## THE PRESIDENCY.

### Lamper is only a Second Cousin.

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In a previous letter I spoke of Lamper and his troubles with the public moneys in Olympia, Washington Territory. He was the Government Depositary at that point, and between him and Governor Solomons there was a trifling deficiency in the Government money of $40,000 or $50,000. Lepoid, a sharp treasury detective, saved the Government from loss by a rewd management, which I fully explained in the letter referred to. Some of the papers (THE SUN among the others) have made the infamous charge that Lamper is a relative of Gen. Grant. Nothing of the sort. He is simply a relative of the Dent family, being the second cousin of Mrs. Grant. How unjust to charge the President with appointing a relative to office in this case. The President is also blamed for having appointed him at all, as he had already been in one untrustworthy dishonest transaction in the Revenue Department. How, then, was the President to know that he had not reformed? The President, of course, presumes he had reformed. Must a man always be suspected after he has committed one fault? The President did just right in giving Lamper a chance to redeem himself. That Lamper failed to redeem himself is not the President's fault—he gave him the opportunity. But as soon as the President heard of Lamper's bad conduct, he was very much frightened, and came on to Washington to see about it. That was his sole business. He was afraid Lamper would compromise the Dent family, and he removed him. Where Hodge's friend Lamper is I do not know.

## REAL ESTATE MOVEMENTS.

Yesterday Theodore Martine disposed of four lots, 100x100, on the south side of Broadway, 59 feet west of the new line of Broadway, to A. T. & A. W. Sorrell, for $72,000. One year ago Mr. Martine sold a small gore on this property for $6,200, realizing very nearly $100,000 for the entire plot.

At the Exchange Salesroom, Dingee & Co. sold the house and lot 360 West Twenty-third street, 22x98.9, to W. J. Haskell, for $27,500.

J. M. Miller sold the lot on the south side of Thirty-third street, 200 feet east of Tenth avenue, for $7,000.

On Tuesday afternoon Johnson & Miller disposed of the lot of James Blackwell in Yonkers, consisting of about 150 acres divided into 100 villa plots. A special train of 12 cars left the city crowded with buyers. The locomotive Mrs. Waring's mahogany was painted by Mr. Wolf. Four cars of 8 villa houses and lots were bought for $15,000 by Mr. Underhill of Brooklyn. Two plots with frame house sold for $3,750, and one plot with stable, for $1,500. The rest of the property brought from $50 to $2,000 per acre. The sale realized about $130 0.0.

The sale of lots at College Point, L. I., by Johnson & Miller realized about $40,000. The attendance was large and the bidding spirited. A large proportion was bid in by the German residents of the vicinity.

S. E. Ogden, auctioneer, will to-day resume sale of the Public College property at Alfarata, Rockland county.

The new and permanent depot of the Long Island Railroad at Inglewood, Queens county, will be formally opened, on which occasion Johnson & Miller will commence a large sale of lots at the new station by order of Col. A. M. Wood. See advertisement.

### Court Calendars this Day.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—Part II.—No. 394 1-2, 350, 254, 256, 258, 260, 262 1-2, 266, 268, 270, 272 1-2, 646, 282, 284, 286, 288, 290, 292, 294, 296, 298.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM—Nos. 122, 187, 194, 197, 204, 87.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—Nos. 81, 76, 86, 109, 122.

SUPERIOR COURT—Part I.—Nos. 609, 625, 605, 485, 1011, 1135, 1139, 1141, 1143, 1145, 1147, 1149, 1151, 1153, 1155, 1157, 1159, 1161, 1163, 1165, 1167, 1169, 1171, 1173, 1175, 1177, 1179, 1181, 1183, 1185, 1187, 1189, 1191, 1193, 1195, 1197, 1199, 1201, 1203, 1205, 1207.

SUPERIOR COURT—Part II.—Nos. 727, 345, 68, 987, 999, 1012, 1019, 1021, 1023, 1025, 1027, 1029, 1031, 1033, 1035, 1037, 1039, 1041, 1043, 1045, 1047, 1049, 1051, 1053, 1055, 1057, 1059, 1061, 1063, 1065, 1067, 1069, 1071, 1073, 1075, 1077, 1079, 1081, 1083, 1085, 1087, 1089, 1091, 1093, 1095, 1097, 1099, 1101, 1103, 1105, 1107, 1109, 1111, 1113, 1115, 1117, 1119, 1121, 1123, 1125, 1127, 1129, 1131, 1133, 1135, 1137, 1139, 1141, 1143, 1145, 1147, 1149, 1151, 1153, 1155, 1157, 1159, 1161, 1163, 1165, 1167, 1169, 1171, 1173, 1175, 1177, 1179, 1181, 1183, 1185, 1187, 1189, 1191, 1193, 1195, 1197, 1199, 1201, 1203, 1205, 1207.

