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FOR RENT.

FOR RENT, WITH BOARD, WELL-FURNISHED rooms at the Marston House, No. 706 Fifteenth street. Jan12-3t*

FOR RENT—DESIRABLE FURNISHED HOUSES, No. 230 First street east; fifteen rooms, modern conveniences, $[illegible]. No. 452 H street, ten rooms, modern conveniences, $[illegible]. No. 104 Eighth street, ten rooms, $100. Unfurnished—No. 6 street, brick; eleven rooms, modern conveniences, $175. No. 203 I street northwest, eleven rooms, $160. No. 434 H street, 9 rooms, $40. No. 20 Second street, brick, eleven rooms, $75. No. 317 street, furnished, modern conveniences, eleven rooms, $150. Small houses, from $4 to $18. THOS. E. WAGGAMAN, 519 Seventh street.

FOR RENT—THREE FURNISHED ROOMS on second or third story, $[illegible], corner of Sixth and N streets northwest. Inquire on corner. Jan10-4t* SAMUEL DAVIS.

FOR RENT—A BRICK HOUSE CONTAINING six rooms, No. 320 Twelfth street northwest, near Pennsylvania avenue. Inquire of JOHN RONEY, Restaurant, corner of Thirteenth and C streets northwest. Jan10-6t*

FOR RENT—FOUR-STORY BRICK HOUSE, with modern improvements, No. 406 E street, northwest, near the Post-Office. Apply to WM. R. RILEY, 712 Market Space. Jan-3t

1412 I STREET NORTHWEST.—A handsomely furnished suite of rooms on first floor, and one-one second floor, adjoining bath-room, with or without board. Jan-3t*

FOR RENT—FURNISHED OR UNFURNISHED, a Parlor Floor; will furnish handsomely if desired; suitable for a member of Congress; at 1109 F street, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets. Jan7-6t*

FOR RENT.

A large and elegant HOUSE, newly furnished. Will be rented as a whole or in rooms en suite. Nicely located on First street east, between E and F streets north, No. 222, adjoining Capitol grounds. Stable and grounds attached. If not rented before February 1 it will then be for sale or rent unfurnished. Inquire on the premises. Jan7-6t*

FOR RENT—THE OFFICE ROOMS LATELY occupied by the MIXED COMMISSION, over Thompson's drug store, 703 Fifteenth street. Apply on the premises. to

Jal-1m W. S. THOMPSON, Druggist.

ELEGANTLY FURNISHED PARLOR, with bedroom attached, hot and cold water, bath, &c., heated by furnace. At No. 923 G street. dec27-tf

FOR RENT—PLEASANT ROOMS ON CAPITOL Hill. Apply at No. 28 north B street, near Delaware avenue. jy10

FOR RENT—TWO LARGE, NICELY FURNISHED ROOMS, at No. 1219 G street northwest. oct-tf

FOR RENT—PARLOR, WITH CHAMBER attached, at No. 538 E street, with a small private family. Terms reasonable. References required. Also, front room on second floor. no25-tf

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—ONE OF THE LANDMARKS of Washington, on which grew the original forest trees, with a spring of water which furnishes thousands of gallons daily. This estate, known as Duddington, contains 217,800 square feet of ground, improved by a palatial mansion, in the halls of which a score of modern-built houses might be put. One-tenth cash, balance on long time.

THOS. E. WAGGAMAN, Jan5-6t 519 Seventh street.

FOR SALE—A DELIGHTFUL COUNTRY HOME, sixteen acres, house and improvements good, and beautifully located on the high ridge of land northwest of Bladensburg road, about half a mile from the Bladensburg depot, where sixteen trains stop daily. Photograph of house can be seen, and terms given.

