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GOVERNMENT GOSSIP.

A Number of Official Changes in the Interior Department.

UNCONFIRMED NOMINATIONS

Absence of Various Officials at Mr. Tilden's Funeral.

PROSPECTIVE BOND CALLS.

Fitz-John Porter Retired.—The President, before leaving last night, placed Gen. Fitz-John Porter on the retired list as a colonel at his own request. An order to that effect was issued to-day.

Light for the Basements.—Supervising Architect Bell is trying some experiments in having prisms of glass arranged as awnings over some of the basement doors of the Treasury, in a manner designed to reflect light into those darkened passages.

Compliments to Their Late Chief.—The clerks of the Division of Accounts of the General Land Office met to-day and passed resolutions of respect to their late chief, Major Lobert W. Hunter, who has been appointed a special inspector. Dr. T. M. Baldwin presided.

A Small Permanent Exposition.—Commissioner of Agriculture Colman is organizing a permanent exhibition of the various grains and grasses grown in this country, and has sent a circular to each of the forty-six agricultural experiment stations throughout the country asking that samples of the same be sent him.

Absence of Treasury Officials.—Governor Thompson is acting Secretary of the Treasury to-day for the first time. The Treasury Department is without many of its principal officials to-day, Mr. Fairchild, Treasurer Jordan, Comptroller Maynard, Solicitor McCue, Chief Clerk Youmans and others being at the Tilden funeral.

The Warrant Division Busy.—The Warrant Division of the Treasury, as well as several other offices, are unusually busy in consequence of the disbursements authorized by the several appropriation bills that became laws in such rapid succession. Several thousand warrants will be issued daily for some time, the Alabama Claims and the items of the Deficiency bill constituting the greater number.

The President's Departure.—President Cleveland, Secretary Endicott, Mr. Wilson S. Bissell and Colonel Lamont left this city at 10 o'clock last night in President Roberts' private car for New York, to attend the Tilden funeral. Mrs. Cleveland and Mrs. Lamont accompanied the party to the station. The train to which the President's car was attached also conveyed a large number of Senators and Representatives to the funeral. The party with the exception of Secretary Fairchild will return at 10 o'clock to-night.

The Small Silver Certificates.—The Bureau of Engraving and Printing is hastening the preparation of the $1 and $2 silver certificates provided for by the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill. The $5 certificates will not be prepared at once, but the $1 and $2 will be ready for issue in September. The vignette on the $1 is that of Martha Washington, and on the $2 Major-General Hancock. The design and workmanship is superior to any note issues of the Government for many years.

A Postmaster Murdered.—The Postoffice Department is informed that Postmaster John Bowie, at Micco, Fla., was murdered on the night of the 28th of July and his office robbed. He was the custodian of some funds belonging to negroes who were at work in the neighborhood. He was standing at his desk writing, when his head was cut open by a blow from a blunt instrument in the hands of some one standing behind him. Two negroes are suspected of the murder. They have fled, and are now being pursued.

Ordered to Foreign Stations.—Sailing orders have been sent to the Vandalia, Captain Henry L. Howison, and the Juniata, Commander George T. Davis, to proceed to Valparaiso, Chili, for service in the Pacific fleet. The Alliance, Commander Charles McGregor, is ordered as part of the South Atlantic squadron (as announced three months ago in these columns), but will be stationed on the East African coast and will proceed there by the Mediterranean and Suez Canal route. The Brooklyn, Captain Edwin O. Matthews, which is under orders as flagship of the Asiatic fleet, is also ordered to sail at once by the Suez route for China.

Prospective Bond Calls.—Rumors are current that the Treasury Department will issue three monthly bond calls for fifteen millions each, beginning with the present month, as a consequence of the agitation in Congress about debt-payment and the reduction of the surplus. Messrs. Fairchild and Jordan being away, no definite information is obtainable, but it is safe to say that the statement is not entirely true. The Department has desired to call bonds as rapidly as consistent with the public credit and good administration, and now that the amounts of the appropriations, etc., are known, a programme can be more rapidly mapped out; but it is not believed that any definite conclusion has been reached as to the amounts to be called.

Unconfirmed Nominations.—The following are the most important of the fifty nominations upon which the Senate failed to act: Dabney H. Maury, to be Envoy Extraordinary to Colombia; John C. Shields, Chief-Justice of Arizona; William G. Langford, Associate Justice, Washington Territory; George W. Julian, Surveyor-General, New Mexico; Peter F. Coghill, Collector of Customs, Petersburg, Va.; James Curran, Supervising Inspector of Steam Vessels for the Third District; Lewis G. Reed, Consul at Barbadoes; Otto E. Reimer, Consul at Santiago de Cuba; Mark D. Wilson, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York; R. B. Pleasants, United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana; T. W. Scott, United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana; T. B. Yancy, United States Marshal for the Western District of Tennessee; O. D. Derr, Postmaster, Roanoke, Va.; M. Glennan, Postmaster, Norfolk, Va.; F. B. Conover, Postmaster, St. Augustine, Fla.; J. O. Riley, Postmaster, Cincinnati, Ohio. The President has announced no definite policy in reference to these ignored nominations. He will probably act differently in different cases, reappointing where fully satisfied of the fitness of the nominee, and allowing some of the others to go by default.

