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Cream "Crinkled Cloth" was good enough, pretty enough and sold well enough at its regular price, namely, 12 1/2c per yard; but for reasons we find it necessary to sell it at 8c per yard.

Furniture Linen.—To entirely dispose of seven choice styles of 50-inch striped Furniture Linen, we have reduced the price from 50c to 37 1/2c per yard.

Curtain Scrim.—We have too much of it, which we consider reason enough to make the following reduction, as it MUST BE MOVED:

30 pieces Fine Curtain Scrim, six choice styles of fagoting. Reduced from 25 to 12 1/2c per yard.

Curtain Poles.—We make the following extraordinary reductions in Curtain Poles to effect their immediate sale.

These were good value at regular prices, but desiring to close our present stock, have reduced prices as follows:

5-foot Brass Trimmings, in walnut, cherry and ebony, 2-inch reduced from \$1.50 to 75c each.

5-foot Brass Trimmings, 1 1/2-inch reduced from \$1.50 to \$1.

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GOVERNMENT GOSSIP.

OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL IN AND ABOUT THE DEPARTMENTS.

Appointment of Postmasters to-day.—The President's Callers.—Preparations for an Exodus from the White House.—General Manning's Visit to the Department of Military Academy Cadets at Large.

The President to-day made the following appointments: Postmasters—Adolph Piening, Main- town, Wis., vice Charles Asslinger, commission- erial; Joseph Yannalme, East St. Louis, vice J. B. Siskings, resigned; D. A. Sullivan, Spring Valley, Minn., vice B. F. Farmer, resigned; W. C. Snow, Palatka, Fla., vice Benjamin Houston, resigned; M. M. Force, Selma, Ala., vice H. Cochran, resigned; J. C. Wise, Man- katoo, Minn., vice L. P. Hunt, resigned; W. F. Avera, Camden, Ark., vice H. A. Miller, resigned.

The following Presidential postmasters have also been appointed: E. S. Smith, South Haven, Mich.; John O'Donnell, Mitchell, Ind.; A. B. Walker, Tuscarora, Nev.; T. M. Goodnight, Franklin, Ky.; John Pepper, Roscoe, Wis.; M. W. Ryan, Medford, Wis.; R. W. Spear, Denver, Col.

Cadets at Large.—The President has appointed the following cadets at large to the Military Academy at West Point: Edward M. Cleary of this city, Don Carlos Buel, Ky.; M. S. Sikes, Samuel B. Hatch, Thomas Newton, L. L. Ruggles. All these cadets are the sons of distinguished military men.

The President's Callers.—The President's callers to-day included the Vice-President, Senators Voorhees and Harris, First Assistant Postmaster-General Stevenson, Representatives Ward, Morrison, Matson, King, Cobb, Blanchard, Wise and Barbour, Frank Hund, John G. Thompson, Delegates Gregory and Manzanar, and Robert Elliott of this city.

The Exodus from the White House.—Arrangements are in progress at the White House for the departure of the President and Miss Cleveland, Colonel and Mrs. Lamont and children for New York State. The date of the departure has not been fully decided upon, and will not be made public until after the Presidential household has started. It is proposed to keep the matter quiet, and to endeavor to avoid annoyance and escape of office-seekers. His departure, when it does occur, will undoubtedly be without an hour's warning as far as the public is concerned.

Visiting Armies and Foundries.—The board of artillery officers detailed in June to visit and report upon various Eastern armories, gun and projectile foundries and powder manufacturing establishments, arrived here this morning from Fortress Monroe. First Lieutenant Montgomery Meigs, Macomb, Fourth Ar- tillery, is at No. 104 N. street, and Lieut- enant Henry R. Lemly, Third Artillery, is at No. 101 Sixth Street, with his father-in-law, General Innis N. Walker, and First Lieutenants John A. Williams, Third Artillery, and Frederick Marsh, First Artillery, are at the Embassy House. They will remain until Friday evening, receiving instructions as to the character of the duty they are to perform.

Paymaster-General Smith's Case.—The court-martial detailed to try Pay- master-General Joseph Adams Smith, U. S. N., convened at noon to-day in the navy ministry room, at 1030 New York street, with Paymaster Robert W. Green and George E. Belknap; Cap- tains James A. Green, William F. McCann and Augustus L. Latham; Lieutenants James D. Murray and James Fulton; Captain Francis M. Buncie, Pay Director Caspar Schenck and Pay Inspector Rufus Parks, members, with Paymaster Robert W. Allen as judge-advocate, all were present. The accused was present with his counsel, General George S. Boutwell and Colonel Jeff Chandler.

