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GOVERNMENTAL GOSSIP.

Events of Interest in and About the Departments.

MORE WEST POINT CADETS

Cadets at the White House—Bids for Postal Guide—The President's Ohio Invitation.

Virginia Postmasters Appointed.

Robert R. Jones, Jr., Diamond Grove, Brunswick County; William R. Worden, Green Forest, Rockbridge County; Martha V. Lyon, Tunnel, Scott County.

Postal Guide Bids.—Bids for publishing the "Official Postal Guide" for the ensuing year were opened to-day.

The President's Callers.—Among the President's callers to-day were Senators Roosevelt, Payne, Brown and Hamilton, Representatives C. C. Smith, McRae, Russell, Cogswell, Daleff, Whitcomb, Washington and Mansur.

Gunboat Payments.—The bills for the first payments on the gunboats Concord and Bennington have been signed.

The rules governing the employment of the United States Army are to be enforced, there has been a list kept of tardy employees, and the attention of the heads of divisions to the dereliction on the part of the employees is the first action taken by the Commission.

Patents Issued During April.—The total number of patents issued during the month of April and May of this year amounted to 10,360.

The Secretary of the Navy has appointed a board consisting of Commodore Whiting, Naval Constructor Minotory and Assistant Constructor Hoover to make a survey of the Pensacola, now at New York, and to report on its condition.

Military Cadets Appointed.—The following have been appointed to cadetships in the Military Academy:

Reginald Wayne H. W. Wade, Hamilton, Mass.; James Ross, Boards, Va.; W. B. McCormick, Millwood, Va.; Wm. Yates, Athens, Ga.; and Lamar Lyndon, Athens, Ga.

Passports to Alsace-Lorraine.—The Secretary of State to-day received from Mr. Coleman, the Charge d'Affaires at Berlin, the following cablegrams:

From Berlin: "The German Government has decided to issue passports to Alsace-Lorraine from the date of the ratification of the German Embassy at Paris."

Lieutenant Backus Reduced.—First Lieutenant George B. Backus, First Cavalry, who was tried at Fort Buford, Dakota, by a general court-martial, for absence without leave, to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, by failing to return to station at the expiration of a leave of absence, and remaining away from January 30 to March 1, 1888, was found by the court to be "reduced in rank two files, so that his name shall appear upon the army register next below that of First Lieutenant John Pitcher, First Cavalry."

The Monthly Crop Reports.—Commissioner Colman of the Department of Agriculture says there is not a word of truth in the charges that estimates of crop reports are given out or leak out in advance of the regular time.

Three Fires.—A slight fire occurred in the office of William Adams, 214 North Capitol street, about 6:20 o'clock last evening.

A Branch Postoffice.—Postmaster Ross has decided to establish a branch postoffice to be known as Station H, at 204 Second street.

Death of George Irving.—Professor R. D. Irving, who died at his home in Madison, Wis., May 30, was for several years Assistant State Geologist of Wisconsin.

City News Paragraphs.—Ex-Secretary Robeson's house, at 819 North Capitol street, was destroyed by fire yesterday.

The Art Amateur.—"The Art Amateur" for June contains a beautiful colored plate of "Roses," by Victor Dargatzis, who also contributes a capital study of an old building.

Department Personalities.—Miss Anna Lawton of the Agricultural Department has gone North for a few days.

Edmund Lawson has returned to his place in the Bureau of Entomology and Planting after a short trip out of the city.

Miss Jennie Sewell of the Treasury Department will soon return to her home in Vermont to spend the month of June.

W. S. Burton of the Interior Department was in the city June 1 for a few days.

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HONORS TO SHERIDAN.

His Appointment as General Made and Confirmed This Afternoon.

Half an hour after the passage of the Sheridan bill in the House, it was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and the President of the Senate, and dispatched by special messenger to the President for his approval.

Senator Hawley and the enrolling clerk took the bill to the White House a few minutes before 5 o'clock. It was signed by the President at 5:15 o'clock. The nomination of Philip Henry Sheridan to be General of the Army was on the way to the Senate.

The Senate then went into executive session, and confirming the nomination, the President signed the bill.

A few minutes before 5 o'clock General Sheridan was notified by his brother of his nomination and confirmation as General of the U. S. Army, and the General expressed himself as greatly gratified by the action of the Senate.

Senator Hawley and Manderson arrived at the General's house shortly after 5 o'clock with his commission.

THE DISTRICT GOVERNMENT.

Bar-room licenses have been granted to Frank W. Heygster, 901 Pennsylvania avenue, and James R. Phipps, 434 Fifth street.

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IN CONGRESS TO-DAY.

The Rock Creek Tunnel Bill Reported in the Senate.

Also the Legislative Appropriation and Revenue Deficiency Bills.

A bill was passed in the Senate to-day authorizing the Governors of States, when the Legislatures are not in session, to pay out the moneys appropriated for the support of agricultural stations.

A bill was also passed authorizing the Secretary of War to purchase of the Rock Creek from near Lyons' Mill along and near Twenty-fifth street to O street.

Mr. Palmer proposed an amendment to the Appropriation bill appropriating \$500 for the purchase of an ambulance for the humane landing of disabled soldiers.

The Indian Appropriation bill was then taken up.

Messrs. Chandler, Allen of Michigan and Baker were granted leaves of absence to-day.

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MR. FULLER'S NOMINATION.

The Charges Preferred Against Him by a Citizen of Chicago.

The Senate Judiciary Committee to-day again considered the appointment of Mr. Fuller to the Chief Justiceship. No conclusion was reached, owing to the fact that the nomination called for from the clerk of the court at Chicago had not arrived.

Mr. Dumley of Chicago has preferred charges against Mr. Fuller to the effect that he was a Jew, that he was a native-born citizen of the United States, and that Mr. Fuller assisted in the selection of a jury which tried a case that he had on the docket for the recovery of lands in Indiana, and that the jury returned a verdict in his favor.

The Committee on Judiciary requested the clerk of the court to make a transcript of the records of the case, and Mr. Fuller was one of the commissioners who selected the jury that tried his case.

The night was passed as his predecessors have been, between quiet sleep and severe fits of coughing.

At 10 o'clock this morning the celebrated Dr. Wm. Pepper, from the Pennsylvania University, arrived, and the following bulletin, issued at 10 o'clock, bears his name:

General Sheridan has held his own through the night. There has been no recurrence of imminent danger, but his general condition still affords the gravest anxiety.

General Stevenson's chief support is from the South—Kentucky, Tennessee and the Gulf States—partly because he was a native of the section, and partly because he is held by his friends to have distributed office more freely than some other candidates.

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STILL HOLDING HIS OWN

No Material Change in Gen. Sheridan's Condition.

DR. PEPPER ARRIVES TO-DAY.

The Eminent Philadelphian Called into the Consultation.

In less than one hour after The Critic's latest statement yesterday of General Sheridan's condition he suffered another recurrence of the cough and heart trouble. At times it seemed as if he