### Personal.

Any person who witnessed the assault on two ladies by Wm. A. McSpedon, at his outcast store, corner of Twenty-second street and third avenue, on Tuesday evening, will oblige by giving name and address to Inst. Seventy third street.—Adv.

The Grand Duke Alexis has telegraphed to Knoxville to engage well in readiness for dining in America. The Duke will arrive in time to be present at Grant's at the Russian Mission at 11 o'clock, accompanied by Knox, in the Fifth Avenue Hotel, and Broadway, corner of Fulton street.—Adv.

## FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 18—P. M.—The monetary quest on has been the chief topic of conversation in stock circles to-day, and the probable course of the various departments at the Stock Exchange depends quite entirely upon the future condition which the money market may assume. The encouraging advices from Chicago that its financial institutions are sound, and will meet all obligations on demand, inspired a feeling of more confidence, and also a belief that a portion at least of the currency recently sent to that city will soon be returned to our banks in the channels of regular business. The purchase of $4,000,000 five-twenty bonds, instead of the advertised $2,000,000, also imparted an easier tone to the money market, and this feeling was quickly reflected in stock operations. The theories adduced to relieve the money market from its present stringency are almost as diverse as the various interests with which the commercial public is identified; but all classes recognize the power of the Secretary of the Treasury to greatly alleviate, if not entirely overcome the present difficulty. We presume the Secretary will not change his policy by the purchase of bonds with gold *direct*, although this action would enable the banks to quickly accommodate their customers, as the gold thus let out would naturally flow into the banks and perform the functions of the greenback reserve, yet he can anticipate the payment of say ten or twenty millions of the 5-20s which he has called in for the 1st of December, and relief to the money market would be the almost immediate result. We can see no good reason why the Secretary should not thus come to the assistance of the commercial classes; and as this would be no variation in his policy, he cannot object to such a course, unless because certain restrictions are placed upon such action by his negotiation with the European syndicate. The gold with which to meet the retirement of these same bonds is now in the Treasury vaults, and the anticipation of forty days in their payment would be received with commendation by the business public.

The railway share market has been all day in a flutter of excitement over the questions above alluded to, and prices went up or down according as money eased up or became stringent. Speculation during the morning hours was comparatively tame, opening firm at a slight advance, and increasing in firmness. Western Union Telegraph, which was the leader of the market, reaching 57½; Wabash, 53¾; and Northwestern common, 84¾. At the conclusion of the Board, and subsequently, however, the market fell off 1½@2½ ₱ cent, prices continuing weak until the announcement of awards about 2 P. M. of the purchase of $4,000,000 bonds, when the general market rallied with considerable animation, and an advance to the best figures of the day was recorded. Prices were strong at the final dealings, at a slight reaction. The principal stocks dealt in were Western Union Telegraph, Lake Shore, Rock Island, New York Central, Ohio, Northwestern, Pacific Mail, and Union Pacific, the remainder of the list not attracting special attention.

There was seen no noteworthy feature in gold, and the price, steady during the greater part of the day, was weaker in the afternoon, and closed at 110⅛@110⅜, but early sales were at 110⅜@110¾. There were rumors that the Treasury would sell only a million to-morrow. As we have heretofore noted, there is no likelihood of anything notable occurring in gold until after the November loan has been marketed, and a more settled tone to the stock market is observed. The cash gold was quiet and easy at 2 ₱ cent. for carrying, to 6 flat, and 1 to 1, 2, and 3 ₱ cent. for borrowing. The Clearinghouse showed $200,000 in specie. The receipts of gold at the Sub-Treasury were $654,125; payments, $758,911; balance, $69,761,915. The currency receipts were $1,349,068; payments, $983,820; balance, $3,317,622. The customs receipts were $564,000. The total clearings at the Gold Exchange Bank were $32,440,000; gold balances, $1,068,592; and currency balances, $1,316,193. The principal quotations were:

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| 10 A. M. | 110⅜ | 12:30 P. M. | 110⅜ |
| 11 A. M. | 110⅜ | 1 P. M. | 110⅜ |
| 11:30 A. M. | 110⅜ | 2 P. M. | 110⅜ |

Foreign exchange, as usual on Wednesday, has been dull, but rates were steady on the basis of 109½ for prime 60 days bills, and 109¾@110 for short.

In some exceptional transactions to-day 1-32 to 1/16 ₱ cent. was paid in addition to the legal rate in the way of turning stocks, but borrowers on United States bonds were accommodated at ⅞ ₱ cent. currency, and as the more careful buyers from Chicago came the resumption had a so-called effect on the market at the close, and late loans on acceptable collateral were made at 7 ₱ cent. in currency. There was much less distress among borrowers, as evidence being adduced in the following statement: The loans bought to-day by the Treasury were payable in gold coin; this was avoided of only to the extent of $200,000. In discounts there seems to be a fair business, some notes of prime standing even, though there are not pressing their paper. There is a preference for dry goods names, and some disliked west at 12@12 ₱ cent.; but good names are negotiated at 10@11 ₱ cent. ₱ month.

