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GOVERNMENT GOSSIP.

Important Appointments by the President To-day.

MRS. CLEVELAND'S RETURN.

The President's Health- Report of the Attorney-General.

GENERAL AND PERSONAL.

The President sent to the Senate this afternoon the following nominations:

Thomas Moonlight of Leavenworth, Kan., to be Governor of Wyoming Territory.

Arthur L. Thomas of Pennsylvania, to be a member of the Utah Commission.

Naval Constructor Theodore D. Wilson, to be Chief of the Bureau of Construction and Repair and Chief Constructor in the Department of the Navy, with the relative rank of Commodore.

Pay Director James Fulton, to be Chief of the Bureau of Provisions and Clothing and Paymaster-General in the Department of the Navy, with the relative rank of Commodore.

Pay Inspector Rufus Parks, to be a Pay Director.

Paymaster James E. Tolfree, the a Pay Inspector.

Assistant Paymaster John Corwine, to be a Passed Assistant Paymaster.

The President Improving.—The President continues to improve, but still denies himself to visitors. Senators and Members have been unable to see him upon business since Congress convened. He will probably be able to receive callers to-morrow.

The Minor Coin Demand.—Secretary Manning has transmitted to Congress a communication from the Director of the Mint, recommending the repeal of limitations upon the authority of the Treasury to supply the popular demand for minor coin.

Sending Apaches to School.—Seven of the Apache children, of the captives at San Augustine, Florida, have been ordered to the Indian school at the old cavalry barracks at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and are now on their way there under charge of Lieutenant Mills, Twelfth Infantry.

The Attorney-General's Report.—Attorney-General Garland, in his annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30 last, urges the importance of legislation on the following matters, the necessity of which was pointed out in his prior report: Fees for marshals in Territories, pay of deputy marshals, revision of the fee bill, substitution of fiscal for calendar year, chief supervisors of elections, protection to civil officers and witnesses, fees of witnesses and jurors in Territories and a reorganization of the jury system in the District of Columbia. In closing he devotes some space to the subject of United States prisoners and the general question of convict labor and advocates the building of Government penitentiaries and reformatories at an early day.

Minor and Personal.

W. Hayes Grier of Pennsylvania has been appointed a chief of division in the Pension Office in this city.

Captain John R. Emory of Queen Anne's County has been appointed to a $1,000 position in the sub-treasurer's office at Baltimore.

MRS. CLEVELAND'S RETURN.

An Absurd Rumor Corrected by Private Secretary Lamont.

Colonel Lamont's attention was called this morning to a report published in New York that Mrs. Cleveland left that city on Monday afternoon and had not since been heard from. "Mrs. Cleveland is not lost or snowed up," he replied. "She left New York at 9 o'clock, encountered no obstruction and arrived here this morning safe and sound." Mrs. Cleveland delayed her return for some days on account of the bad weather and matters to which she wished to attend in New York.

DISTRICT GOVERNMENT NEWS.

A TRUCK COMPANY REFUSED.

The Commissioners to-day notified the agents for the Lincoln Hall property that they had declined to grant their request for a truck company to take down the walls of the burnt building. They say the work is dangerous and the truck companies are inexperienced in such work.

MISCELLANEOUS PARAGRAPHS.

Acting Major of Police M. A. Austin was at his office this morning.

There were 70 deaths last week, 28 marriages and 78 births reported to the Health Office.

Suit of Ejectment.

R. H. Morrison, as trustee of the Blodgett heirs, has brought suit against the trustees of the Holy Cross Church to eject them from the property held for the church in square 157, the junction of Connecticut and Massachusetts avenues, and claiming $4,000 for use they have enjoyed of the premises.

Prominent Hotel Arrivals.

EBBITT.—Dr. J. C. Bailey, U. S. A.; President Charles Kendall Adams of Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.; C. H. Pray, Boston; L. A. Whiton, New London, Conn.; H. A. Ditson, Boston; Ramon O. Williams, U. S. Consul-General, Havana.

WORMLEY'S.—H. F. Wilson, Cheltenham, England; Judge Lowell, Boston.

HOTEL WINDSOR.—Rev. W. C. Van Meter, Rome, Italy; Mrs. S. Campbell Girard and Mrs. McCook Baldwin, Paris; A. C. Hamilton, Buffalo, N. Y.

RIGGS.—E. M. O'Neill, Pittsburg; E. A. Gillett, Thomasville, Ga.; Hon. Joseph M. Carey, Cheyenne; J. H. Cogswell, U. S. N.

WILLARD'S.—Hon. J. H. Brewer, New Jersey; George W. McKinney, Texas; James G. Chapman, Omaha; George Huss, Chicago; Benjamin Hilton, East Orange, N. J.; Silas T. Bowen, Indianapolis.

