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TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 11, 1878.

In the Senate to-day a number of bills of a private character were passed, and the River and Harbor bill further considered.

The House of Representatives had under consideration the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill. The Potter Investigating Committee was in session again to-day, taking further testimony.

The withdrawal of Senator Edmunds and all the democratic members of the committee appointed at the request of Senator Matthews, yesterday, was subsequently revealed, with the understanding that the work of the committee shall not begin until after the adjournment of the present session of Congress.

The attempt of Mr. Matthews to remove his examination from the committee organized expressly for that purpose to one composed of his daily associates, and whose personal feelings toward him are of such a nature as to induce them to ask to be relieved of the disagreeable duty, was, under the circumstances existing at the time, wise, if not creditable, but later developments make it doubtful whether it will succeed.

There is no doubt, as proved beyond peradventure in the cases of Messrs. Blaine and Boeher, that it would have been better for him to have gone before the Potter committee when first summoned and boldly and brazenly denied all knowledge of the fraud, and sworn that he did not write his own letters, but he has not yet reached the sublime disregard of all moral obligations achieved by those shining lights of the radical party.

President Hayes' famous civil service reform policy having displeased the real leaders of the radical party has been so entirely modified that nobody but the President would recognize it under its new form.

Under the federal office holder is handed a circular which informs him that as the next Senate will certainly be democratic it behoves all true blue republicans to see that the next House shall be republican, and that to further that end they and each one of them subscribe such amount as they shall set opposite their respective names.

The unfortunate who receives this circular, and none of the minor officials except it, knows too well the uncertainties of his tenure to hesitate a moment about subscribing, and, under the natural impression that the larger the sum he subscribes the longer his term will be, deprives himself and his family, if he has one, of almost the necessities of life for a month or two.

The present Congress has availed itself of the cheap method of acquiring praise by voting for an appropriation to complete the Washington monument. The base of the monument, however, is as defective as the Congressmen who voted for the appropriation, and we should not be surprised if the two hundred thousand dollars, the sum specified, were sunk.

By the schedule on the Midland route, about twelve hours are saved between Washington and

News of the Day.

At 9.30 last night, while one of the receivers of the Third Avenue railroad named Joseph L. Laflry was riding in a car, with his day's receipts from Harlem Depot to the central office at sixth fifth street, N. Y., and when ninety-fourth street was reached, four men with drawn revolvers entered, and while two of them attacked Mr. Laflry with the butt ends of their revolvers, the other two seized his satchel, which contained \$250 and made off in a light wagon car at head end.

Geistlich, the husband of the mother and two children found dead in a house in Philadelphia, is proved to have been guilty of this triple murder. A letter has been received from him acknowledging the crime and stating that he was about to commit suicide.

George Bucher, age sixty seven, of Newark, disappeared from his home on Monday last. About eight years ago Bucher married his second wife, whom he has neglected, although possessed of considerable property.

The storekeeper of a distillery in Austin Texas, has been mobbed and forced to resign because of his interfering with the removal of spirits. A former storekeeper was in collusion with the proprietor of the distillery.

Don Manuel Freyre, Peruvian Minister at Washington, died there Sunday night, very unexpectedly to his friends, who were not generally aware of his illness.

The Camden (N. J.) Tragedy.

The trial of Benj. Hunter for the murder of John M. Armstrong, on the 21st of last January was commenced at Camden yesterday. Counsel for the defense desired to withdraw the plea of not guilty, and moved to quash the indictment on the ground that, although the fatal blow was struck in New Jersey, the victim died in Pennsylvania, so that the accused could only be tried in New Jersey for assault and battery with intent to kill.

The following are the principal points in the case: On Wednesday evening, January 23, last, Jno. W. Armstrong, a music typographer, doing business in Philadelphia, went to Camden, intending to call on Mr. E. W. Davis and settle a financial matter with him. Davis had made himself liable to criminal prosecution. In passing along Vine street near Fifth, Camden, a few doors from Davis' dwelling, Mr. Armstrong was beaten about the head so severely that the skull was fractured and he was rendered unconscious.

A Missouri Polling Custom.—The late Senator Boggs used to illustrate the settled character of the average Missourian's political faith by a story of his experience when living in the Southern section of the State.

INSANE IN THE PULPIT.—Victor Smith, the young assistant of Dr. Shackelford of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Eighty-second street and Fourth avenue, suddenly lost his reason on Sunday while assisting at the Sabbath services of this church, and has been sent to the Insane Asylum, his friends being reluctantly compelled to adopt this course in consequence of the violence of his disease.

MOUNT VERNON.—The annual meeting of the Regents of Mount Vernon, commenced at that place to-day, and will continue during the rest of the week.

The Presidential Fraud.

The Potter investigating committee was not called to order until four o'clock yesterday afternoon. E. L. Bagbee, manager of the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company in Washington, was sworn, and stated in reply to questions by General Butler that he had not been able to bring certain books and telegrams asked for by Mr. Butler.

Q. When did you first ascertain that the rats had eaten them? A. I really cannot say. Q. What makes you think the rats have eaten them? A. With many other telegrams it was stored in a closet, and the rats have gnawed at these bundles to pieces.

Q. Are these papers still exposed to the rats? A. Yes; unless the rats have got cut of the closet. Mr. Butler—Oh! then that is at the volition of the rats.

Mr. Dunning exhibited a paper to the witness, which was identified by him as an original telegram received at the office with the check upon it of George Dunning, one of the operators for which \$17.95 had been paid.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24, 1877.—Lieut. Governor Thomas L. Young and Alfred D. Lee, Columbus, Ohio. (Confidential.) At a conference of Southern republicans, Southern Unionists and Southern whigs, the following expresses their wishes and what is best in their judgment: The new era expected by the inauguration of Governor Hayes has already created great gratification among the aforementioned elements.

The testimony of Melin was continued. Witness detailed his appointment as associate justice of the Supreme Court of New Mexico, the office for which his letter to Gov. Hayes (put in evidence on Saturday) had been written.

Next, Colonel R. T. Van Horne, of Kansas City, Missouri, a representative man of the Southern Union, developed Southwest, a thorough republican, with experience as editor and legislator, with an extensive personal acquaintance throughout the South with the people and their wants; he is of that temperamental disposition that makes him truly of the people and from the people; his patriotism and honesty are undoubted. This appointment would be universally satisfactory.

Next, it is thought by many of our new and old friends that it would be wise and powerful in political policy for Governor Hayes to call to his cabinet counsel Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, who was an old line whig, reluctantly engaged in the Southern rebellion, always the opponent of Jeff Davis and neglected by him. He has a nephew, a moderate democrat, in the United States Senate from Virginia, with many Senators from the South of his personal friends who would be proud of his recognition; also many relatives and friends in the House of Representatives.

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Foreign News.

Carathodoroi, who has been raised to the grade of Pasha and appointed Chief Plenipotentiary in the Berlin Congress, is a pure Greek and a Christian. He has been Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs throughout the late complications, and is the author of most of the State documents on the subject issued from the Turkish Foreign Office during the period designated.

Pressing demands reach Constantinople from the Pemat Camp, in the Rhodope Mountains, for aid in behalf of over one hundred thousand refugees who fled thither from the Russians and Bulgarians.

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