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## GOVERNMENTAL GOSSIP.

### Events of Interest In and About the Departments.

### EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

**Commodore Bancroft Gherardi Appointed a Rear-Admiral.**

The President sent the following nominations to the Senate to-day:

Knute O. Harris of Minnesota, to be Receiver of Public Moneys at Fergus Falls, Minn.

Myron H. Rowley of Dakota, to be Register of the Land Office at Mitchell, Dak.

Revenue Marine Service: John E. Reinberg of the District of Columbia and F. H. Dimock of Massachusetts, to be third lieutenants.

The Army: Second Lieutenant Percy E. Trippe, Tenth Cavalry, to be first lieutenant; First Lieutenant John M. K. Davis, First Artillery, to be captain, and Second Lieutenant Charles J. Bailey, First Artillery, to be first lieutenant.

The Navy: Commodore Bancroft Gherardi, to be a rear-admiral; Captain William E. Fitzhugh, to be a commodore; Commander Henry B. Robeson, to be a captain; and also a number of naval promotions.

**New Fourth-Class Postmasters.**—The Postmaster-General has appointed the following postmasters: Grant D. Wolf, Thurston, Frederick County, Md.; Lillian J. Barnes, Stephens City, Frederick County, Va., and Sarah E. Frayser, Sunnyside, Cumberland County, Va.

**The Atlanta in Dry Dock.**—The new cruiser Atlanta will go into dry-dock at Brooklyn this week, and the orders are to have her bottom, both inside and out, carefully examined. Secretary Whitney wants to find out whether it is safe to send her on a cruise to the West Indies.

**Engines for the New Cruisers.**—Commodore Melville has returned from his inspection tour to Richmond, and is satisfied that the Locomotive Iron Company of that place is fully capable of constructing the engines and boilers of the new cruisers should the cantract be awarded to it.

**Convicted of Pension Fraud.**—The Commissioner of Pensions has been advised that Elizabeth Cresswell has been convicted in the U. S. District Court a Denver, Col., upon a charge of continuing to receive payment as the widow of B. Mortimer Morrow after her remarriage to Cresswell. She has been sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

**The Aqueduct Bridge.**—Colonel Hains, the engineer in charge of the construction of the Aqueduct Bridge, said to-day that the contractors have agreed to have the bridge ready for the crossing of teams in three weeks, weather permitting. Poor management on the contractors' part and the burning of the large mill of the Morse Iron Company, who had the contract for furnishing the iron and had a large portion of it under way when their mill was destroyed, have been the reasons for delay. Colonel Hains thinks that the question of the draw in the bridge is practically settled, but as far as he is concerned he is still of opinion that the bridge should not be built without a draw.

**Minor and Personal.**

Assistant Secretary Rives was at his desk at the State Department this morning.

Alexander Ashley was to-day appointed a notary public for the District of Columbia.

### THE ARMY AND NAVY.

A general court-martial met on Friday last at Fort Bidwell, Col.

Leave of absence from February 1 to March 9 has been granted Major Israel O. Dewey, paymaster.

The Alert arrived at Panama on Saturday. The Dolphin sailed yesterday from Key West. The Yantic arrived at Trinidad yesterday.

Captain Frederick H. E. Ebstein, Twenty-first Infantry, has been ordered to conduct a detachment of recruits to the Department of the Platte, from New York.

The commanding officer at Fort McHenry, Md., has been ordered to forward to Fort Meyer, Military Convict William J. Ellis, late a private in Troop "B," Fourth Cavalry, who escaped from the latter post November 12, 1887, and was captured in Baltimore on Tuesday last.

Leaves of Absence.—First Lieutenant Walter W. R. Fisher, U. S. A., one month; Major C. H. Whipple, paymaster, 15 days from February 1; First Lieutenant B. A. Byrne, Adjutant Sixth Infantry, one month from February 5, with permission to apply for an extension. An extension of 7 days has been granted Captain A. E. Appel.

**Death of William Clabaugh.**

William Clabaugh, for the past forty-nine years a prominent West Washingtonian, died of pneumonia after a week's illness Saturday night at his residence 1628 Fourteenth street, in his 75th year. The funeral services will be held to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at his late residence, Rev. Frederick D. Power, assisted by Dr. DeShields of the Fifteenth-Street M. E. Church, officiating. Messrs. J. Henry Wilson, Thomas Woodward, J. G. Waters, George A. Bentley, Dr. Ford, N. A. Poole, C. W. Shelton and F. B. Moore will act as pall-bearers. The interment will be at Oak Hill.

The deceased was born seventy-five years ago in Maryland, and moved to Georgetown nearly a half century ago, where he was for a long time a well-known business man, having been president of several building associations. He leaves two sons, Clinton N. and William C. Clabaugh, and a daughter, Miss Mary B. Clabaugh.