ARLINGTON.—A. W. Fuller, Albany; Steele Mackaye, New York city; Thomas Shirley, Chicago; Hon. H. J. Spooner and Hon. W. A. Pierce, Rhode Island.

WELCKER'S.—Dallas Saunders, Philadelphia; E. H. Cook, New York; C. M. Winslow, U. S. N.; Hon. L. M. D. Sweat, Portland, Me.; E. M. Padelford, Newport.

HOTEL CHAMBERLIN.—F. T. Nutt, Brooklyn; M. Brill, Long Island, and Emmons Blaine, Chicago, Ill.

ST. JAMES.—S. B. Shapleigh, Boston, Mass.; George Greer, Kansas City; J. T. Hamill, New York.

METROPOLITAN.—R. C. Wintersmith, Louisville; S. R. Hewitt, New York; N. E. Webster, Winona, Minn.; J. R. Wilmer, jr., Brooklyn.

NATIONAL.—H. M. McDonald, New York; C. McKibbin, Harrisburg; W. L. Conch, Douglass, Kan.

High-Salaried Receivers.

It is said that very seldom does a Judge talk so plainly to Receivers as did Judge Gresham, a few days since, to the Receivers of the Wabash, of which there are two, who are receiving $25,000 each a year. He told them the concern was top-heavy—entirely too many high-salaried officers and too many finely furnished offices scattered over the country for a road which was so badly wrecked financially as is the Wabash, and before the Judge is through with the road there will likely be some great reforms introduced.—[Indianapolis Journal.

MEN AND THINGS ABOUT TOWN.

District Attorney James W. Ridgway of Brooklyn was digesting a good breakfast in the Arlington Hotel lobby this morning when THE CRITIC'S representative met him and asked what was new in the City of Churches. "I think we stirred up the boys pretty well in the last election," was the reply, "for my majority was 14,000, against 1,060 at the previous election. Although opposed by the press and pulpit of my native town I succeeded in rallying the voters to my support and ran 5,000 ahead of the State ticket. After the arduous labors of the campaign I thought a rest was a necessity, and I could not think of a better place than Washington to secure such a solace. The Democracy of Brooklyn are united and the President is growing daily more popular in his native State."

SOCIAL AND SEMI-SOCIAL

Justice and Mrs. Matthews gave a handsome dinner party last night to the Supreme Court Justices and their wives and a few other friends. Covers were laid for twenty-one guests. They were Chief Justice and Mrs. Waite, Justice and Mrs. Field, ex-Justice and Mrs. Strong, Justice and Mrs. Blatchford, Justice and Mrs. Miller, Justices Harlan, Gray, Bradley, Judge and Mrs. Paxton, M. Ribot and the Misses Matthews. The central floral ornament was a huge bouquet of roses, made up of the corsage knots for the ladies. Handsome china candelabra, gold-lined dishes, gold peppers and salts, pearl-handled knives, fine crystal gold-rimmed glasses, made a most attractive display on the snowy linen. The name cards were gilt-edged and had the name in gilt text.

The Ladies' Aid of the Garfield Hospital held a sewing circle yesterday at Mrs. Tulock's where they afterwards lunched. Another meeting will be held on Saturday at Mrs. Graves', 208 E street northwest.

Mrs. Edie gave a pleasant tea yesterday afternoon to introduce her daughter, Miss Julia, who received many handsome bouquets.

Miss Julia Strong is visiting in New York.

Miss Mary Wilson goes to Philadelphia next Monday on a visit to the Misses Drexel.

Fashionable society gives a Jahrmarkt in Baltimore December 14, for which Professor Marwig is rehearsing the dances.

The second annual ball of the Gibson Social Club will be given in the Recreation hall on Thursday evening next, the 9th instant, and promises to be a grand success.

Miss Waite, Miss Giesy and other young ladies interested in parish work, are going to hold a fair in the Sunday-school room of the Epiphany Church.

Mrs. Wm. P. Johnston gives an afternoon tea on Thursday in honor of her son, Mr. J. M. Johnston, and his bride, who were recently married here.

Mrs. and Miss Stockton will return from New York before the holidays and establish themselves for the winter at 1605 I street.

THE ARMY AND NAVY.

Leaves, Orders, Furloughs, Court-Martial, Personals.

Ordnance Sergeant Michael McCabe, U. S. Army, has been assigned to station at Fort Stevens, Oregon.

First Lieutenant John McMartin, Twenty-fifth Infantry, has been ordered back to Fort Sisseton, Dakota, from St. Paul.

