny Four Hundred. But all their little rage was ineffectual. When the people wanted to come the exquisites had to go.

Nothing in this celebration has been select, nothing fashionable. Even the ball was a hopelessly "common" affair, in which the properly vouched-for society people touched elbows with their grocer and the alderman from their ward.

The great mistake of the Four Hundred was in selecting the kind of Centennial they should honor by their special patronage. What they should celebrate is the centennial of the cravat or the invention of the stove-pipe hat.

Sly Amy.

Miss Amy (at the party)—How nice it is to be accomplished! I sometimes envy Tillie Upjohn. She plays the zither, the guitar, the piano and the violin, and sings like a nightingale. She paints beautifully, too. I can't do any of those things.

Mr. Peduncle (with sudden interest)—You can do hammered brass work, can't you?

Miss Amy—My goodness, no! I don't believe I have any talent. I can cook well—that's about all.

Mr. Peduncle (in private office of middle-aged merchant next day)—Mr. Fetherbridge, I should like permission to pay my addresses to your daughter, Miss Amy.—[Chicago Tribune.

Queer Heart of a Tree.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* says a remarkable discovery has just been made at the Cathays Yard of the Taff Vale Railway Company. A large elm tree, grown in Gloucestershire, was being cut up into timber, when right in the very heart a cavity measuring 8 feet by 7½ inches in diameter was discovered almost completely filled with the comb of the honey bee, together with a squirrel's skull. No means of access to the hollow was discoverable, neither was decay anywhere apparent, and around the cavity itself no less than fifty "rings," each ring denoting a year's growth, were counted, the outer bark being, too, without a flaw.

Congressman Reed.

Western papers are printing this story about Congressman Tom Reed. He was examined in California for admission to the bar by Judge Wallace. Reed says: "The first question that Judge Wallace asked me was, 'Is the legal tender act constitutional?' I didn't hesitate a moment. I said simply, 'It is constitutional.' 'You can pass,' said Judge Wallace. 'We always pass a man who can settle great constitutional questions off hand.'"

Not a Bad Man, Either.

(St. Louis Globe Democrat.)

It is a singular fact that much as has been written about Washington, particularly with regard to his superior personal virtue, there is nothing to show definitely that he was ever a member of the church. He attended divine services regularly, and lived an honorable and exemplary life, but as to his being a communicant the record is surprisingly uncertain.

MR. SNELLING'S YOUNG FRIEND.

Their Relations Interpreted by His Wife Into a Cause for Divorce.

MRS. Walter C. Snelling has left her home at 186 North Seventh street, Newark, the New York *Sun* of to-day says, and gone to Washington, where her parents live. There she has begun suit for divorce, accusing her husband of infidelity. He is a paper dealer in Newark. For months his wife has suspected him of improper intimacy with a young woman with whom he was occasionally seen. They have had words about it and Snelling vigorously denied that there was anything wrong in his acquaintance with the woman. Two weeks ago Mrs. Snelling went to Easton, Pa., taking her children with her. Her husband followed her on Saturday and stayed until Monday. She returned home on Wednesday of last week, and then some of the neighbors told her that the young woman in the case had occupied the house day and night during her absence. On Thursday she accused her husband of harboring the young woman in her absence, and he admitted it, but insisted that she was in the house only while he was at Easton, between Saturday and Monday. Mrs. Snelling was not satisfied with this explanation, and packing her trunks she left for Washington, leaving the two children with her husband. She took the youngest child with her. Snelling said yesterday that he had behaved in a perfectly honorable manner with the young woman, merely befriending her because she was in need of a friend. He did not deny that he let the woman into his house when his wife was away, but denied that he was with her. He said he would not attempt any defense if his wife wanted a divorce.

LATE DEPARTMENT NEWS.

Thomas R. Benton, a clerk in the Land Office, resigned to-day.

The resignation of Cadet Michael E. Hughes of the fourth class at the Military Academy has been accepted by the Secretary of War.

John V. White of the First Artillery has been detailed as professor of military science at Agricultural and Mechanical College at Oktibbeha, Miss., to take effect July 1, 1889, relieving Second Lieutenant Henry C. Davis, Third Artillery, who will join his battery.

