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THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Foreign.—Mr. Gladstone celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday at Hawarden; he addressed a deputation of Armenians and received numerous gifts and messages of congratulation.

Domestic.—Forty-one persons were burned to death at a Christmas festival at Silver Lake, Ore.

City and Suburban.—The Lexow Committee held its last session for the present; Superintendent Byrnes told where his large fortune came from; he has offered to resign at the pleasure of Mayor-elect Strong and to help in reorganizing the Police Department.

Weather.—Forecast for to-day: Fair, warmer, southerly winds. Temperature yesterday: Lowest, 7 degrees; highest, 19; average, 13 1/2.

No day in the week is so prolific in fires as Saturday, and the last Saturday of 1894 has proved no exception to the rule, one of the conflagrations being attended by sad fatalities.

The cold snap has brought joy to the lovers of skating, that robust, healthful and enjoyable sport. Unless a sudden thaw should set in, skating is promised upon the fine lakes at Central and Prospect parks to-morrow.

It looks as if the metropolis is a little behind the times—at least from a cycling point of view—for there is not really a first-class bicycle track in the immediate vicinity of New-York City.

The details of the closing day of the Lexow Committee's investigation, at least for the present, were extremely interesting.

Mr. Gladstone's name is such a household word throughout the civilized world, and especially in that portion of the globe inhabited by the English-speaking race, that most of the readers of The Tribune will rejoice to hear that his eighty-fifth birthday yesterday found him with eyesight restored, improved health and excellent spirits.

Castle to congratulate him on the anniversary of his birth, and at the same time to thank him for his sympathy with the Armenian cause.

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initiated and whose secrets are consequently known to all, the public should come to believe that there were none who had not guilty knowledge. It is a shocking and a shameful state of things when every man wearing on the streets of this great city the uniform which designates him as the representative of the law, the protector and defender of the lives and property of citizens, is viewed, and knows he is viewed, by those citizens as a man allied with criminals and ready upon occasion to commit the crime and perjury himself to defend his associates and superiors.

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TIME TO HALT, BUT NOT TO QUIT.

The Lexow Committee has completed the first stage of its labors and adjourned to prepare its report for presentation to the Senate.

It began the investigation, not under any just or general suspicion of insincerity or incompetence; but doubtless it was at first to some extent without the confidence and sympathy of the public, which remembered prior disappointments over the results of legislative inquiries.

That popular attitude, however, was not a serious disadvantage, for the committee had only to prove its fitness for the task assigned to it to convert indifference and misgiving into eager interest and approval.

The transformation was accomplished not without some delay, but it was accepted as complete and permanent, and the outcome is unprecedented in its magnitude and value.

That which was universally suspected, generally believed, and known by many to be true, has been put beyond the possibility of doubt.

By common consent and by the explicit acknowledgment of men in high places who though implicated stoutly assert their own innocence, the Police Department of New-York has been convicted of systematic and well-nigh complete corruption, and stands revealed to the world as an object of loathing and execration.

There is no need to review here in detail the revolting facts which have been brought to light. It is enough to say that vice and crime have been methodically and remorselessly made to pay heavy tribute to the police for the privilege of existence; that lawlessness has never assumed a form for which toleration has been purchasable in this city by those who knew where and how to apply; that avocations the most odious and avocations the most blameless have been blackmailed for the enrichment of officials sworn to thwart the guilty and protect the innocent; and that the conspiracy through which this colossal system of fraud and oppression has been maintained has comprehended a multitude of knaves of high and low degree, and has performed its business with perfect precision and immense success during a long period of time.

The proof has been woven with extraordinary skill out of innumerable threads, many of them intrinsically weak or delicately tangled, into a web which cannot be broken.

To Dr. Parkhurst, who inspired the work, and to Mr. Griff, who has devised and directed its processes, public admiration and gratitude are chiefly due.

These discoveries will have an impotent conclusion if they do not result in the evolution of a Police Department in utter contrast to that now prolonging a nameless and shameful existence.

Upon the Legislature recently elected to express in laws and institutions an enlightened conception of free government is devolved the duty of accomplishing this among many imperative reforms.

