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J. H. Field, Justice U. S. Supreme

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 8, 1877.

The Innocent little New Year was

ushered into this tempestuous world on

the wings of a regular northeast snow

storm, which kept increasing during the

whole day till at night-fall the streets

were nearly deserted, the snow and wind

had the out-of doors city to themselves,

and right merrily did they dance and

whirl and sing, holding a grand New

Year's carnival; or was it a wake, at the

funeral of the poor old careworn century,

just departed, that they were celebrating

so boisterously? And was this large

white mantle, encircling everything

around, his winding-sheet.

During the early part of the day

the groups of joyous New Year's

callers made light of the fast fall-

ing snow, but by mid-day many

had made an unceremonious end of calling;

a few brave hearts, with muffled foras

and umbrellas laden, floundered on

through the drifting snow to meet with

warm appreciation and hearty welcome

from the fur ones to meet whom such

efforts was made; while others, less coura-

geous, betook themselves to hucks and

coaches, and went gaily on their way

rejoicing that they were not as their

neighbors.

The back-ground of the bright picture

is a most sombre one. The festivities of

yesterday were, to many poor hearts, but

a bitter mockery. Want-worn men, hag-

gard women and squallid, half-frozen

children wandered through the streets,

shivering and hungry, knowing that home

was no warmer nor more cheery for them

than the bitter street, and that those whom

they had left there were waiting, sad and

sore at heart, for hope and help that their

return would fail to bring them. Ah well!

"God's orphans" are in every part of the

weary world—happy the creature who

relieves the distress of a single one of

them.

Still sadder, even, than the sight and

knowledge of the suffering and needy in

the midst of this luxurious Washington,

is that of degradation, of which many in-

stances were manifest last evening and

for the relief of which the good Samaritan

qualities of the police force were called

into active exercise. Many were the

unfortunates who were rescued, by

them, from their fleecily dangerous

coaches. Young men seldom refuse "the

rosy" that ladies, who receive them in

their pleasant homes, set before and press

upon them, and the result of this yester-

day was very evident. Floundering along

toward home giddy from many draughts

received during the day from fair hands,

and blinded by the whirling gusts of

snow, more than one respectable (?)

young man laid himself down, exhausted

and careless of consequences, to sleep—

what would have been for them the sleep

that knows no awakening, but for the

protecting vigilance which guards our

city. And where lies the blame of this?

No rews of a political character is

possible, just now, in Washington. Active

business will be resumed at the Capitol

to-morrow, however, and lively times are

anticipated.

The only commotion among Washing-

tonians, at present, is caused by a simu-

laneous closing up of the numerous

gambling houses in the city, and a most

thorough investigation of the same that is

now going forward at police headquarters.

The existence and locality of these houses

was boldly shown up some two weeks

since, by one of the daily papers here,

and the announcements made in that

journal, for several successive days, has

led to a closing up of these disgraceful

places that promises to be more than

temporary. Major Richards, Chief of

Police, has been accused of countenancing

the unlawful proceedings of these gam-

bling houses by receiving money from their

proprietors in payment for securing them

immunity from arrest; and it has been

proved, by many witnesses, that the police

corps of the District has held intimate

relations with the gambling brotherhood

for many years past. Occasionally, for

the sake of semblance, the police raided

some poor, miserable, negro gambling

hovel, and especial care was taken that

such events should be duly reported in

the leading city newspapers, in order that

the public should be favorably impressed

with the vigilance of the police; but none

of the many large and much-patronized

gambling saloons were molested. They

have been a burnt g disgrace to the

National Capitol and it is to be earnestly

hoped that the present movement against

them may prove their utter downfall.

M. M. W.

TELEGRAPHIC.

Reported for the Semi-Weekly Courier.

THE COMPROMISE COMMITTEE.

NEW SENATORS.

The Electoral Bill.

Fire in Helena.

Sentence Confirmed.

The Electoral Bill.

NEW YORK, January 20.—The Tribunes

Washington special on the electoral bill

says: No member of the Ohio delegation

in the House has received from Gov.

Hayes any expression of his views or

desires, but the fact of their relations to

him being closer than those of other mem-

bers would unquestionably give to a

united opposition on their part great

weight and significance.

Opposition to the Electoral

Bill.

NEW YORK, January 20.—Opponents of

the Electoral Bill name the following

Senators as likely to oppose its passage to

the end: Morton, Paddock, Dorsey,