

GOVERNMENT GOSSIP.

OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL IN AND ABOUT THE DEPARTMENTS.

The President's Callers To-day--Secretary Endicott Gave West--The New Time Ball--Completing the Treasury Court--The Waies Court-Martial

The President to-day made the following additional appointments: Edward M. Fox, Appraiser of Merchandise, District of Columbia, Ohio.

JAMES CURRIER, Supervising Inspector of Steam Vessels for the Third District. To be Collector of Internal Revenue: GEORGE L. SPAN, for District of Vermont.

CHARLES E. HASKINER, Sixth District of Missouri. EDWARD A. BAKER, for the Twenty-third District of Pennsylvania.

EDWARD C. WALL, for First District of Wisconsin. HUGH KINNARD, for Fifth District of New Jersey.

Postmaster: Samuel A. Ashe at Raleigh, N. C., vice John Nichols, whose commission expires May 19; James F. Vogt at Lemars, Iowa, vice J. M. Emery, suspended; John McWilliam, at New York, vice J. M. Emery, suspended; Francis G. Parke, commission expired.

Postmaster General Vilas explains that the postmaster at Lemars, Iowa, was suspended because the office was negligently conducted and that a shortage was found which, however, the Postmaster made good. Mr. Vilas adds that it is the fixed determination of the Department to remove postmasters whose accounts are found short, at once, who do not deposit promptly, as required by the regulations, or who are careless and negligent in the conduct of his office.

ACTING SECRETARY HAYTTON. Commodore Hays is acting Secretary of the Navy during Secretary Whitney's absence.

PROSECUTIVE COLLECTORS. Politicians claim that the President has decided to appoint Hugh Kennard, Baltimore collector of internal revenue for the fifth and third districts of New Jersey respectively.

CHIEF CLERK APPOINTED. William Walker of Ohio, Ill., has been selected as chief clerk of the General Land Office to succeed Dempsey Smith. He will assume charge on the 30th instant.

SECRETARY ENDICOTT'S DEPARTURE. Secretary Endicott and Colonel Barr will leave to-morrow for Fort Leavenworth to attend the annual meeting of the military prison inspectors. Chief Clerk Truesdell will act as Secretary during his absence.

GENERAL SHERIDAN NOT HURT. Colonel Sheridan has received a telegram from the General stating that neither himself nor wife were injured by the accident in California. The carriage in which they were riding upset but they were not hurt.

THE SMITH COURT. Mr. Austin P. Brown was again before the Smith court of inquiry to-day. His books were examined regarding the contracts for furnishing 5,000 pairs of shoes at \$22.25 per pair, and 5,000 pairs of woolen socks at 28 cents per pair. The examination of Mr. Brown will be concluded to-day.

THE PRESIDENT'S CALLERS. The President's callers to-day included Senators Jones, McPherson, Van Wyck and Call, Congressmen Springer, Brough, Holman, Manning, Calkins and Maybury, Bayless W. Hanna, the Minister to Persia; Commissioner of Patents, James L. Stone, Oursay, E. J. Belthover, C. F. Bissell, Dr. Charles Cary, S. S. Wallace, Richard Stockton and Governor Jarvis.

WALES COURT-MARTIAL. No decision has as yet been reached by the Wales court-martial in connection with the jurisdiction. Immediately after the convening of the court this morning it was announced that they had not reached a decision. The court adjourned until 10:30 o'clock to-morrow morning for deliberation.

THE TIME BALL. The time ball over the central portion of the State, War and Navy Department building will not be in position for at least two weeks. The galvanized iron staff is to be thirty-two feet high and will also serve as a flagstaff. The drop is to be twenty-five feet. The ball will be of steel, and covered with black canvas, although the ball in use at the Observatory is only two feet in diameter. The ball will be visible from any point on Pennsylvania avenue between Willard's Hotel and the Capitol, and will be seen as far away as Alexandria.

POSTMASTERS' COMMISSIONS SIGNED. The Postmaster has signed the commissions of the following-named postmasters to-day: Conroy, at Newburgh, New York; N. Y. Daniel W. Connelly, at Scranton, Pa.; James B. Hutchinson, at Hazelton, Pa.; Chas. E. Bronson, at Manchester, Iowa; Elias H. Porter, at Bowling Green, Ky.; Yonel G. Burt, at Albany, Ga.; Thomas M. Lynn, at Grundy Centre, Iowa; Thomas J. Semans, at Wabash, Ind.; John Tolden, at Mineola, Ill.; Henry S. Howell, at Watertown, Wis.; Wm. Brown at Lakewood, Wis.; Samuel L. O'Donnell, at Urbana, Ohio; Thomas H. Bayless at Hope, Ark.