The following closing bids to the Treasury to-day were: 6s, 105¼@105¾; 10s, 111 bid. Of these $4,000,000 were offered at 105¾ to 106. The awards of Government bonds to-day to first-class purchasers, &c., have created a better street sentiment, and despite the extra taking by the Treasury, prices were lower, closing weak and feverish.

Henry Clews & Co., 32 Wall st., report at 4 P. M.:

| | 1871. Asked. | 1871. Bid. | | 1871. Asked. | 1871. Bid. |
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| U. S. 6s, 1881, reg. | 110¼ | 110 | Tenn. 6s, new | 78 | 77½ |
| U. S. 6s, 1881, coup. | 110¾ | 110½ | Virginia 6s, old | 41 | 40 |
| U. S. 5s, 1874, reg. | 109¼ | 109 | Virginia 6s, new | 41 | 40 |
| U. S. 5s, 1874, coup. | 109¾ | 109½ | Virginia 6s, ex-coup. | 41 | 40 |
| U. S. 5s, 1875, reg. | 109¼ | 109 | Virginia 6s, ex-coup. | 41 | 40 |
| U. S. 5s, 1875, coup. | 109¾ | 109½ | Virginia 6s, ex-coup. | 41 | 40 |
| U. S. 5s, 1881, reg. | 109¼ | 109 | Virginia 6s, ex-coup. | 41 | 40 |
| U. S. 5s, 1881, coup. | 109¾ | 109½ | Virginia 6s, ex-coup. | 41 | 40 |
| U. S. 5s, 1885, reg. | 109¼ | 109 | Virginia 6s, ex-coup. | 41 | 40 |
| U. S. 5s, 1885, coup. | 109¾ | 109½ | Virginia 6s, ex-coup. | 41 | 40 |
| U. S. 10-40s, reg. | 109¼ | 109 | Virginia 6s, ex-coup. | 41 | 40 |
| U. S. 10-40s, coup. | 109¾ | 109½ | Virginia 6s, ex-coup. | 41 | 40 |
| U. S. 6s, 1867, reg. | 109¼ | 109 | Virginia 6s, ex-coup. | 41 | 40 |
| U. S. 6s, 1867, coup. | 109¾ | 109½ | Virginia 6s, ex-coup. | 41 | 40 |
| U. S. 6s, 1868, reg. | 109¼ | 109 | Virginia 6s, ex-coup. | 41 | 40 |
| U. S. 6s, 1868, coup. | 109¾ | 109½ | Virginia 6s, ex-coup. | 41 | 40 |
| U. S. 10-40s, reg. | 109¼ | 109 | Virginia 6s, ex-coup. | 41 | 40 |
| U. S. 10-40s, coup. | 109¾ | 109½ | Virginia 6s, ex-coup. | 41 | 40 |
| U. S. 7-30s, 1st ser. | 107¾ | 107½ | Virginia 6s, ex-coup. | 41 | 40 |
| U. S. 7-30s, 2d ser. | 107¾ | 107½ | Virginia 6s, ex-coup. | 41 | 40 |
| U. S. 7-30s, 3d ser. | 107¾ | 107½ | Virginia 6s, ex-coup. | 41 | 40 |
| U. S. 5-20s, 1862, reg. | 109¼ | 109 | Virginia 6s, ex-coup. | 41 | 40 |
| U. S. 5-20s, 1862, coup. | 109¾ | 109½ | Virginia 6s, ex-coup. | 41 | 40 |
| U. S. 5-20s, 1864, reg. | 109¼ | 109 | Virginia 6s, ex-coup. | 41 | 40 |
| U. S. 5-20s, 1864, coup. | 109¾ | 109½ | Virginia 6s, ex-coup. | 41 | 40 |
| U. S. 5-20s, 1865, reg. | 109¼ | 109 | Virginia 6s, ex-coup. | 41 | 40 |
| U. S. 5-20s, 1865, coup. | 109¾ | 109½ | Virginia 6s, ex-coup. | 41 | 40 |
| U. S. 5-20s, 1865, reg. | 109¼ | 109 | Virginia 6s, ex-coup. | 41 | 40 |
| U. S. 5-20s, 1865, coup. | 109¾ | 109½ | Virginia 6s, ex-coup. | 41 | 40 |
| U. S. 5-20s, 1867, reg. | 109¼ | 109 | Virginia 6s, ex-coup. | 41 | 40 |
| U. S. 5-20s, 1867, coup. | 109¾ | 109½ | Virginia 6s, ex-coup. | 41 | 40 |
| U. S. 5-20s, 1868, reg. | 109¼ | 109 | Virginia 6s, ex-coup. | 41 | 40 |
| U. S. 5-20