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How Shall We Secure Purity of Legislation?

The special attention of the community seems just now to be drawn to the great evil of legislative corruption. It is conceded that the Legislatures of the two greatest Commonwealths in the Republic, namely, those of New York and Pennsylvania, which have just adjourned respectively at Albany and Harrisburg, have achieved a bad pre-eminence as two of the most corrupt public bodies that ever assembled in a legislative capacity.

And here we must step aside to express the feelings of every right-thinking man, when we condemn the efforts that are being made by the partisan organs of the Democracy to turn this thing to political account. Every man of intelligence knows that the evil under discussion is not partisan but personal, and that it prevails among all parties.

But, to return to the direct line of our discussion, the evil in question being admitted, the practical question arises, How shall we remedy it? How shall we promote the purity of legislative bodies?

We reply, first, by a more careful scrutiny of the personal character of our candidates. In times of great political excitement, when vital issues are at stake, a man's political opinions become of the highest importance.

Secondly, the temptations to corrupt action by our legislators should be removed, as far as possible, by cutting off special legislation. It is in matters of special legislation that corruption runs riot. Here is the great field for the operations of the "lobby."

Thirdly, We believe the purity of legislation would be greatly promoted by a large increase in the number of members comprising our legislative bodies. As a simple matter of fact, it is a much easier matter to control or to "buy up" a small body of men than it is a large body, other things being equal.

We would like to see the experiment tried of a General Assembly for the State of Pennsylvania composed of six hundred members.

It is also worth consideration whether, if a portion of the members of our State Legislatures were chosen by general ticket as Representatives of the whole State, the result would not be to secure the services of a better class of men than we get as a general rule under the present system.

If there were a portion of the members chosen to represent the whole State, and having no local interests whatever to subservise, this evil would be much more seriously resisted than it is now.

We have thus sketched, somewhat in detail, some of the remedies that present themselves to our mind against the evil of legislative corruption. We commend the subject to the careful reflection of our readers.

Free Speech at the South.

Our Democratic contemporary is very much displeased with Senator Wilson's Southern stumping tour. We do not wonder at its disgust. It is something so unusual for anybody but a so-called Democrat to be allowed to make political speeches at the South, that our contemporary seems to have obtained the impression that nobody else has any right to do so.

The European War.—If there is any reliance to be placed on the cable despatches, we may infer that war between France and Prussia is imminent. The recall of Marshal McMahon to Paris, and the cancelling of all furloughs in the French army, look ominous, and it is probable that within a month hostilities will be actually commenced.

SERRATT'S PETITION.—The counsel for John H. Serratt on Tuesday appeared in the Criminal Court of the District of Columbia, and presented a petition, asking for the speedy trial of their client.

JEFF. DAVIS AS A WOMAN.—The official report of the Committee of the House of Representatives in regard to the capture of Jefferson Davis, leaves no doubt but that he was disguised in his wife's clothes. The fact is sworn to by General Wilson and several of his officers, and was acknowledged by Mrs. Davis after the capture.

The "Academy of Fine Arts" and "The Artists' Fund Society."

The opening of the Spring Exhibition at the Academy of Fine Arts has once more turned popular attention to the subject of art, and centered the interest of the world, satiated with the ravages of the season of balls and operas, on the merits of the display of the present year we have already spoken; of the particular beauties of each contribution we will continue to treat in the future.

The cause of the secession of the resident artists, to a considerable number, is found, as nearly as we can discover, in the alleged slight put upon their works by the Hanging Committee of the Academy.

that the walls were covered with foreign paintings; and that their own contributions were thrown into more comparative insignificance by contrast with more ambitious artists across the sea; that, in fact, native talent was not sufficiently protected.

It collected two rooms full of foreign paintings of undoubted merit, and which are thought of by visitors, and because the competition of the native artists happened to be inferior, it did them no wrong. If high merit is possessed by an American, he need not be afraid of a foreigner. Connoisseurs will not condemn a good work because it is American.

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Prussia's Answer to the Great Powers. The "Bag" Denied, but the "Corn" Acknowledged. Prince Napoleon Sent Suddenly South. A Riot at Lisbon. The Dutch Discarding Our Bonds. A Princely Partnership Postponed. Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc.