Interior Department Changes.—The following changes have been made among the employes of the Interior Department:

Secretary's Office—Promotion: Miss Hannah M. Robinson of Massachusetts, $900 to $1,200; resignation: J. Edwin Ferguson of District of Columbia, to take effect August 8; appointments: Edward A. Bowers of Dakota and Robert W. Hunter of Virginia, special inspectors of the public land service, $2,500.

General Land Office—Appointment: Fletcher Johnston of Kentucky, chief of accounts division, $1,800, vice Robert W. Hunter, appointed a special inspector; promotions: Frank Gordon of Georgia, principal clerk of surveys, $1,800, to law examiner, $2,000; William O. Conway of District Columbia, clerk, $1,800 to law examiner, $2,000.

Patent Office—Promotions: Daniel J. Kelley of New York second to first assistant examiner ($1,600 to $1,800), Miss Delia Handy of District of Columbia ($1,000 to $1,200). Transfers from clerkship of class 4 to fourth assistant examiner, $1,200 (same salary): Miss Dorathea B. Newton of Pennsylvania, Thomas W. Hay of District of Columbia, George G. Browning of District of Columbia, Robert E. Grant of New York, John T. Johnson of District of Columbia, Weston Flint of New York, Andrew C. Rawlings of District of Columbia, Thomas Neligan of New York, Charles Rhodes of Ohio and Seymour W. Bunyea of Michigan.

Pension Office—Appointments of special examiners at $1,400: Henry C. Stiff of Illinois, Harry E. Perkins of Vermont, Sullivan C. Andrews of Maine, George M. Miller of Kentucky, Jeremiah F. Fittman of Indiana, James W. Walton of Ohio, Harlow E. Bundy of New York. Promotions: Miss Mary E. Weeks of Louisiana and Louis Meyerhardt of Georgia, $1,000 to $1,200. Resignation: Samuel G. Davis of Maine, $1,400.

Office of Commissioner of Railroads—Transfer from clerkship of class 4 to assistant bookkeeper, $1,800 (same salary): William M. Thompson of New York.

Collector Hedden's Resignation.—The report of Collector Hedden's resignation caused a great deal of talk in civil service circles here to-day, and there was some inclination to regard it as probable. If he has resigned it is probably attributable to civil service complications, and is not entirely voluntary. None of the officials who would be aware of the fact, if true, are now in the city.

Minor and Personal.

Auditor Chenoweth is in Texas and will return in about two weeks.

Sixth Auditor McConville and family left last night for New York for a brief vacation.

Chief Graves of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing goes away to-morrow on his summer vacation.

Civil-Service Commissioner Lyman is away on business, holding examinations in Boston, New York, Philadelphia and New Haven.

Miss Lizzie M. Bassett has been transferred from the contract office of the second Assistant Postmaster General to the Dead Letter Office.

Appointment Clerk Higgins of the Treasury upon returning to this city from Long Branch, in about two weeks, will, it is understood, leave for California.

Mr. C. R. Faulkner, chief of the Record Division of the Pension Bureau; Henry Yeates of the House postoffice, and Eddie Robinson left this afternoon for their homes in Ripley County, Ind.

MEN AND THINGS ABOUT TOWN.

During the last Presidential campaign both parties had their executive committee headquarters in New York city. Mr. B. F. Jones was chairman of the Republican committee, and to him were addressed thousands of telegrams as the campaign progressed. Senator Gorman was chairman of the Democratic executive committee, and Senator B. F. Jonas was secretary. In the multiplicity of telegrams received over the wires and the haste with which they were written out by the telegraphic operators and delivered, not a day passed but what numerous dispatches intended for Mr. B. F. Jones were delivered to B. F. Jonas, and thus the Democratic committee were, unintentionally, advised of the Republican prospects in various parts of the country. Of course Mr. B. F. Jonas returned to Mr. B. F. Jones the wrongfully-delivered telegrams as soon as the mistake was discovered, but it generally required a perusal of their contents to ascertain whom they were intended for.