**Death of Mrs. M. E. Green.**

Mrs. Mary E. Green died recently at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Hamilton, in Baltimore. She was connected, while temporarily residing in this city, with the North Capitol M. E. Church, and during the revival meetings rendered efficient service. She was a woman of great worth, and her woman's work well done, her deeds will follow. The remains were carried to Harper's Ferry and peacefully rest on the hillside in that historical place.

**City Hall Notes.**

T. H. G. Todd was excused from jury service in the Criminal Court this morning.

Judge T. B. Ward of Indiana and W. E. Fendall of Alexandria were admitted to the bar to-day in the Court in General Term.

Enoch L. White was this morning appointed United States Commissioner and Examiner in Chancery.

**Death of Mrs. Meacham.**

Mrs. Alfred B. Meacham, who died at Walla Walla, Washington Territory, January 7, was the widow of Mr. Meacham of the Modoc Peace Commission, who died in this city in 1882. Mrs. Meacham leaves three children, Mrs. J. W. Redington of Walla Walla, George Meacham and Mrs. Dr. J. N. Prather of Iowa.

### THE DISTRICT GOVERNMENT.

**Liquor License Statistics.**

Assessor Fish has prepared a statement of the receipts from liquor licenses for the five years ending June 30, 1887, in response to an inquiry from the Senate, as follows: For year ending June 30, 1883, $65,994; year ending June 30, 1884, $72,522; year ending June 30, 1885, $79,178; year ending June 30, 1886, $88,314; year ending June 30, 1887, $98,419. During the present license year, beginning November 1, there were issued 616 bar-room and 336 wholesale licenses. The number of applications on hand are: Bar-rooms rejected, 108; not acted on, 23; wholesale rejected, 20. The decrease in bar-room licenses to date is about 175; wholesale, 66. The estimated decrease from this source for 1888 is from $19,000 to $20,000.

**His Gift Recalled.**

Mr. A. Olivieri of 907 Pennsylvania avenue, who sent $50 to Detectives Raff and Horn for recovering a valuable jewel, has written the Commissioners demanding the return of the money on learning that the law requires half of such rewards to go to the policemen's fund. The Commissioners say they cannot comply with the demand, because the money has been disposed of between the detectives and the fund.

**Considering the Appropriations.**

Colonel Ludlow was at his old desk this morning in the Commissioners' office, clearing up some matters and culling out his private papers. Major Raymond, the new Commissioner, spent nearly the whole day in board meeting with the other Commissioners. They were going over the District Appropriation bill and explaining the various items to their new colleague, who will have to go before the Appropriations Committee in a few days.

**Minor Matters.**

Mr. Henry Wise Garnett has been notified by the Commissioners that they refuse to consider the application of Manion for a liquor license on the ground that he keeps a retail grocery story. They will stick to their rule on this point until overruled by the courts.

The Commissioners have started a new account with the Treasury in the name of the new board.

James Williams' application for a liquor license has been refused because the police found two doors communicating between his grocery store and bar-room.

The Commissioners have notified Mrs. H. E. Whaley that they will allow a frame structure, 10x16 feet, to be erected at U and Fifteenth streets as a shelter for the herdic drivers, to remain for sixty days only.

### CHAMBERLAIN'S CHARMER.

**Has the Gentleman Who Came a-Fishing Been Hooked Himself?**

The New York *Tribune* of to-day contains the following dispatch from Washington: There is a rumor in social circles here that Joseph Chamberlain, the British Fisheries Commissioner, has fallen a victim to the fascinations of a certain young woman in this city, the daughter of a high war official, and that his stay in Washington is prolonged on this account. Mr. Chamberlain appears to be "having a very good time," and is not in any hurry to close the negotiations.

As far as can be learned, the Commissioners have made no progress whatever. The attempt to formulate a new treaty was abandoned some time ago, and now the Commissioners are supposed to be engaged in the work of construing the language of the existing treaty to the satisfaction of both governments. Mr. Putnam of Maine and President Angell of Michigan are said to be somewhat impatient over the delay and complain that their business at home is being neglected by their absence, but Mr. Chamberlain takes it comfortably and rather enjoys being the social lion of the season. He is either the guest or host at a dinner party every night. Theatre parties are frequently given in his honor, and at the balls he is among the most active dancers.

His attentions to the young lady referred to have been so marked as to cause comment. The rumor is, of course, denied by her friends, but there is a certain amount of basis for it. Mr. Chamberlain has been twice left a widower. Although about 50 years of age he does not look more than 30, and shows the enthusiasm of a boy without sacrifice of dignity.

### LIQUOR CASES APPEALED.

**Matters Occupying the Attention of the Criminal Court.**

A number of appeals, involving the violation of the liquor laws, were called for trial in the Criminal Court to-day.

In the case of Edmund Solari, charged with keeping a Sunday bar, judgment in the Police Court was affirmed, with the consent of the defendant, placing the penalty at $20 fine and $10 costs.

The case of Michael Garvey, charged with keeping an unlicensed bar in August and September last, was then called.