A QUARANTINE ISLAND. The Secretary of the Navy has authorized the erection of a temporary hospital or barracks building on Widow's Island, in Pensacola Bay, for the accommodation of the crew of an infected vessel in the event of the arrival of a cholera or yellow fever infected ship in American waters. It has been represented to the Secretary that there is no place under the jurisdiction of the Government to which such a vessel could be sent, and he at once decided to provide such accommodation in the cheapest manner in the absence of a Congressional appropriation.

The plan for the Widow's Island quarantine involved an expenditure of \$5,000 for the hospital building, wharf, well, medicines, etc., but the Secretary has only authorized the most essential portion of this work, involving an expense not exceeding \$1,000. The frame building will be constructed and furnished with the necessary medical supplies.

Minor and Personal. The President has appointed S. A. Robertson superintendent of the public building at De Moines, Iowa.

Despite the protest of his constituents there is no doubt that the Hon. S. S. Cox will go to Constantinople.

The investigation of the charges against Architect Clark of the Capitol will not be commenced until the 20th instant.

The postoffice inspectors have recommended the removal of the postmaster at Howard, Dakota, because of his negligence.

It is said that the contract over the Kentucky district attorneyship has been narrowed down to Judge Wickliffe and Colonel Fleming.

An Indiana delegation, headed by Senator Voorhees are urging the appointment of General Daboy of Evansville, Ind., to a foreign mission.

The Postoffice Department is informed that the postoffices at Green River, Wis.; Woodford, Me., and Mason City, Mo., were

THE IVY CITY TRACK.

A FINE DAY FOR THE JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING OPENING.

Visiting Turfmen in Town and their Peculiarities--Entries for the Afternoon Races and Speculations as to Probable Results--Sporting Notes.

IVY CITY, May 12.--The opening day of the National Jockey Club races was attended by 3,000 people. The track was in excellent condition, but the weather was threatening.

The hotel registers to-day are well filled with names. And the most of the names are those of men from New York, Louisville, Boston and Cincinnati, places where men "follow the races" generally.

It is now said that H. Clay Armstrong, recently appointed consul at Rio de Janeiro, has forwarded his resignation to the President, but it is not known whether the President disregarded it or failed to receive it.

The President's drive yesterday was to Cambridge Springs, Pa., to visit several of the ruined fairs in picturesque localities in the vicinity of the city, in Maryland and among the Virginia hills.

The counsel for Professor Avery of Boston, who is now in charge of the case against Dr. A. S. Child, the chemist of the Patent Office, has written to Commissioner Montgomery asking that those charges be indefinitely postponed.

Commissioner Atkins, who is in New York has rejected all the bids offered for furnishing beef to the Pine Ridge, Rosebud, Yankton and Crow Creek agencies because they were too high. He has advertised for new proposals.

A report has been received of an accident to General and Mrs. Sheridan at Los Angeles, Cal., on Sunday. While out driving their horses ran away, and the General and his wife were thrown from the carriage, but not severely hurt.

Superintendents of United States mints have been authorized to purchase mutilated United States silver coins of standard fineness at the rate of 98 cents per ounce. They may purchase in sums of three dollars and upward.

Secretary Manning, with a view of securing uniformity and economy, has issued a circular enjoining a series of regulations upon officers, clerks, and employees of the Department respecting the publishing of circulars, reports, etc.

The Navy Department is informed that Rear Admiral Jouett has gone to Carthage, a report from Panama says: "Prospectively, the resignation was accepted and received in the rebel camp, which was illuminated in his honor, with 'Viva Preston!'"

Professor Riley, the entomologist of the Agricultural Department, predicts that the country will be visited this summer by two great broods of locusts, of the 17-year and 13-year varieties, the first time in 221 years that they have appeared together.

The Attorney General has received the resignation of Chief Justice Axtell of New Mexico. The resignation was accepted by Judge Axtell, in tendering his resignation, asked to be allowed to retain his position until the 1st of July. This will hardly be granted, it is thought.

Assistant Secretary Fairchild of the Treasury Department visited the New York Custom-House yesterday and had a consultation with Collector Robertson. As he passed out of the building one of the porters ejaculated: "Well, I never expected to see a Democratic Secretary come down these stairs."