E. H. STINEMETZ, Jan9-tf 1229 Pennsylvania avenue.

FOR SALE—TWO VERY DESIRABLE BRICK HOUSES, situated on Thirteenth street, between North G and H: $45,000, $42,000. A three-story BRICK, No. 1020, on Fourth street, between A and M: $3,200. A two-story and M mansard, nine rooms, situated on Ninth street, between G and H streets north; $6,000. Brick House on Ohio avenue, between Thirteen-and-a-half and Thirteenth streets west; $2,250. A neat little two-story brick, five rooms, situated on North B street, between Eighth and Ninth streets west; $1,800.

THOMAS E. WAGGAMAN, Jan7-tf 519 Seventh street.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—TWO DESIRABLE BUILDING LOTS, on the west side of Ninth street, between P and Q northwest. Will sell cheap or exchange for improved property. Call on or address GEO. W. McLANE, No. 457 street northwest—office of Ewing & Jackson. Jan-6t

A RARE OPPORTUNITY.—THE STOCK and fixtures of the largest and most popular SHOE HOUSE in the city, doing a large, paying, cash business, and increasing yearly. Satisfactory reasons given for wanting to sell. Address "Business," Lock Box 84, Washington, D. C. Jn5-6t

FOR SALE—A LARGE LIST OF DESIRABLE Building LOTS, at panic prices, and on long time.

E. J. SWEET, dec16-colm 511 Seventh street.

FOR SALE AT A GREAT SACRIFICE.—Two elegant Mansard roof, pressed-brick front houses, 11 rooms each, both water and gas, and all the modern improvements—marble mantles, ranges, and Latrobe stoves; street paved and parked, and in one block of the cars. Terms easy. Will take in exchange unimproved city or improved country property, or Board of Public Works certificates. Location first class.

C. H. HOLDEN, dec23-tf Real Estate Broker, 237 Pennsylvania avenue.

FOR SALE CHEAP—NO COMMISSIONS TO pay—10 good DWELLING-HOUSES, with from five to ten rooms each, in different parts of the city. Prices ranging from $1,800 to $5,500; small cash payment on each, long time on the balance. These houses must be sold within ninety days. Are 21 eligible BUILDING LOTS in various parts of the city. Also, 4½ acres, rich garden land, one quarter mile from Uniontown, D. C.

PHIL. H. WELCH, dec11-1m 925 F street, Masonic Temple.

FOR SALE BY

AUSTIN P. BROWN,

Corner New York avenue and Fifteenth street,

THREE LARGE DOUBLE HOUSES, ranging in price from $25,000 to $50,000; and several other first-class Houses.

ONE WHOLE SQUARE OF GROUND and lots in all parts of the city.

HOUSES and LOTS at Mount Pleasant. jel4-tf

BOARDING.

TREMONT HOUSE HAS TWO DESIRABLE SUITES OF ROOMS, one of two and one of three rooms; also two SINGLE ROOMS, which can be rented to responsible parties at reasonable rates. This house is newly furnished, and has just been heated with steam throughout.

No liquor sold. Jan7-tf F. P. HILL.

PLEASANT ROOMS AND GOOD BOARD—21 Grant Place. Jal-1m*

PERSONAL.

BEST BUSINESS CHANCE—ILL-health necessitates the disposal of the most profitable manufacturing business in the District. No competition. Profits large and world-wide. To party having from $1,000 to $2,000, desiring a good business or investment, this offers rare inducements. For interview address "MANUFACTURER," REPUBLICAN office. Jan10-4t*

$25,000 TO LOAN ON DISTRICT SECURITIES at market rates.

Jan7-3t SWEET & JONES, 511 Seventh st.

STOCKS AND BONDS BOUGHT AND SOLD, and orders executed at the Washington Stock Exchange on commission.

SPECIAL IMPROVED BUILDING WARRANTS paid at the lowest rates, by SWEET & JONES, 511 Seventh street. Jn7-1m

NOTICE.

JANUARY 1, 1874.

After this date all purchases for Columbia Hospital must be made upon the order of the Chairman of the Committee on Expenditures.

No goods will be received unless accompanied with the order, and all accounts must be presented, with receipts attached, before the last day of each month, to the Surgeon in Chief for approval.