Captain McLure, appointment clerk of the Postoffice Department, and THE CRITIC man were talking about their experiences in hanging on to straps in the street cars. In justice to Colonel McLure and THE CRITIC man, it must be chronicled that both of them said they did not object to giving up their seats to ladies in crowded cars. They were simply indulging in a mutual kick against street car management in general. Colonel McLure became retrospective. "Years ago it was not bad at all," he said. "On the contrary, it was fun when I was at Harvard College. I am not so old now but that I could appreciate the custom that was in vogue when I was a youngster at that institution if there should be a revival of it. We went from Cambridge into Boston and returned in old-fashioned omnibuses. There were frequently more people in them than there were seats. When a lady got into a crowded 'bus it was not expected that a man would get up and offer her his seat. He simply gave the signal of invitation and she responded by sitting in his lap. Nobody thought there was anything wrong about it, and there was not. Of course a lady could pick out the man in whose lap she would sit, and the man could do pretty much as he wanted to in fixing upon whom he would accommodate. We young fellows at Harvard were very discriminating and very successful in the business. But things have changed," and Colonel McLure puffed away at his cigar, leaned back in his chair and thought of the gladsome past.

THE ARMY AND NAVY.

Matters of Interest to the Service From All Along the Line.

First Lieutenant George H. Evans, Tenth Infantry, has been ordered from Fort Bowie to Fort Huachuca, Arizona, for duty.

First Lieutenant Frank U. Robinson, Second Cavalry, has been sent from Pantano, Ariz., back to San Francisco, to transfer to Arizona the property of Troop K.

Sergeant James Kelly, Company D, Sixth Infantry, now in Southeastern Utah, has been granted four months' furlough to go abroad, to take effect when his company returns to Fort Douglas, Salt Lake City.

First Lieutenant Mason M. Maxon, regimental quartermaster, Tenth Cavalry, has been ordered back from Fort Grant to Whipple Barracks, Arizona, to complete the transfer of his public property here.

A general court-martial convened last Monday at Fort Lowell, Arizona, of which Colonel August V. Kautz, Eighth Infantry, is president, and First Lieutenant John McE. Hyde, adjutant of that regiment, is judge-advocate.

Captain John H. Dorst, Fourth Cavalry, who is now East in charge of the party of Arizona Apache Indians, is ordered to return with them to Fort Apache, Arizona, when the duty East is completed, and then rejoin his troop at Fort Huachuca.

Captain John S. McNaught, Twentieth Infantry, has been relieved from the recruiting station at Cincinnati to relieve First Lieutenant William J. Campbell, Twenty-second Infantry, in command of one of the permanent recruiting companies at Columbus, O. Lieutenant Campbell goes to Cincinnati.

Army Leaves Granted.—Captain Samuel M. Mills, Fifth Artillery, Fort Monroe, twenty days. First Lieutenant Elbridge R. Hills, Fifth Artillery, Fort Hamilton; New York Harbor, twenty days. Lieutenant Alvarado M. Fuller, Second Cavalry, Fort Bowie, Arizona, one month, from August 9.

Commodore James A. Greer, U. S. Navy, is announced by a letter to a weekly paper here from Fort Monroe as having arrived at the Hygeia Hotel last Wednesday from here. His arrival there was announced once before in THE CRITIC, by taking the information an from exchange, but as the genial Commodore told a reporter the next day that he hadn't gone yet, doubt still remains, as this new arrival comes from the same source.

—MAJOR HENRI DE LA CHESE of the French Army, formerly military attache of the French Legation here for five years, died last month in Paris.

INTENSE EXCITEMENT.

The Texans Along the Rio Grande Frenzied with Indignation.

A PLAIN-SPOKEN CONSUL.

Great Feeling Against Sheriff Oglesby and Extradition Agent Hoffstetter.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., Aug. 7.—Excitement is intense along the whole length of the Rio Grande. In the neighborhood of Eagle Pass the citizens are fairly frenzied with indignation. Del Rio is in but little less excited condition. A. P. Tugwell, attorney at Eagle Pass, is defending Sheriff Oglesby and Extradition Agent Hoffstetter on a charge of kidnapping Rasures. Last Tuesday, in Eagle Pass, Tugwell, for his three clients, Oglesby, Hoffstetter and Deputy Bonifacio Diaz, waived examination on the charge of kidnapping and the men were placed under $1,000 bonds each to appear before the grand jury. The defense will consist in proving that it has been an immemorial custom among Rio Grande officials to trade prisoners where a reward was offered under instructions from Governor Ireland.

Charges will be preferred against the three prisoners for conspiracy for murder. They could not stand a trial now owing to the strong feeling prevailing against them. Consul Linn, at Piedras Negras, owing to the dilatoriness of the Washington Government, threatened to resign, but a petition signed by nearly every citizen of Maverick County was presented, asking him to stay. The Consul says the men in the interior of the United States cannot form any idea of the brutality to which the Americans are subjected. A prominent citizen of Eagle Pass says that neither Oglesby nor Hoffstetter could get an office in the county again.

