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GOVERNMENT GOSSIP.

Assistant Secretary Thompson Enters on His Duties.

THE SOLICITOR-GENERALSHIP.

Pardons Granted and Refused by the President.

GENERAL AND PERSONAL.

The Solicitor-Generalship.—Ex-Minister A. M. Kelley, Hon. J. Randolph Tucker and Hon. Pinckney White are the persons most prominently mentioned in connection with the vacant Solicitor-Generalship.

Movements of Navy Vessels.—The Tallapoosa, Commander Whitehead, arrived at Para, Brazil, this morning, en route to Rio Janeiro, and the Alliance, Commander McGregor, at Newport from Hampton Roads.

Bills Approved.—The President has approved the bill to forfeit grants of land made to certain States in aid of the construction of railroads, the bill to provide for taxation of railroad grant ands, and a number of other bills of less importance.

The District's Quota.—The House has passed a resolution calling upon the Civil-Service Commissioners for an explanation in connection with the statement that the District of Columbia has received and is still receiving more than its share of appointments in the executive departments.

To Inspect Iowa Troops.—Colonel Richard Irving Dodge, Eleventh Infantry, has been ordered from Fort Sully, Dakota, to Oskaloosa and Marshalltown, Iowa, to inspect the brigades of Iowa State troops in camp at those points July 26-30 and August 16-20, respectively.

Secretary Thompson Installed.—Governor Thompson, the new Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, called at the White House to-day accompanied by Comptroller Trenholm. Later in the day he qualified as Assistant Secretary and received the calls and congratulations of his new official associates.

Sitting Bull's Surrender.—Secretary Bayard has sent to Speaker Carlisle a communication from Minister West concerning and supporting the claim of Jean Louis Legare for compensation for services as is alleged in procuring the surrender of Sitting Bull and his followers under the direction of the War Department. The claim is for $13,142 and is now before the House in the form of a bill.

Mr. Bayard on Canada's Interference.—Secretary Bayard has written to Congressman Boutelle of Maine in reference to interference with American fishing vessels, saying: "I will assist materially in all such cases of alleged violation of commercial rights, if accurate and full statements of all the facts in each case are procured and forwarded to this department, accompanied by affidavits. A great deal of loose rumor and sensational statement would be thus disposed of and a tangible basis be laid for claim for compensation by the injured parties."

Enlisted Men for Promotion.—Major Royal T. Frank, First Artillery; Captain John H. Calef, Second Artillery, and Captain George H. Torney, assistant surgeon, with Captain Samuel M. Mills, Fifth Artillery, as recorder, compose a board which will convene August 2 at Fort Monroe, to examine the following named enlisted men for promotion to second lieutenants: Sergeant Major Henry Fletcher, Eighth Cavalry; Sergeant Paul Hoops, Second Cavalry; Sergeant Major Odon Gerovits, Sixth Infantry; Sergeant George E. French and Corporal George R. Martin, First Infantry; Corporal Frank Gray, Second Infantry; Corporal Walter McMillan, Fourth Infantry; Corporal Frank Owen, Ninth Infantry, and Corporal Stephen M. Hackney, Sixteenth Infantry.

Pardons Refused and Granted.—The President has denied the application of James Milton for a pardon, although it was recommended by the Attorney-General. The case is one of a pension attorney in Kansas who obtained $600 from a pensioner when only entitled to a fee of $10. The President says this is a crime of serious character and far reaching in its demoralizing and evil effects. "The people who make it a business to procure pensions are often of such a character as to need all the restraint, and, when guilty, all the punishment they receive." He has pardoned R. Porter Lee, now in the fifth year of a ten year term in the Buffalo penitentiary for embezzlement of funds of the First National Bank of Buffalo, of which he was president. The President says he is reluctant to interfere in such cases, but being intimately acquainted with the circumstances of the case and the prisoner and his family, he believes the sentence to have been very severe, the ends of justice fully answered, and is happy to be able to extend clemency at least to the noble wife and family who suffer from this man's imprisonment.

Minor and Personal.

David T. White, of Williamton, Ohio, has resigned from a $1,600 clerkship in the Pension Office.

Major King, chief of the Seed Division, Agricultural Department, has returned from his leave.

Sixth Auditor McConville, who went out of the city last Friday to take a rest, will be at his desk to-morrow.

Mrs. Minnie C. Bethel, *nee* Minnie Cox, formerly a clerk in the Pension Office, died at Minneapolis, Minn., last Saturday.

Commissioner of Agriculture Colman has gone North on a trip connected with the business of his Department, and will remain about a week.

Dr. Henry Johns was on Saturday transferred from the position of medical examiner in the Pension Office to a clerkship in the Land Office.

The report of the division of accounts of the General Land Office shows that during the last fiscal year a great deal more work was done than during preceding years. The office has been very busy, and has made a very good record indeed.