The Secretary of War has directed Captain Edmund L. Zalinski of the Fifth Cavalry, the perfector of the Zalinski dynamite gun, to deliver a lecture before the naval torpedo station and war college at Newport, R. I.

Bids were opened to-day by Postmaster-General Wanamaker at the Postoffice Department for supplying the Postoffice Department and the 38,000 postoffices throughout the United States with official envelopes for the next fiscal year. The amount of the award when made will approximate $100,000.

Wanted to Be Pensioners.

The Commissioner of Pensions has been advised that Catherine Freckman has been arrested and brought before the United States Commissioner at Milwaukee, Wis., on a charge of making a false claim for pension as the widow of Frederick Haman, after she had remarried to Freckman. John and Caroline Loabs were also arrested for perjury in the claim. All of them were held for the action of the United States grand jury.

A Pension Swindler Convicted.

The Commissioner of Pensions has been advised that Horace Hause, alias Benjamin Prentice, has been convicted in the U. S. Court for the Western District of Michigan upon an indictment charging him with presenting a false and fraudulent claim for pension. He was sentenced on the 24th ultimo to suffer imprisonment for one year and a half in the Detroit House of Correction.

A New Private Secretary.

Mr. F. C. Partridge has been appointed private secretary to Secretary Proctor, in the place of Captain Morse, whose occupancy of that place was only intended to be temporary. Captain Morse returns to Proctor, Vt., and takes charge of the Secretary's marble quarries at that place. Mr. Partridge has long held confidential relations with Secretary Proctor in managing his business affairs.

Secretary Proctor's Jaunt.

Secretary Proctor returned to the city from New York this morning. He will leave Saturday morning for a two weeks' trip into the West. He will inspect the military prison at Leavenworth, Kan., and extend his trip to Denver, Cheyenne, Omaha, St. Paul and Chicago. General Drum, Colonel Barr and Private Secretary Partridge will accompany him, and General Schofield will join the party at Chicago.

Probable Promotions.

The records of the following naval officers recommended by the board of examiners for promotion have been submitted to the President for his action: Commander John W. Philip, to be captain; Lieutenant-Commander M. Sebree to be commander, and Passed Assistant Paymaster Geo. A. Deering to be paymaster.

A New Chief.

The Secretary of the Treasury has appointed Herbert Vail of New York to be chief of the Construction Division of the Supervising Architect's office, vice J. A. Sutherland reduced, and William A. Rogers of Ohio to be chief of a division in the Third Auditor's office.

Minister Belmont Can Go to Paris.

The State Department has granted to Mr. Perry Belmont, United States Minister to Spain, leave of absence for the purpose of attending the opening ceremonies of the Paris Exposition, to which he has been officially invited by the French Government.

Oklahoma all Right.

The War Department officials do not anticipate any trouble in Oklahoma. They think that the local government is sufficiently strong to preserve peace. General Merritt has returned with his command to Leavenworth, Kan.

A New Postoffice Street Directory.

The Postmaster-General has directed Superintendent Hall of the Dead Letter office to prepare a new edition of the street directory of each of the 401 free delivery postoffices throughout the country.

Proposals Referred.

The proposals received on the 1st instant to construct and erect machinery for the Texas have been submitted to the chief of the Bureau of Steam Engineering for examination and report.

The Armes Court-Martial.

The papers in the court-martial case of Captain Armes are being reviewed by the judge-advocate-general.

Naval Orders.

Chief Engineer John Lowe has been ordered to special duty at the Vulcan Iron Works, Chicago.

Ensign James G. Doyle has been detached from the Constellation and placed on waiting orders.

Rear Admiral Belknap assumed command of the Asiatic Station on April 4, flying his flag from the peak of the Omaha at Yokohama. He appointed his personal staff, to consist of Captain Frederick V. McNair, chief of staff; Lieutenant-Commander George A. Norris, flag lieutenant; Lieutenant-Commander Clifford H. West, flag secretary, and Naval Cadet C. B. Brittain, aid.

News of the Soldiers.

LEAVENWORTH, KAN., May 2.—General Merritt and the members of his staff arrived at Fort Leavenworth last evening from Oklahoma. The troops will undoubtedly return this week. Company D of the Sixth Infantry arrived last evening from Fort Lewis, Col.

The Weser All Right.