While the jury was out on the Garvey case Louis Faber was tried before another panel for keeping a Sunday bar at his place on Eleventh street, near the Avenue. Mr. Carrington claimed that Wm. Ribnitzki, the principal witness, had been fined for stealing a Maltese cat from Faber's and had vowed to have the latter arrested in revenge. This Ribnitzki denied.

The jury in the Garvey case came in and rendered a verdict of guilty, after about an hour's deliberation.

In the Faber case the Judge instructed the jury to acquit if they found that Mr. Faber's action was merely one of friendly hospitality. A verdict of not guilty was returned.

### THE BRANCH BRIDGE.

**Objection Having Been Removed, it Will be Speedily Built.**

The Pennsylvania Railroad has withdrawn all of its objections to the building of the western abutment of the Eastern Branch Bridge and the work will be pushed forward as rapidly as the weather will permit.

### HOLDS UP HIS END.

**A City Editor Brings Down One of his Assailants.**

James F. Rule, city editor of the Knoxville *Journal*, was assaulted yesterday morning by two young men named West and one named Goodman, on account of an article printed in the *Journal* reflecting on Dr. West, father of the young men. Pistols were drawn and John West was fatally shot. Rule received slight wounds. Mr. Rule formerly lived in Washington, being a member of the National Rifles. He married Miss Mattie Fristoe, daughter of Professor Fristoe.

**Judge Drummond's Funeral.**

Funeral services over the remains of the late Judge Willis Drummond, formerly Commissioner of the Land Office, who died recently in San Diego, Cal., will be held at the Trinity P. E. Church tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

**Marriage Licenses.**

John T. Swain and Annie C. Smith; W. H. Crawford and Mary L. Sweeting; Lawrence E. Kearney and Annie Behrens; Samuel Thrift, city, and Lucy McPherson, Loudoun County, Va.

**Columbia Democratic Club.**

The regular meeting of the Columbia Democratic Club will be held Wednesday evening, February 1, at its rooms, 419 Tenth street northwest.

## IN CONGRESS TO-DAY.

### The Inauguration Day Resolution Reported Favorably in the Senate.

### BILL DAY IN THE HOUSE.

**An Adverse Senate Report on One Cent Letter Postage.**

In the Senate to-day a large number of petitions in favor of prohibition in the District, national inquiry as to the liquor traffic, international copyright, issue of fractional currency, etc., were presented.

The Chair presented a memorial of the National Grange in favor of the proposed Constitutional Centennial, and a petition from the Women's Christian Home for an appropriation.

Mr. Vest presented a memorial from the St. Louis Merchants' Exchange in favor of the Constitutional Centennial in this city.

The District prohibition petitions were presented by Senators Ingalls, Plumb, Vest, Quay, Cameron, Sawyer, Farwell and Platt. These presented by Mr. Platt were signed by residents of Washington; the others were from Kansas, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Wisconsin.

Mr. Harris reported favorably from the District Committee the bill to incorporate the Rock Creek Railroad Committee.

The annual report of the Commissioner of Patents was presented.

Mr. Sawyer reported adversely the Beck resolution as to reduction of postage on local letters. He said that owing to the fact that there is now a deficiency in the postal revenues the Postoffice Committee did not deem any reduction of postage rates advisable at this time.

Mr. Beck insisted that if the Postoffice Department can afford to carry merchandise at the rates now prevailing it should be able to carry letters from one person to another in a city at a lower rate.

Mr. Saulsbury opposed the policy of making postal rates dependent upon postal revenue. He believed in cheap postage, even if the service was not self-supporting.

Mr. Ingalls introduced bills to incorporate the Washington and Suitland Street Railroad Company, and to authorize the German Lutheran Trinity Congregation of this city to sell portions of its cemetery lands.

Mr. Ransom introduced a bill to increase compensation of watchmen in the Executive Department buildings.

Mr. Hale, a bill to provide for the creation of a commission for the protection of forests on the public domain.

Mr. Hoar reported favorably the proposed Constitutional amendment to change from March 4 to April 30 the date of the inauguration of President and Vice-President and of the termination of terms of Senators and Representatives.

Mr. Ingalls introduced a bill to authorize the District Commissioners to fence any vacant lots unfenced within the city limits and charge the expense against the property.

Mr. Dawes introduced a bill to authorize the Metropolitan Street R. R. Company to extend its tracks to various streets in East Washington and to Brightwood.

At 2 o'clock the Educational bill was taken up, and Mr. Morgan took the floor in opposition to the bill on constitutional grounds.

**The House.**

When the House convened this morning, with Mr. Cox in the chair as Speaker pro tempore, there were only about eighty Members on the floor, notwithstanding the fact that to-day is bill day.

Mr. Hatch asked unanimous consent to take up the Senate bill authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River at St. Charles, and the bill was passed.

Mr. Oates introduced a bill preventing aliens from pre-empting public lands.