The Postmaster-General has amended the postal regulations so as to permit the transmission through the mails of liquids not liable to explosion or spontaneous combustion or ignition by shock or jar, and not inflammable, soft soap, pastes or confections, ointments, salves and articles of similar consistency, under certain conditions insuring safety to other mail matter in transmission.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Mrs. Sarah M. Price to Wm. McKee Dunn, her magnificent property on Rhode Island avenue, between Connecticut avenue and Seventeenth street $157,500

Chapin Brown to John B. Gray, a lot in Mt. Pleasant, 100 feet front by 140 feet deep $4,300

John V. Ritter to Mary Ochenrefter, a lot corner Seventh and D streets northeast, 28 by 75 feet deep $3,150

James J. Clark to Richard Ezdorf, a lot on N street, between Ninth and Tenth northwest, 17 by 120 feet $5,000

W. P. Welch to Thomas J. King, a lot on Sixth street, between E and F southwest, 20 feet front by 105 deep $4,500

MEN AND THINGS ABOUT TOWN.

A party of prominent New York local politicians were seated in the cafe of the Hoffman House Sunday evening of last week discussing the outlook for the next campaign and a central figure was Governor David B. Hill. Around him were General Farnsworth of Albany, Coroner Martin, Alderman Brady and the two secretaries of the Governor. A Democratic beverage was in frequent demand and few of those at the Governor's table took water. When the coach arrived from the Washington train the party was increased by the addition of Senator Vance of North Carolina, Representative John J. Adams of New York and Judge Murphy of Iowa, and it was not long before Civil Service Reform was the principal topic of discussion. From the tenor of the remarks after the bottle had been replenished, should Governor Hill succeed the incumbent of the White House, the victors would get the spoils and the Civil Service Commission would be starved out by the non appropriation of funds for its support.

Assistant Secretary Thompson made a very favorable impression upon all who met him at the Treasury Department today, and he is a pleasant, affable gentleman, about 50 years of age, whose heavy moustache is slightly tinged with gray. Accompanied by Comptroller Trenholm, he called upon the President this afternoon, and the public reception was delayed in consequence for a few minutes. The conversation must have been an agreeable one, for the two gentlemen from South Carolina were laughing heartily when they emerged from the library at the White House. Mr. Thompson will enter upon the discharge of his duties to-morrow and will occupy the room adjoining that of Chief Clerk Youmans.

Hector, the black French poodle pet of the White House, has a faithful attendant in Sinclair, the President's valet, whose duty since the arrival of the new importation has been to see that Hector is properly exercised. Contrary to the general impression, Hector is not a tiny long-haired lap-dog, but a substantial vigorous canine weighing about twenty-five pounds, standing eighteen or twenty inches high and black as the ace of spades, not a white spot being discernible anywhere on his body. His hair is about three inches long if combed out on his head and neck, which have been "lionized," that is the hair allowed to remain full length, while on the rest of the body it has been clipped, the short crisp curls being suggestive of astrachan fur. As soon as Mrs. Cleveland finishes breakfast, Sinclair is summoned to take Hector out for a run, and although he cannot understand English, when the door is opened there is a meteoric display as the black body launches out on the lawn at the south of the White House, closely followed by the light-complexioned Dago-looking companion. Wherever Sinclair goes the dog is apt to follow, and in fact Hector seems fonder of his attendant than of his mistress.

"This is much better than sitting in a faro bank on the lookout for splits and the usual percentage of luck for the house," said a well-known sporting man this morning as he sat in a costly-furnished office uptown studying plans for a row of handsome buildings which he has in course of erection. "About three years ago," he continued, "I concluded to give up my gambling establishment, which I had conducted for a quarter of a century, and go into some legitimate business that would not interfere with my rest at night or my meals in the daytime. I had some money with Riggs & Company, which I drew out and invested in real estate. Now I have all that I can attend to, and besides I have started for themselves a couple of young friends, who have shown good business qualifications, and the money I advanced them has nearly all been returned to me. Real estate beats faro, poker, horse-racing or any other game of chance, and my only regret is that I did not start sooner at my present occupation." It was a sleek-looking, well-dressed, spectacled sport, whose name has always been synonymous with fair dealing in Washington, and those who have business with him now say that his word is sufficient for any amount, inside of half a million dollars, at any banking house in the District.

Some Fine Dwellings.

Mr. C. A. Beavans will erect a three-story and basement brick house on N street, between Thirteenth street and Vermont avenue, having a front of 25 feet by a depth of 39. The front will be of pressed brick, and will have three bay windows. The house will cost $11,000.

Mrs. Mary Kaufman will build a three-story pressed brick residence on D street, between Seventh and Eighth streets southeast, to cost $4,900.

