

THE CLERKSHIP.

Mr. McPherson Combats the Allegations Against his Economic Management of his Office. Our Washington correspondent, in his letter of February 7, recited the charges which are brought against the Hon. Edward McPherson, in relation to his management of the affairs of his office, expressly stating that they were among the reasons urged by prominent Republican members of the House in favor of a change in the Clerkship of that body at the opening of the sessions of the Forty-first Congress. Mr. McPherson has written a letter in answer to these charges, for which, in justice to him and for the sake of presenting both sides of the question, we make room. The letter reads as follows:—

CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSE OF REP. U. S., WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9, 1899. To the Editor of The Evening Telegraph:— I would not ask space in your paper to correct the misstatements made by your Washington correspondent under date of February 7, if the tone of the comments, as well as the statements themselves, did not betray a manifest purpose to do me an injury. I therefore ask permission to say:

First. That the roll of employees in the Clerk's office is fifty-two (not fifty-eight, as stated by your correspondent), being an increase of four since I took charge of the office in 1885. Of these two were added by direct vote of the House, and two by the action of the Committee on Accounts—none by me.

Second. That the cost to Government of these employees is \$767 41 per month, as against \$758 36 in 1892, which increase is accounted for by the twenty per cent. increase of pay voted by Congress in July, 1896.

Third. That the salaries and pay of all the employees are fixed by law, or by the Committee on Accounts. The Clerk has nothing to do with the roll except to make the appointments and pay the taxes fixed for him by the authority created by law.

Fourth. The work thrown upon the office by the war, and the controversy connected therewith, has fully doubled the duties of the officers. And, besides, during each year of my clerkship Congress has imposed additional duties upon me. The Thirty-eighth Congress revised the distribution of full back sets of the Congressional Globe, and placed upon this office the care and distribution of them. The Thirty-ninth Congress transferred from the Postmaster the distribution of stationery to members, which largely adds to the labor of the employees of this office.

I may add, generally, that since my election as Clerk I have asked for no increase of force or of pay; and the slight increase of the force is due to the direct orders of the House, or the action of the Committee on Accounts, both of which were justified by the increase of public business. Very respectfully,
EDWARD MCPHERSON,
Clerk House of Reps. U. S.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

The City Amusements. AT THE WALNUT Mr. and Mrs. Barney White will appear this evening in the Irish drama entitled 'The Merry Widow,' and the comedy of 'The Quorum of the Country.' The performance will conclude with the farce of 'The Spectre Rider,' and the musical comedy of 'The Arch Edmond Yates' comedy of 'Tame Cats' will be performed this evening, after which Mr. Craig's burlesque of 'Barbe Bleue.'

AT THE CHESTNUT The Galton troupe will appear this evening in Offenbach's opera of 'Chipp-Chow-Hi.' This is the most complete and interesting piece in the repertoire of the Galton troupe, and it will be brought out at the Chestnut in much better style than heretofore, with a larger chorus, handier dresses, and a number of other material improvements.

AT THE AMERICAN Harry Gurt, the celebrated man-fish, will perform this evening, together with a large number of other acts. The GERMANIA ORCHESTRA will give a public rehearsal at Horticultural Hall this afternoon.

MR. DE CORDOVA will deliver a humorous lecture at Concert Hall on to-morrow evening. Subject—"Mrs. Grundy."

REV. HENRY WARD BEECHER will lecture on the subject of "Rational Amusements," at the Academy of Music to-morrow evening. A Concert will be given by the West Philadelphia Choral Society, at Morton Hall, West Philadelphia, on Thursday evening next, in aid of the Children's Home of West Philadelphia. An attractive programme will be presented, and we hope that there will be a full house. Tickets, \$1; can be procured at the principal music stores, and at the door on the evening of the concert.

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LEFFRYE—BLACKBURN.—On Thursday evening, February 4, 1899, at the residence of the bride's parents, Churchville, Hartford county, Md., by the Rev. P. F. Conner, Mr. EDWARD M. LEFFRYE, of Baltimore, Md., to Miss ANNA M. BLACKBURN, late of Philadelphia, Pa.

DIED. BANNEN.—On the 8th instant, PAUL BANNEN, in the 63rd year of his age. The relatives and friends of the family, also the members of the Mechanics' Hall Association, Mechanics' Library and Institute, Philadelphia (Council No. 45, U. S. A.), and the Order of the Sons of Temperance, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 45, Eleventh street, on Friday, the 11th instant, at 10 o'clock. Interment in the Woodlands Cemetery.

MILFORD.—On the 8th instant, JOHN BRANTLY MILFORD, aged 41 years. The funeral services will be held on Thursday, at 2 o'clock P. M., in the United Methodist Church, where the friends of the family are invited to meet. The Sunday school will assemble in the Lecture Room.

VAN LER.—On the morning of the 9th instant, SARAH F. VAN LER, widow of the late William Van Lier, of Chester county, Pa., in the 85th year of her age. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her son, J. Van Lier, No. 1000 Chestnut street, on Friday morning at 7 o'clock. Interment at Great Valley Presbyterian Church, Chester county.

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