

Recent Clerical Changes in the Interior Department.

NEW COMMISSIONERS OF DEEDS.

A Number of Changes in the War Department.

ANOTHER DIVIDEND DECLARED.—The Commercial Bank of America has declared a second dividend, forty per cent, in favor of the creditors of the Second National Bank of Xenia, Ohio.

MILITIA OFFICERS COMMISSIONED.—The President has signed the following commissions of officers in the District Militia: Arthur Yates, captain of Light Artillery, and George W. Edwards, second lieutenant Company C, Seventh Battalion of Infantry.

COMMISSIONERS OF DEEDS.—The following Commissioners of Deeds in the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia have been appointed by the President: James E. Mills and G. Evert Rorison; and the following notaries: Joseph H. Gridley, Minor S. Lyon, Otto C. Remelick, J. F. Steger, William Smith, Ralph W. Lee, B. F. Steger, William A. Easterday and Walter Voorhees.

NAVAL OFFICERS.—Detached.—Commanders Charles McGregor and James G. Green, and Lieutenant Commander John J. Brice, from the War College, 6th instant, and placed on waiting orders; Lieut. N. T. Houston, from the War College; Lieut. C. S. Richmond, from the War College, 6th instant, and ordered to the receiving ship New Hampshire; Civil Engineer Henry S. Craven, from duty at the navy-yard, Boston, and ordered to the Navy Hospital, Hot Springs, Ark., for medical treatment.

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT CHANGES.—General Land Office.—Appointment: James J. Norris, New York, clerk, \$1,200, by transfer from the Treasury Department. Resignation: Miss Mabelle L. Fairchild, of New York, clerk, \$1,000.

Patent Office.—Appointment: Mrs. Margaret C. Flewelling, of Georgia, \$800, under civil service rules. Promotion: Thomas Hart Anderson, of the District of Columbia, copyist at \$900 to fourth class, \$1,200.

WAR DEPARTMENT CHANGES.—The following changes in the clerical force of the War Department have been made: John M. Dwyer, class 1, Adjutant-General's office, resigned; J. W. Sands, class 1, Surgeon-General's office, resigned; Philip J. Johnson, of Pennsylvania, appointed as clerk, \$1,000; Surgeon-General's office; Casper C. Weber, of Mich., appointed clerk, \$1,000, office Commissioner-General of subsistence; Louis H. Fitch, appointed chief clerk, \$1,000, office Commissioner-General of subsistence; Howard G. Gibson, promoted from class 1 to class 2, office Surgeon-General; George H. Hammond, promoted from class \$1,000 to class 1, office Surgeon-General; Robert W. Beach, class \$1,000, office Chief of Engineers, resigned.

THE DISTRICT GOVERNMENT.

Charges Against a Plumber.

The plumbing regulations require that plumbers shall have their work in houses inspected by the Plumbing Inspector before it is covered in. Charges have been preferred by Inspector Robinson against Eugene C. and Frank Hanman, master plumbers, for violating the section of the regulations in failing to notify him to examine the plumbing in a number of houses. He recommends that the firm be prosecuted.

Various Local Matters.

Representative Hemphill has asked the Commissioners to improve Foundry alley. John Fortune has requested a reconsideration of his application for appointment as a special policeman. Lieutenant Giesford reports that the applicant will be of use to the police in securing evidence against certain parties, and on this report the application has been approved.

THE B. & O. EXPRESS.

General Agent Trego Sent to This City.—A New Office Proposed.—An official order has been issued from the headquarters of the B. & O. Division of the United States Express Company transferring Albert Trego, general agent at Philadelphia, to this city, vice T. E. Hammond, agent, assigned to other duty. C. S. Segwick will succeed Mr. Trego.

The Bailiff Embarrassed.

"Do you work anywhere?" asked Judge Miller of Benson Flood in the Police Court this morning. "I would be working in the navy yard, but the change in the Administration has been so rapid that I have no money to buy the bonds of this victim of the spoils system."

He Bore a Famous Dispatch.

John B. Lynch, for five years a Postoffice Department watchman, died yesterday afternoon.

He Carried the Famous Dispatch.

Mr. Grant to President Lincoln reading: "I intend to fight it out on this line," etc.

Marriage Licenses.

Licenses to marry have been issued to Paul Chase and Clara Stines; Adam S. Mitchell and Alice Peltz; Wm. Fields and Sophie Coleman.

Divorce Suit Withdrawn.