Mr. John Moran has taken out a permit to build a two-story pressed brick front house on I street, between Twenty-first and Twenty-second streets, to cost $8,000.

Mr. Arthur B. Smith has a permit to locate a woodyard on First street, between L and N streets.

General J. A. Williams will commence immediately the erection of a handsome three-story residence on N street, between Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets northwest. The front will be of pressed brick, and the house is to cost $19,500.

The Mysterious Suicide.

Coroner Birch of Alexandria County, Va., says the Washington correspondent of the Baltimore *American*, has in his possession a part of a letter found near the spot where the unknown suicide was discovered on the 4th inst. On the paper Coroner Birch made out the word "Baltimore" and the names Leverone and Mrs. Snow. A part of an envelope was found postmarked, "Washington, D. C., June 26, a. m." On it can be deciphered the words, "Fourth street." A yellow strip of paper, inscribed "J. L. Leverone, Arnold's, Md.," was also found. The suicide was committed on the Virginia side of the Potomac River, above the Aqueduct bridge. The body was not identified. Coroner Birch's discovery may throw some light upon the mystery.

Deaths of Old Residents.

Mr. Charles T. Jarvis of B street, near Thirteenth southwest, died quite suddenly last evening at the establishment of his friend, Mr. William Phillips of 505 Eleventh street. The deceased was a well-known citizen and was born near Leesburg, Va. He was at one time a jeweler on the Avenue, and later an employe of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and later cashier at Harvey's and the Chesapeake saloons.

Mr. James F. Moore of 108 E street died last night after a lingering illness. The deceased was a well and favorably known citizen.

The Neglected Southeast.

Senator Ingalls to-day submitted to the Commissioners a petition of citizens of Southeast Washington, to the effect that their section has been neglected in the general plan of improvements.

The Senator writes a personal letter calling attention to the uncovered and dangerous condition of James Creek Canal from G street to the Arsenal. He also asks that estimates be submitted at the next session of Congress for the improvement.

The K. of L. Bread Stamp.

At a meeting of the Bakers' Union yesterday it was decided to appoint a committee to wait upon the employing bakers and ask that they employ no non-union men, and that all the bread which they produce bear the union stamp. The committee will have an interview with the employers probably next Wednesday. It is not expected on either side that there will be any serious trouble.

IN CONGRESS TO-DAY.

The Mexican Pensions Bill Passed by the Senate.

THE RAILWAY ATTORNEY BILL.

A Substitute for Mr. Beck's Measure Reported by Mr. Hoar.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE

District Day Postponed Until Thursday Next.

In the Senate to-day Mr. Sherman introduced by request a bill to stop all payments of public money to James B. Eads for past, present or future work at the mouths of the Mississippi River until further ordered by Congress. Referred.

The following bills were passed: The Mexican Pension bill; the bill to prevent obstructions and injurious deposits in New York Harbor, and the bill to credit the State of Oregon with $12,396 for ordnance and ordnance stores.

A number of important measures were laid over on objections, and at 12:30 p. m. Mr. Hoar, from the Judiciary Committee, reported back with a substitute Mr. Beck's bill to prohibit Members of Congress from acting as attorneys or employes of railroads that have received grants of land from the United States. The substitute provides that Congressmen may become attorneys for subsidized or land-grant roads in suits between one company and another, but prohibits them from acting as attorneys in cases in which the Government has an interest. The prohibition is also extended to other than railroad interests, namely, corporations, &c., whose interests may become the subject of Congressional legislation.

Mr. Hoar said he had himself prepared a substitute, which he would offer at the proper time, for that of the committee. Mr. Coke said that Messrs. Wilson (Iowa), Vest, George and himself dissented from the report of the majority of the Judiciary Committee and would also submit a substitute at the proper time. The whole matter was referred to the calendar.

On motion of Mr. Hoar permission was granted the Committee on Privileges and Elections to sit during the sessions of the Senate.

It is understood that this is connected with the consideration of the Payne case.

The Senate at the expiration of the hour devoted to the calendar took up the River and Harbor bill, and the discussion of the Hennepin Canal appropriation was resumed. Senators Allison and Miller made long speeches in its favor.

The House.

The President's message vetoing the bill for a public building at Asheville, N. C., was laid before the House today and referred.

Under the call of States bills were introduced as follows:

By Mr. Wheeler, a resolution to the effect that Congress should not adjourn without appropriating a portion of the surplus to assist in the great work of education.

By. Mr. Hall, for the relief of settlers on the Des Moines River, above Raccoon Fork.

By Mr. Murphy, for the relief of settlers on public lands.

By Mr. Robertson, for the erection of a granite shaft to mark the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln, near Hodgensville, Ky., at a cost of $10,000.