The United States training-ships Portsmouth, Saratoga and Jamestown left Newport yesterday for their summer cruises. They will call in succession to Fayal, Gibraltar, Lisbon and Cadiz. The cruise will extend through 120 days, the bulk of which will be at sea and the balance divided among the harbors above mentioned.

William A. Little, Jr., C. M. Edington, C. E. Hunter, William H. Russell and John T. Goolick comprise a delegation from Virginia, which arrived in town last evening. They are stopping at the Metropolitan. They paid the respects to the President and the Postmaster-General to-day and presented their list of candidates for local offices.

A statue of the late General Garfield arrived here yesterday from Rome. It is the statue ordered by the Ohio Legislature. It is of Italian marble and of heroic size. It is the work of Mr. Nichols, a native of Cincinnati, but for years a resident of Rome. It will be placed in Statuary Hall at the Capitol, and the usual ceremonies of receiving such additions to that hall will be had by Congress.

Numerous applications are being made at the Treasury Department by Democratic bankers to have their banks designated as Government depositories instead of the banks named for the purpose under Republican administration. The designation carries with it the right of deposit, and that it presupposes recognition of the banks' soundness and standing.

Pursuant to orders of the Secretary of War, a board of medical officers, to consist of Lieutenant Colonel Andrew C. Smith, surgeon; Major John C. G. Hays, regimental surgeon; Captain James P. Kimball, assistant surgeon, will assemble at the United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., on the 1st of next month to examine the qualifications of the members of the graduating class and the candidates for admission to the academy.

The Maine delegation against Colonel Morton's appointment as postmaster at Augusta, Me., has arranged for a hearing before the President and Postmaster-General. The Maine Senators who say that Morton was personally offensive to Blaine, and threaten to defeat his confirmation if nominated. The delegation will urge the President to disregard the threats of the Senators and act on the advice of the Democracy of Maine.

The Suspects Trial. A dispatch to the Philadelphia Press says: "The trial of Cunningham and Burton, the alleged Tower dynamite, attracts but little attention, and in this respect, is in marked contrast with the feverish excitement displayed over the case of O'Donnell, the slayer of the informer, Carey. There were no ladies present in the courtroom to-day and no notabilities except the Marquis of Londonderry and the young Duke of Portland, who sat on the bench for a short time. Mr. Stephen J. Meany sat among the reporters and rendered no public assistance to the prisoners' counsel. Cunningham and Burton looked robust and smiling. The opening speech of Sir Henry James, the Attorney-General, occupied an hour and a half and was a powerful and logical presentation of the Crown's case, which ends over a preliminary conclusion. The judge Sir Henry Hawkins is known as the most severe magistrate on the British bench."

THE NEW MINISTER TO RUSSIA.

He Visits the State Department and the White House.

George V. N. Lothrop, Detroit, Mich., the new Minister to Russia, registered this morning at the Arlington, and for some time was the centre of an admiring group of friends. He has a commanding figure, an intelligent, kindly face and the appearance of latent power. He talks easily and with confidence, and is evidently a very strong-willed man.

He was accompanied by Mr. Lothrop to the White House and presented him to the President. No introduction was needed, however, for Mr. Cleveland had met Mr. Lothrop at the State Department and he proceeded to qualify as the new Minister to Russia about June 15. The Michiganers talk of giving Mr. Lothrop a grand banquet at Detroit before his departure.

THE SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE H. M. B. A. CHICAGO, May 12.--A large number of delegates arrived on trains last night and this morning to attend the sixth annual convention of the Hotelmen's Mutual Benefit Association, organized in Chicago in 1879. The convention opened at 10 o'clock at Hershey Hall, with an attendance of 200 delegates. Among the prominent bonifaces present were:

New York city--W. D. Garrison, Grand Union H. H. Brockway, Ashland A. L. Ashman, Sinclair, R. E. Rand, St. Cloud; W. Schenck, Westminister, W. E. Rorer, Hotel St. Stephen, Henry Walter, Albemarle; W. M. Conner, St. James; V. T. Wall, Hoffman; G. N. Brockway, Gilsey; Charles LeGrand, Sturtevant.

Boston--A. J. Deane, United States; J. T. Wilson, New England House; H. H. Barnes, Hotel Brunswick; A. L. Howe, Cincinnati--T. W. Zimmerman, Bennett; D. C. Shears, W. Emery; T. C. Gaddis, St. James.

