

PROSECUTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OFFICERS.

Mr. O'Gorman Defends His Action in Commencing Suits and Writes the Attorney General.

HIS QUERIES TO JUDGE GEORGE TICKNOR CURTIS.

MR. CURTIS' LEGAL LORE.

He Thinks the City and County Should Commence Actions to Recover—The Attorney General Cannot Prosecute on Behalf of the City and County.

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THE LAW GOVERNING THE CASE PLAINLY PUT.

In the complaint made out and filed at Albany by the Attorney General, Mr. Champlain, which appeared in the HERALD of Saturday, it was charged that Mr. O'Gorman, Corporation Counsel, had brought six actions in the name of the city against Messrs. Tweed, Conolly and others, in bad faith, and for the real purpose of shielding them from prosecution.

MR. O'GORMAN DEFENDS HIS OFFICIAL INTEGRITY. CITY OF NEW YORK, LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, OCT. 29, 1871.

TO HON. N. B. CHAMPLAIN, Attorney General of the State of New York. SIR—In the Times newspaper of this day I find, in what purports to be a correct copy of a complaint, signed by you as Attorney General of the State of New York, in suit recently commenced against William M. Tweed and others, an allegation that six actions instituted by me as Counsel to the Corporation were instituted against said Tweed and others "frivolously and in bad faith, and will not and cannot be prosecuted fairly, beneficially or usefully to the people or to any public interest, inasmuch as the Mayor is governed by evil designs and intent, and has complete control over the said Counsel to the Corporation in respect of said suits."

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TO GEORGE TICKNOR CURTIS, Esq. MY DEAR SIR—Before proceeding further in the New York suit recently commenced against William M. Tweed and others, in which you are associated as counsel with me, I beg leave to ask you to examine the following questions, and to answer them in the most candid manner possible.

MR. CURTIS DEFINES THE LAW—THE CITY CAN RECOVER IN A CIVIL ACTION. DEAR SIR—I have considered the questions submitted to me by your letter of the 2d inst., and have examined the details of complaints which you propose to serve in the actions already instituted by me as Counsel to the Corporation of New York, against Richard B. Conolly and William M. Tweed.

MR. O'GORMAN DECLARES HIS INTENTION TO PROSECUTE WITH VIGOR. The complaints in two of these suits, viz., against William M. Tweed and Richard B. Conolly, were filed in the office of the County Clerk of the County of New York. A copy of the complaint against the said Tweed is set forth in the HERALD of this day.

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induced for the discharge of certain duties of distribution, and the money; and that the irregularity of the appointment, arising from the want of legal statutory existence of the office as an officer of the State, and the irregularity of the legal and moral obligation of accounting for public money which had been placed in his hands in consequence of such appointment, and the irregularity of the mode of its receipt, as ruled by the Supreme Court of the United States, and it shows that, independently of all statutory provisions, the receipt of the money by the defendant duty in respect to the disbursement or custody of public funds makes a contract for the faithful discharge of the duties of the office, and that such contract raises a legal and moral obligation to account for the moneys that have come into his hands.

He will devote his time to the prosecution of the Penitentiaries. IMPORTANCE OF A PURE LEGISLATURE. A Union of Democrats and Republicans an Honest Men Recommended. The Legislature Should Reject Tweed and His Allies.

Mr. Charles O'Connor has written the following letter to the Chairman of the Democratic Reform Club of the Nineteenth Assembly district, declining nomination for the Assembly tendered to him in that district.

TO LOUIS A. RODENSTRIN, Esq., Chairman, &c. MY DEAR SIR—The atrocious frauds now attracting universal notice were committed during the control of four persons over our local administration. The nature and measure of their guilt may, indeed, greatly vary in a moral point of view; but, nevertheless, those three of them who are still in possession of power are acting in perfect concert for mutual protection. They have evidently no scruple about means, and they are capable of accomplishing, by united effort, nearly all the mischief attainable by the four, had their union remained unbroken.

SECRET ABSTRACTION OF THE VOUCHERS. By which the precise details of the frauds committed might have been easily developed, no honest and intelligent citizen has doubted the guilt of this leader. Whether manifest proof could be brought home to him may have hitherto been a matter of speculation with some; but, in my judgment, the last lingering doubt on this point must now be removed from every fair mind.

UNDENIABLE AND PUBLICLY NOTORIOUS FACTS. The chief before alluded to, with an audacity absolutely more impressive than his precedent crimes, has presented himself as a candidate for Senator from the First City district, his name appearing at the head and front of the local ticket put in nomination by the triumvirate.