That it will be assailed with temptations to betray the people is absolutely certain; that it will yield we refuse to believe until we are compelled to. But the investigation will also fall short of its full purpose and of the necessity which it has largely developed if it stops permanently at this point.

It has not yet fully disclosed the ultimate destination and uses of the vast revenue which vice and crime and honest industry have paid for official favor. It may perhaps soon or even now be impossible to complete the search with proofs as satisfactory as those which have brought the intermediaries to public judgment, and will soon, we hope, bring many of them to legal retribution.

But if that be conceded, the fact will remain that every other branch of the municipal government needs to be explored to its most secret recess. The committee is already empowered to investigate departments which it has not had time to touch. It should search them through and through, and its field should be enlarged to include all the rest.

We are aware that the public welfare will require the regular presence of the majority of the committee in Albany this winter, but at least one day in every week will be at their disposal for this purpose throughout the session, and every day thereafter.

The practical certainty that the whole municipal service is steeped in corruption devolves upon the Senate the imperative obligation of prolonging and extending the powers of the committee. It possesses up to this time a large measure of public confidence, it is familiar with the processes of investigation and with the sources of knowledge, and its work should go forward with all possible energy and expedition.

A LAWYER'S PICNIC.

Friday was a season of gentle mirth in the Superior Court room. A large number of lawyers seated a chance for some fees, and they flocked there in procession and for a time eyed one another seriously and pretended to be asking allowances for work done in the case under consideration.

All the time most of them knew, and knew that everybody else knew, they were there merely because they thought other lawyers were going to get something, and they felt that they would best get a share, if it could be had on application.

The time came, however, when they could keep straight faces no longer. Mr. John E. Parsons, the counsel of the defeated party in the case, said he did not think he was entitled to costs, but as general claims for costs seemed to be in order, he would consider putting in one for his share.

Then some other party laughed. That laugh broke the spell. The severe look on the faces of the earnest, determined and argumentative claimants relaxed, and an appetizing fragrance of ripe and ready-to-be-plucked costs became imperceptible, and the claims collected by that aroma vanished into thin air.

Men and crows are fellow-creatures. The Fayerweather estate is an enticing field. A little excuse or no excuse is sufficient to give one "face" to sit upon its fences and share in whatever comes along which is subject to division.

So there was no reason for surprise at the fluttering in Judge Truax's chambers on Friday. The Fayerweather case was up for what is euphemistically called a settlement—though, if the lawyers keep their promises, as there is every reason to believe they will, the real settlement is several years distant after several courts have passed upon the issues.

Amherst, Dartmouth, Hamilton, Rochester and Williams, from month to month, have been endeavoring to get other institutions of learning to join with them, brought suit to establish the rights of which they said they and the others were deprived by the executors in the distribution of the estate.

They took the risk of failure, did the work and won. They asked the customary costs, and in liberality went beyond the decision of the Court, offering to have the expense taxed on the estate in which they were to share instead of on the executors.

Then the fun began. Lawyers representing colleges who were to be beneficiaries under the new decision, but who had left the five complaining institutions to fight the battle for them, one after another arose asking for an allowance.

They had interests in the case, and had for that convenient to be present at the trial, and had that they were certain they should be paid.

Then a lawyer put in a claim on the ground that his college was a beneficiary whether the plaintiff or defendant won, and he was surely entitled to a share.

The representative of the estate of Mrs. Fayerweather made a plea that his clients were made defendants, when in fact their real sympathies were with the plaintiff, and he, too, should receive something.

By this time the presentation of claims was becoming monotonous. There was danger that the Court might weary before the last man was reached. That weary before the last man was reached. That weary before the last man was reached.

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MAJOR STRONG'S APPOINTMENTS.

William L. Strong was elected Mayor of this city by the combined efforts of the friends of municipal reform.

They voted for him regardless of his or their party affiliations. His chief support came from Republicans, a fact shadowed in his nomination; but he accepted the honor as a citizen, and conducted his campaign on strictly non-partisan lines.