They are universally condemned. If anybody thinks the people there do not want war, he has only to go among them and hear them talk. E. O'Neill, who owns land in Mexico and has lived there a long time, ascribes the whole Mexican trouble to the schemes of annexationists headed by ex-Minister of War Naranjo of Mexico. Mondragon, the Mexican official who murdered Rasures, is said to be a fugitive from justice.

The Alexandria Convention.

ALEXANDRIA, Aug. 7.—At 12:15 this morning the Democratic Congressional Convention at Alexandria adjourned until 9 o'clock to-day after voting not to rescind the two-third's rule, and after forty-nine ballots. The forty-ninth ballot stood: Lee, 8,553; Meredith, 7,911.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., Aug. 7.—Captain J. W. Foster of Loudoun County has become the leading candidate before the convention. One hundred and four ballots had been cast, when a recess was taken until 1:45 p. m., the last vote standing—Foster, 8,306; Lee, 7,959. Compromises have been talked of all the morning, but there is no disposition on the part of the Foster men to yield, now that their man is in the ascendancy. There emanated from the Lee side a proposition to rescind the two-third rule under which the convention has been working and adopt the majority plan instead.

It is generally believed that Mr. Hume is out of the race, for he has not been able to muster the strength developed by Foster. The delegates are becoming restless and many of them say that they must reach their homes this evening, no matter whether a candidate is nominated or not. All talk of dark horses has been abandoned, and the result of the conference, for which a recess was taken, will probably be to settle the matter definitely this afternoon.

Upon reassembling the convention began balloting. The result of this ballot being favorable to Foster, the friends of Lee temporarily withdrew his name and substituted that of Captain A. D. Payne of Fauquier, a cousin of General Payne of Warrenton. It was expected to stampede the convention with Payne's name, but the ballots showed no perceptible change and the only result was to make Payne the leader instead of Foster. The 111th ballot showed Payne to have 8,311 and Foster 7,754. No choice being announced by the chairman, balloting was resumed.

DISTRICT GOVERNMENT NEWS.

Matters Occupying the Attention of the Commissioners.

A bar-room license has been granted to J. C. Meyer.

The United States Electric Light Company have promised to cut off their circuits in the neighborhood of fires, as requested by the Commissioners.

Colonel John A. Joyce, in complaining to the Commissioners of the grass in the gutters of Georgetown, speaks of it as the large hay crop, and says it is ready to be cut, stacked and stored, and the citizens relinquish all claims to the proceeds if the Commissioners will remove it.

Building permits have been granted to A. L. Knott, to erect a dwelling on K street, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets, to cost $14,000; Isaac Beers, erect nine dwellings in alley between Third and Four-and-a-half and B and C streets southwest, $5,400; Rev. J. F. Mackin, erect a school chapel at Fifteenth and V streets, to cost $2,000.

The report of Health Officer Townshend for the month of June shows a low death rate. The whole number of deaths was 388—193 white and 195 colored. The death rate for the whites was 17.03 per 1,000 per annum, for the colored 35.91, and for the total population 22.71. This is lower than the mean death rate of June for the past 12 years by 4.03 per 1,000 per annum for the whites, by 7.75 for the negroes, and by 5.44 for the total population.

Poundmaster Einstein has been engaged for about a week collecting dogs that were surrendered to him by their owners. The animals are given over to the poundmaster by their masters because they do not want to pay the $2 tax or run the risk of being tried in the Police Court for keeping unlicensed dogs. The dogs so collected are taken to the pound and shot. He has collected about 100 of them, at the request of the owners, who notify him where the dogs can be found.

The Surplus Resolution.

Colonel Morrison was asked to-day whether he believed the report that the Administration proposed to follow out the spirit of his surplus resolution by issuing large bond calls.

"I certainly do not," was his succinct reply.

"Will you renew your resolution in December?"

"I do not care to think that far in advance."

Representative Cox's Defeat.

Secretary Graham of the Civil Service Commission, whose brother was nominated to succeed Judge Cox in the Raleigh, N. C., Congressional district, says that the Judge's failure to be returned was not due to any waning popularity, as his stand as a civil service reformer makes him popular in that section, but that the people were averse to conferring a third term upon any one.

MR. TILDEN'S FUNERAL

Viewed by Thousands of Friends, Acquaintances and Strangers.

YONKERS, Aug. 7.—President Cleveland and party arrived at 9:20 this morning and so quietly had their movements been conducted that no one knew of their arrival and the station was deserted. The party was met at the train by Private Secretary Smith, who at once took the gentlemen in carriages to Greystone. All the public buildings in the city are closed, and houses everywhere bear badges of mourning. Every train brought crowds of visitors, and residents join with them in their pilgrimage to Greystone.