Mr. Townshend offered a resolution recommending that salt be imported free of duty.

Mr. Lawler introduced a bill abolishing the present tax of 2 cents per pound on oleomargarine as a means of reducing the surplus. A motion to refer it to the Committee on Ways and Means met with opposition from Mr. Townshend, who moved its reference to the Committee on Agriculture. After some wrangling the ayes and noes were demanded, and the bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture by a vote of 100 to 62.

Mr. Baker of Illinois offered a resolution authorizing the Committee on Post-roads to consider the reduction of the fee on five-dollar money orders to three cents.

Mr. Turner of Kansas introduced a bill to pay a bounty on wheat, corn and flour exported from the United States.

Mr. Caruth, a bill incorporating the Washington and Western Maryland Railroad.

Mr. Stone of Kentucky, a bill preventing corporations from combining and fixing prices of commodities and necessities.

Mr. Campbell of New York, a bill incorporating the People's Cable Railway Company of the District.

Mr. Maish, a bill granting lands to honorably discharged soldiers of the Union Army.

Mr. Dibble, a bill relating to the condemnation of land for public buildings.

Mr. Hemphill, bills relating to suits of ejectment, acknowledgment of deeds and land titles in the District.

Mr. Guenther introduced a resolution authorizing the District Committee to inquire of the Commissioners why certain streets were ordered to be extended through the German Cemetery, and to make a general investigation of the subject.

Mr. Tarsney, a bill providing for the erection of an equestrian statue of General George A. Custer in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Campbell of New York, a bill fixing the pay of Cabinet officers and Supreme Justices.

Mr. Butterworth, a bill to extend certain streets and avenues in Washington.

Mr. Hatch, a bill providing for additional leave of absence for employes of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Mr. Hogg of West Virginia, a bill providing for the erection of a Temperance Home in Washington for soldiers, sailors and civilians.

**Stepniak's Protest.**

Senator Hawley has received from Mr. Serge Stepniak, the Russian revolutionist, a letter protesting against the ratification of the extradition treaty between the United States and Russia, on the ground that it will involve the surrender by this Government of political offenders who seek refuge in the United States, and whose offenses are ones with which the people of a republic have full sympathy. Stepniak argues that the ratification of such a treaty would be an indorsement by the United States of the abuses of the most despotic and oppressive government known to man.

**The Legislative Bill.**

Mr. Butterworth stated to a CRITIC reporter this morning that in his opinion the General Legislative Appropriation bill would be taken up by the committee about the middle of the week.

**The Blair Educational Bill.**

In the Senate this week the Blair Educational Bill continues as the unfinished business, but is likely to be set aside frequently to allow other discussions to continue. Several speeches on the bill are still expected, Senator Morgan being the next speaker. Notice has been given that the Agricultural Experimental Station bill will be taken up for action early this week, and the General Dependent Pension bill is likely to be called up and consume a large share of the time of the Senate, provoking partisan debate. The second Deficiency bill may also be received from the House and taken up. Tariff speeches are expected from Senators Kenna and Platt.

**Callers at the Capitol.**

The assistant doorkeepers at the various entrances to the hall of the House kept tally on Thursday of the cards sent in to members during the day. It was estimated, says a *Tribune* correspondent, that there were fewer people at the Capitol than usual, yet 1,700 cards were sent in, 600 of these going in by the main door. This does not include all the cards sent in from the ladies' reception room, which must have numbered at least 500.

**Mr. Wilkins' Bank Bill.**

Hon. Beriah Wilkins of Ohio has recovered from his recent cold and was in his seat this morning when the House was called together. He is still confident that his bill to increase the national bank circulation will go through when it comes to a vote.

**The Logan and Blair Pensions.**

The House Committee on Invalid Pensions to-day authorized a favorable report on the bills to pension Mrs. John A. Logan and Mrs. Frank P. Blair. There will be a minority report by Messrs. Matson, Walker, and Pidcock. The committee also struck out the clause making the pensions for the natural life of the beneficiaries, so as to bring them under the regular pension laws.

**Postal Telegraph Committee.**

The Senate Committee on Postoffices and Postroads to-day appointed a subcommittee, consisting of Senators Sawyer, Saulsbury and Chace, to which were referred the bills providing for postal telegraphy and to which the investigation of this subject was intrusted.

A subcommittee to consider the appeals for readjustment of postmasters' salaries was also appointed.

**The Rock Creek Railway.**

The bill to charter the Rock Creek Railroad Company, reported to the Senate today, contains a number of amendments by the District Committee. The road, extending from Boundary and Connecticut avenue to Woodley Park and Tenleytown, is to be operated by either horse, cable or electric motor. The capital stock is not to exceed $43,000 if horse power, $80,000 if electric power and $162,000 if cable. The gross earnings will be taxed 4 per cent.