The suit of Clara A. against Edward M. Ball for divorce was withdrawn this morning on her written statement that she believed her former charges were groundless.

Boyle Released on Bail.

Henry B. Bayley, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, was today released on bail. A. C. Richards being his surety in the sum of \$50,000.

EQUITABLE C. B. ASSOCIATION.

Ninth Annual Report—Increase of Business Larger than Any Previous Year—A Practical Working and Successful Co-operative Institution—New Issue of Stock This Month.

The Equitable Building Association. In this report will be found strong additional and convincing proofs of the principles upon which our association is established and conducted.

To encourage regular monthly savings of small amounts upon stock, which protects fair profits and accumulations, and to advance to purchase property at reasonable rates of interest, and upon advantageous terms, is the object and purpose of the association.

The receipts, the number of shares issued, the amount of advances made to the members, and the assets have increased during the past twelve months, exceeding in amount those of any preceding year.

The receipts have been for the year ending October 31, 1888, \$70,449.91. The receipts average being \$70,449.91. The receipts were \$206,661.71, more than last year. The yearly average receipts for three years have been \$206,661.71.

The total receipts to date from payments on stock have been \$1,855,591.07; of this \$1,065,100.15 has been returned to \$57,723.90, and \$780,490.92 has been returned to the shareholders promptly in accordance with the plan.

The average per cent. upon advances during the past year has been 67 per cent., which is very near the ruling rates of interest that are being offered by the outside market.

Advancing money to members at fair rates of interest and paying fair and sure profits to the investors, is the object and purpose of the association.

The number of shares on the books advanced upon is 1,041.1; active shares not advanced upon is 1,041.1. The total number of shares is 2,082.2.

The pleasant weather of the past few days has given quite an impetus to building operations, and the favorable conditions of the weather, with a fair prospect of an open winter, has encouraged the contractors to start some work.

The past history of such improvements has shown that they are profitable investments, and there is always a demand for them. Among some of these improvements are five brick dwellings which Messrs. Farche & Gardner will erect on Third street, beyond O.

These houses are small and simple, yet comfortable, and furnish good homes to a class of people who are in need of such dwellings.

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THE MURKIN LETTER.

Developments Regarding Its Authorship.—New York, Nov. 3.—The World has the following special: "Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 2.—The newest sensation here about the Murkin letter is the following telegram to the Republican daily of this city: "A gentleman connected with the National Convention said today that the publication of the Murkin letter in the Los Angeles Herald was premature. A newspaper man received the correspondence in confidence, and the intention of the party managers was to publish it from Los Angeles. The letter had not been made in Los Angeles, and the letter had been first given to the public this week, as was intended. The Administration would in no way have availed its effect upon the voters of the country."

New York, Nov. 3.—The Herald's Chicago special says a letter was received in that city yesterday from a man who claims to be the author of the now famous appeal to Lord Sackville-West, for advice upon the coming election. Mr. Murkin's present address is 280 West street, New York, 10 miles from Cameron Town, Ontario, Canada.

THE EXODUS OF VOTERS.

A Large Number of the Clerks Going.—There has been a great exodus of Department officials and clerks from Washington during the last few days, many of the clerks having postponed their leave until now, so that they might combine duty and pleasure at the same time.

The National Democratic Committee of Virginia has sent some 400 voters home, and expect to send 800 more by Monday. The publican associations are quite busy. The Maryland and other Democratic committees who have rooms here, are sending the Democrats to see that every Democrat goes home to vote on election day.

George Bliss' Estimate.—According to the estimate of Colonel George Bliss in today's Tribune the Republican national ticket will receive 105,000 votes in New York City and the Democratic majority will not exceed 10,000.

WASHINGTON, SATURDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 3, 1888.

CITY AND SUBURBAN LOTS.

A Belief That Connecticut Avenue Will Become a Business Street.

MODEST HOMES FOR SMALL PURSES.

The Demand for Moderate Priced Houses Being Recognized.—"I think the day is not far away," said a conservative and prominent business man, "when that portion of Connecticut avenue beyond K street will become a business street. In all cities, business follows the street car lines, and that rule has held good in Washington in regard to F street and Fourteenth, especially, which were once residence streets. As to Connecticut avenue or a part of it, at least, growing to be a commercial thoroughfare, there are many reasons for it. The large and rapidly growing northwest section is in need of the establishment of certain classes of stores nearer than F street, the Avenue or the market."