JOHN T. SHEHELL, Chairman,
J. H. THOMPSON,
NOBLE YOUNG,
Committee on Expenditure,
J. H. THOMPSON, Surgeon in Chief. Jn5-3t

COPARTNERSHIP DISSOLUTION AND NOTICE.—The copartnership heretofore existing in the manufacture and sale of Brass Works, Plumbers supplies, &c., under the name of Somerville & Leitch, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent from the firm of Robert Leitch. All bills will be receipted for and debts paid by Thomas Somerville. All persons indebted to the firm are requested to make immediate settlement, in order to close up the business.

THOMAS SOMERVILLE,
Jan1-1m ROBERT LEITCH.

NEW BRASS FOUNDRY.

ROBERT LEITCH (late of the firm of Somerville & Leitch) takes pleasure in announcing to his friends and the public in general that having sold out his interest in the above firm he will soon be able to receive them in his new and commodious premises, on D street, near Thirteenth, of the opening of which due notice will be given. jan1-1m*

COPARTNERSHIP DISSOLUTION AND NOTICE.—The copartnership heretofore existing in the manufacture and sale of brick under the firm name of RUSSELL, KNIGHT & CO., has been dissolved by the retirement from the firm of J. T. Knight, and the business will hereafter be carried on under the firm name of H. R. RUSSELL & CO.

RUSSELL, KNIGHT & CO. dec29-2w

TAX BILLS FOR SPECIAL IMPROVEMENTS and for sewerage settled at a discount of twenty-five to thirty-five per cent. by the ROGERS BANKING COMPANY, 315 Seventh street. dec10-tf

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

GOOD INVESTMENT FOR TAX-PAYERS.

The general improvement and sewer taxes will be paid at the very lowest rates. Tax bills under $100 paid at a large discount. Information cheerfully furnished. Call before paying and make money.

B. H. WARNER, Real Estate Broker, dec4-tf 729 Seventh street.

TO CAPITALISTS OR OTHERS DESIRING to embark one or more thousand dollars in a new but profitable business, with a gentleman of ability, can have an interview by forwarding address in full to J. H. R., 2322 Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, D. C. oc30-tf

OLD DR. DARBY HAS BETTER FACILities than ever for practicing his great specialty. Only one preparation made. Advice and medicine. Drug store corner Four-and-a-half street and Pennsylvania avenue, (Colonization Building.) jan2-1m

HAS REMOVED TO NO. 625 LOUISIANA avenue, August 1, and opened with a fine stock of Guns, Pistols, Fishing Tackle and Sporting Goods.

JOHN J. PEABODY. jy28-tf

AWNINGS.

DECORATIONS FURNISHED FOR BALLS and Parties by JOHN C. HOGAN, Awning Manufacturer, 713 Market space, between Seventh and Eighth streets. oct2-tf

AWNINGS

FOR STORES, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, HOTELS AND PRIVATE RESIDENCES.

H. C. GOFF & SON, 457 Louisiana avenue.

CAMP-MEETING TENTS and FLAGS for sale or rent. jn2-tf

WANTS.

A LADY POSSESSING A THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF MUSIC desires to give lessons at moderate charges, with the best of reference. Address "Music," at this office. jan10-3t*

DISTRICT BONDS AND AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATES WANTED, at highest market rates for cash. Inquire at Room No. 15, Platt's Building, northeast corner New York avenue and Fifteenth street. Jan10-1t

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATES.—WANTED a limited amount of Auditor's certificates, for which cash will be paid at current market rates. Address, "P. O. S.," Lock Box 92, Post Office. Jn8t*

WANTED—PUPILS IN CLASSICS, Mathematics, French and Experimental Chemistry, by Mr. P. J. DESMARAIS, member in high honors of the University of London, England. Schools or families; moderate terms. Address 1724 Nineteenth street northwest. Jn5-3t*

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COACHMAN in a private family. Address Box 8, this office. jan5-3t*

AN ENERGETIC BUSINESS MAN, OF A large practical experience, thoroughly educated in all business details, both of office and outdoor, a good accountant and possessing some capital, desires to form an engagement with some first-class established commission, mercantile, or manufacturing house, with a view to an ultimate copartnership. Address, confidentially, H. D. Y., Republican office. dec26-tf

EUREKA EMPLOYMENT OFFICE, NO. 1110 E street, between Eleventh and Twelfth. fe5-tf MRS. LOUISE C. BUTLER.