Mr. Droop, the agent here of the North German Lloyd steamers, received a dispatch to-day announcing that the Weser, which had been reported lost, passed Dover this morning. All well.

First, Last and All the Time.

(New York Tribune.)

The red, white and blue were subjected yesterday to a thorough competitive examination along with the flags of all the other nations of the earth. And while a number of them were good seconds, the Star Spangled Banner was a good first.

EXTRA

IVY CITY SPORTS.

Old Reliable Tipstaff Comes In a Winner.

The Track Rather Heavy But Might Be Worse.

Winners and Loosers at Other Race Courses---Only Two More Days' Racing on the Ivy City Track---The Favorite Wins the Second---Another Rainy Day---At Nashville.

Tipstaff.

First race—Purse $500, of which $100 to the second; five furlongs. Blue Line, 114, Johnson; Scurire, 101, Andrews; Tom Kearns, 111, Murray; Tipstaff, 106, Martin; Blanche, 94, Jones; Malachi, 99, Griffin; Sudtick, 111, Lewis; Iago, 103, Littlefield.

The first race at Ivy City to-day was something of a surprise to the talent, but it cannot be said that they got left very badly. The favorites run both as winners and for places, though Sourire, of whom much was expected, came in at the tail end of the procession, and was out-run even by horses that had no backers. Langor, after whose performance yesterday

A Scene in the Infield.

much was expected, was scratched half an hour before they went to the post. She was not in form after her rush in the mud yesterday, and is taking a rest preparatory for to-morrow's struggle. Iago was a general favorite with the people at the track, and he started out well, keeping well in the lead until the quarter was reached when Tipstaff overtook and distanced him. Kearns struggled nobly, but never got better than third place, but he kept that to the end of the chapter. The race for a good quarter was really between Tipstaff and Iago, but the former proved much the better horse, and coming in in the homestretch he got in his best licks under the lash and passed under the wire, two lengths ahead. Iago was a good second and the other six horses comprised a long drawn out procession. Martin, who rode Tipstaff, is proving a mascot to the Maryland stable. Time 1:06. Tipstaff paid 5 for 3 and Iago 6 for 5.

Le Logas.

Second race—A handicap sweepstakes, $500 added, of which $100 to second; one and one-sixteenth miles. Le Logas, 103, Murray; Troy, 104, Hamilton; Pocatello, 104, Martin.

Le Logas sold 8 to 5 against the field, and he won the race with the greatest ease. It was a foregone conclusion that he would do so, and the other two horses were invested in very little. The Spaniard did not have it all his own way in the beginning,

Not Dependent on Trains.

however, for before the half mile was reached Troy braced up and forged ahead of him half a length. But Le Logas went forward like an arrow, Murray riding like a Centaur and using his whip with great vigor. Troy was left behind, and Le Logas, closely followed by Pocatello, went ahead like a whirlwind. The former left the couple behind by six lengths, and finished the race four lengths ahead. Pocatello came in second, and, for the first time since the spring meeting began, Hamilton rode the tail ender by the judges' stand. Time, 1:59½. Le Logas sold 3 for 1 at the book-makers for winner.

Insight.

Third race—Brentwood Stakes, for 2-year-olds, $1,000 added, $200 to second, $100 to third; five furlongs. Tom Finley, 107, Higgs; Bavarian, 115, Anderson; Mamie Russell, 107, Hayward; Insight, 107, Littlefield.

Insight was out of sight to her rivals to-day. The start was a poor one for the other flyers, but Insight wasn't left worth a cent and jumped ahead with a rush. More than that, she kept the lead from post to finish and won a great deal of money for her backers as well as her owners. Bavarian, who won the race on Monday, and a general favorite to-day, was her only rival for a long time and worked hard, but without any results other than to wear himself out before the homestretch was reached. He pressed hard, and Anderson, who has won so many contests, did his best, but his mount was not equal to Insight, and was left. Just before the post was reached he was passed first by Tom Findley and then by Mamie Russell, and came in at the end of the string. Hamilton, for the second time to-day, was left, Mamie and Rosemont were scratched, but this did not detract from the interest of the race as nothing was expected of them. Insight first, Findley second, Mamie Russell third, and Bevarian last. Time, 1:07¼. Insight sold 8 to 5, and Tom Findley 2 for 1.