In compliance with this demand two prominent grocery firms have already opened branch houses just beyond K street, and it is quite probable that other firms will follow. A drug store, confectionery and bakery, telegraph office and cabinet-maker, and a number of other establishments are being located in the neighborhood.

The announcement that a row of business buildings to be put up on the Casco property has been met with approval by the stores and already the projectors of the enterprise have been asked for options upon the rest of or over half the number of rooms they will have for rent.

The completion of an iron bridge across Rock Creek above Lyon's dam, which has been accomplished by private enterprise, is the first step toward an extensive system of improvement in suburban Washington. The first step which will be inaugurated at a future date. The unimproved country lying between Rock Creek and the Tenleytown and Woodley Lane roads, being beyond the "Montgomery Heights," is the property alluded to.

Roads and drives will be opened and the land platted and cleared for subdivision into building lots. About \$30,000 worth of work will be the cutting through of boulevards from the bridge, tapping the Woodley Lane road and the Tenleytown road. This will make a wide thoroughfare, and a number of surrounding streets will be improved.

There has been quite a movement in small suburban properties during the past week, and while no very large sales have been made, a number of scattering deals shows an interest in out-of-town property. About \$20,000 worth of land was sold, all in small pieces, the most extensive in point of area being seventeen lots in the subdivision known as "Chester."

The pleasant weather of the past few days has given quite an impetus to building operations, and the favorable conditions of the weather, with a fair prospect of an open winter, has encouraged the contractors to start some work. There has been this week a boom in a particular class of buildings—the erection of small houses, to rent at a low figure. Permits were taken for a block of four or five houses, in rows of from three to twelve.

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RECEIVED BY THE PRESIDENT.

Over Three Hundred of the Engineers' Brotherhood at the Late House.—Kendall Hotel, Nov. 3.—The following cars, bearing 350 delegates to the convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, recently in session at Richmond, Va., rolled into the B. and O. Railway station at 1:45 o'clock this morning. All the cars bear names and notices. On one side of the first car are the names of the delegates. On the other side of the first car are the names of the delegates. On the other side of the first car are the names of the delegates.

VOTING IN NEW YORK.

How the Polls Will Be Conducted in the City on Election Day.—New York, Nov. 3.—The Herald's special says: "The New York City Board of Supervisors has decided upon the following plan for the polling place on the fifth will find before him a line of eight ballot boxes, labeled as follows: First, President; second, State; third, Congress; fourth, Assembly; fifth, City and County; sixth, Judiciary; seventh, Aldermen; eighth, Constitutional Amendment."

The first box the voter may deposit a list of names of the candidates for each office. The first box is devoted to them alone. In the second box direct voting will begin; in that the citizen will name on his ballot his choice for each office, and the names of the candidates will be printed on the ballot.

MR. WELLS REPLIES.

He Says That Mr. Blaine Merely Tried a Bluff.—New York, Nov. 3.—The Herald's special says: "New York, Nov. 3.—The Herald's special says: 'Mr. Blaine and his friends have been very busy in New York at the same time. We always meet for a friendly chat. I reiterate my former statement, but I cannot betray the confidence reposed in me and name the person. Should I do so, my name would be heralded from one end of the country to the other. Mr. Blaine knows perfectly well to whom I refer.'"

AN ALLEGED CONSPIRACY.

A Scheme to Arm the Tennessee Negroes on Election Day.—New York, Nov. 3.—The Herald's special says: "The Herald's special says: 'The alleged conspiracy from Memphis, Tenn., to trouble on election day was detected by the police today. About one hundred negroes were arrested in a recently purchased Winchester rifle, and such men did not give as large an amount to the Republican party as \$100,000.'"

Georgetown Notes.

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What the Thieves are Doing.

P. S. Collins' overcoat was stolen from a foot-lock at Fourteenth and G streets yesterday, and John Stike's cutaway coat was stolen at the same time.

John Leitch's store, at 2234 B street was broken up Thursday night and a lot of goods and fixtures were taken.

A silver watch and a camera stolen from Andrew J. Overt's store at Eleventh and B streets Thursday night.

A. B. Berner, of 458 Louisiana avenue, left his assailed by Franklyn, and the other day it was stolen.

A lot of bricklayers' tools were stolen from the unfinished chapel at Eleventh and F streets northeast last night.

A FEW LATE BETS.

Politicians Anxious to Get Their Money On Before It is Too Late.—There seems to be plenty of Democratic money ready to be placed on Cleveland, but very few Republicans can be found who are willing to back their judgment with their cash.