ALL KINDS OF CAST-OFF WEARING APPAREL can be sold to the very best advantage by addressing or calling on J. SMITH, 480 D street, between Sixth and Seventh northwest. Notes by mail promptly attended to. Cash paid. fe12-tf

NOTICE—THAT E. S. JUSTICE, 459 D street, between Sixth and Seventh streets northwest, sells custom-made second-hand Clothing at less than half the cost of ready-made new ones. N. B.—Second-hand clothing of all kinds bought at fair cash prices. aug8-tf

WANTED—EVERYONE TO KNOW THAT the popular Sewing Machine "VICTOR" has its needle self-setting, the most perfect shuttle in use, feeding on a new principle, and works of steel; easy running, simple, and durable; the most desirable machine for all work in the market. Office, 369 Pennsylvania avenue, between Sixth and Seventh streets. Also agent for Bassett's Patterns.

T. W. [illegible], Agent. aug31-tf

FURS.

LADIES' FURS.

Fresh supplies of those ELEGANT SEAL SACQUES, PLUSH SACQUES AND ROBES, and other desirable Furs for ladies' wear, just opened, at reduced prices.

STINEMETZ, Hat and Fur Store, Jan9 1229 Pennsylvania avenue, next corner of Thirteenth street.

FINANCIAL.

FREEDMAN'S SAVING AND TRUST COMPANY, BANKING HOUSE, 519 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE.

Opposite United States Treasury.

ALL PROFITS paid to depositors, as interest, not exceeding five per cent. per annum.

INTEREST on ONE DOLLAR and upwards, from the FIRST DAY OF EACH MONTH.

Open from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m., Wednesdays and Saturdays (deposits only) from 6 to 8 p. m. jy2-tf

THE FIVE CENTS SAVINGS BANK, Corner Four-and-a-half street and Virginia avenue southwest.

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mh3-1y F. A. ROSWELL, Treasurer.

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STOCKS AND BONDS

BOUGHT AND SOLD.

Special Improvement and Sewer Taxes paid at rates much lower than the bonds can be purchased. Eight per cent. Improvement and Sewer Bonds, and other securities of the District of Columbia constantly on hand, and for sale, at the lowest market rates.

Also, choice securities of Western States, paying twelve to fifteen per cent. on the investment.

Orders executed at the Washington Stock Exchange on commission. dec17

JAS. O. CLEPHANE, U. S. Commissioner and Examiner in Chancery. E. E. BRAILEY.

CLEPHANE & BRAILEY,

SHORTHAND WRITERS AND LAW REPORTERS,

Office—No. binding C street, between First and Second streets, facing Indiana avenue. mh11

ITEMS FROM NEW YORK.

Horace Greeley's birthday is to be observed tomorrow by a holiday.

The deaths during the past week numbered 488, and the births 460.

The sub-Treasurer paid out on Saturday $250,000, gold, for interest, and $76,000 for called bonds.

Finley, Lawson & Co., dry goods dealers, of Albany, have reported to have suspended, with $60,000 liabilities.

The Hudson river is open to Albany, no ice being visible. Not a pound of ice has been cut this winter for storing in ice-houses.

There is a deficiency of $9,000 in the Brooklyn tax office, and Deputy Collector Gill has been suspended from the office pending examination.

The sale of the *Independent* newspaper was concluded on Friday. Henry C. Bowen receives $250,000 for it, of which $70,000 is in cash. The purchasers are the proprietors of the *Christian at Work*.