Minor and Personal.—Myron H. McCard, register of the Land office at Wausau, Wis., has been ap- pointed register of the land office at St. Paul, Minn. Secretary Whitney has returned to the city and was at the Navy Department to- day.

Willis G. Clark has been appointed collector of customs for the port of Mobile, Ala.

Dr. Lyon, first assistant examiner in the electrical division, August 1.

The commissions to sixty special ex- aminers of the Pension Office, who are reappointed were issued to-day.

John Tyler has been appointed second clerk to the commandant of the navy yard in this city, vice B. F. Calhoun, re- signed.

It is authoritatively stated that Rev. G. A. Bryant, a colored divine of Nashville, Tenn., has been tendered the mission to Liberia.

Secretary Manning has declined to con- sider any clerical or other change in the Treasury unnecessarily before next week.

White House attaches state that it is not at all probable that the Presidential house- hold will leave for the summer vacation before August 1.

General Angur has dispatched all the available troops at Fort Leavenworth to prevent the Cheyenne Indians from going upon the war path.

Suit will probably be entered against George H. Owen late collector of the port of New York, for \$2,000 of consular fees said to be due to this Government.

An effort is being made by Ohio Republi- cans to collect contributions for the Ohio cabinet, under the leadership of Robert T. State still in Government employ.

The Postmaster-General has curtailed the mail service upon the Star route from Kelton, Utah, to Weimer, Idaho, thus effecting an annual saving of \$19,500.

The Patent Office yesterday issued 322 patents, 14 designs, 24 trade-marks, 2 labels and 3 notices. Thirty patents were awarded to citizens of foreign countries.

First Auditor Chenoweth says that he alone is responsible for the refusal to ap- point Mr. Keller to a clerkship, and that Mr. Higgins had nothing to do with the matter.

Mr. Edward F. Noyes of Ohio has telegraphed to the President his declina- tion of the appointment as one of the Government directors of the Union Pacific Railroad.

The Postmaster-General proposes to ter- minate leases upon buildings used for post-offices, when they expire, and to dis- pose of them to the highest bidder. The Attorney-General has decided that he has this power.

Delegate Outray has written a letter ask- ing the President to suspend the applica- tion of the act of March 3, 1879, in re- spect to the removal of the Indians from Arizona to the Indian Territory.

Among other questions considered by the cabinet yesterday, was a proposition to thoroughly investigate the various custom-houses, sub-treasuries and other branches of the Treasury service, with a view to verifying their accounts and pre- venting frauds.

The explanation of the large number of wires remaining upon the roofs of the Treasury and White House, after office hours, has been given for their removal, is found in the fact that a large proportion of these are old wires, long since abandoned, and

MR. COLMAN'S VIEWS.

The Commissioner's Address Before the Agricultural College Convention.

The Agricultural Convention which was called by Commissioner Colman of the Agricultural Department, for the purpose of reviewing the progress of the De- partment and the agricultural colleges of the United States for the purpose of im- proving the manufacture of agricultural products, opened in the annex of the Agriculture Department this morning at 10:30 o'clock with a large attendance.

The room was tastefully decorated with flags, shields and hunting, while standing around in the corners and about the sides of the rooms against the walls were palms and exotics of rich growth; white stacks of wheat and oats, the tips of which, reaching down from the stage which had been temporarily placed in position. A vase of choice cut flowers adorned the desk of the chairman, the fragrance from which caught in the currents of air pen- etrated the spacious room with a flavor of elegance.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Colman, who presided as chairman, and Mr. Fairchild of Wisconsin acted as secretary. After the preliminary form of opening was dispensed with, an address of the Signal Secretary, consisting of Messrs. E. Lewis Struvtant, director of the State Experimental Sta- tion, New York; Henry C. Chamberlain of the State Board of Agriculture, Ken- tucky; W. S. Townsend, president of Agricultural State University, Ohio; Mr. Fairchild, president of the State College of Kansas, and Mr. Peabody, were ap- pointed on credentials, after which Com- missioner Colman proceeded to read his address.

It was a very comprehensive and practical effort, listened to with marked attention, and closing with an allusion to the importance of the Signal Service in agricultural colleges. He also advocated the establishment of a national experi- mental farm at the seat of Government and also a national exposition.

It was decided to make the temporary organization a permanent one, and a resolu- tion was adopted to the effect that a standing committee on order of business and resolutions, consisting of the Commis- sioner of Agriculture and six members, be appointed, and that the committee to re- view the address of the Commissioner in agricultural colleges. He also advocated the establishment of a national experi- mental farm at the seat of Government and also a national exposition.