**The Oklahoma Bill.**

The House Committee on Territories had the Oklahoma bill under consideration to-day, and heard arguments in opposition to the bill by J. L. Taylor for the Cherokees, G. W. Hawkins for the Chickasaws, Judge Willard of this city for the Osages and G. W. Grayson for the Creeks. The remainder of the nine tribes now represented here will probably be heard on Wednesday.

**The Suitland Street Railway.**

The bill introduced by Senator Ingalls to-day to incorporate the Washington and Suitland Street Railway Company names Frank Hume, S. T. Suit, W. A. Gordon, John A. Baker, Harry Nailor, W. R. Bowie and others as incorporators. The road is to start at Eighth street and Pennsylvania avenue east and extend to the Eastern Branch, across the new bridge and thence to Suitland. Horse or other motor may be employed.

**The Admission of Idaho.**

The Senate Committee on Territories to-day heard arguments on the subject of the division and admission of Idaho.

**The Meetings of Congress.**

The House Select Committee on Election of President, Vice-President and Representatives in Congress has agreed to report favorably the Crain resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution substituting the 31st day of December for the 4th of March as the commencement and termination of the official term of members of the House of Representatives and providing that Congress shall hold its annual meeting on the first Monday in January.

**Capitol Notes.**

The Committee on Elections had under consideration to-day the Worthington-Post contested election case. Mr. Post was heard in his own behalf.

The House Committee on Pensions had a meeting to-day, and authorized favorable reports to be made upon several bills.

The House Appropriations Committee has the Urgent Deficiency bill still under consideration.

Senator Mitchell to-day introduced a bill to incorporate the Georgetown Barge, Elevator and Railroad Company, with Messrs. Corcoran, Gordon and Teney as incorporators.

### THE RAILROAD QUESTION.

**A Bill to be Reported Soon by the Senate District Committee.**

The Senate District Committee does not wish to hold any further hearings in connection with steam railroad legislation, and will endeavor to formulate a bill upon the information already obtained. Saturday's hearing is regarded as revealing a discouraging state of affairs from the standpoint of those who desire legislation to compel the concentration of tracks and the relief of obstructed streets.

The hearing served to show that several members of the committee are without any definite plans or views as to the solution of the railroad problem, and that the railroad officials have not the slightest expectation or apprehension of an adjustment of the railroad question such as advocated by the Citizens' Committee.

Members of the Senate Committee express confidence that the committee will report a bill without much further delay.

### MR. BENEDICT'S REPLY.

**Why Recent Discharges were Made From the Public Printing Office.**

Mr. Richardson presented to the House this morning Public Printer Benedict's answer to the resolution inquiring the cause for the recent discharges at the Printing Office. Mr. Benedict stated that the discharges at this time of the year were not unusual, and they were necessary to facilitate the work of the office; that the bindery discharges do not affect the public work; furthermore, that the office with the present force had turned out more work than ever known before.

### AWAITING THEIR FATE.

**Fifty Vessels Locked in the Ice Near Nantucket.**

The Signal Corps station at Nantucket reports upwards of fifty vessels in the ice near Nantucket and from Great Point to Tuckernuck Shoals. Many of them are adrift, having lost anchors and chains. The ice is ten inches or more thick, and the most powerful tugs can render them no assistance. Most of them will be wrecked, unless prompt assistance is rendered, when the ice breaks up. The revenue-cutters will be needed then to keep them from drifting on the shoals. More than thirty vessels have been saved so far from information furnished by the Signal Service telegraph line.

**Ice Harvesting Suspended.**

Mr. William H. Yerkes, superintendent of the Independent Ice Company, who is now on the Kennebec River superintending the gathering of ice, has telegraphed to Mr. C. B. Church, the president of the company, that, owing to a heavy unprecedented snowstorm, all work is being suspended, and probably will be for some time to come.

### THE CHURCH AND LIQUOR.

**Bishops Ireland and Keane Talk on Temperance.**

The gathering that filled the Bijou Theatre last night must have been gratifying to the friends of the temperance cause. The people had assembled to hear Bishops Keane of Richmond and Ireland of Texas discuss the temperance question, and that the gathering was practically of one mind was shown at the close of the meeting when, with the exception of a couple of dozen, everyone pledged himself to abstain from liquor for one year.

Bishop Keane, a fluent speaker of great personal magnetism, dwelt particularly upon the baneful effect of the liquor habit on the youth of the country. He solemnly asked the society ladies to banish wine from their tables, and warned them not to offer the young man the tempting cup.

Bishop Ireland must have surprised the prohibitionists present when he said it was no sin for a man to taste liquor or to sell it. But the tasting and the selling, he went on to say, was carried to such lengths as to make it not only a sin but a crime in many instances.

There are thousands of men who use liquor to a moderate extent, and they neither did themselves or others harm, but on the other hand there are more men who abuse the use of it, and for the sake of this suffering class everyone should join in the effort of putting down the evil which has become a scourge in the land.