At 9:40 President Cleveland reached the house; he was accompanied by Secretary Endicott and Private Secretary Lamont. Mr. George W. Smith, Mr. Tilden's private secretary, took the President's arm and found a place in the line of citizens. Secretary Endicott followed with Mr. Lamont. On reaching the head of the bier the President stopped a moment or two, took an earnest look at the face of the dead and passed on to the hall and was escorted to the family up-stairs, as were Mr. Endicott and Mr. Lamont.

Secretary Manning, leaning on the arm of Mr. John Bigelow, led the pall-bearers. He seemed rather feeble, and Mr. Bigelow's assistance was not unnecessary. The delegations from various bodies followed the pall-bearers and took seats in the blue room and adjoining parlors. The Bar Association, headed by Senator Evarts, the New York Board of Aldermen, Tammany, Irving Hall, and County Democracy. President Cleveland entered the room with Secretary Endicott, Secretary Whitney and Mr. Lamont. Next came the members of the family, Mr. Tilden's nephews and nieces. Governor Hill arrived just as the ceremonies were beginning.

Then the Rev. Dr. William J. Tucker of Andover, Mass., read the funeral service and the choir of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church sang "Abide with Me." The Rev. Dr. Tucker next delivered a short address, after which Miss Antonio Henne sang "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," and the choir closed the services by singing, "Beyond the Smiling and the Weeping."

The casket was then closed and at 10:50 o'clock taken to the funeral train for New Lebanon, followed by the President, Governor, Mayor, officials, delegations, etc., in twenty-five carriages. The body was placed in a plain catafalque in the day coach, Wanderer, and the family and friends occupied the other cars. There were no decorations of any kind, and all was as simple as could be.

The funeral train started for New Lebanon at 11:15 a. m.

LOCAL POLITICAL GOSSIP.

The Registry of Deeds and Recordership of Wills.

Considerable excitement was occasioned among local politicians to-day by a rumor that the President has announced his intention to appoint a Recorder of Deeds and Register of Wills before his departure for his summer vacation, perhaps during the coming week.

The information is credited to some Albany gentlemen, whose interest in Matthews prompted inquiry as to the President's intentions. Although no reliable information could be obtained to-day in the absence of the President and Colonel Lamont, it was found that the rumor was generally believed in political circles.

One of the prominent local candidates expressed his belief that the appointments would be made within ten days, and that the Register of Wills would, while the Recorder of Deeds would not, be a resident of the District. "The President," he added, "took the ground that, having appointed a Washington man as Marshal, there was no obligation to appoint a local man as Recorder, and he will not be coerced into such an appointment. I would not be surprised to hear of two appointments on Wednesday next among the President's first acts after returning from the funeral."

The range of candidates for Register of Wills has not been expanded or contracted recently, and reports conflict as to who is in the lead.

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

A Question About Major Walker's Salary—The Auxiliary Force.

It has been stated that Major of Police Walker does not possess all of the requisites of a member of the department, inasmuch as he has never served in the army or navy. The question was not raised by the District authorities, however, and Commissioner Webb thinks the point does not amount to anything. He states that the Commissioners considered it before making the appointment, and they came to the conclusion that the law did not apply to the Major and Superintendent. Judge Durham, the First Comptroller of the Treasury, states that his attention has been called to the matter and he will investigate it when the accounts of the department come before him next month.

Major Walker to-day referred a CRITIC reporter to the law of 1882-'83, in which Congress provided for the promotion of members of the force up to the captain, but nothing is said of the major. "This shows," he said, "that Congress did not contemplate that the major and superintendent should be held to the requirements of the other members of the force." He also said that if he was decided to be a policeman in contemplation of law he could be appointed a private under the act allowing six privates to be appointed from private life who have not served in the army or navy.

Major Walker is effecting a reorganization of the auxiliary to the police force, known as the additional privates, who have police powers, but who get no salary from the District. He issued a circular to his lieutenants to-day, a corrected list of such officers in their respective precincts. He intends to keep a closer supervision over them than has heretofore been done.

Congressional Points.

Wm. H. H. Cowles, representative from the Eighth North Carolina district, was yesterday renominated without opposition.

The present Representatives from Florida, Mr. Davidson of the First and Mr. Dougherty of the Second district, were yesterday renominated.

John W. Graham of Orange County has been nominated for Congress in the Fourth North Carolina district, General Wm. R. Cox, the present incumbent, having withdrawn as a candidate.

Independent Democratic candidates are numerous in North Carolina. They are R. Z. Linney against Cowles in the Eighth, W. H. Malone in the Ninth, C. B. Jones against Alfred Rowland in the Seventh and John R. Webster against Reid in the Fifth district.

Market report—onions stronger; milk weaker.

THE PRESIDENT'S WIFE.

MRS. FRANCES FOLSOM CLEVELAND, THE MISTRESS OF THE WHITE HOUSE.