Surgeon-General Hamilton says that no cause for alarm is afforded by the case of yellow fever reported at New Orleans. Although no evidence of its importation can be discovered, he says any other epidemic disease, such as cholera, propa- gation of infected bedding is preposterous. The patient was promptly quarantined when the first symptoms were developed, and no further danger is apprehended.

Commencing Monday, additional rail- way postoffice service was established between this city and Lynchburg, Va., over the Norfolk and Western Railroad. This makes triple daily service, except Sunday, between those points, as follows: 7 a. m., from this city; 10:30 a. m., from Lynchburg, arrive at Lynchburg, leave 7 a. m.

Proposals will be opened August 7 for the erection of the Army Medical Museum and Library. The building is to be three stories in height, 100 feet square, and will cover about 23,000 square feet of surface. The site selected is the southeast corner of the Signal Service building. The work will be under the supervision of Colonel Casey of the Corps of Engineers.

The following Baltimore and Washing- ton houses have received the contracts for the building of the new Signal Ser- vice building: Stationery, J. J. Chapman, J. F. Paret, Easton & Rupp and W. G. Fischer; printing and litho- graphing, J. H. Miller and J. H. Miller; Miller, John G. Mangle & Co., W. H. But- ler and H. L. Peouze; telegraph supplies, National Electric Company, Messrs. Joyce & Moreau and W. H. Pope.

A TREASURY NOTE QUESTION.

Does an Error in the Date Nullify the Issue?

The question as to the redemption of a United States compound interest bearing note of 1878 upon the face of which the date of the act of Congress authorizing its issue is wrongly stated—will come up before the First Comptroller for a decision. The United States Treasurer recently re- ceived such a note, of the date of July 7, 1878, and inquired of the First Comptroller, claiming that the error on the note nullified it.

The First Auditor having disallowed the account of the note, the Treasury will pass upon the matter on the Treasurer's claim that legal authorities are abundant for the position taken that a defective note legally issued must be redeemed.

JUDGE DURHAM'S POINT.

The Commissioners Sustained by Comptroller Lawrence's Decision.

A critic reporter asked Mr. Edmunds to-day what the Commissioners had to say in reply to First Comptroller Durham's letter, in which he questioned the right of the Commissioners to pay for the improve- ments contracted for before the present fiscal year and to be paid for out of this year's appropriation.

He reported that the same question arose in 1883, and the Commissioners asked First Comptroller Lawrence if work that was contracted for in the fiscal year 1882 could be paid for out of this year's appropriation for that particular work. His reply was as follows:

You will see from my opinion here in relation to the act of Congress authorizing the Interior Department building, I have reached the same conclusion. The contract of this character authorize contracts to be made and work to be commenced before the fiscal year begins, and the contract expressly states that no payment is to be made until the fiscal year commences. The principle has been applied to the work under the authority of the Commissioners in the case of the District. You can make contracts at any time, and pay for them prior to July 1, if your contracts provide for payment on or after that date.

Presentation to General Rosecrans.

General Rosecrans was presented this afternoon by Secretary Manning, ex- cepted by a pistol which they captured in a raid on Rosecrans' baggage train in the summer of 1864. On the hill of the battle in which General Rosecrans was victorious, among others, Rich Mountain, Carnifax Ferry, Inka, Corinth, Murfreesboro, and other places, he was de- lighted, and especially by the manner in which the restoration of the old firearm was so gracefully made by Judge Chenoweth, representing the Texans.

DISTRICT GOVERNMENT NEWS.

LAST WEEK'S MORTALITY.—The total mortality in the District for the week end- ing July 4, 1885, was 117. Of this number 50 were white and 67 colored.

A RESIGNATION ACCEPTED.—Mr. Francis Miller, who has filled the position of As- sistant Attorney for the District for a number of years, has resigned on account of his increased private practice. Mr. Harry E. Davis has been appointed to the position.

A YEAR'S INSANE PATIENTS.—The annual report of Surgeon-General Tremain on the number of persons sent to the insane asylum during the fiscal year just ended shows the number to be 109, an increase of 10 over the preceding year. Of these 110 were white and 53 colored. The males and females were about equally divided.

The Weather.—At the Signal Office it is stated that the oppor- tunity has been very general, and no indica- tions of a fall in the temperature are yet ob- servable. The heat is nowhere unusually severe for this time of year. Cooler weather is now to be expected for at least forty-eight hours.

OUR PRESS GALLERY.

THE WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT OF THE PHILADELPHIA PRESS.

Also of Several Other Journalistic Asso- ciations—A Man Who Has Seen Much Service in the Newspaper Profession—His Experience with an Accomplished Setter Pup.