Army Furloughs Authorized. — Private Frank Sachsse, Troop D, Third Cavalry, Fort Sill, Indian Territory, six months to go abroad. Farrier Nell McCann, Troop K, Eighth Cavalry, Fort Clark, Texas, four months. Saddler Christian Zeh, Troop M, Eighth Cavalry, Fort Brown, Texas, four months from May, 1887. Private Adam Smith, Company E, Tenth Infantry, Fort Lyon, Colorado, four months from December 10. Private Wm. Murphy, Company B, Twelfth Infantry, Madison Barracks, N. Y., one month. Private John W. Hardesty, Company E, Fourteenth Infantry, Vancouver Barracks, W. T., one month. Private Wm. Robeson, Company A, Twenty-ninth Infantry, Fort Meade, Dakota, one month.

Army Leaves Granted.—Lieutenant-Colonel Charles E. Compton, Fifth Cavalry, Fort Riley, Kansas, twenty days. Captain Randolph Norwood, Second Cavalry, Fort Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, one month. Captain Wm. Stanton, Sixth Cavalry, Fort Bayard, New Mexico, two months. Captain George D. Wallace, Seventh Cavalry, Fort Buford, Dakota, one month, with permission to apply for one month extension. First Lieutenant Levi P. Burnett, Seventh Infantry, Fort Washakie, Wyoming, two months, and one month extension. Lieut. Selah H. Tompkins, Seventh Cavalry, Fort Meade, Dakota, one month, from December 15. Lieutenant William M. Wright, Second Infantry, Fort Omaha, one month, from December 15. Lieutenant Edward Lloyd, Fifteenth Infantry, Fort Randall, Dakota, one month extension. Lieutenant Lawrence J. Hearn, Twenty-first Infantry, Fort Du Chesne, Utah, one month, from December 15.

NEW BOOKS RECEIVED.

From A. S. Witherbee & Co., successors to Brentano Bros.

"A BANKER OF BANKERSVILLE—a Novel." By Maurice Thompson, author of "His Second Campaign," "At Love's Extremes," etc. New York: Cassell & Co., Publishers.

ACTORS AND ACTRESSES OF GREAT BRITAIN and the United States from the Days of David Garrick to the Present Time—Macready and Forrest and their Contemporaries. Edited by Brander Matthews and Laurence Hutton. New York: Cassell & Co., Publishers.

"OUR LITTLE ONES AND THE NURSERY: Illustrated Stories and Poems for Little People." William T. Adams (Oliver Optic) editor. With 375 Original Illustrations. Boston: Estes & Lauriat, Publishers.

Nothing could be more acceptable than this handsome volume of nearly 400 pages as a holiday gift to the young. At the same time its illustrations, representing many of the most noted and clever designers in the country, render it an enjoyable work of art to all, whether old or young, who appreciate true excellence in this line.

A ZIGZAG JOURNEY IN THE SUNNY SOUTH; or, Wonder Tales of Early American History, by Hezekiah Butterworth. A visit to the scenes and associations of the early American settlements in the Southern States and the West Indies. Fully illustrated. Boston: Estes & Lauriat, publishers.

From the Publishers:

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST AND HOP O' MY THUMB, of the Gordon Browne series of "Old Fairy Tales," Nos. 1 and 2; the drawings by Gordon Browne and the stories retold by Laura E. Richards. Boston: Roberts Brothers, publishers.

From Robert Beall, 495 Pennsylvania avenue:

HISTORY OF THE SECOND ARMY CORPS in the Army of the Potomac. By Francis A. Walker, Brevet Brigadier-General, U. S. Vols. Assistant Adjutant-General of the Corps, October 9, 1862, to January 12, 1865. With portraits and maps.

No man living could have better facilities for writing a history of this gallant corps than General Walker, and his scholarly and trained ability as a writer is shown in every page. His story of the corps at Gettysburg, when Hancock rolled back the last charge of the Confederacy at the North, and again of the battle of the salient, at Spottsylvania, is the most graphic description of great battles that this generation has yet seen, and these two chapters are well worth the purchase of the book. The work includes thirty maps, embracing the operations from Fair Oaks to Appomattox, and thirty-one portraits of nearly every distinguished officer of the corps except the author.

IN CONGRESS TO-DAY.

Introduction of Bills and Resolutions in Both Houses.

VARIOUS CAPITOL GOSSIP.

The Senate Goes Into Secret Session and Adjourns Early.

In the Senate to-day Mr. Edmunds presented a memorial favoring a constitutional amendment empowering Congress to pass uniform marriage and divorce laws.

Also, a memorial prohibiting aliens from ownership of large tracts of land.

Mr. Sawyer presented a memorial of the Methodist Church Conference of Wisconsin for legislation in behalf of Chinese laborers and the passage of the Chinese Indemnity bill.

On motion of Mr. Van Wyck the House bill for the relief of settlers in Nebraska and Kansas was made a special order for next Tuesday.

On motion of Mr. Blair the bill proposing a Woman Suffrage amendment was taken up, and Mr. Blair addressed the Senate at length in favor of the bill.

The following bills were introduced and referred.