St. Louis--J. H. Chasing, Lindell; H. C. Louis, Southern Westlake Austin, Laclede; Freeman Barnum, Hotel Barnum.

Louisville--C. A. Howard, F. Gordon, Galt House.

Indianapolis--G. V. Fingel, Grand L. Diebold, Bates.

Detroit--L. A. McHenry, Russell; D. C. Deane, E. H. Kelley, Monmouth.

Other delegates represented nearly every State and Territory in the Union, as well as Montreal and Toronto. The meeting was opened by Mr. A. L. Rice, editor of the National Hotel Register, and chairman of the general committee, and the address of welcome was delivered by President J. E. Bowler of Marshalltown, Iowa.

The program for to-morrow the delegates and friends will go to Milwaukee, visit the Brewery and be banqueted at the Plankinton. Thursday and Friday there will be visits to Pullman and the stock yards. On Saturday the delegates will be supplied with tickets to theatres and other amusements, and a carriage will be at the disposal of each visitor during the entire week.

Some Large Bequests. The will of Sarah Wilson was filed with the Register this afternoon. Deceased leaves a large estate. She leaves premises corner of 10th and B streets, valued at \$14,150 in registered bonds to her husband, Theodore T. Wilson. To her four children, Henry, Theodore, Florence and Leonard, \$7,500 each. A lot of valuable real estate is also left by the testator to her husband.

The Davis Family. The Davis family came into unenviable prominence to-day through a great divorce suit for divorce was filed, in which all the parties were named Davis. John D. Davis has petitioned for a divorce from Isabella Davis. The plaintiff alleges that she is insane and that she is unable to care for herself. The suit is valued at \$10,000.

The Water All Right. Health Officer Townsend states that the condition of the water at Great Falls has been grossly exaggerated by the morning press.

The Guitauan Trial Report. There were only 300 copies of the report of the Guitauan trial at the Government Printing Office. The report is a great deal of "expert" testimony on the question of insanity, which lawyers use frequently in other cases. It is generally admitted now, however, that the testimony offered by the defense was more valuable than that offered by the prosecution, from a legal as well as a scientific standpoint. Congress refused to perpetuate the record by increasing the number of copies, the opinion being that the history of the case ought to be blotted out.--N. Y. Herald Washington special.

PERSONAL MENTION. --Senator John Chamberlain is in the city. --Governor Flaming of Maine is at the Ritz. --Hon. John B. Storm, M. C., is at the National. --Mr. Cunningham and wife, Cincinnati, are at the Ritz. --Dr. E. B. Ravel and wife, Philadelphia, are at the Ritz. --R. B. Rice, banker, and wife, Columbia, Mo., are at the Ritz. --Governor John C. Underwood of Kentucky is at the Ritz. --Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Payne of Warrenton, Va., are at the National. --Mr. E. Dwyer and James McLaughlin, Brooklyn, are at the Ritz. --Colonel Lamont took a trip to Mount Vernon to-day with a party of friends. --Mrs. J. H. Brown is at the National, and so is S. Shambaugh of the same city. --Miss Glendon, the editor and proprietor of the Norfolk Virginian, is at the Metropolitan. --Frederic Knott of Kentucky, who is well known in the world wide, is at the Metropolitan. --Wm. H. Prescott, Beckville, Conn., and L. B. Filmon, Hartford, Conn., are at the Ritz. --Governor Cameron of Virginia is in the city. He arrived last night and is stopping at the Ritz. --Governor Cameron of Virginia is in the city. He arrived last night and is stopping at the Ritz. --Governor Cameron of Virginia is in the city. He arrived last night and is stopping at the Ritz.

A HUNDRED ORPHANS.

THE TERRIBLE WORK THAT THE FEVER IS DOING AT PLYMOUTH.

More Deaths Reported This Morning--Five of the Victims Fathers of Large Families--Bekley B. Core and Others

PLYMOUTH, Pa., May 12.--The death-rat still continues at Plymouth. In addition to three deaths yesterday, three occurred last night and early this morning. Two of the victims were fathers of large families, and leave behind them sixteen orphans. The third victim was a young school teacher.

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AN INVESTIGATION NEEDED.

Alleged Detention of an American Citizen in Hayti.

Special Correspondence of THE CAPITAL. PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAYTI, May 12.--The authorities of Hayti have refused to deliver to Mr. C. A. van Bokkelen, a native of the United States, and formerly consul for Hayti at New York. The U. S. Government has now made four requests for his release from prison on the island where he has been confined for the past sixteen months, in defiance of treaty obligations. Each demand has been received in a most discourteous manner, and the prisoner is being taken of him by the Government officials. The prisoner is the son of Mr. W. K. Van Bokkelen of New York city and a nephew of Rev. L. Van Bokkelen of Buffalo.