The man who sells liquor, he continued, is an active party to all the crime, misery and suffering produced by it.

He is no respecter of places or persons. The evil should be handled with a force that would be used to put down a rebellion.

The Catholic Church has always favored total abstinence, and the Bishop urged the people to follow the advice of the Plenary Council of Baltimore and quit the business of selling liquor.

### SUED FOR LIBEL.

**Julius Viedt Wants $20,000 from the "Evening Star."**

Julius Viedt has sued the Evening Star Company for $20,000 damages. He states that that publication, maliciously intending to injure him in his good name, and to bring him into public scandal and disgrace, caused him to be suspected of embezzlement by publishing the following libelous matter on the 26th instant:

"DISMISSAL OF A CABINET MAKER.—The Secretary of the Treasury has directed the removal of Mr. Julius Viedt, a cabinet maker, employed in the Treasury Department, on the complaint of Mrs. Lucy O'Brien of this city, the dismissal to take effect on the 31st. The case has been under investigation for more than a year. The cause of the difficulty between Viedt and Mrs. O'Brien dates back two or three years ago, when the latter and her husband took rooms in Mrs. Viedt's house. After a short time Mr. O'Brien, it is alleged, eloped with Miss Viedt. This step on the part of her husband of course caused some difficulty in Mrs. O'Brien's financial condition, and she finally left Mr. Viedt's house, leaving her furniture there for storage. Viedt, she reported to the Treasury authorities, sold the goods and retained the money. Mrs. O'Brien has tried to get the Treasury Department to order Viedt to refund, but this was refused. After hearing the evidence on both sides, Assistant Secretary Thompson, to whom the case was referred, decided to dismiss the man, and recommended that action to the Secretary."

He says that these charges are false and have damaged his reputation with his neighbors.

### REAR-ADMIRAL WELLS.

**Private Services Over His Remains at His Late Residence.**

The funeral services of Rear-Admiral Clark H. Wells, whose death from heart disease was announced in Saturday's Critic, were held this morning at his late residence, 1206 Eighteenth street. Rev. Dr. Leonard of St. Mark's Church officiated, and the funeral was private, none being present except relatives and intimate friends of the dead Admiral.

General Sheridan, Admirals Porter, Rodgers and Franklin, Commodore Walker, Medical Director Gunnel, Pay Director Watmough and Judge Maury acted as pall-bearers, and there was no military escort present.

After the services the remains were taken to the depot and taken by rail to Philadelphia for interment in Laurel Hill Cemetery, near that city.

The deceased was commissioned as Rear-Admiral in 1884, being retired the same year. He was born in Philadelphia sixty-six years ago, and entered the navy as a midshipman in 1840, and has been once around the world. He received, with the consent of Congress, the French Cross of the Legion of Honor, and the thanks of England and Italy were given him for assistance to vessels in distress.

### THE SUFFERING POOR.

**A Public Meeting to be Called to Raise a Relief Fund.**

The District Commissioners this afternoon decided to issue a call for a public meeting to take steps to collect funds for the relief of the suffering poor. This action is made necessary because the poor fund is exhausted.

**A Democrat in the Cabinet.**

Senator Voorhees accompanied a constituent to the Postoffice Department a couple of days ago and urged his appointment for a subordinate position. The Postmaster-General received them courteously, and after hearing the Senators statement turned to the applicant and asked him:

"What are your politics?"

"I'm a dyed-in-the wool Democrat, sir," was the prompt response of the Hoosier office-seeker.

"Well, Senator," remarked the P. M. G., "I think I will have to remove a Republican and give your friend a place."

In speaking of the incident to some friends Senator Voorhees remarked: "Postmaster-General Dickinson is the first Democratic Cabinet officer I've met in this Administration."

**Charitable Work in Georgetown.**

Mr. Joseph W. Davis, secretary of the First Subdivision Associated Charities, reports a great deal of suffering among the poor of Georgetown. The society has been heavily taxed during the unusually severe winter in providing for the poor. The secretary said that the suffering among the better class of the deserving poor was somewhat unusual here and demanded prompt relief. This subdivision has relieved 100 families with groceries and fuel during the present cold weather. Mr. Davis said that many of the citizens of Georgetown had responded nobly to the call for charity, but the society was much in need of funds to continue the good work, especially at this trying season.

**The Stock and Money Market.**

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Money 3 per cent. Exchange steady at 483@487½ for posted rates. Governments steady; currency 6's, 119; 4's, coupon, 125¼@126¼; 4½'s, do., 108.

The stock market opened steady, and during the first hour, on moderate buying, prices advanced ¼@1 per cent. The strongest stocks were Lackawanna, Delaware and Hudson, Union Pacific, Northwestern, Reading and St. Paul.

**Jockey Club Meeting.**

There will be a meeting of the Jockey Club to-night to arrange stakes for the spring meeting.