By Mr. Manderson, authorizing the Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley Railroad Company to extend its tracks across the Fort Meade military reservation in Nebraska.

By Mr. Plumb, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to certify lands for agricultural purposes to the State of Kansas; also to provide for the sale of certain portions of the Fort Leavenworth military reservation.

By Mr. Hoar, for the erection of a monument in the Howard University grounds to the negro soldiers and sailors who gave their lives to the preservation of the Government.

Mr. Ingalls offered a resolution calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for information relative to the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine, amount of taxes paid, &c.

The Senate at 1:40 p. m. went into executive session and at 1:50 adjourned.

The House.

There was scarcely more than a quorum present when the House was called to order to-day, but the galleries were crowded with visitors.

A letter from the Director of the Mint inclosing a draft of a bill for the issue of subsidiary silver coin was laid before the House and referred.

Mr. Boutelle asked unanimous consent to put upon its passage a bill admitting free of duty material for the relief of Eastport, Me., which brought several revenue reform members to their feet, who objected to giving free trade to any one part of the country to the exclusion of the rest.

Mr. Herbert moved to set aside the 15th of December for the consideration of the bill for the reorganization of the Navy Department.

Mr. Reed of Maine objected.

Mr. Dibble of South Carolina finally succeeded in getting the floor, and made a speech on the Electoral Count bill.

THE TREASURY ESTIMATES.

The aggregates of the estimates transmitted to Congress under the various heads are as follows: Legislative establishment, $3,320,883; Executive establishment, $18,125,408; judicial establishment, $416,200; foreign intercourse, $1,935,722; military establishment, $25,847,689; naval establishment, $20,639,766; Indian affairs, $5,603,873; pensions, $76,252,500; public works, $27,460,694; postal service, 4,729,553; miscellaneous, $21,158,089; permanent annual appropriations, $116,699,823; grand total, $325,185,794.

DISTRICT MATTERS.

Mr. Van Wyck introduced in the Senate to-day a resolution as to the expediency of requiring the Georgetown Gas Company to furnish gas at one dollar per thousand feet.

The members of the Senate District Committee do not seem to expect much District legislation this winter. They believe, however, that the Senate District Committee will present, and the Senate pass, much more local business than the House will consider.

Mr. Hemphill of South Carolina, one of the most active and energetic members of the House District of Columbia Committee, has arrived in the city and will apply himself to local matters.

CAPITOL CHIT-CHAT.

Gossip About Men and Measures in Both Houses of Congress.

A vigorous protest will be made against any movement to ignore private bill day this session in the way that it has heretofore been disregarded.

The Director of the Geological Survey has asked for $54,000 for printing maps of the United States.

The House Appropriations Committee has received the estimates for a deficiency appropriation of $85,000 for the Government Printing Office.

Congressman S. S. Cox has purchased the lot adjoining his former residence on Dupont Circle, and contemplates building. He sold his Washington mansion when appointed to Turkey.

Representative Seney, one of the Ohio Democrats who returns to the Fiftieth Congress, says that he construes the President's Message as declaring against the proposition to put wool on the free list. He considers the President's comments on civil-service reform insulting to those who do not advocate the law.

The President to-day transmitted to Congress the correspondence in reference to the fisheries.

The District of Columbia will be entitled to next Monday in the House, the second Monday of each month being the regular District day. The District Committee will meet on Thursday and agree upon the order to be observed in bringing local matters to the attention of the House.

Mr. White, the clerk of the Senate District Committee, and Mr. Scott, clerk of the House District Committee, arrived yesterday.

Leaves of absence were granted in the House yesterday to Mr. Ward of Illinois for one week, Mr. Lowry for one week and Mr. King, indefinitely.

Senator Sawyer says he does not think a single pension bill will be passed by the Senate this winter. "We have taken the President's vetoes as a notice to quit," he says.

The House Committee on Agriculture will have a meeting to-morrow for the purpose of considering the bill relating to pleuro-pneumonia and agricultural experiment stations.

Mr. Scott, clerk of the District Committee, has called a meeting for to-morrow.

The only Senate committee that met today was that on Foreign Affairs, which took up the recommendations of the Message.

Indiana Democrats in Council.

There will be a meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock of Indiana Democrats at the rooms of the Maryland Democratic Association.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CLUB.

A Meeting in Its Interest at the Ebbitt House To-day.

The ladies who have interested themselves for several years in the Children's Christmas Club held a meeting this morning at the Ebbitt House to arrange for the annual dinner for poor children. There were present Mrs. Judge Hagner, who presided; Mrs. Wm. B. Webb, Mrs. Vilas, Mrs. Colonel Wilson, Miss Strong, Mrs. C. C. Willard, Mrs. A. A. Wilson, Miss Kennedy, Mrs. Woodhull, Miss Solomons, Mrs. Barber, Mrs. John A. Baker, Mrs. McArthur, Miss Waller, Mrs. Thom, Mrs. Adee, Mrs. Van Reypen and Mrs. Perry.