So far the District concerned, big bets are over. Here and there can be found a couple of Department clerks who are willing to wager \$5 and \$10 on the result.

But in New York City, especially around the market, the betting on Cleveland is the time for a race. The Democratic sportsmen are eager to give odds on Cleveland, but can find few takers.

John Allen induced George Powers, of Brooklyn, to bet \$1,000 on the result. Allen put his money on Cleveland. Police Commissioner McGraw bet \$1,000 on Cleveland. McCormack, the well-known turfman, and placed \$5,000 on Harrison against \$6,000 of McCormack's money.

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Steve French holds \$1,500 belonging to Col. William L. Brown, and \$1,500 of Obed Wheeler's money. The latter bet on Cleveland. The senior partner of the stock brokerage house of Burdell & Haysman put up \$5,000 on Cleveland.

At New Haven, Conn., yesterday, the Democrats wanted to bet on Cleveland, and were offering odds, suddenly stopped, and in the evening around the hotels a number of Republicans were willing to offer \$500 to \$400 for the close of the blockade-running, and would go Republican. No one could be found to accept the bet.

COL. DUDLEY SUES.

That Letter May Get Into the Supreme Court Some Time Next Year.—New York, Nov. 3.—Col. W. W. Dudley has taken steps to attempt to discredit the letter that has been published as having been sent by him to the Republican county committee chairman of Indiana. Yesterday, by counsel, the Colonel served summonses on the New York Times, the World, and the Commercial Advertiser, to produce the original in each case as laid at \$25,000.

The Supreme Court calendar is so crowded that the case cannot be reached for more than a year. The cause of complaint concerning the letter, grows out of changes that were made in it after it was sent out, which made directions to look off all election returns, and to publish orders against the Democrats especially.

Gen. Bushnell's Condition.

Springfield, Ohio, Nov. 3.—Last night Gen. Bushnell was resting easily, and the doctor says that unless inflammation or pyrexia sets in there is little danger. The first visitor at the house was Gov. Foraker, who was driven rapidly to the Bushnell residence as soon as he learned of the accident. Among the many telegrams received yesterday from all parts of the country was one from Gen. Harrison, as follows:

"I regret to hear of the wicked assault upon your husband last night. Please let me know how he is." The following reply was sent: "Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, Ind.: 'Accept my thanks for the thoughtful inquiry. My husband was pretty severely and painfully injured, but expects to be able to cast his vote for President Tuesday. I am, Sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant, M. A. S. HENNING.'"

Four men were under arrest, believed to have been concerned in the assault. Original of the Dudley Letter.—New York, Nov. 3.—Mr. Henderson, the well-known Indiana politician, arrived here last night, having in his possession the original of the letter alleged to have been sent by Col. W. W. Dudley to the Republican leaders in Indiana advising the use of money in securing the election of Cleveland.

Mr. Henderson says that the letter was delivered by Mr. Henderson to the Democratic National Committee, who are having it extensively lithographed for campaign purposes. Mr. Henderson says that he knows of a hundred dollars the amount of money that has been sent as a corruption fund into the State of Indiana to be used in the coming election.

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THE CHINESE CONCESSIONS.

The Branch of the House of Representatives Against Count Eugène de Mitisiewicz was held before Justice Cox sitting in Equity today. Newton and Lavender appeared for Abner and Robert Christy for Mitisiewicz.

The facts conceded were that prior to leaving for China the Count had transferred to Robert Christy in trust all his interest in the amount of Chinese concessions that he had obtained, and also his interest in such contracts and agreements as existed between him and Whiston Barker and his associates of Philadelphia.

The interest was stated at a face value of \$2,500,000; that there were three classes of concessions, the first of which were concessions who had made advances and kindred services with respect to the interest, and the residue so far as necessary to be applied to the payment of the interest on the concessions.

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A CHURCH CONGRESS.

Meeting of Episcopal Priests and Bishops at Buffalo.—The Church Congress of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States will be held November 23, 24 and 25, at Buffalo, N. Y. The topics to be discussed are: "The Question of Race in this Country," "Sunday Schools," "Colleges and Universities as Related to the Church," "The Limits of Diocesan Jurisdiction," "What Principles Should Govern Church Extension in Our Country in Fields Already Occupied by Other Churches," "Devotional Reading."

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A SENSATION IN COURT.

Mary McBride Reads a Long Harangue to the Judge.

