

LIVE WASHINGTON TOPICS.

WHY THEODORE ROOSEVELT TOOK HIS PRESENT OFFICE.

His Profound Learning in Natural History—Counting Uncle Sam's Money—Civil Service Candidates—An Objection.

WASHINGTON, June 9.—Everybody who has the pleasure of the acquaintance of Mr. Theodore Roosevelt is surprised at his acceptance of the office of Civil Service Commissioner.

Senator Plumb is counted among the discomfited. At least he has got many offers for the position, and he would have accepted one of them had he not been so busy.

AT MASQUEUR'S GRAVE.

THE NATIONAL Land Reform Association.

Twelve men gathered at the monument of Lewis Masquerier, the land reformer, dedicated by himself in the north end of Cypress Hills Cemetery, yesterday.

A Cattle Fish Caught Off New Haven.

NEW HAVEN, June 9.—There was a rare marine curiosity for these waters, a genuine cuttle fish, taken off the Southeast Light house yesterday.

A Hobtman Bigger Bites the Night Stick.

A young Hobtman in ragged clothes, walked to and fro in front of the Hotel Brunswick, between 7 and 8 o'clock last night, with a night stick.

VIOLENT HAIL STORM IN OSWEGO.

It Came Off the Lake and Cut Down Strawberry and Tobacco Plants.

OSWEGO, June 9.—A severe storm of wind, rain, and hail passed over Oswego county this afternoon. The day was warm and the sun shone brightly until about three o'clock, when a dark, heavy cloud bank overcast and big dark clouds moved shoreward from Lake Ontario.

The appointment by the President of L. E. Parsons as District Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama is regarded by the representative colored men who are here at this time as a great wrong.

From recent appointments it is concluded among the colored people that it does not pay to regard the fact that one is an original colored man, an applicant for a leading office in North Carolina says that he was the first Harrison to take office in the Convention held at Raleigh, N. C., in 1876.

The appropriation of \$40,000 for a statue of Gen. Sheridan will be available July 1, and already there is talk of designs. The last triumph in sculpture here was John Quincy Adams, the first of which was a statue of Little Boy, made up of all the people of Washington.

FEATURES OF THE SPY SYSTEM.

Why Shouldn't a Policeman be Mistaken for a Sunday for a Blackmailer?

Special Officer Petermann of the Elizabeth Street Squad knocked at the locked door of Henry Hinkley's combined eating house and cigar store at Centre street about 9 P. M. yesterday.

THE SEATTLE FIRE.

Citizens Going to Work Pluckily to Re-build their Fortunes.

PORTLAND, June 9.—At a mass meeting last night it was unanimously decided to abandon the Fourth of July celebration, and forward the fund raised for that purpose to Seattle sufferers.

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CUSTOM HOUSE GOSSIP.

Proposed Re-Examination of Many of the Clerks in Clover.

ALL Whose Papers Look Suspicious May Have to Try Again—This Includes Both Those Appointed and Those Promoted During the Last Four Years.

It is now known that Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Lyman, the Republican members of the United States Customs Commission, are preparing a plan which will go a long way toward turning the customs service of the port upside down.

It is said by the Democrats that these re-examinations will be a great benefit among the Cleveland holdovers than among their own party. They advance the argument that the Democrats have all come into the service in the last three years and that they are well up in the puzzles.

A CHILD LOST IN THE WOODS.

Three Days and Two Nights in a Pitiless Storm—Rescued Alive and Unharmed.

NEW HAVEN, June 9.—An extraordinary story of babes in the woods is reported from the charcoal district on Salisbury Mountain, near Josiah's Village.

MR. WANAMAKER'S FAMILY RETURNS.

The Postmaster-General Meets Them Down the Bay.

Postmaster-General Wanamaker went down the bay yesterday morning to meet his wife and family, who were expected from Europe on the steamship La Bretagne.

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DISORDERLY COLLEGE STUDENTS.

They Break the Windows of an Ashbury Park Hotel—One of Them Arrested.

The members of Columbia College's Glee and Banjo clubs, who since the examinations were over, have been making the rounds of the country towns, got themselves into trouble last week at Ashbury Park, and one of their number is now awaiting trial there on a charge of disorderly conduct.

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THE WAR UPON THE BUCKET SHOPS.

The Conqueror Disaster was the Absorbing Topic of Discussion in Wall Street for a Day or Two, but the Horrors of the Pennsylvania Flood were soon forgotten in the excitement caused by the entire cessation of the "ticker" service, ordered by the Governors of the Stock Exchange for the purpose of stopping the operations of the bucket shops, as they are called.

These are establishments, the customers of which, unlike those of the Stock Exchange, speculate in stocks, not by actually buying and paying for them, or selling them, but by merely entering their names upon the quotation board of the Exchange and winning or losing accordingly. It being essential to the continuance of the business that the quotations of the Exchange should be received by the bucket shops as fast as they are made, it would seem to be sufficient to have the bucket shops connected with the Exchange to put an end to it.

It is rather to the credit of the Governors of the Exchange that they put forward no pretense of motives of high morality for their conduct in this matter. There is, indeed, good ground for believing that the purpose of the measure was to offer too great facilities for petty gambling, and thus tempt both men of small means to risk and lose their own money, and clerks to do the same thing with the money intrusted to them by their employers.

THE FUNERAL SERVICES OF THE LATE ADOLPHUS ANDREAS.

The funeral services of the late Adolphus Andreas, one of the founders of York Lodge, and the oldest Mason in New York State, were held yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. M. J. Preston, 100 West 10th street.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINSTER ARRIVES—THIS DAY.

Minister arrived from New York at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. He was accompanied by his wife and two children.

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