THE WAR. PRUSSIA'S ANSWER TO THE GREAT POWERS. LONDON, April 24.—Evening.—Prussia has replied to the proposition for a settlement of the Luxembourg question recently submitted by the great powers of Europe. She denies that she is arming, but emphatically reiterates that she will not evacuate Luxembourg. War is now regarded as almost certain.

ITALY. A ROYAL WEDDING POSTPONED. FLORENCE, April 24.—The marriage of the Crown Prince Humbert with one of the Archduchesses of Austria has been postponed.

PORTUGAL. SERIOUS RIOT AT LISBON. LISBON, April 24.—A serious "meute" is reported to have occurred at Oporto. A frigate has been sent there to assist in restoring order.

FRANCE. PRINCE NAPOLEON GONE TO ITALY. PARIS, April 24.—Prince Napoleon has gone to Italy.

AMERICAN SECURITIES. THE GERMANS SENDING OUR BONDS TO ENGLAND, ETC. LONDON, April 24.—Evening.—The importation of American bonds from Germany, for sale at this market, continues very great. The closing rate for the issue of 1862 at Frankfurt, this evening, was 7 1/2.

ANTWERP, April 24.—Petroleum closed at 45 francs per bbl. for standard white.

French Opinion on the War Question. By the Steamer Cuba. Boston, April 25.—The Paris Liberte says: "Public meetings all over the country should make known to M. de Bismarck that if there is a German nation there is also a French nation. That if there is German patriotism which is susceptible, there is French patriotism which is 'touchy.' That, in a word, the German people, excited, misled, and made to serve Prussia's ambition, will not itself opposed not only by the French army, but by the French people, determined to defend their independence, and to tear in pieces the treaties of 1815."

FROM WASHINGTON THIS AFTERNOON. [SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO EVENING TELEGRAPH.] WASHINGTON, April 25. A Flurry About a Missing Bond. Quite a flurry was created at the Treasury Department last night by the fact that all the employes of the Printing Bureau, fifty males and several hundred females, were detained while search was being made for a missing sheet that was being printed for a thousand dollar certificate of indebtedness. The employes were detained some hours, but the missing sheet was not found.

The Alabama Injunction Case. Charles O'Connor and Robert J. Walker will argue the Alabama injunction case on Friday. The Attorney-General will deny the jurisdiction of the Court, and the Court will sustain his point of objection.

The Japs. The Japanese Commissioners will arrive here to-morrow. Vacant Offices. Under the advice of the Attorney-General, the President will soon appoint special agents to be placed in charge of offices left vacant by the Senate under the Tenure of Office bill.

FROM ST. LOUIS TO-DAY. Store Destroyed by Fire.—Loss \$13,000.—Success of the "Black Crook," Etc. St. Louis, April 25.—Messrs. Maubelbaum & Sons' grocery store, No. 107 Second street, was destroyed by fire last night, at the extent of \$13,000. It is fully insured.

The Black Crook opened at Douglas's Varieties last night. Every part of the house was literally jammed long before the play commenced, and hundreds failed to gain admission. The scenery and scenery is said by competent judges to be far superior to Niblo's, in New York. Mr. Deagle spent about \$40,000 in bringing this piece out.

The Indian War. St. Louis, April 25.—A despatch from Julesburg says that the Indians starved a large number of cattle one hundred yards from Fort Mitchell, on the 13th inst. The Indians afterwards attempted to draw the garrison out of the fort, but without success. The number of the Indians is estimated at 2500.

It is reported that a large party of Sioux are on Rawhide creek, wishing to come to Fort Laramie and live peacefully with the whites.

Latest Markets by Telegraph. New York, April 25.—Cotton quiet, sales at 2 1/2 @ 2 3/4. Flour active, market without decided change; 250 barrels sold. Wheat quiet and firm. Corn firmer; 2100 bushels sold; Western, 57 1/2. Cash wheat, 1 1/2; higher; 50,000 bushels sold; State, 52; Western, 51 1/2; etc. Provisions quiet, dull, and unchanged. Whisky quiet.

M. de Sainte-Anlaire has issued a second edition of his "Correspondance Complete de Madame du Deffaud," which contains, in the shape of fresh materials, a number of letters addressed by the Duchesse de Choiseul to Madame du Deffaud, besides a series which the latter scribbled to a M. Crawford, who is only remembered in history from his having introduced her to Horace Walpole. The new letters shed no new light on Madame du Deffaud, whom Walpole characterized as "exacting beyond belief."

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