He pledged his administration of the city government to this principle. Partisanship, he declared repeatedly, would be a secondary consideration with him in the selection of his assistants.

Fitness was to be the supreme test that he would apply, and while, as a practical reformer, he would endeavor to find suitable men for the offices in the ranks of those political organizations which had been actively identified with his canvass, he would not hesitate to go outside them when ever he deemed it necessary or desirable to do so.

This, in brief, was his platform, and it is certainly gratifying to find that he has not gotten his requirements now that the actual work of office is upon him.

His first list of appointments which were formally announced yesterday will be criticised sharply and unfavorably by that body of gentlemen who delight to be known as practical politicians, but the great body of citizens will recognize in what he has done an effort on the part of the Mayor-elect to act consistently with the pledges that he gave before election.

The most important position, that of Street Cleaning Commissioner, has been given to Colonel George E. Waring, a gentleman whose natural ability and training warrant the belief that he will fill the office as it has never been filled before.

Mr. Waring stands in the front rank of his profession as an engineer. He is an authority on matters of sanitation. He has been successfully identified with important public works. He is thoroughly experienced in handling large bodies of men, both in military and civil life. His record is entirely in his favor.

He is said to be a Republican, but it hardly requires Colonel Strong's assurance to feel that politics had nothing to do with his appointment, and will have little to do with cleaning the streets under him.

The two Commissioners of Accounts are young men of good character, but without special training, so far as known, for those responsible positions. Mr. Lehman is a lawyer. He has been actively identified with the work of reorganizing the Republican party in this county, and will undoubtedly do his best to achieve success in public office.

Mr. Terry is also a lawyer. He is highly spoken of by Mr. Fairchild and other leaders of the State Democracy, to which he belongs. Mr. Healey, the Mayor's Marshal, has the endorsement of Mr. Brookfield and of other prominent Republicans.

The selection of Mr. Hodges as private secretary, which was given out some time ago, was received with general satisfaction.

Altogether, the Mayor has made a good beginning for the new year.

NEITHER ENFORCE OR REPEAL IT.

Is perjury a crime? We are aware that it is catalogued among crimes; that it ranks as a felony; that it is forbidden by statute in every State in the Union, and that severe penalties are attached to it.

But, as a matter of fact, it is accounted a crime by whose protection they were made, or the officials elected to enforce them? For nearly a year now this community has witnessed such a procession of bare-faced, unblushing perjurers passing before it as never before were gathered together to smile down truth in open day.

Day after day they have walked up in court or before the Senate investigating Committee, and having with lifted hand and uncovered head called God to witness that they would tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, have "kissed the book" whatever that may mean, and proceeded to reel off with ease, fluency and the utmost nonchalance a series of utterly incoherent and discordant lies that might put to blush the very Father of Falshood.

A few of these perjurers, when their legs got so entangled in meshes of their own making that they could move neither way without tripping, cut themselves loose by confession. But many, perhaps most, of them just stood still in their tracks and said they "didn't remember" or "didn't know," when all the world could see that they stood knee-deep in contradictions and were self-convicted liars.

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TAXING CHURCH PROPERTY IN WISCONSIN.

The question of taxing church property, which has been discussed for some years in Wisconsin, is quite likely to come up as a practical issue in the next session of the State Legislature.

Naturally, it is a question that vitally concerns all citizens out of the churches, as well as in them; and all sorts of views in regard to it have been advanced by the pulpit and the press of the State.

Last June "The Milwaukee Sentinel" published the following table, showing the value of church property in the State:

Table showing the value of church property in Wisconsin by denomination: Catholic (\$4,829,560), Lutheran (\$2,228,128), Methodist (\$1,791,500), Congregational (\$1,089,750), Episcopal (\$1,065,728), Presbyterian (\$877,400), Baptist (\$828,245), Hebrew (\$250,000), African Methodist Episcopal (\$40,000), Other denominations (\$1,000,000).

Of course the assessed value would be much below these figures; but, estimating the assessed value at one-half, "The Sentinel" declares that the annual income to the State from this property would be \$146,000.

It will be seen, therefore, that the question touches the taxpayer in his most vital spot, namely, his pocket.

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