By Mr. Lovering, to abolish the importation of Italian slaves or other laborers under contract and held to involuntary servitude.

By Mr. Maybury, to incorporate the Great Falls Railway Company.

By. Mr. Hewitt, a resolution calling upon the President for information relative to the probable advantages or disadvantages to accure to the United States by the operation of the reciprocity treaty with Mexico.

By Mr. Voorhees, a bill permitting all persons who have lost homestead rights to make new entries.

This was the day set apart by the House for the consideration of bills reported from the District Committee, but after the call of States had been made, upon motion of Mr. Holman of Indiana, the consideration of such bills was postponed to next Thursday morning after the reading of the journal, and upon further motion of Mr. Holman the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole for the consideration of appropriation bills.

The House then continued at length the consideration of the conference report on the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation bill.

THE GREAT FALLS RAILWAY.

Representative Maybury to-day introduced a bill authorizing A. L. Barber, H. D. Cooke and A. A. Birney of this District, with other persons, as incorporators to construct a narrow guage railroad from a point near Georgetown over the Conduit Road or adjoining land of the United States to the Great Falls of the Potomac. The motor power and other questions are to be subjected to the approval of the Engineer Commissioner and the fare charged must not exceed three and a-half cents per mile.

THE MEXICAN PENSIONS BILL.

The House Mexican Pensions bill, as amended and passed by the Senate to-day, applies to all enlisted men who served sixty days, or who were actually engaged in a battle in the war with Mexico, provided that all survivors who are or may become 62 years of age and are suffering from such disability as is recognized by the pension laws as a sufficient reason for the allowance of a pension, shall be entitled to the benefits of the act, excepting where the disability or dependency was incurred in the Confederate service. The amount of pension is fixed at $8 a month. Persons now receiving such pension not to be eligible; and those receiving less than $8, to be entitled to the difference up to $8.

BONDS OF EXECUTORS.

The Senate to-day passed the bill regulating bonds of executors in this District, with an added section by Senator Edmunds, providing that where a testator desires to bequeath property possessed by him in this District, it can be so indicated in the will in terms which will not be affected by sales or exchanges of property subsequent to the making of the will, changing its character and rendering inaccurate any description of the property made in the will. In the absence of such legislation, he said, a person making a will in this District, must keep revising and amending it with every dollar he invested or lot he sold.

MR. MORRISON'S SURPLUS RESOLUTION.

The following is the text of the Morrison resolution which will come up in the House to-morrow for consideration:

Resolved, etc., That whenever the surplus or balance in the Treasury, including amount held for redemption of United States notes, shall exceed the sum of $100,000,000, it shall be, and is hereby, made the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to apply such excess, in sums not less than $10,000,000 per month, during the existence of any such surplus or excess, to the payment of the interest-bearing indebtedness of the United States, payable at the option of the Government.

Capitol Notes.

The District Commissioners were at the Capitol to-day in conference with the House District Committee.

Senator Plumb to-day withdrew his demand for reconsideration of the bill for the relief of Colonel Crook, disbursing officer of the White House.

The Senate to-day passed the bill for the relief of Patrick Cook of this District allowing him $1,500 for damages to his property by changes of grade of streets.

Representative Reagan has apparently succeeded in breaking up the custom of granting an extra month's pay to employes of the House. The custom has been followed for several years, prompted by a desire to make the pay of House employes nearer to that of Senate employes.

Friends of Solicitor-General Goode are complaining that a number of Republican Senators desired to vote for his confirmation and had promised to do so, but were held to the promise made in 1881 to support Senator Mahone in all matters pertaining to Virginia patronage, and therefore voted to reject at his dictation.

THE LIBRARY SITE.

Orders Given for the Selection of New Appraisers.

Justice Merrick had before him this morning the Library site condemnation case, and he made an order directing the marshal to summon a jury of twelve judicious, disinterested men, not related to any one interested in the proceeding, to meet and view portions of squares 729, 730 and 731, owned by the following:

In square 729, by F. A. Wood, Oliver H. Reed, Samuel Bieber, Henry C. Tracy, Hannah M. Tracy, Mary S. Gist, George W. Gist, James Hoban, N. G. Ordway, National Life Insurance Company, Z. Tobriner, Sarah Prince, Elizabeth Hoeke, William Brueninger, William H. Hoeke, Barbara Lehman, Ella Chelini, Jane Lynch, Catherine Olds, Mary E. French, Stella A. Kent, William E. Edmonston, William P. Bradley, J. C. Loiz, and M. G. Emery and S. W. Tullock, trustees.

In Square 730—Mary A. Devlin, Sarah Burnett, Sophia B. Chew, J. F. Buehler, Agnes McLoughlin, Dominick McMenamin, George M. Miller, M. G. Emery and S. W. Tullock, trustees.