## A LOSS OF TWO MILLIONS

### A Destructive Fire In New York This Morning.

### A GENERAL ALARM SOUNDED.

**The Worse Conflagration in Fifteen Years.**

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Broadway was visited at 5:45 o'clock this morning by the most fierce and disastrous fire that has occurred in that great thoroughfare for fifteen years. In one and a-half hours, despite the sending out of a general call for fire apparatus, four immense business houses were destroyed and others seriously damaged. The total loss is estimated at $1,500,000. About half an hour after fire was discovered an explosion occurred by which Assistant Foreman Michael Reilly of Hook and Ladder No. 8 was fatally injured and several others more or less hurt.

**The "Three Sixes" Sounded.**

The fire was discovered at 5:45 o'clock by an officer of the Eighth Precinct in the basement of the building Nos. 549 and 551 Broadway, occupied by Henry Rodgers. The officer immediately sent out an alarm, which was followed by a second and third, and finally the famous "three sixes," or general alarm, called the engines stationed south of Fourteenth street.

The streets in the vicinity of the fire were soon swarming with engines and trucks. Chief Shay with his assistants at once took command and directed the various fire captains and companies in their attack on the flames. The flames made rapid progress, eating their way to the roof within a few minutes and driving the fire laddies onto the adjoining building for safety. They saw that the structure was doomed and immediately turned their attention to the surrounding property. At 7:15, just one and a half hours after the first engine arrived, the building was totally gutted and the flames were seen to issue from No. 553 Broadway. They first made their appearance on the fifth floor and spread rapidly.

**A Terrible Explosion.**

A few minutes afterwards a terrible explosion occurred, followed by a shower of bricks and iron which fell into the street. Assistant Foreman Reilly was caught under the bulk of this falling debris and fatally hurt. Chief Shay had a narrow escape. A piece of iron weighing at least 150 pounds fell at his feet. Several chiefs of battalions who were standing around him had narrow escapes from falling missiles.

A number of firemen, however, received trifling injuries. The explosion sent the sparks high in the air, and they fell in showers on the adjoining property, while the flames burned fiercer than before. Soon No. 547 began to burn. At 8 o'clock this building was a mass of flames from cellar to roof, and the upper floors of 545 were burning, but the flames had been checked at No. 543, and in the rear of the burning buildings, which are numbered 116, 118, 120, 122 and 124 Mercer street, the flames were kept from spreading to the buildings on the opposite side of the street.

**Like a Glowing Furnace.**

The interior of the double building, Nos. 549 and 551 Broadway, was like a glowing furnace, and the iron front had bulged dreadfully. The firemen were ordered to stand clear. A few moments after the entire front came down with a crash. From this point on the firemen slowly but surely gained sheadway on the flames, and at 8 o'clock, a little more than two hours after its breaking out, the fire was fully under control.

Assistant Foreman Reilly had his legs crushed and received internal injuries from which, the physicians say, it is impossible for him to recover.

**The Firms that Lose.**

The firms who lose by the fire are as follows: No. 545 Broadway, Robertson & Kaufman, trimmings; P. K. Wilson, laces; Stern, Falk & Co., clothing; M. Kaemper, linings. No. 547 Broadway, F. Bianchi, feathers and flowers. Nos. 549 and 551, Henry Rogers, fancy goods; J. L. Libby & Co., clothing; Veith & Nelson, fancy goods; C. A. Yost, clothing; Materlinson & Co., clothing. No. 553 Broadway, J. Erkowski & Ernst, clothing; Mitchell & Pelcard, clothing; Louis Meitzger, importer.

Later.—Insurance adjusters now estimate the total loss at fully $2,000,000.

### AIR BRAKES FAIL.

**Collision in Muncie in Which Thirty People are Hurt.**

MUNCIE, IND., Jan. 30.—The air brakes on train No. 5, of the Bee Line, refused to work this morning as the train entered the city, and dashed into a freight. Both engines were wrecked and a number of cars and a sleeper caught fire and burned. Thirty people were hurt, only one fatally. Loss on property, $50,000.

### FOUND DEAD IN BED.

**A Baltimore Housekeeper Murdered—Her Employer Arrested.**

BALTIMORE, MD., Jan. 30.—Miss Rose Shaney, housekeeper for John Welsh at No. 1407 East Fayette street, was found dead in bed this morning, with her throat cut. John Welsh, Edward Williams and Edward Kimbersley have been arrested on suspicion.

**Dan Lamont for Governor.**

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—A Warsaw, N. Y., dispatch to the *Tribune* says that the President's private secretary, Colonel Dan Lamont, is laying the necessary pipe for becoming the Democratic nominee for Governor of the Empire State in 1888, providing the programme as it now stands—namely, Cleveland and Hill—fails to work by reason of death, revolt, or any of the many things that may occur between now and convention time. This is the statement of a gentleman who hails from Lamont's old home, McGrawville, and, with his wife, visits Washington frequently.