The above portrait of Mrs. Cleveland is from the latest photograph of the mistress of the White House by C. M. Bell of this city. Repeated sittings were necessary before Mrs. Cleveland was satisfied with her picture and the proofs were submitted for the inspection of her husband, also. It is the general opinion of all who compared the original with the photograph that Mr. Bell has faithfully reproduced Mrs. Cleveland's features, and the lady herself declares it to be the only true likeness now extant. Around her throat in the picture is a black velvet band containing the diamond brooch which was one of the presents from the groom. This, and a corsage bouquet from the White House conservatories, were the only ornaments affected by Mrs. Cleveland while posing. A jetted lace overdress and basque of the same material completed the toilet. In the full length pictures by the same artist, the costume is, of course, displayed to better advantage. Fully a dozen different styles of pictures, from small cabinet to life-size panels, have been prepared, and already the supply does not begin to equal the demand for the First Lady in the Land.

AT THE SUMMER RESORTS.

Washington People Who Have Left the City for Recreation.

Mr. W. W. Rapley and wife will spend several weeks at Piney Point.

Mrs. C. Schroth of this city is registered at the Mansion House, Atlantic City.

Mrs. Kate C. Pechin and her children will spend the month of August near Olney, Montgomery County, Md.

Mr. Sam Kinsley of the National Theatre, accompanied by his wife and son, has gone to Piney Point for a few days.

Mrs. V. B. Mullan has temporarily closed her studio, having gone North, to be absent during the months of August and September.

Weddings at seaside and other summer resorts are becoming extremely fashionable, and at some places there is a wedding party nearly every day.

Dr. F. P. Hoover, who has been at Cape May for three weeks, left there yesterday for Saratoga, Niagara and other resorts, to remain until October.

Among the Washingtonians registered at Cape May, Tuesday, were: Mrs. R. Nallor, Mrs. W. Nallor, Miss B. Clark, J. Eunis, Miss M. Mustin and Messrs. T. and B. Jones.

Lieutenants Harry G. Trout, Ninth Cavalry, and Robert L. Hirst, Eleventh Infantry, arrived at Newport Tuesday to spend part of their graduating leave from West Point.

Mr. Justice Miller of the Supreme Court was in Boston Thursday and visited Mr. Justice Gray at the latter's home. Justice and Mrs. Miller are spending part of the summer at Milton, Mass.

Representative Henry R. Harris of Georgia and his bride left for the Virginia White Sulphur Springs Tuesday night immediately after the marriage here. The bride was Miss Kate Moses of Four-and-a-half street.

Miss Fannie Platt Gerry, formerly of Washington and the daughter of the late Eugene Gerry, esq., was married Wednesday at Ocean Grove, N. J., to Dr. Benjamin Jarvis Adams. Dr. Adams is an American physician who has settled in Bogota, Ecuador.

Senator and Mrs. Sabine left here Monday with the two little daughters of the late Delegate Raymond (whom they have adopted), and sailed the same evening from Baltimore on the sea trip to Boston, where they will arrive Saturday. They intend spending a month at the seaside for the Senator's health before going to their home in Minnesota.

Mrs. Margaret Custer Calhoun is giving readings at the various summer resorts in Wisconsin and Northern Michigan. She is the widow of Captain Calhoun of the Seventh Cavalry, who was killed at the Custer massacre in 1876, and is the sister of General George A. Custer and Captain Custer, who also lost their lives on the Little Big Horn River.

Among recent arrivals at Oakland are the following from Washington: Colonel G. H. Leiber, C. M. Ray, B. H. Randolph, Charles Dismer, B. Silverberg, Mrs. W. E. Prall and family, Samuel Norment and family, Mrs. Dr. L. M. Taylor, Mrs. G. W. Utermehle, Alfred Wood, Louis Belrose, jr., and family, Mrs. John J. Rae and General J. C. Kelton and family.

Mr. Tilden and the President.

The Washington correspondent of the New York *Times* calls attention to the following note sent by Mr. Tilden to Mr. Cleveland shortly after the latter had written his silver letter to Mr. Warner of Ohio. Mr. Tilden says, under date of February 28, 1885:

"Dear Mr. Cleveland: Your silver letter is absolutely perfect. It is the only silver thing I know of that transmutes itself into gold."

The communication is published to show not only that Mr. Tilden could not have written the silver letter, as alleged at the time, but to further show that he took an early and friendly interest in Mr. Cleveland's administration.

Satisfied With Their Work.

Messrs. Carlisle, Holman, Springer, Curtin, Beck, Gorman and others express their satisfaction with the general results of the session, although each of them has some serious shortcoming to comment upon.

WHEREABOUTS OF CONGRESSMEN.

Where the Statesmen Have Gone for Recreation.

—CONGRESSMAN NEGLEY has left for New York.