The specie shipments for the week amounted to $1,000,000, all of it silver bars. The imports for the week were of dry goods, $1,604,284, and of general merchandise, $2,498,983. Customs receipts on Saturday, $609,000.

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CAPITOL AND DEPARTMENT.

THE CHEAP TRANSPORTATION MEETING ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

TWENTY-TWO STATES REPRESENTED—DEBATE ON WATER TRANSPORTATION—FOREIGN COINAGE CIRCULAR—INDIAN MATTERS—THE VIRGINIUS INVESTIGATION—ARMY, NAVY AND OTHER NEWS.

CHEAP TRANSPORTATION MEETING.

A meeting of members of Congress favoring various schemes for cheap transportation was held Saturday night in the room of the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives. Members were present from the following-named States: Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, Florida, Virginia, West Virginia, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Ohio, Kentucky, Louisiana, Tennessee, Arkansas, Kansas, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Georgia and California.

The meeting was held under two calls, one to debate the question of water transportation and the other in the interest of the party favoring Congressional control of railroads. Hon. Mark H. Dunnell, of Minnesota, occupied the chair.

After some debate, it was decided to waive the call under which the members assembled and debate the question of cheap transportation generally.

Speeches were made by Messrs. Hurlbut, of Ill.; Bass, of N. Y.; Holman, of Ind.; Luttrell, of Cal.; Robbins, of N. J.; Governor Stannard, of Mo.; McVulta, of Ill.

General Hurlbut, a member of the Committee on Railways and Canals, referred to the various schemes for cheaper transportation from the West to the seaboard; the improvement of the Mississippi by building the Fort St. Philip canal; the through lines of railroad proposed to be chartered by Congress, and the project of Congress to supervise and control freight and passenger tariffs. He thought the committee would recommend a through route from the seaboard to the West, which would give Congress full control of the freight and passenger rates, because other railway routes would be obliged to conform to the fixed rates established.

Mr. Dobbins, of New Jersey, said he was in full accord with the movement. He had heard enough about what some persons had called a "Congressional conspiracy" to convince him to think that a time for action had come when the efforts of the producer to find a market for his products was hindered by a monopoly. He had suffered from high tariffs as a manufacturer. He depended upon the West for supplies for his stock farm, and while his immediate and ready access to a market received him from the full effect of high Western friends, he felt that he knew what they needed, and would help them.

After some debate about adjournment, it was decided to adjourn to meet two weeks hence, January 24.

VALUE OF FOREIGN COINAGE.

The Treasury printed circular announcing the newly-estimated and declared values of foreign coinage, and which states that those values "will be used in the computation of custom duties from and after the 10th day of January, 1874, unless amended in writing before being sent out, by the following notice at the foot of the circular: "The above rates will be taken in estimating the duties on all foreign merchandise in the money of said currencies imported on or after January 1, 1874, but will not be applied to goods imported before that day." This addition to the original circular will make a large difference against the customs receipts in favor of importers who had goods remaining in bond January 1, 1874, as any increased values of goods accrued to them, while they are not called upon to pay duties on the increased value of foreign coins. This is a final victory for the importers, who have been fighting the matter.

THE VIRGINIUS WRECK.

The court of inquiry now sitting at the Navy Department examined on Saturday Captain William F. Whiting, chief of staff of the North Atlantic squadron, and Lieutenant Adolph Marix, fleet lieutenant of the North Atlantic squadron, Messrs. Marix, of the Oneipee, who inspected the Virginius before she sailed, was in attendance, but was not examined.

The testimony taken thus far points to the fact that she was so unseaworthy at the time she left the Tortugas that grave doubts were felt as to her ability to reach New York.

Lieutenant Commander David C. Woodrow, who commanded the Virginius at the time of the disaster, reached here yesterday, and will probably be examined to-day.

REMOVAL OF INDIANS.

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs does not think it is practicable to remove the Cochise band of Apaches from the reservation at Chiricahua, Arizona, to New Mexico, as proposed by one of the Indian inspectors.

