

The Intelligencer.

THE CIVIL SERVICE

AND SOME OF ITS INEQUALITIES. CONGRESSMAN GIBSON'S SPEECH BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON THE SUBJECT—PERSONAL MENTION OF WEST VIRGINIA AT THE CAPITAL—THE SHOOK INDUSTRY.

It seems odd to hear that in Bangor, in the State of New York, "there is a movement looking to shutting up the saloons." It is still maintained that prohibition does prohibit in Maine.

The lynching at Martinsburg is had for Maryland, but for Berkeley county, had for West Virginia. Berkeley is a county as there is in the country.

POSTMASTER GENERAL VILAS, being a lawyer, and a good one, it is said, must have come upon something in the statute which authorizes him to issue commissions to Postmaster-elect while their nominations are pending in the Senate.

ADMINISTRATIVE SENATORS will not find it easy to answer the arguments advanced by the Judiciary Committee. History and logic are against the Administration's position.

THE PRESIDENT will not allow the Senate to have papers on file, then the Senate must have been wrong to give access to a hearing, argues Senator Edmunds' committee.

THE EDITOR OF THE INTELLIGENCER presents his compliments to the Register, and begs to convey the assurance that he does not desire a seat in Congress.

THE REASON that our people are so much benefited is that the value of shooks is wholly due to the labor, which makes value that which is almost utterly valueless when the labor is bestowed.

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AFFAIRS OF LABOR.

THE MINERS' CONVENTION. At Cumberland, Comprising Various Districts—Demand for Increase of Wages to be Made Monday—The Great Strike in the Coke Region Still Unsettled.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Feb. 19.—The convention of delegates representing District Number Three of the National Federation of Miners and Mine Laborers was continued here to-day and prominent officers of the district were elected as follows:

THE COKE STRIKE. Settlement Still Further Off—Value of the Lockout. PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 19.—The action of the coke workers at their convention at Scotland yesterday in resolving to accept no compromise, has had a tendency to increase the bitterness of the struggle.

THE REMEDY. "The remedy we propose is to lessen the duty on sugar one-fourth of a cent per pound when shipped in American hogheads, which would make up the \$1 difference, and make the cost of sugar in bags and hogheads equal to the importer."

THE SHOOK INDUSTRY. And Its Relation to West Virginia—Importance of Its Revival. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 18.—The representative shooks men of West Virginia, an account of whose audience with the Committee of Ways and Means I sent you a night or two since, have about all returned home.

THE PAN-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATION. WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Several days ago it was announced that Attorney-General Garland contemplated giving his Pan-Atlantic Telephone stock to one or more charitable institutions and by so doing clear his skirts of the charge that he helped to gain a fortune from a gift of stock.

WAGES INCREASED. READING, Pa., Feb. 19.—The two thousand men employed in the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company's shops here were this evening notified that an increase in wages in all departments would be made on March 1. The ratio of the proposed increase was not announced.

HOW A MILLIONAIRE GOT AWAY WITH THE CHANGE. St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 19.—For the past thirteen or fourteen years, Albert Mitchell has been in the employ of the Missouri Pacific and Wabash railways as messenger, in the office of the Treasurer.

INSURANCE AGENT ARRESTED. PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 19.—R. E. Lucas an insurance agent of Cleveland, Ohio, was arrested here last night on a charge of embezzling \$4,000 of the funds of the Equitable Insurance Company of that city.

WATERGATE'S CONDITION. LOUISVILLE, Feb. 19.—Mr. Watergate continued better during the day. At 6 o'clock his temperature was reduced to 98; pulse 94. His friends and nurse feel that another and probably last crisis is passed and hope for his speedy recovery.

THE COOPERAGE BUSINESS. Mr. Martin said: "The property of the cooperage business affects all classes of society to a greater or less extent. The States of West Virginia, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Michigan, New York, Kentucky, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Tennessee, are all interested, because they grow the white pine, hickory, spruce, white oak, red oak, hemlock, etc., the wood which enters into the cooperage business.

BURNS' LYNCHING.

AT MARTINSBURG, WEST VA. The Town Stirred Up Over the Unlawful Execution of the Criminal—Five Men Arrested for the Misdemeanor—Other Criminal Matters.

MARTINSBURG, W. VA., Feb. 19.—This morning between 11 and 1 o'clock a band of nearly three hundred masked cavalrymen broke open the jail and took Joe Burns, colored, who ravished Mary Fellers, on the 7th inst., in a woods two miles south on the Winchester pike, and hanged him to a tree.

THE MINGO SLUICER. The Most Cold-blooded in Years—Five Men Arrested for the Crime. STURTEVILLE, Feb. 19.—The murder of Charles Hall, at Mingo, last night, is the topic of conversation to-day, it being one of the most cold-blooded murders committed in this county for some time.

A FATAL AFFRAY. Between a Gang of Criminals—One of Them Horribly Hacked Up. CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—A fatal row between thieves occurred last evening in a basement under a little office at No. 144 West Lake street.

A BLOKED ENAGEMENT. Provokes a Fatal Affray—More Trouble Expected From It. EVANSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 19.—News has just reached here of a shooting affray which occurred Wednesday night at Hawesville, Ky., between Ed. Cooney and John Keown.

NEWS IN BRIEF. Three local option measures have been introduced in the Ohio House. John L. Sullivan expresses a willingness to fight Smith, the English champion.

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BUSINESS BAROMETER.

REPORTS FROM VARIOUS PORTS. An Improvement Noticed in the West, but in the East the Movements in Trade do Not Come Up to Expectations—General Condition of the Markets.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Special telegrams to *Bradstreet's* represent some changes of detail as to the condition of general trade, yet the situation as a whole is not widely different from that previously reported.

AT BALTIMORE. The situation in Baltimore is not so bright as it was some time ago. The demand for goods is not so strong as it was some time ago.

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