In Square 731—Ella Chelini, D. A. Watterson, J. D. Hicks and Rebecca Blaine, Lavinia Connolly, F. Steinle, S. W. Tullock and M. G. Emery, trustees; D. A. Watterson, William Rothwell, Baldassare Moraught.

The jury will be summoned to appear on said premises on Tuesday, the 27th of July, to view the same and every several parcel thereof, and to assess the damages that may be sustained by reason of the same being taken as a site for the Library building. The Marshal is to give the parties interested at least ten days' notice of the time and place of meeting of the jury.

Justice Merrick directed that the jury, when selected, be careful and not to hold conversation about the matter with any one except those brought before them by the Marshal.

THE POLICEMAN'S PISTOL.

Judge Snell Opposed to its Hasty and Unconsidered Use.

The remarks of Judge Snell some days ago to the effect that policemen can kill in maintaining an arrest for a misdemeanor, has been criticised by Mr. C. Carrington. His Honor, referring to the criticism this morning, said he had made a very moderate statement of the law relating to an attempt to escape from the officer when an arrest had actually been made. That statement was, that the officer had a right to maintain his arrest at the risk of the life of his prisoner.

He said he had no qualification to make in regard to his remarks. He opposed all hasty or unnecessary use of weapons in arrests, and advised the utmost caution in dealing with prisoners. Bishop, in his Criminal Procedure, says, section 161:

When the arrest has been actually made, whether for felony or misdemeanor, if the accused person attempts to break away, he may be killed, to prevent it, provided this extreme measure is necessary.

THE ARMY AND NAVY.

Courts-Martial, Leaves, Orders, Furloughs and Personal Notes.

General W. B. Hazen, Chief Signal Officer, is ordered to New York, Albany, Boston and Nantucket on official business.

Lieutenant Lorenzo P. Davidson, Eleventh Infantry, (late Seventh Cavalry), has been ordered to his station at Fort Buford, Dakota.

Major Daingerfield Parker, Ninth Infantry, is directed to take station temporarily at Fort Wingate, New Mexico, with companies C, E, H and I, instead of at Fort Union.

The death of First Lieutenant William R. Harmon, Tenth Cavalry, which occurred June 6 at his home at Lebanon, Ohio, promotes Lieutenant Charles H. Grierson to first lieutenant.

Navy Orders.—Chief Engineer C. H. Baker, from the Washington Navy-Yard, August 10, and to the Lancaster by steamer of August 17, as fleet engineer to the European squadron; Lieutenant C. E. Colahan, to the Naval Academy, August 2; Ensigns Frank R. Wall and Horace W. Harrison, to the Hydrographic Office; Naval Cadets J. D. McDonald and N. S. Moseley, to the Coast Survey; Cadet-Engineers Robert Stewart, jr., and W. S. Smith, to duty in the Asiatic squadron, per steamer of July 31 from San Francisco.

More Water Mains.

The Commissioners have ordered the following water mains to be laid:

Southeast—Eighth street, between C and D streets; Fifth street, between South Carolina avenue and G street; South Carolina avenue, between Sixth and Seventh streets; D street, between Fifth and Sixth streets, and C street, between Ninth and Tenth streets.

Northeast—Delaware avenue, between C and D streets; Fourth street, between I and K streets; Third street, between Maryland avenue and C street.

Northwest—Twentieth, between R and S streets; Massachusetts avenue, between North Capitol street and New Jersey avenue; T street, between Six and Seven; R street, between Eighteenth and Nineteenth, New Jersey avenue, between L and M streets.

General Butler in the City.

General B. F. Butler is in the city on private business. He is in most excellent health and looks as fresh and vigorous as he did twenty years ago. He was admitted to practice in the United States Supreme Court in 1845, the same year Wm. H. Seward was admitted. He is now 68 years old, and for nearly half a century has been a prominent figure in State and National affairs.

OUT-DOOR SPORTS.

THE BAY RIDGE REGATTA.

The event of greatest interest to local lovers of out-door sports this week is undoubtedly the contests of the great oarsmen at Bay Ridge. With the exception of Reitz all who will take part in the regatta have arrived at Bay Ridge and have gone into active training. The men are quartered at the Steele Mansion, near the lake on which the regatta will take place. It is a fine body of water. For three-quarters of a mile the course is an open one, visible from all sides. Then it takes a bend and is lost to view except from the starting point. The distance will probably be one mile and a-half and return. Although the arrangement of the programme has not yet been completed, it is likely that on Thursday and Friday the heat races in singles will be rowed, and on Saturday the double sculls. In the double-scull contests the teams will be Teemer and Courtney, Hamm and Gaudaur, Lee and Ross. The latter rowed over to Annapolis, three miles, and return on Saturday inside of forty minutes. This will be the last opportunity this season of seeing all these crack oarsmen together. The event will be the grandest aquatic event ever seen south of Philadelphia.