—JUDGE SENEY of Tiffin, O., will leave for home this evening.

—SENATOR EDMUNDS will soon go to Canada on a fishing trip.

—SENATOR GORMAN will spend part of the summer in California.

—SENATOR EVARTS has gone to his summer residence in Vermont.

—SENATOR PAYNE and his household left for Cleveland, Ohio, last night.

—HON. WILLIAM R. MORRISON will remain in Washington a few days.

—CONGRESSMAN WILKINS of Ohio left for Marysville, in that State, last night.

—CONGRESSMAN MCCOMAS has gone to Western Maryland for the summer.

—GENERAL BEN LE FEVRE went to New York to attend the funeral of Mr. Tilden.

—REPRESENTATIVE CAMPBELL of Ohio has gone to the Indian Territory for a summer trip.

—SENATOR WILSON and Congressman Findlay of Maryland will summer at Bedford Springs.

—HON. B. F. FREDERICK of the Fifth Iowa district will leave for the West on Tuesday morning.

—HON. R. W. TOWNSHEND of Illinois will probably not leave before the early part of next week.

—DEPUTY SERGEANT-AT-ARMS ISAAC R. HILL and Mrs. Hill left for their home at Newark, O., last night.

—CONGRESSMAN C. M. ANDERSON of Ohio is in the city, having returned the day Congress adjourned.

—SENATOR STANFORD is crossing the continent by easy stages in his private palace car. His first stop is at Saratoga.

—CONGRESSMAN ALLEN of Massachusetts has started for the Yellowstone Park, and will visit various Indian reservations.

—SENATOR VOORHEES goes home on Sunday, attends a State convention, and then goes to New York State for a rest.

—SERGEANT-AT-ARMS LEEDOM of the House is sick at Capon Springs, Va., and Representative Ellsberry has gone there to see him.

—REPRESENTATIVE SHAW of Maryland will devote his attention to his fences for the present, having ex-Congressman Talbott as a rival.

—SENATORS BUTLER, Vest and Pugh will make a European tour during the recess. Senator Butler will join his family and escort them home.

—THE Maine delegation were among the first to leave Washington, as the State campaign opens September 20 and they desired to secure some rest and fishing.

—SPEAKER and Mrs. Carlisle and Representative and Mrs. Willis leave to-day for Deer Park, where they will make a short stay, and then return together to Kentucky.

—CONGRESSMAN STONE of Kentucky leaves for home to-night, when all the Kentucky Representatives will have departed. Senator Blackburn is about to start for Cape May, and Senator Beck remains here for some days.

—REPRESENTATIVE WILLIS has been the recipient of almost innumerable congratulations on the success of the River and Harbor bill, and acknowledges them gracefully, regarding the final enactment of the bill as a victory.

—DELEGATE VOORHEES left the city last night for Seattle, Washington Territory. Mr. Voorhees has been making an anti-railroad record, returned the passes proffered him and invested $100 in transportation home.

—REPRESENTATIVE CURTIN, chairman of the Labor Investigating Committee, regards the authority granted that committee as warranting the pursuance of its investigations in any or every State of the Union during the recess.

A Good Place to Sign.

Colonel Cole was asked one day for the loan of a valuable book while absorbed in an important conversation, and, without seeming to give a moment's thought, said: "Certainly, as soon as I can write my name in it."—[Nashville American.

THE NEW APPROPRIATIONS.

Comptroller Durham Addresses the District Commissioners.

First Comptroller Durham this afternoon addressed a letter to the District Commissioners, stating that he has examined the new District Appropriation bill with a view to determining the questions raised by them.

The provision to the effect that the Commissioners must supervise and control the erection of buildings provided for District purposes is not construed to apply to buildings previously begun, but only to mean that they must personally or by their subordinates control and inspect such work and assume responsibility by the acceptance or rejection of the same.

In reference to the Reform School expenditures the Comptroller holds that the board of trustees have power to make contracts, but must submit all accounts, etc., to the Commissioners, who are given general discretion to control expenditures, limit cost under different items, and have general supervision of the disbursements of the trustees.

G. A. R. Adjournment.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7.—The National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic adjourned sine die after completing its election of officers as follows: Colonel Edgar Allen of Richmond, Va., junior vice commander-in-chief; Dr. A. S. Evans of Colorado surgeon-general, and Rev. Thomas C. Warner of Chattanooga, Tenn., chaplain.

Irish Delegate Substitution.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Mr. J. Deasy has been substituted in place of Mr. E. Leamy on the delegation appointed at the meeting of the Parnellite members of Parliament held on Wednesday last to represent them at the third annual convention of the Irish National League at Chicago. The delegation will sail on the Servia.