Biggonet.

Fourth race—Army and Navy Stakes, $800 added, of which $200 to second; one mile. Boaz, 110, Bergen; Biggonet, 102, Anderson; Bralt, 117, Whyburn; Letretia 104, Hamilton.

Anderson redeemed himself in the fourth race, and it was due entirely to his riding that Biggonet led the line. He seemed determined to win, but it was only at the last moment that he succeeded and his admirers little thought that he would. Letretia led off and kept it until the first quarter, when Boaz passed her, but the little mare was just behind him and pressed hard. At the half Biggonet, whom Anderson had held back for a spurt at the stretch, forged ahead and passed the three horses who had thus far kept ahead of him. After a sharp struggle he secured the lead and kept it to the finish. Letretia tried hard to regain her lost ground but Anderson was not going to be again beaten, and he kept the lead. Boaz brought up the end of the race, and tried to pass Letretia, but it couldn't be done, and so he took third place. Biggonett paid 3 for 5. Time, 1:48¾.

Venus.

The Gentlemen's Steeplechase at Ivy City to-day was the great event of the races this year, and was participated in by some of the most prominent society people of Washington. Purse $250, of which $50 to second. Venus, ridden by Mr. Alfred McCauley of this city, won the race, after a hard struggle with Cracksman, who was the favorite by long odds. Shylock, ridden by Mr. Will Hayes, got second place, though fifty yards behind the winner. Among the prominent gentlemen riders were Messrs. Dundas, Macon and Simms.

At Nashville.

Come-to-Taw won the greatest race of the season from Proctor Knott at Nashville to-day. The time was very poor, considering the condition of the track. Leo II. ran against a fence and broke his neck. Come-to-Taw, rode by Fiperty, won by half a length, Proctor Knott Second, Long Fish third.

At Guttenburg.

CLIFTON, N. J., May 2.—The bright day brought a large number of people over from New York to see the races, and the betting was exceedingly lively. The track was a trifle heavy, but got better after the second race. The hard bed on this course does not get slushy as quickly as the clay bed of Washington, and is never so heavy.

First race—Ruse first, Trombone second, Regulus third. Time, 1:33¾.

Second race—Elam first, Lenten second, St. John third. Time, 1:35¼.

Third race—Pat Daly first, Zindelle second, Lenten third. Time, 1:27.

Fourth race—Fred Davis, first; Racquet, second; Savage, third. Time, 1:21.

Fifth race—Student first, Osborn second, Roselle third. Time 1:55¾.

EXPLAINS HIS SERMON.

WHAT BISHOP POTTER SAYS THAT HE MEANT.

He Didn't Mean to Insult the President or Anybody Else—Nor Did He Mean to Attack Anyone—He Esteems the Archbishop Highly.

NEW YORK, May 2.—Bishop Potter was called upon at his residence on Fifty-ninth street by a United Press reporter this morning, with a view to learning what the reverend gentleman had to say about the fierce criticisms on the following passage in his sermon at St. Paul's Church on Tuesday had brought forth: "We have exchanged Washington dignity for Jeffersonian simplicity, which is another term for Jacksonian vulgarity."

The bishop said: "I have heard of the criticisms, but have read none of them as yet."

"It is claimed in some quarters that you insulted the President and attacked the Republican party."

"I certainly did not intend to insult or attack anyone. I cannot make any explanation just now, but if on reading the criticisms I think it is necessary I will do so over my own signature."

The bishop pooh-poohed the idea that he objected to Archbishop Corrigan being slated to pronounce the benediction at the Sub-treasury.

"The archbishop and myself," said Bishop Potter, "are on the most amiable terms, and I esteem him highly."

The bishop refused to further discuss the matter.

BACK DAY AFTER TO-MORROW.

Mrs. President Harrison's Pleasant Visit to New York.

NEW YORK, May 2.—Mrs. President Harrison was entertained at dinner at the home of Whitelaw Reid last night. To-day she will visit at Mr. Stephen B. Elkins' house, and at night dine at Elliot F. Shephard's. To-morrow night she will attend a reception at the house of Mrs. Vanderbilt, in Brooklyn, and she will return to Washington on Saturday.

Same Old Officers.

BOSTON, May 2.—At a me