BASEBALL.

In the recent Western trip of the Eastern clubs of the League the New Yorks fared the best, winning 9 games out of 13. Philadelphia won 7 and lost 4, Boston won 6 and lost 5, and Washington won 2 and lost 10.

The following is the record of League games to date, with the percentages, as computed by the *Sporting Life*:

CLUBS.	Boston	Chicago	Detroit	Kansas City	New York	Philadelphia	St. Louis	Washington	Total won	Percentage
Detroit	7	3		5	6	7	5	7	40	.755
Chicago	6		6	4	5	6	3	8	38	.731
New York	4	3	3	8		3	9	5	35	.660
Philadelphia	4	2	1	6	4		4	9	29	.592
Boston		3	1	4	2	6	5	6	21	.404
St. Louis	4	1	1	7	0	1		5	19	.352
Kansas City	4	1	0	1	1	2	4		13	.277
Washington	2	1	1	0	2	3		9	18	.187
Total lost	31	14	13	34	18	30	35	49	224	

EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

There are four days of racing at Brighton Beach this week: To-day, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. To-morrow, Thursday and Saturday there are races at Monmouth Park, and at Chicago there is racing every day.

The attraction at Monmouth to-morrow is the Midsummer Handicap, one mile, in which the following are the most prominent entries: Pearl Jennings, 125 pounds; Tom Martin, 127; Beaconsfield, 122; Markland, 117; Richmond, 117; Little Minck, 115; Wickham, 110; Inspector B., 111; Cyclops, 109; Thackeray, 108; Louisette, 107; Quito, 106; Blue Wing, 105; Dry Monopole, 105; Pontico, 103.

On Thursday there will two stake races: The Tyro for 2-year-olds, a walk-over for Tremont er Hanover, the Barragat Stakes, mile and a-half, which Dew Drop should win with ease. On Saturday the Harvest Handicap, mile and a-quarter, will probably bring out Troubadour.

The yachting fixtures are: The annual regatta of the American Yacht Club for steam craft. This will be up the Sound, probably, as far as New London, Conn., and will take two days. On Saturday the following regattas will be sailed: The Hull championship race, the Beverley Club's race at Marblehead, the Atlantic Yacht Club's annual cruise, the Jersey City Yacht Club's regatta, the Knickerbocker Yacht Club's cruise, the Chesapeake Bay Club regatta.

The principal rowing events of the week are: The Northwestern Rowing Association's regatta at Grand Rapids, Mich., to-day and Tuesday. The eight-oared race for the Sharpless Cup will be rowed on the Schuylkill River at Philadelphia to-morrow, and the Enright-Griffin single scull match will be rowed at Buffalo on this date. The Bay Ridge regatta will be rowed at Baltimore, Md., on the 15th and 17th insts.

Col. Corkhill's Last Illness.

When Colonel Corkhill left Washington on his visit to Iowa he was apparently in his usual health. The trip on the cars produced nausea, or, as he expressed it, "made me seasick." The day after his arrival at Mount Pleasant he was attacked with a severe hemorrhage and expectorated a large quantity of clotted blood. When this ceased he felt much relieved and chatted cheerfully with his friends in attendance, and although very weak, he expressed confidence that the danger was passed and that he would soon be restored to health again. Subsequently, however, he had another attack of vomiting blood, and then passed into an insensible condition and died two hours afterwards.

Nearly a Murder.

James Carter, a young colored man, was charged in the Police Court to-day with assault and battery with intent to kill Ed. Lewis. They had a difficulty yesterday morning in a stable in the rear of Dr. Roberts' residence, at Seventh and G streets, about a girl, and Carter cut Lewis across the throat with a razor or a knife, inflicting a dangerous wound. Carter claims that Lewis struck him first with a chair. After the cutting he escaped to Uniontown and was captured by Officer Anderson. The case went over indefinitely for a hearing.

Miss McBride Secures Bail.

Miss Mary J. McBride, charged with arson, in setting fire to house No. 515 Eleventh street, was released from custody to-day on furnishing a second bondsman. Mr. Samuel D. Webb became responsible this time for her appearance for trial.

Mr. Corcoran Sued.

Dr. A. E. Groshon has entered suit against Hon. W. W. Corcoran for $20,000 for injuries received in being run over by Mr. Corcoran's carriage in December last at Ninth and F streets.

"A Sorry Makeshift."

Says the Washington *Sunday Herald*: "The bill proposed by the Senate Committee providing for fixing the price of gas at one dollar per thousand feet, with a sliding scale to be advanced on the testimony of gas officials, is a sorry makeshift. It is an admission that the Committee is not possessed of facts sufficient to enable it to say what should be the price of gas. Having confessed their ignorance, the Committee had better get out of the dilemma by the only possible way left. That is, provide for the purchase of the gas plant by the Government at a price to be agreed upon, or, that failing, then by arbitration."

