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AMUSEMENTS TO-NIGHT. Alhambra—Prince Methusalem. Ford's—Olivette.

Why We Laugh. It was all very complimentary to Mr. Samuel S. Cox, no doubt, but to the disinterested spectator the whole proceeding of yesterday is without a parallel in absurdity since Richard III. named the delegation which demanded his own coronation.

President Cleveland justly referred to the New York delegation as "boomerangers." They had first requested the appointment of Mr. Cox as Minister to Turkey, and were now sorrowing because they were deemed sincere. The President punctured the inflated speeches by his insinuations that there were several others in the Eight Congressional District of New York who might be trained and educated into the stature of Congressmen.

Mr. Cox himself found it necessary, during the proceedings of yesterday at the White House, to step forward and declare to the President that the request for his withdrawal came from no suggestion of his. But Mr. Cox could and should have stopped the stupid proceedings many weeks ago, when the whole country knew of the programme and laughed itself sick over the silly business.

Mr. Cox has been in public life long enough to know that people pay no faith in the printed demands of "May Day Voters," or of "Life Long Democrats," or "Taxpayer," or any of the subterfuges that once galled a community.

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stifled frankness for the violent bravado which he some time since exhibited. The execution was conducted with decency and order, and there were no "scenes" upon the scaffold. May it prove a wholesome admonition.

THE National Jockey Club is to be organized on the excellent entertainment it has furnished the public this week, as well as on the good order which has characterized each day's meeting. The fine races were honestly run and all classes enjoyed the programme, making the course an unequalled and deserving success.

MR. MORTON, the retiring United States Minister at Paris, presented his letters of recall to President Grevy yesterday. Subsequently Mr. McLane, the new Minister, presented his credentials, and a general interchange of French hon-bons followed. It was a great day for tally.

THE President Monroe diamonds and rubies in the Treasury were presented by the Emperor of Morocco, instead of the Japanese Emperor. The United States had no communication with Japan in 1823.

THE politician's lot just now is anything but a bed of roses. To be virtuous and happy, he like THE CRITIC—Independent.

PEOPLE IN GENERAL. The library which Mr. Adolph Sutro of San Francisco is collecting for presentation to that city will consist of 120,000 volumes, half of which number he has already purchased.

MR. MERRITT, late Consul-General at London, gave a farewell banquet last evening, and extended a warm welcome to his successor, Mr. S. M. Scovel.

MR. SCHEMMELE, P. T. of New York and Mrs. Emily B. Marshall, only daughter of Colonel Charles Marshall of Baltimore, were married at the residence of the latter yesterday afternoon.

MR. VEASEY has begun admirably, says the Baltimore American. His selection of Mr. Allison as assistant postmaster will be favored by all classes except the ring-politicians.

W. D. Taylor, a Washington boy, who, several years ago, was connected with the National Theatre, is in town for a few days. Last season he was agent for the Boston Bijou Opera company, and the coming season will occupy the same position with one of Meadell's companies.

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