Gen. Wm. Vandever, of Iowa, is at Willard's hotel. The General is one of the five Indian inspectors appointed under the act of the last Congress. He has made his entire trip overland, visiting all but one of the Indian agencies in New Mexico and Arizona, returning by way of San Diego, San Francisco and the Pacific railway. He was more than five months in the wilderness. Among other important matters he brought with him was the report of depredations by Cochise's band of Apaches in Sonora, which report he found to correspond substantially with the facts. He is an ex-member of Congress, and a man of positive character, practical sense and comprehensive observation. His connection with the Indian department will not fail to result in making effective and economical the work of the bureau of Indian service in distant places. A conference of inspectors will soon be held when notes of observation will be exchanged with mutual benefit to the service. One of the most earnest endeavors to impress upon members of Congress is that all our accounts with parties furnishing supplies to the Indian department and now outstanding, ought to be settled as soon as possible as a measure of economy in the service.

WAR DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES.

The consideration of the reduced appropriations for the army by the House Military Committee has sufficiently advanced to warrant the opinion that all measures involving a reduction in the number of enlisted men will be favorably proposed. Secretary Belknap, aided by his military assistants, has furnished all the information within his power, and while ready to acquiesce in the will of Congress, is strongly opposed to the curtailment of the force now beneficially employed by the Government. With the knowledge thus obtained, the committee members shrink from the responsibility of reducing the decreased allowance, when it has been demonstrated to them that it involves the withdrawal of a considerable force from the Indian country.

TRANSFER OF THE INDIAN OFFICE.

The House Military Committee had an extended session on Saturday last, the subject under consideration being the proposed transfer of the Indian Department to the War Department. Secretary Delano was heard in opposition to the withdrawal of this branch of the service from his supervision. It is contended, in support of the objections raised, that the army is well adapted for Indian service, to be called into requisition in times of trouble, and that the success of the peace policy can be better secured under the civil management. The committee failed to reach a vote, but it is understood that the mooted transfer meets with favor from the individual members.

ADMISSION OF COLORADO.

Mr. Chaffee, the Delegate from Colorado, will present to the House to-day a petition asking the admission of that Territory as a State of the Union. It is signed by nearly every male inhabitants, and, taken in conjunction with those previously entered, will aggregate eighteen thousand people who have petitioned for this result. Representations were presented at dinner at Delmonico's by the Spanish residents of the city. It is said the action of Admiral Polo was disapproved in the post prandial speeches.

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THE CHIEF JUSTICESHIP.

OPINIONS OF THE PRESS ON CALEB CUSHING'S NOMINATION.

AN ALMOST UNANIMOUS INDORSEMENT OF THE NOMINATION—THE PECULIAR FITNESS OF THE NOMINEE FOR THE BENCH RECOGNIZED—HIS PUBLIC LIFE AND SERVICES CANDIDLY REVIEWED.

The excitement in political circles regarding the nomination of Mr. Cushing to be Chief Justice is unabated, and last night it was the subject of general discussion. It became generally known that on Friday, when the Senate went into executive session, the nomination was read, and Mr. Sumner immediately moved that it be confirmed without reference to a committee. Mr. Morton objected; but in a very few minutes Mr. Edmunds, from the Judiciary Committee, reported it back favorably. The confirmation would then have ensued, if an objection had not been entered, which, however, was not of an unfriendly nature to Mr. Cushing. This information, being rapidly circulated, gave assurance that the confirmation will take place to-day. The wildest rumors and exaggerations of facts were circulated regarding Mr. Cushing's record, but the very fact of their extravagance had the effect to create a revulsion of feeling in his favor. Of course, no definite information regarding his strength in the Senate can now be made public, but it is generally believed that the nomination will be confirmed to-day. A caucus of Republican Senators will be held this morning, at which the question of the salary grab will be considered, and possibly the chief justiceship may be discussed.

OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

A NON-PARTISAN APPOINTMENT.

[Philadelphia Bulletin, Rep.]

In the emergency caused by the withdrawal of the nomination of Judge Williams, it was not unnatural that the President should think of Mr. Cushing as a man to take his place. He is a man of nearly seventy-four years of age, but is remarkably vigorous in mind and body. He has been a lawyer for over a half century, and has performed the duties of a judge of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts with ability. He was Attorney General of the United States under President Pierce, and one of the ablest defenders of laws of Congress under President Johnson. His practice before the Supreme Court of the United States has been most extensive, and indeed his whole professional career has been such as to fit him eminently for the highest judicial office. Doubtless the carpers at the Administration will make the most of the objections that may be made to Mr. Cushing, based on his political opinions; and in the Senate, those who have hoped for the nomination of favorites of their own will have a pretext for voting against him. But all candid-minded men will credit the President with the desire to make an appointment from motives of pure patriotism, and the Senate will be prompted to bring to the chief place on the supreme bench a man whose legal learning and experience are unquestioned.

THE PRESIDENT HAS TOUCHED THE RIGHT CHORD.

[From the Philadelphia Press, Republican.]

If President Grant did not come up to public expectation in nominating Attorney General Williams for Chief Justice, he has touched the right chord in sending to the Senate for that high position the name of Caleb Cushing, just confirmed as American minister to the Spanish republic. Caleb Cushing will be seventy-four January 17, 1874, and his selection as Chief Justice (for we cannot believe he will not be confirmed) will be hailed by all Mr. Cushing's decisions will be made with an eye single to strict justice between suitors and to the very requisition of the law. The Attorney General, as an adviser of the Cabinet, is a political officer, and although Mr. Cushing, when he held that office, contributed more volumes of opinions than any of his predecessors, we are not aware that any of them have ever been impugned as unsound. On the contrary, they have, during the seventeen years since he retired from that office, uniformly received the authority on analogous questions. His expositions were more copious, truthful and respected than those of any other of the able men who have adorned the law advisership of the Government, the great extent of his legal learning having been matched by the precision of his reasoning.

HIS NOMINATION WILL RECEIVE GENERAL APPROVAL.

[Baltimore American, Republican.]

Mr. Caleb Cushing's nomination as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court will receive pretty much the same sort of general approval as was given to his appointment as Minister to Madrid. Of his plenitude of requirements as a lawyer for the discharge of the duties of the position there can be no doubt; and whilst his strong personal peculiarities may almost be regarded as a portion of his stock of authority, there has been, and he believe can be, no question as to his entire probity of character.

MR. CUSHING AS A PUBLIC MAN.

[From the New York Herald, Independent.]

His superior qualifications, attainments and experience in the law are established and admitted; his vigorous constitution in the seventy-fourth year of his age is conclusive evidence of a careful attention to the laws of health, such as temperance in all things and a systematic apportionment of the hours of labor and rest. A man to accomplish the work which this man has done and to maintain the strength, vitality, vigor of intellect so fully systematically industrious, but a rigid disciplinarian in everything. This, too, is a good position for the Chief Justice. Next, as to that rare quality of independence in reference to political parties and party influence. Mr. Cushing, as a public man, stands almost alone in this glory. He has been a Whig, a Tyler man, a Democrat and a constitutional unionist, but he has by the confidence of President Johnson, and has been for a period favorite with General Grant. He has joined through all the degrees from party counsels from the American system of Henry Clay to the Democratic party of the Johnson period, and has never lost his position by failure to prove that Cushing is good, he proposes to have position in the Government. He has, with equal ease, shown that he can be a good Whig, a good Democrat and a good Republican, and, in the language of all, he is the "Cushing man." When Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State, resigned, Mr. Cushing was the first name thought of for the place. Cushing is a man of all parts, and of all parties, and of all seasons. Cushing is a man of all parts, and of all parties, and of all seasons. Cushing is a man of all parts, and of all parties, and of all seasons