FAITH IN LUCK AND OMENS.

STRANGE FANCIES OF PUBLIC MEN.

Blaine's Belief that a Female Enemy of Cushing would Exert Sway in the White House—Secretary Chandler Knew Blaine Would Have Trouble Five Years Ago.

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HUGH McLAUGHLIN'S SECRET.

Why Brooklyn Politicians Don't Go to Washington to Get Offices.

The dead silence that has smitten the active Democrats in Brooklyn since Hugh McLaughlin came back from Washington is as pronounced as if a spell had been laid upon the party. That a Democratic President, nominated and elected largely through the efforts of Kings county men, could be three weeks in the White House without making everybody happy in an office is a situation so strange that the office-seekers are half dazed by it. Those who have their eyes turned to Washington are still straining their sight for a glimpse of the messengers who are to summon them. The reports from the volunteers who were at the capital in such numbers at the inauguration do not encourage a trip away from home. Some fear that they will hurt their chances by going, and others are unable to discern any progress in their efforts by remaining in Brooklyn.

Hugh McLaughlin was never besieged and never approached by a sphinx. He stands erect, with his eyes cast down at a stick he whittles, while one after another comes to him to get some encouragement or advice. He manages to say just enough to make his visitor upon leaving wonder what he did say. Then he turns to some one else, and in a passive way puts on the same attitude. If anybody knows what Brooklyn men have a right to expect, it is none of those who customarily claim possession of inside facts. They are pure agnostics in politics now. There is a feeling among them that there is a profound party secret, known to but few, and known only to Hugh McLaughlin and all those who dwell across the river. This secret the leader doesn't tell. It was revealed to him, it is said, in the White House, and repeated to him by Daniel Manning. Whatever it may be in terms, in effect it has put a full stop to the agitation of the chances of Brooklyn men for places. The talk nowadays is that nothing may be done "slow," or "Keep quiet." If so, they have worked like a charm. The Democratic hosts obey like well-disciplined troops. There seems to be a perfect understanding, part of which is to ask no questions, keep away for the present, and remain assured of the distinguished consideration of the powers.

There are some of the politicians who only half like the assertiveness of the mugwumps, and the chilling utterances about civil service reform and tenure of office, but among those who are a peg or two higher in the councils there is an abiding faith that the Democrats will have every reason to be satisfied before the four years are gone by, but they believe that there must be careful piloting during the early spring weather.

THE KANSAS BRIGADE.

The Two Regiments Call on the President—Col. Sharp Breaks the Bargain.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The Missourians, who were so numerous and clamorous and ridiculous generally, have been virtually laughed out of town. Their successors are the Kansas Brigade. The brigade is composed of two regiments that hate one another cordially. One marches under the banner of ex-Gov. Glick, who wants to be Agricultural Commissioner, and the other under the standard of the Hon. Charles Blair, who wants to be Land Commissioner. Both regiments have been laying siege to the White House for a week. Finally, one side waved a flag of truce, and the other did the same. The two regiments agreed to suspend hostilities and go in a social way for an evening call on the President, with the understanding that political differences were to be tabooed. The Blair men so understood it at least. The brigade polished its boots and combed its hair and marched up to the White House in good form. Col. Ike Sharp, a red-hot Glick man, was well to the front, and as soon as he was presented he wrung the President's hand warmly, and began to pour into his ear an eloquent story about the good points of Glick. The Blair men grew nervous, and looked at one another, but the Colonel went right on, without a break or pause, like an Evarts sentence. The President grew uneasy and looked at his watch. The Blair men pulled their hair and danced in the face and began to insert their fingers in their hip pockets. Finally the time came for the interview to close, and the Colonel brought his remarks on Glick to a close. The Blair men marched back to the hotel in sullen silence and adopted resolutions expressing their indignation, which have been sent to the President.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Mr. Whitelaw Reid was reelected President of the Lotos club yesterday.

The Atlantis, with Mr. Jay Gould in command, is expected to arrive at Fortress Monroe to-day.

Mr. John Kelly went to Atlantic City yesterday, and will pass some time there or further south.

Of the 700 deaths in this city last week, 124 were due to pneumonia, 88 to consumption, 40 to bronchitis, and 23 to other respiratory diseases.

The opening of the new quarters of the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Room, (united), at 59 to 65 Liberty street, will take place on April 14, at 2 P. M.

Thomas Mitchell, who was sent to fix the gas pipes at 46 Cherry street last evening, was suffocated by escaping gas. He recovered in Chambers street Hospital.

Mrs. L. Schmutz is going to build a five-story apartment house at North Avenue and Ninety-third street at a cost of $150,000. It will be built of Vermont marble and brick.

The heat of the steam pipes set fire last evening to wood work on the second floor of the new Potter building, in a room in which the steamfitter keeps his tools. The watchman put out the fire.

The Twelfth Assembly District Tammany Hall Committee have adopted resolutions approving of the course of Henry Woltman, who was recently removed by Mayor Grace from the office of Registrar of Records.

The Rev. Thomas Gallaudet, rector of St. Ann's Church in Eighteenth street, which is called "a free church for the people, with special mission to deaf mutes," makes an appeal for subscriptions to enable the church to rid itself of an oppressive debt of $24,000.

The speakers at the Chickering Hall meeting on Monday night to oppose the new big town parks will be Erastus Wiman, Mayor Grace, Comptroller Loeb, Abram S. Hewitt, Theodore Roosevelt, Egbert L. Viele, Stephen A. Walker, Simon Sterne, S. Ellery Anderson, Wm. H. Kelly, and Lewis H. May.

MISS CLEVELAND RECEIVES.

DISTINGUISHED MEN AND WOMEN IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

A Brilliant Scene in the Famous East Room—The Ministers, the Cabinet, and the Ladies of the Women's Home of the Capital.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The White House reception of this afternoon was the most grand of the three yet held in Miss Cleveland's time. The formalities commencing made to the President and his wives on the initial guess of Tuesday evening seem to have caused the end of trying Republican ceremonies to be as numerous as the coming to Rome of pilgrims, and quite as costly and full of enjoyment. Miss Cleveland stood at the head of the receiving line in the blue parlor with Mrs. Hendricks-Bloodgood to her left. Behind the three passed quite a little assemblage of Mesdames Cleveland and a few other relatives, in one hand also carrying bouquets and a few white roses were fastened at the waist. Mrs. Dent, mother of Colonel Dent, a lady of rare good manners and a right kind picture in a black velvet dress with elegant diamond ear-rings, carried a gray ostrich feather fan. Miss Van Vechten, of Albany, was with the party, and carried a bouquet of Japanese roses. Mrs. Cleveland wore