Mr. Ross Perry called the meeting to order and spoke briefly of the work necessary for reorganization and said that there was $290 in the treasury, left over from last year. The ladies present promptly subscribed an additional $125. It is thought that about $500 will be necessary for the outlay proposed, provided toys are as plentifully donated as last winter. Mrs. Perry is willing to take charge of this branch of the work, and wishes toys, books, etc., to be sent to her residence, 1309 F street, as early as possible. The different committees, on the dinner, invitations, entertainment, toys and gifts and ways and means, were named, the same ladies who served last year expressing their willingness to serve again. Donations of money can be sent to the treasurer, Mrs. Commissioner Webb, 1800 F street.

The date for the dinner has been fixed for Tuesday, December 28, at the National Rifles' Hall. There will be a meeting of the children forming the club on Saturday next, at 2 o'clock, at the Franklin School building, when Miss Mollie Vilas, the president of the club, will resume its direction, and Miss May Huddleston, cousin of Mrs. President Cleveland, who is also interested, will be present. This year the club members will wear a blue badge with gilt lettering and a silver bell. All children wishing to renew their connection or to join the club, can do so by attending the meeting Saturday. On Monday next a second meeting of the ladies will be held at the Ebbitt House.

WASTING THE WATER.

Measures Taken to Prevent It—Captain Symons' Plans.

The unusual scarcity of Potomac water in many neighborhoods has caused Captain Symons, in charge of the Water Department, to issue an order to his inspectors to bring every householder before the courts who is found wasting water. This morning several of such charges were heard by Judge Snell. W. H. Botser, 720 Sixth street southeast, was fined $5; Barbara W. Baier of 1062 Pennsylvania avenue forfeited $5 collateral; Harry Barnes of 1 Sixth street southeast, and Herman Hollender of 408 Seventh street were fined $5 each, and execution of sentence was suspended.

Judge Snell stated that on account of the waste of water by some people there is a scarcity of it in other houses, and he proposed to enforce the law against people who wasted water unnecessarily. He said people who pay a water tax have a right to use water, but not to waste it. Captain Symons stated to a CRITIC reporter this afternoon that his plan to remedy the evil is to put in water gauges where a waste of water is suspected, and to make the householder pay extra for all over a certain amount of water used. The force of inspectors has been increased and every available man is put out to detect the wasters of Potomac water.

KENTUCKY DIAMONDS.

What Professor Clark of the Geological Survey Says.

Much excitement is raging in Paducah, Ky., over the report that a diamond field exists there. Samples of pebbles gathered near there have been analyzed, and are said to contain microscopic garnets and crystallized carbon similar to those found in the diamond fields of Australia and Africa.

Several specimens have been sent to the Smithsonian. From Professor F. W. Clark, chief chemist, Geological Survey, a CRITIC reporter learned this morning that in Elliott County, Ky., there is a trap dyke which has been thrown up through rocks of the carboniferous period. That dyke has been thoroughly investigated by Mr. J. S. Diller of the U. S. Geological Survey, and full analysis of the rock and its associated minerals were made in the laboratory by Dr. T. M. Chatard. The rock is of the kind known as peridotite.

Last summer, at the meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, Mr. H. Carvill Lewis of Philadelphia read a paper upon the origin of the diamond at the Kimberly mines of South Africa, and he called attention to the fact that at Kimberly peridotite rocks have been thrown up through the carboniferous shales. He attributed the formation of the diamond to the action of the molten volcanic rocks upon the carbon of the shales, and pointed out that the material of the Elliott County's locality and its mode of occurrence were closely analogous in character to the formations at Kimberly. He suggested that diamonds might possibly be discovered in Kentucky also. This he put forward merely as a speculation, and upon that speculation the present diamond craze has been developed.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Washington People, Visitors and Others Well Known Here.

—COLONEL ROBERT G. INGERSOLL'S portrait, newly painted by J. R. Strickler, is an object of interest at the rooms of the American Art Association in New York.

—A LARGE number of the friends of Mr. W. E. Wright made a surprise call upon him last night, the occasion being the anniversary of his birthday. Mingled with the congratulations of his friends were several valuable presents.

—FRANK MERRIMAN, ESQ., and Bernard Reilly, esq., of St. Louis are here interested in securing a reduction in the tax on oleomargarine. These gentlemen are regarded at home as shrewd and aggressive barristers who usually succeed in their undertakings.

—A. G. WARNER, Fellow in the Historical Department of the Johns Hopkins University, will lecture at the Friends' Meeting-House, 1811 I street northwest, Friday evening, December 10, at 8 o'clock. Subject, "A World-be Revolution; a study of Co-operation in the West."