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If I have among them a single personal enemy, that enemy, as well as every other of his class, would not only cast his vote in my favor, but would cast it for me with a will. Under these circumstances one might fairly think that it would be almost, if not entirely, unanimous, and, indeed, that the most thorough conviction that already realized of the suffrage would be cast against me, excluding votes extorted by the threat and dread of starvation from the very class between whom and myself there exist the strongest ties of affection and respect.

A THOUSAND MORE WORKMEN. Those who are in public employment and depend on the continuance of that employment for the support of themselves and their families, are naturally and necessarily opposing. These poor men may mistakenly suppose that the power of dismissing or retaining them rests with me, and will remain in the hands of the corrupt politicians who might be my rival.

CANNOT CONSENT TO BECOME A CANDIDATE. I will briefly state my reasons. In the first place, I am not a native-born citizen of this State, and my utmost powers in the Attorney General's legal proceedings against the robbers who, in contempt of the law, have dared to plunder the treasury and are determined to continue their iniquitous career through the agency of the most thorough conviction that already realized of the position in which, without my own seeking, I am placed, as the adviser and prosecutor of these robbers, and in contempt of the law, are determined to continue their iniquitous career through the agency of the most thorough conviction that already realized of the position in which, without my own seeking, I am placed, as the adviser and prosecutor of these robbers.

NEITHER POWER, PROFIT NOR PATRONAGE. Of any kind has resulted, or will result, to me. How, therefore, could I be expected to be influenced by any such considerations? I might think that a seat in the Assembly had temptations to my pride or ambition, or that it might be a step towards the attainment of my political aims. Even this feeble and ungodly ambition should not be allowed to influence me. I have, therefore, determined to decline candidacy for the Assembly, and to devote my time to the prosecution of the Penitentiaries, and to the promotion of the cause of the poor and oppressed.

REFORM SENATORIAL NOMINATIONS. The Committee of Seventy, at their conference on Saturday evening, made the following Senatorial nominations:—Fourth District—Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa, Fifth District—Erasmus C. Benedict, Sixth District—Dr. Augustus C. Hoffman, Seventh District—James O'Brien, Eighth District—Daniel F. Tiemann.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB RE-PAIRING. At the regular reunion of the Woman's Club of this city last night the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted after general discussion on the moral, social, religious and political sides of the question:—Whereas at every step of our labors for the prevention and relief of the suffering poor we are reminded of the fact that the woman's influence is the most powerful and effective in the world, and that the woman's influence is the most powerful and effective in the world, and that the woman's influence is the most powerful and effective in the world.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA. To-night, Miss Nissen, the best *violin-Traviata*, and of course, a crowded house. "The Body" by Wallack's, with Mathews, Brogan, Gilbert, Miss Morland and the rest of the fine company. To-night the New York Circus opens with a host of equine and equestrian favorites.

RETURNS OF NATIONAL BANKS. The following are the official returns of national banks at the close of business on the 24th of October:—

Table with columns: Bank, Capital, Deposits, Loans, Assets, Liabilities, etc. Includes entries for Virginia, Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, etc.

WASHINGTON.

THE ANTI-SUFFRAGE WOMEN ON DIVORCE.

A Constitutional Amendment Proposed Making Divorce Laws Uniform.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB'S REMEDY FOR THE SOCIAL EVIL.

RETURN OF ATTORNEY GENERAL AKERMAN TO WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29, 1871. A uniform divorce law—new movement of the Anti-Suffrage Women. A rather remarkable movement has been put on foot here by Mrs. Admiral Dahlgren, Mrs. General Sherman and the other ladies who are taking an active part in opposing woman's suffrage, the scheme being nothing less than to completely outflank the suffragists of the Tilton-Woodhull school.

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St. Domingo last winter, will deliver a lecture to-morrow night, in this city, on his travels and observations on that occasion. He was one of the most active of the gentlemen who explored St. Domingo, and his lecture, no doubt, will prove interesting. Attorney General Akerman has returned to Washington. All the members of the Cabinet will be here by Tuesday.

THE TREASURY PROGRAMME FOR NOVEMBER. The Secretary of the Treasury has authorized the Assistant Treasurer at New York to purchase one million of bonds on each Wednesday in the month of November, or five millions in all, and to sell one million of coin on the first, third and fifth Thursdays, and two millions each on the second and fourth Thursdays, or seven millions in all.

ART MATTERS. De Haas' Fraise Meeting. A praise meeting on Sunday evening on the coast at Cape Ann furnishes Mr. De Haas with the subject of his latest picture. It may be well to state at once that the "Fraise Meeting" is only an incident which the artist has cleverly seized upon to give increased interest to an important composite work, combining the attributes of the land and sea scape, with something of the genre added. It is due to Mr. De Haas to say that he has succeeded well in harmonizing the different interests and producing a most effective picture. We cannot say that much novelty is exhibited in the treatment of the subject.

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