THE LONG ROLL. Death of the Famous Minister, Marsh Adams. INDIANAPOLIS, IND., May 12.--Marsh Adams, the minister, known the world over by his personation of "Old Black Joe," died yesterday at his residence in this city of a cancerous affection of the liver. He was 76 years of age and married a wife, whose stage name is Susie Wild. When but a lad 10 years old, Adams was picked up by George Christy at Louisville as a foundling, and from that time until his death he figured in "burlesque" entertainments. In 1868 and 1869, in company with Bill Manning, he made a tour of Australia, which netted them \$30,000. He was buried by the local lodge of Elks to-day.

Suicide of a Suspected Murderer. PITTSBURGH, PA., May 12.--Isaac Banks, the lover of Mrs. Lena Stuberank, whose death a week ago was attended by a scandalous trial, was found dead in a room at a colored prisoner to shave him. Watching his opportunity Banks snatched the razor from the negro's hands and cut his own throat. He died soon after. He left two letters of endearing expressions toward "Lena," and declaring that he had not wronged her.

Too Much Whisky. WILKESBARRE, PA., May 12.--Theodore Smith of Pleasant Valley was found dead in bed last night. Smith swallowed three quarts of whisky within a few hours before his death.

THE CLUVERIUS TRIAL. The Taking of Testimony Postponed Until To-morrow. RICHMOND, VA., May 12.--Upon the opening of the court this morning it was expected that the taking of testimony in the Cluverius murder trial would begin, but after some delay Judge Atkins announced that one of the jurors (Mr. C. E. Frazier) had been sick during the night and was unable to attend court to-day.

The physician who attended him was called and stated that Mr. Frazier had had a slight cold, but that he thought the patient would be sufficiently recovered to be in court to-morrow, as the attack was not serious and would probably not recur. The remaining members of the jury were brought into court and their names were called, after which the court adjourned until to-morrow.

Excitement Among the Mormons. SALT LAKE, UTAH, May 12.--A letter dated the 10th from Oxford, Idaho, says: "The greatest excitement prevails in Paris. Marshal Dulaud has just received from the deputy marshals for the arrest of eight polygamists at and around Paris. A telegram announces the fact that this morning the polygamists were all corralled in a house at Paris, and caused the arrest of an armed guard of saints. The deputy marshals were marched out of Paris by the mob, who threatened that they would kill any one who attempted to serve warrants. Marshal Dulaud will reach Paris about 9 p. m. to-day."

The Silver Dollar Swallower. MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 12.--Alexander Hibbard, the young man who swallowed a silver dollar three days ago, was able to take a short walk yesterday. The case is said to be a record for the kind of a business standing. The quarrel arose over a game of cards and blows passed. At 10 o'clock yesterday morning the principals, Hibbard and Don Toland, left the city with their families, and went to Milwaukee, five miles from the city, where the encounter took place. The men fought for ten minutes with swords, when Mr. Hibbard was slightly in the right with Mr. Toland. Toland then declared his honor satisfied and the affair terminated. The men are said to have fought bravely and with skill.

Emerald Beneficial Association. PHILADELPHIA, May 12.--The fifth biennial convention of the Pennsylvania State Union of the Emerald Beneficial Association of North America began this morning in Philadelphia Hall, about eighty delegates being present.

The Roller-Skating Match. NEW YORK, May 12.--Haven of the fifteen contestants who started the skating night remained this morning. Snowden, Maddocks and W. Boyd were the leaders this morning in the order named. For a little while during the short hours of the evening the following was the score at 10:30 m.:

Snowden, 345; Maddocks, 334; W. Boyd, 324; Brock, 335; Reynolds, 310; A. Borst, 324; Harrison, 294; W. O. 293; Emery, 285; Francis, 251; O'Melia, 205.

The Opening Market. CHICAGO, May 12.--The markets opened steady and entirely featureless. Opening prices nearly all bid and asked prices. No excitement. Strong feeling on account of the decrease in visible supply keeps the bears from selling and makes the bulls more hopeful.

General Grant at Work. NEW YORK, May 12.--General Grant worked on his book all the morning, and at 1:30 p. m., accompanied by Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Sartoris, went out for a drive in the park.

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