Congressional Points.

There seems to be no question as to the return of Mr. Gibson from the First Maryland District.

Mr. J. C. Clements of the Seventh Georgia District is the first member from that State to receive a renomination. He is now serving his third term.

The Republicans of the Third Illinois District, now represented by Mr. Ward, Democrat, have brought out William E. Mason as a candidate.

Ex-Representative Oscar Turner announces himself a candidate for Congress in the First Kentucky District, now represented by Mr. Stone; but he does not state whether he will abide by the action of the Democratic convention.

IRELAND AND AMERICA

The Duke of Argyle Undertakes to Instruct Us.

MR. GLADSTONE'S PROPOSAL.

He Characterizes It as a Corrupt and Immoral Bargain.

LONDON, July 12.—The Duke of Argyle has written a letter to the *Times* regarding America and Ireland, in which he says that despite the existence of great national sympathies the most profound ignorance prevails both in England and America concerning each other's constitutions. He admits his own ignorance in this direction at the beginning of the American war in sympathizing with the South.

The Duke thinks that the warm sympathy of America for Ireland arises from the error of thinking of Ireland as being in the same relative position as an American State, and holding to the opinion that England withholds from her similar powers to those which the States possess. Nothing, he says, could be more erroneous.

Referring to the right of the American States to their due share in the powers of Congress, and the checks on their own government which each allows, the Duke says that Mr. Gladstone's proposal violates both of these grand principles and is nothing less than a corrupt and immoral bargain which banishes Ireland from the Imperial councils and surrenders the minority entirely into the hands of a local majority. Americans will, perhaps, hardly believe it, but it is strictly true, that the pretended limitations and restraints proposed are entirely illusory. He appeals to Americans to clearly understand the contention of the Unionists, namely: that it is for Ireland's sake that their opposition is given to Mr. Gladstone's scheme.

MRS. GAINES' PROPERTY.

One of Her Five Wills Filed in Brooklyn.

There was filed in the Surrogate's Office in Brooklyn on Saturday a will purporting to be that of Myra Clark Gaines, the famous litigant. The deceased claimed to be a resident of Kings County, and it is likely that the contest over her will is to be made in Brooklyn. The will is dated January 5, 1885. It is signed with a cross, a statement following being made that Mrs. Gaines was too sick to write her name.

To Mrs. Virginia H. Davis the testator gives property at the Parish of St. Laudry, about 800 acres; to her daughter-in-law, Hattie L. Hall Whitney, widow of William Wallace Whitney, and to her son-in-law, James Y. Christmas, husband of Rhoda Whitney Christmas, deceased, $100,000 each; to their children, who, Mrs. Gaines declares, were born in wedlock, she bequeaths her estate, real and personal; to Edmund Pendleton Gaines, son of Major-General E. P. Gaines, her second husband, $25,000; to George W. Benson of Marietta, Ga., her friend, $10,000; to the Rev. John W. Harman of Mississippi, $10,000; to Myra Clark Gaines Mazerat, $10,000. William H. Wilder and James Y. Christmas of Washington are appointed executors without bonds. The witnesses are John T. Betts, William C. Harrison, Lawson L. Davis, W. M. Levy and Dr. William H. Holcombe.

THE FREE SWISS.

How the Five Hundredth Anniversary of Sempach Will be Observed.

On the 12th of July, 1386, on the fields of Sempach, a little Swiss town, there stood arrayed against each other the heavily armored Austrian army of invasion, the pick of that country's warfaring nobles, intent on a reconquest of the rebellious Swiss mountaineers on the one side and upon the other the patriotic Swiss defenders of their country and liberty, armed only as a people rising against tyranny can manage to equip its unprepared sons. The German monk, Berthold Schwartz, had not yet revolutionized warfare by the invention of gunpowder, and the strong arm of the warrior alone decided contests upon the field of honor.

The Austrians were formed in an invincible square, their long spears holding the Swiss successfully at bay, and rendering their swords, clubs, axes and "stars" useless. Defeat seemed inevitable, when Arnold von Winkelried, one of the Swiss leaders, heroically came forward, and with the shout, "I will break a road for liberty," he seized as many spears of the Austrian knights as his powerful arms could hold, and burying their points in his breast, dragged the knights to the ground with him in his dying struggle. His compatriots rushed forward, and through the breach opened in the ranks of the enemy by their brave countryman, poured in among the dismayed knights, who were soon put to flight, many of them scaling with their lives the result of the fateful day.