Belgian Rioters Sentenced.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 7.—The trial of sixty-three rioters charged with pillaging Soilemont Abbey during the late riots at Charleroi, was concluded at that place yesterday, and the Court sentenced the prisoners to terms of imprisonment varying from two weeks to five years.

Lord Iddesleigh Receives.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Lord Iddesleigh, the new Minister of Foreign Affairs, to-day officially received all the various foreign diplomats with the exception of United States Minister Phelps who is out of the city on a visit to the Right Hon. George J. Goschen at the latter's residence in the County of Kent.

Fatal Accident.

BROWNSVILLE, PA., Aug. 7.—A Lehigh Valley train struck a berrying party near here yesterday. Mrs. Vitkofski was cut in two by the wheels. Her son, aged fourteen, was probably fatally hurt. The others were slightly injured.

The Winning Puritan.

NEWPORT, Aug. 7.—The annual yacht race of the New York Yacht Club was started at 10:45. The Puritan soon took the lead, and holds it by a mile.

IN THE CORRIDORS.

Gossip About Prominent Arrivals at the Hotels.

Mrs. Wm. E. Schmertz of Pittsburg is at the Arlington with her daughters.

Mrs. Craige Lippincott of Philadelphia, with her daughter, Miss Josephine, and two younger children, are at the Arlington.

Among the guests at Willard's are A. M. Miller and Miss M. S. Miller, and H. de Marici, Philadelphia, and G. N. Scott, St. Louis.

Mrs. R. C. Millet, New York; W. W. Van Sant, Philadelphia; Edward Man, New York, and E. W. Bailey, Philadelphia, are at the Riggs House.

Mrs. Irene C. Whitehead, Vicksburg; Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Biddison and children, Chicago; C. L. Morgan and family, Philadelphia, and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Martin, of Frankfort, Ky., are late arrivals at the Ebbitt House.

SHOT BY HIS WIFE.

Captain Wallace Hall of the United States Secret Service

DRAWS A PISTOL ON HIS WIFE

And in the Struggle He is Bulleted Through the Heart.

A DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.

CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—Captain Wallace W. Hall, late of the United States Secret Service, was shot dead at 1 o'clock this morning by his wife, in their home, No. 470 Wabash avenue. The wife claims that the shooting was accidental, and that it was brought about by the violent conduct and threatening language of her husband. She says that the Captain came home in a state of wild intoxication and uttered threats of destruction and murder. She was aroused by his violence, and sought refuge in a closet in the middle room. Then Captain Hall tore through the apartments, upsetting chairs, overturning the bedding, &c. Quiet was for a time restored.

When Mrs. Hall came from the closet she found her husband prepared for bed. When he saw her his rage was renewed. He seized his pistol and advanced threateningly toward her. The woman at once closed with her infuriated husband, at the same time seizing the pistol. In the struggle which ensued the weapon exploded, and the Captain fell to the floor shot through the heart. Mrs. Hall was arrested. She was married thirteen years ago to a farmer named Spalding, but the union was an unhappy one and she soon left him without securing a divorce. She married John P. Clarkson, a contractor of this city, at whose house Captain Hall then lived with his wife, now dead. Mrs. Hall and Mr. Clarkson both died, and Captain Hall promised to marry Mrs. Clarkson as soon as he got a divorce.

The Captain was soon afterward transferred to St. Louis. Mrs. Clarkson having heard that he intended to get rid of her, followed him. Meeting him in the depot she taxed him with endeavoring to desert her and horsewhipped him. The affair caused a sensation. About four months ago the pair were married. Since that time Hall has been drinking hard. He has been for a number of years in the Secret Service of the United States and has handled some of the most important cases of that bureau.

TWENTY-TWO VESSELS SEIZED.

Charged With Smuggling, and Released on Bond.

EASTPORT, ME., Aug. 7.—On Thursday, J. D. Bonness, special Canadian customs officer, seized at Deer Island twenty-two fishing boats, valued at $200 to $400 each, for smuggling. The boats were released upon the owners depositing a penalty in each case amounting to the boat's value. They are charged with smuggling the boats themselves. When the fishery treaty was abrogated, Deer Island fishermen brought the boats to Eastport and entered and paid duties on them, thus making them American boats, although built and owned in Canada.

The Canadian Government will not permit American boats to be brought to Canada and owned there without paying duty; so the boats become forfeited the same as other smuggled goods. This will prevent New Brunswick boatmen bringing sardines to Eastport without paying duties on this side.

Racing at Saratoga.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Aug. 7.—Seventh regular day. Weather cloudy and cool. Track fast. Attendance large.

First race, ¾ mile—Estrella, 1; Wayward, 2; Harefoot, 3. Time, 1:15½. Mutuels paid $43.20.

Second race, 1⅛ miles—Elkwood, 1; O'Fallon, 2; Inspector B., 3. Time 2:54½.

Third race, 1 mile and