SHE IS SENTENCED TO FOUR YEARS.

Her Companion in Crime Sent to Albany for a Shorter Period.

Mary J. McBride, convicted of housebreaking, was again brought into the Criminal Court for sentence to-day. When the ordinary question as to whether she had anything to say before sentence, she rather startled the people in the court room by announcing in a very positive tone of voice, "Yes, I have anything to say."

But the surprise increased when she unfolded a roll of manuscript and proceeded to read a lengthy argument, intended to show her innocence, or at least to show that she was an efficient in language, but was at the same time one of the most creditable arguments heard in the court-room for some time.

She began by stating that the verdict was not just; that the house was burned, and that she had an insurance of \$2,000 on it; that she did not deny; but she did deny that she had not done the crime, because, the benefit from the insurance would not compensate her for her loss.

"The case involves," she said, "became known on the day when it was found that my servant had robbed my house of a bureau, and bedstead, taken from an unused room on the top floor."

She referred to the testimony of Fire Marshal Drew that the preparations for the fire might have lasted ten minutes or might have taken half an hour, in connection with the evidence of the burning of the house. As to the preparation in her room, she suggested that if she had been anxious to conceal any guilty act, she would probably have chosen some other room, because she had been in the room at the time of the fire.

Regarding Col. Tracy, she said that it was not for the fact that a certain portion of the arrangement has been made, and that this portion could not have been made by anybody unless they passed him, this familiarity with McFarland in drinking with him in the morning might be shown that she was cognizant of what was going on. "Not much," she said, "is due from me to Mr. Tracy, but truth is due to every one, even to a convict."

She referred to the Dugan letter, saying that she acknowledged the similarity in handwriting, but pronounced the charges against her in connection with it as a prosecution of her sanity.

She was extremely bitter in her denunciation of Detective Kelly, when she styled a Mephistophelean in the end of McFarland, and tempted him to swear away her liberty. The newspapers were touched upon in so very complimentary a strain referring to the mysterious disappearance of the girl. She had been in the reportorial quill. She intimated that she would submit to the sentence in order to appeal to higher power.

Her speech lasted an hour and five minutes. After she had concluded Judge Montgomery reminded her that her address, while it was her right to make it, was one which should be made to the jury. She had been tried twice, and both times ably defended. She was sentenced to the penitentiary at Albany for four years. She did not say a word or make a demonstration of any kind.

STILL ABUSING US.

The London Press Still Harping on the Sackville Incident.—London, Nov. 3.—The English press continues to abuse the President and America for the Sackville incident. The Daily News says: "We hear much vague abuse of American politicians, but the misfortune of America is that her enemies are so numerous and so powerful. When the mass of the people abandon politics to those who make of it a profession or a game, the result may not be jobbery or corruption, but it is very well possible that diplomatic matters, and the whole system of relations with the diplomatic service of the United States, to the effect that Lord Sackville has been ordered to resign his mission at St. Petersburg. This gentleman said further that the current series relative to Lord Sackville's domestic relations are unfounded."

CAUGHT AT LAST.

One of the Bloody Hatfield Gang Captured and Jailed.—New York, Nov. 3.—A Herald special from Charleston, W. Va., says that William Mounts, one of the leaders of the Hatfield gang of murderers, has been captured and is now in jail at Pikeville, Ky. The authorities have for some time been hunting for Mounts, who is charged with brutally murdering three of the children of the notorious McCoy family. Tom Mitchell, another of the Hatfield gang, with Mounts when he was captured, but escaped to the woods after having been wounded by the officers. Mounts has made a confession, and has admitted that he was one of the leaders in the bloody band which burned Randall McCoy's cabin last New Year's night and murdered McCoy's son and daughter.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

The Stock and Money Market.—New York, Nov. 3.—Money closed at 2 per cent., the only rate for the day. Exchange closed steady; posted rates, 4860/4884; actual rates, 4844/4844 for sixty days and 4880/4881 for demand.

Government bonds closed, currency, 6 1/2; 120-day, 4 1/2; coupons, 127 bid; 4 1/2's do, 108 1/2 bid. Pacific Railroad bonds closed as follows: Union Pacific, 114 to 117; Union Pacific, 115 to 122; Union Pacific, 115 to 117. The stock market, in part, was very dull and entirely without feature. Prices were generally weak, and closed 1/4 to 1/2 per cent. lower. The only exception was the Erie, which showed a decrease in the reserve of \$1,006,100.

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