Charles M. Ogden is the Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Press, the Boston Globe and the California Associated Press. He was born in Ringham- ton, N. Y., September 4, 1856. He re- ceived an academic education. He com- menced newspaper work by greasing the machinery in the press room of the Ring- hamton Republican. He was then 17 years old. Before serving out his term of apprenticeship in the press room, he went to the Binghamton Times as a reporter.

A Cold Blooded Murder.—Richmond, Va., July 8.—On Monday evening an old farmer of Albemarle approached the village mill where William McDonald and his father were sitting the young man called out to Gray. "If you just know how to do it, I'll give you one hundred dollars to put me in the grave." He had one foot in it now, and I intend to put the other in." He repeated the same words and added a violent ex- pression when Gray threw a stone at McDonald who immediately fired two shots at the old man. Gray fell, and the elder Mc- Donald claimed him to be dead. The father and son escaped and have not yet been apprehended. No motive is assigned for the murder.

The Effects of a Rate War.—New York, July 8.—Complete reports for the first quarter of 1885, as compared with the same period in 1884, show for the Pennsylvania Railroad a decrease in net earnings of \$73,000, and for the New York Central a decrease in net earnings of \$59,692. The Erie Railroad shows an increase in net earnings of \$253,981 in spite of a decrease in gross earnings of \$243,555. This fact is attributed to President King's vigorous policy of retrenchment in ex- penses. The falling off in gross earnings of all three roads shows the disastrous effect of the rate war.

Split on "Cyclone Pits."—COLUMBIA, Ga., July 8.—A church in Melton County has been split into factions upon the question of cyclone pits. Some members denounced the refugees as at- tempters to divert the funds of the church to diggers therefore withdrew and formed a new church, dubbing themselves "Cyclone Primitives," while the old church has re- ceived the name of "Anti-Cyclone Primitives."

Impudence Properly Punished.—LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 8.—Judge R. H. Thompson caused a sensation in the City Court yesterday by committing Richard Baer, a prominent local politician, to jail for six hours for having intimated to the Judge that he would use political influ- ence against him if he did not deal leniently with a certain case pending trial. The fine is the severest permitted by the law covering such cases.

Setting the Trunk Line Difficulties.—NEW YORK, July 8.—The Times Phila- delphia dispatch says: "The information is given here upon the best authority that negotiations between the Pennsylvania and the New York Central Railroad com- panies, with a view to a settlement of the trunk line difficulties, are progressing satisfactorily."

Two Millions Left Without a Will.—NEW YORK, July 8.—The family and relatives of Mrs. Jane Morgan, who died suddenly at Saratoga on Friday, leaving an estate of \$2,000,000, are surprised to find that she left no will. The estate probably be divided into four equal por- tions.

The Hotel Brunswick.—NEW YORK, July 8.—The Hotel Brun- swick closed last night, to reopen Septem- ber 1, under the proprietorship of Richard Kintzler and Southgate, the assignee. Mr. Southgate joins the old firm as a partner.

A Heavy Day's Business.—NEW YORK, July 8.—The Western Union Telegraph Company handled 83,275 mes- sages on Monday, at the main office, in this city. This is the largest day's busi- ness ever done by the office.

WASHINGTON PEOPLE.—J. C. Kraft of this city is at the Oriental Hotel, Congo Island.

E. B. Dickson and A. S. Nicholson were among the visiting arrivals at Philadel- phia yesterday.

Mr. H. H. Dodge, the well-known banker of Dunbar, Va., will leave to-day for six weeks' trip to Europe.

"Towler" of the Boston Herald says that General Becken of this city has 1,173 names on her calling list.

Mr. George A. McHenry, the superintend- ent of the new post-office company here, is at the Stockton, Cape May, with his family.

Dr. M. Cora Bland, who has been ap- pointing in Rochester, Mass., socially and pro- fessionally, returned to his home to-day.

Mr. Thomas Williams of the Fire Depart- ment, who has been confined to his home, No. 1314 First street southwest, the past week, has reported for duty.

Mr. John A. Truesdell, Washington cor- respondent of the Boston Herald, returned to the city yesterday with his family from a visit to Narragansett Pier.

Mr. Orpheus H. Bullong of No. 629 1/2 P street southwest, who has been doing Philadel- phia, Pa. the past two weeks on pleasure and business combined, returned home this afternoon.

John W. Thompson, esq., and Miss Thomp- son will leave New York for Liverpool to- morrow by the Germanie, for a run through the Highlands of "Bonnie Scotland." They will be absent until October.

General Robert C. Schenck and the Misses Schenck will leave here to-morrow morning for Mr. Barbour's home in the summer. General Schenck's health is falling rather than improving, as was shown last week by an examination by eminent surgeons here.