

About People and Social Incidents.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The President and Mrs. Roosevelt held their state reception at the White House to-night in honor of the diplomatic corps.

THE CABINET.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The Secretary of State and Mrs. Root are entertaining Dr. Stricker, president of Hamilton College.

THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Baron von Stenberg, minister from Germany and Baroness von Stenberg entertained at dinner to-night in compliment to Mr. and Mrs. William Douglas Sloane, of New York.

IN WASHINGTON SOCIETY.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Rear Admiral and Mrs. William Stoddard, of New York, are entertaining at their residence in N. street, Mr. and Mrs. William Douglas Sloane, of New York.

NEW YORK SOCIETY.

Mrs. W. Emlen Roosevelt, Mrs. Walter L. Suddam, Mrs. Charles E. Fellow and Mrs. Lewis Cruger Hasell were the patronesses who received the guests at the dance of the Knickerbocker Colton last night at Sherry's.

Board of Missions promptly and thankfully accepted the estate. The Presbyterians have opened a rich vein for ethical specialists. Their refusal does not imply a belief that "tainted money"; it is simply an assertion of an ancient but forgotten moral principle.

COMMON SENSE INDICATED.

The common sense of Speaker Cannon seems to have triumphed over the eccentric humor of the Hon. William P. Hepburn, Representative Peter A. Porter, of the 34th New York Congress District, is to be recognized by his associates in the House as a Republican.

A STARTLING QUESTION.

Suppose in one of his innumerable railroad journeys Mr. Bryan should be accidentally killed. What would happen then to the Democratic party?—The Springfield Republican.

The Massachusetts Democracy has two warring state committees on its hands. They are about the only asset left from the Bartlett-Whitney smash-up of 1907.

It is estimated that the subway tunnel to Brooklyn can divert a maximum of 16,000 passengers an hour from the bridge route, which 54,000 now use in the evening rush hour.

Massachusetts' roll of automobile disasters for the last year is a long and grievous one. Considering that 49 persons were killed and 464 injured, the conviction of more than one thousand persons for violations of the law and the exaction of more than \$11,000 in fines do not seem to be excessive.

HELPING THE FACULTY.

Temporarily youth rarely displays the self-restraint and wisdom manifested in the action just taken by two hundred students attending Washington University. It is a most hopeful sign of moral procreancy that we find in the stern resolution of these sterling two hundred—a sign for which many weary, disheartened teachers have long looked in vain.

A BENEVOLENT DICTATOR.

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minors. There are two other planks which are at least hopeful—that making license a clear contract between state and individual, providing for a month's suspension upon first conviction for violation of excise laws and immediate permanent cancellation of the license (without privilege of securing a new license) upon the second conviction for this offense; and that imposing a penalty upon minors who represent themselves to be of age in order to purchase liquor.

DEMOCRATIC CONCORD.

We cannot regard as a glittering success the National Democratic Club's initial missionary dinner. The club started with the laudable idea of clearing the way for the unification of the Democratic party by showing just why that party is at present disunited. It has been the common impression that the party of Jefferson and Jackson is divided because its leaders and thinkers cannot agree on either essentials or non-essentials and because the rank and file are never certain from one year to another where they stand or what they stand for.

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