**Joseph Cox's Fate.**

LONDON, Jan. 30.—The fate of Commoner Jos. Cox, who has just been sentenced to four months' imprisonment at hard labor for speaking at proclaimed meetings, is a fair forecast of what awaits other Irish members, the warrants for whose arrest now bear old dates.

**Another Labor Union.**

TOLEDO, OHIO, Jan. 30.—The tinners, sheet-iron and metal workers of the United States have formed a fraternal and labor union, the first in America. They will meet at Peoria, January 29, 1889, for their next session.

**Four Years for a Life.**

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., Jan. 30.—Robert F. Davis was convicted this morning of murdering his wife last September and sentenced to four years in the penitentiary.

**Held For Larceny.**

Fred. Lomax and Charles Jones, colored, were held for the grand jury in $500 bonds to-day for the larceny of a lot of clothing from Abraham Lipman.

### DISSATISFIED WITH CORBIN.

**Strained Relations Between the Syndicate and the President.**

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 30.—Rumors of strained relations between President Corbin of the Reading Railroad and the syndicate that has been identified with the recent reorganization of the company have been in circulation for a day or two past. The differences have not amounted to a severance of friendly relations, nor is anything of the kind expected to result, but there has been trouble enough to disturb the pleasant feelings that existed between Mr. Corbin and the financial supporters of the Reading Company, and it is said that a knowledge of the circumstances hastened the liquidation of the bull pool in Reading stock, which closed out last week. The trouble grew out of the Reading strike.

It seems that a few weeks ago Mr. A. J. Drexel, Mr. George W. Childs, Mr. Corbin and a few others took dinner together at the house of Mr. Corbin. The subject of the Reading strike came up, and a general discussion of the relations between capital and labor followed. All sides of the Reading strike were considered, and Mr. Corbin contended with earnestness that the company could not afford to give in, and he cited reasons at length to support him in his position. Mr. Childs was of the opinion that the strike was a fit subject for arbitration, to which Mr. Corbin dissented. Members of the syndicate were entirely satisfied with this statement on the part of Mr. Childs, and it is said indorsed his position. They are reported to have urged Mr. Corbin to follow the line of action suggested, but Mr. Corbin was in no mood to do so.

### RAISING THE BLOCKADE.

**The Trains in Pennsylvania Running on Time.**

PITTSBURG, PA., Jan. 30.—The weather in this vicinity to-day is much warmer, with a thaw and indications of rain. To-day the "Limited" was on time and trains on all railroads are arriving and departing nearer to schedule time than for two weeks.

HARRISBURG, PA., Jan. 30.—The light snow-fall of last night had no effect upon railroad traffic. The trains over the Cumberland Valley Railroad arrived and departed on time to-day.

READING, PA., Jan. 30.—The snow blockade on the Reading and Columbia Road was raised this morning, and trains started out at noon.

### THE READING STRIKE.

**The Conditions On Which the Men Will End It.**

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 30.—The Central City Committee of the Reading strikers have written to President Corbin that the strike will end in thirty days provided he grants to his employes—

First—That they have the right to organize.

Second—That when difficulties arise between the company and the employes these questions shall be settled by arbitration.

These conditions of the employes will not interfere with the managing of the road nor shut the Coal and Iron Company out of any market.

**Alexandria News.**

ALEXANDRIA, VA., Jan. 30.—The House of Delegates has amended the charter of the Mount Vernon Avenue by adding "by subscription" to that portion which provides that the city may assist in its construction to the amount of $25,000. The majority of property-owners of this city are in favor of the city appropriating the desired amount.

Miss Cecil Taliferro of Charlottesville is visiting Miss Maud Wheat on Duke street.

Mr. H. Garabed of Armenia, who is studying at New Brunswick, N. J., for the ministry, will lecture to-night at the First Presbyterian Church upon "Armenia and Armenians, their relation to the Turks, when they became a nation, their schools, education," etc.

Mr. H. T. Creasy, through his attorney, C. T. Bison, has brought suit in the Court of Pittsylvania County against the Virginia Midland Railroad for $10,000 damages for injuries sustained by him in the Banister River wreck. Captain J. C. Mattox has brought suit for a like amount in the same court against the Virginia Midland Railroad for timber belonging to him destroyed by fire.

**Charged With Wife Murder.**

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 30.—A man named Kennedy is under arrest, charged with the murder of his wife during a quarrel, in 1704 Jones street, Saturday night.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

—DR. CHAS. W. FISHAND bride of Meadville, Pa., are in the city on their bridal tour.

—COLONEL JOHN S. WILLIAMS, Third Auditor of the Treasury, returned yesterday from Lafayette, Ind.

—MORRISON R. WAITE, JR., son of Chief Justice Waite, is chairman of the '88 board of the Yale College *News*. He graduates in June.

—H. D. MCINTYRE, secretary of the National Jockey Club, is in the city for a few days arranging the stakes for the spring meeting.

—DR. JAMES RADCLIFFE, who was out