—MATT REYNOLDS and Colonel Rowell of Missouri appeared before the Supreme Court yesterday and argued pro and con on the question as to the negotiable legality of certain coupons attached to bonds issued by a Missouri county in support of a railroad enterprise which did not materialize.

A Journalistic Triumph.

We begin the publication of the *Rocky Mountain Cyclone* with some phew diphphculties in the way. The type phounders phrom whom we bought our outphit phor this printing ophphice phailed to supply us with any ephs or eays, and it will be phour or phive weex bephore we can get any. The mistaque was not phound out till a day ago. We have ordered the missing letters, and will have to get along without them till they come. We don't lique the loox or this variety ov spelling any better than our readers, but mistax will happen in the best regulated phamilies, and iph the ph's and c's and x's and q's hold out we shall ceep (sound the c hart) the *Cyclone* whirling aphter a phashion till the sorts arrive. It is no joque to us—its a serious ephphair.—[Rocky Mountain Cyclone.

Anxious to Please.

After the clerk had pulled down everything in the store without satisfying his customer, a woman, she asked him if there was anything else he had not shown. "Yes, ma'am," he said, "the cellar; but if you wish it I will have that brought up and shown to you."—[Lowell Citizen.

THE EXPOSITION IN SHAPE.

Resolutions Adopted by the Exposition Convention—The Banquet.

The Committee on Resolutions, appointed by the National Exposition Convention yesterday, as given in THE CRITIC's report, brought in the following resolutions late in the afternoon:

Resolved, That a committee to consist of fifteen members, five of whom shall be a quorum, be appointed by the Chair, whose duty it shall be to prepare and present to Congress a memorial of this convention, with the signatures of all its members appended, urging upon that body—

1. To take action for such a celebration in 1889 at Washington of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of constitutional republican government in America as may be deemed appropriate to the grandeur of the occasion and worthy the dignity of the nation, and that the republics of the world be invited by the President of the United States to participate therein. It is suggested that the celebration should extend over several days, and include addresses by some of the foremost men of each republic.

2. Necessary appropriations for the proposed extension of the National Museum and for such other buildings as may be required to enable the officers of that institution to carry more fully into effect on a comprehensive scale all the objects for which it was founded.

3. Necessary appropriation for a suitable building or buildings on some public reservation in Washington, to constitute a part of the Patent Office, in which to exhibit working models in actual operation of such useful inventions by American inventors in general use, patented by the United States, as may be selected by the Commissioner of Patents.

4. To allot the requisite space on some public reservation in Washington for the erection of a suitable building or buildings of sufficient capacity for a national and international exposition of the arts and industries, products and manufactures of the several States and Territories of the United States and of all the nations of the world to be held in 1892, in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of the Western Hemisphere by Columbus.

5. To provide for the appointment of a Board of Government Directors, who shall have authority to cause or permit the erection of such exposition buildings upon plans to be approved by the Secretary of the Interior, whenever sufficient funds therefor shall be provided for the purpose, and not before.

6. To provide that the Government directors appoint a secretary and treasurer; the secretary to give to each subscriber to the Exposition fund a receipt for the amount subscribed by him, which shall entitle the holder to a pro rata amount of any net proceeds accruing from said Exposition not to exceed the amount contributed by him. If any surplus remains after the reimbursement of subscribers, the same to remain subject to disposition by Congress.

The treasurer to receive into the treasury all contributions and all proceeds of the Exposition, and to pay out the same only on drafts authorized by the said Government directors.

7. To make all necessary provision for the operations of said Exposition.

8. To cause the erection or a statue to Columbus on the Exposition grounds.

The report was adopted by an overwhelming vote. The Chair was then authorized to appoint a permanent executive committee of one from each State and Territory and nine at large. No further business being on hand the convention adjourned *sine die*. In response to invitations the delegates assembled at the Riggs House in the evening and partook of a banquet tendered by the local committee. Covers were laid for 100. The following toasts were responded to:

"The National Capital," by Commissioner Webb. "Our Sister Republics," by Minister Soteldo of Venezuela. "Washington's Outlying Precinct, Baltimore;" by J. Frank Supplee of Baltimore. "The City of Cincinnati," by Mayor Amos Smith, jr., of Cincinnati. "The Wandering Yankee Temporarily at Rest in Washington," by Jeff. Chandler. Song, "The Toast," by a quartette consisting of Messrs. F. H. Baxter, E. S. Kimball, W. H. Daniels and F. M. Pierson. "The Rocks we Split On," by Major Powell of the United States Geological Survey. "The Dominion of Canada, its Relations to the United States and the Short Time It Has to Exist as a Separate Nation," by J. S. Ritchie of Akron, Ohio. Song, "The Miller." "The Rocket City of the West," by Mayor Ames of Minneapolis. "The Great Celebration," by Rev. Wm. A. Bartlett. "Agriculture," by Colonel Colman, Commissioner of Agriculture. "Our Visitors, Our Friends and Our Supporters," Hon. Simon Wolf. "The President of the United States," George C. Gorham.