The noble deed of that day has since been sung in prose and rhyme and in the language of every civilized people. The Swiss have faithfully honored the memory of the day at each recurring anniversary, and to-day those residing here will celebrate the five hundredth anniversary in becoming manner at Lochboehler's City Garden on New York avenue, the celebration being under the auspices of the "Gruetli Verein." A speech in German, "The Day We Celebrate," will be delivered by Major Closs, and another in English, "Columbia and Helvetia," by Colonel Edwin Frey. All sorts of popular amusements will form entertaining features of the occasion.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Washington People, Visitors and Others Well Known Here.

—MR. JUSTICE MILLER returned to the city Saturday evening from attendance at the funeral of Colonel Corkhill at Mount Pleasant, Ia.

—ADJUTANT-GENERAL RICHARD C. DRUM will return to the city next Saturday from his trip to Lakes Michigan and Superior.

City Hall Notes.

The Criminal Court has been adjourned until September 15, and the present term of the Circuit Court has been continued until August 3, for purposes of settling bills of exceptions.

THE HERO OF NIAGARA.

A Philadelphia Cooper Shoots the Rapids and Gets Away Safely.

NIAGARA FALLS, July 12.—C. D. Graham, the Philadelphia cooper, arrived here yesterday morning accompanied by friends and the cask he had made in which to go down the rapids and through the whirlpool. He camped out on a blanket near the old landing place of the Maid of the Mist, and an officer getting on to it arrested him for a horse thief, but explanations being made he was released. At 4 p. m. he got into his barrel, was taken out into the stream just below the Cantilever bridge, and was dumped into the water. The cask moved off slowly, but when it struck the rapids it shot down at a terrific speed, diving through the water one instant and the next bouncing on the surface like a cork, and nearly all the time right side up. It struck the lucky current in the whirlpool and rapidly passed out of it into the lower rapids, and in twenty-five minutes from the time of starting was in the still water safe and sound opposite Lewiston. Here a boat put out and took him in. The boatman thought it was a buoy, and when he caught it and Graham opened the manhole and stuck out his hand, the boatman nearly had a fit and yelled, "God! there's a man in it." Graham tells his story as follows:

"I was that rattled with getting off in a hurry that I didn't plug up the air hole," he said, "and when I tried to do it afterward I couldn't do it. I couldn't see, of course, but I could feel. Lord, how that river drops under the bridges! I felt mighty queer when I struck that place. When I got to where the water breaks and went under it just poured in at the open air hole. It was awful hot in there, and while I was drifting slowly up above I thought I'd die. But the water cooled me, and didn't wet me very much, for you see I was inside the canvas. When I got to the Whirlpool I took off the cover, and could see out, but I was carried along so fast that I put it on again in a hurry. Then I got dizzy with the rolling over and over, and pretty sick to my stomach. In the Devil's Hole Rapids I got the worst shaking up, and then it was all right enough until they pulled me out. I never want to try it again for fun. I'll do it again for money, and that pretty quick."

The cask used by Graham, made by himself, is egg-shaped, twenty-six inches at the top, seventeen at bottom and thirty-three through the centre. It is seven feet long, made of staves 1½ and 2½ inches thick and bound with twenty-three iron hoops. In the center hangs a canvas hammock, guyed out so that the occupant will not strike the sides. He enters through a manhole at the top made with a water tight cover and two holes with plugs are left for air. Two handles are in the sides for the occupant to steady himself by and the cask is ballasted with 360 pounds of lead. Graham weighs 145, so that the cask load was a little over 500 pounds. It was painted red and looked very much like an ordinary buoy. The cask was only slightly bruised in its passage and Graham came out quite as well. He has developed into a dime museum hero on very short notice, and the next trip he makes he will probably become food for the coroner. He thinks he will take a jump over the Falls when he gets used to the rapids. Philadelphia is wild with excitement.

AT THE SUMMER RESORTS.

Personal Gossip From the Seaside, Springs and Mountains.

Secretary Manning will remain at Albany this week, and then go to Lake George.

Rev. Dr. John P. Newman is giving tone to the summer society at Saratoga.

Rear Admiral Charles Steedman has gone to Richfield Springs with his son and daughter.

Commander Richard P. Leary, U. S. Navy, and Mr. George B. Anderson of this city are at Newport.

Mr. Alexandre Iswolsky, First Secretary of the Russian Legation, has arrived at Newport for the season.

Ex-Law Partner Wilson S. Bissell and "Cousin Ben." Folsom of Buffalo were at Chautauqua Lake over Sunday.

A committee of the Washington Light Infantry Corps has gone to Cape May to consider plans for a summer encampment.

Major and Mrs. John Cassels of Fourteenth and K streets have gone to their cottage at Narragansett Pier for the summer.

General and Mrs. Edward F. Beale, who are now at Saratoga, will attend the Grant memorial services at Mount McGregor, July 23.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Henry G. Beyer, U. S