The President did not receive the delegates to-day as he was too ill. The delegates have been invited to attend the Ohio State Centennial in Columbus in 1888.

AMONG THE POLITICIANS.

The Fiftieth Congress will be composed of 168 Democrats, 153 Republicans and 4 Independents.

At Birmingham, Ala., yesterday, A. O. Lane, the People's candidate for Mayor, was elected over the Workingmen's candidate.

In Boston, as it was in New York, the labor vote is an uncertain quantity, estimates running all the way from 2,000 to 10,000.

Representative-elect Simmons of the Second North Carolina district, at 32, claims to be the youngest member of the Fiftieth Congress.

The Democrats of New Haven, Conn., yesterday elected Samuel A. York Mayor by about 300 majority. The Labor ticket polled 1,100 votes.

Florida polled 57,035 votes for two Congressmen this year, while Georgia polled only 27,577 for ten Congressmen. But there were two sides to the contest in the former State.

The talk about Lieutenant-Governor Black for a foreign mission has been terminated since he has let his friends know he has no diplomatic desires, and rumor now links the name of Congressman A. G. Curtin with the Austrian vacancy.

A Montpelier correspondent says that of the 145 Republican members of the Vermont Legislature 101 have declared themselves in favor of Blaine for President. The thirty odd Democratic member are practically unanimous for Cleveland.

Of the three leading candidates for the United States Senate in New York, Congressman Hiscock rates as the poorest, being worth not much over $300,000, while Senator Miller is worth $2,000,000 and Levi P. Morton probably $7,000,000.

Hon. Bev. Tucker being in New York, was interviewed by the *Mail and Express*, and being asked if the South would be solid in 1888, replied: "Well, that all depends on who is nominated by the Democrats. If either Joe McDonald, Allen Thurman or Speaker Carlisle is nominated, the South will go solid for him. We want a Western man." "Do you think President Cleveland can carry the solid South?" "President Cleveland has two more years to serve, and we cannot tell how things will be at the end of that time."

LATEST NEWS BY CABLE.

SIR JOHN CRAMPTON DEAD.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Sir John Crampton died yesterday at his residence in County Wicklow, Ireland, aged 79. He was British Minister at Washington in 1855, but caused such irritation by attempting to recruit soldiers in that country for British service in the Crimean war that upon the request of Secretary of State Marcy he was recalled. The matter caused profound feeling at the time.

ENGLISH TRADE.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The returns of the Board of Trade for the month of November show that the imports increased during that period to the amount of £3,907,187, and the exports £1,105,449.

NEW CHIEF OF POLICE.

The Appointment Conferred on Col. William G. Moore.

AN HONOR WELL BESTOWED

Brief Sketch of the Life of a Popular Washingtonian.

The District Commissioners this afternoon appointed Col. Wm. G. Moore Superintendent and Major of Police. He will accept, and the appointment will go into effect to-morrow. The appointment was made at 12:30 o'clock, and Colonel Moore was telephoned to appear at the Commissioners' office at an early hour to-morrow morning to take the oath of office and assume the duties of his new office.

Colonel William G. Moore was born in this city in 1829, and received an academical education. At an early age he entered the office of the old *National Intelligencer*, the typographical department of which was in charge of his father, and it was here that he learned the printer's trade, becoming an expert compositor.

When about 19 years of age he became a reporter of debates in the House of Representatives, having been selected for that position by Mr. Gales, and continued to perform this work until 1857, when he accepted a position under General Meigs, who was in charge of the construction of the Capitol extension, the Washington aqueduct, and other public works, and remained with him until April, 1861, when General Meigs was ordered away from Washington.

Shortly after this Captain John R. Smead of the Regular Army, then in command of the old National Rifles, applied to Colonel Moore to join his command and assist him in raising the requisite number of men to enable him to muster his company into the service of the United States, as it had become apparent that over half the men then on the roll had determined to espouse the Southern cause. Colonel Moore at once joined this command and soon eighty volunteers were secured, the number required to permit the company being mustered into the service, which was done April 13, 1861.

For some time afterward he was private secretary in the office of the Secretary of War, serving under Secretaries Cameron and Stanton until his appointment as Assistant Adjutant-General of Volunteers with the rank of major and the brevet rank of colonel.

On November 16, 1865, Colonel Moore was ordered by President Johnson to report to him, as was understood, for temporary duty, to assist in the preparation of his first message to Congress. After the completion of the message and its delivery to Congress the President insisted upon Colonel Moore becoming his secretary, in which position he served until the expiration of Mr. Johnson's term, when he was appointed a paymaster in the Regular Army and ordered to duty at Fort Leavenworth. He served there until he resigned to enter into business, in this city, with the firm of A. R. Shepherd & Co. In May, 1871, Colonel Moore was unanimously elected commanding officer of the Washington Light Infantry Corps, and under his wise direction this organization has been built up into a crack battalion, which now owns one of the finest armories and opera-houses in the country. Colonel Moore occupies a prominent position in the National Metropolitan Bank of this city, and is regarded by his host of friends as a gallant soldier, a genial gentleman and a good citizen.

His appointment to the head of the Police Department will undoubtedly give general satisfaction. The picture which THE CRITIC presents above may not do the gentleman full justice, but considering that we had but an hour and a-half in which to produce it the portrait is quite a success.

Acting Major Austin, who was a candidate for the position, states that Colonel Moore is popular with the men, and he thinks he will be a success as Chief of Police. The policemen who were seen by THE CRITIC were pleased with the selection.

Political Knights of Labor.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Dec. 8.—The Knights of Labor have made their first political nomination in the State by putting in the field in Morgan City for the coming municipal election a full city ticket. All but one of the nominees are members of the order. There is little doubt of the success of the ticket as the Knights are in a majority in the town.

Passed Its Dividend.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The Western Union Telegraph Company to-day passed their dividend.

EARLY MORNING TOPICS.

An organization to be known as the National Tariff Association has been started in Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama. State organizers have been appointed, and it is said that by the Presidential election of 1888 nearly every workingman in the country will have joined the association ranks.

The Aldermanic Board of New York city had a secret meeting in the City Hall last night, from which all reporters were excluded. Great care was taken to avoid attracting. The aldermanic blinds were drawn and the gas lighted, but kept burning low, so as not attract the attention of passers-by. What troubles New York now is the question: Is it another deal?

The northwest storm that broke on the coast Saturday night and continued all of Sunday did great damage along the coast. At Atlantic City the telegraph poles are all down and communication cut off. The tide did great damage to smaller craft, carrying many out to sea. The two-masted schooner John T. Long of New York went ashore at Asbury Park, N. J. The surf was very high, but the life-saving crew of Seabright managed to reach the deck of the ill-fated craft. They found only a dog on board, and it is supposed that the crew were swept overboard. At Cape May a sailor's clothes bag was found on the beach marked with the initials "J. M.," supposed to be of Captain J. Mullen of the schooner D. H. Ingraham of Rockland, Me. At Long Branch a big washout prevents the running of trains on the New Jersey Southern Railroad; the steam collier Allentown, anchored in Nantasket roads, dragged her anchor and went ashore on Pedock's Island. An unknown three-masted schooner went ashore and was sunk off Lowell's Island with her masts three feet out of water. Nothing has been heard of the crew and it is supposed that all on board were lost.

EXIT JOHN E. OWENS.

Death of the Great Comedian at His Maryland Country Seat.

At Algburth Vale, in Baltimore County, Md., at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, died John E. Owens, the well-known actor, after a long illness. Although suffering for some years, he had not been confined at all times to the house, and with each reappearance his friends gathered new hope.

On Saturday he was out, but in the evening he became quite ill, and except a slight improvement on Monday, he sank rapidly, becoming unconscious some hours before his death and dying quietly yesterday afternoon. There were present at his death-bed his wife and her niece, his sister and her daughter, Mr. King and Drs. Hocking and Van Bibber. The immediate cause of death was hemorrhage of the stomach. Mr. Owens was born in Liverpool, April 2, 1819, his ancestors being Welsh, and spelling their name Owen, John Edward adding the s when he went upon the stage.

The family, consisting of father, mother, John, Annie and Edwin, came to this country in 1821, settling in Philadelphia, where the children went to school. John left school and went into a drug store, and while there took a place at night as a "supe" at the old National Theatre, without pay. The boy was anxious to become an actor, and being bright and quick, he was given small parts to play and he retired from the drug business. He made his first appearance in Baltimore at the Front street Theatre. He afterwards secured an engagement at the old Museum and there first began to make fame for himself as a comedian. He longed to be a tragedian but failure drove him back to comedy, and in that he took rank second to no American actor.

In 1840 he ran away with and married a daughter of John G. Stevens, a prominent Baltimore merchant, who violently opposed the match, and for years refused to recognize Mr. and Mrs. Owens, but finally became reconciled. The marriage was an eminently happy one, although no children were born to them. He became a manager in 1848, and in 1850 made his first appearance in New York. In '53 he opened the St. Charles Theatre in Baltimore, and in '58 went to New Orleans, where he remained until the war. He was Southern in his sympathies and was the first man drafted from Baltimore County, receiving his call in this city just before going on the stage.

In 1864 he appeared first in the character of "Solon Shingle," which he made famous in this country and abroad, and which has never been excelled in its line. As "To